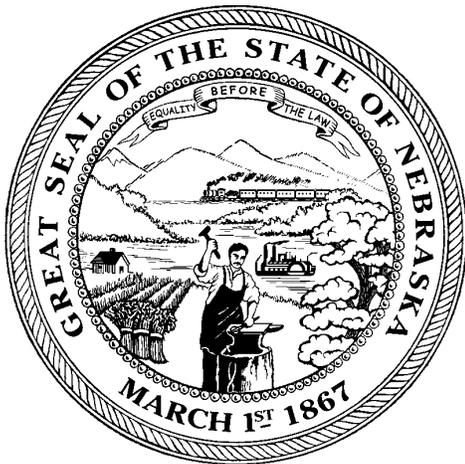


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REFERENCING AND STUDY PROCESS

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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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State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee: Friesen, Halloran, Linehan, Quick, Thibodeau, Walz, Wishart

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INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296.** Introduced by Walz, 15.

WHEREAS, an individual residing at Life Quest at the Coolidge Center, a state-licensed care facility in Palmer, died on September 3, 2017, after three days of life-threatening symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services produced an eighty-one page report of violations found during inspections in June and July of 2017 and another six-page report after a visit in September of 2017. These reports were not released until officials revoked the facility's mental health care license on October 5, 2017, a month after the incident occurred. The revocation took effect fifteen days later; and

WHEREAS, the report indicates that the Department of Health and Human Services knew of multiple violations in the months preceding the closure of this facility. If more immediate action had been taken to remedy these violations or draw attention to the inequities in quality of care standards, a life could have been saved; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding this event have garnered media attention throughout Nebraska, along with scrutiny from the public. This care facility, as well as multiple others in the past few years, including Hotel Pawnee in North Platte and Park View Villa in Gothenburg, have been shut down due to violations regarding maintenance, cleanliness, and personnel issues; and

WHEREAS, the individuals affected by these policies are some of the most vulnerable in our community. The citizens of Nebraska have a right to know the standard of care to which our governmental organizations are held, including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, and regulations regarding oversight of assisted living facilities and mental health centers; and

WHEREAS, under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) it is illegal for public entities, namely state and local governments, to deny the benefits of programs, services, or activities to qualified individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the regulations which implement Title II mandate that state governments administer services "in the most integrated settings appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities"; and

WHEREAS, the integration mandate in the ADA is implicated when a public entity administers its programs in a manner that results in unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a public entity may violate the integration mandate in the ADA when it: (1) Directly or indirectly operates facilities or programs that segregate individuals with disabilities; (2) finances the segregation of individuals with disabilities in private facilities; or (3) through planning, service system design, funding choices, or service implementation practices, promotes or relies upon the segregation of individuals with disabilities in private facilities or programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of seven members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the committee. 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.

2. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee shall limit the scope of its inquiry to assisted living facilities where many of the residents are diagnosed with a mental illness. The oversight committee shall also examine the recent closures of the mental health centers known as Life Quest, located in Palmer and Blue Hill.

3. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to study the lack of adequate conditions of state-licensed care facilities, the treatment of individuals residing in such facilities, the effectiveness of regulation and licensure by the Division of Public Health in providing oversight, and how the Department of Health and Human Services implements and administers its behavioral health services through the behavioral health regions to address the needs of this vulnerable population. The committee shall also investigate what steps the department has taken to advance the recommendations proposed by the Technical Assistance Collaborative as a consultant to the department, namely, the reasons that assisted living facilities are the primary residential options for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and alternatives such as permanent supportive housing and services do not exist. The committee shall also investigate whether the department is taking adequate steps to ensure behavioral health services are administered in the most integrated setting pursuant to the ADA. The committee shall utilize existing studies, reports, and legislation developed to address the current conditions. The committee shall not be limited to such studies, reports, or legislation.

4. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the Legislature shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319. Introduced by Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to determine a sustainable revenue source for the Nebraska Main Street Network. The Nebraska Main Street Network brings together communities across the state to learn how to utilize a historic preservation-based strategy of rebuilding the places and strengthening the businesses that make more sustainable, vibrant, and unique communities. Through affiliation with the National Main Street Center, Nebraska's Main Street communities tap into the collective wisdom and experience of more than one thousand five hundred communities in forty-six state, regional, and urban programs. The Legislature began providing funding to support the program in 1997, with the funding renewed every two years through a bill appropriating such funds. Legislative Bill 281 was introduced during the 2017 legislative session to provide an

appropriation of \$100,000 for each year of the current biennium and is currently being considered by the Appropriations Committee.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 339. Introduced by Thibodeau, 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issuance and usage of special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act issued pursuant to section 53-124.11 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

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

(1) The application process and cost of acquiring a special designated license;

(2) The rights and liabilities of special designated license holders, local governing bodies, and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; and

(3) The interplay of catering license holders and their utilizations of special designated licenses.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 352. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Real Property Appraiser Board and should consider the input of interested persons as the study committee deems necessary and appropriate.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 353. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Halloran, 33; McDonnell, 5; Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility and fiscal impact of hiring outside consultants to perform an efficiency review of state agencies. The people of this state expect that their government will efficiently provide services and will responsibly and effectively spend tax dollars. With the great fiscal challenges facing the state, these expectations and challenges require occasional review of the ways state agencies conduct business.

An efficiency review means a study to identify:

- (1) Areas of state agency operations that can be improved to make the delivery of services more cost-effective;
- (2) Outdated practices that can be eliminated;
- (3) Increased statewide efficiencies;
- (4) Potential new sources of non-tax funding; and
- (5) Methods to make state agencies more accountable to the people of the state.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 357. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the current status of early childhood education in this state and potential methods and policies to ensure universal access to high-quality early childhood education. The primary focus of the study shall be on access to programs for children who are three or four years of age, but the study may also examine access issues for all young children, from birth onward.

The study committee shall work in conjunction with interested entities, including, but not limited to, school districts, the State Department of Education, any institute at the University of Nebraska formed for the purpose of promoting quality early childhood experiences, and any nonprofit groups interested in expanding access to high-quality early childhood education in this state.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 361. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the extent of the parking shortage in the Capitol environs and provide possible solutions to eliminate such shortage.

The citizens and employees of the State of Nebraska are keenly aware of the shortage of parking available in the area around the Capitol. A parking study was completed in 2009 for the Department of Administrative Services, which identified issues that should be addressed in the determination of possible solutions to the parking problems in the Capitol environs. Further issues and potential solutions were laid out in the Department of Administrative Services' Capital Campus Area 20-Year Master Plan, which was completed in 2017.

Since 2009, the number of state employees working in the Capitol environs has increased and may increase further in the future. The development of office space for additional state employees in the Capitol environs may result in savings for the state. There also exists the possibility for a partnership with the City of Lincoln or private entities to address the shortage of available parking.

The study committee shall examine the extent of the parking shortage, provide possible solutions to eliminate such shortage, discuss a possible partnership with the City of Lincoln to address this issue, and examine the potential for cost savings through deployment of state-owned office space within the Capitol environs.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 362. Introduced by Groene, 42.

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, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 368. 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, the County Employees Retirement System, 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 the retirement system administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. The study shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, which require 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, SECOND SESSION:

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

2. That the committee shall conduct a public hearing for the presentation of reports by all political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans.

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 370. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to conduct a review of issues arising from the lack of mental health treatment for those in the criminal justice system across the state and possible options for expanding services.

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

(1) The short-term and long-term effects of housing inmates with mental health needs at county facilities, where resources are often lacking;

(2) The long wait times for openings at the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) for defendants who have been ruled incompetent to stand trial, and the effect that has on Nebraska counties and their practice of housing those waiting for beds at the LRC; and

(3) Options for expanding treatment alternatives for defendants found incompetent to stand trial and other inmates with mental health needs, including outpatient and community treatment options and the reopening of regional centers outside Lincoln.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 371. Introduced by Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to compile information regarding the number and nature of fence dispute claims filed pursuant to section 34-112.02 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes since enactment of Legislative Bill 108 in 2007 and the extent to which mediation services have been utilized to resolve fencing disputes. The study shall further examine the utility of, and options for, reinstating a fenceviewing mechanism into the Nebraska fence law to provide factfinding and arbitration functions for fencing disputes between adjacent landowners.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372. Introduced by Baker, 30; McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: Since the 1970s, school shootings have increased in communities across the nation. School shooters do not have a shared profile, nor a common reason for their attacks.

