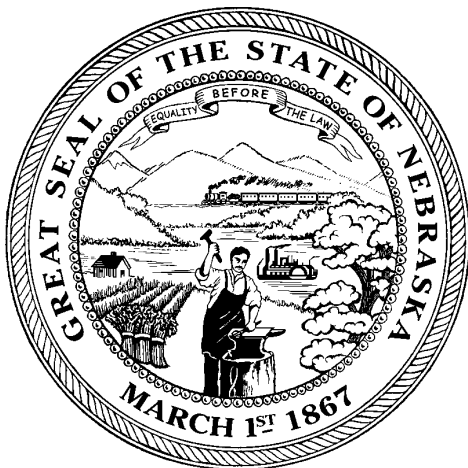


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REFERENCING AND STUDY PROCESS

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As a general practice, the Executive Board will refer interim study resolutions to the appropriate committees based upon subject-matter jurisdiction.

The Executive Board may, on its own behalf, conduct interim studies or create select interim committees to do so. Depending upon the availability of staff resources, subject-matter jurisdiction, and legislator interest, the Executive Board may establish a select committee to undertake the study.

The Executive Board shall retain its traditional prerogatives to consider and refer study proposals arising from extraordinary circumstances after the deadlines.

Legislative rules require study resolutions be prioritized by the chairperson of the committee to which they are referred, and a report on those priorities shall be filed with the Clerk.

Rule 4, Section 3(g) of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature requires that on or before December 1 of each year, each standing and select interim committee file a report on the disposition of the study resolutions referred to them.

(The following referral list reflects the committee prioritization of the resolutions referred to them.)

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 301. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine whether socially or medically changing the behavioral or physical characteristics of a child in opposition to the characteristics associated with the child's sex registered at birth constitutes child abuse under the Nebraska Criminal Code.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 310. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the organizational structure of the Nebraska Tourism Commission and the feasibility of consolidating its duties and powers within the Department of Economic Development to ensure the most robust promotion of interstate and intrastate commerce.

In 2012, the Legislature created the Nebraska Tourism Commission as a separate agency. Because tourism serves as a critical driver of commercial activity and is one of Nebraska's largest industries, it is essential to evaluate whether the current structure maximizes the state's commercial potential and competitive standing.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the administrative costs of the commission to ensure that public funds are being used efficiently to stimulate private sector commerce;
- (2) An assessment of whether reintegrating tourism duties into the Department of Economic Development would create a more unified approach to statewide commerce, business recruitment, and brand identity;
- (3) An analysis of how the current independent commission model affects the commercial viability and economic development of small businesses and rural attractions compared to a consolidated department model;
- (4) A review of the impact on hospitality-related commerce and whether a departmental structure provides better access to the financing and development tools managed by the Department of Economic Development;
- (5) An examination of how other states utilize their departments of commerce or economic development to oversee tourism to create a more cohesive economic engine; and
- (6) Recommendations for any necessary legislative changes to statutes to better facilitate commercial growth and economic development through the transition of these duties.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 366. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the regulatory framework established under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, including, but not limited to, licensing, distribution, and enforcement and financial regulatory systems administered by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 371. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine whether Nebraska should amend the rules of evidence to mirror federal changes to the admissibility of expert testimony.

Nebraska, like most states, has modeled its rules of evidence after the Federal Rules of Evidence. Federal Rule of Evidence 702 governs the admissibility of expert testimony, requiring that a witness who is qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify if their scientific or technical knowledge helps the trier of fact.

On December 1, 2023, an amendment to Federal Rule of Evidence 702 went into effect for the federal courts. The amendment clarifies that when it comes to the admissibility of expert testimony, that the proponent must prove, by a preponderance of evidence, that the testimony is based on sufficient facts and reliable methods and that the opinion of the expert reflects a reliable application of the principles and methods to the facts of the case.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, the Nebraska Judges Retirement System, and the retirement system administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. The study shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 373. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions. The study shall include a public hearing for the presentation of reports by political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 374. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 380. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; Clouse, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify the needs of youth moving and transitioning to and from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, an adult correctional facility, or a residential treatment facility as proposed by Legislative Bill 867, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026. The study shall:

(1) Examine the current proposal to move youth currently housed in a youth rehabilitation and treatment center or an adult correctional system facility;

(2) Identify the needs of the youth currently housed at each facility;

(3) Consider alternative models for facility location and design;

(4) Evaluate proposed models for success, ensuring that any structural system reform maintains the best interests of the youth involved;

(5) Provide clarity and consistency for agencies, staff, youth, and families so that the rehabilitative and behavioral needs of the affected youth are met. The study shall incorporate input and reports from the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Foster Care Review Office, the office of Inspector General for Nebraska Child Welfare, the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice, youth and families with experience at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center or the Nebraska correctional youth facility, national experts, and other youth justice system stakeholders; and

(6) Examine and identify the legislation, policies, and other changes to law that may be necessary to successfully implement a comprehensive evidence-based plan relating to the movement and transitioning of youth to and from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, a residential treatment facility, or an adult correctional facility.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 381. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility, effectiveness, and safeguards associated with implementing universal youth mental health screenings in public schools. Students continue to experience rising rates of anxiety, depression, and behavioral health challenges, and early identification may improve access to timely intervention and support. Implementation of screenings must address workforce capacity, parental consent, student privacy, referral systems, and equitable access to follow-up services.

Universal youth mental health screenings may offer opportunities to identify concerns before they escalate into crisis situations, improve academic engagement, and reduce disciplinary involvement. Ensuring that any screening framework is evidence-based, transparent, and appropriately resourced is critical to protecting students and maximizing positive outcomes.

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

(1) Assessment of the current landscape of youth mental health supports within Nebraska schools, including the availability of counselors, school psychologists, social workers, and partnerships with community behavioral health providers;

(2) Evaluation of evidence-based mental health screening models, including universal and targeted approaches, and their documented outcomes in comparable states;

(3) Analysis of workforce capacity across urban and rural school districts, including staffing ratios, training needs, and shortages that may impact implementation;

(4) Examination of parental consent procedures, student assent practices, and compliance with state and federal student privacy laws, including protections under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act;

(5) Review of referral pathways and follow-up services to determine whether adequate community-based treatment capacity exists to support students who screen positive for mental health needs;

(6) Evaluation of potential disparities in access, outcomes, and discipline-related consequences to ensure equitable implementation across race, disability status, and geographic region;

(7) Estimation of fiscal impacts, including costs associated with screening tools, training, staffing, data systems, and potential funding sources such as Medicaid reimbursement or state grant programs; and

(8) Identification of best practices, implementation safeguards, and policy options, including pilot programs or voluntary statewide guidelines.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 382. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to play therapy access in Nebraska. Play therapy is a well-established and evidence-based mental health intervention that is particularly effective with young children.

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

- (1) An examination of the current evidence regarding the efficacy of play therapy, as well as any proven outcomes for children;
- (2) An overview of the challenge of access to play therapy for families in need;
- (3) A review of current regulations regarding play therapy in the state;
- (4) A lookback on difficulties in the state regarding billing for play therapy;
- (5) An examination of required education and credentials to offer play therapy;
- (6) Research on how other states approach play therapy as a modality;
- (7) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes to support play therapy in Nebraska; and
- (8) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to support such changes.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 383. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the issue of maternal depression in Nebraska and potential statutory or administrative changes that may support maternal mental health in the state. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Collecting data on maternal mental health in Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The rate of mental health concerns among mothers in Nebraska; and
- (b) The types of diagnoses that mothers experience both prenatally and postpartum;
- (2) A review of the impact of maternal mental health on babies, young children, and families;
- (3) An overview of the types and efficacy of screening available for maternal mental health;
- (4) An examination of the availability of mental health services for new mothers, including:
 - (a) The percentage and type of providers offering perinatal mental health services;
 - (b) The availability of services for new mothers with a mental health diagnosis and referral connections; and
 - (c) Private and public coverage options for new mothers for maternal depression screening and other necessary services;
- (5) Research examining the approach other states use to address the challenge of maternal mental health;
- (6) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes that may support maternal mental health in Nebraska; and
- (7) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to support such changes.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 384. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act and any rules and regulations for truth and deception examiners in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, examining whether the current means of regulating truth and deception examiners:

- (1) Is the least restrictive means necessary to protect consumers from the undue risk of present, significant, and substantiated harms that clearly threaten or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public;
- (2) Protects the fundamental right of an individual to pursue a lawful occupation;
- (3) Is construed and applied to increase opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation; and
- (4) Should be changed to conform to the policy principles set out in the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 385. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 386. Introduced by Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 389. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine educational opportunities and services available to deaf and hard of hearing elementary students in Nebraska.

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

(1) The availability of teachers trained in deaf education and related support personnel in school districts and educational service units;

(2) Access for elementary students to communication supports and accommodations, including sign language interpretation, captioning

services, assistive listening technologies, and language development services;

(3) Early language and literacy development outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing elementary students;

(4) Coordination among school districts, educational service units, early intervention programs, and families to support language acquisition and educational success;

(5) Professional development opportunities for educators serving deaf and hard of hearing students; and

(6) Geographic or regional disparities in the availability of services, particularly in rural areas of the state.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature shall seek input from parents and families of deaf and hard of hearing students, educators, specialists in deaf education, educational service units, and relevant state agencies.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 390. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to allow the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature to examine any health and human services issues within the jurisdiction of the committee that arise during the legislative interim period.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 391. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the issue of diaper access for Nebraska families. Using 2023 United States Census data, an estimated 26,113 children from birth through three years of age are at risk of diaper need in Nebraska. Diaper need is defined as when a caregiver struggles to afford an adequate supply of clean diapers to maintain child health and hygiene.

