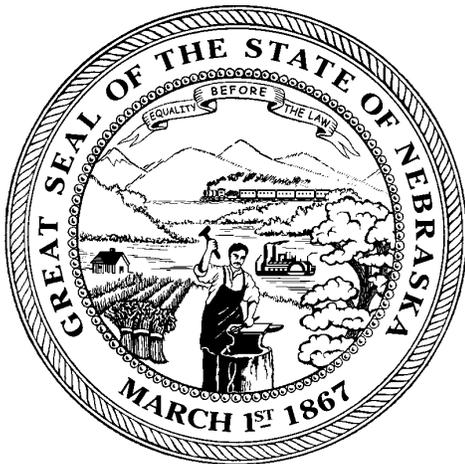


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Rule 4, Section 3

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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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Revenue: Smith (C), Friesen (VC), Brasch, Groene, Harr, Larson, Lindstrom, Schumacher

- LR163 Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, real and personal property taxes
Revenue

- LR240 Interim study to examine the issues raised by LB121, 2017, related to taxation of military benefits
Revenue
- LR195 Interim study to examine the system of valuing automobiles for calculation of the motor vehicle tax
Revenue
- LR161 Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, state individual income and corporate income taxes
Revenue
- LR162 Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, state and local sales and use taxes and any other miscellaneous taxes
Revenue
- LR224 Interim study to examine cross-county assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes
Revenue

Transportation and Telecommunications: Friesen (C), Smith (VC), Bostelman, Briese, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Murante

- LR176 Interim study to examine the provision of broadband telecommunication services within the state
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR174 Interim study to review the implementation of the 911 Service System Act
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR203 Interim study to examine issues surrounding the relocation of utilities within the public right-of-way
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR214 Interim study to examine contracting and procurement by the Dept. of Roads
Transportation and Transportation
- LR213 Interim study to examine state funding for Nebraska airports and specifically funding for airport capital improvement
Transportation and Transportation
- LR175 Interim study to conduct an examination of issues related to reforming the regulation of basic local exchange service rates charged by local exchange telecommunications carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission
Transportation and Telecommunications

- LR215 Interim study to examine the feasibility of a pilot project involving autonomous shuttles in a city of the primary class
Transportation and Transportation
- LR136 Interim study to examine the effect of the Congressional passage of Joint Resolution, S. J. 34, which disapproved the Federal Communications Commission final rules for Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR177 Interim study to review issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Transportation and Telecommunications

Urban Affairs: Wayne (C), Hansen (VC), Crawford, Howard, Larson, Quick, Riepe

- LR60 Interim study to examine issues related to the use of tax-increment financing
Urban Affairs
- LR160 Interim study to examine the ability of municipalities in Nebraska to offer relocation incentives to attract new residents
Urban Affairs
- LR138 Interim study to examine the tools, mechanisms, and funding sources available to municipalities to provide for condemnation or demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings
Urban Affairs
- LR81 Interim study to examine the adoption and enforcement of state fire codes
Urban Affairs
- LR109 Interim study to examine the collection of annual assessments under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act
Urban Affairs
- LR124 Interim study to examine contracting and procurement by cities of the metropolitan class
Urban Affairs
- LR84 Interim study to examine the statutes governing some classes of municipalities
Urban Affairs
- LR85 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee
Urban Affairs

**RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED
DURING THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
CALLING FOR STUDIES BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee: Ebke (C), Bolz, Brewer, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Wayne

LR127 Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4. Introduced by Blood, 3; Wayne, 13; Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: Nitrate-nitrogen in the waterways is an ongoing issue for this state, as nitrates increasingly invade both our public and private water supplies. Human activity continues to introduce nitrates into waterways, with fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and nitrogen-bearing minerals in the soil all contributing to the problem. With the growing use of fertilizer, increasing livestock numbers, and expanding use of septic tanks, there is cause to be concerned about the elevated levels of nitrate-nitrogen and other chemicals impacting water quality in the state. Chemicals that are found in the waterways include chromium and chromium compounds and developmental toxins, such as lead and lead compounds, nitrates, phosphorous, and atrazine. Harmful bacteria, including E. coli, have also been detected. As commercial growth compounds the problem, it is important to understand what solutions or options may be available that can provide a cost-effective resolution to help protect Nebraska residents from negative health impacts.

This interim study shall specifically explore if the development of a more comprehensive water quality study is needed and if a nutrient management plan to improve water quality would benefit this state, including an analysis of best grasses for filtration and the best plantings for forests and crops in buffer areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 11. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study resolution is to assess the Nebraska medical assistance program and the options for health care reform for Nebraska, including whether the elimination of optional benefits would allow for more low-income Nebraskans to access benefits under the medical assistance program without increasing current state and federal funds for the program.

This study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) A review of the required and optional services covered by the medical assistance program in Nebraska;

(2) A review of the eligibility requirements for the medical assistance program in Nebraska; and

(3) A review of health care options for low-income individuals without insurance.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25. Introduced by Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: To study timeline, notification, and process requirements in the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature for preparing and delivering fiscal notes in order to better serve the needs of senators and the public.

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

1. That a committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That such 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 28. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to research how this state and each of its ninety-three counties handle, process, and test sexual assault evidence collection kits and to determine how to best address any backlog or other delays in processing and testing sexual assault evidence. In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance and input of health care professionals, law enforcement, the office of the Attorney General, the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System, the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, county officials, and victim advocates.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 60. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Hansen, 26; Howard, 9; Larson, 40; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the use of tax-increment financing (TIF) that were raised in the December 20, 2016 report issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of recordkeeping requirements related to TIF projects under the Community Development Law and the Records Management Act;

(2) A review of the reporting requirements for TIF projects to the Property Tax Administrator under section 18-2117.01 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes;

(3) An examination of redevelopment project costs that are typically reimbursed through TIF and whether the reimbursement of certain costs could potentially violate the provisions in section 18-2116 commonly referred to as the "but-for" test;

(4) A review of the statutory definitions of "substandard area" and "blighted area" under section 18-2103 and the process by which municipalities declare an area as "substandard and blighted" under section 18-2109;

(5) An examination of the cost-benefit analysis required for TIF projects under section 18-2113; and

(6) A review of other findings in the Auditor's report related to specific TIF projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 81. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the adoption and enforcement of state fire codes. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A review of the process used to adopt and update fire codes by the State Fire Marshall, as compared to the process of updating other codes, including the state building code, the Nebraska Energy Code, and the National Electrical Code;

2. A review of the role of political subdivisions in enforcing state fire codes; and

3. A review of the interaction between state fire codes and other state and local codes, including the state building code, the Nebraska Energy Code, the National Electrical Code, and local building codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 84. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Hansen, 26; Howard, 9; Larson, 40; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the statutes governing some, but not all, classes of municipalities in Chapter 19, Nebraska Revised Statutes. The goal of the study shall be to update and modernize statutes governing some, but not all, classes of municipalities through the elimination of obsolete, antiquated, and duplicate statutory language.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 85. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Hansen, 26; Howard, 9; Larson, 40; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is 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 FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 91. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the 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, and the Nebraska Judges Retirement System. The study may also examine any 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 FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 92. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to carry out section 13-2402 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions. The study committee shall conduct a public hearing for the presentation of reports by all political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 109. Introduced by Larson, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the collection of annual assessments under the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Act. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the process by which other types of municipal assessments, including special assessments, are collected;
- (2) A review of the role of county assessors in collecting municipal special assessments; and
- (3) An examination of Federal Housing Administration (FHA) regulations and guidelines concerning the eligibility of properties subject to PACE assessments to receive FHA-insured mortgage financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 113. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund was initially created with a \$50 million endowment for health care programs using the principal and investment income from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund. The purpose of this endowment was to create an ongoing funding mechanism for health care in Nebraska.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. This study shall include:

(1) A review of the annual Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund reports provided by the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) Input from interested parties regarding the funds necessary to continue using the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to pay for health care and related services; and

(3) Recommendations as to any statutory or funding changes that the Legislature should make in order to protect the ongoing viability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 114. Introduced by Judiciary Committee: Ebke, 32, Chairperson; Baker, 30; Chambers, 11; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 26; Krist, 10; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's statutes relating to geriatric or compassionate release laws. Most states and the federal government have legal procedures for prison inmates to be released, paroled, or furloughed in connection with advanced age or a serious illness. Many jurisdictions have increasingly larger numbers of older people in prisons, due in part to the effects of strict sentencing laws and the

longer prison terms imposed. States now face the situation in which many sentenced to long-term prison sentences will reach old age and die in prison. For pragmatic or humane reasons, officials in many jurisdictions will release elderly inmates or inmates who have a serious illness.

Elderly inmates with a serious or terminal illness are a unique "special needs" population and require intensive health and social accommodation in prisons. Inmates often exhibit an accelerated aging process due to preincarceration high-risk health histories, such as smoking and substance abuse, and the often health-stressful conditions of incarceration. Accommodating such elderly or ill inmates involves varied social policy and economic considerations for state officials.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of elderly or medically humane release provisions currently in statute;
- (2) A review of the types of crimes for which such release provisions are applicable;
- (3) A review of the process by which a release is sought by application to the Board of Parole as provided in section 83-1,110.02 and whether an amendment to such provision is warranted;
- (4) A review of the level of supervision or support of such inmates upon their release for medical or humane reasons;
- (5) A review of requirements to consider regarding the potential impact the release may have on the victims or others impacted by the inmate;
- (6) A review of the factors for imposing sentences and whether courts should be required to consider if an inmate will reach an elderly age while serving such sentence in prison; and
- (7) A review and examination of any potential consequences of implementing any statutory changes to the mandatory minimum laws either with respect to the penalty provisions, or with respect to amending the procedural statutes relating to the filing of charges carrying mandatory minimum sentences or the imposition of mandatory minimum sentences.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 122. Introduced by McCollister, 20; Baker, 30; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Krist, 10; Linehan, 39; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28; Quick, 35; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, in order to determine whether program

structures could be improved to better reward work and allow forward momentum for program participants.

