

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 171

Introduced by Brewer, 43; Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine instruments for accomplishing the purposes of LB499, introduced during the 2017 legislative session, which sought to minimize conflict in the availability and utilization of bee forage resources between domestic apiaries and the temporary placement of out-of-state commercial apiaries during the bee foraging season. The study shall:

(1) Gather examples of distance buffers recommended by the beekeeping industry and regulatory standards utilized by other states;

(2) Examine regulatory, enforcement, and educational measures available to accomplish the purposes of LB499;

(3) Develop estimates of any costs to the state or other public or private entities; and

(4) Develop options to fund any activities related to the purposes of the bill. The study committee shall solicit the advice and input of beekeeping organizations, individual beekeepers, and others with relative expertise.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.