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

- (1) The impact of diaper need on:
 - (a) Mothers, including the mental health of mothers;
 - (b) Babies and young children;
 - (c) Medical systems;
 - (d) Public health systems;
 - (e) Workforce participation; and
 - (f) Early childhood systems, including child care;
- (2) The data available about Nebraska families who are impacted by diaper need;
- (3) An overview of available resources in the state to address diaper need;
- (4) A review of how other states support access to diapers;
- (5) An outline of potential statutory or administrative changes that would support diaper access; and
- (6) A determination of whether state funding is needed to support diaper access.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 393. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Hunt, 8; McKinney, 11; Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the potential for providing universal child care at no cost to parents in Nebraska modeled after the New Mexico program.

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

- (1) Examining the implementation and benefits of universal child care in New Mexico;
- (2) Reviewing the potential benefits of providing universal child care in Nebraska;
- (3) Determining the current unmet need for child care in the state;
- (4) Evaluating methods for improving the availability of high-quality child care;
- (5) Analyzing potential funding mechanisms for universal child care;
- (6) Determining other barriers to implementing universal child care in Nebraska; and
- (7) Developing a model for potential legislation.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of appropriations for biomedical research funding in the State of Nebraska. Biomedical research is a critical driver of innovation, leading to advancements in health care, agriculture, biotechnology, and related industries. The State of Nebraska has made significant investments in biomedical research, including to the University of Nebraska system, research hospitals, and affiliated institutes. Such investments support highly skilled jobs, attract federal and private research funding, and contribute to the development of new technologies, treatments, and commercial enterprises. Biomedical research stimulates economic growth through job creation, workforce development, and the expansion of related industries. Understanding the return on investment for state-funded biomedical research is essential for informed policymaking, budget prioritization, and long-term economic development strategies. It is important to evaluate how Nebraska compares to other states in leveraging funding to generate economic activity and employment opportunities.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examining state funding invested in biomedical research over the past ten years as well as federal, private, and philanthropic funding leveraged by state investments in biomedical research;

(2) Determining the number and types of jobs created or supported by biomedical research activities in Nebraska;

(3) Examining the economic impact of biomedical research on the state's economy;

(4) Examining the role of biomedical research in supporting startup formation, technology transfer, and commercialization of innovations;

(5) Examining workforce development outcomes, including the education, retention, and attraction of highly skilled workers in science, technology, engineering, and health-related fields;

(6) Comparing Nebraska's biomedical research investments and outcomes with those of similarly situated states;

(7) Examining barriers to maximizing the economic and employment benefits of biomedical research investments in Nebraska; and

(8) Determining policy options to strengthen the impact of biomedical research funding on job creation and economic growth in Nebraska.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine economic development programs, policies, and incentives administered by the state. The study shall create a comprehensive inventory of state-administered economic development initiatives to improve transparency, coordination, fiscal oversight, and long-range strategic planning related to economic growth, workforce development, and community development across the state.

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

(1) Reviewing economic development, workforce development, housing, infrastructure, financing, small business, and industry support programs administered by the Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Finance, State Department of Education, and any other relevant state agency;

(2) Identifying programs administered through quasi-public entities, public authorities, and state boards or commissions that provide economic or community development support;

(3) Cataloging tax incentives, credits, abatements, exemptions, and other tax expenditure programs designed to promote economic growth, investment, workforce development, housing development, or community revitalization;

(4) Examining state-administered federal pass-through programs that support economic development, workforce initiatives, housing, infrastructure, broadband expansion, and community development activities;

(5) Inventorying statutory and regulatory provisions that materially affect business formation, business expansion, site development, workforce recruitment, capital investment, or regional economic competitiveness;

(6) Compiling, to the extent practicable, key information for each program or policy identified, including the administering agency or entity, statutory authority, funding source, most recent annual appropriation or tax expenditure amount, eligible recipients, geographic reach, stated policy objectives, performance metrics or evaluation mechanisms currently in use, application or qualification requirements, and any statutory sunset provisions or mandatory review requirements; and

(7) Identifying areas of program overlap, policy gaps, administrative complexity, or opportunities for improved coordination among state economic development efforts.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature may confer with representatives of relevant state agencies,

economic development organizations, workforce development partners, business and industry representatives, local governments, community development organizations, any introducing senator's staff, and other stakeholders with expertise in Nebraska's economic development ecosystem.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 401. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: To propose an interim study to examine the programs and funding structures of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and the associated outcomes of the commission's efforts. The study is intended to support the ongoing work of the commission by reviewing program administration, fund distribution, contributions to public safety, and community-based prevention efforts across Nebraska.

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

- (1) Reviewing the statutory responsibilities, organizational structure, and impacts of programs administered by the commission, including all grant programs, victim services, reentry programming, and community-based diversion programming;
- (2) Examining the sources of funding administered by the commission, including federal funds, state appropriations, and other funding streams, and evaluating how these resources are allocated to support public safety and initiatives;
- (3) Evaluating how the commission coordinates with state agencies, local law enforcement, counties, universities, cities of the metropolitan class, and community-based organizations to administer grant programs and implement initiatives;
- (4) Reviewing outcome measures, reporting practices, and evaluation tools used by the commission to assess the effectiveness of programming;
- (5) Identifying examples of successful programming and partnerships supported and impacted by the commission that can be used as best practice models; and
- (6) Examining administrative processes related to grant application, review, distribution, and oversight.

In conducting this interim study, the study committee may confer with representatives of the commission, state and local law enforcement agencies, justice-based organizations, political subdivisions, and other relevant stakeholders.

The study shall conclude with findings and recommendations, including any potential statutory or policy changes that may further strengthen the

effectiveness of the commission's programs and support Nebraska's public safety goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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, no later than December 31, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 402. Introduced by Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine compensation for laboratory hours taught at a community college and to review the statutory definition of laboratory hours. Nebraska's community colleges designate certain courses as laboratories, and the existing definitions in section 85-1503 of credit hour, laboratory hour, and contact hour have a significant impact on faculty and staff compensation. These definitions establish the ratios of contact to laboratory hours required to generate one credit hour, which in turn affect workload assignments, overload and adjunct pay, and equity in compensation for comparable instructional effort. The study will examine these definitions and practices and explore statutory or policy alignments to ensure fair and equitable compensation for community college faculty and staff while preserving educational quality and institutional flexibility.

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

(1) Current compensation structures, workload policies, and pay practices for faculty and staff teaching laboratory hours versus lecture or classroom hours at community colleges, including how institutional policies interpret or apply the credit-to-contact ratios defined in subdivision (6) of section 85-1503;

(2) The statutory definitions in section 85-1503, including the definitions of contact hour, credit hour, and laboratory hour;

(3) How institutions designate courses as laboratories and the resulting effects on faculty workload calculations, overload pay, adjunct compensation, benefits eligibility, and overall equity in pay for comparable effort, particularly due to the higher contact-hour-to-credit hour ratios for laboratory instruction under subdivisions (6)(b) and (c) of section 85-1503;

(4) Comparative data from peer institutions in surrounding states and national best practices regarding the valuation of laboratory instruction in faculty compensation and workload, including alignments with federal credit-hour standards under 34 C.F.R. section 600.2;

(5) Input from faculty senates, collective bargaining units, administrators, students, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, and other stakeholders on the fairness, transparency, and sustainability of current definitions and practices under section 85-1503 and related institutional policies; and

(6) Potential statutory, regulatory, or policy recommendations to better align the definition and treatment of laboratory hours with actual instructional effort and to promote fair compensation without unintended impacts on tuition, the community college aid formula, or program viability.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Community College Boards of Governors, community college administrations, faculty organizations and representatives, individual faculty and staff members, students, policy experts, and any other relevant entities or stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 403. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Fredrickson, 20; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11; Raybould, 28; Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the use of shackling on juveniles. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The circumstances under which the use of shackling on juveniles should be prohibited and when such shackling might be permitted, for instance, when there is a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm and no less restrictive alternative is sufficient;

(2) Potential legislation to address the use of shackling on juveniles and how such legislation should be drafted to provide clarity and consistency for agencies, staff, and contractors responsible for the care and transportation of juveniles; and

(3) Legislation, policies, or protocols other states have enacted relating to the shackling of juveniles and the experiences that such other jurisdictions have had when implementing limitations on shackling.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Fredrickson, 20; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11; Raybould, 28; Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska statutes and the processes relating to the developmental disability and the aged and disabled waivers and the tools used to assess developmental disabilities.

The study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Recent eligibility requirements and caps placed on the waivers administered by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) Assessment tools used by the department to determine the level of need for individuals with developmental disabilities and the effects of the change in assessment tools;
- (3) The ways in which individuals with disabilities may benefit from transitioning to a section 1634 status under the Social Security Act for medicaid eligibility determinations; and
- (4) The use of algorithm-based assessment processes for evaluation of disabilities and other medical needs by the department.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 405. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine current laws and regulations to ascertain whether the State of Nebraska is able to assume the increased responsibilities necessary in order to ensure compliance with federal civil rights laws relating to education and whether statutory or regulatory reform is necessary to provide for such responsibilities.

On March 20, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to begin shutting down several functions of the United States Department of Education and to send many of the department's functions to the states. The department oversees federal education policy and funding, which includes administering financial aid for higher education, distributing funds to schools and districts, collecting and analyzing education data, and enforcing civil rights laws in education. The federal civil rights laws pertaining to education include the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and similar laws such as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

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

- (1) Determining the responsibilities under federal law that will no longer be carried out by the United States Department of Education;

(2) Analyzing the responsibilities required of the state under the federal laws referenced above; and

(3) Evaluating the ability of state agencies to carry out such responsibilities under current statutory, regulatory, and fiscal frameworks.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 406. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Lonowski, 33; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the special fund for sites and buildings, also known as the special building fund, that public school boards or public boards of education may establish within their school district.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An analysis of the current purposes the funds are used for; and

(2) An analysis of the current tax levy limit for these funds.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 407. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine revitalization of urban areas and how cities and villages may utilize the role of culture as a driver of economic development, workforce attraction, tourism, and community revitalization in Nebraska. The study shall evaluate whether Nebraska should utilize cultural development initiatives as an additional method of revitalization and development, similar to the European Union initiative, the European Capital of Culture.

