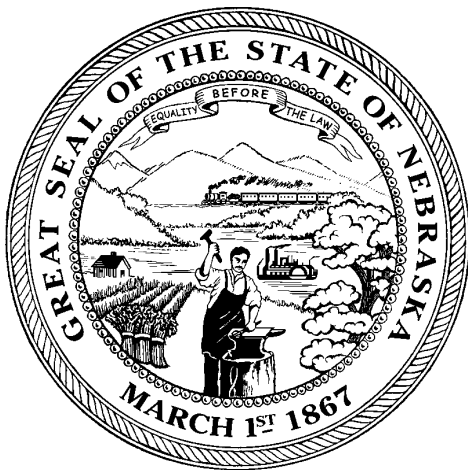


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REFERENCING AND STUDY PROCESS

Rule 4, Section 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Judiciary: Wayne (C), DeBoer (VC), Blood, Bosn, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney

- LR126 Interim study to review efforts to evaluate the classification system of the Department of Correctional Services and the delivery of clinical and nonclinical programs to its incarcerated population
Judiciary
- LR274 Interim study to examine the structure of criminal prosecution in Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR215 Interim study to examine the judicial inefficiency and increased costs to the state arising from Nebraska's four separate statutory-based mechanisms for postconviction relief
Judiciary
- LR143 Interim study to review applicable court precedent related to the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act to determine whether a legislative response is appropriate to clarify the law
Judiciary
- LR100 Interim study to examine future needs of Nebraska's correctional system and potential opportunities arising from decommissioning the Nebraska State Penitentiary
Judiciary
- LR128 Interim study to investigate the ability of the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act to properly serve victims
Judiciary
- LR201 Interim study to examine mental health and addiction issues within the Nebraska criminal and juvenile justice systems and options to increase services and alternatives to current responses of the criminal and juvenile justice systems
Judiciary
- LR207 Interim study to examine circumstances regarding an individual's release from covered correctional facilities
Judiciary
- LR217 Interim study to examine transitional housing for parolees or justice-involved individuals in Nebraska
Judiciary

- LR124 Interim study to examine the scope of collateral consequences of criminal law violations in Nebraska in employment, housing, licensure, and other categories
Judiciary
- LR125 Interim study to review juvenile justice involvement for youth who are excessively absent or truant from school
Judiciary
- LR194 Interim study to research, through collaboration among various stakeholders, ways to address juvenile justice reform
Judiciary
- LR245 Interim study to examine juvenile detention costs and necessary updates to the juvenile detention facility standards or the Nebraska Juvenile Code
Judiciary
- LR231 Interim study to examine civil tort claims to determine the nondisclosure of third-party financing agreements, jury anchoring through basis suggestions to the jury, and the use of collateral compensation
Judiciary
- LR127 Interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of court fees as a funding source for the court system and the judicial branch
Judiciary
- LR209 Interim study to review the death penalty in Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR244 Interim study to examine guardianship in Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR134 Interim study to review the landlord-tenant law to determine whether reforms similar to Laws 2021, LB320, can be enacted to further protect and empower victims and survivors and their dependents
Judiciary
- LR205 Interim study to seek out information relating to common issues affecting tenants and landlords in Nebraska
Judiciary

LR204 Interim study to investigate whether the Office of Public Guardian is able to serve the state of Nebraska effectively
Judiciary

LR230 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee
Judiciary

Natural Resources: Bostelman (C), Moser (VC), Brandt, Cavanaugh, J., Fredrickson, Hughes, Jacobson, Slama

LR162 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Game and Parks Commission
Natural Resources

LR224 Interim study to examine laws governing the ring-necked pheasant upland game bird in hopes of improving the population of the species
Natural Resources

LR133 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee
Natural Resources

LR163 Interim study to examine opportunities that increase recycling of municipal solid waste
Natural Resources

LR248 Interim study to survey Nebraska's small public electric utilities, municipalities, and electric cooperatives relating to rate classifications and equipment
Natural Resources

LR216 Interim study to examine the economic and climate impacts of the current reliance on fossil fuel energy generation in Nebraska
Natural Resources

Nebraska Retirement Systems: McDonnell (C), Ibach (VC), Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Vargas

LR158 Interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans
Nebraska Retirement Systems

- LR161 Interim study to examine the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System and the changes proposed in LB196, 2023
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR160 Interim study to examine the retirement system for firefighters of cities of the first class and the changes proposed in LB406, 2023
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR159 Interim study to examine the retirement system for firefighters of cities of the first class and the creation of a cash balance retirement system
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR157 Interim study to examine the retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- Revenue:** Linehan (C), von Gillern (VC), Albrecht, Bostar, Briese, Dungan, Kauth, Murman
- LR236 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee
Revenue
- LR97 Interim study to examine revenue and other funding options for the Nebraska Tourism Commission
Revenue
- LR186 Interim study to examine issues raised in LB820, 2023, relating to valuation of land in Nebraska
Revenue
- LR243 Interim study to examine tax incentives for the film industry in Nebraska
Revenue
- LR155 Interim study to examine Nebraska's disability classifications for the homestead exemption
Revenue
- LR242 Interim study to examine methods to promote the development of a competitive electric vehicle charging market in Nebraska and the creation of electric infrastructure to support such market
Revenue

LR235 Interim study to examine the delinquent tax sale and tax deed process for delinquent real property taxes
Revenue

Transportation and Telecommunications: Moser (C), DeKay (VC), Bosn, Bostelman, Brandt, Cavanaugh, M., DeBoer, Fredrickson

LR184 Interim study to examine the deployment of broadband services within the State of Nebraska
Transportation and Telecommunications

LR185 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Transportation and Telecommunications

LR227 Interim study to examine issues related to public rest areas along highways in Nebraska and the lack of updates, maintenance, and cleanliness of facilities
Transportation and Telecommunications

LR130 Interim study to examine the potential construction of the proposed East Beltway administered jointly by the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County
Transportation and Telecommunications

LR172 Interim study to examine the occupation taxes imposed on wireless telecommunications services
Transportation and Telecommunications

LR214 Interim study to examine the possibility of the creation of an intrastate airline to assist with statewide travel
Transportation and Telecommunications

LR195 Interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's state highway system and the priorities and resource allocation methods for the system
Transportation and Telecommunications

Urban Affairs: McKinney (C), Hunt (VC), Blood, Cavanaugh, J., Day, Hardin, Lowe

LR138 Interim study to examine the meaning of affordable housing in Nebraska
Urban Affairs

- LR141 Interim study to examine the reports received under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act
Urban Affairs
- LR189 Interim study to examine issues regarding potholes and road maintenance in Nebraska municipalities
Urban Affairs
- LR238 Interim study to examine the location of recreational vehicle parks, entertainment venues, and other recreational development and the impact of zoning regulations related to flooding on locating such facilities
Urban Affairs
- LR239 Interim study to explore the feasibility and benefits of requiring wireless interconnected fire alarms in residential dwellings, similar to an ordinance passed by the city of Norfolk, to enhance fire safety and early warning systems for residents
Urban Affairs
- LR139 Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for home inspectors for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act
Urban Affairs
- LR140 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee
Urban Affairs
- LR250 Interim study to consider changes to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act and to property assessed clean energy financing for real estate development projects
Urban Affairs

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES CREATED DURING THE 2023
LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALLING FOR STUDIES**

LR135 Select Interim Committee: Blood, Brandt, Dover, Hughes, Moser

LR135 Examine the current use of technology in the Legislature and identify ways to improve it.

LR178 Select Interim Committee: Bostar, Bostelman, Brewer, Clements, DeKay, Holdcroft, Sanders

LR178 Examine the feasibility of constructing and operating small modular nuclear reactors to generate electric power in Nebraska.

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 84. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine different methods, including potential statutory changes, to address the concerns raised by restaurant, bar, craft brewery, microdistillery, and farm winery owners relating to receiving shipments of alcoholic liquor and the available options such entities have to obtain and sell alcoholic liquor products under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The effects of providing entities which hold a license that authorizes on-premises consumption of alcoholic liquor, the ability to purchase alcoholic liquor products from retail locations which hold a license to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption and how best to accomplish such change;

(2) The concepts, needs, and concerns raised at the public hearing for Legislative Bill 375 introduced in the First Session of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska; and

(3) Methods and ideas that will improve access by restaurant, bar, craft brewery, microdistillery, and farm winery licensees to the wholesaler tier.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 97. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine revenue and funding options for the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

The State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund is a funding source for the Nebraska Tourism Commission. The State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund receives deposits through an additional hotel occupancy tax of one percent. A hotel occupancy tax is a funding source that relies solely upon the hotel and accommodations sector which hinders the growth of funds available to promote Nebraska's tourism sector, the third largest industry in the state.

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

(1) Analysis of tourism funding mechanisms;

(2) Examination of potential revenue sources from related tourism and hospitality industry segments as defined by the North American Industry Classification System sectors 71 and 72; and

(3) Recommendations for a new funding mechanism.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the assistance of the Nebraska Tourism Commission, the Department

of Revenue, and tourism and hospitality industry partners including the Nebraska Travel Association and the Nebraska Hospitality Association.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 98. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 100. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine future needs of Nebraska's correctional system and potential opportunities arising from decommissioning the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

The Department of Correctional Services has determined that the penitentiary is close to exceeding its useful life and could be decommissioned if replaced with a new prison facility. However, the department has stated that it has no long-term plans for the site of the penitentiary. Additionally, staffing shortages and physical space limitations remain long-term areas of concern for Nebraska's correctional facilities. These issues impact public safety and the provision of medical and behavioral health treatment for residents of the penitentiary.

This interim study shall examine possible uses for the penitentiary site and other state-owned sites occupied by the Department of Correctional Services. This study shall also include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of current facilities occupied by the Department of Correctional Services, including correctional institutions and administrative offices, and the department's 2022 Master Plan;

(2) A gathering of community input regarding potential uses for the site of the Nebraska State Penitentiary, such as:

(a) Alternative uses by state or local government agencies;

(b) Private development of all or part of the site; and

(c) Public-private partnerships;

(3) A collection of information on areas of unmet need, including shortages of medical, mental, and behavioral health providers; and

(4) A determination of potential uses for the site of the Nebraska State Penitentiary and other sites utilized by the department which would maximize the benefits of the sites to the people of Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 103. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine entertainment district licenses issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An examination of entertainment district licenses, primarily for cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and villages with a focus on safety requirements and the suitability of authorizing entertainment districts within historic districts with existing buildings and structures;

(2) Comments and issues discussed at the public hearing for Legislative Bill 150 introduced in the First Session of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska; and

(3) Potential statutory or regulatory changes that may be necessary relating to entertainment district licenses and requirements.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 104. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine sections 2-1201 to 2-1229 relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission and its members to determine if any updates or changes to such sections are necessary based on the changing structure and powers and duties of the commission.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 105. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and review occupational licenses and regulations under the State Electrical Act. The study shall be conducted to fulfill the requirements of section 84-948 and the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 106. Introduced by Halloran, 33; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Blood, 3; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Clements, 2; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Hansen, B., 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine interests in agricultural lands in Nebraska held by foreign individuals, business entities, and governments and factors underlying the dramatic increase in foreign-held interests in agricultural lands.