School violence is a whole community issue and must be addressed at all levels of government to ensure safe learning environments for elementary and secondary school students, teachers, administrators, and others.

In its February 2018 report, "Making Schools Safer," the U.S. Secret Service states, "There are many aspects to creating positive school climates and school safety. School administrators manage reports of all types of concerning behavior, ranging from vandalism to bullying, fights to drugs, suicidal behaviors and violence. With limited resources, schools must be creative in how they address these issues."

The purpose of this resolution is to examine school violence and identify steps that can be taken at the state level to support the efforts of local communities and school districts in preserving our schools as safe environments for learning and growth.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 373. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the potential for public safety officers to retain a portion of pension funds for health care under section 402(l) of the Internal Revenue Code, commonly known as the Healthcare Enhancement for Local Public Safety Retirees (HELPS).

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

- (1) The feasibility of Nebraska public safety officers benefiting from the provisions of HELPS;
- (2) The feasibility of different pension plans that allow pretax dollars to be used for health care costs; and
- (3) Any relevant considerations, benefits, and challenges of implementing this benefit for public safety officer retirees.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 374. Introduced by Clements, 2; Blood, 3; Crawford, 45; Murante, 49; Smith, 14; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the regional boundaries of the Nebraska Planning and Development Regions set forth in section 13-1901 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and to recommend any potential changes to such regional boundaries.

The Nebraska Planning and Development Regions were created by LB 573 in 1992 to promote regional planning and economic development throughout the state. The boundaries of these regions have remained unchanged for twenty-six years, even though regional demographics and economic ties between counties and communities have seen much change. A reassessment of the current boundaries is necessary in order to ensure they are aligned with present economic and demographic realities.

The study committee shall evaluate the boundaries of the Nebraska Planning and Development Regions. Such evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, (1) examining the current growth and development trends in and around these regions, (2) recommendations on whether or not the number of regions currently in statute is optimal, (3) and any recommendations regarding proposed changes to the current boundaries.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 375. Introduced by Larson, 40.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 376. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the Property and Casualty Insurance Rate and Form Act should be amended to modernize and reduce regulatory requirements for commercial lines of property and casualty insurance.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Insurance and should consider the input of interested parties as the study committee deems necessary and appropriate.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 377. Introduced by Lowe, 37; Brewer, 43; Crawford, 45; Howard, 9; Quick, 35; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review procedures and practices at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva with the intent to improve the safety and security of the residents of the facilities, staff at the facilities, and neighbors who live near the facilities.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

- (1) Recent practices and procedures that have worked to improve safety and security and those that have not been effective; and
- (2) Practices and procedures that have been attempted at other facilities to improve safety and security but have not been attempted at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney or the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 378. Introduced by Larson, 40; Lindstrom, 18; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study what changes to the Uniform Protected Series Act (UPSA) are necessary for the act to best fit within Nebraska business entity law and practices. The UPSA, as promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) in 2017, is the first comprehensive statute governing series limited liability companies. The study should include a review of issues raised during consideration of Legislative Bill 1121, which was introduced by Senator Larson in 2018 and referenced to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Secretary of State and Nebraska members of the NCCUSL. The study committee should also consider the input of interested persons, including the practicing bar, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 379. Introduced by Kuehn, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the potential impact of changing provisions under the Industrial Relations Act for the determination of same or similar working conditions for noncertificated or noninstructional school employees employed by a school district, educational service unit, or community college by including criteria related to the property tax base of the employer.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 381. Introduced by Hilgers, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine potential inclusion of financial literacy and entrepreneurship in the academic content standards adopted by the State Board of Education as proposed in Legislative Bill 1094, which was heard by the Education Committee of the Legislature on February 6, 2018. Entrepreneurship and financial literacy are essential for a strong education and are pivotal elements for the growth of Nebraska. The ability to manage funds and financial resources is crucial for a lifetime of financial well-being, and the Legislature recognizes the importance of entrepreneurship in Nebraska for the cultivation of growth and innovation within the state.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of academic content standards related to:

- (1) Using financial resources effectively;
- (2) Managing debt, including student loans, mortgages, credit cards, and car loans;
- (3) Managing personal finances, including, but not limited to: Investing personal assets, utilizing savings accounts, handling insurance, and filing taxes; and
- (4) Employing entrepreneurship skills, including business planning, business operations, and business financing.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 382. Introduced by Hilgers, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct a comprehensive review of the provisions in state law affecting farm wineries. The study committee may seek input from industry stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association, the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board, the Department of Agriculture, the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Nebraska Tourism Commission, and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. The study committee shall examine issues including, but not be limited to:

- (1) How current statutory provisions hamper the growth potential for the farm winery industry;
- (2) Policies that may be developed to promote farm wineries in the state; and
- (3) Policies in other states regarding farm wineries.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 383. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

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, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 384. Introduced by Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the prevalence of cancer in Nebraska and to examine the existing state funding sources that go towards cancer research. This study shall include:

- (1) A determination of which cancers have the highest incidents and prevalence in Nebraska, with particular attention to be focused on pancreatic cancer, certain types of pediatric cancer, and certain types of women's cancer;
- (2) A development of approaches to address the cancers found to have the highest incidents and prevalence; and
- (3) An examination of the existing funding sources that go towards cancer research, including an examination of the types of cancers addressed by such funding sources and the effectiveness thereof.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with 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 386. Introduced by Hilkemann, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the impact on state spending as a result of the use of tobacco products in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- (1) To identify an exhaustive list of expenditures by the state as a result of the use of tobacco products;
- (2) To put special emphasis on Medicaid expenditures as a result of the use of tobacco products; and
- (3) To examine the impact of productivity of the state employee workforce as a result of the use of tobacco products.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 387. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

PURPOSE: Eastern Redcedar (ERC) is a native tree that has always been a fixture on the Nebraska landscape, providing valuable wood products, wind

and soil protection, and habitat for a variety of species of wildlife. However, the rapid spread of ERC presents an increasingly serious ecological and economic issue with substantial impacts statewide. Addressing the spread of ERC poses challenges of a magnitude that dwarf the capacity and resources of any one agency or organization.

It is important to understand the factors behind the rapid spread of ERC, including the lack of fire on the landscape (both prescribed fire and wildfire), changes in farm and grazing practices, lack of prevention management, changes in land ownership patterns, and conservation plantings.

The study committee, at a minimum, shall:

- (1) Specifically identify the current threats of ERC spread;
- (2) Quantify the potential economic loss caused by the spread of ERC;
- (3) Quantify the loss of wildlife and critical habitat;
- (4) Explore whether funding streams already exist in state statute for ERC control;
- (5) Investigate liability concerns that inhibit prescribed burning; and
- (6) Obtain public feedback on:
 - (a) The best use of ERC as a windbreak;
 - (b) Whether alternative species exist to satisfy the needs of landowners; and
 - (c) The cost and challenges of ERC management.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 388. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues related to updating the Nebraska Advantage Act. Economic growth is vital to the state, and Nebraska has many strengths that allow it to be competitive in a global economy. The goal of the Nebraska Advantage Act has been to encourage new businesses to locate in Nebraska and to retain existing businesses and aid in their expansion, but the December 31, 2020, deadline for new applications is approaching.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

- (1) Legislative efforts to encourage new businesses to locate in Nebraska and to retain existing businesses and aid in their expansion; and
- (2) Additional opportunities to:
 - (a) Create incentives to promote the creation and retention of new jobs in the state;
 - (b) Attract and retain growth in certain industries (generally non-retail) such as large data centers; and
 - (c) Create better jobs to improve the overall economic health of the state.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 389. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine criteria for economic development tools funded by the Legislature. Economic growth is vital to the state, and Nebraska has many strengths that allow it to be competitive in a global economy. Economic development tools funded by the Legislature include, but are not limited to, the Job Training Cash Fund, Site and Building Development Fund, Business Innovation Act, and grants for paid internships pursuant to sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

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

- (1) Encourage economic growth and development;
- (2) Strengthen Nebraska's workforce; and
- (3) Promote the retention of existing jobs.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 390. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The Legislature created the Office of Violence Prevention in 2009 in order to develop, foster, promote, and assess violence prevention programs. The purpose of this resolution is to study the success of the Office of Violence Prevention since its establishment, including:

- (1) Best practices for violence prevention as assessed by the Office of Violence Prevention;
- (2) Opportunities to expand, promote, and develop best practice initiatives to prevent violence in Nebraska;
- (3) Opportunities for future growth, efforts, and initiatives to reduce violence statewide; and
- (4) The effects of the Office of Violence Prevention on violence over time in Nebraska, as well as a review of the resources and authorities afforded the office to determine their sufficiency.

