Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to provide continued oversight of and updates regarding the response of the Department of Health and Human Services to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Statewide and local measures implemented to address COVID-19;
(2) The effectiveness and availability of testing;
(3) The hiring and retention of contact tracers;
(4) The effectiveness of waivers to the medical assistance program or other economic assistance programs implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
(5) Future plans for mitigation of COVID-19 for locations or populations at high risk of outbreak, including schools, meat-packing facilities, long-term care facilities, and large scale events.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.