

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 446

Introduced by Hughes, 44; Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the rulemaking process, implementation, and impact of the most recent rule and policy changes considered or implemented by the Game and Parks Commission in relation to the Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala state recreation areas. The study shall be completed in collaboration with the Game and Parks Commission, affected political subdivisions, local taxing authorities, local businesses, and other interested entities.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The history of public access to, and permitted recreational activities at, Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala;

(2) The purpose of public access to, and need for recreational use of, Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala, including the economic impact of recreational activities at such lakes on the City of Ogallala, Keith County, and the State of Nebraska;

(3) Compliance and enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations applicable to visitors to the Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala state recreation areas;

(4) The role of public input and the rulemaking process used by the Game and Parks Commission in relation to the Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala state recreation areas;

(5) The processes used by the Game and Parks Commission to evaluate management of the Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala state recreation areas and compliance with the Lake McConaughy/Lake Ogallala 2017-2037 Master Plan, the weaknesses and solutions identified following such evaluation, and the efficacy of implemented solutions, including the rules and regulations implemented for

the 2020 season; and

(6) The record of collaboration and information sharing between the Game and Parks Commission, affected political subdivisions, local taxing authorities, local businesses, and other interested entities with regard to evaluating and addressing management, future planning, needed resources, and other issues affecting the Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala state recreation areas.

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.