This study shall assess the feasibility of establishing one or more pilot cultural districts or a statewide cultural capital designation, with a focus on scaling economic and community impact in historically underserved communities.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A determination on whether Nebraska should establish a rotating statewide cultural designation similar to the European Capital of Culture and the requirements for implementation of such a designation, including

sustainable funding levels and sources, selection criteria and an application process, governance and oversight structure, and expected economic and social return on investment of such initiative;

(2) An examination of how cultural districts may align with broader community development strategies, including housing development and stabilization efforts, transportation and transit access, small business incubation and entrepreneurship ecosystems, and workforce development and talent attraction initiatives;

(3) An examination of the extent to which cultural development initiatives, including creative districts, benefit low-income communities and Black, Latino, Indigenous, and other historically underserved populations, the effect such initiatives have on urban versus rural communities, and strategies to ensure equitable distribution of cultural investment and outcomes;

(4) An examination of cultural development initiatives utilized currently in Nebraska, such as creative districts, and the overall economic impact of such districts and how such economic impact compares to alternative models used in other states or internationally;

(5) An analysis of the current structure and outcomes of Nebraska's certified creative districts, a comparison to other national and international cultural development models, and an evaluation of how cultural investment can function as a tool for public safety, youth engagement, economic mobility, and long-term community stabilization; and

(6) An examination of best practices, governance structures, funding mechanisms, and measurable outcomes associated with cultural development initiatives.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 408. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine whether Nebraska should amend its laws relating to the determination of the age of majority.

Nebraska law generally defines the age of majority as 19 years old. Nebraska is one of three states, along with Alabama and Mississippi, that does not have age 18 as the general age of majority. Additionally, Nebraska law does have some overlapping definitions that provide for some circumstances in which people who are 18 years old possess some, but not all, adult rights, such as Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-2101, which permits persons at least 18 years old to enter into contracts or obtain mental health services. Additionally, in other areas of law, there is a seemingly different age of

majority, such as Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-705, which defines a child as an individual under the age of 16 for purposes of the crime of child abandonment.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Any impact amending the age of majority will have on child custody and support matters and foster care youth and other potential ramifications; and

(2) What legislation, policies, or protocols other states have enacted relating to the age of majority and the experience that such other jurisdictions have had when implementing changes to the age of majority.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 409. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study of the felony murder rule. Under the felony murder rule, an accused can be liable for murder if the killing is connected in any way with the attempt to commit a designated felony. It does not matter whether the accused or an accomplice causes the death. Nor does it matter whether the killing occurs accidentally and nonnegligently, rather it only matters that a defendant participated in the commission or committed the underlying felony that resulted in death.

In Nebraska, felony murder is first-degree murder and an accused person can be convicted if that person kills another person in the perpetration of or attempt to perpetrate any sexual assault in the first degree, arson, robbery, kidnapping, hijacking of any public or private means of transportation, or burglary.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The propriety of the felony murder rule and its classification as first-degree murder, including, but not limited to, whether the penalty for felony murder, which is life imprisonment, is proportionate and consistent with due process;

(2) The fairness and uniformity of prosecution for felony murder as regards identifiable communities;

(3) Whether prosecution of felony murder unfairly compels plea agreements or results in wrongful convictions;

(4) Whether reforms or modification to felony murder are warranted in Nebraska; and

(5) Legislative or judicial reforms in other states as regards their felony murder laws.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 411. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine barriers affecting access to health care in Nebraska, with a particular, but not exclusive, focus on rural areas with specific attention to the role of transportation, distance, and other social and economic factors that affect timely care.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examining the extent to which transportation limitations, work schedules, housing instability, food insecurity, and related challenges affect the ability of rural Nebraskans to obtain needed health care;
- (2) Examining non-emergency medical transportation gaps in rural areas, particularly for recurring and life-sustaining services;
- (3) Evaluating practical and cost-effective approaches to improve access to health care, including regional transportation coordination, voucher or reimbursement models, partnerships with local providers and community organizations, and medicaid or other state policy options;
- (4) Reviewing and analyzing policies and programs adopted in other states and, if relevant, in comparable rural areas outside the United States that have addressed similar access and transportation challenges;
- (5) Identifying ways to better coordinate existing state, local, and private resources to improve efficiency, reduce duplication, and strengthen access to health care in rural communities; and
- (6) Considering any other related matters that may improve access to necessary health services in a fiscally responsible and practical manner.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 412. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the ways in which the Legislature can take a more coordinated, proactive, and intentional policy role in understanding the impact of child

care financing models that create or expand state-funded subsidies and federal child care subsidies to increase access, affordability, and expand coverage for working families in Nebraska.

The objective of this study is to evaluate the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act's tiered funding model, financial eligibility thresholds, provider reimbursement systems, and educational outcomes related to supplementing federal child care subsidies with state resources, and to develop findings and recommendations to guide future legislation on early childhood education and child care.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Reviewing the current funding allocations supporting child care assistance in Nebraska, including state General Fund contributions administered by the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) Quantifying the impact of quality affordable child care availability on Nebraska businesses relative to other states, including compensation, productivity, operational costs, competitiveness, and reimbursement rates;

(3) Evaluating current eligibility requirements for child care subsidies, including income thresholds, copayment structures, phase-out cliffs, and the effect on participation rates among eligible working families;

(4) Analyzing other state models that provide supplemental child care subsidies, not including federal eligibility limits such as sliding-scale systems, tiered eligibility expansions, and service cliff smoothing policies designed to reduce benefit loss as income increases;

(5) Examining reimbursement rate structures for child care providers, including rate setting methodologies, alignment with market rates, and the impact of the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act tiered subsidy levels on provider participation, workforce stability, and child care supply;

(6) Reviewing federal and state funding streams that support child care assistance, including Title XX Social Services Block Grant Program funding, and opportunities to maximize federal matching funds, draw down additional federal resources, and structure state investments to increase total system capacity;

(7) Evaluating the fiscal impact of expanding state-funded child care subsidies, including cost projections under various eligibility expansion scenarios, anticipated economic impacts on workforce participation, and potential long-term return on investment;

(8) Identifying best practices from other states that have implemented expanded child care subsidy models, including states that have extended eligibility above federal thresholds; and

(9) Examining administrative structures, data systems, and interagency coordination necessary to effectively implement expanded child care subsidy programs, including oversight, accountability, and reporting mechanisms.

In conducting this interim study, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may confer with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, child care providers, early childhood education experts, business and workforce stakeholders, labor economists, advocates, working families, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 413. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska statutes and processes relating to guardianship.

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

(1) The information provided to judges before granting a full or limited guardianship and whether such information is provided in a timely manner and contains sufficient information to make such determination;

(2) Best practices for guardianship, including, but not limited to, the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act and other model legislation which offer multi-agency involvement in guardianship cases;

(3) Recruitment of volunteer guardians and the support provided to such guardians before and during their guardianship;

(4) Resources needed by individuals under guardianship in Nebraska and whether there are sufficient resources to provide the least restrictive alternative to these individuals as is the intention of current statute; and

(5) Other issues relating to the rights of the individual under guardianship and availability of guardians in Nebraska.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 414. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine portable benefits systems and related regulatory frameworks for independent contractors and other workers engaged in nontraditional work arrangements. Portable benefits systems have been proposed and implemented in some jurisdictions as a mechanism to allow certain benefits, including health coverage, retirement savings opportunities, or other forms of worker support, to follow workers across multiple contracts, clients, or digital platforms. Issues related to portable benefits may involve matters of

state regulatory authority, administrative oversight, taxation, workforce policy, and coordination among state agencies.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of legislation enacted or proposed in other states regarding portable benefits systems;
- (2) An examination of regulatory frameworks used in other states to allow companies, platforms, or other entities to contribute to benefits for independent workers;
- (3) An analysis of potential administrative, legal, and regulatory considerations for implementing portable benefits systems in Nebraska;
- (4) A review of potential state agency roles, reporting requirements, or oversight structures that could be associated with such programs; and
- (5) Consideration of whether Nebraska law presents any barriers to voluntary portable benefits arrangements.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 415. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine current practices under Nebraska law related to the designation of real property as blighted and substandard. The study will evaluate ways to ensure that affected neighborhood associations are notified and consulted before any such designation is finalized.

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

- (1) A review of the statutes and administrative procedures governing the identification and declaration of blighted and substandard properties within municipalities in Nebraska;
- (2) An examination of the role of neighborhood associations in maintaining and improving the quality of life within their communities;
- (3) An evaluation of the existing mechanisms for public notice and participation in the blighted and substandard designation process;
- (4) The development of recommendations for requiring municipal authorities to notify and engage with neighborhood associations prior to declaring a parcel within their association as blighted or substandard; and
- (5) The identification of best practices from other states or municipalities regarding early engagement of neighborhood organizations in blight-related decisions.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 417. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine innovative approaches to housing development, financing, and ownership in Nebraska, including the potential use of tokenized credit systems, community-based investment models, and digital infrastructure to expand access to affordable housing, increase community ownership, and improve transparency and accountability in housing-related public investments.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 418. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine inland port authorities, how inland port authorities currently operate, and the progress of inland port authorities in developing land, infrastructure, and opportunities in the areas of the authorities.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 419. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine volunteer burnout on municipal boards and commissions and identify specific municipal boards or commissions that could effectively function with a reduced number of members.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 420. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee; McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 421. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Hardin, 48; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sorrentino, 39; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current status of artificial intelligence legislation occurring at the state and federal levels to address risks to public safety and to determine what action Nebraska should take to address such risks.

