

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 189

Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues of road maintenance in Nebraska, with a specific emphasis on potholes. Potholes are among the most common pavement distresses in Nebraska and can lead to significant vehicle damage and safety hazards for drivers. Additionally, pothole and temporary road repairs constitute a major maintenance expense for the Department of Transportation and local municipalities. Currently, many municipalities have processes to allow drivers to submit claims for damage caused by potholes. Under subsection (12) of section 13-910, in order to receive a reimbursement for pothole damage on a vehicle, the municipality must know about a road defect and be given a reasonable amount of time to fix it.

This interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of strategies used to reduce the response time for pothole repairs;

(2) A review of strategies used to increase the durability of pothole repairs;

(3) A review of municipal pothole damage claim programs and the percentage of claims that are reimbursed;

(4) An examination of typical pothole repair timelines;

(5) A profile of municipal pothole reimbursement programs;

(6) A review of methods for residents to report potholes;

(7) A recommendation for actions to aide in temporary pothole repair and pavement resurfacing; and

(8) An examination of what is considered a reasonable amount of time for pothole repair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.