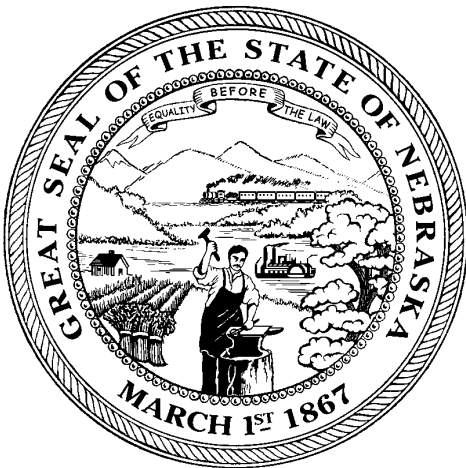


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REFERENCING AND STUDY PROCESS

Rule 4, Section 3

As a general practice, the Executive Board will refer interim study resolutions to the appropriate committees based upon subject-matter jurisdiction.

The Executive Board may, on its own behalf, conduct interim studies or create select interim committees to do so. Depending upon the availability of staff resources, subject-matter jurisdiction, and legislator interest, the Executive Board may establish a select committee to undertake the study.

The Executive Board shall retain its traditional prerogatives to consider and refer study proposals arising from extraordinary circumstances after the deadlines.

Legislative rules require study resolutions be prioritized by the chairperson of the committee to which they are referred, and a report on those priorities shall be filed with the Clerk.

Rule 4, Section 3(g) of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature requires that on or before December 1 of each year, each standing and select interim committee file a report on the disposition of the study resolutions referred to them.

(The following referral list reflects the committee prioritization of the resolutions referred to them.)

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Appropriations: Stinner (C), Bolz (VC), Clements, Dorn, Erdman, Hilkekmann, McDonnell, Vargas, Wishart

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Health and Human Services

Judiciary: Lathrop (C), Pansing Brooks (VC), Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Morfeld, Slama, Wayne

LR238 Interim study to assess the rehabilitation and other needs of inmates while in the custody of the Dept. of Correctional Services and while transitioning into the community
Judiciary

LR127 Interim study to ensure youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system understand their rights, to ensure their rights are being upheld, and to explore the need for additional rights
Judiciary

LR156 Interim study to examine strategies to prevent suicide by youth involved in the Nebraska juvenile justice system
Judiciary

LR124 Interim study to examine the practices for juvenile interrogations by law enforcement and potential improvements to protect the rights of juveniles and the safety of the public
Judiciary

LR144 Interim study to examine the effectiveness of cash bail and cash bonds for misdemeanors and city and village ordinance violations
Judiciary

LR197 Interim study to conduct a comprehensive study of due process for inmates in restrictive housing
Judiciary

LR206 Interim study to examine options for the elimination of cash bail, appearance bonds, and related provisions, and examine risk assessment tools for pretrial release, post-conviction custody, and supervision status determinations
Judiciary

LR237 Interim study to examine issues related to Nebraska's correctional system
Judiciary

- LR146 Interim study to examine the feasibility of adopting a Prosecutor Transparency Act in Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR183 Interim study to examine whether continuity of care and safety for individuals and the public can be enhanced by allowing mental health providers to coordinate with law enforcement
Judiciary
- LR236 Interim study to examine issues related to juvenile justice
Judiciary
- LR176 Interim study to examine the metrics used in the juvenile justice system to track outcomes for youth who are under system supervision and after contact with the juvenile justice system
Judiciary
- LR201 Interim study to examine the role truancy plays in the school-to-prison pipeline and explore possible alternatives to reduce truancy
Judiciary
- LR205 Interim study to examine issues related to child custody proceedings and parenting time determinations for families of divorce
Judiciary
- LR248 Interim study to analyze and assess the arrangement for chemical testing of items seized pursuant to arrests for controlled substances
Judiciary
- LR253 Interim study to investigate the laws of self-defense and defense of third parties as they apply to the defense of persons victimized by domestic violence and human trafficking
Judiciary
- LR123 Interim study to assess the readiness of the Dept. of Correctional Services to implement Laws 2018, LB258, by its operative date of July 1, 2020, regarding obtaining a state identification card or renewing a driver's license
Judiciary
- LR148 Interim study to examine issues related to unfunded mandates to county governments for the administration of judicial proceedings
Judiciary

- LR171 Interim study to examine the impact of lowering the age of majority from 19 years of age to 18 years of age for making health care decisions
Judiciary
- LR189 Interim study to examine the effectiveness of 24/7 sobriety programs and determine potential standards for statewide implementation
Judiciary
- LR204 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee
Judiciary
- LR224 Interim study to examine the civil legal service needs of low-income residents
Judiciary
- LR158 Interim study to examine matters related to adoption procedures in Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR246 Interim study to examine the Office of Public Guardian
Judiciary
- LR235 Interim study to examine the efficacy of testing and monitoring programs to reduce recidivism for driving under the influence and controlled substances offenses
Judiciary
- LR245 Interim study to examine advance planning for mental health care, which is distinct from advance planning for end-of-life care
Judiciary

Natural Resources: Hughes (C), Bostelman (VC), Albrecht, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Moser, Quick

- LR114 Interim study to examine conditions under which the board of directors of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project and the Rock Creek augmentation project may dispose of real property each owns related to the projects
Natural Resources
- LR142 Interim study to examine any matter concerning the Game and Parks Commission
Natural Resources
- LR96 Interim study to examine the long-term public power generation and transmission options in the state
Natural Resources

- LR227 Interim study to examine the future of nuclear-generated electricity in Nebraska
Natural Resources
- LR154 Interim study to examine statutes related to augmentation projects in relationship to the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement interlocal project in Lincoln County
Natural Resources
- LR138 Interim study to identify for adoption by the Legislature three to five infrastructure project opportunities in eastern Nebraska to provide flood control, a reliable drinking water supply, power generation, climate change mitigation, and recreation
Natural Resources

Nebraska Retirement Systems: Kolterman (C), Lindstrom (VC), Bolz, Groene, Kolowski, Stinner

- LR66 Interim study to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR65 Interim study to provide for presentation of reports by all political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans
Nebraska Retirement Systems

Revenue: Linehan (C), Friesen (VC), Briese, Crawford, Groene, Kolterman, Lindstrom, McCollister

- LR186 Interim study to examine the elimination of sales and use tax exemptions for goods and services
Revenue
- LR207 Interim study to examine the possible elimination of various exemptions of goods and exclusions of services under Nebraska's sales and use tax laws
Revenue
- LR161 Interim study to examine policy issues revealed during a performance audit of the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act
Revenue
- LR228 Interim study to examine the potential effects of implementing a flat-rate income tax
Revenue

- LR232 Interim study to examine the processes and procedures used in the assessment and valuation of real property and in appeals before the Tax Equalization and Review Commission
Revenue
- LR202 Interim study to examine the use and administration of the Nebraska housing tax credit
Revenue
- LR262 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee
Revenue

Transportation and Telecommunications: Friesen (C), Geist (VC), Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Hilgers, Hughes

- LR166 Interim study to review the report of the Rural Broadband Task Force that was created by Laws 2018, LB994
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR169 Interim study to examine issues raised by LB462, 2019, and examine potential improvements to the enforcement of the One-Call Notification System Act
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR167 Interim study to review the current model of collecting taxes to build and repair roads
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR175 Interim study to ensure accelerated broadband deployment statewide
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR174 Interim study to examine the Highway Trust Fund and ways to increase transit infrastructure in areas with limited access
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR168 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR190 Interim study to examine Nebraska's history of involvement in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR188 Interim study to review the policy of operating trains of increasing length and the effects on worker safety and on the operations of businesses near railroad crossings
Transportation and Telecommunications

Urban Affairs: Wayne (C), Hunt (VC), Arch, Briese, Crawford, Hansen, M.,
Lowe

- LR126 Interim study to examine issues related to urban development in municipalities
Urban Affairs
- LR155 Interim study to examine issues related to municipalities that border another state
Urban Affairs
- LR165 Interim study to examine issues related to municipal firefighting and emergency medical services
Urban Affairs
- LR131 Interim study to examine issues related to the regulation of solar energy by municipalities and sanitary and improvement districts
Urban Affairs
- LR140 Interim study to examine the roles and guidelines of homeowners' associations
Urban Affairs
- LR145 Interim study to examine the financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on single-family residential property under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act
Urban Affairs
- LR130 Interim study to examine issues related to density bonuses and other nonmonetary regulatory incentives in municipal zoning ordinances
Urban Affairs
- LR240 Interim study to review municipal rental housing inspection programs
Urban Affairs
- LR132 Interim study to examine issues related to plumbing codes
Urban Affairs
- LR119 Interim study to examine issues related to the disconnection or detachment of territory from the corporate limits of municipalities
Urban Affairs
- LR112 Interim study to examine the statutes governing cities of the primary class
Urban Affairs

LR111 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the
Urban Affairs Committee
Urban Affairs

**RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED
DURING THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
CALLING FOR STUDIES BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee: Friesen, Halloran, Linehan, Murman, Quick, Walz, Wishart

LR104 Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee to be known as the State-Licensed Care Facilities Investigative Committee of the Legislature
Special Committee

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 57. Introduced by Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Real Property Appraiser Board and should consider the input of interested persons as the study committee deems necessary and appropriate.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 63. Introduced by Linehan, 39; Friesen, 34; Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: To study educational service units, including, but not limited to, the structure, duties, current projects, and financing of educational service units.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 65. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to carry out section 13-2402 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions. The study committee shall conduct a public hearing for the presentation of reports by all political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 66. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, the School Employees Retirement System, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the Judges Retirement System. The study may also examine the retirement system administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

The study shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 87. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to continue the work of the select interim committee of the Legislature created in LR437, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, second session, to fully and comprehensively analyze possible improvements and changes to the standing committee system.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature be designated to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature, the Speaker of the Legislature, and two members of each congressional district selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council on or before February 7, 2020.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 88. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship family relationships.

Over 10,500 Nebraska grandparents are responsible for their grandchildren who live with them. Twenty-eight thousand children live in

homes headed by grandparents or other relatives. Forty percent of Nebraska children in out-of-home care are living with relatives.

The babies, children and youth who enter a relative's care often have experienced multiple adverse childhood experiences that place them at higher risk for behavior issues and health problems both now and as they age.

When children cannot remain with their parents, placing them with grandparents and other relatives reduces future trauma and can help to mitigate the impact of past trauma. The stability, supportive relationships, and extended family network that grandparents provide to children align with research-based protective factors that promote resiliency and healing.

Providing full-time care to grandchildren may decrease grandparents' ability to address their own physical and mental health needs and personal well-being. Grandparents would, therefore, benefit from better coordination and dissemination of information and resources to support them in their caregiving responsibilities.

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

- (1) The creation of a kinship navigator program through the federal Family First Prevention Services Act;
- (2) A review of the barriers facing grand-families and kinship-families both in and outside the child welfare system; and
- (3) The identification of resources to support grand-families and kinship-families.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 92. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and compare the processes for adopting, promulgating, and eliminating rules and regulations in Nebraska and in other states. The study may examine the most efficient methods for reducing the number of rules and regulations.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 94. Introduced by Wishart, 27; Hilgers, 21; La Grone, 49; Lindstrom, 18; Morfeld, 46; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding regulatory sandboxes. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) How regulatory sandbox programs work;
- (2) Efforts in other states and countries to establish regulatory sandbox programs in an effort to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development; and
- (3) Federal efforts to establish programs where regulations are mitigated and innovation is encouraged.

