

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 175

Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Coash, 27; Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the craft brewery industry in Nebraska to develop potential tax policy and statutory law to encourage growth of the craft beer industry in the state. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Self-distribution as a method of providing access to market, increasing consumer choice, and improving viability of new brewery startups;

(2) Comparability and equity of the Nebraska excise tax on craft beer;

(3) Establishment of a craft beer checkoff program to support and promote Nebraska craft breweries;

(4) Truth in product labeling; and

(5) Development of Nebraska-grown ingredients including hops for Nebraska breweries.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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.