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

(1) The eligibility thresholds of public assistance programs and the effect of these limitations on participants' ability to increase their earnings or take new employment;

(2) Examination of methods other states have utilized to address these eligibility limitations;

(3) Identifying ways to improve public assistance programs in order to reward work and allow program participants to move off of assistance programs; and

(4) The actual impacts LB 81 (2015) had on the cliff effect related to the transitional child care subsidy.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 124. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine contracting and procurement by cities of the metropolitan class. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the total number and value of contracts awarded by cities of the metropolitan class;

(2) A review of basic procurement procedures utilized by cities of the metropolitan class;

(3) A review of city ordinances and city charter provisions governing contracts and procurement by cities of the metropolitan class; and

(4) An examination of programs utilized by cities of the metropolitan class to give preferences to certain contractors, including small businesses and emerging small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 125. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study public power in Nebraska and to examine:

- (1) The effect of retail electricity competition in states that have made the transition away from public power;
- (2) Electricity markets in other Regional Transmission Organizations and how they compare with the Southwest Power Pool, which includes Nebraska. The study will also review the role and jurisdiction of the Southwest Power Pool and how Nebraska's participation has affected ratepayers;
- (3) The role, jurisdiction, and relationship of the Southwest Power Pool, the Nebraska Power Review Board, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and local governments in the development, generation, transmission, and delivery of electricity in the state; and
- (4) The role of public power and of renewable energy in economic development in the state, including strengths and areas in need of improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 126. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement project (N-CORPE) that was developed to support the state's compliance with the Republican River Compact. The study committee shall:

- (1) Review how N-CORPE helps Nebraska remain in compliance with the Republican River Compact and helps fulfill Nebraska's obligations in the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program;
- (2) Examine the effect of N-CORPE on the property tax revenues of affected counties and school districts and the effect on local economies;
- (3) Review the law relating to the payment of taxes by political subdivisions; and
- (4) Examine how the land purchased for N-CORPE is being managed, the possible activities that may take place on the property, the advantages and disadvantages of such activities, and whether they would ensure a productive and sustainable use of the property while protecting the N-CORPE project's ability to use the water as necessary for compact compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 127. Introduced by Krist, 10.

WHEREAS, the Legislature established a Department of Correctional Services Special Investigative Committee in 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, each of those committees issued reports with their findings of issues facing the department, Board of Parole, and Office of Parole Administration; and

WHEREAS, the department, Board of Parole, and Office of Parole Administration have begun to implement changes to resolve issues identified by the two previous special committees and through external and internal reviews; and

WHEREAS, even though some gains have been made within the department, a number of recent issues are cause for ongoing concern by the Legislature, including the loss of control of two housing units, the deaths of several inmates allegedly at the hands of other inmates, the placing of a low-level offender with significant personal issues in a restrictive housing cell with an inmate convicted of first degree murder, the failure to collect DNA samples from all inmates, the use of double celling in restrictive housing settings, the growth of protective management units and the use of protective custody, continued high rates of staff assaults, significant understaffing in several facilities, and the continued overcrowding of the correctional system; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that oversight and engagement of the department is necessary in order for the Legislature to remain a partner in reform; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Legislature develop partnerships in oversight of the adult justice system and undertake a review of the role of state agencies and their involvement in the justice system since many issues facing the department are impacted by other parts of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, the agencies that should be reviewed include the department, Office of Parole Administration, Board of Parole, Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and Office of Probation Administration.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight

Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature who shall serve as the chairperson of the Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee and six members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to provide the committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the committee from existing legislative staff, including the office of Public Counsel and the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System. The Executive Board is also authorized to hire outside legal counsel, consultants, and investigators as required by the committee.

2. That the Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to study programs and policies relating to the adult justice system implemented and followed by the Department of Correctional Services, Office of Parole Administration, Board of Parole, Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and Office of Probation Administration.

3. That the Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature shall brief the Judiciary and Appropriations Committees of the Legislature by December 15, 2017, and December 15, 2018, and issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature as circumstances warrant.

4. That the Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to continue its work until the beginning of the One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 129. Introduced by Kolowski, 31; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: Current education standards in Nebraska generally mandate that students analyze events in world history; however, there is no requirement for students to learn about any particular events, including genocides and, specifically, the Holocaust. The Holocaust represents one of the most horrific periods of human history, and it is imperative that students learn about it and other genocides and the conditions under which such events occur.

The purpose of this study is to examine the current level of education regarding genocides in primary and secondary education and to explore examples and best practices for incorporating the study of the Holocaust and other genocides into the curriculum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 130. Introduced by Groene, 42; Ebke, 32; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues related to the use of substitute teachers. The study shall focus on when and why substitute teachers are used, the use of substitute teachers due to sabbaticals or professional development activities and conference attendance by certificated teachers, how frequently substitute teachers are used for various purposes, the fiscal impact of using substitute teachers, and the relationship between collective bargaining agreements and the use of substitute teachers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 131. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Geist, 25.

PURPOSE: Title X family planning clinics play a critical role in ensuring access to a broad range of family planning and preventive health services.

It is the purpose of this resolution for the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature to conduct an interim study to examine the distribution and use of Federal Title X Program state and federal appropriations.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) The distribution of Title X funding in Nebraska;
- (2) The providers of Title X funding in Nebraska;
- (3) The recipients of Title X funding in Nebraska;
- (4) Policies, programs, and procedures of other states regarding distribution and use of Federal Title X funds; and
- (5) Legal implications of prioritizing Title X funding.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 132. Introduced by Murante, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study elections conducted by and on behalf of political subdivisions. The issues to be studied include the potential effect of requiring all such elections to be held in conjunction with the statewide primary and statewide general elections, including the

potential effect on voter turnout, voter knowledge regarding local candidates, campaign finance and strategies, election officials and volunteers, property taxes, and the confidence of the public in the election process. The study shall include a review of elections conducted by and on behalf of various sizes of political subdivisions held in conjunction with the statewide primary and statewide general elections and elections conducted by and on behalf of political subdivisions held at other times. The study may review other alternatives including conducting elections by mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 136. Introduced by McCollister, 20; Hilgers, 21; Lindstrom, 18; Morfeld, 46; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to focus on the effect of the Congressional passage in March of the Joint Resolution, S.J. Res. 34 (2017), which disapproved the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) final rules for Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services, 81 Fed. Reg. 87274 (December 2, 2016).

State and local governments in Nebraska have made significant investments to provide Internet services, from creating government web sites to providing Internet access across this state. Additionally, Nebraskans expect privacy and protection from Internet service providers and expect the government to protect their rights to privacy and to increase the control individuals have over their personal information.

If the repeal of the FCC rule does compromise expectations of privacy and consumer control for Nebraskans, then this study should consider state legislative and administrative options to restore such expectations of privacy and protection from Internet service providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 138. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the tools, mechanisms, and funding sources available to municipalities to provide for the condemnation or demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the costs for municipalities to condemn or demolish vacant and abandoned buildings;
- (2) A review of the current tools and mechanisms available to municipalities to provide for the condemnation of buildings within their corporate limits;
- (3) A review of tools and mechanisms previously available to provide for the condemnation of buildings within municipalities, including the condemnation authority of the State Fire Marshal; and
- (4) A review of potential funding sources available to municipalities to pay the costs of demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 139. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The State of Nebraska has a responsibility to protect the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in the child welfare system. The state also has a responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage child welfare resources. The purpose of this interim study is to analyze the best use of the state's child welfare resources in line with its goals. The study shall analyze:

- (1) Ways in which Nebraska is currently funding the child welfare system, including the use of state, philanthropic, and federal funding streams;
- (2) Funding sustainability and variability by region;
- (3) Funding sustainability and variability over time; and
- (4) The relationship between funding adequacy and the achievement of the goals of the child welfare system, including safety, permanency, and well-being for children and the impact on caseload ratios for caseworkers and the availability of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 140. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: In 2015, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, LB243, which established a Family Finding pilot project. The intent of the project was to implement Family Finding initiatives to engage family members and develop permanent placements for young people in the foster care system.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding the Family Finding pilot project. The study committee shall receive input from interested parties, including, but not limited to, child welfare service providers, individuals in the foster care system, and family members. The study committee shall make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the goals of the Family Finding initiatives that relate to long-term permanency for young people involved in the foster care system.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 141. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: According to surveys of Nebraska businesses, workforce quality and availability is a top concern. By 2020, 38 percent of jobs in Nebraska will be middle-skill jobs—those requiring some postsecondary education but less than a bachelor's degree. To address the middle-skill employee gap and the use of career pathways as a workforce development strategy, this study shall examine the following:

(1) Nationwide best practices for promoting career education and training that can lead to job readiness for middle-skill positions;

(2) Innovative processes and programs through which training opportunities and educational programs have been established and fostered in other states; and

(3) Strategies and opportunities to produce individuals prepared for middle-skill jobs and how to best implement such strategies.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 142. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: In 2015, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, LB320, which established an aging and disability resource center (ADRC) demonstration project. ADRCs are designed to assist older Nebraskans and individuals with disabilities by promoting the appropriate, effective, and efficient use of long-term care resources. The purpose of this interim study is to review the progress of the ADRC demonstration project and consider the long-term role of ADRCs in Nebraska. The study shall include:

(1) Input regarding the progress of the ADRCs from interested parties, to include, but not be limited to, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Area Agencies on Aging, the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council, the project managers for the ADRCs, advocates for the disability community, and advocates for the aging community; and

(2) Recommendations the Legislature should consider regarding the existing authority of the ADRCs and achieving the goals of the ADRCs, specifically with regard to information and referral, options for counseling, and mobility management.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143. Introduced by Kolowski, 31; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine pay equity issues. Nebraska has a long and proud tradition of ensuring equal opportunity in the workplace and has recently adopted, with broad political support, state-level reforms to further close the gender pay gap. However, studies show significant and persistent wage disparities for working women in this state, and these disparities are even more pronounced for women of color. Ensuring equal pay for equal work and addressing these disparities and other types of discrimination in the workplace is critical for eliminating invidious discrimination, ensuring equal opportunity for every Nebraskan to achieve his or her economic potential, and ensuring strong, economically self-sufficient families.

There is an emerging trend in many cities and states to convene relevant stakeholders, such as the business community, labor unions, civil rights organizations, women's advocacy and research organizations, and others to

participate in this important dialogue and identify comprehensive solutions that benefit both employers and employees in affirmatively addressing persistent wage disparity and equal pay issues.