The examination of how regulatory sandbox programs work shall be conducted in conjunction with the office of the Attorney General and the Department of Banking and Finance.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 95. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the prevalence and economic costs of methamphetamine use in the state and determine ways to assist local communities in combating this growing problem.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 96. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the long-term public power generation and transmission options in the state.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 98. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Brandt, 32; Briese, 41; Hunt, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the special designated license issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and review potential reforms.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 103. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, 6; Dorn, 30; Hansen, B., 16; Howard, 9; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review staffing concerns, including, but not limited to, staff retention, at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, the Lincoln Regional Center, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva, and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 104. Introduced by Walz, 15; Bolz, 29; Cavanaugh, 6; Friesen, 34; Halloran, 33; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; McCollister, 20; Quick, 35; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, an individual residing at Life Quest at the Coolidge Center, a state-licensed care facility in Palmer, died on September 3, 2017, after three days of life-threatening symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services produced an eighty-one page report of violations found during inspections in June and July of 2017 and another six-page report after a visit in September of 2017. These reports were not released until officials revoked the facility's mental health care license on October 5, 2017, a month after the incident occurred. The revocation took effect fifteen days later; and

WHEREAS, the report indicates that the Department of Health and Human Services knew of multiple violations in the months preceding the closure of this facility. If more immediate action had been taken to remedy these violations or draw attention to the inequities in quality of care standards, a life could have been saved; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding this event have garnered media attention throughout Nebraska, along with scrutiny from the public. This care facility, as well as multiple others in the past few years, including Hotel Pawnee in North Platte and Park View Villa in Gothenburg, have been shut down due to violations regarding maintenance, cleanliness, and personnel issues; and

WHEREAS, the individuals affected by these policies are some of the most vulnerable in our community. The citizens of Nebraska have a right to know the standard of care to which our governmental organizations are held, including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, and regulations regarding oversight of assisted-living facilities and mental health centers; and

WHEREAS, under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) it is illegal for public entities, namely state and local governments, to deny the benefits of programs, services, or activities to qualified individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the regulations which implement Title II mandate that state governments administer services "in the most integrated settings appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities"; and

WHEREAS, the integration mandate in the ADA is implicated when a public entity administers its programs in a manner that results in unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a public entity may violate the integration mandate in the ADA when it: (1) Directly or indirectly operates facilities or programs that segregate individuals with disabilities; (2) finances the segregation of individuals with disabilities in private facilities; or (3) through planning, service system design, funding choices, or service implementation practices, promotes or relies upon the segregation of individuals with disabilities in private facilities or programs.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of seven members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the committee. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to

provide the committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the committee from existing legislative staff.

2. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee shall limit the scope of its inquiry to assisted-living facilities where many of the residents are diagnosed with a mental illness. The oversight committee shall also examine the recent closures of the mental health centers known as Life Quest, located in Palmer and Blue Hill.

3. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to study the lack of adequate conditions of state-licensed care facilities, the treatment of individuals residing in such facilities, the effectiveness of regulation and licensure by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services in providing oversight, and how the Department of Health and Human Services implements and administers its behavioral health services through the behavioral health regions to address the needs of this vulnerable population. The committee shall also investigate what steps the department has taken to advance the recommendations proposed by the Technical Assistance Collaborative as a consultant to the department, namely, the reasons that assisted-living facilities are the primary residential options for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and alternatives, such as permanent supportive housing and services, do not exist. The committee shall also investigate whether the department is taking adequate steps to ensure behavioral health services are administered in the most integrated setting pursuant to the ADA. The committee shall utilize existing studies, reports, and legislation developed to address the current conditions. The committee shall not be limited to such studies, reports, or legislation.

4. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the Legislature shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2019.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 105. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Howard, 9, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, 6; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to investigate the eligibility requirements applied to children for the home and community-based waiver for aged and disabled persons under the Medical Assistance Act.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the aged and disabled waiver is to provide care in a community-based setting to adults and children with disabilities who would otherwise require such care in a nursing facility and who do not traditionally qualify for the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible under the aged and disabled waiver a person must first have a disability determination. If there is a disability determination, the person is then evaluated by the Department of Health and Human Services to see if they meet a specified institutional level of care; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services used a tool for determining the institutional level of care for children that

was not promulgated in rules or regulations for use as an evaluation tool and that was different than the level of care determination for adults; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Nebraska Supreme Court in *Merie B. on behalf of Brayden O. v. State*, 290 Neb. 919 (2015), found that the children's institutional level of care tool the department was using was improper in part because the requirements had not been properly promulgated. There already existed detailed eligibility requirements for an institutional level of care which applied to both adults and children in 471 Neb. Admin. Code 12. Therefore, the Supreme Court instructed the Department of Health and Human Services to use the eligibility requirements that had already been properly promulgated; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Supreme Court also found the children's institutional level of care tool the department had been using was arbitrary and overly restrictive. The court found that the standards used by the department for a children's level of care resulted in the unreasonable exclusion of profoundly disabled children. The department followed the ruling of the court and used the existing level of care promulgated in 471 Neb. Admin. Code 12 to determine eligibility for both adults and children from 2015 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, the department promulgated rules and regulations to codify the pre-2015 children's institutional level of care requirements, which the Nebraska Supreme Court had found to be arbitrary and overly restrictive. The department began assessing the eligibility of children for the aged and disabled waiver using these more restrictive regulations in January 2019. Children with disabilities currently admitted under the waiver have been deemed ineligible under the new standards and have lost needed services.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Current eligibility requirements for the Medical Assistance Act under the aged and disabled waiver, including the institutional level of care determination applied to children;

(2) The independent evaluation of the children's institutional level of care eligibility requirements being conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services;

(3) Effects of the eligibility requirements and the resulting loss of coverage;

(4) The benefits of providing disabled children early intervention services and therapies which could result in an improved quality of life and possibly result in less dependence on services as adults; and

(5) The best use of resources in the medical assistance program to provide quality of life and care for children with disabilities.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the Health and Human Services Committee shall conduct the study and investigation pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature.

3. 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 106. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board and occupational regulations for boiler inspectors. Such a review is required by section 84-948 and this study shall fulfill the requirements of the Occupational Board Reform Act. The study shall include an examination of the transition of duties under the Boiler Inspection Act from the Department of Labor to the State Fire Marshall.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 111. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Briese, 41; Crawford, 45; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 112. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Briese, 41; Crawford, 45; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the statutes governing cities of the primary class in Chapter 15 of Nebraska Revised Statutes. The goal of the study shall be to update and modernize statutes

through the elimination of obsolete, antiquated, and duplicate statutory language.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 113. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine existing anti-discrimination laws to ensure they are advancing the public policy of Nebraska. The public policy of Nebraska is to protect workers against unlawful discrimination or denial of equal employment. In furtherance of this policy, Nebraska has several employment anti-discrimination statutes. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Whether existing statutes sufficiently protect all employees from impermissible discrimination;

(2) Whether existing statutes duplicate, overlap, or conflict with each other; and

(3) Whether modifications or amendments to existing nondiscrimination statutes are needed.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 114. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the necessary conditions under which the board of directors of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (N-CORPE) and the Rock Creek augmentation project may dispose of any of the real property each entity owns related to augmentation projects. The study shall consider the benefits of conveyance of the real property as well as any associated risks. As the N-CORPE and Rock Creek projects are of significant economic and legal importance to the State of Nebraska, to the local natural resource districts that own the property where the augmentation projects are located, and to the local economies, a collaborative process is necessary to ensure all interests are represented. The study may result in recommendations for

statutory changes, if any, to allow the affected natural Resources Districts to convey their real property while ensuring the uninterrupted operation of the augmentation projects for interstate river compact compliance.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 115. Introduced by Williams, 36; Hilgers, 21; La Grone, 49; Lindstrom, 18; Morfeld, 46; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Nebraska Banking Act, the Securities Act of Nebraska, and other laws within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance to determine the need to update such laws to address rapidly changing innovations in the regulation of finance, financial institutions, and financial professionals. The issues addressed by this interim study should include:

- (1) Best practices from other jurisdictions;
- (2) The balance between innovation and consumer protection;
- (3) Depository institution supervision and non-bank supervision;
- (4) Securities regulation;
- (5) Fintech and regtech;
- (6) Regulatory sandboxes; and
- (7) Innovations in payment, lending, and investment delivery.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Banking and Finance and consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and appropriate.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 116. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund was initially created with a \$50 million endowment for health care programs using the principal and investment income from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund. The purpose of this

endowment was to create an ongoing funding mechanism for health care in Nebraska.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. This study shall include:

- (1) A review of the annual Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund reports provided by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) Input from interested parties regarding the funds necessary to continue using the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to pay for health care and related services; and
- (3) Recommendations as to any statutory or funding changes that the Legislature should make in order to protect the ongoing viability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 117. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine matters related to cemeteries, specifically statutory definitions of perpetual care and perpetual care funds and allowable uses of such funds.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 119. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Briese, 41; Crawford, 45; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the disconnection or detachment of territory from the corporate limits of municipalities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Current procedures for the disconnection of real property from cities of the first class under section 16-129 and cities of the second class and villages under section 17-414;

(2) The proposed language for detachment of real property from municipalities under LB 197 (2019); and

(3) Potential impacts of the disconnection or detachment of real property from municipalities, including the impact of disconnection or detachment on the service territory of electric utilities.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 123. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to assess the readiness of correctional facilities to implement the provisions of LB258 (2018) by its operative date of July 1, 2020, and the progress facilities have made in implementing the new requirements.

LB258 (2018) was passed to ensure that the Department of Correctional Services provide prisoners with an opportunity to obtain a state identification card or renew a motor vehicle operator's license prior to discharge from a correctional facility. The intent of the bill was to assist former prisoners reentering society, transitioning to a productive life, and obtaining employment.

This interim study shall also explore whether the state should provide assistance in obtaining other basic government-issued documents, such as birth certificates, that can assist prisoners who are transitioning from incarceration into the community.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 124. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the practices for juvenile interrogations by law enforcement and potential improvements to protect the rights of juveniles and the safety of the public.

Research shows that most young people do not understand their right to counsel and right to remain silent when they are taken into custody and questioned. Young people are also more susceptible than adults to certain interrogation tactics by authority figures and more likely to give false information. Therefore, procedures tailored to the unique needs and

circumstances of young people are required to ensure their rights are protected and the information they give under questioning is accurate.

Including a parent or attorney in the interrogation process is a policy option many states have introduced to address this issue. Other options include video recording of juvenile interrogations, requiring the provision of simplified advisements before interrogations, or changing certain procedures during interrogations.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of recent scientific literature and court rulings on custodial interrogations of juveniles, including the impact of procedural changes intended to protect the rights of juveniles;

(2) A review of current law enforcement policies and practices used in conducting custodial interrogations of juveniles; and

(3) An examination of best practices and policy options available to ensure that the right to counsel and right to remain silent during custodial interrogations are protected for juveniles and that all waivers of such rights are made knowingly and voluntarily.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 126. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to urban development in municipalities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Urban development patterns with respect to population density, land-use mix, transportation options, connectivity, and arts districts;

(2) Statutes involving urban development tools and statutory changes needed to create and optimize smart-growth tools; and

(3) Other potential urban development tools that could be made available to municipalities to encourage smart-growth patterns.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 127. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to ensure youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system understand their rights, to ensure their rights are being upheld, and to explore the need for additional rights.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The frequency with which youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system are receiving a comprehensive bill of rights;
- (2) The age and developmental appropriateness of the way in which such rights are explained to youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system;
- (3) The role of a guardian ad litem and other attorneys in helping youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system understand their rights;
- (4) The existing bill of rights shared with youth in foster care through the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services and with youth in the juvenile justice system through the Office of Probation Administration;
- (5) Youth and stakeholder input, best practices, and additional rights that should be included in a bill of rights for youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system;
- (6) The inclusion of rights specifically for youth in the foster care system and juvenile justice system who are pregnant, parenting, or accessing family planning services;
- (7) Rights that may be neglected for youth who are disproportionately represented in the foster care system and the juvenile justice system, including, but not limited to, youth of color and youth with other marginalized identities; and
- (8) The grievance processes for youth in the foster care system and the juvenile justice system who feel their rights are not being protected and their access to such grievance processes.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 128. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act and the Wage and Hour Act. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The overlapping jurisdiction and applicability of such acts to both the Department of Labor and the Equal Opportunity Commission;
- (2) Efficient enforcement of such acts;

(3) Ways to improve clarity and understanding of remedies available under such acts; and

(4) The roles of each agency in the administration of such acts.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 129. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 130. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to density bonuses and other non-monetary regulatory incentives in municipal zoning ordinances. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Current municipal zoning ordinances in Nebraska that include density bonuses or other non-monetary regulatory incentives designed to incentivize affordable housing;

