

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 205

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to complete a comprehensive study of the use of mediation as a supplement or alternative to residential eviction actions. As residential eviction actions are disruptive to both landlords and tenants and in some situations may be the result of a lack of communication between parties, mediation may provide an opportunity for issues to be discussed and resolved without the need for an eviction order. Mediation centers may provide an available forum for such mediation efforts.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The viability of using mediation to reduce eviction orders;
- (2) Anticipated levels of participation if mediation opportunities existed;
- (3) The scheduling or timeframes necessary to add mediation within the current residential eviction process without extending the time necessary to complete an eviction;
- (4) The resources available through mediation centers or other mediation providers; and
- (5) The methods used in eviction mediation proceedings in other jurisdictions and the success of these methods in reducing eviction orders.

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