This study shall explore methods for eliminating the pay equity gap, including, but not limited to:

(1) Wage disclosure laws such as those proposed in LB83 (2015) and LB354 (2017);

(2) Successful state equal pay laws recently adopted in North Dakota, Connecticut, Oregon, Delaware, California, Illinois, New York, and Massachusetts;

(3) Federal laws and proposals, such as the recently enacted Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (2016) and the proposed Paycheck Fairness Act, Workplace Advancement Act, and Gender Advancement in Pay Act; and

(4) Any and all other potential remedies.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the effects of nonstandard and volatile job schedules on Nebraska businesses, workers, and families. Many Nebraska workers, particularly those in low-wage occupations, face challenges and a high degree of work-life conflict as a result of scheduling instability and "just in time" scheduling. Scheduling instability includes highly variable or inadequate hours, shifts in which an employee works a late-night shift followed immediately by an early morning shift, split shifts, and being sent home or called in to work at the last minute. This study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) A review of existing state law and national best practices for addressing challenges faced by workers with volatile work schedules;

(2) The role scheduling instability plays in contributing to financial insecurity for families;

(3) The impact of volatile scheduling on businesses, including, but not limited to, absenteeism, poor worker morale, and productivity;

(4) The consequences of scheduling volatility for families and children, including, but not limited to, access to licensed child care, continuity of child care, and the reliance on family relations to address such volatility;

(5) The extent to which scheduling instability contributes to churn in public assistance programs, in which individuals temporarily lose eligibility and then quickly requalify and reapply for assistance due to income volatility;

(6) The child care needs of workers with nonstandard and volatile job schedules and current child care options available to such employees; and
 (7) The role that the growth of "just in time" scheduling and other technological advances have played in scheduling instability.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 145. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the importance of Title IV-E Funds and more specifically the federal adoption assistance program.

The adoption assistance program provides funds to states to facilitate the timely placement of children, who, due to special needs or circumstances, would otherwise be difficult to place, with adoptive families. Authorized under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, the adoption assistance program provides federal matching funds, depending on the per capita income of the state. Assistance is contingent upon an approved state plan to administer the program. States must abide by reporting requirements to continue receiving funds. Funds are available for a one-time payment to assist with the costs of adopting a child as well as for monthly subsidies to adoptive families to assist with the care of the eligible child.

States may earn these adoption incentives in four ways: An increase in the number of children adopted from foster care; an increase in the number of children adopted at age nine or older; an increase in the number of children adopted with special needs and who are under the age of nine; or an increase in the rate at which children are adopted from foster care.

Questions to be addressed by the study include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) What is the average annual amount of funding received through the federal adoption assistance program since its inception in 1997;

(2) Is it necessary to readdress the components of the Nebraska state plan in order to maximize funding through the federal adoption assistance program; and

(3) What is the average annual number of children receiving Title IV-E adoption assistance in Nebraska; and

4. How often has the use of adoption assistance funds resulted in family permanency for a child?

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 146. Introduced by Murante, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 147. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a comprehensive review of the Nebraska State Immunization Information System (NESIIS) and examine opportunities to increase the rate of immunizations reported to the system across the state. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) National best practices relating to mandatory immunization reporting requirements;

(2) The ability of facilities to effectively report to NESIIS with existing resources; and

(3) Opportunities to improve immunization data available to school districts through mandatory reporting to NESIIS.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 148. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study school meal programs in Nebraska, barriers to participation, and potential strategies to maximize

the role of school meal programs in addressing child hunger. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Participation rates in school meal programs;
- (2) Barriers to participation, establishment, and maintenance of school meal programs;
- (3) The policies and procedures schools and school districts have in place regarding students' unpaid food accounts;
- (4) Models for increasing school breakfast participation, including, but not limited to, the community eligibility option; and
- (5) Any other related topics the study committee deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 149. Introduced by Linehan, 39; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the administrative structure and organization of school districts across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 150. Introduced by Hughes, 44; Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the ratio of administration, faculty, and support staff to student enrollment within secondary education in Nebraska. The study committee shall examine trends for the past ten and twenty years and the cost of each group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 153. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Baker, 30; Hansen, 26; McCollister, 20; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: Article I, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska states that all persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Article 1, section 3, states that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor be denied equal protection of the laws.

Further, under both section 28-707 of the Nebraska Criminal Code and section 28-710 of the Child Protection and Family Safety Act, child abuse is defined as knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child to be, among other things, placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health.

In order to protect the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth, six states have banned conversion therapy, which is the practice of attempting to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Recognizing the need to protect the civil rights and safety of Nebraska's vulnerable youth, this study shall include an examination of the following:

- (1) Whether forcing or coercing a minor into a conversion therapy program constitutes a civil rights violation;
- (2) Whether minors in Nebraska are currently being detained in conversion therapy facilities without due process of law;
- (3) Whether conversion therapy programs designed to change the sexual orientation of minors constitute a form of child abuse under existing Nebraska law;
- (4) The existence and practice of conversion therapy in Nebraska for minors; and
- (5) The risks and harm to minors that are associated with the practice of conversion therapy.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 154. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine Nebraska's utilization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. The study should focus on, but not be limited to, gathering information on utilization, transfer, and availability of TANF block grant funds. The study should also include a breakdown of funding utilization by use including, but not limited to, basic assistance, administration, work-related activities, child

care, tax credits, pregnancy prevention, and other non-assistance, as well as specific uses within those categories.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 155. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: Nationally, an estimated 11 percent of students experience campus rape, sexual assault, or sexual violence, with rates as high as 23 percent for female undergraduate students. Campus policies, law enforcement, and proactive action all play a role in reducing rates of campus sexual assault and ensuring that victims are protected when they report such assaults.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine campus policies and efforts aimed at reducing incidents of campus sexual violence and protecting the victims of such violence in Nebraska. This study will also compare practices in Nebraska with national best practices in reducing campus sexual violence. The study shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) A compilation and examination of campus policies surrounding rape, sexual assault, and any other category of campus sexual violence or behavior, for all campuses of the University of Nebraska, for all colleges in the Nebraska State College System, and for each community college. Additionally, private institutions of higher education are encouraged to participate; and

(2) Recommendations as to any statutory changes the Legislature should make in order to promote campus actions that reduce sexual violence, recommendations to campuses to reduce rates of sexual violence, and any relevant recommendations to improve protection for victims of campus sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 156. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the ongoing implementation of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of

2014 and related state law and policy. The study committee shall assess needs, issues, and innovative opportunities arising from the implementation of the federal act and shall determine the next steps for the Legislature to maximize and ensure compliance, by October 1, 2018, with the final rule of the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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

- (1) Examining current child care licensing application processes and process improvement;
- (2) Reviewing opportunities to improve child care licensing regulations to exceed the minimum requirements necessary to protect the health and safety of children;
- (3) Exploring how to track information on the extent of provider participation in the child care subsidy program and barriers to participation;
- (4) Exploring how to track information on access to the child care subsidy program for eligible children and also by race and ethnicity;
- (5) Reviewing payment rates as well as late or delayed payments and obstacles that may force some providers to stop serving or limit the number of children receiving subsidies;
- (6) The estimated cost of care necessary to support higher-quality care;
- (7) Reviewing payment rates in accordance with the results of the most current market rate survey;
- (8) Exploring the continued use of the current market rate survey methodology or the utilization of an alternative methodology in setting payment rates within the context of market conditions so that rates are sufficient to provide equal access to the full range of child care services, including high-quality care; and
- (9) Reviewing the federal statutory requirement for equal access to available child care for families served through the child care subsidy program and ensuring payment rates meet new federal guidance.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 157. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the January 1, 2017 implementation of the managed care delivery system for the State of Nebraska. The study will examine the implementation of the Heritage Health program and related experiences of providers and consumers.

The study shall include an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Authorizations, credentialing, contracting, claims payments, and administrative procedures;

- (2) The experiences of providers and consumers in accessing services;
- (3) Successes and challenges in implementation of managed care; and
- (4) The impact of managed care on the state budget.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, in cooperation with the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall by December 1, 2017, make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158. Introduced by Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the unclaimed property laws of this state should be updated. The study should include an examination of LB141, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2017, which proposes replacing the current Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, sections 69-1301 to 69-1329 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, with the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (2016) drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek the assistance of the State Treasurer, members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and interested persons as the committee deems necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 159. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 160. Introduced by Hughes, 44; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the ability of municipalities in Nebraska to offer relocation incentives to attract new residents. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of current relocation incentives that can be offered by municipalities in this state, including incentives under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, commonly referred to as LB 840;

(2) A review of relocation incentives currently being offered by municipalities in other states; and

(3) An examination of provisions in the Constitution of Nebraska that could potentially limit the ability of the Legislature to authorize municipalities to offer relocation incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 161. Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, state individual income and corporate income taxes, including financial institution and insurance premium taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 162. Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, state and local sales and use taxes and any other miscellaneous taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 163. Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, real and personal property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 164. Introduced by Quick, 35; Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: Tourism generates more revenue than all but two other industries in Nebraska, making the quality of sites that attract tourists important to this state's economy. The purpose of this resolution is to study the need for restoration, development, and capital improvement of sites that attract tourists to and within Nebraska, as well as potential sources of funding, including state and local resources, for such restoration and development. All reasonable sources of possible funding should be explored, including the potential for creation of tourism improvement districts. This study should also consider what legislation might be necessary and prudent to enable the creation of such districts and other funding sources.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the study committee shall consider the input of interested persons, including the tourism industry and the Nebraska Tourism Commission, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 166. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to better understand the scope and breadth of mental health education currently provided in Nebraska schools and to study the reasons mental health education is, or is not, taught in K-12 health classes. Mental health amongst youth is a growing concern, with more young people being diagnosed with mental illnesses every year. In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the study committee shall seek the assistance and input of mental and physical health care professionals, teachers and administrators from public schools, staff members of the Nebraska Department of Education, and mental health advocates within the community. The study committee shall:

- (1) Obtain information regarding how many adolescents in Nebraska are currently diagnosed with a mental illness;
- (2) Determine the state of mental health education in various schools and the capacity of schools to offer this type of curriculum;
- (3) Understand the research on the potential effects of mental health education on students with mental health concerns and their peers, parents, and teachers;
- (4) Determine the appropriate scope and sequence for mental health education;
- (5) Develop a plan of action to increase mental health education; and
- (6) Examine the training in teacher preparation programs related to mental health education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 167. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to improve the coverage of hearing aid costs for Nebraska families. The study committee shall coordinate with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and work with interested stakeholders to identify the areas of concern, conduct necessary research, and explore various ways to address the needs identified. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) How other states cover hearing aid costs;
- (2) Whether hearing aid coverage should be included as an essential health benefit under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or other applicable federal provisions;
- (3) An examination of health insurance coverage options for persons requiring hearing aids; and

