

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 324

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the need for public utility ratepayer assistance programs in the state. The statewide costs for operation, maintenance, and capital improvements to our water, wastewater, natural gas, and electrical utility infrastructure systems are increasing faster than the rate of inflation, and increasing numbers of utility customers are struggling to pay service charges. The study shall focus on the adequacy of existing assistance programs and evaluate alternatives to better meet the future needs of public utility customers in the state.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.