

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 148

Introduced by La Grone, 49; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to unfunded mandates to county governments for the administration of judicial proceedings. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The costs incurred by counties in the operation of county courts, including supplies, court costs, attorney's fees, computers, and equipment;

(2) The costs incurred by counties in the operation of juvenile courts, including:

(a) Bailiffs, file clerks, and part-time receptionists;

(b) Appointment of counsel;

(c) Evaluations; and

(d) Supplies;

(3) The costs incurred by counties in the operation of district courts, including:

(a) Law clerks and bailiffs, including employee benefits such as health and dental insurance;

(b) Appointment of counsel;

(c) Law library costs; and

(d) Computers, equipment, furniture, and supplies;

(4) The costs incurred by counties in the process of providing courtroom facilities for county, juvenile, and district courts, including utilities and custodial services; and

(5) The costs incurred by counties in the process of providing courtroom security for county, juvenile, and district courts, including sworn deputies, civilian security officers, and security equipment.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.