

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242

Introduced by State-Tribal Relations Committee: Hilkemann, 4, Chairperson;
Brewer, 43; Gragert, 40; Hunt, 8; Walz, 15; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the replacement of Native American mascots in Nebraska at nontribal schools.

Support has increased to end the era of Native American mascots in sports and popular culture. Hundreds of tribal nations, national and regional tribal organizations, civil rights organizations, school boards, sports teams, sports and media personalities, and individuals have called for the end of Native American mascots. Rooted in the civil rights movement, the quest for racial equality among indigenous people led to campaigns to bring an end to negative and harmful stereotypes in the media and popular culture, including in sports. There has been significant progress at the professional, collegiate, and high school levels to change.

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

1. That the Education 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.