Foreign investment in agricultural production or other activities occurring on agricultural lands in the state has increased substantially over the past decade. The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 requires foreign persons and foreign-held entities who acquire or transfer an interest in agricultural land to report such transactions to the United States Secretary of Agriculture. The United States Department of Agriculture publishes information compiled from such reporting annually. According to the 2020 Foreign Holdings of U.S. Agricultural Lands publication, foreign landholdings in Nebraska as of December 31, 2020, included over six hundred ninety thousand acres, which was one and one-half percent of privately held agricultural land in the state, compared to over thirty-four thousand acres in 2010 which was one-tenth of one percent of privately held agricultural land in the state in 2010.

The interim study shall include a review of the need for and utility of legislation to improve the ability of the State of Nebraska to monitor foreign

investments in agricultural lands and agricultural production in order to better understand:

- (1) The types of interests held by foreign investors;
- (2) The purposes for which such investment has occurred and is likely to occur in the future;
- (3) The benefits of foreign investment for agricultural production, rural landowners, and rural economies; and
- (4) Any actual or potential adverse impacts of foreign investment for food security and agricultural and rural economies.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 118. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Nebraska Real Estate License Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 119. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Collection Agency Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 120. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Abstracters Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 121. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements for the business of debt management found in sections 69-1201 to 69-1217 in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 122. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 123. Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee: Slama, 1, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the economic impact of manufacturing and processing in Nebraska and to explore the role that advanced manufacturing and smart technologies can play in increasing productivity and economic growth. The study will seek to identify barriers for growth that will allow the Legislature to pursue data-driven policy solutions for this key industry sector.

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

- (1) Data collection and information gathering regarding:
 - (a) The scope of manufacturing in Nebraska and its impact on the state's economy;
 - (b) The projected growth of Nebraska's manufacturing and the top barriers to growth, including estimated workforce shortages;
 - (c) Advanced manufacturing, including smart technologies and automation, and the effects advanced manufacturing has on the workforce in manufacturing, including its impact on skills training and wage growth for existing employees;
 - (d) How and to what degree advanced manufacturing has been utilized by the manufacturing sector in Nebraska versus other states;
 - (e) Barriers that Nebraska's small businesses face when attempting to deploy smart technologies and automation; and
 - (f) The estimated return on investment in advanced manufacturing machinery and equipment; and
- (2) Potential ways to spur capital investments in advanced manufacturing in the state and collaboration with appropriate community partners about these solutions.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 124. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Blood, 3; Cavanaugh, J., 9; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Hughes, 24; McKinney, 11; Wayne, 13; Ibach, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the scope of collateral consequences of criminal law violations in Nebraska in employment, housing, licensure, and other categories.

Nebraska has multiple layers of criminal laws including the Nebraska Criminal Code, city ordinances, and village ordinances, with overlapping criminal laws at all levels. Law violations are punishable by fines, imprisonment, probation, or restitution orders. Many law violations, even for minor offenses, carry sanctions beyond what the court imposes directly in the criminal case. These collateral consequences are legal and regulatory sanctions and restrictions that limit or prohibit individuals with criminal records from accessing employment, occupational licensing, housing,

voting, education, and other opportunities. Many of these collateral consequences follow individuals for years after they have resolved the underlying criminal case and inhibit prosocial behaviors by the individuals, which increases recidivism and negatively impacts public safety goals. An exacerbating feature of collateral consequences is that involvement in the criminal law system has a clear disparate impact on people of color.

Among other considerations, the interim study should determine the propriety or necessity of collateral consequences for certain offenses to ensure that they are appropriate, narrowly tailored, and serve a legitimate purpose. The study should focus on eliminating or limiting collateral consequences and creating or bolstering procedures by which collateral consequences are removed after rehabilitation or completion of a criminal conviction or sentence.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 125. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Blood, 3; Cavanaugh, J., 9; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Hughes, 24; McKinney, 11; Wayne, 13; Ibach, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review juvenile justice involvement for youth who are excessively absent or truant from school. Under current law, school truancy can be a basis for juvenile court jurisdiction, which means prosecutors can file a juvenile court case against a child who has an excessive number of unexcused absences. Truancy cases are a type of status offense authorized to be charged under subdivision (3)(b) of section 43-247.

During the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session, senators have introduced bills relating to excessive absenteeism and truancy as a juvenile status offense. The legislation has included providing alternatives to court proceedings by investing in local pretrial diversion programs, requiring schools to exhaust services to address absenteeism prior to referring a child for prosecution, and eliminating truancy from the Nebraska Juvenile Code as an independent basis for a juvenile court filing.

School absenteeism is often an indicator of some other behavior or trauma that youth are experiencing, including challenges with mental or behavioral health, parental neglect or abuse, substance use, learning or other disabilities, and other challenges. Child welfare and juvenile justice best practices encourage policymakers to increase community-based interventions that address the underlying causes of status offenses and eliminate or avoid formal court interventions.

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

(1) An examination of the history and present legal framework for addressing excessive absenteeism and truancy, the cost to the educational system to address chronic or excessive absenteeism, and the cost of state aid dedicated to community-based interventions for youth;

(2) An examination of the variance of chronic or excessive absenteeism in Nebraska between school districts, diversion programs focused on chronic absenteeism, and referrals to county attorneys for formal court intervention, including demographic information and how chronic absenteeism may disproportionately affect communities of color, non-English-speaking students, and students with disabilities;

(3) A review of local programs addressing excessive absenteeism and truancy supported through community-based aid dollars, other community-based programs that address behaviors that lead to status offense filings based on truancy, and the outcomes for youth resulting from such diversionary programs; and

(4) A review of any programs used by probation to address chronic absenteeism within probation districts and the outcomes for youth resulting from such programs.

The interim study should also review the practices and policies of other states to determine what responses these jurisdictions have taken to address school absenteeism. The study should have the ultimate goal of enabling an approach to school absenteeism that improves youth and family engagement and minimizes or avoids court involvement.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 126. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review recent efforts to evaluate the classification system of the Department of Correctional Services and the delivery of clinical and nonclinical programs to its incarcerated population.

In 2021, the Legislature provided funding to the department to conduct a study of its classification system. This study is anticipated to be finished in May 2023. This study is being done by the Nebraska Center for Justice Research of the University of Nebraska.

In Laws 2022, LB896, the Legislature required the department to contract with an academic institution located in Nebraska to evaluate the quality of

all clinical programs and some nonclinical programs delivered to the department's incarcerated population. The first clinical program evaluation was started earlier this year by the Nebraska Center for Justice Research of the University of Nebraska.

This interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of the results of the study of the department's classification system and an update on the progress of the program evaluations required by Laws 2022, LB896.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 127. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dungan, 26; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Linehan, 39; McKinney, 11; Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of court fees as a funding source for the court system and the judicial branch. In Nebraska, fees are assessed as part of the court costs for most, if not all, civil and criminal cases, including those related to traffic citations. The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Whether fees should be assessed on all cases or only certain types of cases;
- (2) How court costs and fees in Nebraska compare to other states;
- (3) The appropriateness and effectiveness of court fees as a means of providing funds for the court system or other agencies;
- (4) The prioritization of fees collected and effectiveness of such fees to provide the court with sufficient resources and an analysis of the fees currently collected, the cost of each fee to court users, and how the fees are dispersed; and
- (5) How much political subdivisions pay in court fees and whether any adjustments should be made.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 128. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Conrad, 46; Fredrickson, 20; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate the ability of the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act to properly serve victims. The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act is intended to provide compensation to innocent victims of crime for certain expenses related to the criminal offense. The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act is funded through the federal Victims of Crime Act, state General Fund appropriations, and Cash Funds. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An examination of issues relating to claims filed under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, the timeline applicants face to receive reimbursement under the act, the timeline faced by those whose claims were denied to have their appeal heard, the reasoning as to why claims were denied, the type of crimes committed leading to applications, the geographic breakdown of where applicants are from and where the crime was committed, and a comparison of denied applicants and approved applicants on a basis of the crime committed;

(2) A review of statutory and regulatory requirements for the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee and what changes could be made to assist the committee in its ability to efficiently meet, approve, deny, or hear appeals of claims;

(3) A determination of whether the resources provided to the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act are sufficient to meet the needs of the act to properly and efficiently support victims, including, but not limited to, staff resources and financial aid from all sources;

(4) An evaluation of the outcomes from the Council of State Governments Justice Center study of the act, recommendations made by the study, what recommendations have been accepted and implemented already, what steps are being made to implement any other recommendations made, and statutory or regulatory barriers to making those recommended changes;

(5) An examination of statutory and regulatory barriers that might prevent the act from working effectively to serve innocent victims of crime in Nebraska; and

(6) An analysis of crime victim's reparation programs of other states, including, but not limited to, the similarities and differences between those programs and the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 129. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the shortage of sports officials in Nebraska including, but not limited to, the shortage of officials registered by the Nebraska Schools Activities Association for the sports of baseball, basketball, football, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the committee shall consider the input of the Nebraska Schools Activities Association.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 130. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the potential construction of the proposed East Beltway administered jointly by the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County and analyze various potential policies to incentivize the completion of the East Beltway.

(1) The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(a) A completed economic analysis detailing the financial impact of the East Beltway to the State of Nebraska;

(b) A review of potential policy or statutory changes that would help incentivize the creation of the East Beltway;

(c) An examination of any federal assistance that could assist in the financing of the East Beltway; and

(d) A review of any other information deemed important for purposes of the study by the committee.

