

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 309

Introduced by Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and make recommendations on how to improve the protection of sensitive commercial crops from losses due to the damaging effects of phenoxy herbicide drift (2, 4-D, Dicamba, etc.) and how to minimize the occurrences of drift damage. This study shall identify sensitive crops grown in Nebraska, including grapes, and their direct and value-added economic importance. This study shall examine the present awareness and policies of commercial and private licensed applicators, utilities, and governmental and public entities and review their training requirements, training effectiveness, and record-keeping requirements. The study shall also examine existing programs of public sprayer education, general awareness of DriftWatch, and potential liabilities of which all applicators should be aware in an effort to lessen the necessity of and extreme difficulties involved in state drift episode investigations.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.