

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 390

Introduced by Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine whether the Nebraska statutes should be changed to accommodate official recognition of customary adoptions. The study should also focus on whether changes to the Nebraska statutes or regulations are necessary to ensure that customary adoptions are regarded in the same manner as standard adoptions.

Some native and indigenous communities have a tradition of customary adoptions, or an adoption process that is recognized by the community and tribe which gives a child a permanent parent-child relationship with someone other than the child's birth parents. Many customary adoptions do not require termination or relinquishment of the rights of birth parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH 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.