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FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 180

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Hughes, 24; Meyer, 17; Quick, 35; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine current and future availability and sustainability of nursing facility care for individuals in Nebraska, including the accessibility for individuals reliant on Medicaid to pay for their medical care. More than thirty-four percent of Nebraska's population is over the age of fifty and that number increases to over forty percent in rural areas of the state. In the future, these numbers will grow, making access to nursing facilities more challenging. Ensuring that older Nebraskans have access to appropriate care close to home is important. Residential nursing care is an integral part of the care continuum needed to provide individuals with a safe and secure environment and the medical and daily living assistance they require.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying the availability of nursing facility care in Nebraska, accessibility for Medicaid beneficiaries, and the future sustainability of this type of care especially for rural areas of Nebraska; and

(2) Examining the barriers to providing adequate access to care, including the cost of care, workforce issues, resident demographics, licensure and regulation, and Medicaid reimbursement rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.