

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 577

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Council, 11; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to research needs and resources related to food insecurity in Nebraska. In particular, the study will address ways to improve the food security of working families. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the current food insecurity rates of low-income families and children in Nebraska;

(2) The participation rates of low-income families in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Free and Reduced Price School Lunch Program, the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Commodities Supplemental Food Program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children;

(3) The demand for food assistance in families in consultation with emergency food providers, emergency food recipients, and SNAP participants;

(4) Opportunities to leverage agricultural commodities to address emergency food needs; and

(5) Opportunities to leverage federal food assistance programs to address hunger in families.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee and the Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.