

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 206

Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine options for the elimination of cash bail, appearance bonds, and related provisions, and examine risk assessment tools for pretrial release, post-conviction custody, and supervision status determinations. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Available assessment tools to determine the risk that a defendant awaiting trial will fail to appear or presents an ongoing threat to the community, or the risk that a person convicted of a crime will reoffend;

(2) Whether the state could improve efficiency and efficacy of risk assessments by reducing the number of tools it uses;

(3) How elimination of cash bail would impact county jail populations; and

(4) How the judicial branch, state agencies, and local governments could accommodate elimination of cash bail, including required administrative support, supervision, and potential fiscal impacts.

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.