

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 379

Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine fentanyl distribution in Nebraska. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is used to treat pain and has fifty to one hundred times the potency of morphine. However, in recent years the use of fentanyl that was illegally made and distributed has shown harmful consequences. When mixed with other drugs, whether or not the user knows about the combination product, fentanyl can cause overdose and death. Studying fentanyl distribution in Nebraska and assessing the current response will identify life-saving actionable steps the Legislature can take to address the opioid crisis and protect Nebraskans.

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

(1) Data collection and information gathering regarding:

(a) Fentanyl manufacturing and distribution in Nebraska and surrounding states;

(b) The classification of drug-induced homicide and drug delivery resulting in death charges in Nebraska as compared to other states;

(c) Punitive or restorative responses to drug-induced homicide and drug delivery resulting in death charges; and

(d) Potential expansion of prevention, intervention, and response activities; and

(2) Possible solutions pertaining to fentanyl distribution in the state and collaboration with the appropriate community partners about these solutions.

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

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.