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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 374

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the regional boundaries of the Nebraska Planning and Development Regions set forth in section 13-1901 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and to recommend any potential changes to such regional boundaries.

The Nebraska Planning and Development Regions were created by LB 573 in 1992 to promote regional planning and economic development throughout the state. The boundaries of these regions have remained unchanged for twenty-six years, even though regional demographics and economic ties between counties and communities have seen much change. A reassessment of the current boundaries is necessary in order to ensure they are aligned with present economic and demographic realities.

The study committee shall evaluate the boundaries of the Nebraska Planning and Development Regions. Such evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, (1) examining the current growth and development trends in and around these regions, (2) recommendations on whether or not the number of regions currently in statute is optimal, (3) and any recommendations regarding proposed changes to the current boundaries.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.