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

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

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 15, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 391. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study the effects on elections should Nebraska switch to an all vote-by-mail system.

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

(1) The effects on counties and their capacity to implement a vote-by-mail system;

(2) The potential effect on voter turnout, including an analysis of states who have implemented an all vote-by-mail system; and

(3) A cost-benefit analysis of the potential effect an all vote-by-mail system would have on the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 392. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: Neighborhoods across the state face a variety of challenges, and neighborhood and city leaders have expressed a desire for more tools to help promote safe, inclusive, and strong neighborhoods. The purpose of this resolution is to examine neighborhood issues and potential neighborhood improvement tools.

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

(1) Existing and potential neighborhood improvement policy solutions, including those in other states;

(2) Neighborhood improvement policies which promote community- and resident-driven priorities and outcomes; and

(3) Other issues faced by neighborhoods in Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 393. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study delinquent or unpaid school meal accounts in Nebraska schools and school districts. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The practices and policies of schools and school districts regarding delinquent or unpaid school meal accounts;
- (2) The effect of such practices and policies on students and families, including how delinquent or unpaid school meal accounts are demonstrated or communicated to students and families;
- (3) The amount or quantity of debt carried by schools and school districts regarding delinquent or unpaid school meal accounts;
- (4) The administrative costs associated with addressing delinquent or unpaid school meal accounts;
- (5) The manner in which schools and school districts attempt to collect on delinquent or unpaid school meal accounts; and
- (6) 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, SECOND SESSION:

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 394. Introduced by Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine policies and practices designed to assist low-income Nebraskans at risk of utility shutoffs due to overdue payments. The study shall focus on whether these programs and policies are effectively preventing Nebraskans from losing critical utility services. The study shall include a review of utility companies' formal written policies with respect to shutoffs, other practices employed by utility providers to reduce and prevent shutoffs, and adherence to the state's "cold weather rule."

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

- (1) The scope and adequacy of regulatory systems governing public and private utility companies;
- (2) The application of the cold weather rule in Nebraska; and
- (3) Examination of best practices in other states with respect to utility shutoffs, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Protections that apply to all utility providers, both public and private;
 - (b) Utilities of all types (i.e., gas, electric, etc.); and
 - (c) Year-round protections not bound by season or extreme temperatures.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 395. Introduced by Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Ebke, 32; Erdman, 47; Kolterman, 24; Watermeier, 1; Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues to identify the needs of and improve upon the emergency medical services system provided by volunteers in Nebraska.

Residents, workers, and visitors in rural, suburban, and nonurban areas rely almost exclusively on volunteer providers of emergency medical services. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical service personnel have provided emergency medical services to their local communities for over a century at only a fraction of the cost to the taxpayers which would have resulted from implementing a system of paid fire departments and paid emergency medical services. Many cities, villages, and rural areas cannot afford the cost of maintaining their current level of emergency medical services without the presence of a local pool of committed and dedicated volunteer firefighters and emergency service personnel.

Nebraska communities which rely on volunteers to provide emergency services are faced with numerous economic and demographic trends and conditions which make the recruitment and retention of qualified volunteers increasingly difficult. As a consequence, some volunteer departments are trying to cope with declining rosters of active volunteers. However, recruiting people to volunteer their time to serve as volunteer emergency medical service personnel is very difficult because there are extensive educational requirements including at least 160 hours of classroom time, plus independent study time. Upon completion of the classwork lasting at least six months, an emergency medical service candidate must pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians exam in order to obtain a credential to serve as an emergency medical service provider. Many candidates fail to pass the exam making recruitment and retention efforts that much more difficult here in Nebraska.

Nebraska must ensure that volunteer providers of emergency medical services and volunteer firefighters are given the support they need in order to continue to provide emergency medical services in the communities they serve. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The expectation and requirements of education and testing to become certified as a volunteer emergency medical service provider;
- (2) The reporting requirement expectations of volunteer emergency medical service personnel after responding to an incident;

(3) The demographics of Nebraska communities which rely exclusively on volunteer emergency medical services;

(4) The current number of volunteer emergency medical service personnel and the number of volunteer personnel vacancies within the State of Nebraska;

(5) The current delivery and possible improvement of emergency medical services instruction and training to volunteer emergency medical service candidates in Nebraska;

(6) The number of emergency medical service providers that have ceased their operations in the last ten years and the mechanisms used by communities to compensate for the loss of local volunteer emergency medical services; and

(7) The mechanisms to be used to address the emergency medical service needs of Nebraska citizens and tourists during the next ten years and into the future.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine possible changes to the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

The study shall include an examination of defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans, and cash balance plans and an analysis of which type of plan:

- (1) Is the most beneficial to taxpayers;
- (2) Is best able to withstand solvency issues; and
- (3) Is the most beneficial to retirees.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 397. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the statutory authority for municipalities to establish port authorities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the current authority of municipalities to establish boards of public docks under sections 13-1401 through 13-1417 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes;

(2) A review of port authority statutes in other states, with an emphasis on non-coastal states; and

(3) A review of the potential benefits to municipalities of establishing port authorities, particularly in cities of the metropolitan class.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 398. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the impact of sanitary and improvement districts (SIDs) upon annexations by municipalities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the costs to municipalities of annexing an SID, including the cost to provide services to new residents and the cost of assuming SID debt;

(2) An examination of the impact of the use of SIDs on the availability of affordable housing within municipalities; and

(3) An examination of the impact of the use of SIDs on racial and socioeconomic segregation within municipalities.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to metropolitan transit authorities. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of sections 14-1801 through 14-1826 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes governing metropolitan transit authorities;

(2) An examination of the potential statutory changes that would be needed to authorize the establishment of a regional transit authority or the establishment of a separate transit authority by a city other than a city of the metropolitan class; and

(3) An examination of the steps that would need to be taken at the federal and state levels to facilitate the transfer of transit assets from a municipality to a regional transit authority or separate transit authority.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400. Introduced by Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the effects that vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties have on Nebraska municipalities, and the role that land banks could play in addressing these effects;

(2) A review of the creation of the Omaha Municipal Land Bank by the City of Omaha, and the impact that the Omaha Municipal Land Bank has had in addressing vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties in Omaha; and

(3) A review of provisions in the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act that are designed to ensure that land banks do not compete with private sector businesses.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 401. Introduced by Ebke, 32; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to identify the lawful occupations and the occupational regulations which are subject to the Occupational Board Reform Act enacted by Legislative Bill 299, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, Second Session, 2018, to prepare forms for the occupational boards and the standing committees of the Legislature to comply with the act, and to otherwise prepare for the implementation of the act.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 402. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: With the increase in school shootings in recent years, the purpose of this resolution is to examine the issue of granting local school boards the authority to allow school employees, including teachers, administrators, and support staff, to carry concealed handguns on school grounds if they have received proper training and are permit holders under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 403. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the enrollment option program described in sections 79-232 to 79-246. The study shall include:

(1) An examination of the enrollment option program to ascertain whether the program is achieving the desired results for which it was created;

(2) An examination of the cost-effectiveness of the program;

(3) An examination of the effects on school districts, including whether some schools have been negatively impacted by the program to the benefit of other school districts; and

(4) Any recommendations to address the possible inequities to school districts.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the potential impact of Opportunity Zones under the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on

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

(1) A review of the Nebraska municipalities which include census tracts that were nominated by the Governor for potential designation as an Opportunity Zone by the United States Secretary of the Treasury;

(2) A review of potentially eligible census tracts within municipalities that were not nominated by the Governor for potential designation as an Opportunity Zone; and

(3) An examination of the potential economic development impact on municipalities if census tracts within a municipality receive an Opportunity Zone designation.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 405. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the conditions which lead to the congregation, isolation, and segregation of Nebraskans with mental illness who reside in institutional settings, including assisted-living facilities, and those who are at risk of placement in institutional settings due to a lack of community supports and services.