(4) Recommendations on how to improve the services being provided by the hearing aid banks.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 168. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Albrecht, 17; Crawford, 45; Halloran, 33; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of adopting a workers' compensation drug formulary. The study committee shall examine the following:

(1) Whether prescribing practices in workers' compensation cases affect or contribute to the prescription opioid problem;

(2) Whether the use of a drug formulary would result in more efficient delivery of medications, provide workers with reasonable and necessary care and treatment, and reduce utilization of habit-forming opioids and narcotics;

(3) The extent to which use of a workers' compensation drug formulary would provide savings in workers' compensation claims;

(4) Whether the use of a drug formulary can decrease the length of disability for injured workers and increase return-to-work rates and outcomes; and

(5) Whether a workers' compensation drug formulary, if adopted, should cover all prescription drugs or be limited to only controlled substances or only opioids.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 169. Introduced by Williams, 36; Crawford, 45; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine whether the birth defects registry laws of this state should be updated. The birth defects registry laws have not been substantially revised since being enacted in 1972. The study shall examine the purpose and use of the registry to

determine if updates to the laws are necessary to increase education and awareness about birth defects.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 170. Introduced by Groene, 42; Ebke, 32; Erdman, 47; Linehan, 39; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 171. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine instruments for accomplishing the purposes of LB499, introduced during the 2017 legislative session, which sought to minimize conflict in the availability and utilization of bee forage resources between domestic apiaries and the temporary placement of out-of-state commercial apiaries during the bee foraging season. The study shall:

(1) Gather examples of distance buffers recommended by the beekeeping industry and regulatory standards utilized by other states;

(2) Examine regulatory, enforcement, and educational measures available to accomplish the purposes of LB499;

(3) Develop estimates of any costs to the state or other public or private entities; and

(4) Develop options to fund any activities related to the purposes of the bill. The study committee shall solicit the advice and input of beekeeping organizations, individual beekeepers, and others with relative expertise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 172. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The Department of Correctional Services has experienced significant issues in the recruitment and retention of staff throughout their system. Currently, there are several facilities with more significant issues than others, including the Nebraska State Penitentiary, the Lincoln Correctional Center, and the Tecumseh State Correctional Institute.

In a recent staff survey completed by the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System, only 28.4% of those who responded indicated that they were satisfied with their employment. In addition, only 16.9% of those who responded agreed with the statement that the department is headed in a positive direction, and only 44.1% of those who responded saw themselves working for the department in three years.

The purpose of this interim study is to review recruitment and retention efforts that are currently or could potentially be undertaken by the department. The study shall include:

- (1) An examination of the vacancies and staffing challenges at each facility;
- (2) A review of Department of Administrative Services' policies that impact the ability of the Department of Correctional Services to recruit and retain staff;
- (3) An examination of the work environment throughout the correctional system; and
- (4) Any recommendations regarding the improvement of the work environment, salary structure, recruitment and retention strategies, and any other related efforts that could be made by the Department of Correctional Services to address its staffing situation.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 173. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: As inmates move through the state correctional system with the goal of reentering society, two of the keys to success are obtaining job skills and saving funds. Currently, inmates who reach a community corrections center are engaged in either a work detail position or a work release position. Inmates in other facilities may be eligible for other job

opportunities within those facilities. In a work detail position, an inmate typically works for a state agency and earns a small wage. In a work release position, an inmate actually works in a community and is able to earn at least the minimum wage.

The purpose of this interim study is to review the work detail and work release efforts at the community corrections centers and also to review whether other inmates, such as inmates classified as minimum custody, would be able to fill at least some of the work detail positions. This would enable such inmates to gain key job skills and would potentially make additional work release opportunities available. The study committee should also review the function of the Work Ethic Camp in McCook and examine whether this facility could be utilized in a new manner that would assist inmates in successfully transitioning back into their communities.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 174. Introduced by Friesen, 34; Bostelman, 23; Briese, 41; Geist, 25; Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the implementation of the 911 Service System Act. The 911 Service System Act was enacted in 2016 and directed the Public Service Commission to begin the process of implementation of the act. Pursuant to the act, the commission delivered a preliminary report on February 1, 2017, detailing progress on the development of the implementation plan. The commission will deliver an adopted implementation plan for the 911 service system no later than December 1, 2017. The adopted implementation plan may also include proposed legislation necessary to implement the plan. Following receipt of the adopted plan and prior to commencement of the 2018 legislative session, the study committee shall conduct public hearings as necessary regarding the plan and suggested legislative proposals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 175. Introduced by Friesen, 34; Bostelman, 23; Briese, 41; Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to conduct an examination of the issues related to reforming the regulation of basic local exchange service rates charged by incumbent local exchange telecommunications carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. The study shall specifically review the changes proposed by LB573 during the 2017 legislative session as well as regulatory reform undertaken in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 176. Introduced by Friesen, 34; Bostelman, 23; Briese, 41; Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the provision of broadband telecommunication services within the state. The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) The availability, quality, and affordability of broadband telecommunications services within the state;

(2) The operation of federal subsidies administered by the Federal Communications Commission to support the provision of broadband service;

(3) Review mechanisms developed by the Public Service Commission (PSC) for the distribution of broadband support, including procedures employed to ensure recipients account for the use of funding;

(4) Review the efforts of the PSC and of other states to effectuate reform of the contributions methodology employed to support universal service programs; and

(5) Examine the feasibility of authorizing the establishment of municipal broadband authorities for the provision of broadband telecommunications services by political subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 177. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 178. Introduced by Kolterman, 24; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine existing telehealth and telemedicine systems and capabilities in Nebraska and opportunities to expand telehealth usage across the state. This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- (1) A review of the best practices among states that have adopted legislation, rules and regulations, or executive orders to allow for telehealth and telemedicine;
- (2) A review of which telehealth and telemedicine systems work best for patients and health care providers;
- (3) A review of the barriers to telehealth usage and expansion and potential solutions to grow and develop telehealth services across the state; and
- (4) A review of how telehealth and telemedicine may address mental health and substance abuse issues in this state.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179. Introduced by Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the application of the Livestock Brand Act to dairy animals and dairy operations located within the mandatory brand inspection area. It is the goal of this resolution to develop information regarding characteristics of dairy operations in

Nebraska, including the movements and transfers of ownership of dairy animals within and between dairy operations and other livestock sectors, and to explore options to tailor the application of the brand inspection law with respect to dairies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 180. Introduced by Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine opportunities for increased coordination, consultation, and mutual assistance between the Nebraska Brand Committee and the Department of Agriculture to better utilize the resources and authority of the brand committee to support enforcement of animal import and livestock disease programs, livestock development and promotion efforts, and other means to enhance the value of brand committee services to the livestock industry in Nebraska. In particular, the study committee shall review brand committee planning and implementation to optimize the number of law enforcement and certified investigative personnel available for brand enforcement and livestock theft investigation. The study shall identify any statutory, policy, structural, or other obstacles or constraints to enhanced cooperation between the brand committee and the Department of Agriculture for the purposes identified in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 181. Introduced by Ebke, 32; Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine recommendations for procedures to be used for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

- (1) The election or appointment process for Nebraska's delegation of commissioners to a convention;
- (2) The scope of the commissioners' authority at a convention;

(3) Procedures for state oversight of commissioners and procedures for communication with commissioners; and

(4) Recommendations for fines, penalties, and recall procedures for a commissioner who acts in violation of his or her commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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, the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182. Introduced by Murante, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the extent of voter fraud in Nebraska and possible methods of detecting and combating voter fraud. This study is needed in order to preserve the relative power of each eligible citizen's right to vote, to modernize the election infrastructure of this state, and to ensure the integrity of the elections of this state so as to preserve public confidence in the legitimacy of elected government.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

- (1) The extent to which voter fraud occurs in the State of Nebraska;
- (2) How an individual could commit voter fraud;
- (3) How voter fraud is investigated;
- (4) The extent to which such investigations occur;
- (5) Possible ways to improve the detection of voter fraud; and
- (6) Any other matters relevant to preserving the integrity of Nebraska's elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 183. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to analyze and review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to the provision of workers' compensation services in Nebraska. The intent is to determine the effectiveness of current billing and reimbursement methods and to examine the potential benefits of adding

such methods to existing fee schedules for other medical service providers under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184. Introduced by Walz, 15; Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be amended. The study should include an examination of issues raised during consideration of LB 551, which is currently pending in the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, regarding changes in qualifications for real property appraiser credentials.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should consider the input of interested individuals, public officials, and such entities as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 185. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the Farm Labor Contractors Act. The issues to be addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the process for granting licenses under the act;
 - (2) A review of the act's role in protecting the rights of migrant workers;
- and
- (3) An assessment of the act's viability as a tool for regulating the activities of seasonal and migrant contractors.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and how providers access prescription drug data. The Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is housed within the Nebraska Health Information Initiative, a public-private partnership that primarily serves as a home for the state health information exchange. The monitoring program is currently provided at no cost to providers or dispensers and is primarily funded with federal grant money.

This study shall examine the process of monitoring dispensed medication and the implementation of LB471 (2016). The study committee shall also examine issues including, but not limited to:

- (1) The sustainability of the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program;
- (2) The extent of opioid abuse in Nebraska;
- (3) Monitoring prescription drug cash payments;
- (4) Current strengths and proposed policy changes needed to increase interstate operability; and
- (5) Continued policy discussion, including access to information for veterinarians and third-party payors.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services provides for five primary service areas that are aligned with the judicial districts as set forth by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Division of Children and Family Services serves abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and vulnerable adults. The service areas, while aligned by judicial district, are geographically unique and have different service needs. The purpose of this study is to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each service area and how best practices may be shared among the five service areas.

