

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143

Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct a thorough review of the Nebraska statutes and address the lack of governance regarding off-road vehicles. Off-road vehicles are becoming increasingly prevalent in our society. These vehicles include Japanese minitrucks, side-by-side utility vehicles, and neighborhood electric vehicles, among others.

Although special rules are provided for all-terrain vehicles in the Nebraska statutes (sections 60-6,355 to 60-6,362), mention of other off-road vehicles is rarely found in the Nebraska motor vehicle statutes or the Nebraska Rules of the Road. Additionally, as the Nebraska statutes do not specifically refer to these vehicles, there has been some argument regarding the ability of local governments to regulate them because they are not eligible for registration under state law.

The committee shall conduct an examination to determine the capacity of these off-road vehicles, including the level of safety as they interact with the normal flow of traffic. Additionally, the study shall analyze the policy implications of allowing certain off-road vehicles on the highways of the state and local political subdivisions, and whether they should be subject to the titling and registration provisions in the motor vehicle

statutes, as well as the Nebraska Rules of the Road.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.