

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 345

Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine whether the Legislature should amend the portion of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act, which was enacted with the passage of LB 962 in 2004, designating or determining the appropriation status of certain river basins, subbasins, or reaches as fully appropriated or overappropriated to allow for the same potential reevaluation process of the appropriation status of all river basins in Nebraska according to the same scientific standards, procedures, and administrative appeal processes to challenge any appropriation status designated by the Department of Natural Resources.

This study shall include, but not be limited to: Examining whether to amend the act to allow for reevaluation of all river basins, including current fully appropriated or overappropriated river basins, subbasins, or reaches for the protection of Nebraska's water resources, the securing of a stable water source for all users into the future, and the consistent application of Nebraska's water policy throughout this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD 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.