

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 261**

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PURPOSE: Cameras designed to be worn on the body are the latest in a string of technological advances that can help capture encounters between law enforcement and citizens. The use of body cameras has potential benefits including increased transparency, improved officer and citizen behavior, expedited resolution of complaints and lawsuits, and the facilitation of evidence collection. However, there are also concerns about the use of body cameras including concerns related to citizen and officer privacy, officer health and safety, the need for training and policies governing camera use, managing the large amount of video data, and the financial resources needed to use the technology.

This study will examine the issues of implementing the use of body cameras for state and local law enforcement in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The current use of body cameras by law enforcement agencies in Nebraska;

(2) The potential costs for equipping law enforcement agencies with body cameras, employing appropriate information technology personnel, purchasing software, and other items necessary to support body camera use;

(3) The potential funding sources to support body camera use including federal, state, local, and other potential funds;

(4) The policies regarding the use of body cameras in other states and best practices including, but not limited to, the types of interactions to be recorded, when cameras should be turned on, who has access to video recordings, and how long videos should be stored; and

(5) The potential issues surrounding personal privacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.