

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319

Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding Omaha's federally-mandated combined sewer overflow (CSO) project. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The unique nature of the CSO project, including the size, scope, and restrictions on funding methods imposed on the city by the federal government;

(2) Potential strategies to provide state assistance to defray the costs of the CSO project, including existing funding sources or turnback of sales taxes being paid on sewer and water fees that currently fund the project; and

(3) Regulatory oversight of the CSO project by the Department of Environmental Quality, including whether regulatory flexibility could lower the total costs of the project.

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

1. That the Natural Resources and Revenue 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.