

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404

Introduced by Jensen, 20

PURPOSE: (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The Nebraska Health and Human Services System has been entrusted by the Legislature with numerous powers and duties relating to the protection and promotion of the health and welfare of persons in Nebraska;

(b) The system has initiated and expanded numerous programs and services under its administration to carry out such powers and duties;

(c) The Legislature has appropriated General Funds and other funds for such programs and services, but the amount of such appropriations is often less than the amount identified by the system as being necessary and appropriate for such purpose, despite repeated legislative action to increase such appropriations;

(d) State budget constraints are inconsistent with increasing budget needs of programs and services administered by the system; and

(e) Further legislative action is necessary and appropriate to identify and prioritize core responsibilities of the system, to adequately fund such priorities, and to identify nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of nonpriority programs and services.

(2) The Nebraska Health and Human Services System, in consultation with the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, shall:

(a) Identify and categorize the statutory powers and duties of the system and prioritize the programs and services administered by the system to carry out such powers and duties;

(b) Indicate the amount of funding necessary to adequately fund each program or service;

(c) Identify those programs and services which would not be funded if the FY2005-06 budget for the system was first allocated to each program and service in the order of priority at its adequately funded level; and

(d) Recommend nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of such nonpriority programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.