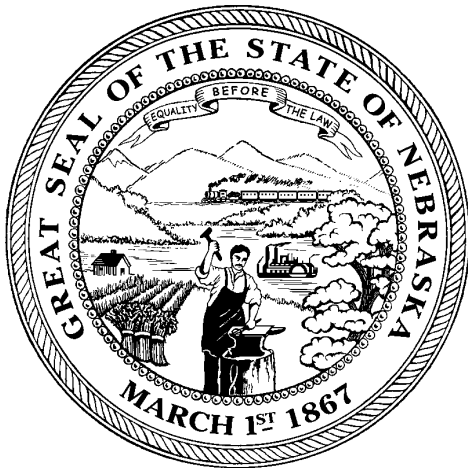


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REFERENCING AND STUDY PROCESS

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.)

INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE REFERRALS**Committee Priority Designations**

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Appropriations: Stinner (C), Wishart (VC), Clements, Dorn, Erdman, Hilkemann, Kolterman, McDonnell, Vargas

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Select Interim Ethics Committee of the Legislature: DeBoer, Hilgers, Linehan, Lowe, Slama, Wishart

LR307 Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Special Ethics Investigative Committee of the Legislature.

Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature: Wayne (C), Hilgers, Lindstrom, McDonnell, McKinney, Vargas, Wishart

LB1024 Establish a special legislative committee of the Legislature to be known as the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 266. Introduced by Day, 49; Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska's processes relating to investigation of reports of child abuse or neglect in licensed child care facilities.

Allegations of child abuse by a staff member and owner of Rosewood Academy in Omaha, Nebraska, occurring in December 2020 and January 2021 were unknown to parents who entrusted Rosewood Academy to care for their children. The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for licensing child care facilities to ensure the safety of children. Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services or law enforcement is responsible for investigating reports of child abuse in licensed child care facilities and immediately notifying each person having custody of a child who has allegedly been abused or neglected of the report.

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

- (1) The current statutory requirements for parental notice of abuse or neglect in licensed child care facilities;
- (2) The responsibilities of the Division of Children and Family Services and the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and law enforcement agencies when an allegation of child abuse or neglect involves a licensed child care facility;
- (3) How Nebraska's statutes relating to out-of-home child abuse or neglect compare to other states;
- (4) The rights of parents whose children are alleged victims of abuse or neglect in licensed child care facilities to receive notice of such allegations;
- (5) The remedies available to parents whose children are alleged victims of abuse or neglect in licensed child care facilities.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 276. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the circumstances in which conditional use permits can be approved or revoked. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examining the abilities of Nebraska municipalities regarding the approval of conditional use permits;
- (2) Determining whether a property owner or the conditional use permit holder being in arrears to the city, state, or federal government enables revocation of such conditional use permits; and

(3) Deciding if more clarification for the use of conditional use permits in state statute is necessary.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall designate a special committee of the Legislature 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 277. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to determine what is needed to develop a plan to protect managed and native Nebraskan pollinators from current harmful practices. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Analyzing the effects of neonicotinoids on pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths, and bats;

(2) Understanding the population decline of managed and native pollinators in Nebraska;

(3) Outlining better practices for entities engaged in activities that can affect pollinator viability, as well as practices that enhance and create habitats to support and grow Nebraska's population of pollinators;

(4) Determining efficient and cost-effective practices to protect pollinators; and

(5) Providing leadership and guidance relating to the protection of pollinators to localities and the private sector.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall designate a special committee of the Legislature 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 279. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The office of Public Counsel, also known as the State Ombudsman's Office, serves the Legislature and the people of Nebraska by independently and impartially investigating issues related to state agencies and employees. The office conducts investigations and works in many areas. Within the office are the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System.

The purpose of this study is to examine ways to further support the mission of the office of Public Counsel. The study shall include, but not be

limited to, an examination of the organization and structure of the office of Public Counsel while the office transitions to the leadership of a new Public Counsel.

In examining these issues the study committee should seek testimony from stakeholders and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 board 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 294. 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 the administration of each retirement system.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 295. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

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

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee 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 305. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Hansen, M., 26; Hilgers, 21; Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues related to the personnel policies of the Legislature. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination and review of any policies governing personnel and conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 307. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Gragert, 40; Hansen, M., 26; Hughes, 44; Pansing Brooks, 28; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, the Legislative personnel manual includes written policies on workplace harassment; and

WHEREAS, this document is not binding and not codified into law; and

WHEREAS, a recent complaint has been filed against a former sitting senator; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Legislature does not have appropriate recourse for addressing workplace harassment; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Legislature should be treated professionally; and

WHEREAS, the appropriateness of that policy is now in question; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Nebraska deserve representatives that behave in a respectful and accountable manner.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Special Ethics Investigative Committee of the Legislature.

2. That the committee shall consist of eight members of the Legislature which shall include an equal number of male and female members.

3. That the committee is hereby authorized to review the Legislature's workplace harassment policies including, but not limited to, requiring discussion and a vote of the full Legislature on the use and composition of a permanent special ethics committee to investigate workplace misconduct

accusations. Additionally, the committee shall have authority to oversee any current workplace complaints made to the Executive Board, the Clerk of the Legislature, and the Affirmative Action Officer of the Legislature. The committee shall be authorized to request subpoena power as needed.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 311. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues related to the workplace policies of the Legislature. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination and review of the Legislature's workplace harassment policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 327. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine severe maternal morbidity and make recommendations that will improve the quality of care for mothers and babies. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) National and best practices related to the prevention of severe maternal morbidity;

(2) The known causes of severe maternal morbidity in Nebraska;

(3) The status of the state's current system of monitoring severe maternal morbidity;

(4) Racial, economic, and geographic disparities that exist in severe maternal morbidity in Nebraska;

(5) Potential programs to address severe maternal morbidity and improve outcomes for mothers, as well as funding opportunities for such programs; and

(6) Potential statutory or administrative changes that would support improved outcomes for maternal health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 328. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine whether rules and regulations guiding the inspection and permitting of mobile food units are being applied consistently between jurisdictions and, if not, how to streamline such rules and regulations to better promote business success. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Identifying the jurisdictions responsible for regulating mobile food units in Nebraska;
- (2) Reviewing the state and local rules and regulations applicable to these jurisdictions;
- (3) Determining whether such rules and regulations are being applied consistently between jurisdictions;
- (4) Assessing the business uncertainty that results from an inconsistent application of rules and regulations between jurisdictions; and
- (5) Developing proposed revisions to the Nebraska Pure Food Act and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under the act or any other laws in order to create certainty and promote business success for mobile food units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 330. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine what percentage should be used to forecast revenue when preparing fiscal notes and determine if state agencies or political subdivisions should use the same percentage when preparing their estimates on the fiscal impact of a specific bill. The study should also examine how the percentage interplays with the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board when calculating the increase or decrease in projected revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 and the Clerk of the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 333. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine modernization of Nebraska's tax system with the goal of facilitating economic growth. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The current structure of personal and corporate income tax;
- (2) The current structure of sales tax;
- (3) The current structure of tax incentives;
- (4) The current structure of the inheritance tax;
- (5) The current structure of the personal property tax; and
- (6) Recommendations to modify these components in a means that is revenue neutral.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 337. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine laws relating to brand registration of alcoholic beverages of all types and varieties, and the submission of certificates of labeling approval as required by the federal government.

