PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the financial health of individuals in Nebraska's workforce over one year into the COVID-19 pandemic.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of:

(1) Wages across the state and across industries, including, but not limited to, tipped workers, minimum wage workers, and workers with disabilities;

(2) Whether income earned by Nebraska workers is adequate to afford the cost of living in Nebraska for necessities, such as food and housing;

(3) The standard benefits available to workers across the state and across industries, including, but not limited to, paid sick leave and paid safe leave, health insurance, and retirement benefits;

(4) Whether the benefits available to Nebraska workers promotes health, wellness, and long-term financial stability into retirement; and

(5) Job opportunities available to workers across the state and whether those opportunities align with the types of jobs and benefits that workers are seeking.

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