

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248**

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to analyze and assess the arrangement for chemical testing of items seized pursuant to arrests for controlled substances and whether the costs of such testing should be distributed between state and local governments. Much of the testing of such items is performed by the Nebraska State Patrol criminalistics laboratory. The interim study shall include an examination of the cost to operate such laboratory, to employ testing analysts and other staff, and to perform requested testing as an obligation of the state as funded by the state budget. The interim study shall also examine the chemical testing done for local and county agencies and the requests made for testing and analysis by county-level prosecutors where costs are paid by the state.

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.