Recent events and statements from artificial intelligence companies and independent experts indicate that there are potential risks to public safety and children that could be caused by artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence companies are working to create protections against such risks.

LB1083 was introduced in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, to adopt the Transparency in Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Act. Such act included child safety and public safety provisions intended to cover the most widely used chatbots and the most advanced artificial intelligence systems and included requirements for select companies to publish how such companies test for and protect against severe risks to children and the public. Further, the legislation, if passed, would have required companies to self-report to the Nebraska Attorney General if an advanced artificial intelligence system acts in certain dangerous ways and

harms a child or causes a public safety incident. The legislation would also have given the Attorney General the authority to enforce these requirements.

This study shall examine the status of federal and state legislation relating to artificial intelligence in order to facilitate the development of future Nebraska legislation to address the evolving complexity of risks posed by uses of artificial intelligence.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 423. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the issue of food insecurity for pregnant and postpartum women and their children in Nebraska.

Good nutrition is critical for the health of mothers and can have significant impact on birth outcomes. In Nebraska, one hundred five thousand households experienced food insecurity annually from 2021 to 2023, yet only forty-three percent of eligible mothers participated in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children in 2024.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the current data and statistics relating to food insecurity for pregnant and postpartum women and their children;

(2) An overview of the barriers to accessing food for these populations;

(3) A review of current opportunities for pregnant and postpartum women for accessing food, including, but not limited to, the Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and food banks and pantries;

(4) Consideration of the impact of these services on the overall health of mothers and birth outcomes for their children;

(5) A review of potential statutory or administrative changes that support additional access to food and nutrition services for pregnant and postpartum women and their children; and

(6) A determination of whether additional state funding is needed to support these critical services for these populations.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 425. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the rehabilitation and treatment of youth and the transition back to their communities.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The types of programming;
- (2) The types of placement;
- (3) The role of community-based services;
- (4) The role of probation;
- (5) Other state programs relating to rehabilitation and treatment;
- (6) The role of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (7) Education;
- (8) State historical background;
- (9) Fiscal impacts; and
- (10) Other related issues that impact the rehabilitation and treatment of youth.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 426. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the evolving pattern of management of health information.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The changes in federal law;
- (2) The impact of technology;
- (3) Privacy issues;
- (4) The entities involved in the management of health information; and
- (5) Other related issues that impact the management of health information.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 427. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the performance and policies of managed care organizations in the medical assistance program. Managed care organizations administer comprehensive health care services for a significant majority of Nebraska's medicaid beneficiaries, primarily low-income residents, children, seniors, and disabled individuals. Nebraska contracts with three managed care organizations to provide medical, behavioral health, long-term care, and related services under the medical assistance program. Health care providers, patient advocates, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders have raised concerns regarding the transparency, timeliness, and consistency of managed care organizations' processes and requirements that may affect access to medically necessary care.

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

(1) Prior authorization processes. Review prior authorization requirements used by each managed care organization, including non-acute hospital admin day payments, criteria, documentation requirements, turn-around times, and appeal procedures;

(2) Coding and downcoding practices. Analyze denials or adjustments of claims based on coding decisions that may reduce provider reimbursement, increase administrative burden, or affect continuity of care, including (a) the use of artificial intelligence, (b) the reclassification of nonemergent emergency room reimbursement based on initial admission or the presenting complaint rather than the final discharge diagnosis, and (c) the frequency and basis for the reclassification of inpatient stays as observation stays when the patient stays at least two midnights; and

(3) Managed care structure and contracting. Evaluate the effectiveness of contracting with three separate managed care organizations, including competition, performance metrics, accountability, and cost outcomes.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 428. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to insurance to examine the effects of implementing LB987, introduced in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session. The bill creates the Vision Benefit Plan Act which establishes detailed standards for how insurers and vision benefit managers interact with eye care providers and enrollees by creating transparency, disclosure, and nonretaliation requirements and prohibiting certain practices such as forced provider participation in unrelated plans, nominal reimbursement, and misleading advertising.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 429. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Conrad, 46; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, G., 17; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the compensation of members of the governing bodies of political subdivisions. The study shall focus on how often such members vote to increase their own wages and rules and regulations in place regarding such votes.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 430. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, G., 17; Quick, 35; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the different forms of county government used throughout the United States. The goal of this study shall be to determine if alternative

forms of county government should be made available within the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 431. Introduced by Raybould, 28; Bosn, 25; Prokop, 27; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine best practices and policies implemented in other states to reduce domestic violence and improve outcomes for survivors.

Domestic violence remains a persistent and serious public safety and public health issue in Nebraska, affecting individuals, families, and communities across both urban and rural areas. Survivors of domestic violence often face significant barriers to safety, including limited access to shelter, legal services, health care, and economic support, particularly in rural and underserved regions of the state.

The State of Nebraska has a responsibility to ensure that policies, programs, and resources are effective, evidence-based, and responsive to the needs of survivors while also holding offenders accountable.

Other states have implemented innovative and evidence-based strategies to prevent domestic violence, improve victim services, strengthen coordinated community responses, and reduce recidivism.

A comprehensive review of these best practices, including prevention programs, law enforcement training, court interventions, data-sharing systems, and survivor-centered services, could inform policy improvements in Nebraska. Understanding how other states address challenges such as geographic isolation, access to services, culturally competent care, and interagency coordination is critical to developing effective solutions tailored to Nebraska's unique needs;

The study proposed by this resolution shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Prevention and early intervention strategies;
- (2) Law enforcement response protocols and training;
- (3) Specialized court models, including domestic violence courts;
- (4) Access to shelters, legal assistance, and supportive services, particularly in rural areas;
- (5) Coordination among state agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders;
- (6) Data collection, reporting practices, and outcome measurement;
- (7) Policies aimed at reducing repeat offenses and improving offender accountability; and

(8) Input from stakeholders, including survivors, advocacy organizations, law enforcement, health care providers, legal professionals, and representatives with demonstrated success in reducing domestic violence.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 432. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how current residential building codes affect the cost of rehabilitating older properties and if changes need to be made to such codes to lessen the cost of rehabilitation.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An examination of which current residential building codes are not appropriate for existing older homes that were built to meet prior building codes;

(2) A determination of whether there is a certain date or version of the residential building code that was adequate for the safety of the inhabitants of such homes;

(3) A determination of whether any current version of the code would cause unnecessary cost increases, thereby lessening the affordability of such homes;

(4) An examination of which states currently have an alternative rehabilitation housing code and how such codes are implemented; and

(5) A determination of whether there are any additional ordinances or regulations that cities or the state place on rehabilitating residential housing that have the potential to increase costs.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Nebraska State Home Builders Association, the Nebraska Housing Developers Association, city officials, and other stakeholders with expertise in housing codes, ordinances, and construction.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 433. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the necessity of a robust and well-integrated education and workforce system to support long-term economic growth that enables learners to move efficiently from education and training to employment in high-demand and high-wage occupations across the state.

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

(1) Education and workforce data infrastructure and data governance and the use of integrated education and workforce data to guide policy decisions in support of economic growth;

(2) The role and capacity of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Educational Reporting System, commonly referred to as NSWERS, including opportunities to expand participation and analytic capacity and strengthen links between education and workforce outcomes such as employment, earnings, and retention of graduates within the state and workforce;

(3) Nebraska's established statewide goal of a minimum of seventy percent of working-age adults hold a postsecondary credential or degree of value in the workforce to support economic competitiveness and workforce participation;

(4) Opportunities to link education, credential, apprenticeship, and employment data to better understand how students and workers move from education and training into the workforce and which education pathways and programs lead to the strongest employment outcomes;

(5) Collaboration across early childhood programs, elementary and secondary education, postsecondary education, workforce development, and employers to support aligned education and career pathways;

(6) Opportunities to develop data dashboards and other tools to provide transparent information regarding credential attainment, workforce outcomes, and regional labor market demand to support decision-making by policymakers, institutions, students, and employers; and

(7) Any statutory, regulatory, governance, or administrative changes that may be necessary to strengthen the state's ability to responsibly share and use education and workforce data while protecting privacy and confidentiality.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the State Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Educational Reporting System, the University of Nebraska, the state colleges, the community colleges, workforce development partners, employers, and other stakeholders with expertise in data governance and integrated education and workforce data systems.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 434. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how the existing learning community as defined in section 79-2101 interacts with and impacts the city of the metropolitan class in which it exists. The objective of the study is to share findings based on the only established learning community and develop recommendations that may inform future legislation related to learning communities and the role learning communities may play in Nebraska cities.