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

(1) Whether the Department of Health and Human Services is taking adequate steps to ensure behavioral health services are administered in the most integrated setting pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

(2) What steps the department has taken to advance the recommendations proposed by the Technical Assistance Collaborative as a consultant to the department, including permanent supportive housing;

(3) The effectiveness of the department in administering its behavioral health services through the behavioral health regions;

(4) The need for statutory changes to the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act in order to address the role of the regions, including, but not limited to, how a region identifies and communicates its services to individuals who are not clients of the region, including in-reach to people with severe and persistent mental illness who reside in institutional settings, and a region's role in protecting the health and safety of such individuals;

(5) The lack of adequate conditions in assisted-living facilities where people with mental illness reside;

(6) The effectiveness of statutes, regulations, and licensure requirements administered by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services in providing oversight of and protecting the health and safety of people with mental illness who reside in such facilities;

(7) Whether the existing Medicaid state plan or waiver services are sufficient to meet the service needs of individuals in the most integrated settings possible, including the possible adoption of the Medicaid 1115 waiver; and

(8) Successful models and programs implemented in other states that have addressed the issues identified in this resolution.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 406. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: In 2016, Nebraska voters reinstated capital punishment in this state. As such, it is imperative that the state ensures its capital defense systems and stakeholders are meeting best practices for capital defense to ensure that the rights of the accused are upheld and to minimize liability for the counties and the state regarding ineffective assistance of counsel claims and other issues.

Several other death penalty states such as Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, and Texas have explored and implemented the American Bar Association's Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases.

The purpose of this resolution is to examine the feasibility of adopting these standards in Nebraska and to identify and evaluate other considerations related to capital defense costs, tools, personnel, best practices, mitigation, training, and support for possible legislation or appropriations. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An exploration of the current capital defense system in Nebraska;

(2) An exploration of the American Bar Association's Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases;

(3) An exploration of the process utilized by other death penalty states to convene stakeholders, adopt these guidelines, ensure adequate appropriations to support these guidelines, and ensure capital defense systems are meeting best practices; and

(4) An exploration of any other legal or policy issues related to ensuring the capital defense system is meeting best practices as appropriate.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 407. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The State Records Board oversees and manages electronic access to state government information, including a contract with a network manager to provide for electronic access to public records. Since legislation was enacted in 1996, this self-funded model has led to the development and management of technology to allow citizens electronic access to government information and services without the use of any up-front expenditures from the state. The purpose of this resolution is to examine the self-funded model and the steps necessary to ensure its continued success in providing Nebraskans electronic access to government records and documents.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 408. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine resources available to the state and political subdivisions to fund roads. The issues to be addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the costs associated with building and maintaining roads;

(2) A review of the funding needs;

(3) A review of current funding sources; and

(4) A review of past legislative efforts to address roads funding and whether those efforts have met intended expectations.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 409. 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 disconnection of territory from the corporate limits of cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and villages. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include a comparison of the statutory authority for the disconnection of property from cities of the first class under section 16-129

of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and cities of the second class and villages under section 17-414 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 410. 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 municipal regulation of railroads. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of language in Chapters 14 through 19 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes that potentially authorizes municipalities to regulate railroads; and

(2) An examination of relevant case law regarding the preemption of state and local regulation of railroads under the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 and other federal law.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 411. 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, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 412. 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 cities of the primary class in Chapter 15 of Nebraska Revised Statutes. The goal of the study shall be to update and modernize statutes 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, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 413. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study strategies to strengthen Nebraska's workforce and build financial mobility and independence, particularly among working parents with young children. This resolution will examine structural barriers to financial independence in public work support programs. Such barriers exist when income eligibility levels for work supports force Nebraskans to choose between increased wages or hours and a loss of benefits.

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

(1) An examination of current state-funded work supports offered by the Department of Health and Human Services to assist working parents with child care affordability;

(2) Estimates of the cost of raising a family in Nebraska, disaggregated to reflect geography or rurality, family type, and ages of children, to the degree possible;

(3) An analysis of the incongruity between the cost of raising a family and current eligibility levels for state-funded child care assistance to ensure full employment among working parents;

(4) The identification of options available to the state to more effectively leverage federal funding to improve the effectiveness of child care assistance programs in ways that support families attempting to successfully transition off such programs;

(5) Information from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding full utilization of federal funds toward increasing access and quality for child care assistance, including plans for the anticipated increase in Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funds for federal fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and the status of unspent federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) funds that are in excess of necessary reserves; and

(6) An examination of policies and regulations that adequately align child care subsidy eligibility levels with the cost of raising a family in other states or jurisdictions.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 414. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the overall impact of the area agencies on aging and their interaction with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Nebraska has eight area agencies on aging across the state that are funded by the Legislature and by Title XX of the federal Social Security Act. There are three ADRC pilot sites that were established pursuant to Legislative Bill 320 adopted in 2015.

The study shall examine the coordination of the area agencies on aging and the pilot sites in both the rural and urban areas of Nebraska to determine if services are duplicative and if funding is necessary.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 415. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the effectiveness of section 29-901 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, as relates to the imposition of bail and the requiring of money bonds for misdemeanors and city ordinance violations. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The current statutory scheme relating to money bonds for all crimes, and particularly minor misdemeanors and violations of city ordinances;

(2) The number of individuals held in local jails on money bonds for misdemeanors;

(3) The costs to counties to detain and house pretrial detainees for misdemeanors;

(4) The feasibility of alternatives to money bonds for misdemeanors and the consequences or risks to public safety of eliminating money bonds;

(5) An examination and consideration of changes that would permit indigent pretrial detainees to avoid unnecessary and costly county jail stays; and

(6) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine changes needed to reform bail for misdemeanors.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 416. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine which advertising practices should be considered unlawful acts under the Weights and Measures Act in section 89-197. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

(1) What pricing structures are unfair or deceptive practices in the advertising of retail motor fuel;

(2) From an unfair and deceptive practices perspective, the acts or practices that are likely to result in substantial injury to consumers, cannot be reasonably avoided by consumers, and are not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition;

(3) What constitutes an act or practice that is deceptive where (a) a representation, omission, or practice misleads or is likely to mislead the consumer, (b) a consumer's interpretation of the representation, omission, or practice is considered reasonable under the circumstances, and (c) the misleading representation, omission, or practice is material; and

(4) Whether or not certain pricing practices violate other areas of consumer protection laws or regulations.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 417. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether inmates in county jails, who are eligible to vote, are being unconstitutionally disenfranchised due to their circumstances.

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

(1) A review of existing county jail procedures for individuals who wish to exercise their right to vote while incarcerated;

(2) Potential solutions and the cost to ensure access to the right to vote for the thousands of individuals who are housed in county jails during elections; and

(3) Other possible alternatives, such as installing ballot drop boxes at county jails or designating some county jails as vote centers during elections.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 418. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the disproportionality that exists in Nebraska's foster care and juvenile justice systems. Despite the promise of equal protection under the law, there have been continued racial and ethnic disparities in the foster care and juvenile justice systems for youth of color, especially for youth and families who are Native American, African American, or Latino. Based on population size, there is a significantly disproportionate percentage of youth and families of color involved with the foster care and juvenile justice systems. This interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Input from a diverse group of community members of color, including Nebraska's four federally recognized Indian tribes and others whose lives have been affected by the foster care and juvenile justice systems, to create an action plan for reducing disproportionality;

(2) Assessment of a formal body or task force to lead this work and advise the Legislature, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Probation Administration, and the Office of Juvenile Services on recommended policy and practice reform;

(3) Assessment of current data limitations, including inconsistencies in data collection, on the race and ethnicity of children and families involved in the foster care and juvenile justice systems;

(4) Determination of needs for reporting from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Probation Administration, and the Office of Juvenile Services to be shared with the Legislature;

(5) Review of specific procedures that may be contributing to the current disproportionality;

(6) Research on racial disproportionality within the context of known risk factors for system involvement, such as household poverty, and protective factors, such as the availability of community-based prevention services; and

(7) Research on model policies that offer a systemic approach to racial disproportionality in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 419. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the term "shaken baby syndrome" as it exists within the Nebraska statutes. Shaken baby syndrome is a term often used by physicians and the public to describe abusive head trauma inflicted on infants and young children. Although the term is well-known and has been used for a number of decades, advances in the understanding of the mechanisms and clinical spectrum of injury associated with abusive head trauma compel us to modify our terminology to keep pace with our understanding of pathologic mechanisms. Although shaking an infant has the potential to cause neurologic injury, blunt impact or a combination of shaking and blunt impact cause injury as well. The use of broad medical terminology that is inclusive of all mechanisms of injury, including shaking, is required. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that pediatricians develop skills in the recognition of signs and symptoms of abusive head injury, including those caused by both shaking and blunt impact, consult with pediatric subspecialists when necessary, and embrace a less mechanistic term, "abusive head trauma," when describing an inflicted injury to the head and its contents. This interim study shall include:

(1) A comprehensive review of the Nebraska statutes to identify references to shaken baby syndrome that could be changed to the recommended terminology of abusive head trauma; and

(2) Identifying other similar terms within the accompanying statutes that could be changed to reflect current recommendations.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 420. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Erdman, 47; Groene, 42; Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine possible collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Department of Education to address behavioral or mental health

issues for Nebraska students. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Parameter and effectiveness of "System of Care," a program by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is a framework for designing mental health services and supports for children and youth who have a serious emotional disturbance, and their families, through a collaboration across and involving public and private agencies, families, and youth;
- (2) Efforts conducted by school-based centers and school-based providers; and
- (3) Mental and behavioral health services provided by educational service units.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with 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 on or before December 31, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 421. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The Housing and Recreational Vehicle Department of the Public Service Commission operates programs designed to protect the health and safety of occupants in manufactured homes, modular housing units, and recreational vehicles. The department enforces health and safety and building standards through plan reviews, during inspections at manufacturing facilities and retail lots, and in response to consumer complaints.

