

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340

Introduced by Stinner, 48; Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the extent of surface water irrigation in this state and the condition of the surface water irrigation projects. The study shall also examine the economic, social, and environmental benefits of such irrigation projects.

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

(1) The number of irrigation districts, reclamation districts, public power and irrigation districts, and canal companies in the state;

(2) The acres served with surface water irrigation and the number of surface water irrigators in the state;

(3) The miles of canals, laterals, pipelines, and drains operated and maintained in the state for the purpose of surface water irrigation;

(4) The number and size of dams, reservoirs, and lakes operated in the state as part of surface water irrigation projects, including those still under federal ownership through the Bureau of Reclamation;

(5) Information about the age and condition of the surface water irrigation project facilities in the state;

(6) Costs of operating and maintaining existing surface water irrigation projects, including amounts paid to the federal government for operation and maintenance of facilities operated by the federal government as part of such projects;

(7) Benefits from the surface water irrigation projects other than the delivery of irrigation water; and

(8) An estimate of future funding needs to address aging surface water infrastructure.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.