

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 518

Introduced by Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to gather information and study the need to craft a consistent and systematic policy to ensure that women who choose to give birth at home are adequately supported by trained health care professionals and the health care system. This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) A survey of the requirements and qualifications for home birth attendance in other states;

(2) An examination of how to credential health care professionals to adequately meet the needs of women who choose to give birth at home and to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

(3) A review of the education and training necessary and available to provide services to women who give birth at home;

(4) An analysis of regulatory changes necessary to ensure adequate oversight of health care professionals offering home birthing services if statutory changes are made; and

(5) Any other issues the study committee deems necessary or appropriate.

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