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

(1) Reviewing the current statutory framework governing learning communities, including governance structures, funding mechanisms, and resource allocation, and any changes made to the framework since the original learning community legislation was enacted;

(2) Understanding learning community impacts, including the intended goals and impacts on the preparation of students for the workforce, achievement gaps, and the provision of special education services;

(3) Analyzing student outcome data within the learning community, including workforce preparation, academic performance, student progress, student mobility, and the role the learning community plays in the early childhood ecosystem;

(4) Examining the distribution and use of learning community levy funds and other revenue sources, including how resources are allocated among participating districts, programs, and students;

(5) Assessing coordination between learning communities, school districts, municipalities, and other local government entities, including alignment with housing and economic development policies;

(6) Identifying best practices from other states or regions that have adopted initiatives similar to learning communities; and

(7) Assessing community engagement strategies, activities and practices, and impacts relating to stated strategic goals and objectives.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with school districts, learning community officials, educators, parents, municipal leaders, policy experts, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 435. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Dorn, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine appropriations relating to Nebraska's program of all-inclusive care for elderly (PACE) under 42 U.S.C. 1396u-4, including program eligibility standards, funding structures, reimbursement mechanisms, and the fiscal effects of aligning eligibility thresholds with medicare eligibility standards used in neighboring states. The objective of the study is to develop findings and recommendations that may inform future legislation related to the PACE program and its role in long-term care policy in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Reviewing the current appropriations and budget allocations supporting Nebraska's PACE program, including return on investment and possible savings to state medicaid expenditures when using PACE services as an alternative, other state medicaid expenditures, federal medicare participation, and other public funding streams administered by the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) Evaluating current eligibility standards for participation in Nebraska's PACE program, including geographic service area, medicare eligibility requirements, medicaid eligibility interaction, and the calculation of the amount that would have otherwise been paid;

(3) Analyzing the fiscal implications of modifying eligibility thresholds in order to align Nebraska's PACE program more closely with medicare eligibility standards and with policies used in neighboring states;

(4) Examining the reimbursement structures used to finance PACE program services, including payment methodologies, cost-sharing between medicare and medicaid, and whether current funding structures adequately support program expansion;

(5) Determining the availability, geographic distribution, and capacity of PACE providers in Nebraska, including barriers to expanding services into rural communities;

(6) Reviewing federal and state funding streams supporting PACE program services and identifying opportunities to maximize federal reimbursement while improving continuity of care and long-term care outcomes for eligible populations; and

(7) Identifying best practices from other states that have expanded PACE access, aligned eligibility with medicare standards, or otherwise improved long-term care outcomes through integrated care models.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 436. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review regulations for professional employer organizations. The study shall be conducted to meet the requirements of section 84-948 and the Occupational Board Reform Act. The study shall include an examination of the requirements of the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 440. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Lonowski, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the identification, evaluation, and effectiveness of reading screeners approved by the State Department of Education and utilized by school districts, and to examine whether improvements to screening practices should precede consideration of student retention at the third-grade level.

The Nebraska Reading Improvement Act requires school districts to administer approved reading assessments to students in kindergarten through grade three to identify reading deficiencies. The State Department of Education currently approves multiple reading screeners for use by school districts, with variation in appropriateness, technical adequacy, and usability.

A January 2026 psychometric review of reading screeners found that many approved or considered screeners only partially met expectations or required additional evidence in key areas such as classification accuracy, reliability, validity, and fairness. Concerns were identified regarding outdated norms, inconsistent cut scores, lack of classification consistency evidence, and variability in how screeners measure foundational reading skills across grade levels.

Accurate and reliable identification of students with reading deficiencies is critical to ensuring appropriate intervention and instructional support. Reading intervention teachers rely on screening data to provide targeted instruction, and the effectiveness of such interventions depends on the quality and precision of the screening tools utilized.

Policymakers are considering strategies related to student retention at the third-grade level based on reading proficiency, which underscores the importance of ensuring that identification systems are valid, reliable, and equitable prior to implementing retention policies. It is in the best interest of the state to ensure that reading screening systems are evidence-based,

consistent across districts, and aligned with best practices in literacy assessment and instruction.

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

- (1) Identifying the current reading screeners approved by the State Department of Education and utilized by school districts across the state;
- (2) Examining the appropriateness, technical adequacy, and usability of such screeners, including but not limited to validity, reliability, classification accuracy, fairness, and alignment with Nebraska academic standards;
- (3) Evaluating whether alternative or improved reading screening programs or tools are available that may better identify students with reading deficiencies;
- (4) Analyzing the extent to which current screening tools provide actionable data for reading intervention teachers and support effective instructional decisionmaking;
- (5) Determining whether improvements to reading screening systems and early intervention practices should be implemented prior to the adoption or expansion of third grade reading retention policies;
- (6) Reviewing national best practices and evidence-based approaches to early literacy screening and intervention; and
- (7) Identifying both statutory and nonstatutory solutions, including potential legislative changes, administrative actions, professional development needs, and resource allocations necessary to improve reading screening and intervention outcomes.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with stakeholders, including, but not limited to: Elementary and secondary educators and reading intervention teachers; paraeducators; postsecondary educators with expertise in literacy and assessment; staff from the State Department of Education; school administrators; school board members; members of the State Board of Education; and members of the Legislature to identify challenges, evaluate current practices, and develop recommendations.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 441. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Clouse, 37; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to the applicability for residential versus commercial building codes and the implications of enacting LB1227, introduced in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session.

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

(1) Coordinating with the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment to review and further refine the energy impact studies and articulating the return on investment for specific residential building codes; and

(2) Researching and identifying a competent source for articulating the return on investment for commercial building codes.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 442. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine youth sports participation in the State of Nebraska, with a focus on ensuring equal access, fair play, and adequate organizational support structures for children and youth.

This study shall examine the rules, regulations, and policies currently in place that are designed to ensure fair playing fields in youth sports, including eligibility standards, competition guidelines, and enforcement mechanisms. The study shall also evaluate the accessibility of organized sports and activities for Nebraska children.

Additionally, the study shall analyze the organizational structures that support youth sports participation. Particular attention shall be given to the availability, condition, and distribution of facilities such as sports fields, recreational centers, and community-based organizations, that provide structured opportunities for youth engagement.

The study shall also include, but not be limited to:

(1) An assessment of potential barriers to participation; and

(2) Recommendations for improving access and infrastructure that support youth sports across the state.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 443. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to consider creating a referencing guide to assist the Reference Committee of

the Legislature in referencing bills to the proper standing committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 444. Introduced by Quick, 35; Ballard, 21; Fredrickson, 20; Hansen, 16; Meyer, G., 17; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine cost models and payment models for determining behavioral health service rates in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Methods used to determine current behavioral health provider rates;
- (2) The process used in an expert cost study analysis conducted by a person or entity knowledgeable regarding cost study data collection and analysis;
- (3) How other states determine behavioral health provider rates and the identified methodologies and an analysis of comparability and feasibility in Nebraska;
- (4) How costs to provide services have changed since the last study conducted in Nebraska and what costs should be considered when setting provider rates;
- (5) How medicaid managed care implementation in Nebraska has changed rate-setting structures;
- (6) How to define the frequency of cost study analyses of behavioral health provider rates to address changes over time, including access to services; and
- (7) Behavioral health services not currently paid for in public payor systems and the impact paying for such services would have on other areas of the state budget and commercial insurance market.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee may consult with state agencies, the Legislative Fiscal Office, experts in the area of health care provider cost study analysis, statewide behavioral health organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 445. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the sales tax revenue remittance process under the Good Life District Economic Development Act. Upon establishing a good life district under the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, the state sales tax rate was reduced from 5.5% to 2.75%. The Good Life District Economic Development Act was enacted in 2024, which allowed a city with a good life district to establish a good life district economic development program and impose an occupation tax to provide a local source of revenue for such projects.

In order to provide a more uniform state sales tax rate in Nebraska, the Good Life District Economic Development Act was amended and on and after October 1, 2025, the state sales tax rate was increased from 2.75% to 5.5% in good life districts (except in cities of the metropolitan class). After the change, the Tax Commissioner was required to allocate certain state sales taxes, as described in the Good Life District Economic Development Act, that physically occur within a good life district and remit such allocated sales tax to the appropriate city on a monthly basis as provided for in the Good Life District Economic Development Act.

This study shall examine whether the current process for remitting the allocated sales tax to the appropriate city is sufficient or if further legislative action is necessary to ensure that the intent of the Good Life District Economic Development Act is being met.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 446. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine auctioneer licensing and continuing education requirements.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examining the current statutory and regulatory requirements for auctioneering;

(2) Reviewing the scope, content, and delivery methods of prelicensing education and continuing education;

(3) Examining how other states regulate auctioneer education and licensing;

(4) Examining the impact of online and electronic auctions on education and competency standards;

(5) Reviewing consumer protection considerations and enforcement issues; and

(6) Determining whether changes to statutes or regulations are warranted to improve educational quality, accessibility, and relevance while maintaining appropriate oversight.

In conducting this interim study, the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature may confer with stakeholders, including licensed auctioneers, auction firms, educators, regulators, and consumers.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 447. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how a baccalaureate degree requiring fewer than the traditional one hundred twenty credit hours, or four years, may benefit the state.

The Department of Labor reports that the percentage of jobs in the state requiring a baccalaureate degree is increasing from nineteen and seven-tenths percent for the period from 2012 to 2022 to a projected twenty-seven percent for the period from 2022 to 2032. The department also reports jobs considered to be in high demand, requiring high skill levels, and providing high wages, are increasing significantly over the same periods, rising from forty-two and one-half percent to a projected sixty-two percent.

Currently, there are seven public and eleven private postsecondary institutions in Nebraska that grant baccalaureate degrees requiring at least one hundred twenty credit hours. All but one of these institutions are physically located within the eastern geographic half of the state.

As the number of jobs requiring a baccalaureate degree continues to grow, access to baccalaureate degree-granting institutions becomes increasingly critical to economic development and workforce preparedness in the state. As workforce shortages persist in occupations requiring a baccalaureate degree, it is necessary for the state to consider whether existing postsecondary resources can be leveraged to fill any accessibility gaps and meet workforce demand.

Nebraska is not the first state to examine this issue. In response to gaps in access to bachelor's degrees, nearly sixty institutions across the country have begun to develop and implement baccalaureate programs requiring fewer than one hundred twenty credit hours in select disciplines. In addition, twenty-four states currently authorize community colleges to confer bachelor's degrees, expanding geographic access and strengthening

workforce pipelines in high-demand fields. These developments suggest that alternative baccalaureate pathways may provide the state with additional tools to improve degree attainment, expand access in underserved regions, and better align postsecondary education with evolving workforce needs.