This study shall examine:

- (1) The current fees charged by the department for inspections, plan reviews, and other department services and functions;
- (2) The actual cost to the department of conducting inspections, plan reviews, and other department services;
- (3) The total expenses of operating the department; and
- (4) A comparison of costs for similar state and federal programs.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 422. Introduced by Kolterman, 24; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issuance and usage of electronic prescriptions in accordance with regulatory standards.

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

- (1) The feasibility of requiring prescribers to use electronic prescriptions;
- (2) Best practices for prescribers and dispensers regarding electronic prescriptions; and
- (3) Any considerations relevant to providing exceptions to a requirement for electronic prescriptions.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 423. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the application of adverse possession in the State of Nebraska and to consider recommendations for modernizing this doctrine to meet contemporary requirements. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The frequency with which adverse possession is applied;
- (2) Any modern trends in the use and application of adverse possession;
- (3) Whether payment of property tax should be included as a sixth element required to prove adverse possession;
- (4) Whether the trespasser should be required to pay property taxes on the relevant parcel during all or a portion of the continuous period of use;
- (5) Whether continued and active payment of property taxes on the relevant parcel is an indication that the record owner is aware of ownership and actively maintaining this investment;
- (6) Whether a record owner who in good faith pays all taxes due on his or her property should be compensated for those payments when that parcel is lost to a claim of adverse possession; and
- (7) Recommendations for modernizing the doctrine of adverse possession to better serve contemporary applications.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 424. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine a comprehensive list of issues related to the operation of autonomous vehicles in Nebraska. Issues to be examined shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Automated vehicle classifications;
- (2) Testing of automated vehicles;
- (3) Automated vehicle registration, titling, and branding;
- (4) Financial responsibility;
- (5) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards;
- (6) The role of a driver and of the passengers or occupants in an autonomous vehicle;
- (7) Operator license requirements for testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles;
- (8) Training for consumers, examiners, driver education instructors, and driver schools;
- (9) Endorsements and restrictions;
- (10) Crash and incident reporting;
- (11) Autonomous vehicle use in criminal activity;
- (12) Distracted driving;
- (13) Establishment of legal responsibility for enforcement actions;
- (14) First responder safety and autonomous vehicle response to emergency vehicles;
- (15) Manual traffic controls and extraordinary road conditions;
- (16) Access to autonomous vehicle electronic data for investigatory purposes;
- (17) Autonomous vehicle identification;
- (18) Autonomous vehicle conformance to the Nebraska Rules of the Road;
- (19) Autonomous commercial motor vehicles;
- (20) Autonomous vehicles operated by transportation network companies;
- (21) Data privacy and security;
- (22) Cybersecurity;
- (23) Highway and other infrastructure utilized by autonomous vehicles;
- (24) Imported and exported autonomous vehicles;
- (25) Autonomous vehicle upfitter regulation; and
- (26) Autonomous vehicle platooning.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 425. 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, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 426. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues raised by the introduction of Legislative Bill 1031 during the 2018 legislative session and to examine whether the One-Call Notification System Act should be updated. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance and input of large project developers, parties who were impacted by large project location costs, the board of directors of the statewide one-call notification center, the State Fire Marshal, the Attorney General, members of the underground construction industry, operators of underground utility facilities, and other parties, agencies, or political subdivisions who would be impacted by changes in the One-Call Notification System Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 427. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to investigate transferring the recreational vehicles franchise statutes into a distinct and separate section of law. Currently, Nebraska is the only state that includes recreational vehicles mixed in the same statutes with manufactured homes. Motorhomes, travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, park model recreational vehicles, and folding camping trailers are vehicles, not homes or dwellings. Manufactured homes are dwellings. Thus far, eighteen states have adopted a method of centralizing recreational vehicle laws to ensure that the industry and consumers have clarity moving forward.

The study committee shall work in conjunction with interested entities including, but not limited to, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Nebraska New Car and Truck Dealers Association, recreational vehicle dealers, the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, manufactured home manufacturers, and any other pertinent parties interested in working toward separating the regulation and franchise of recreational vehicles from the regulation of manufactured homes.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 428. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the potential of micro-credentialing in Nebraska, including the potential impact on professional development, demonstrable student outcomes, and salary advancement. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of what other states are doing to integrate micro-credentialing into professional development;
- (2) A review of the latest research on micro-credentialing and its potential impact on student outcomes;
- (3) An examination of how to ensure the development of rigorous, reputable micro-credentials;
- (4) A review of potential barriers to utilizing micro-credentials;
- (5) The potential for micro-credentials to impact salary advancement; and
- (6) A review of the role of the State Department of Education in the development and utilization of micro-credentialing and the potential application in recertification.

Research has shown that teaching quality and school leadership are the most important factors in raising student achievement. For teachers and school and district leaders to be as effective as possible, they need to continually expand their knowledge and skills. Effective professional learning is personalized, self-directed, competency-based, job-embedded, practical, and focused on the skills educators need to address students' major learning challenges. Annually, \$2.6 billion in federal funding is spent on professional development for educators. In addition, school districts spend up to \$18,000 per educator on professional development. Yet only twenty-nine percent of teachers feel that they have the professional development that they need to support student achievement.

More than a decade ago, Linda Darling-Hammond and her colleagues revealed that most professional learning experiences in the United States are not adequately preparing teachers to make changes in their classrooms (Darling-Hammond, Wei, Andree, Richardson, and Orphanos, 2009). Still, the traditional method of professional development has remained largely unchanged and often relies on short, one-size-fits-all workshops without ongoing and job-embedded aspects that support the impact in the classroom. Micro-credentials provide an opportunity for educators to engage in rigorous, self-paced, job-embedded professional learning that is connected to the daily skills teachers need in their classrooms. This new wave in professional learning provides a way for teachers to earn recognition for the skills they acquire through formal and informal learning opportunities, to

personalize their professional learning to meet their needs, and to take what they learn and apply it to their classrooms.

Micro-credentials focus on evidence of skills and abilities, not seat time. Teachers select which micro-credential to pursue and identify the specific activities that will support them in developing the competency. Micro-credentials, available on demand, are responsive to teachers' schedules and are sharable as portable currency for professional learning that educators can take with them no matter where they go. A micro-credential is a certification indicating demonstrated competency in a specific skill. Micro-credentials are a natural extension of an educator's professional learning journey. Educators engage in both formal and informal professional learning activities but are rarely recognized for their informal learning. Micro-credentials recognize that informal learning.

Micro-credentials are:

(1) Competency-based: Micro-credentials allow educators to focus on a discrete skill related to their practice, such as checking for student understanding, and collect the evidence, such as classroom videos or student work, to demonstrate ability in that specific skill;

(2) On demand: Through an agile online platform that clearly identifies each micro-credential's competency and required evidence, educators can start and continue the process of earning micro-credentials on their own time;

(3) Personalized: Because educators are able to select the micro-credentials they wish to earn, they can create their own professional learning journey aligned to their specific student needs and school-wide instructional goals; and

(4) Shareable: Once educators earn micro-credentials, they can display the digital badges to signal their demonstrated competence wherever their professional journey might take them.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 429. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: In recent years, an increasing number of public schools have arranged to have law enforcement officers serve as school resource officers. School resource officers (SROs) are assigned to and work in the schools, often on a full-time basis. SROs may have daily authority over students, even in situations that have traditionally been seen as everyday disciplinary matters subject to the school code of conduct. SROs may also be regarded as mentors and used as classroom presenters. In some respects, SROs are more than law enforcement, while still maintaining the power and authority of law enforcement officers.