(2) Density bonus programs and other non-monetary regulatory incentives utilized by municipalities in other states to incentivize affordable housing; and

(3) Potential benefits of density bonuses and other non-monetary regulatory incentives, including reduced infrastructure costs, creation of mixed-income housing, infill development, job creation, and sustainable multi-modal accessibility.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 131. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the regulation of solar energy by municipalities and sanitary and improvement districts.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The current municipal zoning ordinances in Nebraska that restrict the installation or use of solar energy systems on real property within such municipality or the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of such municipality;

(2) The current regulations by sanitary and improvement districts that restrict the installation or use of solar energy systems on real property within such sanitary and improvement district; and

(3) The current regulations by homeowners' associations, including restrictive covenants, which restrict the installation or use of solar energy systems on real property within such associations.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 132. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to plumbing codes. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The current plumbing code statutes, including the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code, which provides for a default plumbing code in municipalities and counties that do not adopt a local plumbing code;

(2) Whether the 2012, 2015, or 2018 editions of the Uniform Plumbing Code should be adopted as the default plumbing code;

(3) Alternative standard plumbing codes that could be adopted as the default plumbing code, including the International Plumbing Code; and

(4) The interaction between plumbing codes, such as the Uniform Plumbing Code or the International Plumbing Code, and the state building code.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 134. Introduced by Slama, 1; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the drug testing protocol recently changed by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for families involved in the child welfare system.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The reasons the drug testing protocol was changed;
- (2) Other states' experience with drug testing protocols related to child welfare systems;
- (3) The lack of drug testing for initial assessments and structured decision making safety and risk assessments;
- (4) The use of a new drug testing protocol in high-risk cases and the decision not to drug test members of families subject to a safety plan even if substance use is present;
- (5) The lack of substance use disorder evaluations when the structured decision making assessment outcome is safe or conditionally safe;
- (6) The decision not to drug test infants and children who may have been exposed to drugs;
- (7) The number of families subject to a safety plan who have been moved to a court-involved case or who have had children removed from the home due to substance abuse in the home;
- (8) The current laws related to drug testing policies in the child welfare system;
- (9) The number of children placed out-of-home before the drug testing protocol change compared to the number of children placed out-of-home after the change;
- (10) The number of children who tested positive for drugs prior to the drug testing protocol change;
- (11) The impacts of possible drug use on children after the drug testing protocol change;
- (12) The number of drug tests performed on children and on adults prior to the drug testing protocol change compared to the number of such tests after such change;
- (13) The process for holding parents and guardians accountable under a safety plan or case plan; and
- (14) The efforts by the department to find a compromise solution with stakeholders regarding drug testing protocols.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 135. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to food insecurity in Nebraska communities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Tools to reduce food insecurity, including, but not limited to, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and the school lunch program;

(2) Inefficiencies and gaps in the implementation of such programs; and

(3) Potential statutory changes needed to eliminate such inefficiencies and gaps in implementation.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 137. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Nebraska Condominium Act, which was last updated in 1993. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A statute of limitations on actions by a homeowners' association against a developer;

(2) The percentage of the homeowners' association required vote in favor prior to proceeding with litigation;

(3) The imposition of a mediation requirement prior to litigation;

(4) The imposition of a requirement that the homeowners' association adhere to preventative maintenance plans; and

(5) Selling units of real estate while the homeowners' association is involved in litigation.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 138. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to identify for adoption by the Legislature three to five infrastructure project opportunities in eastern Nebraska of sufficient size and scale to provide flood control, a stable and reliable drinking water supply, power generation, climate change mitigation, and recreation, and to attract and retain a workforce to foster regional and economic growth.

To identify such opportunities in eastern Nebraska, the study shall:

(1) Compile information regarding: (a) Hydrology and water supply, (b) geotechnical information, (c) existing infrastructure, (d) existing and future recreation and economic needs in the region, (e) existing and expected economic data for the region, (f) existing and expected demographic data for the region, (g) future land use master plans, (h) existing and planned transportation infrastructure, and (i) land ownership data;

(2) Develop threshold criteria regarding the size needed to be a viable project;

(3) Identify potential project locations, opportunities, and constraints including: (a) Proximity to urban areas and centers of economic development, (b) size, (c) water and land availability, (d) existing infrastructure, (e) socioeconomic considerations, (f) environmental impact, (g) public acceptance or opposition, (h) ability to obtain federal, state, and local permits, (i) relocation of communities, (j) public safety, and (k) long-term operation and maintenance needs; and

(4) Define project elements to maximize the benefits within physical constraints of the project, including concept-level definitions of infrastructure improvements, recreational amenities, and land requirements.

Such study shall be conducted by the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature in consultation with the University of Nebraska, the Department of Economic Development, and the Department of Natural Resources.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 139. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Howard, 9; Murman, 38; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of increasing the presence of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in

central and western Nebraska by strengthening existing collaborations and creating new collaborations with the University of Nebraska at Kearney for education, research, and community outreach for health professionals. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Identification of priority health professions that are experiencing extreme shortages;
- (2) Current health professional training programs and the sustainability of such programs;
- (3) The current preceptorship pool available to provide clinical training to students;
- (4) Technology to assist in the provision of educational and care delivery opportunities;
- (5) The importance of public-private partnerships in providing educational and care delivery opportunities; and
- (6) Recommendations for potential strategies and funding sources to achieve priority opportunities.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 140. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the roles and guidelines of homeowner's associations and tools used to carry out their purpose.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Existing and potential policies of homeowner's associations;
- (2) Structures of governance and bylaws of existing homeowner's associations;
- (3) Incorporation or prohibition of renewable energy systems within homeowner's association policies;
- (4) The interactions of homeowner's associations with municipalities and sanitary improvement districts; and
- (5) Other issues facing homeowner's associations and homeowners who live within the jurisdiction of a homeowner's association.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 141. Introduced by Williams, 36; Hilgers, 21; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Lindstrom, 18; McCollister, 20; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to enhance financial literacy programs, training, and general competencies and problem-solving skills in Nebraska, with the objective of increasing long-term financial stability for all Nebraskans. Financial decisions improved by financial literacy include those related to insurance products and analysis, and banking products and decisions. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Financial challenges affecting consumers of all ages that arise from a lack of basic knowledge of financial decisionmaking;
- (2) Best practices and relevant academic research regarding enhanced financial literacy training; and
- (3) Existing financial literacy programs and awareness campaigns available to Nebraskans of all ages.

The study committee shall seek the input of the Department of Banking and Finance and the Department of Insurance.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 142. Introduced by Hughes, 44; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Erdman, 47; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any matter concerning the Game and Parks Commission under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature. Subjects of the study may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Commission districts and representation;
- (2) Management of wildlife populations;
- (3) Frequency, content, and location of meetings and hearings; and
- (4) Management of park facilities.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the laws for accounting and financial reporting in political subdivisions to determine a more uniform method of reporting. The study shall also obtain information on financial reporting being used by cities, villages, counties, and school districts across the state and those that have changed from the cash basis to an accrual or modified accrual method. The study shall determine the process, the cost, and any savings, including any impact on debt or bond ratings, resulting from changing from the cash basis to an accrual method.

Each local government has statutes regarding accounting and financial reporting spread across many of the chapters in the Nebraska Revised Statutes. This study shall identify all of the reporting statutes and explore the possibility of consolidating them within the statutes for easier access and understanding.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The accounting and financial reporting statutes for each city, village, county, and school district and possible consolidation of such statutes;
- (2) Accounting methods for cities, villages, counties, and school districts;
- (3) Bond ratings of cities, villages, counties, and school districts;
- (4) The cost to and actions taken by such local governments that have changed from the cash basis to an accrual method; and
- (5) A cost-benefit analysis of the impact the financial reporting and accounting standards have on the debt held by cities, villages, counties, and school districts.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the effectiveness of cash bail and cash bonds for misdemeanors and city and village ordinance violations.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The current statutes relating to cash bonds for all crimes, but particularly minor misdemeanors and violations of city and village ordinances;

(2) The number of individuals held in local jails on cash bonds for misdemeanors and ordinance violations;

(3) The costs to counties to detain and house pretrial detainees for misdemeanors and ordinance violations;

(4) The feasibility of alternatives to cash bonds for misdemeanors and ordinance violations and the consequences or risks to public safety of eliminating cash bonds;

(5) Changes that would permit indigent pretrial detainees to avoid unnecessary and costly county jail stays;

(6) Pretrial release programs and practices utilized by counties in Nebraska; and

(7) Statutory changes needed to reform bail for misdemeanors and ordinance violations.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 145. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on single-family residential property under the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Act. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of PACE statutes in other states that authorize the financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on residential property;

(2) A review of active residential PACE programs in other states and recent legislative or regulatory changes to such programs; and

(3) An examination of potential regulations from the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regarding residential PACE programs.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 146. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of introducing a "Prosecutor Transparency Act" in Nebraska and to examine the feasibility of developing a comprehensive data collection and reporting process for city and county prosecutors.

Prosecutors hold a unique and powerful role in the criminal justice system. County and city attorneys are public officials empowered with the responsibility to prosecute violations of law in the name of the public. Although they prosecute cases on behalf of the state, there is relatively little publicly available information about prosecutors' policies and practices with respect to how they carry out their duties. In most cities and counties, appointed and elected prosecutors report very little public data about the operations of their offices or how they utilize their very broad grant of discretion.

Charging decisions and discretionary policies and practices that prosecutors establish and follow have an impact on various matters of public policy, including incarceration levels in local jails and state prisons and the racial disparities that exist in the criminal justice system. Nebraska has a local jail and state prison overcrowding and conditions crisis. Prosecutor transparency is essential to understanding and addressing mass incarceration and racial disparities present at each and every stage in the criminal justice system.

While a growing number of prosecutors' offices across the country have started to make some information public, these efforts are piecemeal and subject to change depending on who is in office. That is why there is an emerging trend in various jurisdictions to ensure comprehensive transparency from all prosecutors. For example, recent laws passed in Florida, Colorado, and Arizona require transparency and data reporting from law enforcement agencies and other actors and provide a sound roadmap for similar requirements from prosecutors. These and other jurisdictions have considered legislation that sets minimum transparency standards for elected prosecutors, ensuring that they collect and make public data and policies available to the communities that they serve. Such "Prosecutor Transparency Acts" can create a framework by which state legislators can hold their prosecutors accountable.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Identifying and defining the data points for prosecutors to collect and report, including information about demographics and charging decisions, while protecting individual privacy concerns, logistical challenges, and fiscal impacts;
- (2) Identifying a central state agency responsible for making the data publicly available and issuing annual analyses and reports;
- (3) Identifying written policies or policy guidance documents about bail and sentencing practices, plea-bargain guidelines, discovery practices, prosecution of youth as adults, mental health screenings, diversion, and parole and probation revocations;

(4) Identifying basic reporting on staff training and discipline in prosecutors' offices;

(5) Whether or not to establish community advisory boards for city and county prosecutors that include representatives of impacted communities, corrections officials, local elected officials, criminal defense attorneys, mental health professionals, or property tax advocates; and

(6) Consideration of prosecutorial transparency and accountability reforms in other municipalities and states.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 148. Introduced by La Grone, 49; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to unfunded mandates to county governments for the administration of judicial proceedings. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The costs incurred by counties in the operation of county courts, including supplies, court costs, attorney's fees, computers, and equipment;

(2) The costs incurred by counties in the operation of juvenile courts, including:

(a) Bailiffs, file clerks, and part-time receptionists;

(b) Appointment of counsel;

(c) Evaluations; and

(d) Supplies;

(3) The costs incurred by counties in the operation of district courts, including:

(a) Law clerks and bailiffs, including employee benefits such as health and dental insurance;

(b) Appointment of counsel;

(c) Law library costs; and

(d) Computers, equipment, furniture, and supplies;

(4) The costs incurred by counties in the process of providing courtroom facilities for county, juvenile, and district courts, including utilities and custodial services; and

(5) The costs incurred by counties in the process of providing courtroom security for county, juvenile, and district courts, including sworn deputies, civilian security officers, and security equipment.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 149. Introduced by Wayne, 13; La Grone, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the burden of unfunded mandates on county budgets. The interim study shall include an examination of the legislative history of each unfunded mandate, the cost of each mandate to each county, and the funding source used by the counties to pay for these unfunded mandates.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 151. Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the financing of public education and develop recommendations for improving school funding in Nebraska. The study committee shall examine school finance policy in other states and relevant studies and literature with a focus on the mix of taxable resources used to support education.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 152. Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 153. Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to:

(1) Examine the administrative costs of local systems and school districts, including, but not limited to, the definition of what constitutes an administrative cost and the portion of total authorized expenditures that are budgeted for such costs; and

(2) Investigate methods for reducing such costs.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 154. Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to:

(1) Examine statutes related to augmentation projects in relationship to the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (N-CORPE) interlocal project in Lincoln County, Nebraska;

(2) Examine existing statutes pertaining to integrated management plans and augmentation plans related to ground water; and

(3) Examine statutes and opinions of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Court of Appeals in reference to the relationship between land ownership and ground water use for augmentation or transfer, including the decisions in *Estermann v. Bose*, 296 Neb. 228 (2017), *Olson v. City of Wahoo*, 124 Neb. 802 (1933), *Sorensen v. Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District*, 221 Neb. 180 (1985), and *Upper Republican Natural Resources District v. Dundy County Board of Equalization*, 300 Neb. 256 (2018).