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

- (1) Geographic areas of the state that would most benefit from bachelor's degrees requiring fewer than one hundred twenty credit hours;
- (2) Industries and career pathways that would most benefit from such degrees;
- (3) Student populations that would most benefit from such degrees; and
- (4) Postsecondary institutions, including community colleges, that may be capable of offering such degrees.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 448. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the quality and availability of assistance to Nebraska veterans and their families regarding benefits and services available to them based on their military service.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Determining the ratio of accredited veteran service officers to military veterans in the state;
- (2) Examining the benefits services that veteran service officers provide to military veterans;
- (3) Examining federal law pertaining to accreditation of veteran service officers;
- (4) Examining federal criminal or civil penalties associated with such accreditation;
- (5) Reviewing the process that determines what benefits a veteran may be eligible for; and
- (6) Examining the Veterans Affairs disability claims review process.

In conducting this interim study, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, legislative officers and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 449. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dover, 19; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, F., 41; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine:

(1) State resources and programs to assist with recovery and restoration of agricultural lands that have suffered from devastating wildfires within the state;

(2) The loss of agricultural productivity from such wildfires;

(3) Agricultural-resource degradation from such wildfires and the effects of such resource degradation;

(4) Federal, state, and local government responses to such wildfires;

(5) Available programs and assistance that are available to respond to the agricultural damage caused by such wildfires; and

(6) Recommendations to enhance this state's capability to facilitate long-term recovery from such wildfires.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 450. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 451. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review occupational regulations for bulk milk haulers and field representatives under the Nebraska Milk Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 452. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine funding sources, fee structures, service types, oversight structures, reimbursement structures, and appropriations for cross-system services between child welfare and juvenile justice.

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

- (1) Reviewing the current appropriations and budget allocations supporting services for youth involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system, including funds administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Probation Administration;
- (2) Evaluating how costs for youth served by both systems are distributed among state agencies, counties, behavioral health regions, and contracted service providers, including any statutory or administrative cost sharing;
- (3) Analyzing the reimbursement and fee structures, including rate setting, payment methods, and whether current reimbursement levels provide adequate funding to meet program goals;
- (4) Examining the coordination of payment and funding sources between the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Probation Administration, the Department of Correctional Services, behavioral health regions, and contracted providers to ensure continuity of care, with particular attention to progress related to previous audit reports from the Auditor of Public Accounts on this subject;
- (5) Reviewing federal and state funding streams that support cross-system services, including fee structures and opportunities to maximize federal reimbursement; and
- (6) Identifying best practices from other states that have successfully strengthened fiscal oversight and accountability for such funding.

In conducting this interim study, the Appropriations Committee may confer with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, other state agencies, juvenile justice professionals, foster and kinship caregivers, service

providers, impacted youth and families, behavioral health experts, advocates, and other relevant stakeholders as needed.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 453. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the impact on homestead exemptions of Legislative Bill 126, One Hundred Eighth Legislature, Second Session, 2024.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 454. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine alternative funding sources for addressing the shortage of affordable and workforce housing in Nebraska. Historically, affordable and workforce housing programs in Nebraska have been funded by the General Fund and proceeds from the documentary stamp tax. As money from the General Fund has become unavailable, additional funding sources need to be identified. This study shall examine how housing is funded in other states and explore new funding sources for housing in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 455. Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; Guereca, 7; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine recruitment, retention, and professional recognition of prekindergarten, elementary, and secondary educators.

Educators are essential to the academic success, workforce readiness, and civic development of students in the state. Meanwhile, school districts are experiencing ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified educators, including teachers, faculty, and support staff. Educators have reported feeling undervalued as professionals, citing concerns related to compensation, benefits, workplace conditions, administrative burdens, and the overall respect and recognition afforded to the profession. Increased workloads, emotional demands, student behavioral challenges, and safety concerns contribute to educator burnout and attrition. Contract negotiations and, in some cases, failed negotiations between educators and employers may further impact morale, retention, and the stability of educational environments. State and federal educational mandates, compliance requirements, and administrative expectations may contribute to increased burdens on educators and reduce the time available for instruction and student engagement. Shortages of qualified educators, including substitute teachers and paraeducators, place additional strain on existing staff and impact the quality of education delivered to students. Improving educator recognition, professional respect, and working conditions is essential to strengthening Nebraska's education system and ensuring long-term student success.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Factors contributing to educator shortages and challenges in recruitment;
- (2) Causes of educator demoralization and attrition, including burnout, workload, and workplace conditions;
- (3) Compensation structures, including salaries and benefits, and the competitiveness of such salaries and benefits regionally and nationally;
- (4) The impact of student behavior, discipline policies, and classroom management challenges on educator retention;
- (5) Administrative burdens, educational mandates, and compliance requirements affecting educator workload;
- (6) The impact of contract negotiations, including failed negotiations, on educator morale and retention;
- (7) School safety concerns and their effect on educator well-being;
- (8) Availability of resources, funding structures, and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by educators;
- (9) Strategies to improve professional recognition, respect, and public perception of educators;
- (10) Evidence-based practices and policies from other states that successfully improve educator recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction; and
- (11) Strategies the state and school districts may implement to mitigate educator burnout, improve workplace conditions, and incentivize long-term retention in the profession.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 456. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the implementation of recreational cannabis in Nebraska.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The impact of legalized recreational cannabis, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and eligibility standards;
- (2) Potential economic impact on Nebraska;
- (3) The reasons for and impacts of restricted access for patients of medical cannabis; and
- (4) Receiving input from medical professionals, business owners, agricultural producers, and economists.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 457. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify the barriers to multiple employer insurance plans. Multiple employer insurance plans allow employers to pool their risks and jointly purchase health insurance for employees. This model supports smaller employers by reducing administrative costs, allowing access to better insurance rates, and offering large group benefits. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of state and federal statutes and rules and regulations applicable to multiple employer insurance plans.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 458. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, F., 41; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the availability and disclosure of data regarding tax exemptions and tax incentives to Nebraska state personnel. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Compiling information for all of the current tax exemptions and tax incentives in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the intended goals and actual outcomes, value, and the beginning and ending dates;

(2) Conducting an assessment of the actual economic impact of each tax exemption and tax incentive including the return on investment;

(3) Researching and identifying a means for all relevant information regarding tax exemptions and tax incentives to be shared with all Nebraska state personnel involved in the state appropriations process including state senators and their staff; and

(4) Examining transparency and reporting requirements for sharing information regarding tax exemptions and tax incentives.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 459. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the assessment of agricultural land value based on potential income and determine whether such method of assessment is the best way to properly assess agricultural land. In conducting this study, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Nebraska Farm Bureau, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Governor's Policy Research Office, and other stakeholders with expertise in agricultural land assessment. This study shall include the following:

(1) An examination of which other midwest and great plains states use the potential income method of assessment for agricultural land, and the process of such assessment by such states;

(2) A determination of the challenges faced by past legislation that changed agricultural land assessment to the potential income method of assessment;

(3) A determination of solutions that can be implemented to overcome hurdles in passing legislation to change agricultural land assessment to the potential income method of assessment;

(4) An examination of the unique challenges in Nebraska that makes utilizing the potential income method of assessment for agricultural land more difficult;

(5) A determination of the best source of information to evaluate the potential income of agricultural land. Some examples of such information sources being the three-year trend analysis of rents within geographically similar areas based on weather conditions and soil types gathered from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Farm Real Estate Market Report, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Nebraska Farmland Values and Cash Rental Rates, or Nebraska Extension annual reports; and

(6) An examination of whether trend analysis is helpful in determining the potential income of agricultural land.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 460. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to residential building codes and land development regulations and to examine which specific codes may be cost prohibitive in the building of affordable and workforce housing.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An examination of whether there are any existing exceptions to the residential building or energy codes that make affordable or workforce housing more affordable;

(2) A determination of what exceptions could be made to residential building or energy codes to lower the cost of affordable and workforce housing;

(3) A determination of what existing residential building codes in Nebraska may be deemed unnecessary or excessive, inhibiting the building of affordable or workforce housing;

(4) A determination of whether there is a way to calculate the cost-to-benefit ratio for building codes and what such calculation looks like;

(5) An examination of which current requirements imposed by cities or villages or the state on land development drive costs of development up and cause new construction prices to become inflated;

(6) A determination of what increased costs are incurred or saved by building outside of a city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction;

(7) A determination on whether there are any additional ordinances or regulations that cities or villages or the state place on the building of

affordable and workforce residential housing that cause new construction prices to become inflated; and

(8) A determination of any modifications that may be made to buildings codes, city or villages ordinances, or state regulations that would reduce the cost of building residential housing that utilizes the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund, or the Middle Income Work Housing Investment Fund.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Nebraska State Home Builders Association, the Nebraska Housing Developers Association, city officials and other stakeholders with expertise in housing codes, ordinances, and construction.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 461. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: (1) The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to complement the work of the Infrastructure Review Task Force, conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's highway funding structure, and recommend possible alternatives to the traditional methods that have historically been employed in the state.

(2) While revenue continues to decrease through less fuel consumption and less motor vehicle sales tax revenue, highway construction costs continue to increase through inflationary factors and greater needs due to increased traffic volume.

(3) Nebraska is rapidly approaching the point where sustaining the number one priority of system preservation will be difficult.

(4) This study shall examine several factors surrounding the state of highways in Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

(a) An analysis of the current funding for highways and streets in Nebraska and the emphasis on user fees;

(b) An analysis of the overall effectiveness of the fuel tax in today's economic environment;

(c) An analysis of how the Department of Transportation has responded to lower revenue and higher costs over the past several years, including a reassessment of the priority funding system;

(d) An analysis of how city and county governments have fared under the state's highway revenue structure; and

(e) A review of other states' alternative methods of funding highways, including, but not limited to, bonding, implementing a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) system, tolling, using public-private partnerships, redistributing

current state revenue, and ensuring vehicle taxes are being utilized for highway and road funding.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 462. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine a stair-stepping approach to public assistance eligibility, which would gradually reduce public assistance to recipients based on increases in income, and whether such an approach would result in cost savings while improving outcomes by fostering economic stability and promoting upward mobility.