The study committee shall examine issues including, but not limited to:

- (1) Identifying specific services available for children, juvenile offenders, and vulnerable adults in each service area with the following descriptions:
 - (a) What concerns services are designed to address;
 - (b) Availability of evidence-based services;
 - (c) Accessibility and transportation;
 - (d) Wait times; and
 - (e) Time limitations on amount of service provided;
- (2) If needed services are not available in a service area, an explanation of why a given service is not available;
- (3) Availability of written reports for the services being performed;
- (4) Whether programs or services are goal-driven and outcome-oriented, and who determines the goals and whether progress is being made in each program or service provided;
- (5) Services for prevention and early intervention for families, including:
 - (a) Types of services currently available; and
 - (b) Services still needed; and
- (6) Cost differentiation for services by area.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for preventative and community health programs and services. The division brings all elements of public health, including vital statistics and several data registries within the State of Nebraska, under a single entity. The division serves as the main point of data collection related to public health, epidemiology, and syndromic surveillance for the State of Nebraska. With the ever-changing nature of data collection technology, it is crucial to conduct a systematic review of policies and procedures relating to sustainability, organization, and best practices.

The study committee shall review issues including, but not limited to:

- (1) Determining the capacity and scope of information and the number of different data bases within the Division of Public Health;
- (2) Identifying staffing and technology needs for tracking public health data through the division;
- (3) Evaluating the effectiveness of the division's current methods of data base management and information tracking;
- (4) Determining the feasibility of improving the quality of current data collection practices to preserve state resources, including streamlining data bases that could be combined; and

(5) Examining whether the current public-private partnership that serves as the state health information exchange could assist in condensing and providing support for public health reporting.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 189. Introduced by Morfeld, 46; McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the various ways in which Nebraska could increase access to health insurance, including medicaid. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The options available under federal and state law to allow greater access to health insurance;

(2) Plans adopted by other states to increase the stability of health insurance markets; and

(3) Any recent changes at the federal level to health insurance that affect Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 190. Introduced by Kuehn, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the possibility of creating an ethics committee within the Legislature. The study committee shall examine the establishment of rules and regulations, creation and use of forms, training of staff, and use of subpoena authority by the committee.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislature 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 191. Introduced by Ebke, 32; Baker, 30; Chambers, 11; Hansen, 26; Krist, 10; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: An increasing number of states and the federal government have undertaken various degrees of criminal sentencing reform. State and federal policymakers have also begun to widely question the propriety of mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

Mandatory minimum sentencing laws require a minimum prison term of a particular length. With such laws judges have no discretion to go lower than the minimum sentence and probation is not an option. In Nebraska, an inmate serving a mandatory minimum sentence will not earn or receive good time credit for his or her behavior while serving the mandatory sentence.

Proponents of mandatory minimum sentences argue that these schemes reduce crime by acting as a general deterrent for potential criminals and repeat offenders. Proponents also contend that eliminating judicial discretion provides for fairness and uniformity in sentencing.

While these inflexible, one-size-fits-all sentencing laws may have initial appeal as a response to certain types of crimes, such laws fail to advance proportional justice because they prevent a judge from fitting punishment to the individual defendant and the exact circumstances of his or her crime.

In the last few legislative sessions, various members of the Legislature have introduced bills to limit or eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for some categories or types of crimes or to amend the procedures which prosecutors must follow in prosecuting crimes that carry mandatory minimum sentences.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine possible legislative reforms to Nebraska's mandatory minimum sentencing laws. The study shall include the following:

- (1) A review of current mandatory minimum sentences presently in statute;
- (2) A review of the types of crimes which carry mandatory minimum sentences;
- (3) A review of the process by which a mandatory minimum sentence may be sought, for example, by election or choice of the prosecuting attorney or by authorization of a judge or a panel of judges;
- (4) A consideration of an exemption or a safety-valve for a defendant who is convicted of a crime carrying a mandatory minimum sentence, whereby the sentencing judge or a panel of judges may deviate or decide not to impose the mandatory minimum sentence if the sentencing judge or panel finds that certain mitigating factors exist; and
- (5) A review and examination of any potential consequences of implementing statutory changes to the mandatory minimum sentencing laws, with respect to amending penalty provisions, amending the procedures for filing charges carrying mandatory minimum sentences, or amending the procedures governing the imposition of mandatory minimum sentences.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 192. Introduced by Hilgers, 21; Harr, 8; Krist, 10; Kuehn, 38; Scheer, 19; Schumacher, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the committee system in the Legislature, including the number of such committees, the days of the week on which those committees meet for public hearings, the subject matter jurisdiction of the committees, and other such aspects of the committee system as the Rules Committee of the Legislature deems necessary. When the Rules Committee convened this session to hear proposed rules submitted by members of the Legislature, several proposed rules dealt with aspects of the committee system. In response, the Rules Committee voted unanimously to conduct an interim study on the topic for the first time in over two decades. The study committee shall complete this study prior to the beginning of the 2018 legislative session.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the members of the Rules Committee, shall be designated by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council 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 193. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to determine the impact of increased use of higher level ethanol blends, including E-15, and to study various policies to incentivize the use of such blends.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An economic analysis of the impact of higher ethanol blend fuel use on consumers, retailers, corn and ethanol producers, and the economy of this state;
- (2) An analysis of sales data on E-15 and higher blends (including gallons, pricing, and retailers); and
- (3) The impact of policies to incentivize use of higher blends and to deploy retail infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 194. Introduced by Hilkemann, 4; Kolterman, 24; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: LB407 (1985) put into place the technical review process commonly known as the "407 process." The purpose of LB407 was to establish a fact-finding body that would determine the need for regulation of health professions or the need for changes to the scope of practice of health professions. Many who have participated in the 407 process in recent years have found the process to be unduly adversarial and burdensome.

The purpose of this resolution is to examine the 407 process as it relates to scope of practice changes. Stakeholders shall be consulted regarding ways to make the 407 process more valuable to the Legislature and more user-friendly for applicant groups and affected groups of health professionals.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 195. Introduced by Hilkemann, 4; McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the system of valuing automobiles for calculation of the motor vehicle tax in order to determine whether a fair amount is being assessed, from the perspectives of both taxpayers and the State of Nebraska.

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

- (1) Evaluating the current system of valuing vehicles for the purpose of calculating the motor vehicle tax, including benchmark depreciation;
- (2) Conducting a practical analysis of the tax rate cap for cars with a manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$100,000 and above as it relates to a loss of revenue to the state;
- (3) Analyzing and comparing market-based valuation versus MSRP to determine the valuation of vehicles for calculation of the motor vehicle tax; and

(4) Conducting a practical analysis of the current exemption for motor vehicles that are 14 years old or older as it relates to a loss of revenue to the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 196. Introduced by Ebke, 32; Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: In 2015, LB605 was enacted to address the issues studied by the Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working Group created by LB907 (2014) and the Department of Correctional Services Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature authorized by LR34 (2015). Since the enactment of LB605 and completion of the LR34 study, the Department of Correctional Services has made positive changes to comply with the requirements set forth by the Legislature, while also seeing a number of negative incidents in state correctional facilities.

The Legislature understands the changes enacted by LB605 and prompted by LR34 will take time to reach full implementation, as seen in the work of the Justice Reinvestment Implementation Committee. Nevertheless, there is a clear need to track the progress of the department in order to ensure the intentions of the Legislature are being carried out properly and effectively.

The Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The committee shall meet with stakeholders to verify and update the continued progress of the LR34 recommendations and LB605 provisions. These stakeholders shall include, but are not limited to, the Director of Correctional Services, the Public Counsel, the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System, the Parole Administrator, the probation administrator, and the State Court Administrator.

The Judiciary Committee shall hear or receive implementation progress reports with respect to the Department of Correctional Services with regard to the following:

- (1) The adequacy of programs designed to rehabilitate inmates;
- (2) The availability of mental health care and the policies and procedures in place to ensure that inmates receive appropriate mental health care or confinement through the civil commitment process;
- (3) Policies relating to facility, unit, and cell assignment;
- (4) Policies relating to the use of solitary confinement, segregation, or other isolation of inmates;
- (5) The transition of inmates from incarceration to the community at large;
- (6) The administration of good-time laws;
- (7) Policies relating to staffing, personnel hours, and oversight of department staff; and

(8) Any changes made to the department's policies and practices, regardless of whether recommendations were adopted as a result of LB605 or LR34, and the reasons, if any, that such recommendations were not adopted.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 197. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Hilkemann, 4; Krist, 10; Lindstrom, 18; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the utilization of wood generated from the emerald ash borer infestation that is taking place in Nebraska. The study shall examine issues related to processed wood products (mulch, biochar, animal bedding, and biomass for energy generation), architectural wood products (cabinetry, flooring, and millwork), and lumber products (boards, slabs, pallet lumber). For each type of product, the study shall consider:

(1) The current state of wood utilization in Nebraska;

(2) Potential supply and markets, opportunities and challenges, production and operational considerations, partnerships, environmental impacts, and financial feasibility;

(3) A model for the potential partnership of communities, businesses, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the Nebraska Forest Service to examine creative ideas for developing value-added products from trees removed due to the emerald ash borer and other causes;

(4) The potential use of demonstration projects to support informed decisionmaking by the public and industry professionals; and

(5) Prospective grant opportunities from the United States Department of Agriculture and other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 198. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Baker, 30; Ebke, 32; Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the impact of mass incarceration on children in Nebraska, and to examine opportunities to ease the traumatic effects of parental incarceration on children. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) National best practices and current local law enforcement policy and practice when a minor is present during the arrest of a parent or guardian;
- (2) Local jail visitation and phone call policies as they relate to communication between a detained parent and their biological, custodial, and step children;
- (3) Opportunities in sentencing and placement to ease the physical and emotional trauma that children experience when their parents are jailed or incarcerated;
- (4) Existing programs offered within state correctional institutions that are intended to improve parental capacity during incarceration and their current capacity to meet the needs of incarcerated parents;
- (5) Model child-friendly visitation policies within state correctional institutions and the feasibility of their application to existing state policy and regulation;
- (6) Structural barriers to maintaining and supporting parent-child relationships during incarceration, such as phone call or video call costs;
- (7) Opportunities to coordinate between state systems and private agencies to better support children and their caretakers through incarceration;
- (8) Current efforts to reduce recidivism rates and promote successful re-entry, and their applicability to maintaining parent-child relationships and stabilizing families through incarceration; and
- (9) Policies and practices within the criminal justice system that disproportionately affect children of color and children from low-income families.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199. Introduced by Crawford, 45; Krist, 10; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a comprehensive review of staff structure, training processes, and official roles and responsibilities as they relate to support staff of the standing committees of the Legislature and the Legislative Research Office. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Best practices regarding legislative staff structure, including ways to ensure expertise and institutional knowledge of staff;

(2) Opportunities for standing committee staff and legislative research staff to collaborate;

(3) Training opportunities available to such staff and the ability of the current training to foster technical and institutional expertise; and

(4) The roles and responsibilities of standing committee staff and the consistency of services provided by such staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 200. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues related to dual enrollment and other courses that allow a student to obtain both high school and postsecondary education credit for such course. The study shall specifically examine the following:

(1) What are the costs associated with dual enrollment courses;

(2) Who pays such costs; and

(3) How are credits awarded to students from the high school and from a postsecondary institution?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 201. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to analyze and review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to workers' compensation services in Nebraska. The intent of this study is to determine the effectiveness of current billing and reimbursement methods and to examine the potential benefits of adding such services to existing fee schedules for other medical service providers.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 202. Introduced by Kolterman, 24; Baker, 30; Bolz, 29; Groene, 42; Kolowski, 31; Lindstrom, 18; Pansing Brooks, 28; Stinner, 48; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine bona fide severance of employment compliance requirements under the Internal Revenue Code as related to maintaining section 401(a) qualified defined benefit plans.

