

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 441

Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of local housing regulations on Nebraska's housing supply. Nebraska has been experiencing a severe shortage of housing options for its residents across the state and at all income levels. Residents of Nebraska are faced with skyrocketing rents and home prices. Despite the Legislature appropriating funds for a variety of housing grants, including for the rural workforce and middle income workforce, more needs to be done. In recent years, states across the country have explored and passed bipartisan legislation addressing the regulatory matters deemed necessary to help increase housing affordability and supply.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Local zoning regulations that may impede the quantity of new housing being built;
- (2) Local building codes that may increase the costs of new housing being built;
- (3) Local permitting and planning processes in place that may impact the cost and time for new housing being built; and
- (4) Potential ways to incentivize municipalities to reduce the regulatory burdens imposed on new housing being built.

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

1. That the Urban 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.