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

1. 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 338. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine all licenses issued by the State Racing and Gaming Commission. This study shall be conducted to fulfill the requirements of section 84-948 and the Occupational Board Reform Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 339. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine matters relating to cemeteries in Nebraska. This study shall include examination of any and all statutes governing cemeteries of any type across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 340. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 347. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the statutes governing metropolitan utilities districts in Chapter 14 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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 348. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the occupational regulations for master plumbers. 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 guidelines issued by various municipalities to determine qualifications for master plumbers pursuant to sections 18-1901 to 18-1920.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 349. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study 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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 351. Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the feasibility of the construction, operation, and maintenance of public river port facilities on Nebraska waterways. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examining the feasibility and logistics of the construction of public port facilities on Nebraska waterways, including the Missouri River;

- (2) Reviewing the public benefits of the operation of public port facilities on Nebraska waterways;
- (3) Determining whether commercial transport of goods along Nebraska waterways generates economic benefits to Nebraska citizens;
- (4) Studying environmental, public safety, and administrative issues associated with the operation of public port facilities;
- (5) Examining funding opportunities to construct and operate public port facilities; and
- (6) Reviewing related state statutes and local ordinances impacting the construction, operation, and maintenance of public port facilities on Nebraska waterways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 354. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the educational experiences and outcomes of youth in foster care. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration of the following:

- (1) National and best practices related to educational opportunities for youth in foster care;
- (2) The known challenges of youth in foster care in regards to educational attainment;
- (3) The status of the state's current system of support for youth in foster care in regards to their educational goals;
- (4) Racial, economic, and geographic disparities that exist in educational attainment for youth in foster care;
- (5) Potential programs to address challenges in educational success for youth in foster care, particularly the foster care full ride program;
- (6) The landscape of educational opportunities for youth in foster care including community colleges, universities, state colleges, and career and technical training programs;
- (7) Other state efforts to support youth in foster care and their educational goals; and
- (8) Potential statutory or administrative changes that would support improved outcomes in education for youth in foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 355. Introduced by Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and review Chapter 70 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes in order to update and modernize language and determine if any updates or revisions are necessary. The study shall include, but not to be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Statutes relating to electric generation and transmission;
- (2) Statutes governing the approval of and decommissioning of electric generation facilities;
- (3) Statutes governing the Nebraska Power Review Board; and
- (4) Adherence by public power suppliers to the laws and policies of the state.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 359. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine whether section 79-458, which authorizes certain property holders to attach their property to a different school district through a freeholder petition, should be updated or eliminated. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Department of Revenue and should consider the input of county officials, school districts, and interested persons as the committee deems necessary and appropriate. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) A review of the applicable laws, regulations, policies, and exceptions regarding the transfer of property through freeholder petitions from one school district to another; and
- (2) Whether property should automatically be returned to the original district when property ownership changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 360. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine eligibility, enrollment, application, renewal, and redetermination practices for the medical assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) under the Department of Health and Human Services. The medical assistance program and CHIP currently provide health care coverage to hundreds of thousands of Nebraskans and play an important role in keeping our state healthy. However, eligible Nebraskans still face burdens when trying to access coverage. Reviewing the Department of Health and Human Services' current practices and recent program developments will help identify key opportunities for Nebraska.

This study shall examine eligibility, enrollment, application, renewal, and redetermination practices for the medical assistance program and CHIP and how these practices can be improved. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Data collection and information gathering regarding:
 - (a) Eligibility, enrollment, application, renewal, and redetermination policies and practices for the medical assistance program and CHIP;
 - (b) The administration and performance of the iServe Nebraska application portal expected to be launched in April 2022; and
 - (c) Data sharing policies and practices across the medical assistance program, CHIP, and other Department of Health and Human Services programs; and
- (2) A determination of potential solutions to improve eligibility, enrollment, application, renewal, and redetermination practices for the medical assistance program and CHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 361. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine insurance coverage for lung cancer screenings and make recommendations that will improve the availability of such screenings to Nebraskans. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) Medicare policies regarding lung cancer screenings, including the recent change which reduces the starting age of eligibility for lung cancer screenings from age fifty-five to age fifty;

(2) Recent published academic research demonstrating decreased lung cancer mortality with early detection;

(3) Current Nebraska laws and rules and regulations that require insurance coverage of screenings of all types; and

(4) Other state laws and rules and regulations that require insurance coverage of screenings of all types.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 362. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the costs and benefits associated with the usage of permeable surfaces. This study will determine the water quality and quantity benefits of permeable surfacing and measure the cost of installation and maintenance against the reduced costs for storm water conveyance infrastructure.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Determining what qualifies as a permeable surface;

(2) Evaluating the cost of installation of permeable surfaces compared to traditional surfaces;

(3) Evaluating the cost of operation and maintenance associated with permeable surfaces compared to traditional surfaces;

(4) Determining the environmental impacts of permeable surfaces to water flow and runoff;

(5) Determining the water quality benefits of permeable surfaces compared to traditional surfaces in terms of pollutant retention and reduction;

(6) Determining the water quantity benefits of permeable surfaces compared to traditional surfaces in terms of volume and rate of storm water runoff;

(7) Determining the relative economic benefit in terms of dollar value or a dollars-per-acre metric of water quality and quantity benefits of permeable surfaces compared to traditional surfaces;

(8) Determining the minimum or maximum size threshold at which the water quality and quantity benefits of permeable surfaces are negligible compared to traditional surfaces; and

(9) Determining potential statutory changes that balance the costs and benefits associated with the usage of permeable surfaces including potential property tax reduction.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 363. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the reprocessing and recycling of spent nuclear fuel and to examine the statutes relating to the disposal, transportation, and storage of spent nuclear fuel. The study may include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Statutes governing the disposal, transportation, and storage of spent nuclear fuel within Nebraska;

