

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 373

Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive review of statutory and regulatory policies of the State of Nebraska as they pertain to Nebraska's biofuels industry, and to determine what changes are needed to further enhance and promote the biofuels industry in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Current state-supported funding provisions that promote and enhance higher blends of biofuels and increased sales of biofuels to consumers in Nebraska;

(2) Current state-authorized collection of data with regard to a variety of higher blends of biofuels;

(3) Current state and national regulations that may be impeding the growth and stability of Nebraska's biofuels industry;

(4) Current tax provisions that either support or hinder biofuels production and sales in Nebraska;

(5) A potential policy of replacing current E10 retail pump offerings with E15 offerings and the economic impact this proposal would have on the ethanol industry and ethanol sales in Nebraska, if enacted;

(6) Potential statutory and regulatory changes that would be necessary to support a "Clean Fuels Standard" in Nebraska similar to what is being considered in several other Midwestern states;

(7) State-level policies that have been implemented in other states to promote higher biofuel sales and enhance the biofuels industry in their states;

(8) Opportunities that exist for biofuels to be used in the renewable chemical processes and other similar processes that may diversify the use of, and increase the demand for, Nebraska produced biofuels; and

(9) The current level of research being conducted in Nebraska on the use of biofuels and determine what future research needs there may be with regard to biofuels.

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 work in close consultation with the Nebraska Ethanol Board to complete the above interim study.

3. 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.