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 155. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to municipalities that border another state. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of municipalities that border one or more neighboring states;
- (2) A review of the percentage of Nebraska's population that resides in municipalities that border one or more neighboring states; and
- (3) An examination of the impact of policy changes in neighboring states on Nebraska municipalities that border such states.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 156. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine strategies to prevent suicide by youth involved in the Nebraska juvenile justice system.

Involvement with the juvenile justice system has been linked to an increased suicide risk among youth. Factors that may increase suicide risk in this population include mental health or substance use disorders, the loss of a friend or family member to suicide or another cause of death, social isolation, relationship problems, and separation from family.

Administrators, staff, and others in the juvenile justice system can play an important role in suicide prevention. Adopting suicide prevention protocols, guidelines, and tools will help improve the Nebraska juvenile justice system's intervention standards and mental health care, thereby contributing to suicide prevention and to the overall health and well-being of justice-involved youth.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Best practices for suicide prevention in the juvenile justice system;
- (2) Collaboration between agencies involved in the Nebraska juvenile justice system to identify and provide services to youth who are at-risk of suicide;
- (3) Availability of appropriate services for youth in the Nebraska juvenile justice system who are at-risk of suicide; and
- (4) Effective data collection and information-sharing practices for the purposes of law, policy, and program development, for the purposes of individual case planning and decisionmaking, and for program evaluation and performance measurement relating to youth who are at-risk of suicide.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 157. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to conduct an indepth review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary schools. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The methods of financing public elementary and secondary schools, including financing methods used in other states, which would provide equitable educational opportunities across the state and offer alternatives to heavy reliance on property taxes;
- (2) The option of using income tax as a component in the financing of public elementary and secondary schools;
- (3) The option of using sales tax as a component in the financing of public elementary and secondary schools, including, but not limited to, an examination of the experience of any other states with such option;
- (4) Financing issues as they relate to the quality and performance of public elementary and secondary schools;
- (5) Options for funding expanded public prekindergarten services;
- (6) Options for funding college-readiness and career-readiness programs, including, but not limited to, programs of excellence, dual-enrollment courses, and career academies;
- (7) The costs and resources necessary to meet the diverse and growing needs of students across the state, including, but not limited to, the needs of poverty students and limited English proficiency students;
- (8) Methods used by other states to fund public elementary and secondary school infrastructure needs; and
- (9) Other issues related to public elementary and secondary school financing as necessary.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine matters related to adoption procedures in Nebraska. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to a review of:

(1) Adoption and stepparent adoption statutes and relevant case law in Nebraska, including the criteria a child must meet in order to be eligible for adoption;

(2) Practices of the Department of Health and Human Services related to the foster and adoption processes, including, but not limited to, placement criteria, home visit requirements, and the timeline for adoption finalization; and

(3) Adoption statutes from other states, including how other states have modernized and adapted their adoption law to address changes in cultural and medical practices.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 159. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the rules of the Legislature regarding information required to be included in records of the committees of the Legislature. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the requisite information for a committee statement and how written testimony provided for a public hearing is recorded and reported by a committee.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 160. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to assess the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraskans and the current shortages of services and resources needed to ensure a robust behavioral health service delivery

system. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Nebraska's current system of care and adherence to the Behavioral Health Strategic Plan for 2017-2020;
- (2) Behavioral health programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and the behavioral health regions;
- (3) Funding sources for behavioral health assessment, treatment, and community support;
- (4) Model policies and programs used by behavioral health groups to ensure community mental health and behavioral health needs are met; and
- (5) Emergency protective custody and steps the Department of Health and Human Services takes to ensure a safe and appropriate environment for individuals placed in such custody.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 161. Introduced by Legislative Performance Audit Committee: Geist, 25, Chairperson; Friesen, 34; Scheer, 19; Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine policy issues revealed during a performance audit of the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act. The Legislative Performance Audit Committee recommended the introduction of an interim study to fully explore, and propose solutions to, administrative and compliance difficulties caused by design and definitional issues.

The office of Legislative Audit reported that, according to the Department of Revenue, compared to other incentive programs administered by the Department of Revenue, aspects of the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act increase the risk that participants receive credit for activities not intended by the Legislature, make the program more difficult to administer, and make it difficult to comply with program requirements.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Potential limitations of transactions that generate credit under the act but were not intended by the Legislature to do so;
- (2) Difficulties for taxpayers and department staff raised by terms within the act that are not clearly defined; and
- (3) Taxpayer compliance burdens.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 162. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues impacting volunteer emergency medical personnel and to continue the work done through Legislative Resolution 395, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, Second Session, 2018. Nebraska's volunteer emergency medical service providers offer significant assistance throughout the state, especially where the cost of tax-supported services is prohibitive.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The use of the electronic Nebraska Ambulance Rescue Service Information System for the collection and analysis of patient care data, including a history of the system, and the use of data by volunteer emergency medical services;
- (2) Recommended improvements to such data system;
- (3) The education and training of applicants to become volunteer emergency medical technicians; and
- (4) The billing and collection methods for services provided by volunteer emergency medical departments.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 163. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 164. Introduced by Williams, 36; Kolterman, 24; Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the need to update the insurance laws of Nebraska in response to technology advancement and innovation, also known as insurtech, in the insurance industry. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the interaction of insurance regulation and artificial intelligence, blockchain, autonomous vehicles, and the Internet of things. In order to carry out the purposes of this interim study, the committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Insurance and should consider the input of interested parties, as the committee deems necessary and appropriate.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 165. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to municipal firefighting and emergency medical services. The interim study shall examine:

(1) Which municipalities employ paid firefighters and emergency medical technicians, which municipalities utilize volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and which municipalities utilize a hybrid of paid and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians;

(2) Municipal fire and emergency medical service response times and standards and how such response times and standards are defined;

(3) The effect of municipal fire and emergency medical service response times and standards on municipal bond ratings and insurance ratings; and

(4) The population thresholds at which municipal fire and emergency medical services are considered essential services.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 166. Introduced by Friesen, 34; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the report of the Rural Broadband Task Force that was created by Laws 2018, LB994. The task force is charged with studying issues relating to broadband availability, quality, and affordability in rural areas and comparability to broadband services in urban areas. According to section 86-1102, the task force is required to present its findings in a report to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council by November 1, 2019, and the task force is to examine issues relating to availability, adoption, and affordability of broadband services in rural Nebraska. This interim study shall review the report of the task force and invite testimony from stakeholders regarding the recommendations of the task force.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 167. Introduced by Friesen, 34; Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the current model of collecting taxes to build and repair roads. In Nebraska, state and local governments rely primarily on fuel taxes to fund highway construction and repair. Legislative Bill 366, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019, proposed an increased registration fee on electric-powered vehicles which do not pay fuel tax. As electric-powered vehicles and hybrid vehicles continue to increase in market share and gasoline-powered vehicles continue to drive more miles per gallon, fewer dollars are available for road repair and construction.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 168. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 169. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues raised during the hearing and debate on Legislative Bill 462, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019, and examine potential improvements to the enforcement of the One-Call Notification System Act. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The creation of a dispute resolution board to hear complaints of violations of the One-Call Notification System Act and make recommendations on the final determination of such complaints;
- (2) The composition of such dispute resolution board, the powers of and limitations on such dispute resolution board, and the processes that should be employed by such dispute resolution board;
- (3) How the expenses of such a dispute resolution board may be funded without creating a General Fund impact;
- (4) The appropriate state agency to have authority over the dispute resolution board; and
- (5) Alternatives to a dispute resolution board that would increase the enforcement efficiency and effectiveness under the One-Call Notification System Act.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the assistance and input of the underground construction industry, operators of underground utility facilities, the board of directors of the statewide one-call notification center, the State Fire Marshal, the Attorney General, and other parties, agencies, or political subdivisions impacted by such issues shall be sought.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 170. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study the Department of Health and Human Services' plan to submit a demonstration project waiver for the medical assistance program under section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

In November 2018, the people of Nebraska voted to expand access to the medical assistance program through Initiative No. 427. On April 1, 2019, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services submitted three state plan amendments to the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, which are necessary to implement medicaid expansion. Approval of those state plan amendments would allow implementation and coverage to begin. However, the department does not plan to begin coverage until October 1, 2020, nearly two years after Nebraskans voted for such coverage, because the department is tying expansion to an optional 1115 waiver, which is not necessary for expansion, and that will make significant changes to Nebraska's current medical assistance program.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The detailed substance of the 1115 waiver and application submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, including work requirements and benefit limitations;

(2) Any challenges to beneficiaries, providers, contractors, or the department in implementing these significant policy changes to Nebraska's medical assistance program;

(3) The additional fiscal impact of the 1115 waiver, including the increased cost of the 1115 waiver compared to the expansion of the medical assistance program contemplated by Initiative No. 427 and completed through the submission of state plan amendments; and

(4) Whether significant policy changes to the structure, benefits, and administration of the medical assistance program should be made or approved by the state's policymaking body.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 171. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the impact of lowering the age of majority from 19 years of age to 18 years of age for making health care decisions.

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

- (1) The age of majority for health care decisions in other states;
- (2) Any states that have an age of majority for health care decisions of 18 years of age or younger;
- (3) The potential economic impacts of changing the age of majority for health care decisions; and
- (4) The impact the age of majority for health care decisions has on health care providers and insurers.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 172. Introduced by Williams, 36; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and analyze state and local policy and initiatives to retain and incent health care providers and health-related businesses in the state to remain and expand in Nebraska. This interim study shall further examine the potential advantages of combining employee incentives of existing loan forgiveness programs with federal and state benefits from federally designated Opportunity Zones to stimulate private investment by health-related industries and health professions to address economic development and workforce development in high-need areas across Nebraska.