(2) In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the input of:

(a) The Nebraska Department of Transportation, preferably its director or in the alternative another designee;

(b) Elected officials representing areas that will be impacted by the creation of the East Beltway;

- (c) The City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department, preferably its director or in the alternative another designee;
- (d) The office of the Lancaster County Engineer, preferably the County Engineer or in the alternative another designee;
- (e) The Nebraska congressional delegation to provide input on financing opportunities;
- (f) The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, local chambers of commerce, and other business organizations;
- (g) Statewide associations of contractors, engineers, and engineering firms; and
- (h) Any other interested parties.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 132. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska becoming a participant in the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact consists of a partnership between the Council of State Governments, the Department of Defense, and the American Dental Hygienists' Association. The compact intends to support the mobility of licensed dentists and dental hygienists through the development of a new interstate compact. This compact will create reciprocity among participant states and reduce the barriers to license portability.

Currently, if a dentist or dental hygienist from a nearby state wants to practice in the State of Nebraska, the completion of an application process of licensure is required. With the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, a temporary license may be issued to a dental health professional to allow faster reentry into patient care.

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

- (1) An examination of the depth of the deficit of dental health professionals in Nebraska;
- (2) A review of the number of licensed dental health professionals located in compact participating states; and
- (3) A recommendation relating to the extent of Nebraska's participation in the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

To carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the assistance of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 133. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 134. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review landlord-tenant law to determine whether legislative reforms similar to Laws 2021, LB320, can be enacted to further protect and empower victims and survivors and their dependents.

Laws 2021, LB320, provided rental protections for tenants who are experiencing domestic or sexual violence. The legislation expanded protection from evictions for tenants and facilitated the ability for a tenant to terminate a lease early if the tenant needs to move away from an abuser or because the abuser is no longer contributing to rent.

The interim study should focus on areas of law such as child custody and family law, statutes relating to protection orders, or other related statutes in order to effectuate further protections for tenants who experience domestic or sexual violence, human trafficking, stalking, abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable or senior adult, and related offenses.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 135. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hansen, B., 16; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; von Gillern, 4; Walz, 15; Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current use of technology in the Legislature and identify ways to improve it. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of existing technological tools and processes, including, but not limited to, voting systems, bill tracking systems, and online resources;
- (2) An exploration of emerging technologies that could enhance the legislative process and improve constituent engagement; and
- (3) A review of best practices from other state legislatures and state agencies that could be adapted for use in the Legislature.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall appoint a select interim committee to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose of this resolution. The select interim committee shall be composed of five members of the Legislature.
2. That the select interim committee may seek assistance and input from the office of the Clerk of the Legislature, including the Legislative Technology Center.
3. That the select interim committee may obtain input from other experts and interested parties.
4. That the select interim committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 136. Introduced by McDonnell, 5; Aguilar, 35; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Jacobson, 42; Raybould, 28; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the critical role federally qualified health centers, also known as community health centers, play in expanding access to health care in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The patients currently served by community health centers including demographics, location, and services provided;
- (2) Current barriers to access health care at community health centers including appointment wait times, travel distance to health center locations, and workforce shortages;
- (3) Potential opportunities to expand access to community health centers in Nebraska;
- (4) Potential statutory or regulatory changes that may be necessary related to expanding access to community health centers in Nebraska; and
- (5) The estimated economic impact of expanding access to community health centers.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 137. Introduced by Bostar, 29; Ballard, 21; Hardin, 48; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine whether additional legislation should be enacted to provide for comprehensive regulation of the business practices of pharmacy benefit managers and to address best practices for the delivery of pharmacy benefit management services. The study shall include an examination of issues raised during the consideration of Legislative Bill 778 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session. In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the committee shall consider the input of interested individuals, public officials, and such entities as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 138. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the meaning of affordable housing in Nebraska. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall hold a public hearing, with the intention of asking testifiers what their view of affordable housing includes, evaluating what other states are doing to make improvements to affordable housing, and reviewing possible solutions to Nebraska housing that is unaffordable.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 139. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements for home inspectors found in sections 76-3601 to 76-3606 in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 140. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 141. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the reports received under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act. The Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act requires that cities of the metropolitan class, cities of the primary class, and cities of the first class with a population of at least twenty thousand inhabitants, submit a report to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature every two years detailing the city's efforts to address the availability of and incentives for affordable housing through its zoning codes, ordinances, and regulations. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall hold one or more public hearings for the presentation of reports by cities required under the act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 142. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska's policies relating to veterans and to evaluate the competitiveness of Nebraska for veterans and current service members when choosing where to live after retirement. As of 2020, Nebraska had 126,951 veterans, 39,888 of which are experiencing a service-connected disability. Additionally, Nebraska is home to 5,849 active duty service members. Making Nebraska an appealing destination for these service members to live after retirement can be part of the solution for increasing the population and economic growth in the state. An evaluation of the state's policies might help determine if Nebraska is working towards becoming a welcoming and prosperous place for Nebraska's existing veterans.

Improving the quality of life for veterans can be achieved in a number of areas through legislation, including reducing tax rates on retirement and other income relative to other states; increasing access to housing, medical care, mental health care, and employment; and reducing barriers for spousal employment.

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

- (1) Competitiveness of the cost of living for veterans in Nebraska compared to other states;
- (2) Challenges faced by veterans in Nebraska;
- (3) The current taxes paid by veterans in Nebraska;
- (4) Strategies to lower the tax burden paid by veterans in Nebraska;
- (5) Strategies other states have utilized to attract retired service members to live in such states;
- (6) Employment opportunities and challenges for veterans and their spouses, including occupational license reciprocity and temporary occupational licenses;
- (7) Housing challenges for veterans, including access, affordability, and source-of-income discrimination relating to obtaining loans; and
- (8) Areas of potential legislation relating to the mental health of veterans, including barriers to care, access to mental health care, representation on mental health boards, and suicide prevention.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dungan, 26; Wayne, 13; DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review applicable court precedent related to the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act to determine whether a legislative response is appropriate in order to clarify the law and to ensure that the protections, provisions, and intent of the act are fulfilled.

The Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act governs child custody proceedings and is intended to protect the best interest of Indian children and promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families. Specifically in the act, section 43-1502 provides that it is "the policy of the

state to cooperate fully with Indian tribes in Nebraska in order to ensure that the intent and provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act are enforced". This expression of legislative intent further provides that "[t]he state is committed to protecting the essential tribal relations and best interests of an Indian child by promoting practices consistent with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act". Despite this policy statement, Indian families and children continue to exist within Nebraska's child welfare system at disproportionate rates, threatening the stability and security of Indian tribes and families.

The study should also focus on how state courts interact with tribal representatives and tribal courts to ensure the state is respecting the sovereignty of Indian tribes and examine the relationship between federal and state law to ensure that all laws intended to effectuate rights and legal protections for Indian children are being effectively realized and implemented.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the committee may consult with any tribal, public, and private stakeholders the committee deems necessary; may utilize existing and past studies, reports, and data relating to compliance with the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act; and, if feasible, should conduct at least one public hearing on an Indian reservation to ensure the committee has full access to the collective experience and expertise of tribes in effectuating the act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the subject of school choice where all education funding is distributed on a per student basis and follows the student to the school of their choice.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 145. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Blood, 3; DeBoer, 10; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Raybould, 28; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the role of both the State of Nebraska and individual school districts in finding solutions to address the impact of the inability to afford menstrual products, often called "period poverty", among students.

Period poverty can adversely affect an individual's health and wellbeing. Period poverty exacerbates the cycle of poverty by further marginalizing girls and women, causing them to miss educational opportunities.

Several states have sought to address these negative impacts by enacting legislation requiring local school districts to provide free menstrual products in schools. Nebraska has in recent years addressed these issues with updates to state policy relating to sales tax on menstrual products and access to menstrual products in jails, juvenile facilities, and state prisons.

This interim study should examine how other states have successfully enacted legislation to address the inequity created by period poverty and to assess the cost of providing feminine hygiene products to students across the State of Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 147. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to parental involvement in public schools. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The current statutory requirements relating to parental involvement in schools;

(2) Potential statutory changes to such requirements; and

(3) The discussions and issues raised at the public hearing for Legislative Bill 374 introduced during the First Session of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 148. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the use of federal funds from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and the use of the Launch Nebraska website by the State Department of Education. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) The State Department of Education's use of federal funds from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund;

(2) Content promoted and shared by the State Department of Education on the Launch Nebraska website; and

(3) The overall use of the Launch Nebraska website.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 149. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study related to social-emotional learning. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) The core concepts of social-emotional learning;

(2) How school personnel in this state utilize social-emotional learning in the classroom; and

(3) How social-emotional learning relates to teaching about topics such as race, racism, sexual education, and mental health.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 150. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the gap in services such as emergency shelters and transitional housing for individuals experiencing domestic violence and human trafficking in Nebraska. Emergency shelters and transitional housing are essential resources for individuals who are in the process of leaving these unsafe situations. Requests for such services have increased in recent years. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The demand for emergency shelter or transitional housing services compared to what is available from community resources;
- (2) The factors leading to the gap in services including, but not limited to, staffing concerns, operational costs, availability of property, and barriers to individuals accessing services;
- (3) How emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities operate;
- (4) What individuals in need of such services view as barriers to achieving shelter or housing and what they view as essential services from organizations that provide service to individuals in domestic violence and human trafficking situations;
- (5) Recommendations from organizations who provide services to individuals in domestic violence and human trafficking situations;
- (6) What state-supported resources exist to help provide such services, and whether the resources are sufficient; and
- (7) What barriers exist for the State of Nebraska to close the gap in service and how have other states resolved those barriers.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 151. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the results of the Nebraska Child Care Cost Model developed as a product of the Preschool Development Grant. The Nebraska Child Care Cost

Model is a tool for answering questions about the cost of providing child care in Nebraska based on multiple data points specific to the child care landscape and cost drivers of Nebraska. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the development process to create the Nebraska Child Care cost Model;
- (2) An examination of the relationship between the cost of providing child care and the revenue available to cover those expenses while meeting state licensing standards;
- (3) An analysis of the factors associated with variations in the costs of providing care, including, but not limited to, age of the children, program type, geographic location, increases in the quality of care related to the Step Up To Quality Child Care Act, and compensation of staff;
- (4) A review of the regulatory and statutorily permitted uses of cost models under the Child Care Development Block Grant compared to sections 43-536, 68-1206, and 71-1961 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes;
- (5) A review of utilization of cost models in other states for child care subsidy programs, quality rating and improvement systems, and other approved uses; and
- (6) Recommendations for the infrastructure and oversight needed for sustainability and continued utilization of the Nebraska Child Care Cost Model.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 152. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine all factors that may impact a school district's ability to attract and retain qualified superintendents and administrators and the impact such factors have upon the salary and benefits provided.

