

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144

Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the effectiveness of cash bail and cash bonds for misdemeanors and city and village ordinance violations.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The current statutes relating to cash bonds for all crimes, but particularly minor misdemeanors and violations of city and village ordinances;

(2) The number of individuals held in local jails on cash bonds for misdemeanors and ordinance violations;

(3) The costs to counties to detain and house pretrial detainees for misdemeanors and ordinance violations;

(4) The feasibility of alternatives to cash bonds for misdemeanors and ordinance violations and the consequences or risks to public safety of eliminating cash bonds;

(5) Changes that would permit indigent pretrial detainees to avoid unnecessary and costly county jail stays;

(6) Pretrial release programs and practices utilized by counties in Nebraska; and

(7) Statutory changes needed to reform bail for misdemeanors and ordinance violations.

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