

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 452

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to establish a study group to examine issues surrounding the potential need to provide financial assistance for home accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, including the elderly. The issues addressed by this study group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The feasibility of the State of Nebraska providing some form of financial assistance for home accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, including the elderly;

(2) A comparison of possible methods for providing such financial assistance, including home accessibility modification tax credits, grant programs, or low-interest or zero-interest loans;

(3) A comparison of other states' programs that provide financial assistance for home accessibility modifications;

(4) Recommendations regarding individuals' eligibility for such financial assistance;

(5) Recommendations regarding the types of modifications which could be eligible for such financial assistance;

(6) An analysis and comparison of the potential costs, to both the State of Nebraska and individuals, of financial assistance for home accessibility modifications versus institutional care; and

(7) An analysis of the potential implications of providing financial assistance for home accessibility modifications, such as implications for health, safety, personal independence, employment, and the state budget and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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 on or before December 1, 2017.