

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 293

Introduced by Campbell, 25; Gloor, 35; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: To continue the work of the select committee appointed pursuant to Legislative Resolution 467 (LR 467) in 2010 to conduct research regarding the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with the chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, shall convene the original LR 467 select committee to initiate this interim study. The select committee shall:

(1) Be comprised of members of the original LR 467 select committee. Should vacancies occur, new members shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council;

(2) Consult and encourage collaboration, coordination, and systemwide communication with a broad array of public and private entities involved in Nebraska health care issues, including employers, small businesses, consumers, insurers, health care providers, institutions of higher education, community health centers, national and regional policy research organizations, state agencies, federal agencies, and other interested parties;

(3) Assist with the communication and collaboration of health care reform implementation between standing committees of the Legislature as the

committees develop health care reform policies and proposed legislation within their subject matter jurisdiction;

(4) Consider issues, including, but not limited to:

(a) Nebraska's strategic implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with special attention to medicaid expansion, eligibility determination and enrollment processes, benefit design, the insurance exchange, health insurance reform, and workforce development;

(b) Review of policy improvements and efficiencies to Nebraska health care delivery systems and payment reforms to ensure Nebraskans have quality and access, including capacity and affordability, through Nebraska's health care systems;

(c) Utilization of technology for safe storage and transmission of health information, medical administration efficiencies, health care delivery, and aggregate data across systems to monitor population health, identify priorities for improvement, and track progress toward improvement goals;

(d) Leveraging federal grants, pilot programs, and other nonstate funding sources to assist with health care reform; and

(e) Aligning purchasing power of the state within medicaid, the federal Children's Health Insurance Program, public employees and retirees, and the insurance exchange to form public-private partnerships to coordinate and integrate efforts with providers, employer-sponsored insurance companies, and other stakeholders to provide health care redesign

in Nebraska to improve efficiencies and delivery, ensure financial sustainability, and maximize public health and wellness.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature shall be designated as provided in this resolution 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.