

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 516

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Howard, 9; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding the crime of destruction of property through the use of graffiti and to develop recommendations to prevent, combat, and abate graffiti in communities throughout the state.

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

(1) An examination of the impact of graffiti-related crimes throughout the state;

(2) A review of the effectiveness of current tools and potential programs available to Nebraska municipalities to address graffiti-related crimes, destruction of property, and graffiti abatement;

(3) An assessment of the impact of enhanced penalties for graffiti and property defacement and other graffiti-related provisions as enacted by the passage of LB 63 (2009);

(4) Recommendations for changes to current penalties for graffiti, vandalism, the sale of spray paint or markers, and destruction of property, including:

(a) Possible enhanced penalties for graffiti-related crimes;

(b) Possible enhanced penalties for gang-related graffiti; and

(c) Possible parental responsibility for crime prevention and restitution;

(5) An evaluation of the needs of law enforcement to combat graffiti-related crimes; and

(6) A survey of current programs and recommendations to implement best practices to prevent youth from engaging in graffiti-related crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 on or before December 31, 2012.