

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 159

Introduced by Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the future need for health care workers in Nebraska and to review recommendations to meet the state's needs now and in the future. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the current match of the supply of health care professionals to the needs of the state, including a detailed review of the match within each of the state's health planning regions for all health professions for which valid and reliable data are available;

(2) A review of educational and training programs in the state that produce graduates that serve Nebraska's residents;

(3) A review of special programs in Nebraska designed to recruit and retain health care professionals in areas designated as health profession shortage areas or medically underserved areas and in areas that might become shortage or underserved areas but for successful locally-based efforts to recruit and retain health professionals;

(4) Forecasts of numbers of professionals needed in Nebraska up to twenty years into the future, including distribution of those professionals across the regions of the state;

(5) Recommendations for public policies and educational

and training programs designed to help the state meet its future needs; and

(6) Assessment of the benefits and costs of establishing a Nebraska health care workforce commission through a private/public partnership.

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