

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 384

Introduced by Krist, 10; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Gloor, 35; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the fire sprinkler mandate contained in 2009 building codes. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A determination of whether legislative authority is appropriately delegated to a body outside the Legislature, such as the International Code Council;

(2) An exploration of how cities and counties across Nebraska currently adopt building codes and how such political subdivisions have amended the state building code as authorized in section 71-6406, including changes to reduce unnecessary costs of construction, increase safety, durability, or efficiency, or address special local conditions;

(3) An examination of what state or local agencies would regulate and enforce regarding the proper installation of fire sprinklers in residential dwellings;

(4) A study of the 2009 International Residential Code recommendations as to proper installation of fire sprinklers;

(5) A study of the effect of a fire sprinkler mandate on the new residential housing market, particularly the affordable housing market;

(6) A study of the effects of installed fire sprinklers on the valuation of residential dwellings;

(7) A study of the benefits or detriments the installation of fire sprinklers in residential dwellings has on homeowners or renters insurance;

(8) A study of the safety and effectiveness of fire sprinklers;

(9) An exploration of what, if any, problems fire sprinklers might present in extreme weather conditions;

(10) A determination of the appropriate regulation and certification for businesses and individuals that install fire sprinklers in residential dwellings;

(11) An assessment of the State Fire Marshal's statutory jurisdiction regarding commercial versus residential fire suppression system installation, inspection, and recurring inspections;

(12) A comparison of required versus optional fire suppression systems;

(13) An exploration of the role and benefits of various types of fire suppression systems, including water deluge versus chemical application systems; and

(14) Any other related topics as the committee deems appropriate.

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

1. That the Urban 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.