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

(1) The creation of Health Enterprise Zones to incent licensed medical clinics and providers to expand or establish a presence in a designated health care service shortage area;

(2) Potentially eligible census tracts across Nebraska with defined health care disparities that have also been designated by the U.S. Department of Treasury as an Opportunity Zone;

(3) The potential economic impact and historic data on health care businesses or entities within a federally designated Opportunity Zone and the potential impact of additional state incentives and regulatory flexibility through a state-established Health Opportunity Zone;

(4) The potential benefits and outcomes of establishing a state and local fund to award matching grants to attract health care practitioners to state-designated health provider shortage areas;

(5) Current state programs that assist health care, biomedical, and pharmaceutical businesses expand investment and the workforce in Nebraska; and

(6) Opportunities to align or improve systems that support Nebraska's health care workforce in underserved and high-need communities across the state.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 173. Introduced by Quick, 35; Albrecht, 17; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine health concerns related to the public use of and secondhand exposure to electronic nicotine delivery systems and other products including, but not limited to, e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The chemicals, nicotine, particulate matter, heavy metals, and pollutants found in such devices;

(2) The health concerns of people who are involuntarily exposed to toxins, chemicals, particulate matter, heavy metals, and pollutants;

(3) The health problems also associated with secondhand smoke, vapor, fog, mist, gas, or aerosol products because of exposure to toxins, chemicals, particulate matter, heavy metals, and pollutants; and

(4) Potential statutory changes necessary to prevent exposure to secondhand nicotine vapor to protect population health and environmental health.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 174. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Highway Trust Fund and ways it can be used to increase transit infrastructure in areas

with limited access. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Transit access to job centers, educational opportunities, and training opportunities;
- (2) Transit access to healthcare and other human services;
- (3) Transit access to grocery stores, farmers markets, and food sources that alleviate food deserts;
- (4) The availability of infrastructure to support low-cost travel such as sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and public transit;
- (5) The availability of sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure near schools and along transit lines;
- (6) The air quality impacts of transportation infrastructure; and
- (7) A state-level funding formula for transit in Nebraska and how it can be flexible to avoid unfair distribution of funds among rural and urban interests.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 175. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to ensure accelerated broadband deployment statewide. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Whether the Nebraska Public Service Commission has sufficient authority to effectuate the withholding and redistribution of Universal Service Fund support called for by the Rural Broadband Task Force;
- (2) Changes needed to carry out the recommendations of the Rural Broadband Task Force;
- (3) The need for improved mapping of areas of the state unserved and underserved by broadband;
- (4) Changes needed to facilitate public-private partnerships in the deployment of broadband;
- (5) Any impediments placed by the government that should be removed or modified to ensure accelerated broadband deployment;
- (6) Federal agencies or officials needed to secure more telecommunications infrastructure support for Nebraska; and
- (7) How to best distribute financial support to ensure accelerated broadband deployment.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 176. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the metrics used in the juvenile justice system to track outcomes for youth who are under system supervision and after contact with the juvenile justice system. National juvenile justice best practices encourage policymakers to accurately measure recidivism rates and other youth outcomes and analyze, report, and use such data to promote accountability and a more effective juvenile justice system.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of how the juvenile justice system measures recidivism for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, considering the multiple ways they may have subsequent contact with such system;

(2) An analysis of recidivism data in Nebraska's juvenile justice system to account for risk levels and other key youth characteristics and variables;

(3) An examination of the infrastructure of the juvenile justice system to collect, analyze, and report recidivism data;

(4) An examination of how the juvenile justice system makes recidivism data accessible to key constituents and the general public;

(5) An examination of how the juvenile justice system uses recidivism data to inform juvenile justice policy, practice, and resource allocation; and

(6) An examination of how the juvenile justice system tracks outcomes for youth, including educational attainment, behavioral health improvements, skill development, employment, or other metrics to assess whether youth are transitioning to a crime-free and productive adulthood.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 177. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues faced by youth in the child welfare system who are pregnant or parenting. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The number of youth in the child welfare system who are pregnant and who are parenting;

- (2) The availability of private and public support services for such youth;
- (3) The use of private and public support services for such youth by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (4) Initiatives, programs, administrative policies, and legislative policies implemented in other states that have improved outcomes for pregnant or parenting youth;
- (5) The impacts of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2017 on the delivery and availability of services for pregnant and parenting youth;
- (6) The perspectives and experiences of youth who are or who have been part of Nebraska's child welfare system; and
- (7) Intergenerational strategies to stop the cycle of involvement in the child welfare system, including, but not limited to, addressing the cliff effect in public benefit programs and access to quality early childhood education, health care, postsecondary educational opportunities, and workforce training.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 178. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the distribution of affordable housing across the state and how the lack of available affordable housing can impact the workforce. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The prevalence of unfilled jobs across the state and the industries and communities that are most severely hampered from growing their workforce due to a lack of available housing;
- (2) The distribution of housing vacancies across the state;
- (3) The distribution and allocation of housing development subsidies across the state;
- (4) The number of jobs that are currently unfilled because of a lack of adequate housing for the workforce and the overall economic impact that a lack of adequate housing has on the State of Nebraska; and
- (5) The overall need for increased investment in housing development, rental assistance, and home-buyer assistance.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6; Dorn, 30; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the fiscal impact of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and childcare subsidies.

The interim study shall examine:

- (1) The fiscal impact of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- (2) The fiscal impact of increasing or expanding the availability of benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- (3) The fiscal impact of the child care subsidy program; and
- (4) The fiscal impact of increasing or expanding the availability of benefits under the child care subsidy program.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 180. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the practice of mindfulness to reduce the number of children and adults in crisis. The Legislature is concerned about suicide, school safety, and behavioral health. In Nebraska, health systems have recognized increases in children dealing with behavioral health issues. Incidences of children dealing with anxiety, depression, and social-emotional issues have placed increased strain on our public health system, schools, and medical infrastructure.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the impact of such experiences on the brain of a child have been identified as risk factors in the long-term physical and emotional health of people. The impacts of ACEs have created heavy demands on public resources and created challenges to workforce development.

Studies have shown that mindfulness techniques teach children and adults to heighten their awareness of the present moment, including what they are hearing, seeing, feeling, or smelling. These few brief moments of focused attention can interrupt impulsive behaviors or negative thoughts and are calming for children and adults. Mindfulness strategies have been taught by

many different educational and mental health professionals. Mindfulness techniques can be used as a preventative program to lower demands on mental health resources.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Best practices for mindfulness strategies;
- (2) How mindfulness techniques can be helpful in assisting children with ACEs;
- (3) Ways to provide mindfulness strategies to more people;
- (4) How the public health infrastructure and mental health professionals can align to provide preventative programs of mindfulness; and
- (5) How the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational systems can engage the health care system to provide more preventative support through mindfulness.

To carry out the interim study, professionals in mental health, public health, wellness, and insurance, the Department of Health and Human Services, the State Department of Education, teachers, administrators, school board members, and others may be consulted to share data, develop strategies and make recommendations to develop a long-term vision on how to address behavioral health needs through mindfulness.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine new funding streams for financial stability of the simulation-in-motion Nebraska program. Legislative Bill 666, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019, would transfer funds to the University of Nebraska Medical Center to purchase a simulation-in-motion program to train first responders and emergency medical technicians in rural areas.

Simulation-in-motion vehicles are mobile trucks that provide hands-on training with high-fidelity, life-like mannequins. These trucks travel across the state and provide invaluable training to emergency care providers, including doctors, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, nurses, paramedics, and other emergency health care personnel.

The initial investment in the simulation-in-motion program in Nebraska was made possible through a grant by the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust and other donors to the program. A sustainable funding stream is needed to financially support the program.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, input from the following:

- (1) One representative of the "50 cents for Life" program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) One representative of the University of Nebraska with knowledge of the simulation-in-motion Nebraska program;
- (3) Three representatives in the emergency medical field, which may include an emergency medical technician, a doctor, or a nurse who provides emergency medical care in hospitals; and
- (4) Other individuals with expertise in the program or emergency medical issues.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine methods for the early screening of melanoma and modernization of reimbursement for telehealth for such screening due to the rising incidents of melanoma and other skin cancers in Nebraska. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The impact of melanoma and other skin cancers in Nebraska;
- (2) The distribution of dermatologists in Nebraska and provider shortage areas;
- (3) Methods to improve access to cancer screening including teledermatology;
- (4) Minimum photograph and video resolution needed to diagnose skin lesions remotely; and
- (5) Modern regulations and provider reimbursement models.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 183. Introduced by Geist, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether continuity of care and safety for individuals and the public can be enhanced by allowing mental health providers to coordinate with law enforcement.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of mental health records without violating state or federal law.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184. Introduced by Quick, 35; Howard, 9; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine how to provide a sustainable and adequate stream of state funds to local public health departments to ensure the departments are able to meet their core responsibilities and functions as set forth in statute. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The history of the formation and funding of local public health departments;

(2) An examination of current and future public health threats;

(3) An examination of health care cost-containment strategies that can slow the growth of overall health care spending by instituting strategic chronic disease management programs and prevention strategies;

(4) A review of public health readiness programs, current public health detection programs, and disease prevention efforts;

(5) A review of the core public health functions and essential elements set forth in section 71-1628.04 and the necessary revenue streams available to local public health departments to fulfill core public health functions;

(6) Identification of additional health-related funding streams that have a nexus with core public health functions; and

(7) A strategic plan for investments in local public health departments to properly equip them to respond to a critical public health crisis within their community.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the potential elimination of exemptions for goods and services under sales and use tax laws. The study shall identify and evaluate:

- (1) The relative tax burdens of property taxes, income taxes, and sales taxes by income level and geographic location in the state;
- (2) Sales tax exemptions for which there is an identifiable tax expenditure;
- (3) Sales tax exemption categories that are important to avoid double taxation of inputs, such as exemptions for business and production inputs, as well as exemptions for the trade-in value of personal property in new sales;
- (4) Sales tax exemption categories that are important to retain a competitive position with the six states bordering Nebraska and with the Midwest region;
- (5) Sales tax exemption categories that are strategically important to our state economy including retention of highly mobile businesses that can relocate easily;
- (6) Transactions that involve small businesses or a small number of sales where the compliance burdens are potentially excessive in relation to the tax collected;
- (7) Historical trends and shifts in the state, regional, and national economies with respect to the sale of goods and services; and
- (8) Structural tax reforms appropriate for modernizing the state tax system in the changing global economy while promoting state competitiveness and growth.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility and fiscal impact of hiring outside consultants to perform an efficiency review of state agencies. The people of this state expect that their government will efficiently provide services and will responsibly and effectively spend tax dollars. With the great fiscal challenges facing the state, these expectations and challenges require occasional review of the ways state agencies conduct business.

An efficiency review means a study to identify:

- (1) Areas of state agency operations that can be improved to make the delivery of services more cost-effective;
- (2) Outdated practices that can be eliminated;
- (3) Increased statewide efficiencies;

- (4) Potential new sources of nontax funding; and
- (5) Methods to make state agencies more accountable to the people of the state.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the policy of operating trains of increasing length and the effects on worker safety and on the operations of businesses near railroad crossings. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The safety of rail workers and the general public;
- (2) Whether the size and contents of the load of the train matters for the safety of operating trains of greater lengths; and
- (3) The effects of longer trains on businesses located near crossings that could adversely impact customers, and whether operating with a crew of less than two persons impacts such delays.

The interim study shall seek input from affected stakeholders, including rail worker labor unions.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 189. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the effectiveness of 24/7 sobriety programs and determine potential standards for statewide implementation. The study committee shall consider testimony received on Legislative Bill 335, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 190. Introduced by Quick, 35; McDonnell, 5; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's history of involvement in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. The Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact brings together nine states to coordinate and advocate for development and implementation of improvements to intercity passenger rail service in the midwest.

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

- (1) Legislation introduced and enacted regarding the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact in Nebraska;
- (2) The history of involvement in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact;
- (3) Advantages of participation to member states and the region; and
- (4) Action needed by the Legislature to reenter the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, including the passage of Legislative Bill 401 of the One Hundred Sixth Legislature, 2019.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 191. Introduced by Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and evaluate the potential use of Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and the potential use of out-of-hospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) protocols.