(2) The feasibility of conducting pyrochemical processing or electrorefining of spent nuclear fuel;

(3) Molten salt reactors and the potential of such reactors to recycle spent nuclear fuel;

(4) Advanced non-light water reactors and advanced nuclear reactors and the potential of such reactors to reprocess spent nuclear fuel; and

(5) The amount of money Nebraska has paid into the federal Nuclear Waste Fund, which has failed to produce a permanent nuclear waste storage facility.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 364. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the establishment of an insurtech regulatory sandbox. Insurers using innovative technologies in their business operations may be uncertain if those initiatives can meet the state's existing statutory framework. This study will evaluate whether current statutes need temporary flexibility. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) How insurtech sandbox programs work, examined in conjunction with the Department of Insurance;

(2) Efforts in other states to establish insurance specific sandbox programs in an effort to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development; and

(3) Costs associated with establishing an insurtech sandbox.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 365. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles and explore potential policies to improve efficiency in the department. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Evaluating the current structure of the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(2) Examining what services could be made more efficient, including moving some services online; and

(3) Assessing potential costs that could be reduced and how those savings could be passed on to Nebraska taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 366. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to survey and examine at least three of the current certified community behavioral health clinics established through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's demonstration program in order to provide additional information on the impact of the implementation of such clinics on the current mental health and substance use treatment system in Nebraska. Such clinics have been established in 42 states across the country to expand access to care and improve coordination with law enforcement, the legal system, and schools. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The need for accessible care in each area served by the current clinics and how implementation of the new model has impacted that need and waitlists for services;

(2) The impact of clinics on individuals with co-occurring mental health conditions;

(3) The effect of increased access to initial services;

(4) The effect of efficient and timely transitioning between levels of care such as the transition from residential facilities to community-based care management and support;

(5) The effect of reductions in high emergency department utilizers with at least one psychiatric condition;

(6) How partnerships with other agencies and resources supports reduction in law enforcement interactions and avoids need for hospitalization;

(7) How implementation of the clinic model in the state medical assistance program system would increase Nebraska's behavioral health workforce and provide detailed data on impact to the system; and

(8) Best practices and essential elements in choosing a type of prospective payment system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 367. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska. Home visitation is a prevention strategy used to support pregnant moms and new parents which promotes infant and child health, fosters educational development and school readiness, and prevents abuse and neglect. This study shall assess the status of home visitation in the state of Nebraska and explore ways to expand programming to more families. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A collection of existing data on the type and location of home visitation programs available in Nebraska and to what extent each program aligns with evidence-based or evidence-informed approaches, including training or professional credentials required for each program model;

(2) A review of the number of parents and children impacted by home visitation, as well as eligibility criteria, target populations, outcome measures, if available, and consideration of wait lists for programs and referral sources, if applicable;

(3) An examination of existing federal, state, and local funding sources for home visitation in the State of Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

(a) Department of Health and Human Services funds;

- (b) State Department of Education funds;
- (c) Head Start funds;
- (d) Private funds;
- (e) Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation program funds;
- (f) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds;
- (g) Medicaid funds;
- (h) Family First Prevention Services Act funds; and
- (i) State of Nebraska General Funds;

(4) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes that would support current models or establish new models of home visitation in Nebraska, a consideration of the status of home visitation in other states, and the potential for home visitation to meet work requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; and

(5) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to increase development and access to home visitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 368. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify deficiencies and inefficiencies in Nebraska public policy surrounding disability related service provision and discuss policy reforms that would increase the ability of families that have children with disabilities to access necessary disability related services statewide. Many Nebraska families that have children with disabilities struggle to arrange necessary disability related services for their child with a disability. Families of children with disabilities often face a lack of appropriate services, especially at a nursing level of care, through agency or independent providers. Therefore, family members are forced to provide this care without compensation or reimbursement and are unable to acquire or maintain employment.

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

- (1) The adequacy of staffing for direct service professionals by agency providers and independent providers with an emphasis on the availability of service providers for children;
- (2) Opportunities to eliminate the barriers to family member guardians as paid caretakers for those with a nursing level of care or higher;
- (3) How other states have best leveraged the flexibility in medicaid waivers to expand opportunities to find additional providers; and

(4) Appropriate policies and procedures that will protect the rights of individuals with disabilities who have guardians that provide care in order to minimize potential conflicts of interest without overly invasive regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 370. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the coordination and administration of boundary layers in Nebraska and improve spatial data infrastructure coordination and usage. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the board shall seek the assistance of the Legislative Research Office. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying any statutory requirements for established boundaries in Nebraska;

(2) Creating an inventory of existing boundaries and stakeholders;

(3) Organizing the reporting of boundary changes to a specific commission or agency;

(4) Identifying existing standards for boundaries that may be used;

(5) Developing a strategy for updating and maintaining boundaries;

(6) Recognizing partners that will have an interest in boundaries; and

(7) Designing strategies to work with the United States Bureau of the Census to maximize its coordination of the next census.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board 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 371. Introduced by Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the requirements regarding occupational regulation as administered by the Department of Banking and Finance in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 372. Introduced by Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of the Real Property Appraiser Board and should 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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 373. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the feasibility of developing a policy and implementing a statewide process for awarding college credit consistently in specific programs of study across all public educational institutions for military education and training so that students with a military affiliation can easily understand and determine how their military training and experience will translate into college credit.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examining how postsecondary educational institutions, service education providers, and other states have approached this topic;

(2) Considering programs of study that could be prioritized for review and inclusion based on H3 status (high demand, high wage, and high skill occupations), required credentials, and predominant military occupations in Nebraska and surrounding states; and

(3) Learning about the process used by Nebraska postsecondary educational institutions in evaluating military transcripts, training, and experience as well as academic and vocational degrees, certifications, licenses, or credentials earned in order to award the appropriate college credit.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 374. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to create a select interim committee of the Legislature, to be known as the State and Local School Aid Committee, to conduct an in-depth study of the balancing of state and local financing of the public elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of the State Department of Education and the Department of Revenue and should consider the input of school districts and interested parties as the committee deems necessary and appropriate. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of ways to equitably balance the financing of public education from state and local sources; and
- (2) Developing recommendations for improving equity in school funding in Nebraska.

The committee shall consist of:

- (1) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature, or the chairperson's designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the State and Local School Aid Committee;
- (2) A member of the Education Committee of the Legislature, appointed by the chairperson of such committee;
- (3) The chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature, or the chairperson's designee;
- (4) A member of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature, appointed by the chairperson of such committee;
- (5) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, or the chairperson's designee; and
- (6) A member of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, appointed by the chairperson of such committee.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature, to be known as the State and Local School Aid Committee, shall be designated as provided in this resolution 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 375. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study 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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 376. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine whether reports of the resistance of public agencies to fulfill public record requests are representative of a broad statewide issue or represent isolated incidents. If these incidents are commonplace, the study should determine what reforms could be enacted to ensure that public record requests are being properly met and that Nebraskans have prompt, unfettered, and robust access to open government.

Sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 are intended to guarantee that the public has access to public records of government bodies at all levels of government. However, even though the purpose and scope of sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 are for broad disclosure and accessibility, some categories of records are exempt from disclosure. Section 84-712.05 provides twenty-three separate categories of records that may be withheld from the public so long as such records have not been publicly disclosed in open court, an open administrative proceeding, or an open meeting or disclosed by a public entity pursuant to its duty. There are additional statutory exceptions which provide that governmental records can be withheld from public inspection.

News media members, advocacy groups, and other members of the public have reported that public records requests are regularly and routinely resisted by governmental bodies. Such reports indicate that resistance takes the form of prolonged delays in responding to requests, demands of excessive prepayment amounts for the costs of retrieving such records, tenuous claims of exemptions allowing for the public agency to withhold records, or other justifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 purpose 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 377. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine statutes relating to the incorporation of new municipalities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The potential preference among existing sanitary improvement districts to incorporate directly into municipal classifications other than villages;
- (2) Current population requirements and other requirements for the incorporation of new municipalities; and
- (3) Potential statutory changes necessary to achieve sanitary improvement district incorporation into municipal classifications other than villages.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 378. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the process for determining the rate of reimbursement for the child care subsidy program and whether current rates sufficiently cover the cost of providing quality child care. The child care subsidy program, funded through the federal Child Care and Development Fund, provides subsidies to low-income families to pay for child care while parents work or attend school. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The use of a market rate survey, as outlined in section 43-536, for determining rates of reimbursement;
- (2) Analysis of the anticipated monthly subsidy billing available to providers compared to the amounts paid;
- (3) Analysis of the market rates for child care compared to the cost of providing quality child care for providers;
- (4) Analysis of total expenditures on the child care subsidy program in Nebraska;
- (5) A review of the reimbursement rate setting processes utilized in other states; and
- (6) Alternative methodologies available for determining child care subsidy reimbursement rates.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 379. Introduced by Day, 49.

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

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

- (1) Data collection and information gathering regarding:
 - (a) Fentanyl manufacturing and distribution in Nebraska and surrounding states;
 - (b) The classification of drug-induced homicide and drug delivery resulting in death charges in Nebraska as compared to other states;
 - (c) Punitive or restorative responses to drug-induced homicide and drug delivery resulting in death charges; and
 - (d) Potential expansion of prevention, intervention, and response activities; and
- (2) Possible solutions pertaining to fentanyl distribution in the state and collaboration with the appropriate community partners about these solutions.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 380. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine a potential limit on taxation of public and private pension income. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall consider the input of interested individuals, public officials, and such entities as the committee deems necessary and appropriate.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Identifying the tax burden on retirees in Nebraska and surrounding states;

(2) Examining the potential fiscal impact of limiting taxation on retiree pensions;

(3) Compiling information about taxation of retirees in other states and creating a list of actionable steps on how to make Nebraska a more retiree-friendly state as it relates to taxation;

(4) Analyzing past proposals to limit taxation in Nebraska; and

(5) Collaborating with individuals on other tax relief options for retirees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 383. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore best practices for the implementation of a consumption tax in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 384. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate laws and procedures pertaining to the use of emergency protective custody and to suggest improvements in procedures and statutes related to emergency protective custody and court orders for the treatment of persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

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

(1) Laws and procedures governing emergency protective custody and the use of court orders for mental health treatment;

(2) Continuation of treatment through facility or placement changes;

(3) Treatment planning for persons being discharged from mental health facilities;

(4) Continuity of care when persons with severe and persistent mental illness move from the jurisdiction of one behavioral health region to another; and

(5) Other related factors affecting the mental health treatment of persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 386. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Nebraska Juvenile Code. The study shall include a review of the Nebraska Juvenile Code, including related statutes and court rules to potentially modify. In order to fulfill the purpose of the resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of county judges, juvenile judges, attorneys, and any others the committee deems necessary.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 387. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the statutes relating to homestead exemptions and the current system and guidelines in place for determining income for applications for a homestead exemption, to assess whether such system and guidelines are appropriate and fair for applicants, and to evaluate possible changes and solutions.

A homestead exemption is a property tax relief option available for certain categories of homeowners. Income limits exist to claim a homestead exemption on a sliding scale for persons over age sixty-five, veterans totally disabled by a non-service-connected accident or illness, and persons with developmental disabilities. No such income limits exist for qualified totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses or for veterans and their surviving spouses whose homes were substantially contributed to by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Applicants for a homestead exemption must report their income on the Nebraska Schedule I document which is filed with their application and that report must be supplemented by income documents from the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, and Railroad Retirement Board. Several factors determine the income levels for purposes of qualifying for a homestead exemption such as passive income, social security benefits, and whether the names of any children or other individuals are on the deed as owners and also occupy the homestead.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Reviewing income guidelines for homestead exemptions;

(2) Assessing the guidelines and the barriers in place that prevent Nebraskans from qualifying for a homestead exemption;

(3) Determining the fiscal impact of changing income guidelines for applicants;

(4) Comparing current guidelines to neighboring states; and

(5) Determining whether changing income guidelines for homestead exemptions is appropriate and, if needed, examine alternative solutions for persons who do not qualify for the exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 388. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the rating and combined rating system that the Department of Veterans' Affairs uses to determine compensation payments and access to other benefits. The combined total rating for a disabled veteran determines the benefits and compensation rates the disabled veteran receives. Combined ratings also determine whether a disabled veteran meets the requirements for total disability based on individual unemployability.

