

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 152

Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to evaluate the need for laws that would allow the Department of Environment and Energy to expeditiously respond to emergency situations that threaten the health of agricultural land, water and air quality, livestock, and other plant and animal life from toxic or harmful products that are a part of or created by pesticide-treated seed or grain.

The study may include, but is not limited to, the:

(1) Gathering of information about various uses of pesticide-treated seed or grain throughout Nebraska;

(2) Identification of the current state of regulatory and statutory environmental emergency response and enforcement options available to the Department of Environment and Energy to protect against harmful materials or byproducts resulting from use of pesticide-treated seed or grain; and

(3) Acquisition and review of information about potential additional options that would enable the state to order, enforce, and facilitate expedited cleanup or removal of pesticide-treated seed or grain and material or byproducts resulting from the use of such seed or grain.

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