(1) The study shall examine whether the stair-stepping approach could benefit taxpayers by:

(a) Reducing long-term dependency. By incentivizing work and career progression, stair-stepping could help move individuals and families toward self-sufficiency, ultimately reducing long-term reliance on government assistance programs;

(b) Lowering administrative costs. Standardizing eligibility requirements and streamlining the phase-out process can reduce the complex administrative burden associated with the abrupt, varied income limits of different programs;

(c) Increasing tax revenue. As recipients earn more and work steady jobs, they contribute more through income taxes, boosting government revenue;

(d) Encouraging economic growth. By promoting workforce participation and stability, the overall economy benefits, leading to better community health and reduced poverty rates; and

(e) Promoting health care savings. Stable financial foundations and access to basic needs, such as food and housing, lead to better health outcomes, which can lower public health care expenditures.

(2) The study shall also examine whether a stair-stepping approach would benefit recipients by:

(a) Avoiding financial loss. The primary benefit is preventing the net loss of income that occurs with a benefits cliff. Instead of a pay raise resulting in a net pay cut due to lost benefits, families see a real financial gain as they earn more;

(b) Incentivizing work and advancement. A gradual reduction ensures that pursuing a new job, a raise, or a promotion is always a beneficial decision, rather than a risky one that could lead to financial hardship;

(c) Providing stability. Gradual phase-outs give recipients the necessary time to adjust budgets and build savings, creating a stable financial foundation as recipients transition off public assistance;

(d) Encouraging opportunity. With a more predictable and supportive system, recipients are more likely to pursue education, skills training, or career development opportunities that can lead to intergenerational economic mobility; and

(e) Reducing stress. Predictable, gradual changes alleviate the stress and anxiety associated with the sudden loss of vital aid like child care or housing assistance.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 463. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Juarez, 5; Meyer, G., 17; Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to analyze data from learning community schools to investigate the return on investment.

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

- (1) Compiling and summarizing statutes related to learning communities;
- (2) Identifying funding streams related to learning communities and the amount of money received by the existing learning community and its member school districts;
- (3) Identifying how the money received by the existing learning community and its member school districts is being spent and determine if such funding continues to be necessary;
- (4) Determining if state aid could be removed so that the rest of the state is not funding learning communities;
- (5) Reviewing all community achievement plans approved by the State Board of Education and all reports on the success of the plans and evaluation results;
- (6) Identifying existing goals for learning communities and determining if the existing learning community and its member school districts are achieving such goals;
- (7) Identifying any required measurable outcomes;
- (8) Determining if any measurable progress has been made toward closing the learning gaps by subgroups for achievement equity;
- (9) Examining outside accountability mechanisms and how they can be enhanced; and
- (10) Analyzing the use of nonprofit organizations by the existing learning community and the contribution of such organizations to the goals of such learning community.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 464. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the potential for a de minimis property tax exemption.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following questions:

- (1) What is the economic purpose of a de minimis property tax exemption for tangible personal property and why have other states pursued them?
- (2) What percentage of property tax revenue from tangible personal property is derived from the top one, five, ten, and twenty percent of personal property return filers?
- (3) What exemption levels would be necessary to exempt eighty, ninety, ninety-five, or ninety-nine percent of personal property return filers?
- (4) What is the administrative cost to county governments for processing low-dollar tangible personal property returns? What is the cost of processing tangible personal property returns with less than fifty dollars of reported liability? What is the cost of processing the lowest eighty or ninety percent of personal property returns compared to property tax revenue from those returns?
- (5) How does the cost of administering low-dollar personal property returns compare to the cost of administering high-value personal property returns?
- (6) What is the personal property tax compliance cost ratio for small businesses, representing how much they spend complying with personal property returns versus their actual liability?
- (7) What de minimis exemptions have been adopted by other states, what are the reported revenue implications, and what percentage of potential personal property taxpayers do they exempt?
- (8) What are the best practices to avoid tax cliffs and eliminate compliance costs for small business taxpayers?
- (9) What design considerations are necessary for successful implementation of a de minimis property tax exemption for tangible personal property?
- (10) How should revenue losses associated with a de minimis property tax exemption for tangible personal property be addressed, and should any state reimbursement be net of reduced county administrative costs?

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 465. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to school policies on student surveys and the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers. The study shall include the implementation and effects of Laws 2025, LB428, relating to the administration of mental health surveys to students and the right of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers to remove children from such surveys.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 466. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the prevalence, causes, and impacts of suspensions and other exclusionary discipline practices affecting elementary school students, and to identify the resources, policies, and supports necessary to reduce or eliminate such practices.

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

(1) Current state and local policies governing suspensions and expulsions for students in elementary school;

(2) The frequency, demographic breakdown, and geographic distribution of such disciplinary actions;

(3) The short-term and long-term impacts of early exclusionary discipline on student outcomes, including academic achievement, behavioral development, and involvement in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems;

(4) The availability and effectiveness of alternative disciplinary approaches, including restorative practices, behavioral interventions, trauma-informed care, and school-based mental health supports;

(5) The capacity of school districts, educators, and support staff to implement developmentally appropriate behavioral interventions;

(6) What school districts are doing to address the needs of students that may be suspended;

(7) Workforce needs related to this issue, including access to school psychologists, social workers, behavioral specialists, and other support personnel;

(8) Funding structures and resource gaps at the state and local levels;

(9) Best practices from other states that have limited or prohibited suspensions in early elementary grades; and

(10) The feasibility of establishing statewide standards, funding mechanisms, and accountability measures to support schools in reducing reliance on exclusionary discipline for students while maintaining safe and supportive learning environments.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 467. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine strategies, policies, and investments that cities, villages, and the State of Nebraska may use to make the state more attractive to young people, including, but not limited to, students, young professionals, entrepreneurs, and early-career families.

This study shall evaluate the factors influencing whether young people choose to remain in, relocate to, or leave Nebraska and identify opportunities to strengthen talent retention, workforce development, and community vitality across the state.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An analysis of current demographic trends related to young people in Nebraska, including retention rates, out-migration patterns, and regional disparities between urban and rural communities;

(2) An evaluation of job availability, wage competitiveness, career pathways, and alignment between education systems and workforce needs, including opportunities in emerging industries;

(3) An assessment of housing availability, affordability, and accessibility for young people, including rental and homeownership opportunities;

(4) A review of factors such as arts and culture, entertainment, public spaces, transportation, and overall livability that influence decisions of young people;

(5) An examination of kindergarten through grade twelve, postsecondary, and workforce training systems, including partnerships with colleges, universities, and employers to retain graduates in Nebraska;

(6) An evaluation of resources, capital access, and support systems available to young entrepreneurs and small business startups;

(7) An examination of opportunities for young people to engage in civic life, leadership development, and community decision-making;

(8) An identification and analysis of best practices from other states and regions that have successfully attracted and retained young people; and

(9) Identification of systemic, economic, or social barriers that discourage young people from staying in or moving to Nebraska.

The study may also include input from stakeholders including young residents, employers, educational institutions, economic development organizations, community groups, and policy experts.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 468. Introduced by Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine policies that could be enacted to provide assurances to immigrant communities that some community areas would be safe from immigration harassment and enforcement.

In the 109th Legislature, Second Session, the Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on LB907, which would provide that in some community spaces immigration enforcement, with the exception of the execution of judicial warrants, would not be conducted. These sensitive areas included schools, libraries, and other places of learning; hospitals, homeless shelters, and other places of refuge; and courthouses and legal service providers.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) How other states have provided assurances to immigrant communities by enacting laws similar to LB907.

(2) What other states' attorneys general have done in issuing guidance to schools and other sensitive areas on how to respond to federal immigration authorities; and

(3) What local governments have done across the country to provide similar assistance to sensitive areas.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 470. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to streamline and improve wireless connectivity for residents, families and businesses, specifically by examining policies to address unreasonable fees and other costs for wireless deployments.

In recent years, wireless providers and infrastructure companies have experienced an exponential growth in fees for processing siting applications that include or require engagement with third-party contractors or consultants. Permitting fees for wireless sites are often substantially higher in municipalities and jurisdictions that utilize these consultants compared with those that do not. In some cases across the country, jurisdictions even require upfront retainer payments before an application can be considered.

This growth in fees and costs is happening as the public's demand for wireless services is growing at historic proportions in Nebraska and across the nation. In 2024 alone, United States consumers used a record 132 trillion megabytes of mobile data, shattering the 100 trillion-megabyte mark set the year before. The amount of wireless infrastructure necessary to carry that traffic and meet this growing demand is staggering and will only continue to grow, which is why wireless providers invested \$29 billion in 2024 and approximately \$219 billion since 2018 to expand the nation's wireless networks.

In 2021, LB520 was introduced to address this and other permitting issues. The bill preserved and protected the ability of Nebraska jurisdictions to charge fees for wireless permitting provided the assessed fees are reasonable and reflective of actual costs of wireless permitting. This included specific limits and guardrails on consultant-based fee assessments. Even if this and other related provisions had been enacted into law, LB520 would have maintained already substantial, appropriate local control over the wireless permit application process.

This study shall examine policies adopted by other states as well as federal laws and regulations governing fees and costs assessed by municipalities and other jurisdictions for wireless permitting to facilitate the development of future Nebraska legislation to address the issue.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 471. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the production of natural gas. Recent dynamic changes and growth in energy consumption will drive pressure on the supply of natural gas, the capacity of the existing pipelines, and affordability.