The calculation for determining benefits and compensation rates is relatively simple when a person only has one rated service-connected disability. Combined ratings are far more complicated as each service-connected disability is assigned its own rating based on the severity of the veteran's symptoms. This study shall assess the current process for calculating such percentages and examine any changes that may need to be made to ensure disabled veterans are receiving the benefits they need.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examining how disability rates are compounded and calculated; and

(2) Discerning whether the compounded disability rates that are being assigned to Nebraska disabled veterans are appropriate for their level of disability and the way their disabilities have impacted their life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 389. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how information on all Parkinson's disease cases can best be collected and reported to the Parkinson's Disease Registry (PDR) to provide a rich data source that can be used to improve Parkinson's disease prevention, survival, treatment, and research. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Current strategies in Nebraska to collect and store information on all Parkinson's disease cases diagnosed or receiving treatment;
- (2) Current strategies to report diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's disease to the PDR;
- (3) Obstacles to enhanced data collection and reporting to the PDR;
- (4) Current strategies among other states for enhanced data collection and reporting to such state's Parkinson's disease registries; and
- (5) Uses for data collected through the PDR both statewide and nationwide to improve Parkinson's disease prevention, care, treatment, and research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 390. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement model and processes for Nebraska's critical access hospitals and to determine if changes should be made to strengthen the financial position of these rural hospitals. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Reviewing medicaid inpatient per diem rates and outpatient cost-to-charges ratio rates, when such rates were last updated, and if such rates accurately reflect hospital costs;
- (2) Reviewing how much time the medical assistance program takes to settle cost reports and how significant delays impact the ability of critical access hospitals to fund hospital operations; and
- (3) Reviewing how critical access hospitals financially sustain other important rural health initiatives, including community wellness outreach and long-term care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 392. Introduced by Friesen, 34; DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study 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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 393. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the committee hearing procedures of the Legislature and explore changes that would improve access to participation from the public.

One of the advantages of a unicameral form of government is better transparency, accountability, and access to the legislative process for members of the public. To realize these benefits, the Legislature should ensure committee procedures maximize opportunities for public input, especially during the committee hearing process where the goal is to allow for participation from the "second house".

The COVID-19 public health emergency led to changes in how the Legislature collects and records public comments on legislative bills, including implementation of an online public comment portal and the practice of accepting written testimony. It also allowed many to become more familiar with technology that facilitates virtual communication. These circumstances necessitate an examination of committee procedures and practices and potential improvements.

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

(1) An examination of current and past committee hearing procedures, including procedures on taking and recording testimony and written comments;

(2) An overview of the public comment portal implemented in 2020 and its effectiveness;

- (3) A review of methods used in other states and other Nebraska government bodies for input from the public on policy issues; and
- (4) Potential improvements in committee hearing procedures that increase public participation and input from all Nebraskans, especially those often left out of the policy process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 board 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 394. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and analyze potential changes to Nebraska's net metering policy to facilitate the increased utilization of solar energy to power Nebraska livestock production facilities. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Whether the current twenty-five kilowatts cap on rated capacity for a qualified facility should be increased for livestock production facilities;
- (2) Whether livestock production facilities should be exempt from the current cap on the total generating capacity of all customer-generators using net metering served by a local distribution utility;
- (3) Whether the rated capacity of a livestock production facility should be measured in alternating current; and
- (4) Any other issues related to the purpose of the study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 395. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the judicial inefficiency and increased costs to the state arising from Nebraska's four separate statutory based mechanisms for postconviction relief. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Nebraska's statutory mechanisms for postconviction relief, including a new trial in section 29-2101, postconviction relief in section 29-3001, habeas corpus in section 29-2801, and the DNA Testing Act;

(2) How Nebraska's splintered postconviction structure wastes judicial resources, adds burdens to prosecutors, and increases costs to the state when it prevents innocent petitioners from presenting the full scope of their claims at one time in front of one court;

(3) The gateway standard for innocence adopted by the federal court system and other state jurisdictions, including South Dakota, Montana, Missouri, and North Carolina under the United States Supreme Court decision in *Schlup v. Delo*, 513 U.S. 298 (1995). The gateway standard is a narrow exception provided to defendants who can prove their innocence in order to overcome a procedural default that otherwise prevents a challenge to the conviction. Such exception is not currently applicable under Nebraska's postconviction mechanisms;

(4) Claims of actual innocence, even absent an independent constitutional violation, if a person establishes by clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable fact finder would have found such person guilty of the underlying offense; and

(5) Whether Nebraska should join other states by adopting a rule that necessitates ineffective assistance of counsel claims involving issues of trial strategy be brought for the first time at the postconviction phase in order to protect defendants, prevent injustice, and preserve judicial resources.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; McKinney, 11; Slama, 1; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the funding needs of the Commission on Public Advocacy and to find a long-term funding solution. The study may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Reviewing existing statutes that direct funding to the Commission on Public Advocacy;

(2) Examining the trends in Nebraska case filings over the last fifteen years and the impact that such trends have on the Commission on Public Advocacy;

(3) Reviewing other possible funding mechanisms in addition to filing fees for the Commission on Public Advocacy, including the state General Fund or other cash funds;

(4) Determining whether the Commission on Public Advocacy could take on additional cases with additional funding; and

(5) Examining the amount of property tax relief that the Commission on Public Advocacy has provided through its legal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 397. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the needs, workforce, and funding streams for mental health care across Nebraska. In order to fulfill the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall make recommendations for improving access to and ensuring financial stability for mental health care.

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

(1) National and best practices related to providing access to and funding for mental health care;

(2) The impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of Nebraskans;

(3) The state's current financing mechanisms for mental health care;

(4) Disparities that exist in access to mental health care in Nebraska; and

(5) Potential ongoing funding streams for mental health care and the overall cost to fill any gaps in access to mental health care in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 398. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the funding of emergency communications in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The historical decline in revenue from landline service fees that support public safety answering points and the impact of the decline on delivering 911 operations;

(2) Alternative sources of funding for public safety answering points that do not rely on local property taxes;

(3) Technology upgrades that could reduce operational costs; and

(4) Potential new revenue streams for emergency medical services from next generation 911 technologies, such as telehealth, nurse or mental health

triage services, or other nonemergency alternatives, for below cost reimbursement from medicare, medicaid, and other government insurers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 399. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review and identify what judicial resources are necessary to expand problem-solving courts across the State of Nebraska.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Hughes, 44; Jacobson, 42; Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine current farm economic conditions in Nebraska and how best to aid and support beginning farmers and livestock and dairy producers in this state. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Examining current statutory policies used to support beginning farmers and livestock and dairy producers, the effectiveness of such policies, and potential changes to such policies, including the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act;

(2) Determining the type of supports most beneficial to beginning farmers and livestock and dairy producers;

(3) Developing recommendations related to supporting beginning farmers and livestock and dairy producers in order to continue to grow the agriculture industry in the state; and

(4) Examining the Department of Agriculture implementation of the NextGen program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 401. Introduced by Friesen, 34; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; DeBoer, 10; Hughes, 44; Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the administration of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Examining changes made by the Public Service Commission in docket C-5368;
- (2) Reviewing the distribution of grants under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act with special attention to grants for the second year; and
- (3) Considering the need for additional legislation governing the administration of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act and the need for legislation to implement the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program and any other federal broadband assistance program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 402. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to assess the ranking criteria and practices of the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The six-member grants committee votes on which projects are eligible for grants with only projects that have at least three of the six members rate the project a perfect score of eleven being eligible for grants.

