

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247**

Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the continued use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement in Nebraska's correctional facilities, particularly the application to vulnerable populations and compliance with existing state law.

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

(1) Reviewing Nebraska's current statutes, regulations, and departmental policies regarding restrictive housing and solitary confinement;

(2) Evaluating the frequency, and under what circumstances, vulnerable individuals are placed in restrictive housing;

(3) Assessing compliance with prior legislative reforms and any gaps between the law and current practice; and

(4) Reviewing potential benefits of proposed reforms and best evidence-based practices.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Department of Correctional Services, advocacy groups, public health experts, system-impacted individuals, and other stakeholders to develop evidence-based policy recommendations that improve safety and align to evidence-based best practices.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.