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

- (1) The requirement for a participant to experience a permanent and complete severance of the employer-employee relationship;
- (2) The obligation to administer the retirement systems in both form and operation, meaning how a plan is created and how the law is executed;
- (3) The challenges faced by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems and Public Employees Retirement Board in administering a multiple-employer plan which includes over 265 school districts and numerous educational service units and state school employers, and maintaining compliance with federal law; and
- (4) Substitute teacher service.

In addition, the study committee shall examine the use of early retirement inducements, including, but not limited to, the cost impact on funding the school retirement systems.

In carrying out its review, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall work with the Education Committee of the Legislature in collecting data and examining the use of and need for substitute teachers and the use of voluntary service agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 203. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues surrounding the relocation of utilities within the public right-of-way. This study shall include, but not be limited, the following issues:

- (1) A review of the laws and rules and regulations governing utility relocation in the public right-of-way; and

(2) A review of how current practices regarding utility relocation impact the construction schedule and total cost of road and infrastructure project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 204. Introduced by Larson, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the structure for license fees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. This study should include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the current structure for license fees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act;

(2) An examination of actual costs to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and related agencies when issuing licenses and renewals and whether those costs are adequately reflected in the respective fee amounts; and

(3) An examination and comparison of what other states charge for similar license fees with a focus on neighboring states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 205. Introduced by Larson, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 206. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the potential for counties to have additional authority to pass ordinances within county boundaries. Nebraska counties currently have limited ordinance authority as authorized in section 23-187 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. The study shall include an examination of the following:

- (1) The current authority for counties to enact ordinances;
- (2) The benefits and potential issues for counties if current ordinance authority is expanded;
- (3) A consideration of allowing counties meeting certain population thresholds to have specific ordinance authority to more appropriately address the unique needs of Nebraskans living in urban areas; and
- (4) A comparison to regional counties in other states regarding county ordinance authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 207. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine public health issues related to drugs, alcohol, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Douglas County.

The study committee shall:

- (1) Collect, examine, and analyze data on drug and alcohol usage and STDs and related health conditions in Douglas County;
- (2) Collect, examine, and analyze data on access in Douglas County to detoxification, treatment facilities, telehealth, distance learning, and other health and education resources for those affected by these issues, including affected children;
- (3) Collect, examine, and analyze data on children in Douglas County who are at risk of continuing a cycle of alcoholism or drug abuse unless outside intervention is made available;
- (4) Encourage participation and obtain input from academic and medical experts, including, but not limited to, the University of Nebraska Medical Center;
- (5) Encourage and obtain input from nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, and city, county, and other public officials to evaluate and develop strategies and solutions to address these issues;
- (6) Study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other states directed toward preventing and combating these issues;

(7) Evaluate the adequacy of interagency data sharing and policy coordination and recommend changes as necessary;

(8) Examine sources of federal, state, and private funds that may be available for prevention, detoxification, treatment, rehabilitation, and economic development;

(9) Create a long-range strategic plan containing measurable goals and benchmarks, including future action needed to attain those goals and benchmarks, for decreasing the incidence of alcohol and drug-related health problems and STDs through prevention programs and increasing treatment, access to detoxification services, sex education and contraceptives, and economic growth in Douglas County and the surrounding areas; and

(10) Recommend data-supported changes to policies, procedures, and programs to address the needs of children affected by these issues, including the steps that will be required to make the recommended changes and whether further action is required by the Legislature or local governments.

The study committee shall assemble a description of the policies, procedures, and programs that have already been implemented or modified to help rectify the issues raised in this study and shall develop a long-range strategic plan that contains recommendations on how to address these issues.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208. Introduced by McCollister, 20; Blood, 3; Chambers, 11; Crawford, 45; Krist, 10; Pansing Brooks, 28; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the cost of telephone calls made by people housed in county jails in Nebraska. The issues to be examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The typical or average costs of telephone calls from various county detention facilities across the state;

(2) Any relevant federal law and regulations limiting the cost of telephone calls;

(3) The impact of the cost of telephone calls from jail on inmates' access to attorneys, service professionals, familial relationships and connections to the community;

(4) Whether confidentiality is provided and protected in attorney-client telephone calls; and

(5) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine what changes, if any, should be considered relating to the regulation of telephone calls from county jails, including, but not limited to, whether the Public Service

Commission should have the authority to regulate the cost of telephone calls from county jails or detention facilities.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 209. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the volatility of Nebraska's revenue portfolio to determine a set of evidence-based savings targets for the Cash Reserve Fund. At present, there is no savings target requirement for the Cash Reserve Fund. An empirically-determined savings target could help ensure that Nebraska has both the savings and resources necessary to fund major priorities.

To determine an appropriate set of savings targets, the level of coverage should be determined to illustrate which proportion of cyclical revenue downturn the Legislature wants to protect against. Additionally, downturn duration should be determined to represent how many years' worth of protection the Legislature desires.

Analyzing the state's historical experience will give an estimate of the persistence of a downturn in one year and how it carries over into subsequent years. High levels of coverage would be adequate to smooth over either a large, single-year revenue loss or multiple years of relatively smaller downturns.

To inform this decisionmaking, the Legislature should aim to establish a consensus around what proportion of Nebraska's spending commitments the Cash Reserve Fund should insure-an assessment that should be inclusive of both mandatory spending on major programmatic areas as well as discretionary spending on core functions such as education and public safety.

To promote an evidence-based policy for the Cash Reserve Fund savings targets and inform public debate, this study should inform the Legislature's understanding of the most pressing fiscal and economic challenges, along with the best methods to address them. This study should improve Nebraska's fiscal management and enhance its long-term economic health.

In order to determine an appropriate set of savings targets, the study committee shall develop a set of options that depend on the level of budgetary risk that poses a threat to Nebraska's fiscal health and which shall include the following:

- (1) A calculation of the cyclical trend for each revenue stream;
- (2) A calculation of the annual deviations from trend or "time-varying" cyclical volatility;
- (3) A calculation of conditional correlations between revenue streams;

(4) A calculation of the time-varying standard deviation for all tax streams; and

(5) An identification of the optimal size of a savings target for the Cash Reserve Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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, and no later than December 31, 2017, make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study fiscal distress among local political subdivisions in Nebraska and how the Legislature could establish an early warning system to identify and respond to such fiscal distress.

A number of significant fiscal events at the local level in recent years highlight the risk that is posed by fiscal distress among local political subdivisions. The exoneration of the "Beatrice Six" in 2009 led to a \$28 million judgement against Gage County. The 2016 announcement that Cabela's, a large employer in Sidney, would be merged with Bass Pro Shops, implicated mass layoffs and uncertainty about the financial future of Cheyenne County. The City of Ralston has faced a series of financial crises after a successful 2011 ballot initiative to build an arena.

Significant fiscal risk has also been imposed on Nebraska's local economy since the 2008 recession, due to cyclical downturns in the agricultural economy. Additionally, out-migration trends over the last several years have threatened the stability of local political subdivisions' tax revenues.

Fiscal distress in one local government can have a negative impact on the fiscal health of other localities, the region, and the State of Nebraska. A fiscal distress early warning system could help the state identify and respond to fiscal distress among local political subdivisions earlier, help local governments avoid more severe fiscal crises, and protect the long-term fiscal health and strong credit rating of such localities and the State of Nebraska.

This study shall focus on the issue of fiscal distress among local political subdivisions, along with how the Legislature could establish a system to identify and respond to fiscal distress among local political subdivisions. The study committee shall:

(1) Analyze the potential negative impact of fiscal distress in one local government on other local governments and on the State of Nebraska;

(2) Review the options currently available for responding to fiscal distress among local political subdivisions in Nebraska;

(3) Review how other states identify and respond to fiscal distress among local political subdivisions;

(4) Assess the feasibility and costs of establishing an early warning system for fiscal distress among local political subdivisions, including an examination of the information already being collected by various state agencies that could be used to detect such fiscal distress; and

(5) Consider any other issues the study committee deems relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 and no later than December 31, 2017, make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 211. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: Numerous states have acted to promote competitive market forces in the electricity industry sector, giving their consumers a choice among electricity supply options and greater information concerning their electricity service and billing options.

The purpose of this resolution is:

(1) To study whether Nebraska consumers would benefit from the provision of more detailed, itemized information in their electricity bills; and

(2) To assess the benefits of allowing Nebraska consumers to choose among competing suppliers as alternatives to their traditional utility when purchasing their electricity needs.

The study committee should consult experts in industry, academia, and government with experience in "unbundling" the information on electricity bills and in providing consumers a choice in electricity supply options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 212. Introduced by Morfeld, 46; Kuehn, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to identify existing and potential K-12 and postsecondary education resources to meet industry needs in preparing students for employment in careers requiring knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with an emphasis on jobs in the biosciences sector.

Targeting existing resources to prepare our K-12 and postsecondary students for career opportunities in the biosciences sector is key to this state's economic growth and preparation of Nebraska's future workforce. As jobs go unanswered in careers that require knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and math, it is imperative to determine how existing resources can be used to train the next generation of workers in those areas.