POLST are used to convert patients' medical treatment preferences into medical orders. It is completed based upon conversations among health care professionals with the patient, or with a designated proxy decision maker if identified in an advance medical directive. One of the main components of POLST is the development and use of a standardized form that provides specific medical treatment orders for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, medical intervention, artificial nutrition, and antibiotics. The standard form is designed to transfer across treatment settings so it is readily available to medical personnel, including emergency medical technicians, emergency physicians and nurses, and nursing facility staff.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 192. Introduced by Bolz, 29; Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine workforce development initiatives with emphasis on hearing the perspectives of employees across industries. Studies, including the Legislature's "Economic Development Task Force Report", the Department of Economic Development's "Nebraska's Next Economy Report", and Accelerate Nebraska's "Nebraska Statewide Story", identify the need for additional skilled workers. Long-term industry projections indicate that employment in all industries is expected to grow statewide, specifically in health care, social services, professional, scientific, and technical services industries.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Nationwide best practices for promoting career training leading to workforce development for high-quality jobs;

(2) Innovative processes and programs for workforce training opportunities and educational programs established and fostered in other states;

(3) What is needed to produce individuals with career-ready skills for skilled jobs;

(4) Opportunities to meet the needs of Nebraska's workforce;

(5) Barriers faced by underrepresented communities, underemployed workers, young workers, and returning workers who are needed as a part of the solution to our workforce challenges; and

(6) Opportunities for public and private partnership and investment, such as job training.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 193. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to assess implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act in Nebraska and identify opportunities for children and families in Nebraska. The Family First Prevention Services Act is a historic federal law that permits states the option to use federal Title IV-E funding for prevention services, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, for children at imminent risk of entering foster care and their parents or kin caregivers and for pregnant and parenting youth. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of:

- (1) Opportunities to maximize federal funding;
- (2) Best practices for implementing prevention services, specifically evidence-based services;
- (3) Strategies for appropriate oversight of child welfare services, including prevention services;
- (4) Kinship navigator programs to assist families accessing services and supports leading to family success; and
- (5) The adequacy of provider networks for prevention services and supports.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 194. Introduced by Hilgers, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the benefits of employee stock ownership programs and strategies to promote the implementation of such programs. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Tax and finance questions raised by employee stock ownership programs, including bank financing and accessibility;
- (2) Legislation passed at the federal and state level to foster such programs;
- (3) The benefits of such programs for companies, employees, and the economy;
- (4) The number of such programs in the state and the effects of the programs on their companies and communities, including workforce satisfaction and productivity; and
- (5) The ability of employee-owned companies to remain in their local communities and to retain workers during an economic downturn.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 197. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a comprehensive study of due process for inmates in restrictive housing and to make recommendations to support and improve due process for such population in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Best practices regarding due process for inmates in restrictive housing;
- (2) The length of time between when an inmate is placed in immediate segregation and when a determination is made regarding whether or not such inmate is to remain in long-term restrictive housing;
- (3) The best system for due process in such circumstances, including examining the appropriate jurisdiction to hear such due process cases;
- (4) The definition of restrictive housing;
- (5) The definition of general population;
- (6) The amount of structured and unstructured out-of-cell time an inmate is allowed, including the possibility of requirements that inmates placed on restrictive housing from fifteen days up to six months be allowed two hours of out-of-cell time, inmates placed on restrictive housing from six months to twelve months be allowed four hours of out-of-cell time, and after twelve months on restrictive housing, an inmate be allowed six hours of out-of-cell time each day;
- (7) The rate at which minority populations are placed in restrictive housing compared to other populations;
- (8) The extent to which restrictive housing is achieving the goal of rehabilitation;
- (9) Best practices to train corrections staff to work with the population in restrictive housing; and
- (10) The programming available for inmates in restrictive housing.

The study committee shall seek input from interested stakeholders, including the Department of Corrections.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 198. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the implementation of a statewide registry for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The registry should collect and disseminate usable data to inform the development of public policy, programs, and services related to the aging population, identify epidemiological trends, and provide nonidentifying data to support research on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The Nebraska State Plan for Alzheimer's and Related Dementias identified the establishment of an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia registry as one of 31 recommended actions.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, examination of:

- (1) The costs associated with implementation and federal funding opportunities through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute on Aging, and other sources;
- (2) Opportunities for public and private partnership in the recording of data and dissemination of information;
- (3) The development and maintenance of a secure data system capable of accurate and secure collection and storage of health information pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias;
- (4) Methods for safeguarding the confidentiality of health information contained in the registry;
- (5) The methods for case identification and the core data elements to be collected for cases of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias;
- (6) Methods for raising public awareness of and participation in a registry for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and
- (7) The best methods for transmitting the collected information to health departments, research institutions, health systems, and the public in a timely and appropriate manner.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Hilgers, 21; McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's redistricting process. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the federal and state constitutional and statutory provisions relating to reapportionment and redistricting;

(2) A review of applicable United States Supreme Court and Nebraska Supreme Court decisions relating to redistricting;

(3) A review of the redistricting process used in Nebraska in 1991, 2001, and 2011. The review shall include an in-depth examination of the (a) substantive, administrative, and procedural guidelines used during each of those decades, including the redistricting criteria used during each of those decades, (b) computer software used and the process of creating and merging databases with such software, (c) the role of staff in the process during those previous decades, (d) process timeline, (e) legal challenges, if any, (f) public confidence in the redistricting process, and (g) all other issues necessary to understand the redistricting process;

(4) An examination of the redistricting processes used in other states including, but not limited to, (a) best practices for apportioning districts between changing rural and urban populations, (b) demographic criteria considered in the redistricting process, (c) the role of staff or non-legislative personnel in the process, and (d) public confidence in the redistricting process in other states; and

(5) Any recommendations for the 2021 redistricting process.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 200. Introduced by Quick, 35; Howard, 9; Lathrop, 12; McDonnell, 5; Pansing Brooks, 28; Walz, 15; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine programming provided at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the needs for additional programming. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Staff-to-youth ratios at each center;

(2) Programming available to youth at each center including the use of evidence-based programming;

(3) Mental health treatment options and programming available for youth in each center;

(4) The effectiveness of reentry planning and transition supports and services provided to youth exiting the centers;

(5) Educational programming available and provided to the youth at each center; and

(6) Potential statutory and regulatory changes necessary to best support the staff and youth at the treatment centers.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 201. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the role truancy plays in the school-to-prison pipeline and explore possible alternatives to reduce truancy and ensure students are educationally successful. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) State policy and services regarding truancy;
- (2) National best practices relating to truancy;
- (3) Exploring pathways, such as alternative programs, that could be available for youth;
- (4) Factors that contribute to youth truancy;
- (5) Best practices in assessing the risks and needs of youth and implementing policies that reflect the desire to help youth succeed;
- (6) The extent to which truancy contributes to the school-to-prison pipeline; and
- (7) Other issues pertinent to truant students.

The interim study shall seek input from interested stakeholders.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 202. Introduced by McCollister, 20; Bolz, 29; Briese, 41; Crawford, 45; Friesen, 34; Hansen, M., 26; Kolterman, 24; Lathrop, 12; Vargas, 7; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the use and administration of the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit and ensure it is being fully utilized to leverage available federal funding and maximize the development of workforce housing in Nebraska.

The issues to be investigated by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The feasibility of workforce housing projects funded by four-percent low-income housing tax credits and bonds in the State of Nebraska;

(2) The flexibility of the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit to provide gap financing to four-percent low-income housing tax credit and bond projects and legislative or administrative changes required to expand such opportunities; and

(3) An examination of other states and their affordable housing tax credit programs, including how they leverage state credits to maximize federal low-income housing tax credits and the development of workforce housing.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 204. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 205. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to child custody proceedings and parenting time determinations for families of divorce. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) How custody and parenting time decisions affect outcomes for children; and

(2) Ways to better promote custody or parenting plans that reflect contemporary views on parenthood and child-rearing.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 206. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine options for the elimination of cash bail, appearance bonds, and related provisions, and examine risk assessment tools for pretrial release, post-conviction custody, and supervision status determinations. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Available assessment tools to determine the risk that a defendant awaiting trial will fail to appear or presents an ongoing threat to the community, or the risk that a person convicted of a crime will reoffend;
- (2) Whether the state could improve efficiency and efficacy of risk assessments by reducing the number of tools it uses;
- (3) How elimination of cash bail would impact county jail populations; and
- (4) How the judicial branch, state agencies, and local governments could accommodate elimination of cash bail, including required administrative support, supervision, and potential fiscal impacts.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 207. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the possible elimination of various exemptions of goods and exclusions of services under Nebraska's sales and use tax laws. The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying and evaluating:

- (1) Criteria to consider when evaluating the feasibility of eliminating specific exemptions and exclusions;
- (2) How other states treat goods and services in their sales and use tax base, and specifically, the six states bordering Nebraska;
- (3) The tax expenditures associated with specific Nebraska sales and use tax exemptions and exclusions;
- (4) Historical trends and shifts in the economies of goods and services; and
- (5) Nebraska's current tax structure relative to its reliance on income, sales and use, and property taxes.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Bolz, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, 6; Crawford, 45; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Hansen, M., 26; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Howard, 9; Hunt, 8; Kolowski, 31; Kolterman, 24; La Grone, 49; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; Morfeld, 46; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Scheer, 19; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine state and school district policies that relate to maintaining a safe and positive school learning environment.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Best practices for school personnel to address disruptions in the classroom;
- (2) Best practices for school personnel to intervene during student conflict and physical altercations;
- (3) Best practices for the State Department of Education and school districts to adopt and implement that support and maintain safe and positive school learning environments;
- (4) Best practices for training school personnel to support and maintain safe and positive school learning environments, including conflict de-escalation and interventions; and
- (5) Mental and behavioral health support and resources available in schools.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 209. Introduced by Bolz, 29; Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study state and federal funding options for existing and potential research by the University of Nebraska on local, state, and global water management systems, water quality, water sustainability technology and infrastructure, and sustainable production agriculture.

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

(1) State and federal research by the University of Nebraska on Nebraska's water management systems with corresponding historical appropriations;

(2) State and federal research by the University of Nebraska on Nebraska's water quality and health impacts with corresponding historical appropriations;

(3) State and federal research by the University of Nebraska on water sustainability technology and infrastructure with corresponding historical appropriations;

(4) Best practices, model initiatives, and funding mechanisms that seek to increase state and federal funding to academic research on water sustainability, technology, and quality;

(5) Past state appropriations and initiatives that expanded research capabilities at the University of Nebraska in water sustainability, water quality, water management systems, and sustainable production agriculture; and

(6) Opportunities to align or improve systems supporting Nebraska's university-led research and commercialization.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and analyze programs and agencies that are active in addressing workforce and talent shortages and identify options for increasing postsecondary degrees and credentials to assist in filling vacant high-wage, high-demand, high-skill jobs.

The study will include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) State and federal programs that provide talent and skill building or workforce training with corresponding historical appropriations;

(2) Agency initiatives that seek to address the workforce and talent shortage in high-wage, high-demand, high-skill occupations with corresponding historical appropriations;

(3) Workforce demand, income, education, and demographic projections through 2030, including high-wage, high-demand, high-skill occupations;

(4) Best practices, model initiatives, and funding mechanisms that seek to increase the number of adults with a bachelor's or associate degree;

(5) Degree completion initiatives that seek to assist adults who have postsecondary education credits, but who have not earned a certificate or degree;

(6) Resources necessary to remove barriers to public postsecondary institutions to increase the college-going rate to further support Nebraska's workforce and talent development;

(7) State and federal internship and apprenticeship programs with corresponding historical appropriations; and

(8) Opportunities to align or improve systems supporting workforce and talent development.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 211. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine alternatives for funding the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program, which is administered by the Nebraska Forest Service at the University of Nebraska. The Tree Recovery Program is a matching grant program that funds tree removal, disposal, and replacement costs for municipalities, counties, state agencies, civic groups, tree advisory boards, and other entities that are responsible for the upkeep of government-owned real property.

Due to severe weather conditions, diseases, and invasive species, the state's political subdivisions are experiencing a rise in tree mortality. Most subdivisions have been unable to act decisively due to insufficient funds to remove, dispose of, and replace trees situated on public land, presenting a liability and safety problem.

The interim study shall identify the availability of and eligibility requirements for funds through the federal Emergency Management Agency's Resilience Administration and strategies to leverage additional financial resources for the Tree Recovery Program.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 212. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to assess the financial position of the Nebraska Brand Committee and to identify core operational needs and

opportunities for efficiency improvement. To improve operational efficiencies and facilitate the coordination of core agency objectives, the financial stability of the brand committee must be maintained through the responsible management of budgetary stresses, infrastructure modernization, and resource utilization.

