

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372

Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study the potential effect of national health care reform proposals on Nebraska and to analyze policy options for responding to and implementing health care reform measures. To carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee shall consider input from employers, including small businesses, consumer groups, insurers, providers, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Insurance, health care consumers, and other interested parties as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

The issues to consider include, but are not limited to:

(1) The anticipated effect of federal programs seeking to achieve health care reform on Nebraska health care services;

(2) The role of employer-sponsored insurance and public programs in providing health care coverage for Nebraskans;

(3) The large number of Nebraskans who are uninsured or underinsured;

(4) The cost shift which is imposed on Nebraska employers and consumers who purchase health insurance by the underfunding of public programs and the high levels of uncompensated care borne by hospitals and clinics;

(5) Policy options that are available to eliminate

the number of Nebraskans who are uninsured or underinsured, make private health insurance more affordable for businesses and individuals, and strengthen public programs for low-income Nebraskans; and

(6) Available funding options to assure a financially sustainable and affordable health care system.

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