

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222

Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

PURPOSE: To study the issues related to granting the Department of Environmental Quality the statutory authority to file and collect environmental liens on property (both real and personal) of responsible parties in order to recover state funds expended if responsible parties (1) are insolvent, (2) refuse to take responsibility, or (3) are unavailable to undertake the required investigation, remediation, cleanup, or closure of property or a facility. An environmental lien would allow the state to equitably recover any state funds expended if significant environmental activity has occurred.

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.