

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 101

Introduced by Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the impact of additional well development on water use by domestic wells in areas of the state where ground water supplies are limited. This study should address (1) the potential impact of additional domestic and other types of well development on the water supplies of existing domestic wells, (2) the potential impact of a proliferation of new domestic wells on the water supplies of existing wells, and (3) how to ensure that new development will have access to a water supply adequate for its proposed uses.

Current statutes provide no authority, except for the preference language in section 46-204, for either the State of Nebraska or the natural resources districts to manage well development to protect domestic wells. There is also no authority for either the state or the natural resources districts to manage domestic wells. This study should explore potential legislation to protect existing domestic well users, to protect existing wells from a proliferation of new domestic wells, and to ensure that there will be an adequate water supply for new permitted uses in areas where ground water supplies are limited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources 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.