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

(1) Evaluating whether natural gas companies operating in Nebraska have sufficient natural gas capacity to cover:

(a) Home heating;

(b) Existing, planned, and forecasted generation of electric power;

- (c) The production of ethanol; and
- (d) The needs of the agriculture industry/bioeconomy;
- (2) Evaluating whether natural gas companies have adequate existing pipelines, pipeline capacity, firm supply, and storage; and
- (3) Evaluating the affordability of the rising prices of natural gas.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 472. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Meyer, G., 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine federally funded Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs and to provide state policy recommendations in support of such programs. Head Start Preschool provides high-quality early childhood education and wraparound services for preschoolers to promote school readiness and healthy development. Early Head Start provides high-quality early childhood education and wraparound services for infants, toddlers, expectant parents, and families to enhance healthy development, pregnancy, and postpartum recovery.

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

- (1) A comprehensive overview of the services, impact, and access to Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs in Nebraska;
- (2) An overview of the federal and state history of Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs;
- (3) An overview of the structure and operation of Head Start and Early Head Start programs, including the supporting role of the Nebraska Head Start Collaboration Office and other state governmental bodies and associations;
- (4) An inventory of the federal funding sources for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs;
- (5) An examination of staffing challenges affecting Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs and their ability to provide services to young children and families;
- (6) An examination of compliance with federal law regarding Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start background checks; and
- (7) A review of approaches in other states to support Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programming.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 473. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Meyer, G., 17; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine opportunities for countywide local option sales taxes. Currently counties are allowed to levy sales taxes only in areas without a municipal sales tax and revenues must be used for public safety services. Similar to municipal sales taxes, voters must approve implementation of county sales taxes. Expanded authority for county local option sales taxes could provide a non-property-tax revenue stream for necessary county government duties and services.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Options for allowing a county sales tax to be implemented countywide after a designated proportion of the population residing in municipalities in the county have implemented a city sales tax;
- (2) Options for creating specific districts where county sales taxes could be charged, including areas near a highway or other selected regions outside of municipal boundaries;
- (3) Rates and other fiscal considerations for county sales taxes; and
- (4) Allocation of countywide sales taxes to public safety services or other county functions.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 474. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Municipal Equalization Fund that is used to provide state aid to equalize the property tax capacity of incorporated cities in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) An examination of the populations of the cities that have received a distribution from the Municipal Equalization Fund and the amount of aid those cities received;

(2) Whether it is appropriate to exclude a city from utilizing the fund when its population, including the population of its surrounding area, reaches a certain threshold; and

(3) The identification of any abuses or irregularities regarding use of the fund.

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

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 475. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Hansen, 16; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17; Sorrentino, 39; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of state funding provided to nonprofit organizations. The study aims to promote transparency, accountability, and effective stewardship of state resources.

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

(1) Identifying all organizations that receive state funding and that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) Reviewing state funding sources that provide funds to such organizations;

(3) Articulating the purpose for which such state funds are awarded or granted;

(4) Identifying the amount of such state funds and qualification standards for receiving such state funds;

(5) Examining allowable uses of state funds received by nonprofit organizations;

(6) Analyzing oversight and traceability of state funds received by nonprofit organizations; and

(7) Reviewing the return on investment of state funds received by nonprofit organizations.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 476. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Hansen, 16; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine:

- (1) The fiscal, constitutional, and administrative implications of adopting LB1095 (2026);
- (2) The fiscal impact of divesting assets of the retirement systems from the People's Republic of China on the State of Nebraska and the residents of this state, including the cost of initial divestment and the projected long-term revenue loss from divestment;
- (3) The creation or use of a list of restricted entities;
- (4) If definition clarity or scope-of-time requirements are needed for LB1095 (2026);
- (5) The practicability of implementing LB1095 (2026);
- (6) Which state agencies should administrate certain functions of LB1095 (2026);
- (7) The long-term implications of adopting LB1095 (2026); and
- (8) The best timeline for divesting from the People's Republic of China in the context of national security and fiscal responsibilities.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 478. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the governance and operational structure of Nebraska's prescription drug monitoring program, including its relationship with the health information exchange.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 480. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how public resources for youth development programming are currently distributed across Nebraska, identify gaps in availability and access, particularly in rural areas and communities with fewer resources,

and develop recommendations for ensuring those resources work more efficiently and effectively for youth, families, and communities.

In many Nebraska communities, the demand for quality youth development programming far outpaces current availability, leaving working families without reliable options for keeping children safe and supported during out-of-school hours. Nebraska parents of 144,606 children want afterschool programs, yet only 28,828 children are currently enrolled, meaning 4 in 5 Nebraska children cannot access these programs. An additional 1,431 Nebraska youth are currently waiting for a mentor. Without a clearer understanding of how existing public resources are being deployed, this gap will intensify, turning today's shortage into tomorrow's crisis.

Current resources directed towards youth development programming are distributed across multiple funding streams without a comprehensive picture of where they are going, which communities they are reaching, and where critical gaps remain.

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

(1) Mapping existing state and federal funding streams directed toward youth development programming, including funding administered through the State Department of Education, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and collaborating with organizations already engaged in fiscal mapping or resource distribution analysis to avoid duplication and leverage work currently underway;

(2) Assessing the availability and geographic distribution of youth development programs across Nebraska;

(3) Identifying gaps between the demand for youth development programming and current program capacity, including the number of youth on waitlists or in communities without available programs;

(4) Examining the impact of accessible, quality youth development programming on working families, local employers, and community economic vitality;

(5) Reviewing best practices from other states regarding public investment in youth development programming and strategies for maximizing the impact of limited public resources;

(6) Evaluating opportunities to better align and coordinate existing funding streams to reduce duplication and improve outcomes; and

(7) Recommending a sustainable, scalable framework for public investment in youth development programming that ensures all Nebraska communities have access to quality programs.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the State Department of Education, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, youth development program providers, coalitions and organizations serving youth, organizations currently engaged in fiscal mapping or resource distribution analysis related to youth programming, local school districts, employers, working families, youth, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 481. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal and operational issues related to the addition of long-term care services and supports to the medicaid managed care program.

LB832 was introduced by Senator Hansen in 2026 and would continue the prohibition on long-term care services and supports from being added prior to July 1, 2030. The addition of long-term care services and supports to the medicaid managed care program has been debated for many years. This study shall investigate the issues surrounding such proposal and shall include information from other states regarding the potential costs and challenges faced when those states have added long-term care services and supports to medicaid managed care programs.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 482. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to insurance coverage practices and policies and reimbursement structures for access to nonopioid treatment options to address opioid use, overdose outcomes, and access to care across Nebraska.

The United States and the State of Nebraska continue to face a significant public health challenge related to opioid addiction, drug overdoses, and substance use disorders. Opioid medications include both illegal substances, such as heroin and illicitly manufactured fentanyl, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska reported approximately one hundred fifteen to one hundred thirty-three drug overdose deaths annually in recent years, with opioids involved in a substantial share of those deaths and synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, contributing to a growing proportion.

Disparities in opioid use, overdose, and treatment access exist across Nebraska populations, including differences based on race and ethnicity, geography, age, and socioeconomic status. Socioeconomic factors include income level, insurance coverage, housing stability, and employment and affect both the risk of substance use disorders and access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Certain demographic groups, including working-age adults, males, and individuals between twenty-five to forty-four years of age, have experienced higher rates of overdose mortality in Nebraska. Disparities also exist in access to nonopioid pain management therapies, which have been identified as safe and effective alternatives for many conditions, but may be subject to coverage limitations or provider availability constraints. The opioid prescribing rate in Nebraska and reliance by Nebraska residents on pain medications, estimated to be approximately forty-two prescriptions per one hundred persons, reflect ongoing exposure to opioid medications in the state. Expanding awareness of, and equitable access to, nonopioid treatment options and substance use disorder services may reduce reliance on opioids and improve patient outcomes. The State of Nebraska and the Legislature play a critical role in ensuring equitable access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and pain management services across all communities and setting policies to accomplish such goals.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of insurance coverage practices, medicaid policies, and reimbursement structures to assess whether barriers exist for individuals in Nebraska to access nonopioid pain management therapies or substance use disorder treatment services;
- (2) An examination of the disparities in opioid use, overdose outcomes, and access to care across Nebraska;
- (3) An examination on how to expand access to nonopioid pain medications and pain management, including nonopioid pain treatment awareness and patient education through tools such as nonopioid directives, among others; and
- (4) Any statutory or administrative changes that may be needed to help address opioid use, overdose outcomes, and access to care across Nebraska.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 506. Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee: Jacobson, 42, Chairperson; Bostar, 29; Dungan, 26; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how public funds are deposited, held, and invested, and to evaluate

the economic impacts of current public-fund investment practices on local communities throughout Nebraska.

Local financial institutions have historically played a central role in supporting Nebraska's small businesses, housing markets, agricultural producers, and community development. The potential consequences of a shift of public funds from local financial institutions include reduced credit availability, weakened economic multipliers, and decreased economic resilience, particularly in rural areas.

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

(1) An inventory of where public funds are currently held and invested and the types of investment vehicles being used, including deposits in local financial institutions, pooled investments, out-of-state investments, money market accounts, or other investment vehicles;

(2) An examination of Nebraska's statutory and regulatory frameworks governing the investment of public funds by state agencies, counties, municipalities, school districts, natural resources districts, and other political subdivisions;

(3) An analysis of the economic impact of holding public funds in local financial institutions versus pooled investment vehicles, including effects on local lending capacity, small business financing, housing development, and agricultural credit markets;

(4) A review of decision-making criteria used by public entities when selecting deposit or investment options, including interest-rate considerations, collateral requirements, liquidity needs, fiduciary obligations, and administrative practices;

(5) An assessment of whether current practices align with Nebraska's economic development goals, particularly in rural and underserved communities; and

(6) Potential policy options or legislative changes to encourage or facilitate the holding or investment of public funds consistent with prudent fiscal management and overall financial benefit to Nebraska taxpayers.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

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