

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 531

Introduced by Bloomfield, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Department of Agriculture regulation of nonprofit nursery stock distributors under the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act. This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Whether there is a need for small nonprofit organizations to register plant sales with the Department of Agriculture (Department);

(2) Whether the Department could embark on an educational campaign to address any concerns with small nonprofit organization plant sales;

(3) Why it is necessary for small nonprofit organizations to register and pay a licensing fee when the Department seldom if ever inspects them;

(4) If there is a better method by which the Department can keep track of small nonprofit organizations and their sales; and

(5) How neighboring states regulate plant sales held by nonprofit organizations.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.