The "school-to-prison pipeline" describes the process by which students are excluded from schools and pushed into the court system, often for

non-criminal behaviors. Nationally, the rise of policing in schools is closely linked to an over-reliance on arrest and court processing to respond to normal adolescent behaviors. The purpose of this resolution is to examine the role and purpose of SROs in Nebraska, and whether, and to what extent, the interplay between law enforcement and education is contributing to our burgeoning state juvenile justice system.

The study shall include investigation and consideration of the following:

(1) School district policies regarding the limits and uses of law enforcement authority in schools, including a review of any standard responsibilities or job duties for SROs;

(2) Data relevant to considering whether and how law enforcement authority in Nebraska schools relates to juvenile court involvement, including:

(a) The number of SROs in districts and schools in Nebraska;

(b) The number of students cited or arrested at school or school-sponsored activities by SROs, and the types of charges;

(c) An analysis of SRO-student interactions disaggregated by demographic indicators such as race, ethnicity, gender, grade level, and whether the student has an identified disability; and

(d) The number and severity of charges filed in juvenile court related to school behavior;

(3) National best practices regarding the role of SROs and opportunities for SRO training that is trauma-informed and responsive to adolescent development; and

(4) A review of relevant Nebraska law to determine whether current statutes or statutory interpretation may contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 430. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2017 (the Act) and its implementation in Nebraska. The Act was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Trump on February 9, 2018, as part of Division E in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

The Act represents a significant change in the manner in which the federal government provides funding for services for children and families. The Act redirects federal funds to provide services to keep children safely with their families and out of foster care, and, when foster care is needed, allows federal reimbursement for care in family-based settings and certain residential treatment programs.

Among other things, the Act includes provisions that: (1) Permit federal funding for prevention services for children at risk of entering foster care at

the option of the state; (2) limit federal funding to children in foster family homes and qualified residential treatment programs, special treatment settings for pregnant and parenting teens, youth eighteen years and older preparing to transition from foster care to adulthood, and youth who are found to be or are at risk of becoming sex trafficking victims; (3) provide federal investments in evidence-based kinship navigator programs and family reunification services; (4) require states to review foster care licensing standards and compare them to federally identified model licensing standards; (5) require states to track and prevent child maltreatment fatalities; (6) extend John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program services to assist former foster youth up to age twenty-three and eligibility for education and training vouchers for such youth up to age twenty-six; and (7) establish an electronic case-processing system to expedite interstate placement of children.

The study shall examine the status of the implementation of the Act in Nebraska, including changes to the Department of Health and Human Services' state plan, policies, and procedures and whether any changes should be made to current state law in accordance with the Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 431. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to:

(1) Analyze and review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to the provision of workers' compensation services in Nebraska; and

(2) Analyze and review whether Nebraska's current workers' compensation law properly incentivizes injured workers to, when possible, utilize the most cost-effective care setting between ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals.

The intent of this study is to:

(1) Determine the effectiveness of current billing and reimbursement methods;

(2) Examine the potential benefits of adding such methods to existing fee schedules for other medical service providers under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; and

(3) Examine potential changes that would properly incentivize cost-effective care treatments.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 432. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues faced by the two hundred thirty-four thousand renters in Nebraska, who represent thirty-four percent of Nebraska households.

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

(1) State law and current landlord practices regarding rental deposits and fees and how those fees affect renters;

(2) Responsibilities of landlords under current law and options available to renters for recourse when rights are violated, including when families are faced with eviction; and

(3) Other issues faced by renters in Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 433. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to evaluate the availability of affordable housing in Nebraska municipalities, with an emphasis on rental housing. Renters represent thirty-four percent of Nebraska households and typically spend a much higher proportion of their income on housing than homeowners.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of existing state and municipal programs that could be used to address the availability of affordable housing;

(2) An examination of existing and potential solutions to the high proportion of income renters spend on housing; and

(3) A review of tools used to address the availability of affordable housing in other states.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 434. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study school structure and finance. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Research on public school structure in other states;
- (2) Research on how other states pay for K-12 education; and
- (3) Comparison of Nebraska's education benefit packages, including retirement benefits, and the education benefit packages of other states.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 435. Introduced by McDonnell, 5; Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review how the Nebraska State Patrol conducts internal affairs investigations into potential civil and criminal violations of its members.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 436. Introduced by Crawford, 45; Blood, 3; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to evaluate the effectiveness of occupational licensing processes in accommodating military spouses and transitioning service members. This includes progress in providing transitioning service members with credit towards occupational licenses based on military training, education, and experience pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 38-1,141. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The number of transitioning service members who apply to each Department of Health and Human Services licensing board, or to the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, for an occupational license and whether such applicants have military training,

education, or experience applied toward their licensure requirements pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 38-1,141;

(2) The rate of denial for transitioning service members and military spouses who apply for occupational licenses with each licensing board, or to the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, and the reasons for such denials;

(3) The processing time for occupational license applications submitted by transitioning service members and military spouses and the average processing time for all applications for each licensing board, or for the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists;

(4) Whether the web sites of each licensing board, or of the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, prominently display information about accommodations for transitioning service members and military spouses including information on applying military training, education, and experience toward licensure requirements and transferring a license due to relocation;

(5) Whether educational materials are disseminated to help occupational licensing staff improve their understanding of state legislation regarding the application of military training, education, and experience toward licensure and the portability of military spouse licensure;

(6) Whether licensure applications of each licensing board, or of the Department of Health and Human Services where no board exists, include questions that inquire about military status; and

(7) Whether existing laws and processes effectively address the challenges that transitioning service members and military spouses face when applying for occupational licenses upon discharge from military service or relocating to the state.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 437. Introduced by Hilgers, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to fully and comprehensively analyze possible improvements and changes to the standing committee system. The Rules Committee of the Legislature convenes to hear proposed rules submitted by members of the Legislature. The Rules Committee also met during the interim prior to the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature and submitted a report to the Legislature regarding its findings. The Rules Committee unanimously voted to conduct an interim study during 2018 to further develop specific proposals for consideration by the One Hundred Sixth Legislature.

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

1. That a select interim committee of the Legislature be designated to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature, the Speaker of the Legislature, and two members of each congressional district selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

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 438. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the benefits of the creation of an educational trust fund. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The impact that an educational trust fund would have on limiting the fluctuation of funding through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) formula;

(2) The best source of revenue to establish and maintain an educational trust fund;

(3) The effectiveness of management of an educational trust fund by the State Department of Education; and

(4) The effects an educational trust fund would have on school spending and reliance on property taxes.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 439. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the ongoing implementation and impact of LB 276 (2014). LB 276 made medicaid reimbursement available for a broader array of services delivered to medicaid-eligible special education students. The study committee shall explore options to create a distribution formula that allows schools to maximize federal medicaid reimbursements and seek reimbursement for additional services as allowed by federal law. By assessing the impacts to funding mechanisms and exploring innovative opportunities arising from the passage and implementation of LB 276, the study committee shall determine next steps for the Legislature for funding school-related health services through medicaid, thereby providing opportunities to improve overall student health and increase student engagement.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Reviewing impacts on school funding mechanisms, including the Medicaid in Public Schools program, state aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA), funds for the

Nebraska Early Development Network, and the reallocation of special education appropriations;

(2) Examining how changes to the cost settlement process and repayments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could affect TEEOSA funding;

(3) Examining equity considerations under the current TEEOSA formula, such as the impact of providing medically necessary services and any incentives that exist for school districts to provide and bill for such services;

(4) Determining the fiscal impact on the Nebraska Early Development Network and its funding given the new payment methodology; and

(5) Identifying the possible changes to the flow and allocation of funding from the Medicaid in Public Schools program in an effort to reduce barriers to use.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 440. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety (NCPS) was formed as a result of the passage by the Legislature of the Patient Safety Improvement Act in 2005. The purposes of the NCPS are to encourage a culture of safety and quality by providing legal protection for information reported to the NCPS for the purposes of quality improvement and patient safety, to provide for the reporting of aggregate information about occurrences, and to provide for the reporting and sharing of information designed to improve health care delivery systems and reduce adverse health events and near misses in Nebraska. The ultimate goal of the NCPS is to ensure the safety of all individuals who seek health care in Nebraska.

