

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 315**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine simulcast horseracing in Nebraska, which was introduced in 1987. It will compare the vitality, profits, distribution of earnings, and participation in horseracing prior to the introduction of simulcast horseracing in Nebraska and the effects of simulcast horseracing on the horseracing industry since its introduction. The study shall address at least the following questions:

(1) Has the introduction of simulcast horseracing benefited the Nebraska horseracing industry in general?

(2) What was the original reason for the introduction of simulcast horseracing in 1987? Was it to preserve live horseracing?

(3) How many live races were run before simulcast horseracing was introduced and how many are run now?

(4) How many Nebraska-bred horses were racing in Nebraska before simulcast horseracing and how many Nebraska-bred horses are racing now?

(5) What was the gross wagering on horseracing in Nebraska before simulcast horseracing was introduced and what is it now?

(6) Where do the profits from simulcast horseracing go and what is the breakdown of funds to each category?

(7) What benefits have live Nebraska horseracing and Nebraska-bred horses gained from simulcast horseracing?

(8) If the horseracing industry wants to cut most of the racetrack enclosures down to one day per year of live racing, how does this strengthen live horseracing in Nebraska and Nebraska breeders?

(9) What entities benefit the most monetarily from simulcast horseracing: state government, instate breeders and trainers, racetrack enclosures, or others?

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

1. That the General 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.