This year the committee deemed eighty-two of the one hundred eighteen projects eligible for grants, an abnormally low amount. Of those eighty-two, seventy-one projects were granted funding, so the trust only spent around fourteen million dollars out of the approximately twenty million dollars allocated to the trust to spend this year. The funding of only sixty percent of the project applications and expenditure of only sixty-five percent of the funds authorized is unprecedented. The rating of the grants this year also raises a concern as rating scores differed wildly and illogically for projects that had traditionally been funded. One project that had received funding each previous year it had applied was deemed ineligible, with two reviewers rating it an eleven and another rating it a two. The study is intended to

assess the rating criteria of the Nebraska Environmental Trust and any other potential factors that might result in such unprecedented changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 403. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the use of no-knock warrants in Nebraska and across the nation.

As has been documented, the execution of a no-knock warrant has the capacity to infringe upon a resident's reasonable expectation of privacy and can allow police to enter a dwelling house in the same way as a burglar. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Potential revisions and statutory reforms regarding no-knock warrants;
- (2) How relevant stakeholders are collaborating on addressing the consequences of any errors regarding evidence admitted as a result of no-knock warrants;
- (3) How widespread Fourth Amendment violations may be, including how many Nebraskans are impacted by these issues and relevant demographic information about the populations most impacted;
- (4) Whether additional funding or training or other solutions to address these issues should be implemented; and
- (5) Any and all related issues to protect and defend the right of a reasonable expectation of privacy for Nebraskans.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the racial and ethnic disproportionality within Nebraska's child welfare system. Research overwhelmingly demonstrates that children and families of color make up a greater percentage of individuals in the child welfare system as compared to their percentage in the national and state general population, and this is especially true for Black and Native American children and families. Research also overwhelmingly demonstrates that individuals and families of

color make up a greater percentage of individuals that law enforcement officials interact with as compared to their percentage in the national and state general population. In thinking about the various pathways for entry into the child welfare system, law enforcement officers have a role through reporting, referring, or assisting child welfare system workers in investigating families who come into contact with the system.

This study shall examine this disproportionality in Nebraska's child welfare system, and if and how the role of law enforcement on the front-end of the child welfare system contributes to it. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Collecting race and ethnicity data regarding:
 - (a) Nebraska's child welfare system population as a whole as well as specific parts within such system compared to the state's general population;
 - (b) Sources of reports or referrals to the child welfare system, including, but not limited to, law enforcement officials; and
 - (c) Length of time in the child welfare system including both alternative response or traditional response child welfare cases;
- (2) An examination of the pathways leading to entry into Nebraska's child welfare system, including the role of law enforcement officials, the scope of law enforcement authority, and relevant statutes and rules and regulations controlling such entry and such role;
- (3) Gathering of community input regarding the racial and ethnic disproportionality in Nebraska's child welfare system and law enforcement's role within it; and
- (4) A determination of potential solutions to reduce the racial and ethnic disproportionality in Nebraska's child welfare system, focusing on the pathways of entry into the child welfare system and law enforcement's role in such entry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 405. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the operation of the statewide financial systems by the Accounting Administrator of the accounting division of the Department of Administrative Services and ensure that internal controls are properly implemented.

The accounting division operates and maintains statewide financial systems, preaudits agency transactions, issues the statewide Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and budgetary reports, coordinates the long-term financing needs of the State of Nebraska, and prepares the statewide cost

allocation plan. The mission statement of the accounting division is, "To lead State agencies through our customer-oriented management and support of the financial management systems; to be mindful of our responsibility to the taxpayers; and to establish and follow a well-constructed plan to maximize our future endeavors."

The Department of Administrative Services has the duty to fulfill the mission statement of the accounting division and the obligation to conform with generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments, which are established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

- (1) Analysis of the accounting division's financial reports, including the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and annual budgetary reports;
- (2) Assessment of the Department of Administrative Services compliance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (3) Review of deficiencies identified by the Auditor of Public Accounts, including significant deficiencies and material weaknesses;
- (4) Review of improvements resulting from corrective actions identified by the Auditor of Public Accounts;
- (5) Review of existing significant deficiencies and material weaknesses still exhibited by the Department of Administrative Services; and
- (6) Recommendations for the improvement of internal controls to fulfill the accounting division's mission statement and comply with generally accepted accounting principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 406. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the implementation the office of Chief Information Officer's information technology consolidation initiative to ensure efficient use of Nebraska taxpayer resources.

The office of Chief Information Officer's website states "The Office of the Chief Information Officer was created to assure a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective approach is taken on an enterprise level for the deployment of technology by the Nebraska State Government. The Office of the CIO provides a wide range of technology services to state agencies, boards, and commissions, as well as political subdivisions. As the State continues to explore shared services, we have eliminated the duplication of several IT expenditures and services, lowered costs through enterprise purchases and

agreements, and provided more efficient and effective ways to expand access to government services."

The office of Chief Information Officer has the duty to fulfill its mission statement and the obligation to ensure its stated purpose of coordinating a cost-effective operation of information technology services to Nebraska state agencies.

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

- (1) Analysis of budget programs under the purview of the office of Chief Information Officer, including revolving funds and requests for full-time equivalent employees;
- (2) Analysis of agency revenues, including a list of billable services and fees;
- (3) Comparison of expenditures to agency revenues;
- (4) Review of historical increases in full-time equivalent employees compared with increases in revenue from billable services;
- (5) Evidence of improvements resulting from the consolidation initiative;
- (6) Existing needs for improvement in the consolidation initiative, where they exist; and
- (7) Recommendations for the improvement of implementation of the consolidation initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 407. Introduced by Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how Nebraska is utilizing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, gathering information on the utilization, transfer, and availability of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds. The study should also include a breakdown of funding utilization categorized by use including, but not limited to, basic assistance, administration, work-related activities, child care, tax credits, pregnancy prevention, and other services as well as specific uses within those categories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 408. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine ways to grow and diversify Nebraska's health care workforce by engaging communities that are underrepresented in the current health care workforce. The State of Nebraska should focus on developing a health care workforce that reflects the communities in our state.

Health care disparities have long existed for racial and ethnic minority populations resulting in individuals suffering disproportionately from treatable, curable, and preventable diseases. A lack of diversity in the health care workforce could worsen these health disparities.

According to a study from the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health dated March 31, 2021, Black, Hispanic, and Native American individuals are all significantly underrepresented in the health care workforce in the United States.