The NCPS has been operating on funds contributed by the Nebraska Medical Association, Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Pharmacists Association, and grants from other entities, such as medical malpractice companies. No state funds have been allocated to the NCPS, and thus, the NCPS's current ability to support patient safety is limited by its reliance on member fees and grants for financial support.

This study shall examine:

(1) The current funding mechanisms of the NCPS;

(2) The work product produced by the NCPS and its value to dues-paying members;

(3) Strategies and opportunities to provide meaningful data and reports for various health care providers, such as physicians, physician assistants, nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, and physical therapists;

(4) Input from various health care providers regarding what the needs of their profession are in terms of patient safety and how the NCPS could identify and meet those needs with increased funding; and

(5) A comparison of patient safety organizations in other states, their funding mechanisms, and their identified stakeholders.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 441. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study telecommunications services in Nebraska. The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) The existing structure of regulations governing telecommunications services within Nebraska;

(2) Whether existing statutes and regulations relating to local exchange service continue to meet the needs of the state and consumers in light of increased competition for voice telecommunications services and changes in technology;

(3) The need to update and revise provisions of Nebraska law governing the regulation of telecommunications services providers; and

(4) Other issues relating to telecommunications in Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 442. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the underlying appropriation issues contributing to the financial hardship experienced by rural long-term care providers across the State of Nebraska.

On March 23, 2018, the Lancaster County Court placed twenty-one long-term care facilities into receivership, including nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and rehabilitation centers owned and operated by Cottonwood Healthcare, commonly known as Skyline. The receiver was appointed after it was discovered that the company did not have the funds available to pay employees for three weeks at the time the receivership was issued.

In recent years, numerous long-term care facilities throughout the state have closed or otherwise fallen into financial hardship, due in part to cost-saving strategies implemented at the state level. The issue has become

most pronounced in rural areas of the state and exacerbated by workforce shortages and the cost of regulations.

On January 5, 2018, the Kearney County Health Services Board of Trustees voted to close Hinterlong Living for Seniors and Countryside Living Nursing Home in Minden, effective April 30, 2018, citing insufficient medicaid funding. In March of 2015, Deseret Health Group announced the closing of four skilled nursing homes in Edgar, Lyons, Exeter, and Ainsworth, citing financial unviability of operations. In December of 1997, the city of Mitchell acquired the sole nursing home facility in the city after discovering it was no longer financially viable to remain open as a private healthcare facility.

This study shall examine the adequacy of state appropriations, other related problems, workforce issues, the cost of regulations, and the mechanisms put in place by the state that affect the funding sources for long-term care providers. The interim study shall include the following:

(1) A financial analysis of medicaid provider rates and related payment issues experienced by long-term care providers;

(2) A financial analysis of medicare provider rates, changes in medicaid co-insurance rates, and related payment issues experienced by long-term care providers;

(3) An analysis of the formula used in cost reporting to the Nebraska medicaid program for the transfer of ownership and medicaid reimbursement based upon prior-owner reports, and in the case of a proposed transfer of facility ownership, an analysis of the state's process for investigating the organizational and financial stability and quality of care history of the proposed owner prior to approval of the ownership transfer;

(4) Issues related to medicaid eligibility requirements of residents affecting the maximization of reimbursement and speed of the application process; and

(5) Other issues affecting the financial viability of long-term care providers including, but not limited to, workforce shortages and the cost of regulations.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 443. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issues surrounding the adoption of a state strategic plan. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The development of a ten-year strategic plan for the state by the Legislature's Planning Committee;

(2) Goals and guidance for the Planning Committee to develop a ten-year strategic plan for the state;

- (3) Potential partner organizations to work in cooperation with to develop a ten-year strategic plan for the state; and
- (4) Funding opportunities to assist with the development of a ten-year strategic plan for the State of Nebraska.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 444. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issues surrounding film and media production in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Funding opportunities for the Nebraska Film Office;
- (2) Opportunities for cooperation by the Nebraska Arts Council, the Nebraska Tourism Commission, and the Department of Economic Development to develop strategies to increase film and media production in Nebraska; and
- (3) Funding opportunities for an economic development impact study for film and media production in Nebraska.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 445. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

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 for 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, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 446. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The Legislature has declared that bullying disrupts a school's ability to educate students and threatens public safety by creating an atmosphere in which such behavior can escalate into violence. The Legislature has previously defined bullying to mean any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or his or her designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events. The Legislature required each school district to adopt and annually review anti-bullying policies in 2009.

According to studies cited by the state Department of Education, fifteen to twenty-five percent of students in the United States are bullied with some frequency, fifteen to twenty percent report that they bully others with some frequency, and seventy-five percent of students reported that they had experienced some form of bullying during their school years. Bullying tends to peak in transition years, moving from elementary to middle school and middle to high school.

Recent unfortunate instances of bullying based on race, ethnicity, national origin and immigration status and toward LGBTQ students in Nebraska have underscored the need to ensure state policy and individual school district policy are meeting best practices and to ensure schools are proactively meeting their legal obligations to ensure students are not bullied or discriminated against.

The purpose of this resolution is to examine existing best practices for anti-bullying policies and practices in K-12 education and the feasibility of adopting these standards in Nebraska. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An exploration of the current anti-bullying laws, policies, and practices in Nebraska schools;

(2) An exploration of existing best practices to prevent bullying, harassment, and discrimination in public schools; and

(3) An exploration of any other legal or policy issues related to ensuring Nebraska anti-bullying law and policies are meeting best practices for our schools and our students as appropriate.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 447. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine security measures to ensure safety in schools, including gun reform, increased use of firearms by qualified school personnel such as school resource officers, additional school resource officers in all middle and high schools, and a list of best practices in threat assessment and prevention and mental health services.

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

- (1) Costs for increased security measures to prevent violence in schools;
- (2) Use of firearms by qualified school personnel;
- (3) The cost to provide school resource officers at every middle and high school;
- (4) Best practices on threat assessment and prevention and mental health services for at-risk students;
- (5) Best practices in other states, including Wisconsin's plan to incorporate an Office of School Safety into the Wisconsin Department of Justice; and
- (6) The need for additional gun reform.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 448. Introduced by Crawford, 45; Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a comprehensive review of Nebraska's Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities (MIWD) eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The process of applying for MIWD, participation rates of eligible individuals, eligibility determinations, workforce participation, premiums, and the effect of MIWD participation on Medicaid;
- (2) National best practices relating to the MIWD eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act, including eligibility, workforce participation, and premiums; and

(3) Whether the services provided for MIWD-eligible individuals could be streamlined and improved by adopting the federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 model.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 449. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the jurisdiction of the State Racing Commission and the role of the commission in promoting the best interests of the horse racing industry.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 450. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has great potential for solar energy development. There is a great deal of interest in solar development by communities and individuals. Solar energy development can provide economic benefits and attract new businesses to Nebraska. It is the policy of the state to develop solar energy.

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

(1) Methods of increasing solar development in the state, including programs and policies that benefit public power districts or communities that invest in solar energy;

(2) Issues related to community solar projects, including methods of virtual net metering;

(3) Removing barriers to solar development;

(4) Successful policies and programs in other states; and

(5) Any other issues that will facilitate a full and complete examination of solar energy and solar development in Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 451. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska Children's Commission was created as a high-level leadership body to create a statewide strategic plan to provide a broad restructuring of the goals of the child welfare system. The commission is currently scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2019, unless continued by the Legislature.

The purpose of this study is to examine the work of the Nebraska Children's Commission and evaluate the need for the commission's continuation and any revisions to its structure and purpose.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 452. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study alternative teacher certification programs. The study shall include, at a minimum, an examination of the following:

(1) Alternative teacher certification programs and teaching license reciprocity currently available in Nebraska;

(2) Alternative teacher certification programs and teaching license reciprocity available in other states;

(3) Alternative teacher certification programs that may be available online;

(4) The statutory and regulatory environment around alternative teacher certification programs and teaching license reciprocity; and

(5) The role of the Legislature, State Board of Education, State Department of Education, and higher education institutions in ensuring the availability of accelerated teacher certification programs and teaching license reciprocity.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 453. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study net neutrality. The study shall include, at a minimum, an examination of the following:

- (1) The general concept, principles, and history of net neutrality;
- (2) Federal legislation, rules, regulations, and resolutions on Internet service providers and Internet privacy protections;
- (3) Legislation, rules, regulations, and resolutions on Internet service providers and Internet privacy protections in Nebraska and other states;
- (4) How Internet service providers protect the privacy of customer information and use customer information;
- (5) The potential effects and impact of discrimination, limitations, restrictions, and prioritization of web sites, applications, and content on the freedom of information, market power, and free speech; and
- (6) Policy recommendations that will protect Nebraska consumers' Internet privacy, freedom of information, and free speech.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 454. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Lindstrom, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine taxes and fees on wireless services.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the role of wireless service taxes and fees as a revenue source in state and local fiscal systems;
- (2) A review of other states' wireless service taxes and fees; and
- (3) The economic impact of wireless taxes and fees on Nebraskans.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 455. Introduced by Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to identify evidence-based best practices for establishing an early warning system to identify and respond to fiscal distress among local political subdivisions.