- (1) The study shall include, but need not be limited to:
 - (a) The ability of school districts to readily obtain data relevant to the development of competitive compensation for superintendent and other administrator positions;
 - (b) A comparability analysis of the current compensation for superintendents for school districts categorized by the size of the district, the geographic location of the district, and the population of the community in which the district is located;

(c) An analysis of how superintendent compensation is influenced by qualifications and work experience;

(d) The correlation between the salaries and benefits offered to superintendents and the ability of a school district to recruit and retain individuals for such positions;

(e) How overall compensation for superintendents is influenced by other roles and duties performed by superintendents such as athletic director or principal;

(f) An analysis of school administrator compensation in Nebraska compared to school administrator compensation around the country;

(g) An analysis of school administrator compensation in Nebraska compared to compensation for other tax-funded professions in Nebraska and around the country; and

(h) Recommendations for any possible statutory changes to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act.

(2) In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the assistance of stakeholders in public education, including, but not limited to, school board members, administrators, and advocacy groups.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 153. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal impact of statutory tuition and fee waivers for various constituencies on Nebraska's public university, state colleges, and community colleges and the lack of corresponding state appropriation funding for the lost tuition and fee revenue. Currently, several statutory provisions exist or are being considered by the Legislature to require the University of Nebraska, state colleges, and community colleges to waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for various constituencies. Such waivers currently include:

(1) Section 80-411, which provides a waiver for dependents of deceased or disabled veterans of all tuition and fees after subtracting awarded federal financial aid grants and state scholarships and grants;

(2) Sections 80-901 to 80-903, which provide a waiver for qualified members of the Active Selected Reserve of seventy-five percent of tuition for a baccalaureate degree program and fifty percent of tuition for a graduate degree program;

(3) The In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act, sections 85-2301 to 85-2306, which provides a waiver for the children of law enforcement

officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty on or after April 23, 2009, of full-time undergraduate tuition and fees;

(4) The Law Enforcement Education Act, sections 85-2601 to 85-2604, which provides a waiver for law enforcement officers of one hundred percent of the resident tuition charges of any state university, state college, or community college. The officer must pursue studies leading to a degree that relates to a career in law enforcement and may receive the tuition waiver for up to five years; and

(5) Legislative Bill 447, One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session, 2023, that would provide a waiver for (a) any legal dependent of a law enforcement officer who agrees to reside in Nebraska for a period of five years following the use of the tuition waiver, (b) a professional firefighter who pursues studies leading to a degree in science or medicine that relates to a career in professional firefighting, (c) any legal dependent of a professional firefighter who agrees to reside in Nebraska for a period of five years following the use of the tuition waiver of one hundred percent of resident tuition charges.

The study should include a review of whether the various statutory waivers are effective in accomplishing their purposes, the cost of statutory waivers to public institutions of higher education, the impact on tuition and fees to other students, and the consistency of waivers provided.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 154. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska's maternal care deserts. A significant number of Nebraska counties are now considered "maternal care deserts" meaning that the counties have no obstetric hospitals or birth centers and no obstetric providers. Women who live in counties without access to maternal care face a higher risk of a number of poor health outcomes. Currently, more than seven in ten Nebraska counties fall into this category.

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

(1) A review of the areas and communities in Nebraska that have become maternal care deserts and are experiencing disparities in health outcomes as well as the reasons for these outcomes;

(2) A review of ways to encourage and support small hospitals in maintaining obstetric units;

(3) An examination of the effect of rural hospital closures on maternal care deserts;

(4) An examination of the effect of medicaid provider rates on the closure of obstetric units;

(5) A review of Nebraska's obstetrician-gynecologist programs and ways to make Nebraska more appealing during residency match selection;

(6) A review of strategies other states have used to address the loss of obstetrician-gynecologist care following rural hospital closures; and

(7) A state-by-state examination of the effect of reproductive rights on the number of obstetrician-gynecologist providers, and maternal care infrastructure.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 155. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska's disability classifications for the homestead exemption. Nebraska's homestead exemption provides property tax relief for six categories of homeowners: Persons over age sixty-five; veterans totally disabled by a non-service-connected accident or illness; qualified disabled individuals; qualified totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses; veterans and their surviving spouses whose home was substantially contributed to by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and individuals who have a developmental disability.

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

(1) An examination of the process for certifying a disability for the homestead exemption in Nebraska;

(2) A review of Nebraska's disability classifications which are eligible for the homestead exemption;

(3) An examination whether Nebraska's disability classifications are consistent with federal law and recognized best practices;

(4) An examination whether mental health conditions should be included in the disability category; and

(5) A review of the scope of disability eligibility for homestead exemptions in other states.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 156. Introduced by McDonnell, 5; DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact and increased frequency and intensity of wildfires in Nebraska and the sufficiency of the firefighting response to such wildfires. The study should focus on reviewing the resources available in Nebraska to fight wildfires, the limitations and burdens placed upon the present resources used in fighting wildfires in Nebraska, and the development of additional state-supported resources to assist in fighting wildfires. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An identification of the different resources presently available in fighting wildfires, including those resources supplied by Nebraska's volunteer firefighters, the State Fire Marshal, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, the Nebraska Forest Service, and the Game and Parks Commission;

(2) An examination of the policies and procedures presently used by each of the above entities to fight wildfires, recommended improvements to such policies and procedures, if additional state funding is needed to assist each of such entities to fight wildfires, and if state-funded wildfire task forces should be created to support intrastate mutual aid to fight wildfires; and

(3) A cost-benefit analysis of assigning and funding a state agency, department, program, or division with jurisdiction over wildfire task forces to support intrastate mutual aid.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 157. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the Nebraska Judges Retirement System. The study may also examine 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 the administration of each retirement system.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 159. Introduced by McDonnell, 5; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the retirement system for firefighters of cities of the first class and the creation of a cash balance retirement system such as in the Cities of the

First Class Firefighters Cash Balance Retirement Act proposed in Legislative Bill 686 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session. The study shall examine issues related to the retirement systems including, but not limited to, funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration and any actuarial or cost studies prepared and presented in conjunction with the act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 160. Introduced by McDonnell, 5; Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the retirement system for firefighters of cities of the first class and the changes proposed in Legislative Bill 406 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session. The study shall examine issues related to the retirement system including, but not limited to, funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration and any actuarial or cost studies prepared and presented in conjunction with Legislative Bill 406.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 161. Introduced by McDonnell, 5; Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System and the changes to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System proposed in Legislative Bill 196 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session. The study shall examine issues related to the retirement system including, but not limited to, funding needs, benefits, contributions, and

administration and any actuarial or cost studies prepared and presented in conjunction with Legislative Bill 196.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 162. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Game and Parks Commission that may arise during the interim.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 163. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Armendariz, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine opportunities that increase recycling of municipal solid waste while also facilitating economic development and growth.

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

(1) An analysis of ongoing in-state efforts to divert more municipal solid waste from landfills into recycling and remanufacturing;

(2) An analysis of regional efforts to divert more municipal solid waste from landfills into recycling and remanufacturing;

(3) An examination of the potential for Nebraska to update existing law to develop and sustain private innovative solutions to managing municipal solid waste through the remanufacture of recycled materials into useful products of value for other Nebraska-based industries; and

(4) Recommendations for potential legislation to simultaneously increase recycling in Nebraska and promote economic growth.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee may seek the assistance of entities such as the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the Nebraska Recycling Council, the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Colorado General Assembly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 7, the Association of Plastic Recyclers, and any other entities the committee deems necessary.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 164. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study on improving the handicapped accessibility of parking, entryways into, and interior spaces in the Nebraska State Capitol. The State Capitol has only one entrance that allows handicapped accessibility with a ramp and push button entry, handicapped parking is a great distance from entries, not all restrooms are adapted for handicapped accessibility, and elevators are not large enough to accommodate some wheelchairs.

Due to the historic nature of the State Capitol and physical structure, certain handicapped accessibility changes may not be feasible. However, the State Capitol should be accessible to employees, citizens, and visitors to the greatest extent possible.

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

(1) Parking access at the State Capitol, including the potential conversion of the reserved parking spots on the north side of the State Capitol, under the steps, to handicapped parking spaces and the potential creation of handicapped spaces on all four sides of the building with ramp-equipped vehicle accommodations to allow for safer loading and unloading;

(2) Entryways into the State Capitol, including the potential creation of ramps on the east and west sides, handrails on all steps, curb cuts on the curb that extend directly out of the south entrance, and push-button entry systems on all doors into the building, and the potential extension of the step immediately outside the south entrance door, to be compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act;

(3) Bathroom accessibility at the State Capitol, including the potential creation of push-button entry and exit systems for restrooms and grab bars on at least one side in each stall area; and

(4) Elevators in the State Capitol, including potential access to the freight elevator in the northwest quadrant at all times, with appropriate signage to direct employees and visitors, and extending handrails to the top and bottom of all staircases.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the board shall consult with the Nebraska Capitol Commission.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 166. Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of government-imposed mandates on school districts across the State of Nebraska.

Article VII, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska states that the "Legislature shall provide for the free instruction in the common schools of this state of all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years." Understanding the accumulation of mandates over time from local, state, and federal governments imposed on local school districts and the changes, or lack thereof, in revenue is important to the State of Nebraska as both have a significant impact on the ability to maintain the strong education system of Nebraska.

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

- (1) History and impact of state and federal mandates on school districts;
- (2) History and impact of changes in revenue sources for school districts;
- (3) History and impact of the gap that may or may not exist between the historical change in cost of mandates and sources of revenue for school districts; and
- (4) Potential recommendations for legislation to address any such gap and the implications of such legislation.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall seek the input of the State Department of Education, school boards, school administrators, teachers, and educational service units of Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 167. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of and how to best direct funding towards the most effective uses of Nebraska's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. Nebraska receives fifty-six million dollars every year in TANF block grant allocations from the federal government and has not spent the full amount of that annual grant since fiscal year 2017-18. Nebraska has under-spent the TANF block grant by approximately ten million dollars each year for the past five years and has had a "rainy day" fund balance since the start of the TANF block grant. The Department of Health and Human Services has repeatedly claimed to have a plan for spending down the TANF "rainy day" fund. But a lack of transparency and accountability has led to the failure to use the full amount of the TANF block grant for its intended purpose of providing temporary assistance to Nebraskans living in poverty resulting in the accumulation of over one hundred thirty-one million dollars in the TANF "rainy day" fund.

