

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234**

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to track rate increases appropriated for behavioral health providers to ensure that legislative intent is followed and the rate increases are funded, which enables such providers to offer the right services at the right time.

A recent multiyear cost model study conducted by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services demonstrated that behavioral health provider rates are between five and thirty-five percent below the cost of providing services. In the past, appropriations intended for provider rate increases have not been realized by such providers, making it critical for the Legislature, as well as the providers and consumers, to track the appropriation and determine the amount of funding distributed to providers.

The interim study shall seek input from the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Office of Probation Administration.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.