The study will focus on potential career opportunities in biosciences, a sector that is growing, highly technical, well compensated, and in need of workers trained to work in a regulatory environment. The study shall be conducted in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Education and Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and shall:

- (1) Determine knowledge and skills required for employment in the biosciences sector;
- (2) Assess existing resources available in K-12 and postsecondary education to meet those needs; and
- (3) Assess available training options, such as K-12 and postsecondary education programs, that prepare students for careers within the biosciences industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 213. Introduced by Wishart, 27; Hilgers, 21; Krist, 10; Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study state funding for Nebraska airports and, specifically, funding for airport capital improvement.

The study shall include:

- (1) A historical review of funding for airports in Nebraska, including funding for airport capital improvements;
- (2) A comparison between aviation funding in Nebraska and aviation funding levels in other states, including a comparison of state funding for airport capital improvements;
- (3) A study of the capital improvement needs of Nebraska airports, including unmet needs and future needs; and
- (4) A study of various funding sources, including aviation fuel taxes, the fund created in section 3-156 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, registration fees, and sales taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 214. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine contracting and procurement by the Department of Roads. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the total number and value of contracts awarded;
- (2) A review of basic procurement procedures utilized by the department;
- (3) A review of statutes, rules, and regulations governing the department's contracting and procurement; and
- (4) An examination of programs used by the department to give preferences to certain contractors, including small businesses, emerging small businesses, minority contractors, and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 215. Introduced by Hilgers, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the feasibility of a pilot project involving autonomous shuttles in a city of the primary class. The study shall specifically examine:

- (1) The state law changes that would be necessary to allow an autonomous shuttle to operate in a city of the primary class;
- (2) The ability for the state or municipal government to partner with private industry and post-secondary institutions in the development of this technology;
- (3) The public safety and advantages and disadvantages of an autonomous shuttle pilot project;
- (4) An analysis of the potential utilization and need for this form of transportation, including the transportation desires of university students and the current and future workforce in a city of the primary class; and
- (5) A review of other states that have advanced legislation or pilot projects relating to autonomous vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 216. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the policies, practices, and laws that govern the safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records. In addition, this study will also examine the policies, practices, and laws that govern the state's ability to vacate or expunge criminal records for victims of sex trafficking. The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) Pending and current state and federal legislation and case law regarding the safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records and vacatur or expungement law for victims of sex trafficking;

(2) Local prosecution, diversion, and law enforcement policies and practices regarding safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records;

(3) Local court rules, practices, and procedures surrounding safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records;

(4) Current data from the State Court Administrator regarding numbers of requests to seal records, objections to sealing records filed and results of such hearings, and current rates of juvenile court records which are eligible for sealing and rates of sealing;

(5) National and state policies, recommendations, and best practices for ensuring adequate safeguarding and sealing of juvenile and criminal court records, and vacatur or expungement law for victims of sex trafficking;

(6) Data sources that can best determine vacatur or expungement law for victims of sex trafficking. Data sources needed include identification, documentation, instances of trafficking within Nebraska, and data sources of adults with convictions for prostitution and prostitution-related activity;

(7) Collateral consequences juveniles and victims of sex trafficking face, including, but not limited to, their ability to get a job, receive medical care, further their education, receive housing assistance, apply for a loan, and obtain immigration relief when they have a criminal court record; and

(8) A survey of youth and families to determine their access to and understanding of current state policies and procedures surrounding the safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 217. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Erdman, 47; Groene, 42; Kuehn, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the programs and majors offered by the University of Nebraska at the Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney campuses. This study shall examine the following:

- (1) Programs and majors offered at the Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney campuses;
- (2) A history of enrollment in the programs and majors offered;
- (3) A history of funding for such programs and majors;
- (4) A history of staffing patterns for teaching staff, including professors, and support staff for each program or major offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 218. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the feasibility of consolidating the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska - Omaha to create a single University of Nebraska institution in Omaha.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) The feasibility of such a merger;
- (2) Possible benefits for the University of Nebraska system;
- (3) Possible negative impacts for the University of Nebraska system; and
- (4) Possible impact on the cost of tuition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 219. Introduced by Hansen, 26; Krist, 10; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the effectiveness of section 29-901 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, which relates to the imposition of bail, and section 29-2206, which relates to the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) How the current statutory scheme functions;
- (2) Current usage of bail as well as the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs;
- (3) How these financial costs impact low-income Nebraskans;
- (4) How these financial costs impact the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges;
- (5) How the collection of fines, fees, and court costs from non-indigent Nebraskans is currently performed;
- (6) Examining improvements or changes that would permit indigent Nebraskans to avoid unnecessary and costly county jail stays; and
- (7) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine changes needed to reform bail and the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 220. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to investigate the purpose and potential benefits of creating conviction integrity units (CIUs) in Nebraska. Numerous jurisdictions have created CIUs, which are assigned staff or a division of a prosecutorial office dedicated to investigating or confirming the validity or integrity of criminal convictions. These divisions work to prevent, identify, and correct false convictions. The number of CIUs has grown rapidly in recent years throughout the United States. This study shall consider, but not be limited to, examining:

- (1) The experience of CIUs in other jurisdictions and the associated costs and the benefits or results;
- (2) The potential means of establishing CIUs in Nebraska, whether by legislation or by collaboration with the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, or local prosecutors;
- (3) Any limitations on the types of convictions which should be the focus of CIUs, such as only felony convictions or other limitations;
- (4) The appropriate independence, or dependence, that CIUs have with prosecutors' offices;
- (5) The means by which CIUs investigate convictions;

- (6) The role of other members in the criminal justice system, such as defendants, defense attorneys, advocacy organizations, judges, and victims;
- (7) The access CIUs should have to court files, investigative reports, institutions, defendants, and other matters relating to convictions; and
- (8) Nebraska statutes to determine any changes needed to address or accommodate the creation or function of CIUs.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 221. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: Many states, and the federal government, have some version of deferred judgement probation or a type of sentencing scheme that allows offenders to avoid a criminal conviction by completing a court-ordered and court-supervised term of probation. Deferred judgement probation provides that offenders, particularly first-time offenders, are held accountable for their wrongful acts. At the same time, these offenders do not have a criminal conviction, and all of the negative collateral consequences that accompany such conviction, on their records.

In the last biennium, the Legislature made significant revisions to the criminal code and criminal procedure. One of the goals of the reform effort was to address the growing prison population. Consideration of a form of deferred judgement probation for Nebraska is consistent with this recent effort.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility of legislative reforms to Nebraska's sentencing laws to accommodate an option of deferred judgment probation. This interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the statutory sentencing process presently in statute;
- (2) A review of the types of crimes for which deferred judgment probation would be applicable;
- (3) A review of the process by which deferred judgment probation may be sought, for example, by election or choice of the defendant, by election or cooperation with the prosecuting attorney, or by authorization of a judge or panel of judges; and
- (4) A review and examination of any potential consequences of implementing statutory changes to create a sentencing option of deferred judgement probation, either with respect to the penalty provisions in statute, or with respect to the procedural statutes relating to the filing of charges to ensure that courts are able to defer judgment and place eligible offenders on probation.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Baker, 30; Groene, 42; Kolterman, 24; Krist, 10; Linehan, 39; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: Early reading literacy plays a key role in enabling the kind of early learning experiences that research shows are linked with academic achievement, reduced retention, higher graduation rates, less contact with the juvenile and adult criminal justice system, and enhanced productivity in adult life. Numerous states have created legislation specifying the process of screening for dyslexia and reading literacy. Nebraska is currently one of only eleven states that has no such legislation in place. During the 2016 session, the Legislature passed LB 645, which defined dyslexia as a specific learning disability in state statute. The Nebraska Department of Education estimates that there were more than 15,000 children with learning disabilities between the ages of six to twenty-one years in 2016, and somewhere between eighty to eighty-five percent of those children have dyslexia.

Dyslexia's most visible indicators are often easily recognized, and if not caught early, put those affected rapidly behind their peers. National figures show that those with learning disabilities have dropout rates two point five times higher than their peers, and that they are twice as likely to be unemployed.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine dyslexia and reading literacy in Nebraska, including strategies for teacher training, student assessment, student intervention, and demonstrable student outcomes. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of current policies and procedures in place in schools across the state for screening and intervention in regards to dyslexia;
- (2) A review of the latest scientific research on specific interventions that are necessary to identify at-risk families and improve outcomes for children with dyslexia, including the Orton-Gillingham method;
- (3) A review of the impact of pre-K schooling on reading outcomes;
- (4) A review of the impact of poverty on statewide reading outcomes;
- (5) A review of barriers preventing the state from successfully providing early reading interventions;
- (6) A review of what other states are doing to successfully provide appropriate interventions and outcomes to students with dyslexia;
- (7) A review of the role of the Nebraska Department of Education in addressing dyslexia and reading literacy statewide; and

(8) A review of the role of the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in addressing dyslexia and reading literacy statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 223. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska statutes governing the use of personally identifiable information and to determine if the standards governing such information are applied consistently. The study committee shall examine statutes, rules and regulations, and policies governing the use of personally identifiable information by government entities in Nebraska, including state agencies and political subdivisions. The study committee shall evaluate whether a more consistent standard should be applied and recommend any statutory changes the study committee finds beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 224. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine cross-county assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. The study committee shall examine the effect that differing practices in assessment and collection have on neighboring counties and contributions to political subdivisions. The study committee shall also examine the effect on various state aid programs. The study committee should identify solutions that will achieve greater fairness in the assessment and collection of these taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 225. Introduced by Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to assess the condition of property related to Willa Cather as described in section 82-129 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and determine the necessary costs to restore and maintain these properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 226. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for electrology licenses. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an electrology license for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) Reciprocity of electrology licenses;
- (2) Reactivating the license of an electrology professional;
- (3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and
- (4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for nail technology licenses. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a nail technology license for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) Reciprocity of nail technology licenses;

- (2) Reactivating the license of a nail technology professional;
- (3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and
- (4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for massage therapy licenses. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a massage therapy license for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) Reciprocity of massage therapy licenses;
- (2) Reactivating the license of a massage therapy professional;
- (3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and
- (4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 229. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for barbering licenses. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a barbering license for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) Reciprocity of barbering licenses;
- (2) Reactivating a barbering license;

(3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and

(4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 230. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for esthetics licenses. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an esthetics license for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

(1) Reciprocity of esthetics licenses;

(2) Reactivating the license of an esthetics professional;

(3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and

(4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 231. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for licenses to practice body art. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a license to practice body art for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

(1) Reciprocity of body art licenses;

(2) Reactivating the license of a body art professional;

(3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and

(4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has a rigorous occupational licensing process for cosmetology licenses. The purpose of this resolution is to study the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a cosmetology license for Nebraska and other states.

