

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 547

Introduced by Smith, 14; Ashford, 20; Lathrop, 12; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issues surrounding labor shortage areas in the state and the opportunities available to Nebraska's future workforce to develop the skills necessary to fill such career positions. The study shall examine, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) An identification of regional industry needs in the state;
- (2) The career education programs in Nebraska's public school system and the amount of local and state funding supporting those programs;
- (3) The prevalence of labor apprenticeship programs in the state and the extent to which those programs are able to partner with public school systems;
- (4) The involvement and support of regional business communities in the advancement of career education programs and labor apprenticeship programs;
- (5) An examination of public-private partnership opportunities for the development of a comprehensive and aggressive workforce training initiative for Nebraska, including an examination of similar initiatives in other states; and
- (6) An examination of the relevant rules that affect the credentialing of education centers.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with 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 committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.