TANF funds have not been diverted from direct cash assistance in Nebraska to the same extent as in other states. This is a positive aspect of Nebraska's TANF program that should be protected and expanded. In 2021, Nebraska spent around twenty-six percent of its TANF funds on basic assistance, compared to the national average of twenty-three percent, and only spent four percent of our TANF funds on "other services", compared to the national average of fourteen percent.

Several proposals considered by the Legislature during the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session, would spend down the annual TANF block grant and would begin to spend down the TANF "rainy day" fund. The proposals advanced by the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature and included in the budget would be a major policy shift in TANF spending. Decisions of this magnitude should be made only after informed consideration by the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 168. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact on the services provided to eligible recipients and how to best use Nebraska's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to provide services to Nebraskans living in poverty.

Nebraska receives fifty-six million dollars every year in TANF block grant allocations from the federal government and has not spent the full amount of that annual grant since fiscal year 2017-18. Nebraska has under-spent the TANF block grant by approximately ten million dollars each year for the past five years and has had a "rainy day" fund balance since the start of the TANF block grant. The Department of Health and Human Services has repeatedly claimed to have a plan for spending down the TANF "rainy day" fund. However, a lack of transparency and accountability has led to the failure to use the full amount of the TANF block grant for its intended purpose of providing temporary assistance to Nebraskans living in poverty. This has resulted in the accumulation of over one hundred thirty-one million dollars in the TANF "rainy day" fund.

TANF funds have not been diverted away from direct cash assistance in Nebraska to the same extent as in other states. This is a positive aspect of Nebraska's TANF program that should be protected and expanded. In 2021, Nebraska spent around twenty-six percent of its TANF funds on basic assistance, compared to the national average of twenty-three percent, and only spent four percent of our TANF funds on "other services", compared to the national average of fourteen percent.

Several proposals considered by the Legislature during the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session, would spend down the annual TANF block grant and would begin to spend down the TANF "rainy day" fund. The proposals advanced by the Legislature would be a major policy shift in the usage of TANF funds in Nebraska. Decisions of this magnitude should be made only after the informed consideration by the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 169. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund was initially created with an endowment of fifty million dollars 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.

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

- (1) A review of the annual Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund reports provided by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) An examination of 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) A recommendation 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 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 170. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to assess and examine whether student journalists and scholastic journalism is supported and promoted in public high schools and postsecondary institutions in Nebraska and free from censorship and inappropriate government interference or intervention.

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is a bedrock for American values. The right of free speech and expression is fundamental to the State of Nebraska and the United States. The United States Supreme Court has held that youth and students are entitled to the right of free speech and expression and the rights of students at high schools and postsecondary institutions has often been the epicenter of modern conversations on the First Amendment.

This right includes the corollary right of the freedom of the press and by extension student reporters and student news media entities. The freedom of the press is critical to a democracy in which the government is accountable to the people. A free media functions as a watchdog that can investigate and report on government wrongdoing. When press freedom is harmed, holding the government accountable when it missteps or overreaches becomes more difficult. It is important that this principle is instilled in the next generation.

There is concern regarding the degree of commitment to the First Amendment rights of students and scholastic journalism in Nebraska public schools. For instance, in August 2022, Northwest Public Schools in Grand Island, Nebraska, shut down its fifty-four-year-old student newspaper and eliminated the journalism program in apparent response to an issue covering LGBTQ topics being published.

The interim study should examine whether the creation of affirmative statutory protections for student journalists and student media advisors in public high schools and postsecondary educational institutions are justified in order to ensure that First Amendment rights are protected.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 171. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the cost and needed frequency of rebasing medicaid inpatient per diem rates for psychiatric facilities, hospital-based psychiatric units, and psychiatric residential facilities.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 172. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the occupation taxes imposed on wireless telecommunication services.

Nebraska has the fourth highest rate of taxation on wireless telecommunication consumers in the country with a rate of 19.49% as of July 2022, partly due to occupation taxes. There is no limit on the occupation tax rate that may be imposed on wireless telecommunication services. The occupation tax is a regressive tax, burdening lower-income customers at the same rate as higher-income customers. Occupation taxes burden the development of new wireless telecommunication services and the growth of existing wireless telecommunication services. The State of Nebraska covers a large geographic area, and it is in the interest of all Nebraskans to have affordable statewide wireless telecommunication services.

This interim study should focus on the occupation taxes imposed on wireless telecommunication services in Nebraska and determine ways the state can maintain and advance the efficiency and availability of telecommunication services in the state.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 174. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Brandt, 32; Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to Legislative Bill 335, introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session, and the impact health care staffing agencies have had on the delivery of health care services in Nebraska. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The cost disparity between staffing agency workers and facility-employed workers;

(2) The cost to taxpayers through medicaid expenditures from health care staffing agencies;

(3) The impact of staffing issues including cost and availability of staff on the ability of health care facilities to independently hire and retain staff and provide services;

(4) The number of health care staffing agencies operating in Nebraska;

(5) The reliability of information regarding worker eligibility received from health care staffing agencies;

(6) Legislation adopted by other states related to health care staffing agencies; and

(7) The potential need for regulation or fee schedules for health care staffing agencies.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 175. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine the impact on commerce, commercial and economic activity, and the community of having a United States Postal Service office in the West Haymarket area of downtown Lincoln.

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

(1) An analysis of the commercial and economic impact of having a United States Postal Service office in the West Haymarket area of downtown Lincoln on downtown retailers, businesses, community stakeholders, and residents;

(2) An analysis of the community impact of having a United States Postal Service office in the West Haymarket area of downtown Lincoln on downtown retailers, businesses, community stakeholders, and residents; and

(3) A study of the partnership with federal, state, city, and county governmental agencies related to this issue.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 176. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the provisions of the Nebraska Right to Farm Act in comparison to similar laws in other states who rely on agriculture and recruitment of agriculture-related businesses as a significant portion of their economy.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, agriculture, food, and related industries contributed over \$1.2 trillion to the United States gross domestic product in 2021 and \$164.7 billion of that amount is a direct output from farms. In addition, the agricultural and food sectors provide over 21 million full-time and part-time jobs, with direct on-farm employment accounting for about 2.6 million jobs. In Nebraska, agriculture accounts for approximately one-third of business sales, over twenty percent of the gross state product, and nearly twenty-five percent of jobs. Ninety-two percent of Nebraska's total land area is utilized by farms and ranches and almost half of Nebraska's farms have some type of livestock or poultry operation.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of the need for and utility of legislation to strengthen the Nebraska Right to Farm Act in order to:

- (1) Protect businesses and families who rely on Nebraska's vital agricultural industry and associated activities;
- (2) Consider what effect advancements in technology, best practices for agricultural operations, and regulatory oversight, have had on reducing nuisances and other impacts for those living near an agricultural operation;
- (3) Reduce the risk of frivolous or anti-agriculture lawsuits while preserving the ability to obtain relief for actual harm to residents; and
- (4) Ensure Nebraska's laws allow the state to compete with other states for agriculture-related businesses and economic development opportunities.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 178. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Bostelman, 23; Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility of constructing and operating small modular nuclear reactors to generate electric power in Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska needs sustainable nuclear power generation to augment fossil fuel and renewable energy generation of electric energy. Nuclear power generation of electric energy helps lower carbon emissions

and eliminate greenhouse gases. A nuclear power plant with a small modular reactor can be housed in a retrofitted or converted existing fossil fuel power plant.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall create a select interim committee, to be known as the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee, shall be designated as provided in this resolution to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the members of the select committee shall include the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, and three additional members of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

3. The select committee shall elect a chairperson from the membership of the committee. The Executive Board may provide the select committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff required by the select committee from existing legislative staff. The select committee shall hold meetings or public hearings at the call of and at locations selected by the chairperson. The select committee shall seek input from expert and interested sources, including representatives of the Nebraska Power Review Board and the public power industry in this state.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179. Introduced by Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the laws, procedures, rules and regulations, and general standards of practice related to the public's participation in the legislative process in a representative form of government. Ensuring that residents of Nebraska have the opportunity to have their voices heard is vital to the legislative process. To ensure fair and useful dialogue, there must be a standard of respect and decorum in place for both the public, that observes, engages, and testifies in front of the Legislature, and the members of the Legislature. It is vital that the Legislature and its leadership promote consistent and equitable procedures that offer the best opportunities for public input.

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

(1) The existing relevant laws, rules and regulations, and official and unofficial practices and procedures relating to the public's role in the policymaking process in Nebraska;

(2) The constitutional provisions relevant to the public's right to access the State Capitol and attend public activities;

(3) The plausibility of requiring that all persons who attend a hearing have an opportunity to be heard on the record;

(4) The existence of uniform rules on public testimony, including public notice of such rules;

(5) Additional methods outside of public hearings available for residents to engage Nebraska lawmakers throughout the lawmaking process and the effectiveness of those alternate methods; and

(6) The elements of continuing the Legislature's tradition of healthy and open public input into the lawmaking process.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 180. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Nebraska Trust Company Act and other Nebraska statutes related to trust companies. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Examining the history, enactment, evolution, and amendment of the Nebraska Trust Company Act and other Nebraska statutes related to trust companies;

(2) Reviewing the public benefits of the operation of private, stand-alone trust companies and their effect on Nebraska's economy; and

(3) Determining whether updating and modernizing the Nebraska Trust Company Act and other Nebraska statutes related to trust companies would generate economic benefits to Nebraska residents.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181. Introduced by Slama, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the insurance statutes of the State of Nebraska with specific emphasis on the impact of the insurance industry on tort reform and related matters.

In order to carry out the purposes of this resolution, the committee may invite the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature to any hearing held by the committee related to this interim study.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182. Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund was initially created with an endowment of fifty million dollars 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. Expenditures from this fund are potentially being increased during the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session, by portions of Legislative Bill 802 and Legislative Bill 539 being included by the Appropriations Committee into the next biennial budget and by Legislative Bill 792 being amended into the budget by the Legislature.

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

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

(2) A review of any increased and decreased expenditures from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund enacted during the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session;

(3) An examination of 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

(4) A recommendation 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 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 183. Introduced by Clements, 2.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184. Introduced by Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the deployment of broadband services within the State of Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of the activity of the Nebraska Public Service Commission in the administration of the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund high-cost program, the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, and the federal Capital Projects Fund;

(2) A review of the activity of the Broadband Office of the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the office's administration of the federal Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, including an examination of the need for legislation that would authorize municipalities and public power districts to enter partnerships with private

telecommunications providers to offer broadband telecommunications services;

(3) A review of the potential implementation by the Nebraska Public Service Commission of the Rural Communications Sustainability Act from Legislative Bill 683 introduced by the One Hundred Eighth Legislature; and

(4) Taking public comment on the potential need to enact further legislation to ensure the long-term sustainability of rural high-cost broadband networks.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 185. Introduced by Moser, 22.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to Legislative Bill 820 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session, and whether additional action should be considered to address issues related to the valuation of land in Nebraska. The study shall include an examination of issues raised during the consideration of Legislative Bill 820.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188. Introduced by Briese, 41; Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the committee system of the Legislature and the referencing of legislative bills by the Reference Committee of the Legislature.

This interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of the subject matter jurisdiction of each of the Legislature's fourteen standing committees;

(2) An examination of the referencing guide and the process utilized by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to amend the referencing guide in 2014 and 2016; and

(3) A review of the overall role of the standing committee system, including the number of committees and the number of days each standing committee meets.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 189. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues of road maintenance in Nebraska, with a specific emphasis on potholes. Potholes are among the most common pavement distresses in Nebraska and can lead to significant vehicle damage and safety hazards for drivers. Additionally, pothole and temporary road repairs constitute a major maintenance expense for the Department of Transportation and local municipalities. Currently, many municipalities have processes to allow drivers to submit claims for damage caused by potholes. Under subsection (12) of section 13-910, in order to receive a reimbursement for pothole damage on a vehicle, the municipality must know about a road defect and be given a reasonable amount of time to fix it.

This interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of strategies used to reduce the response time for pothole repairs;
- (2) A review of strategies used to increase the durability of pothole repairs;
- (3) A review of municipal pothole damage claim programs and the percentage of claims that are reimbursed;
- (4) An examination of typical pothole repair timelines;
- (5) A profile of municipal pothole reimbursement programs;
- (6) A review of methods for residents to report potholes;
- (7) A recommendation for actions to aide in temporary pothole repair and pavement resurfacing; and
- (8) An examination of what is considered a reasonable amount of time for pothole repair.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 190. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine streamlining communications on rule and regulation changes proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the medical assistance program. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The current process used to communicate rule and regulation changes in the medical assistance program to the public as directed by the Administrative Procedure Act, any other state statute, or Department of Health and Human Services procedure;
- (2) How public posting of rule and regulation changes can be potentially modified to provide transparency when comparing a current rule or regulation and the change that has been proposed;
- (3) The impact of proposed rule and regulation changes including fiscal impact and program access; and
- (4) Input from Department of Health and Human Services staff, providers in the medical assistance program, and other stakeholders as to best practices to communicate to the public any proposed changes.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 191. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the process for conducting the statutorily required fingerprint-based national criminal history record information check for the childhood care workforce pursuant to section 71-1912.

To identify potential issues and accompanying solutions, this study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An evaluation of the information check process at both the Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska State Patrol, including:

(a) The timeline for completion of the information check process;
 (b) Any obstacles to the information check process that can cause delays;
 and

(c) Any recent improvements made to expedite the information check process;

(2) A review of federal regulations and programs that could be utilized to streamline the information check process;

(3) A review of state statutes and regulations to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency of the information check process while remaining in compliance with federal regulations;

(4) An evaluation of how the timeframe to complete the information checks impacts the ability of facilities to meet the required staff-to-child ratios and whether this impact causes disruptions to classroom or program operations; and

(5) An examination of practices in other states that could help improve the efficiency of the information check process.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 192. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the relationship between joint public agencies and public education matters.

This study should include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the history of existing joint public agencies that wield power over any public education matters, the purpose of the formation of such joint public agencies, and how such joint public agencies are governed;
- (2) An examination of the powers that joint public agencies wield and any limitations of such powers;
- (3) A determination of the overall reach and scope of joint public agencies involved in public education; and
- (4) A review of how joint public agencies are held accountable to school districts, educational service units, residents, or other agencies that the joint public agencies work with.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 193. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research and explore employee privacy concerns related to digital tracking in nonemergency situations. This study should examine how to best ensure that employee privacy rights are upheld while not limiting a company's ability to track its property.

- (1) The study should include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:
 - (a) Employers and employer organizations;
 - (b) Employee advocacy groups;
 - (c) Technology companies that develop digital tracking software;
 - (d) Legal experts in labor and employment law;
 - (e) The Department of Labor and related state agencies; and
 - (f) Other advocates in workplace privacy and related issues.
- (2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:
 - (a) The implications of digital tracking technologies on employee privacy in nonemergency situations;

(b) Best practices and guidelines for employers to balance employee privacy with the need to track company property;

(c) Legal and ethical considerations surrounding digital tracking of employees in nonemergency situations; and

(d) Recommendations for potential updates or changes to the Workplace Privacy Act to address concerns related to digital tracking of employees in nonemergency situations.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 194. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research and explore, through collaboration among various stakeholders, ways to address juvenile justice reform. The aims of the study are to identify opportunities for cooperation and to develop effective strategies to improve the juvenile justice system, based on best practices and evidence-based approaches.

(1) The study shall include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:

(a) The Office of Probation Administration and district and state court systems;

(b) Law enforcement agencies;

(c) County attorneys and public defenders;

(d) School districts;

(e) The University of Nebraska and the Metropolitan Community College;

(f) The city of Omaha and Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties;

(g) The Department of Health and Human Services;

(h) The State Board of Education; and

(i) Other subject matter experts in juvenile justice reform.

(2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:

(a) Best practices and evidence-based approaches for juvenile justice reform;

(b) Opportunities for regional cooperation among entities involved in juvenile justice; and

(c) Effective strategies to improve the juvenile justice system with a focus on prevention, rehabilitation, and community-based alternatives to incarceration.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 195. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's state highway system and the priorities and resource allocation methods for the system.

The Department of Transportation has consistently supported the state's highways and allocated available resources in a traditional manner and has not deviated from that course. Sections 39-1365 and 39-1365.01 specifically outline the priorities of the state's transportation system as a whole.

As the state nears the completion of the designated expressway system and high-dollar projects accumulate in the higher population regions of the state, a reflection is needed on the state's current priority emphasis and what the determining factors of resource allocation should be going forward into the future.

This study should examine several factors of state highway priorities and resource allocation in Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

- (1) An analysis of the current resource allocation for highways by Department of Transportation district, including the amount of revenue collected in each district and the percentage of total funding allocated back to that district;
- (2) The needs of the metropolitan areas of the state with input from the metropolitan planning organizations and municipalities;
- (3) Whether state resources should be expended for local collector and arterial roads to relieve congestion on state highways; and
- (4) An analysis of the extension of the Build Nebraska Act and the potential use of resources under the act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 196. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review ways to eliminate or reduce the current waiting list for services that adults with developmental disabilities experience. Currently, over two thousand Nebraskans with developmental disabilities are past their stated date of need for developmental disability services and many other Nebraskans are at or approaching their date of need. Some individuals have waited as long as ten years to start receiving services. These services are vital to maintain physical and mental health and to learn skills fundamental to employment, socialization, and independence. Other states with similar long waiting lists for services have successfully created disability trust funds to fund the support services needed in order to offer each individual the full scope of opportunities in their life.

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

(1) An examination of the waiting list statistics for developmental disability services, including the demographics of the individuals on the waiting list and the length of time waiting for services;

(2) A review of current federal assistance for states and strategies to address long waiting lists for developmental disability services, including approaches other states have used to address long waiting lists for developmental disability services; and

(3) A review of best practices from other states to determine responses the states have taken to address waiting lists for developmental disability services with disability trust funds or any other method of funding.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 197. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of the need for Nebraska to foster development of large industrial and commercial business sites with infrastructure and facilities designed to attract substantial investment and

employment opportunities in transformational industries. Such industries include advanced manufacturing and processing, product export, technology, aerospace, automotive, innovative energy generation, and life sciences.

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

- (1) How the state can most effectively assist communities across the state develop industrial and commercial sites that will attract employment and investment projects that are being forgone due to the lack of such facilities;
- (2) The optimum size of such sites;
- (3) The infrastructure required for a site to successfully attract transformational projects;
- (4) The economic and quality of life effects such projects would have on communities and the state; and
- (5) The workforce advancement opportunities such development would provide to Nebraskans.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 198. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore support and supplemental funding for public and nonprofit providers of emergency medical services.

This interim study shall examine the shortfall in reimbursement from federal and state payors for emergency medical services, the rising costs of medical supplies and equipment, and possible ways the state can help to alleviate the cost burden on public and nonprofit entities providing emergency medical services. This study shall also include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A gathering of input from public and nonprofit emergency medical services providers on their financial stability and existing funding sources; and
- (2) A collection of information on the impact and feasibility of implementing a ground emergency medical transport supplemental payment program under the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research and explore through collaboration among various stakeholders ways to address youth and adult behavioral health issues. The aims of the study are to identify opportunities for cooperation, develop sustainable revenue models, and update facilities for improved outcomes in youth and adult behavioral health systems, based on best practices and evidence-based approaches.

(1) The study shall include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:

(a) The Office of Probation Administration and district and state court systems;

(b) Law enforcement agencies;

(c) County attorneys and public defenders;

(d) School districts;

(e) The University of Nebraska and the Metropolitan Community College;

(f) The city of Omaha and Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties;

(g) Behavioral health providers and Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare;

(h) The Department of Health and Human Services;

(i) The State Board of Education; and

(j) Other subject matter experts in behavioral health services.

(2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:

(a) Best practices and evidence-based approaches for addressing youth and adult behavioral health issues;

(b) Sustainable revenue models for effective collaboration in addressing youth and adult behavioral health issues;

(c) Opportunities for regional cooperation among entities involved in behavioral health;

(d) Development of updated facilities for improved behavioral health services on county-owned property near 42nd Street and Woolworth Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, property on the University of Nebraska Medical

Center campus, property near the Douglas County Department of Corrections, and any other potential locations; and

(e) Where gaps in the provision of mental health services exist and how to potentially address the gaps.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 200. Introduced by Clements, 2; DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the progress and ability to expend Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended, as appropriated to Nebraska state agencies during the One Hundred Seventh Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session. The United States Government distributed the funds to each state to help with fiscal recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in 2021. Many stipulations were placed upon these funds regulating how the funds could be used by the states. These stipulations include a requirement that the funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and that the funds should be expended by December 31, 2026. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Examining the progress of each appropriation of such Federal Funds to state agencies and whether such funds have the ability to be expended by December 31, 2026;

(2) Calculating the total of the appropriated Federal Funds that will not meet the December 31, 2026, deadline; and

(3) Determining recommendations for alternative uses for any unexpended funds.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 201. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine mental health and addiction issues within the Nebraska criminal and juvenile justice systems, options to increase mental health and addiction services, and alternatives to the current responses of the criminal and juvenile justice systems to such issues.