This study shall examine the following:

(1) Reciprocity of cosmetology licenses;

(2) Reactivating the license of a cosmetology professional;

(3) Documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process; and

(4) Other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 233. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The Department of Health and Human Services initiated medicaid managed care for all medicaid-eligible beneficiaries in January 2017. Medicaid managed care will not begin to include long-term care services and support until at least January 2019. The purpose of this study is to review the experiences of medicaid-eligible populations receiving long-term care services and support and identify the necessary practices and protocols for a managed care program. The study committee shall:

(1) Review the delivery of services under the current medicaid managed care program;

(2) Seek input from interested parties on current long-term care services and support practices, including, but not limited to: provider enrollment, credentialing and contracting, service authorization, claim processing, grievance and appeal processes, care coordination protocols, provider network adequacy, measurement of quality of care and health outcomes, and reporting and data transparency;

(3) Analyze the experiences of other states which have implemented medicaid managed long-term care services and support; and

(4) Determine whether additional resources or infrastructure may be necessary to sustain long-term care services for the medicaid managed care program in the future, including, but not limited to: additional workforce, increased funding, services in rural areas, and legislative and regulatory changes.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services is the behavioral health authority for the state and directs the administration and coordination of the public behavioral health system to prevent and treat mental health and substance use disorders.

Nebraska has six behavioral health regions, which are supported by state and federal funds. These six regions provide assistance in provider network development, service coordination, program planning, and financial and contractual management. Annually, these six regions and the division complete over 30 behavioral health reports.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine these reports and determine whether they properly address the administration and coordination of the behavioral health system administered by these authorities. The study committee shall examine whether any of the reports are outdated or duplicative and whether additional information or data needs to be reported.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 235. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the internal processes of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts issued on January 30, 2017, and to monitor the department's activities relating to the implementation of LB151 (2017).

The study committee shall:

(1) Review prior years' comments and recommendations from the Auditor of Public Accounts;

(2) Review the long-term planning of Accounting and Financial Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, including leadership and staff;

(3) Analyze program compliance; and

(4) Analyze whether sub-monitoring of contracting is efficient or necessary.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the workload studies used by the Department of Health and Human Services to understand current staffing needs.

The study committee shall:

(1) Review the historical significance of workload studies within each division of the department;

(2) Examine the 1992 workload study and any other workload studies completed by the department; and

(3) Analyze whether updated workload studies need to be completed.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237. Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study all aspects and the history of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement project (N-CORPE), an interlocal agency created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to pump ground water for the governmental purpose of augmenting water supplies in order to comply with an interstate compact to which the state is a party.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) The amount of water pumped from affected land on a quarterly basis since the inception of N-CORPE;

(2) The plan and need for continued ground water pumping for such purposes;

(3) The effects and long-term impact of such ground water pumping on the community, including surface water users, those neighboring the project, and local governments;

(4) The effects of purchasing, selling, and leasing land and water rights for ground water pumping; and

(5) Finances related to the interlocal agreement and the project.

At least one hearing shall be held in the area affected by the interlocal agreement. At such hearing, presentations shall provide details concerning all relevant aspects of the work of those involved with or affected by the interlocal agreement. Testimony and information, both written and in-person, shall be accepted from all affected parties and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 Natural Resources Committee shall hold at least one hearing in the area affected by N-CORPE.

3. 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 238. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the feasibility of acquiring funding for behavioral and mental health internship programs at the doctoral level in rural Nebraska. Internship programs are essential components of the learning process for behavioral and mental health professionals. To encourage such professional development, it is incumbent upon the Legislature to study possible sources of funding. There are a number of federal, state, and other underutilized funding sources that should be examined further to determine the availability of funds for behavioral and mental health internship programs. This study shall focus on professionals at the doctoral level serving individuals with severe mental illness in rural Nebraska and shall include the following:

- (1) An inventory of underutilized funds appropriate for the use of internship programs intended for such professionals within the Nebraska medical assistance program, the University of Nebraska, state agencies, federal agencies, and other sources not yet realized;
- (2) The identification of workforce demand for such professionals in rural Nebraska within both the private and public behavioral and mental health sectors;
- (3) The identification of workforce issues for such professionals within both the private and public behavioral and mental health sectors; and
- (4) Other strategy recommendations to address the shortage of such professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 239. Introduced by Kolowski, 31; Blood, 3; Vargas, 7; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues related to solar energy development in Nebraska. Solar energy can provide many benefits, including providing stable energy costs for customers and power districts, providing energy at times of peak demand, helping businesses and residences reduce their energy usage and lower their energy bills, and keeping energy dollars in the community, instead of sending them out of state. Solar energy can be sited in both rural and urban areas and near the place of energy usage.

Additionally, there is a great deal of interest in solar energy among Nebraskans, and Nebraska has great potential for solar energy development. Solar energy can help attract new business and provide benefits to Nebraska's public power districts by generating economic development in

their service areas. It is also the policy of the State of Nebraska to promote solar energy development. Despite this, there has been insufficient solar energy development in Nebraska.

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

- (1) Methods of increasing solar energy development in this state, including whether additional incentives are needed;
- (2) Methods of helping businesses and agricultural operations make use of solar energy to reduce energy costs and improve their bottom line;
- (3) Methods of authorizing individuals and businesses to invest in larger solar projects, including virtual net metering;
- (4) Methods of removing barriers to solar energy development, including reducing governmental red tape;
- (5) Successful policies and programs in other states; and
- (6) Any other issues that will facilitate a full and complete examination of solar energy and solar energy development in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 240. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the issues raised by LB121 (2017) related to taxation of military benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 241. Introduced by Vargas, 7; McDonnell, 5; Pansing Brooks, 28; Stinner, 48; Wayne, 13; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the distribution and use of funds from the federal Title X program. Title X is a federal grant distributed to states or other qualified entities to fund family planning and related preventive health services with priority given to low-income people. Title X funds are distributed across Nebraska and then appropriated to serve

nearly 30,000 low-income Nebraskans at Federally Qualified Health Centers, hospitals, local health departments, and health clinics.

The purpose of this interim study is to:

(1) Collect, examine, and analyze data regarding the distribution of federal Title X funds, including, but not limited to: criteria and qualifications for funds for service providers and patients, demand for services, clinic categorization of service providers, geographical distribution of funds, and patients eligible for Title X services;

(2) Collect, examine, and analyze data regarding the origin of federal Title X funds and the cost of Title X services;

(3) Collect, examine, and analyze data of federal Title X service providers, including, but not limited to: location, number of patients served, total funds received, services and cost of services performed;

(4) Collect, examine, and analyze data of federal Title X service recipients, including, but not limited to: services and the cost of services provided, location, income, and gender;

(5) Study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other states regarding the distribution of federal Title X funding;

(6) Investigate, examine, and analyze any and all legal implications of any potential limitations on qualifications of types of providers to receive subrecipient federal Title X grant funds from the state, potential legal implications as a result of disqualifying current providers during existing grant cycles, and potential legal implications as a result of patients losing services as a result of a change in the existing distribution method of federal Title X grant funds; and

(7) Recommend data-supported changes to policies, procedures, and programs to address the needs of people who use Title X services, including the steps that will be required to make the recommended changes and whether further action is required by the Legislature.

In conducting the interim study, the study committee shall encourage participation and obtain input from subject matter, academic, medical, and legal experts, nonprofit organizations, entities that provide services as subrecipients of federal Title X funds, and individuals that receive federal Title X program funds and services. The study committee shall also seek input and participation from the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, its members, and experts in the relevant areas of that committee's jurisdiction.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature by December 31, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242. Introduced by Kuehn, 38; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Clements, 2; Craighead, 6; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Halloran, 33; Watermeier, 1; Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the feasibility of zero-based budgeting for state agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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 243. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues related to eminent domain and property rights. The right to own property is fundamental to the fabric of American law and justice. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States provides that private property cannot be taken without due process and that such property can only be taken for a public use with just compensation. Article I, section 3, of the Constitution of Nebraska requires due process to take property from its owner. Article I, section 21, of the Constitution of Nebraska requires just compensation for property taken for a public use. Section 76-710.04 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes restricts the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes, but carves out specific exceptions, including pipelines and transmission lines.

A one-time payment for a permanent easement for an infrastructure project that generates revenue may not provide just compensation to the property owner, and an easement taken by eminent domain may permanently alter the character of the land and its surroundings. An easement taken by eminent domain may also create liabilities which fall on the property owner in addition to abandonment, restoration, and reclamation issues. The use of zoning by local jurisdictions may provide a means of protecting property owners.

The study committee shall examine the following issues:

(1) Whether granting eminent domain authority to for-profit entities meets the constitutional requirement of a public use;

(2) Whether the constitutional requirement of a public use should require proof of a benefit to the general public;

(3) Whether administrative processes that trigger eminent domain authority meet standards necessary to provide adequate due process for property owners;

(4) Whether a one-time payment for property taken through eminent domain provides just compensation for projects that generate revenue;

(5) Whether a system of renewals or lease payments should be required instead of permanent easements for major infrastructure projects that generate revenue, such as transmission lines and pipelines;

(6) Whether entities granted easements for infrastructure projects that generate revenue, such as pipeline and transmission lines, should be required to provide bonds, liability insurance, and decommissioning plans to protect property owners;

(7) Whether impacts to natural resources should be considered as part of the process of granting eminent domain authority for infrastructure projects such as pipelines and transmission lines;

(8) Whether social and economic impacts should be considered as part of the process of granting eminent domain authority for infrastructure projects such as pipelines and transmission lines; and

(9) Whether there are other effective means of protecting the rights of private property owners including zoning provisions.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall conduct at least three public hearings, including at least one in each Congressional district.

3. 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 245. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Geist, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the issues raised by LB504 (2017) related to placing a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects.

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

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