The State of Nebraska must work with health care providers and health care educators to educate, recruit, retain, and cultivate a diverse health care workforce that mirrors the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 409. Introduced by Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Department of Health and Human Services' capacity and resources to treat individuals who have been committed to the department for treatment to restore competency to stand trial. The study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the current challenges to increasing availability for such treatment and the Department of Health and Human Services' immediate and long-term plans for capacity in order to provide treatment to such individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 410. Introduced by Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund was initially created with a fifty million dollar 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. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 411. Introduced by Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study 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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 412. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: In 1996, Nebraska voters approved an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska that provided for crime victims to have certain rights. Following the voters' approval of the amendment, the Legislature enacted a number of statutes to provide victims and survivors of criminal offenses with some procedural and substantive protections. These protections include the duty of prosecutors to notify certain victims of charges and plea agreements, the opportunity for victims to provide a statement to a court regarding imposition of sentences, requirements that victims be notified when certain offenders are released from custody, and other provisions.

Prior to the constitutional amendment providing victims with such rights, the Legislature had created the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act. The act provides for financial compensation to innocent victims and survivors of crimes for certain expenses and monetary losses related to such crimes. Compensation for victims and survivors under the act is funded through the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984, state General Fund appropriations, and cash funds. Unfortunately, in recent years the funds in the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act have not been sufficient to provide for adequate compensation to all victims and survivors who seek compensation.

Additionally, the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Working Group which met with various stakeholders in the Nebraska criminal justice system in 2021 and 2022 found various issues with corrections operations and the court system. Among the recommended solutions for the Legislature to consider was a suggestion that state law be amended to provide for a priority of payment of restitution to victims and survivors of crimes.

This study shall examine if existing statutory rights and protections relating to victims and survivors are adequate or whether and how such rights and protections can be modified and improved so that victims and survivors are adequately and meaningfully protected and empowered.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 413. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the potential transition to a statewide professional license for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technicians. These skilled trades provide career opportunities for many Nebraskans, but the technicians must get a separate license for each municipality in which they work often imposing barriers in terms of time and cost. Nebraska has a demand for

economic development and housing projects but is facing a shortage of workers in these trades. Therefore, the state could potentially benefit from a more streamlined licensing process.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of the State Electrical Division and consider the input of additional interested parties as the committee deems necessary and appropriate. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Efforts in other states to establish statewide licensing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technicians;
- (2) Costs associated with establishing a state-issued license; and
- (3) Needs for local or state licensing in light of a robust inspection regime by municipalities.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 414. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine programming, opportunities, and interventions for students attending an alternative school, class, or educational program in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) What programming is available for students who have been expelled from their school;
- (2) Program completion rates for students attending an alternative school, class, or educational program;
- (3) The relationship between unverified status, truancy, and expulsions and suspensions for students;
- (4) Whether certain months during the year have an unexpected increase in expulsions; and
- (5) National best practices for students attending an alternative school, class, or educational program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 415. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; Hilkemann, 4; Kolterman, 24; Stinner, 48; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the lack of access to quality and affordable health insurance for Nebraska's early childhood workforce and potential solutions to this issue. This study shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration of the following:

- (1) A review of research on the issue of health insurance for the early childhood workforce in all licensed child care settings in Nebraska;
- (2) Efforts being undertaken in other states to broaden access to health insurance for the early childhood workforce; and
- (3) The feasibility and cost of the early childhood workforce entering existing health insurance pools and securing quality health insurance through the health insurance marketplace or private markets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 416. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the risks and potential adverse economic consequences to the State of Nebraska, and its residents, from the transfer of business interests from one generation to the next.

The continued economic growth and success of the Nebraska economy is dependent on the retention of successful Nebraska small businesses as the baby boomer generation continues to age and retire.

Over the next fifty years, Nebraskans will pass nearly one trillion dollars of economic value to the next generation, with a large proportion attributed to the transfer of small business interests. In fact, more than forty percent of small businesses are owned by baby boomers, which employ more than twenty-five million people in the United States. Notwithstanding, nearly sixty percent of small business owners have failed to develop a succession plan.

The failure to adequately develop a succession plan is likely to disrupt the economic output of otherwise profitable Nebraska small businesses due to:

- (1) Conflicts between stakeholders following the business owner's death;
- (2) Lack of liquidity of business interests to finance retirement;
- (3) Lack of adequate financing mechanisms to facilitate a subsequent sale to employees of or outside investors in the small business; and
- (4) Unanticipated federal tax consequences.

The failure of certain small business owners to adequately develop a succession plan is a threat to the continued growth of the Nebraska economy and overall economic well-being of Nebraska's residents. Following the death of the business owner, such a failure jeopardizes the continued viability of an otherwise profitable Nebraska small business as a going concern. Often times those who inherit Nebraska small businesses decide to liquidate or sell the business, frequently at a discounted value. The sale or liquidation of a Nebraska small business results in the loss of Nebraska jobs and removes economic value from the Nebraska economy.

Presently, the State of Nebraska and its institutions lack appropriate infrastructure to facilitate the sale of Nebraska small businesses to Nebraska residents, creating an obstacle to the development of an adequate succession plan. Due to the lack of such infrastructure, the sale of a small business will more likely be to a nonresident of Nebraska and at a discounted value. Moreover, the sale of a Nebraska business to such a foreign buyer risks the relocation of the business to a competing state with a more favorable tax environment.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 417. Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement rates and processes for difficult to place patients in Nebraska's acute care hospitals. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Review of inpatient medicaid reimbursement rates, when such rates were last updated, and if such rates accurately reflect acute care hospital costs;
- (2) Review of the conditions surrounding the inability for acute care hospitals and critical access hospitals to discharge patients to skilled nursing facilities or similar long-term care facilities;
- (3) Review of acute care hospital bed capacity being occupied by patients that do not meet the appropriate level of care;
- (4) Review of medicaid reimbursement for acute care hospital patients that do not meet the appropriate level of care and are unable to be transferred to a facility with the appropriate level of care;
- (5) Review of the utilization of home health care replacing long-term care for patients in acute care hospitals; and
- (6) Establishing medicaid reimbursement rates for patients in long-term acute care hospitals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 418. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the sales tax system in Nebraska with respect to exemptions provided to various industries in an effort to incentivize business investment and economic growth in the state. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The current statutory approach to sales tax exemptions provided to various industries for certain inputs in Nebraska, including those exemptions provided to manufacturing and agriculture;

(2) The current statutory approach to sales tax exemptions provided to various industries for certain inputs in other states, including the sales tax exemptions provided to data centers by neighboring states and the nationwide trends for providing such exemptions to incentivize business investment;