Adequate and available mental health services are presently lacking for all Nebraskans, but particularly for youth and adolescents in the criminal or juvenile justice system. Mental health services are most needed for system-involved youth and those youth who are the subject of any filing under the Nebraska Juvenile Code, particularly those who are subject to potential liberty restrictions or secure detention.

Additionally, Nebraska's jails and prisons are often required to accommodate detainees or prisoners who struggle with mental illness. A disproportionate number of individuals in Nebraska's jail and prisons have a history of mental illness. Some estimates state that approximately fifty-six percent of state prisoners in Nebraska have at least one mental health diagnosis. The number of prisoners who have alcohol or drug problems is also disproportionate.

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

(1) An evaluation of potential changes to Nebraska's criminal justice and juvenile justice systems to address individuals who have mental health and substance use diagnoses;

(2) An examination of any necessary and appropriate investments and funding sources for providing for mental health treatment, programs, and facilities to meet the needs of Nebraska youth, adolescents, and adults through community-based services and accessible residential and inpatient care;

(3) A determination of how the state can provide assistance in supporting measures to improve mental health care in communities;

(4) An examination of opportunities for collaboration with mental health providers for individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice or juvenile justice system; and

(5) An examination of any changes to law necessary to enhance community mental health treatment and addiction services as alternatives to the current responses of criminal justice and juvenile justice systems to mental health and addiction issues.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 202. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the mental and behavioral health care needs of Nebraskans, determine the severity of the shortage of mental and behavioral health care providers, services, and resources in Nebraska, and evaluate potential best practices to increase access to mental and behavioral health care.

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

(1) An examination of the prevalence of mental and behavioral health care providers in Nebraska;

(2) An evaluation of methods to address work force shortages in mental and behavioral health care to increase access to services;

(3) An evaluation of policy strategies to improve mental and behavioral health care access within primary care services;

(4) A review of how disparities in access to mental and behavioral health care services impact specific underserved or at-risk populations;

(5) A review of best practices in other states in addressing access to and providing funding for mental and behavioral health care services; and

(6) A review of other barriers to mental and behavioral health care in Nebraska and solutions for addressing those barriers.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 203. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can ensure it has effective emergency medical services in rural communities.

Access to emergency medical care is vital to the health of rural communities across the United States. Emergency medical services play a critical role in this care for rural areas. Ambulance services face increasing difficulty in responding to emergencies in the rural United States due to workforce shortages and financial crises.

About a third of rural emergency medical services agencies in the United States are in immediate operational jeopardy because the agencies cannot cover costs, largely due to insufficient medicaid and medicare reimbursements. These reimbursements cover, on average, about one-third of the actual costs to maintain equipment, stock medications, and pay for insurance and other fixed expenses.

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

- (1) Exploring rural emergency medical services funding streams and researching potential new sources of funding;
- (2) Exploring how to maintain and replace expensive ambulance and emergency medical equipment for rural emergency medical services;
- (3) Exploring grants and funding opportunities to assist in training and certification costs for rural emergency medical services providers;
- (4) Researching how other states with similar demographics to Nebraska fund rural emergency medical services;
- (5) Exploring ways to grow and promote a workforce to help sustain rural emergency medical services;
- (6) Examining ways to remove barriers for emergency medical technicians and paramedics in rural Nebraska and ensure they are working at the top of their scope; and
- (7) Creating a comprehensive evaluation to understand the needs of rural Nebraska and emergency medical services regarding rural emergency medical care.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 204. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate whether the Office of Public Guardian is able to serve the state of Nebraska effectively. The Office of Public Guardian is designed to serve as the guardian or conservator for an individual when no other alternative is available. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of issues relating to the capacity of the Office of Public Guardian to meet the needs of vulnerable citizens in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the responsibilities of public guardians, training of public guardians, wait times for public guardians, availability of public guardians, including, but not limited to, geographic availability and availability by extent or severity of need, management of the waiting list for public guardian appointments, and potential alternatives to public guardianship and associated responsibilities;

(2) A review of issues relating to staffing in the Office of Public Guardian, including, but not limited to, hiring and retention of associate public guardians and other multidisciplinary team members, needs of staff to properly serve as public guardians, including training, travel demands, the average amount of time serving individual wards, compensation, and other staffing concerns;

(3) A review of issues regarding the difficulty of obtaining appropriate placement into assistive medical or residential settings that best serve the interest of the ward for wards under the care of the Office of Public Guardian;

(4) An examination of statutory, regulatory, and other requirements and procedures for guardianship, including requirements for volunteer and family guardians; and

(5) An examination of how other states structure and support public guardianship, including, but not limited to, caseloads for guardians, agency in charge of state guardianship, funding levels for state agencies in charge of guardianship, interaction with other state and private support programs, statutory and regulatory requirements, and procedures for guardianship.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 205. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to seek out information relating to common issues affecting tenants and landlords in Nebraska. A variety of legislation is introduced to reinforce or better structure the laws affecting the tenants and landlords of Nebraska every year. Despite continued work on legislation addressing the issue, many opportunities for conflict still exist in the status quo. Further, the housing shortage in the State of Nebraska continues to increase steadily.

Research should be conducted to attempt to find common ground between tenants and landlords and identify solutions.

This study may include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Identifying the rights of tenants and landlords regarding property owners entering the premises of their properties which are under lease and the notice required for such visits;
- (2) Examining the need and usefulness for landlord risk mitigation payments;
- (3) Researching the restrictions on pet security deposits;
- (4) Examining the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act and potential legislative changes;
- (5) Examining the potential standardization of local housing authority operating regulations;
- (6) Examining quiet title actions;
- (7) Ascertaining the frequency and causes of late fees associated with rent in Nebraska and assessing the value of the current late fee limit; and
- (8) Reviewing the current system of reporting and notifying violations of lease agreements or condemnations of properties.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 206. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine potential funding and other solutions to the crisis of rising costs relating to providing care and services to individuals with disabilities in Nebraska.

Nebraska has historically struggled to keep up with the rising costs of providing care and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This issue has led to current provider rates that are insufficient to support the quality of care that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities require. This issue has negatively impacted the care and support offered by providers to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which is essential to ensure the well-being, independence, productivity, and inclusion of such individuals in society. The inflation rate has increased significantly over the past few years putting additional strain on providers and the families who rely on these services.

An investigation of possible solutions is necessary to address this issue. In particular, a response to a significant sum of allocated funds not getting to intended individuals and how to address wait lists or registries for services is needed.

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

- (1) How to ensure provider rates continue to keep up with inflation as Nebraska will now have the minimum wage tied to inflation;
- (2) If there are better tools to ensure that appropriated dollars are able to reach direct services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a timely fashion;
- (3) How Nebraska can ensure equity in access across the home and community-based service array, including the aged and disabled waiver, family support waiver, and traumatic brain injury waiver;
- (4) How unexpended funds will be leveraged;
- (5) How to manage the Beatrice State Development Center and Department of Health and Human Services administrative wages significantly outpacing home and community-based provider wages; and
- (6) Mechanisms to keep the Legislature informed and aware of unexpended funds.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 207. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine circumstances regarding an individual's release from covered correctional facilities. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to provide medical assistance program enrollment assistance and to timely process applications so that individuals released from covered correctional facilities have medicaid coverage effective the day of their release or as soon after as practicable.

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

- (1) An update on implementation of subsection (4) of section 47-706;
- (2) An examination of the requirements the Department of Health and Human Services would have to meet in order to apply for a medicaid waiver to provide coverage prior to release; and

(3) An investigation of other health care practices related to release from correctional facilities and a determination of potential solutions to improve health care practices related to release.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current funding mechanisms and operations of Nebraska's Mesonet system and to determine necessary changes in such funding and operations to ensure the future viability of the system.

Mesonet is a statewide weather monitoring and data collection system consisting of sixty-eight individual weather stations in forty-nine Nebraska counties. Each weather station collects real-time data on approximately thirty separate weather-related data points. Nebraska's agricultural producers rely upon this publicly available data for a variety of important production decisions.

Nebraska's Mesonet system lacks a clear and consistent source of state funding. The Department of Natural Resources, the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the state's natural resources districts, and other various entities have at times contributed funding to the system's operation.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of:

- (1) The historical and current level of Mesonet funding and the sources from which that funding is derived;
- (2) The current scale of the Mesonet system in Nebraska and whether such scale is consistent with the needs of Nebraska's agricultural producers and other current and potential users of Mesonet data;
- (3) The current operational structure for the Mesonet system and whether changes in such structure would benefit Nebraska's agricultural producers and other current and potential users of Mesonet data; and
- (4) Any other issues relevant to Nebraska's Mesonet system.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 209. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the death penalty in Nebraska. In 2015, Nebraska voters reinstated the death penalty in this state. Since reinstatement, Nebraska has only carried out one execution. The study should examine the utility of the death penalty as well as the following subjects:

- (1) The methods of execution available to Nebraska, and what other states with the death penalty have for execution methodology;
- (2) The availability of execution drugs necessary to effectuate the lethal injection method that Nebraska currently uses;
- (3) The societal or racial disparity in application of the death penalty;
- (4) Prosecutorial practices relating to pursuing death penalty imposition;
- (5) Public opinion relating to the death penalty in Nebraska and in other jurisdictions;
- (6) The utility or value of the death penalty in Nebraska;
- (7) The deterrent effect on criminal behavior, if any, of the death penalty;
- (8) Alternatives to the death penalty;
- (9) Experiences of other states or jurisdictions relating to the death penalty; and
- (10) Any other subject relating to the death penalty in Nebraska.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to study the emigration of skilled and educated individuals out of the state of Nebraska and why the emigration is an issue that the state is experiencing, what needs to be done to address it, and what are other states doing to combat similar emigration issues.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 211. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the statewide availability of assisted-living memory care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and the accessibility of this type of care for medicaid beneficiaries.

In the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, an individual may have memory or cognitive difficulties that put the individual's safety at risk, although the individual may be physically healthy. At this point in the disease process, an individual does not need twenty-four-hour nursing care; however, especially if there is no live-in caregiver, an individual needs a safe and secure environment with activities, social interaction, and guidance to keep active and engaged in daily living.

