

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

WHEREAS, the Governor has, by Proclamation dated November 2, 2009, called for the convening of an extraordinary session; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the extraordinary session is limited to budgetary reductions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature faces a three hundred thirty-four million dollar budget shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has recommended budget reductions during the current budget biennium of two hundred eighty million dollars in General Fund spending, comprised of sixty-one million dollars in across-the-board reductions, one hundred fifty-four million dollars in specific budget reductions, and sixty-five million dollars in reductions to General Fund reappropriations, as well as transfers to the General Fund including across-the-board reductions in cash fund spending of nineteen million dollars and thirty-seven million dollars from other specific funds; and

WHEREAS, nearly every state agency must make fiscal assessments and reductions in the form of across-the-board cuts to programs and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the impact of personnel layoffs poses a far greater threat to public confidence in government than do

furloughs; and

WHEREAS, furloughs equalize the budgetary sacrifices made by state agency employees.

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

1. That it is the intent of the Legislature that state agencies, when implementing budgetary reductions approved by the Legislature, employ limited furloughs as a substitute for the elimination of state employee jobs to meet budgetary requirements.

2. That it is also the intent of the Legislature to avert layoffs, address the Governor's recommended budget reductions, and preserve essential state services all at the same time.