

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 317

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PURPOSE: The crime of stalking continues to be a serious and ongoing problem in Nebraska. Stalkers engage in behaviors intended to harass, terrify, and threaten their victims. Studies have demonstrated that stalking is a pattern of behavior linked to a higher risk of homicide and assault. Recent research showed that nine out of ten women killed by formerly intimate partners had been stalked during the previous year. One-third of women stalked by a current or former partner are sexually assaulted according to the National Institute of Justice. Advances in surveillance technology have made it much easier for stalkers to track their victims and monitor their every move. High-tech stalkers utilize global positioning systems, cellular telephone monitoring devices, and computer spyware. The purpose of this resolution is to study the use of electronic surveillance devices and software by an individual to illegally monitor, harass, threaten, or invade the privacy of another individual without their knowledge or consent and to recommend any statutory changes necessary to combat this insidious and dangerous conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall

be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.