

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 151

Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to consider and recommend funding strategies for the improvement of the Centennial Mall area of the Nebraska State Capitol Environs District. In 2008, a bill was introduced which created a task force to study the issue of Centennial Mall. The purpose of the bill was to review and consider possible design and repair options, as well as funding strategies.

Centennial Mall, which is part of the Nebraska State Capitol Environs District, serves as the scenic doorway to Nebraska's iconic State Capitol. The fountains in Centennial Mall, in particular, are a source of pride for many Nebraskans and are featured in a variety of the state's promotional materials.

Although challenging state and local budgets have contributed to the decline of Centennial Mall in the past several years, the city of Lincoln has renewed its commitment to the area. The city recently announced its plan to improve Centennial Mall by leveraging local tax-increment financing (TIF) revenue with private investment dollars. The Mayor of Lincoln will also appoint a task force to work with the appropriate entities in developing design options and associated estimates of construction costs for Centennial Mall.

The city of Lincoln and its task force, the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission, and other interested parties will be invited to participate in this study to consider additional funding strategies.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.