To manage the long-term goals of the brand committee, the interim study shall review the financial positioning of the brand committee, along with key operational objectives and other needs as assessed. The study shall make recommendations for any necessary statutory, policy, structural, or other changes. The study shall include a review of the following:

(1) The financial position of the brand committee to assess its long-term viability as a sustainable state agency. Such analysis may include its sources of funding and budgetary challenges, including information derived from audit reports issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts;

(2) The relevance of the responsibilities of the brand committee as a public benefit, including input from constituencies of the brand committee, a historical narrative on the establishment of the brand committee, and the current challenges that necessitate the services provided by the brand committee;

(3) The operational needs of the brand committee, including field equipment, information technology infrastructure, and other operational support; and

(4) Other responsibilities and objectives of the brand committee.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 213. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine potential solutions and approaches to benefits traditionally enjoyed by workers in an employer-employee relationship, including, but not limited to, health insurance, workers' compensation, and retirement savings, for the growing population of independent contractors and self-employed workers.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 214. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues that surround the engagement, attraction, and retention of youth in Nebraska. This interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The creation of youth-led town halls to identify policy areas of importance to youth across Nebraska; and

(2) Why the youth population is declining in Nebraska. By 2030, there will be more Nebraskans 65 years of age and older in comparison to those 18 years of age and younger.

The study committee shall collaborate with the University of Nebraska and other postsecondary institutions to conduct a statewide survey regarding youth opportunity, personal development, and community inclusivity.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 215. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, changes required to modernize the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, including the following:

(1) Updating the threshold amounts that require a 501(c)(3) organization to obtain a license under the act;

(2) Updating the requirements for applying for a special permit required under the act; and

(3) Updating the allowable methods for 501(c)(3) organizations to conduct sales and activities under the act using available technologies.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine funding priorities for the medicaid home and community-based services waivers under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act and recommend changes to the waiver program to best serve Nebraska families.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The impact of changes in the current day service programs for youth under the home and community-based services waiver program;
- (2) Options to better serve state wards who have developmental disabilities;
- (3) The impact of waiting lists in developmental disabilities programs for families and the options available to serve all families who are eligible for services and better leverage available federal dollars;
- (4) The impact of reduced federal funding on developmental disability programming for youth;
- (5) Options to strengthen communication and outreach to families with children served by an individualized education program in school regarding services and programs available as children transition to adulthood;
- (6) Gaps in service between waivers, specifically the developmental disabilities waivers, aged and disabled waiver, autism waiver, and waivers for rare conditions; and
- (7) The impact of decreased transition services.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 217. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of developing a process for the preparation and consideration of racial impact statements. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The definition or understanding of the term racial impact statement;
- (2) Whether the use of racial impact statements should be limited to a particular category of legislation or whether such statements should be considered for all legislation;
- (3) The agency, division, or department that should be tasked with the creation of racial impact statements;
- (4) The effect that a racial impact statement may have on legislation and the legislative process;

- (5) The fiscal impact that the use of racial impact statements may have;
and
(6) The processes and mechanisms used by other states for preparing, creating, and considering racial impact statements.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature.
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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 218. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the resources of the Department of Agriculture and state government to respond to natural disasters and catastrophic weather events with respect to the loss of agricultural assets and infrastructure serving the agricultural sector. The study shall examine the catastrophic flooding and winter weather events occurring in March of 2019 as a case study to identify potential means of increasing preparedness and response capabilities and shall identify regulatory or statutory provisions that may impose unnecessary costs or restrictions that impede the resiliency of agriculture to recover from catastrophic events.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to identify constraints on agricultural processing, production, and marketing investment. The study shall examine opportunities for future growth in agricultural development, identify regulatory barriers to growth opportunities, and explore means to enable the state and local communities to be prepared to recruit and realize opportunities for agricultural development.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 220. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review provisions governing carcass disposal requirements and options under Chapter 54, article 7 of the Nebraska statutes. The study shall compile a reference of duties for livestock owners, local governments, and the Department of Agriculture under state statutory provisions and federal regulations on livestock disease prevention. The study shall further examine any overlapping or contradictory jurisdiction regarding livestock mortality disposal with the Department of Environment and Energy or other agencies. Goals of the study are to identify useful or necessary updates to livestock disposal requirements to facilitate proper disposal in the aftermath of catastrophic natural disaster or disease events, to incorporate improved technologies or methodologies for animal carcass disposal and management, and to remove outdated, unnecessary, and inconsistent provisions.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 221. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the resources and authorities of the Department of Agriculture regarding livestock disease prevention and response. The study shall examine:

(1) The status of the various livestock disease eradication programs and the need to update statutory authorities to reflect current veterinary science and practice;

(2) The need to coordinate with federal leadership; and

(3) Enforcement needed to prevent future outbreaks of livestock diseases in conjunction with, and under the guidance of, the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222. Introduced by Halloran, 33; Brewer, 43; Erdman, 47; Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the status of the implementation of the electronic brand document and reporting system by the Nebraska Brand Committee. The study shall seek to identify components of the system that are in place and the remaining system components, including acquisition and deployment of associated devices, software, training, personnel, and any other requirements to achieve a fully functioning system, and the anticipated costs and timetable for completion. It is a further goal of this study to identify opportunities such system may provide for leveraging the Nebraska Brand Committee's enhanced information management to provide additional services of value to the livestock industry.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 223. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6; Chambers, 11; DeBoer, 10; Pansing Brooks, 28; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to carry out a comprehensive study of incarceration and mental health services in Nebraska, specifically including the operations of the Department of Correctional Services and the Lincoln Regional Center, as well as an examination of potential reforms to incarceration and mental health services. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The feasibility of authorizing the Board of Parole to operate a community corrections program for the placement of parole-eligible inmates in work release programs distributed throughout the state;
- (2) Whether reforms are needed with regard to the practices of the Lincoln Regional Center in providing psychological evaluations for inmates housed in county jails, for purposes of both civil commitment and evaluations to determine competency to stand trial;
- (3) Whether it is appropriate for juveniles to be placed at the main campus of the Lincoln Regional Center either for treatment purposes or for psychological diagnosis purposes while awaiting trial and whether there should be specific criteria or standards relating to such placements;
- (4) Whether the number of patient beds at the Lincoln Regional Center is adequate for the needs of the state;
- (5) Whether legislation should be enacted eliminating or limiting mandatory minimum sentencing in Nebraska;

(6) Whether changes should be made to the policies and practices of the Department of Correctional Services regarding the placement of department inmates in county jails;

(7) Whether legislation is needed to reform the management and operation of restrictive housing by the Department of Correctional Services;

(8) Whether the Department of Correctional Services should alter its practices concerning the forfeiture of good time credits;

(9) Whether legislation is needed relating to the obligation of the Department of Correctional Services to disclose certain records and information to the Public Counsel and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System;

(10) Whether legislation is needed relating to the placement of county safekeeping prisoners with the Department of Correctional Services;

(11) Whether legislative or funding changes are needed to improve the quality of medical and behavioral health services within the Department of Correctional Services;

(12) Whether pay increases are needed for nurses employed by the Department of Correctional Services based on their time-in-service;

(13) Whether additional funding should be provided to the Department of Correctional Services for the improvement of programming provided to its inmates; and

(14) Whether the Nebraska State Patrol should be designated as the sole agency tasked with investigating criminal activities that occur in facilities operated by the Department of Correctional Services.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall appoint a select interim committee to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of at least two members from each of the Judiciary, Health and Human Services, and Appropriations Committees of the Legislature.

2. That the select interim committee may seek assistance and input from the Public Counsel and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System.

3. That the select interim committee may obtain input from other experts and interested parties, including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Correctional Services, the Board of Parole, and the Nebraska State Patrol.

4. That the select interim committee shall on or before December 15, 2019, make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 224. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the civil legal service needs of low-income residents. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Public and private funding available for civil legal service for low-income residents;
- (2) Gaps in civil legal service available to Nebraskans;
- (3) Gaps in civil legal service funding available to Nebraska lawyers;
- (4) The practice areas with the highest needs for civil legal service;
- (5) The civil legal service needs of Nebraskans due to the significant flooding in 2019; and
- (6) The provision of civil legal service for low-income residents of similarly situated states.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 226. Introduced by Howard, 9; Bostelman, 23; Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and assess prescribing practices of health care providers related to opioids and the effectiveness of Nebraska's prescription drug monitoring program as a deterrent for overprescribing controlled substances. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Current continuing education requirements for health care providers on opioid prescribing practices and whether additional providers should be required to receive such education;
- (2) Research and data surrounding problems of overprescribing opioids in Nebraska and whether a crisis exists;
- (3) The possible need for legislation requiring providers to consult Nebraska's prescription drug monitoring program before prescribing any controlled substance; and
- (4) Nebraska's pain management guidance document released by the Department of Health and Human Services in October of 2017, its effectiveness, and whether or not such guidelines should be further developed for providers that prescribe controlled substances.

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

- 1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the future of nuclear-generated electricity in Nebraska. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The history of nuclear-generated electricity in the state and the role it plays in the state's public power structure;
- (2) How nuclear-generated electricity compares with other types of electricity generation regarding environmental impacts;
- (3) New technology available for nuclear power generation and whether such advancements could benefit Nebraska; and
- (4) How nuclear-generated electricity may promote economic development in the state.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the potential effects of implementing a flat rate income tax. This study may include an examination of other states that have imposed a flat rate income tax.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 229. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the rate of interest permissible on installment loans under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act to determine if there is a need to update such rates. The interim study shall consider:

- (1) The balance between access to safe and affordable credit and consumer protection in a sustainable model;
- (2) The beneficial alignment of interest between borrowers and lenders in order to expand safe and accessible consumer credit;

(3) Consumers obtaining loans that are not regulated by the Department of Banking and Finance; and

(4) Maximum rates of installment loans in other states.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the interim study shall also consider the input of the Department of Banking and Finance and other interested persons as the committee deems necessary and appropriate.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 231. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether electrician licensing requirements and building regulations need to be changed to support economic development.

Recent economic development projects have exposed Nebraska's shortage of electricians and recent flooding has put further strain on Nebraska's construction workforce.

Meanwhile, Nebraskans are clamoring for property tax reform. Growing Nebraska is an essential component to providing meaningful property tax relief. Nebraska must ensure that regulations remain up-to-date with industry needs and technological advances, and that unnecessary regulations are removed to allow for economic development and state growth while maintaining important safety regulations.

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

(1) Strategies to entice more people into construction fields to ensure Nebraska's ability to continue growing through economic development projects;

(2) A comparison of Nebraska's electrician licensing requirements and building codes with those of similarly situated states;

(3) Whether Nebraska's electrician licensing requirements and building regulations account for changes in electrical construction technology and building techniques;

(4) Whether electrician licensing requirements and building regulations could be better tailored to account for large-scale projects; and

(5) Strategies to update Nebraska's electrician licensing requirements and building regulations to remove obstacles to economic development while maintaining a safe working environment.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232. Introduced by McCollister, 20; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Halloran, 33; Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the processes and procedures used in the assessment and valuation of real property and in appeals before the Tax Equalization and Review Commission. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The opportunity to save taxpayer dollars by eliminating redundant mailings from county treasurers and assessors;

(2) Requiring county assessors to use a single, state-approved, mass assessment software system, including the potential cost-savings and reduction of disputes between counties;

(3) Extending the property valuation appeal process to more closely match the income tax filing season;

(4) The acceptance by county assessors of protests generated by tax preparers;

(5) Standardizing the protest form statewide for all counties;

(6) Realigning the representation on the Tax Equalization and Review Commission to better serve constituents;

(7) The use of current market analysis reports produced by a licensed realtor as proof of valuation in place of, or in addition to, appraisals;

(8) Aligning local taxing authority levy rate adjustments with total county certified valuation to avoid a windfall of tax revenue and a corresponding increase in spending without taxpayer oversight;

(9) Consolidation of county assessors;

(10) Reducing the acceptable range for real property from ninety-two to one hundred percent to ninety-six to one hundred percent of actual value; and

(11) A standardized statewide reporting system.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 233. Introduced by Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the operations and processes of the Nebraska State Patrol in fingerprint collection and

submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national criminal history record information checks, particularly in light of the recent statutory requirement that employees of child care facilities and child-caring agencies be subject to such fingerprinting.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The historic, current, and future costs of such fingerprinting services;
- (2) The expenses associated with providing such services;
- (3) The cost to employees and employers required to complete such fingerprinting and background checks;
- (4) The impact of increased fingerprinting costs on employers providing licensed child care services and on residential child-caring agencies;
- (5) The time required to complete such fingerprinting and background checks and the impact of time-delay on employers providing licensed child care services and on residential child-caring agencies; and
- (6) The availability of state or federal funding to alleviate the costs of fingerprinting services and background checks for child care facilities and residential child-caring agencies.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to track rate increases appropriated for behavioral health providers to ensure that legislative intent is followed and the rate increases are funded, which enables such providers to offer the right services at the right time.

