

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 154

Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to:

(1) Examine statutes related to augmentation projects in relationship to the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (N-CORPE) interlocal project in Lincoln County, Nebraska;

(2) Examine existing statutes pertaining to integrated management plans and augmentation plans related to ground water; and

(3) Examine statutes and opinions of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Court of Appeals in reference to the relationship between land ownership and ground water use for augmentation or transfer, including the decisions in *Estermann v. Bose*, 296 Neb. 228 (2017), *Olson v. City of Wahoo*, 124 Neb. 802 (1933), *Sorensen v. Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District*, 221 Neb. 180 (1985), and *Upper Republican Natural Resources District v. Dundy County Board of Equalization*, 300 Neb. 256 (2018).

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