(3) The beneficial economic impacts of data center investments and expansion in Nebraska and in other states nationwide; and

(4) Recommendations to modify the current statutory approach to sales tax exemptions provided to data centers that invest and expand in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose 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 419. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the existing federal rule process for nuclear generation license renewal applications. The study may include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The need to have reliable baseload generation resources that can ensure utilities can meet zero carbon initiatives;

(2) The need to have a predictable process for sustaining existing nuclear generation and implementing a process to approve advanced nuclear generation;

(3) The delays in creating a new rulemaking process for advanced nuclear reactors which were authorized by Congress under the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act;

(4) Continued rulemaking delays, reversal of previous license renewal application approvals, and holds on reviews currently in progress; and

(5) Whether the Legislature should send communication to Congress and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission urging the commission to follow through with the existing federal rule process to streamline nuclear generation license renewal applications and work to move forward with the rulemaking process for the approval of advanced nuclear reactors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 420. Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the education process and procedures for serving students with special needs. The requirements for special needs programs vary from district to district and addressing student needs for children in all of Nebraska's schools will promote excellence in education. This study may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Evaluating how to best serve students with special needs;

(2) Examining educational opportunities for students with special needs;

(3) Evaluating the benefits of keeping families with children who have special needs together;

(4) Reviewing how each district approaches the relationships between public and private schools in providing education for students with special needs;

(5) Examining the option of offering consistent equitable services in nonpublic schools; and

(6) Examining special education funding for the state's public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 421. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine property rights issues. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the assistance of attorneys with experience in eminent domain.

The right to own property is fundamental to American law. The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that private property cannot be taken without due process and that such property can only be taken for a public use with just compensation. Article I, section 3, of the Nebraska Constitution requires due process to take private property and Article I, section 21, requires just compensation for property taken for public use.

Eminent domain is a process by which the government takes property from unwilling property owners and should be used only as a last resort. An easement taken by eminent domain may permanently alter the character of the land and its surroundings, including impacts on natural resources, and may create liabilities which fall on the property owner.

Section 76-710.04 restricts the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes but carves out certain exceptions including exceptions for a pipeline and a transmission line. An easement taken by eminent domain for major infrastructure projects like pipelines may create abandonment, restoration, and reclamation issues. A one-time payment for a permanent easement for a pipeline project that generates income for a private business may not provide just compensation to the property owner as required by the state and federal constitutions.

The use of zoning by local jurisdictions may provide one means of protection for property owners. Limiting easements for property taken for private gain to a term of years or requiring reversion to the property owner upon abandonment may provide other means of protecting property owners.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 422. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A comparison of the provisions in the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act to similar provisions in the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act;

(2) A review of past grant awards and recipients under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act; and

(3) A review of the use of federal dollars under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for housing in qualified census tracts, including under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 423. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine whether the current arrangement of court appointment of attorneys is appropriate and whether this arrangement is adequately meeting the needs of providing indigent defense for the counties of Nebraska. Additionally, the study should examine whether counties are fairly assessed the costs of indigent defense costs, particularly in counties in which a public defender office does not exist or for prosecuting complex or high-profile cases, which might lead to increased fees for court appointment of attorneys. The study should also examine whether the current funding mechanism at county expense is the appropriate means to fund indigent defense and whether such costs should be funded by the state General Fund, a shared-cost arrangement with the counties, or some other manner of funding. Finally, the study should assess whether the difference in court-appointed fee rates and the process for providing indigent defense ensures that indigent defendants are receiving adequate representation in criminal and juvenile cases. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall obtain input from the public and impacted individuals relating to the subject matter of this resolution.

The Nebraska statutes require that counties are responsible for the costs of providing representation to indigent people charged with criminal offenses. Larger counties in Nebraska have created public defender offices to maintain regular and robust representation of indigent defendants and to minimize expense to the counties.

In instances in which a public defender office does not exist in a county or cannot ethically or practically be appointed to represent criminal defendants, counties appoint private attorneys to represent indigent defendants. In such situation, counties will generally pay such private attorneys an hourly rate to represent indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile cases. The hourly rates vary in differing counties. Additionally, the rate is set by local county officials or by judges appointing counsel.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee 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 424. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research the topic of home equity theft. Home equity theft occurs when a home is foreclosed on for tax debt and none of the home's value in excess of the tax and other debts is returned to the original owner. In most states, if a property owner fails to pay their property taxes on their home or property, the home or property can be foreclosed on and sold at auction to pay the debt with any remaining proceeds from the sale being returned to the original homeowner. However, in 12 states, including Nebraska, a property owner can lose their property and all their invested equity in that property as recompense for a minor tax debt. Unlike traditional tax or mortgage foreclosures, home equity theft schemes leave the original owner with nothing, regardless of the size of the debt or value of the property. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) How many homes or properties are having their equity taken in the property tax foreclosure process;
- (2) How much home equity is being lost from excessive fines;
- (3) The property tax foreclosure process in other states, including Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado; and
- (4) Potential violations of constitutional rights.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 425. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the operational and statutory needs of law enforcement departments of the University of Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the examination of:

- (1) Relevant Nebraska laws governing the law enforcement departments of the University of Nebraska;
- (2) Relevant Nebraska laws governing law enforcement agencies, law enforcement officers, and peace officers;
- (3) Existing agreements between law enforcement departments of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Patrol; and

(4) Relevant Nebraska laws to determine whether establishing such university law enforcement departments in statute would be beneficial.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 438. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Arch, 14, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify potential policy changes for improving communication and sharing of case-specific information among the various state and local government agencies responsible for the care, custody, treatment, and rehabilitation of youth in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, youth involved in the child welfare system and youth committed to the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. The sharing of information related to the past treatment, interventions, programming, and support of youth may improve efficiency in treating youth who transition from the care of one agency to another agency and improve outcomes for youth.

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

(1) The opportunities for sharing case information between and among state and local government agencies involved in the treatment, rehabilitation, and education of youth in the state's care and custody; and

(2) The barriers to sharing case information between and among the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Correctional Services, the Office of Probation Administration, the State Department of Education, and juvenile detention facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 463. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the structure and administration of and compliance with:

(1) Individual and corporate income taxes;

(2) Financial institution and insurance premiums taxes;

- (3) State and local sales and use taxes;
- (4) Real and personal property taxes; and
- (5) Any other taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 BILL 1024. Introduced by Wayne, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend section 81-1201.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 81-1237, 81-1238, 81-1239, and 81-1240, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to adopt the Economic Recovery Act; to create divisions within the Department of Economic Development; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act; to provide for grants as prescribed; to state legislative intent for appropriations; to transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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