

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 535

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska State Patrol is a multidimensional law enforcement agency established by legislative mandate in 1937. The State Patrol's responsibilities have expanded from traffic enforcement and accident investigations to include criminal and drug investigations, safety education, truck safety and regulation, liquor enforcement, the central repository for criminal histories and fingerprints, and the criminalistic laboratory, which is charged with the duty to provide scientific laboratory services to the various local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate and identify the objectives of the Criminalistics Laboratory Division of the Nebraska State Patrol and to evaluate and identify necessary revenue and funding issues needed to support the goals, objectives, and operation of the division as a stand-alone entity and in the broader context of the sound and efficient provision of Nebraska's public safety, law enforcement, criminal investigation, and judicial systems.

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

1. That the Appropriations and Judiciary Committees of

the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.