Local political subdivisions continue to face increasing budgetary stresses due to a variety of factors such as growing liabilities, costly infrastructure repairs, and decreasing aid amid state mandates. In addition to these localized influences on the health of local governments, a changing economy, coupled with outmoded taxing systems as the economy moves more towards services and online sales puts increasing pressure on local political subdivisions.

This study shall focus on evidence-based best practices for identifying the appropriate financial indicators used to adequately signal that a local political subdivision is experiencing or is likely to experience fiscal distress. It shall also be the aim of the study to identify and recommend model policies for the monitoring of fiscal distress and establishing an intervention mechanism for responding to fiscal distress and its risks. The study shall include the following:

- (1) An inventory of evidence-based financial indicators used in the identification of financial stressors among local political subdivisions;
- (2) An analysis of best practice model policies at the state level which monitor and signal the existence or impending materialization of fiscal distress among local political subdivisions;
- (3) An analysis of best practice model policies at the state level which establish early warning and escalating intervention systems to prevent or improve the condition of fiscal distress among local political subdivisions;
- (4) Policy recommendations appropriate to the State of Nebraska and its local political subdivisions; and
- (5) Other recommendations as appropriate.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 456. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Pansing Brooks, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the Student Discipline Act. The study shall include, at a minimum, an examination of the following:

- (1) The legislative and legal history of the Student Discipline Act;
- (2) How the Student Discipline Act is implemented by schools and school districts; and
- (3) Recommendations for updates to the Student Discipline Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 457. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study state fiscal resources that exist to support first generation students. The study shall include, at a minimum, an examination of the following:

(1) State appropriations to higher education institutions in Nebraska and how such funds are used to support first generation students;

(2) State appropriations to other state agencies or nonprofit organizations that are targeted towards first generations students;

(3) The economic impact of targeting state fiscal resources to support first generation students; and

(4) Ways the Legislature can evaluate how state funds are used to support first generation students.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 458. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the feasibility of developing a process for the preparation and consideration of racial impact statements relating to possible legislation.

The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The definition or understanding of the term racial impact statement;

(2) Whether the use of racial impact statements should be limited to a particular category of legislation or whether such statements should be considered for all legislation;

(3) A determination of which state agency or department should be tasked with the creation of racial impact statements;

(4) A determination of the effect that a racial impact statement may have on legislation;

(5) A determination of the fiscal impact that the use of racial impact statements may have; and

(6) A review and consideration of other states' processes and mechanisms for preparing, creating, and considering racial impact statements.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 459. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to create legislation to assure that no person will be discriminated against on the basis of a disability in situations arising under the juvenile code in which he or she faces termination or limitation of his or her parental rights.

The study shall consider the following:

(1) Whether, when a parent's disability is alleged to have a detrimental impact on a child, the party raising the allegation should bear the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the disability has endangered or will likely endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the child;

(2) If that burden is met, whether the parent with a disability should have the opportunity to demonstrate how the implementation of supportive parenting services will alleviate any concerns that have been raised;

(3) Whether the court may require that supportive parenting services be put in place, with an opportunity to review the need for continuation of such services within a reasonable period of time; and

(4) If a court determines that a disabled person's parental rights, including the right to custody or visitation, should be denied or limited in any manner, whether the court should be required to make specific written findings stating the basis for such a determination and why provision of supportive parenting services is not a reasonable accommodation to prevent such denial or limitation.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 460. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to create legislation to assure that no person will be discriminated against on the basis of a disability when he or she is being considered as an adoptive parent in a public or private adoption or obtaining guardianship or foster parenting status or placement.

The study shall consider the following:

(1) Whether, when a person's disability is alleged to have a potentially detrimental impact on a child, the party raising the allegation should bear the

burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the disability will likely endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the child;

(2) If that burden is met, whether the person with a disability should have the opportunity to demonstrate how the implementation of supportive parenting services will alleviate any concerns that have been raised;

(3) Whether the court may require that supportive parenting services be put in place, with an opportunity to review the need for continuation of such services within a reasonable period of time; and

(4) If a court determines that a disabled person cannot provide suitable foster care or that his or her status as a foster parent or petition for guardianship or adoption should be denied or limited in any manner, whether the court should be required to make specific written findings stating the basis for such a determination and why provision of supportive parenting services is not a reasonable accommodation to prevent such denial or limitation.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 461. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a comprehensive review of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) and make recommendations to support and increase affordable housing funding in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) National best practices relating to state and local affordable housing trust funds;

(2) The ability of AHTF-qualified recipients to effectively address affordable housing needs with existing resources;

(3) An inventory of underutilized funds appropriate for use in the AHTF;

(4) An inventory of potential additional revenue sources appropriate for use in the AHTF;

(5) The identification of affordable housing needs in each congressional district;

(6) The identification of statewide affordable housing issues;

(7) Other strategy recommendations to address the shortage of affordable housing;

(8) The identification of AHTF statutory, regulatory, and programmatic requirements that impede the ability of qualified recipients to effectively address affordable housing needs; and

(9) A review of the Department of Economic Development's system to track the balance in the AHTF.

The study committee shall obtain input from interested parties including the housing advisory committee authorized in section 58-704 and a

statewide nonprofit membership organization representing affordable housing developers.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 462. Introduced by Briese, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the possible elimination of various exemptions of goods and exclusions of services under Nebraska's sales and use tax laws. The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying and evaluating:

(1) Criteria to consider when evaluating the feasibility of eliminating specific exemptions and exclusions;

(2) How other states treat goods and services in their sales and use tax base, and specifically, the six states bordering Nebraska;

(3) The tax expenditures associated with specific Nebraska sales and use tax exemptions and exclusions;

(4) Historical trends and shifts in the economies of goods and services; and

(5) Nebraska's current tax structure relative to its reliance on income, sales and use, and property taxes.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 463. Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to do the following:

(1) Examine statutes related to augmentation projects in relationship to the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (N-CORPE) interlocal project in Lincoln County;

(2) Examine existing statutes pertaining to integrated management plans and augmentation plans related to ground water; and

(3) Examine statutes and Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Court of Appeals opinions in reference to the relationship between land ownership and ground water use for augmentation or transfer, including the decisions in *Estermann v. Bose*, 296 Neb. 228 (2017) and *Olson v. Wahoo*, 124 Neb. 802 (1933).

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 464. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review public power, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Public power structure;
- (2) The generation and transmission of energy; and
- (3) The Southwest Power Pool, energy markets, and other regional transmission organizations.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 465. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review issues pertaining to funding Nebraska's infrastructure system, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Bond procedures; and
- (2) The motor fuel tax.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 466. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the issues pertaining to water quality, including, but not limited to:

- (1) The effect of rising nitrate levels;
- (2) Costs associated with more advanced water treatment; and
- (3) The state's plan regarding declining water quality.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 467. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Nebraska Juvenile Code, including, but not limited to:

- (1) A review of the delinquency and status offenses;
- (2) A review of neglect cases; and
- (3) A review of all other pertinent statutes related to the juvenile system.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 468. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review criminal offenses throughout the Nebraska statutes, including, but not limited to:

- (1) All felony and misdemeanor offenses; and
- (2) All juvenile delinquency and status offenses.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 469. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the processes by which state government contracts with small businesses. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the state and political subdivision procurement statutes;
- (2) A review of how state agencies conduct bidding for contracts; and
- (3) A review of how political subdivisions conduct bidding for contracts.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 482. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Riepe, 12, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Linehan, 39; Williams, 36; Stinner, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine existing barriers that prohibit the establishment of mobile massage establishments and issues that may arise if licensure of mobile massage establishments is permitted in the State of Nebraska.

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

(1) Current statutes or rules and regulations that could allow for such licensure;

(2) Reasonable requirements for the operation of mobile massage salons; and

(3) Safety concerns and similar licensing credentials for stationary businesses of the same type.

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

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

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

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