A recent multiyear cost model study conducted by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services demonstrated that behavioral health provider rates are between five and thirty-five percent below the cost of providing services. In the past, appropriations intended for provider rate increases have not been realized by such providers, making it critical for the Legislature, as well as the providers and consumers, to track the appropriation and determine the amount of funding distributed to providers.

The interim study shall seek input from the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Office of Probation Administration.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 235. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the efficacy of testing and monitoring programs to reduce recidivism for driving under the influence and controlled substance offenses, particularly ignition interlock devices and the 24/7 sobriety program, and to develop recommendations regarding the expansion of such programs throughout the state. The study committee is encouraged to work with the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature to examine the issues involved in this study.

The questions to be addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) How ignition interlock devices and 24/7 sobriety programs across the state are being utilized to monitor repeat offenders for driving under the influence;

(2) How ignition interlock devices and a 24/7 sobriety program can work together to reduce recidivism for driving under the influence offenses;

(3) What are the success rates for repeat offenders through ignition interlock devices and 24/7 sobriety monitoring programs in Nebraska and other states;

(4) What are the potential issues and costs associated with expansion of 24/7 sobriety programs across Nebraska and is there any available funding to offset such costs; and

(5) What statutory changes are necessary to implement a statewide 24/7 sobriety program.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to juvenile justice.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to Nebraska's correctional system.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 238. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to assess the rehabilitation and other needs of inmates while in the custody of the Department of Correctional Services and while transitioning into the community. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Methods to determine inmate classification, assignment, and eligibility for work release;

(2) Availability and utilization of less-restrictive levels of custody;

(3) Methods of preparing eligible inmates for parole and safe reentry into the community; and

(4) Availability of housing and other resources for former inmates, including those with special circumstances.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Howard, 9, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, 6; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine non-court involved cases, including voluntary and alternative response cases, in the child welfare system. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The standards used to determine which cases are handled as non-court involved cases and the process for such determination;
- (2) The regulatory or statutory oversight, or lack thereof, for non-court involved cases;
- (3) The type of services provided to families in non-court involved cases, including, when possible, specific data on services offered;
- (4) The risk assessment level for children placed in non-court involved cases, including specific data on how many families were assessed at each risk level;
- (5) The type of placements used in non-court involved cases, including whether any background checks are performed for those placements and whether any changes in voluntary placements are tracked;
- (6) The average length of time a non-court involved case remains open;
- (7) The number of non-court involved cases that transition to court-involved cases and the number of non-court involved cases that are closed;
- (8) The grounds for closing a non-court involved case and the grounds for transferring a non-court involved case to a court-involved case; and
- (9) The decrease in initial assessments despite an increase in calls to the child abuse and neglect hotline.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 240. Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review municipal rental housing inspection programs. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of municipal rental housing inspection programs, requirements, fee structures, and schedules of inspection and whether such inspections are proactive or complaint based;
- (2) A review of municipalities considering changes to current rental housing inspection programs or that recently made changes to their rental housing inspection programs and an overview of such changes; and
- (3) A review of rental housing inspection programs in other states.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Brandt, 32; Briese, 41; Dorn, 30; Gragert, 40; Kolterman, 24; Scheer, 19; Slama, 1; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to develop an environmental action plan for the state, including assessments of vulnerability, risks, economic impacts, and mitigation strategies. The state has experienced devastating, costly, and historic floods in the last ten years. An increase in highly destructive weather events, including floods, drought, and high winds present serious, diverse, and ongoing issues. All of Nebraska's industries, especially agriculture, are negatively impacted by these destructive and increasingly frequent extreme weather events. Even the water supplies of the state's largest population centers have been compromised by flooding. Appropriate and proactive planning is needed to develop strategies to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of extreme weather events on the health and well-being of Nebraskans. An effective plan to meet the challenges posed by extreme weather events will enable the state to take advantage of opportunities resulting from adaptation and mitigation strategies. Such strategies have the potential to attract new businesses and investments to Nebraska and to reduce the negative impacts of extreme weather events on the environment.

The select interim committee shall:

- (1) Select two co-chairs from the membership of the committee;
- (2) Gather, share, examine, and analyze data and information related to environmental impacts on the resources and people of Nebraska;
- (3) Examine laws, programs, policies, and planning efforts for extreme weather events, including those developed in other states;
- (4) Examine environmental action plans developed in other states; and
- (5) Consult with relevant stakeholders and academic experts on extreme weather events, including, but not limited to, the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges, Nebraska community colleges, emergency management officials, conservation organizations, political subdivisions, state agencies, and the public.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature shall be designated to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of the chair of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature, or his or her designee, the chair of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, or his or her designee, the chair of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature, or his or her designee, and four members of the Legislature selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242. Introduced by State-Tribal Relations Committee: Hilkemann, 4, Chairperson; Brewer, 43; Gragert, 40; Hunt, 8; Walz, 15; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the replacement of Native American mascots in Nebraska at nontribal schools.

Support has increased to end the era of Native American mascots in sports and popular culture. Hundreds of tribal nations, national and regional tribal organizations, civil rights organizations, school boards, sports teams, sports and media personalities, and individuals have called for the end of Native American mascots. Rooted in the civil rights movement, the quest for racial equality among indigenous people led to campaigns to bring an end to negative and harmful stereotypes in the media and popular culture, including in sports. There has been significant progress at the professional, collegiate, and high school levels to change.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243. Introduced by Hunt, 8; Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the practice of medical refusal for contraception, sterilization, or abortion services by health care facilities and providers. It is critical to the health of Nebraskans and their families to understand how refusals to provide care and comprehensive information may harm individuals.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of information on health care facilities with a religious affiliation, including the number and percentage of such facilities, the size and type of such facilities, and the location of such facilities;

(2) A collection of information regarding the number and percentage of patients that give birth at a health care facility, seek miscarriage management treatment, or are provided miscarriage management treatment, and the related complications at health care facilities with a religious affiliation, disaggregated by race and including the number of such patients whose care is paid by the medical assistance program;

(3) A collection of information, by means of a statewide survey, to identify health care providers participating in a practice relationship with a religious health care facility that requires such providers to agree to any

restrictions on care. Such survey shall collect information on location, type of care, type of restriction, and how many patients each provider serves; and

(4) An examination of the practices of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers with a religious affiliation, including, but not limited to:

(a) Reproductive health services not provided by such hospital or ambulatory surgical center, including contraception, tubal ligation, in vitro fertilization or other assisted reproductive technology, miscarriage management, treatment of ectopic pregnancy, maternity care, and abortion;

(b) The policy of such hospital or ambulatory surgical center regarding information and referrals to be shared with existing patients and prospective patients when they inquire about health care services sought by the patient that such hospital or ambulatory surgical center does not provide or provides in a limited capacity;

(c) The policy of such hospital or ambulatory surgical center on action to be taken and medical information and referrals to be provided when a patient's health or life is at-risk and such hospital or ambulatory surgical center will not provide the medical services needed to adhere to the standard of care, even if allowable under state law;

(d) The types of information and referrals provided to patients when medical care is denied, including actions taken when medical care is denied and the patient's life or health is at-risk. This examination shall include surveys or interviews with patients and providers at religiously affiliated hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers and not be limited to written policies; and

(e) The number of inquiries, including, but not limited to, emails, calls, and in-person visits, received by such hospital or ambulatory surgical center regarding abortion, contraception, or sterilization services.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244. Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine discrepancies in reimbursement under the medical assistance program between the three Heritage Health managed care plans and the impacts of applying a multiple-procedure payment-reduction policy to therapy services.

The multiple-procedure payment-reduction policy in the medicare system was implemented by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in 2011 for multiple surgical procedures and diagnostic imaging procedures occurring in one day. The policy implemented in the medical assistance program in Nebraska applies to all therapy services regardless of the therapy discipline, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, or

speech-language pathology services. When multiple therapy services are provided to the same patient on the same day, full payment is made for the unit or procedure with the highest practice-expense payment. For subsequent units or procedures furnished to the same patient on the same day, fifty percent payment is made for the practice expense for services submitted on either professional or institutional claims.

Therapy services are rarely only one unit, and the practice-expense for each code was calculated with the understanding that a therapy session always has more than one unit per visit, which does not comport with the multiple-procedure payment-reduction policy. With the Nebraska medicaid fee schedule currently below the medicare fee schedule, the application of the policy further reduces reimbursement to levels that most therapy practice locations cannot sustain.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Research of other states' medicaid fee schedules and whether they are applying the multiple-procedure payment-reduction policy to therapy services;

(2) Laws and regulations regarding medicaid fee schedules;

(3) Therapy practice costs for medicaid providers, reimbursement levels, and associated costs for care when services are not provided to patients at the right time; and

(4) The impact on access to therapy services if therapy providers cannot continue to serve low-income Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 245. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine advance planning for mental health care, which is distinct from advance planning for end-of-life care. This study shall continue the conversation begun by the introduction of Legislative Bill 247, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 246. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Office of Public Guardian. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the structure, duties, and effectiveness of the office.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247. Introduced by La Grone, 49; Brewer, 43; Hansen, M., 26; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the long-term sustainability of recurring election technology replacement.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to analyze and assess the arrangement for chemical testing of items seized pursuant to arrests for controlled substances and whether the costs of such testing should be distributed between state and local governments. Much of the testing of such items is performed by the Nebraska State Patrol criminalistics laboratory. The interim study shall include an examination of the cost to operate such laboratory, to employ testing analysts and other staff, and to perform requested testing as an obligation of the state as funded by the state budget. The interim study shall also examine the chemical testing done for local and county agencies and the requests made for testing and analysis by county-level prosecutors where costs are paid by the state.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 249. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine how the state administers federal Older Americans Act funds. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, creating a pilot program to allow a county or a group of counties to administer Older Americans Act funds directly.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 250. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine programs and policies relating to the development and implementation of the comprehensive strategic plan for providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community-based settings, commonly referred to as the Olmstead Plan, pursuant to section 81-6,122.

The study committee shall seek the input of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 251. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to conduct a comprehensive review of food deserts in Nebraska and make recommendations to combat the rise of food deserts and increase access to healthy, affordable food. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) National best practices relating to state and local efforts to provide healthy, affordable food to low-income areas;

(2) Resources the state may use to combat food deserts;

(3) A review of the Department of Economic Development's ability to establish a financing program involving public, private, and nonprofit sectors to increase access to healthy food;

(4) The ways in which food insecurity affects thousands of Nebraska families; and

(5) The benefits of access to healthy, affordable food for rural, low-income, and predominantly minority communities.

The interim study shall obtain input from interested parties including the Department of Economic Development and statewide stakeholders in providing healthy, affordable food.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review employment opportunities and barriers to employment for minority and at-risk populations and to make recommendations to increase success in obtaining employment for such populations. For purposes of this interim study, at-risk populations means populations at-risk of becoming homeless.

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

(1) Rates of underemployment of minority and at-risk populations across Nebraska;

(2) Reasons for underemployment of minority and at-risk populations across Nebraska;

(3) Barriers to employment for minority and at-risk populations, including, but not limited to, access to transportation, childcare, and housing;

(4) Current workforce initiatives serving minority and at-risk populations, including but not limited to, an analysis of currently eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act training providers and their willingness and capacity to serve minority and at-risk populations;

(5) Best practices for increasing access to employment and income stability for minority and at-risk populations; and

(6) Recommendations to increase the effectiveness of workforce initiatives to better serve minority and at-risk populations.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 253. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to investigate the laws of self-defense and defense of third parties as they apply to the defense of persons victimized by domestic violence and human trafficking. The interim study shall also examine how criminal justice procedures and institutions could be reformed to better protect victims of domestic violence and human trafficking and the private volunteers and charity workers who intervene to rescue and protect victims from abusers and traffickers.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 262. Introduced by Revenue Committee: Linehan, 39, Chairperson; Briese, 41; Crawford, 45; Friesen, 34; Groene, 42; Kolterman, 24; Lindstrom, 18; McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

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