

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 42

Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to identify methods and systems necessary to assist Nebraska farms in providing local schools with fresh and minimally processed Nebraska-grown farm commodities for school meals and snacks. This interim study is intended to facilitate coordination and planning between multiple stakeholders so that a strategic plan may be developed.

The study should include an examination of which Nebraska-grown farm commodities could feasibly be used for school meals and snacks. The study should also include an examination of regulations of the Department of Agriculture, State Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, and any other authorities which might impact the supplying of Nebraska-grown farm commodities to local schools.

The study will seek to involve various interested parties and organizations, including, but not limited to: (1) Producers of agricultural products marketed at Nebraska food markets, including producers of fruits and vegetables, protein agricultural products, and grain; (2) suppliers of agricultural products, including grocers and school suppliers; (3) meat processors; (4) food distributors; (5) the Action for Healthy Kids organization; (6) Resource Conservation and Development organizations in Nebraska;

(7) a representative of food services from a rural and an urban Nebraska public school system; (8) the Rural Development Commission; (9) a dietitian; (10) the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska; (11) the GFL (Good, Fresh, Local) University of Nebraska-Lincoln Sustainable Food Project; and (12) any other interested parties or organizations.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall 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.