

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding the potential consolidation of the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic Development into a newly created Department of Economic and Workforce Development. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of possible cost savings and efficiencies which could be achieved by combining the two departments;

(2) A review of the time required to consolidate the personnel, property, contracts, services, and functions of the two departments;

(3) A review of the existing statutes governing the two departments and providing powers and duties for the Commissioner of Labor and the Director of Economic Development;

(4) An examination of the administrative structure of the two departments and possible structures for the new Department of Economic and Workforce Development;

(5) A review of the state and federal programs administered by the two departments and an assessment of whether any programs are duplicative or obsolete; and

(6) An examination of the physical locations of the office space and equipment used by the two departments and whether such offices and equipment could be consolidated.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.