The increased incidence of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias combined with the inability or unavailability of family caregivers to provide twenty-four-hour supervision has created a growing demand for assisted-living memory care.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, there are an estimated thirty-three thousand Nebraskans currently living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia, and by 2025, the number of Nebraskans will likely increase to forty thousand Nebraskans.

This interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) Identifying the availability of assisted-living memory care in Nebraska and the accessibility of this type of care to Nebraskans who qualify for the aged and disabled medicaid waiver; and
- (2) Examining the cost of providing assisted-living memory care and the gap between the cost of care and the medicaid waiver rate.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 212. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 213. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can assist licensed hospitals in converting to the rural emergency hospital designation under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

A hospital closure in a community can mean the loss of both a local emergency department and other health care services. Nebraska has witnessed two hospitals permanently close in the last eight years. Reimbursement rates for hospitals are insufficient and have not kept up with inflation and studies have shown that Nebraska has several hospitals on the cusp of closing.

The rural emergency hospital designation allows rural hospitals to maintain outpatient and emergency department payment from medicare without a requirement of inpatient acute care services. For effective rural health care, the State of Nebraska needs to support assisting critical access hospitals that may be interested in converting to the rural emergency hospital designation instead of closing due to financial constraints.

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

- (1) Reviewing low inpatient volumes, low net patient revenues, and the recent history of financial distress for rural hospitals;
- (2) Reviewing inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates for rural hospitals, when such rates were last updated, and if such rates are sufficient for maintaining rural hospitals;
- (3) Developing and reviewing an action plan to determine if conversion to the rural emergency hospital designation is appropriate for a rural hospital;
- (4) Reviewing grants and funding sources for assisting rural hospitals with the expenses of converting to the rural emergency hospital designation; and
- (5) Determining ways for the State of Nebraska to assist in a comprehensive community engagement process to help facilitate hospital conversion to the rural emergency hospital designation.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 214. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the possibility of the creation of an intrastate airline to assist with statewide travel. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the history of intrastate airline services;
- (2) An examination of intrastate airline services in other states;
- (3) An evaluation of funding sources to help provide for intrastate airline services such as the federal Essential Air Service program;
- (4) An examination of potential locations where intrastate airline hubs could be located; and
- (5) An examination of federal and state laws governing a potential intrastate airline in Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 215. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the judicial inefficiency and increased costs to the state arising from Nebraska's four separate statutory based mechanisms for postconviction relief. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Nebraska's statutory mechanisms for postconviction relief, including a new trial in section 29-2101, postconviction relief in section 29-3001, habeas corpus in section 29-2801, and the DNA Testing Act;

(2) How Nebraska's splintered postconviction structure wastes judicial resources, adds burdens to prosecutors, and increases costs to the state when it prevents innocent petitioners from presenting the full scope of their claims at one time in front of one court;

(3) The gateway standard for innocence adopted by the federal court system and other state jurisdictions, including South Dakota, Montana, Missouri, and North Carolina under the United States Supreme Court decision in *Schlup v. Delo*, 513 U.S. 298 (1995). The gateway standard is a narrow exception provided to defendants who can prove their innocence in order to overcome a procedural default that otherwise prevents a challenge to the conviction. Such exception is not currently applicable under Nebraska's postconviction mechanisms;

(4) Claims of actual innocence, even absent an independent constitutional violation, if a person establishes by clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable fact finder would have found such person guilty of the underlying offense; and

(5) Whether Nebraska should join other states by adopting a rule that necessitates ineffective assistance of counsel claims involving issues of trial strategy be brought for the first time at the postconviction phase in order to protect defendants, prevent injustice, and preserve judicial resources.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the economic and climate impacts of the current reliance on fossil fuel energy generation in Nebraska and the economic opportunities available in Nebraska for developing renewable energy sources. The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An analysis and evaluation of the short-term and long-term costs, health impacts, climate impacts, and economic risks of fossil fuel energy generation, including the assessment of any existing statistical evidence relating to such costs and risks;

(2) A determination of whether the current use of fossil fuels in energy generation in Nebraska threatens the ability of power suppliers in the state to maintain existing affordability while increasing baseload generation sufficient to meet the energy needs of Nebraska consumers; and

(3) An analysis and evaluation of the economic benefits and opportunities for the State of Nebraska and local political subdivisions in developing renewable energy generation facilities such as wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrogen, small modular nuclear reactor, and battery storage.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 217. Introduced by Bosn, 25; Dungan, 26; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine transitional housing for parolees or justice-involved individuals in Nebraska. The study should include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Which state agencies utilize transitional housing for parolees or justice-involved individuals;

(2) How long individuals stay in such transitional housing;

(3) What transitional housing contracts for parolees or justice-involved individuals consist of; and

(4) What regulations affect such transitional housing.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 218. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the federal incentive funds being distributed under the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and how much of the funds will be distributed to the rural areas of Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements under the Pesticide Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 220. Introduced by Brewer, 43; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine laws governing school security policy.

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

- (1) Laws governing school security;
- (2) Laws governing the possession of both lethal and less-lethal weapons on school campuses and at school-sponsored events;
- (3) Nebraska's laws on school security as compared to policies and laws enacted in other states to facilitate school security operations;
- (4) Whether persons other than certified law enforcement officers might be utilized to provide armed school security with appropriate training; and
- (5) Any other potential policy changes regarding school security that the Legislature may consider.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 221. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements for interior designers in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

The study should include, but need not be limited to, an examination and consideration of whether the current means of regulating the profession:

(1) Is the least restrictive regulation which is necessary to protect consumers from undue risk of present, significant, and substantiated harms that clearly threaten or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public when competition alone is not sufficient and which is consistent with the public interest;

(2) Protects the fundamental right of an individual to pursue a lawful occupation;

(3) Is construed and applied to increase opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation; and

(4) Should be changed to conform to the policy principles set out in the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements for landscape architects found in the Professional Landscape Architects Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

The study should include, but need not be limited to, an examination and consideration of whether the current means of regulating the profession:

(1) Is the least restrictive regulation which is necessary to protect consumers from undue risk of present, significant, and substantiated harms that clearly threaten or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public when competition alone is not sufficient and which is consistent with the public interest;

(2) Protects the fundamental right of an individual to pursue a lawful occupation;

(3) Is construed and applied to increase opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation; and

(4) Should be changed to conform to the policy principles set out in the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 223. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements for notaries public in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

The study should include, but need not be limited to, an examination and consideration of whether the current means of regulating the profession:

(1) Is the least restrictive regulation which is necessary to protect consumers from undue risk of present, significant, and substantiated harms that clearly threaten or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public when competition alone is not sufficient and which is consistent with the public interest;

(2) Protects the fundamental right of an individual to pursue a lawful occupation;

(3) Is construed and applied to increase opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation; and

(4) Should be changed to conform to the policy principles set out in the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 224. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine laws governing the ring-necked pheasant upland game bird in hopes of improving the population of the species for increased hunting and tourism in Nebraska.

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

- (1) Laws governing how the Game and Parks Commission regulates pheasant hunting in Nebraska, specifically those laws and programs that concern federal and state revenue sources relating to pheasants;
- (2) Laws and programs that govern what can be done to improve pheasant habitat in Nebraska;
- (3) Laws and programs that govern what can be done to reduce the impacts nest predators have on the pheasant population;
- (4) Laws and programs that govern youth hunting, specifically the practice of early youth hunting on public land with released birds; and
- (5) The thoughts and opinions of individual citizens and sportsman groups that have experience and knowledge of the aforementioned subjects.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 225. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine ways to incentivize the growth in the number of apprenticeship programs and youth apprenticeship participants in Nebraska. The manufacturing sector of the Nebraska economy is one of the most important sectors of the Nebraska economy with wage rates that exceed the statewide average rate of pay. There are currently more than two thousand five hundred unfilled job openings in the manufacturing sector in Nebraska and that number does not include positions that employers would create if they could expand. Filling vacant positions and expansion of the manufacturing sector, particularly in rural Nebraska, is inhibited by the lack of an adequate number of job candidates.

Additionally, the construction and engineering sectors are in need of significant increases in their specialized workforce to support the infrastructure development needs of Nebraska. A strong infrastructure is critical to the economic stability and growth of Nebraska.

Developing apprenticeships for youth, former juvenile offenders, and individuals transitioning to independence after living in foster care would offer an opportunity for Nebraska to create a talent pipeline for these three critical sectors and retain youth in their local communities. This interim study should seek to identify barriers to growth to allow the Legislature to pursue data-driven policy solutions for these key industry sectors.

The study should include, but need not be limited to, data collection and information gathering regarding:

- (1) Apprenticeships in manufacturing, construction, and engineering in Nebraska and the impact of the apprenticeships on the state's economy;
- (2) The potential for increasing apprenticeship participation through apprenticeships for youth, former juvenile offenders, and individuals transitioning to independence after living in foster care;
- (3) The projected growth of Nebraska's manufacturing, construction, and engineering sectors; and
- (4) The potential for growth of employment in the manufacturing, construction, and engineering sectors in Nebraska if an adequate workforce exists.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 226. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study regarding dental offices sharing information with patients on the chance of patients getting infections in artificial body parts due to dental cleanings.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to public rest areas of highways in Nebraska and the lack of updates, maintenance, and cleanliness of facilities for such rest areas.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the issues related to Legislative Bill 320 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session. The study should include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An evaluation of equalization aid to school districts and the decreased amounts of equalization aid provided to school districts over the past fifteen years and potential methods to restore and raise equalization aid to school districts;

(2) An evaluation of the real property values used to calculate the local effort rate yield within the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act formula and the impact on school districts;

(3) An evaluation of the impact of the real property values used within the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act formula on the property tax levy within school districts;

(4) An evaluation of the disparity in property tax equity among school districts; and

(5) A recommendation for changes to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act formula to create improved property tax equity across the state as was the original intent of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 229. Introduced by Sanders, 45; von Gillern, 4; DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the lack of education and support services and any other obstacles for foster parents. This study should include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The education and support services available for foster parents to support foster children;
- (2) What education and support services could be provided to enable foster parents to support and potentially adopt foster children;
- (3) What education and support services could be provided to enable foster parents to support children after adoption; and
- (4) Any other obstacles to foster parents preventing their ability to support and potentially adopt foster children, including, but not limited to, lack of any other resource and legal obstacles.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 230. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 231. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine civil tort claims to determine the impact of nondisclosure of third-party financing agreements, jury anchoring through basis suggestions

to the jury regarding an amount to award as damages for noneconomic loss, and the use of collateral compensation including billed versus paid charges in determining the proper measure of damages.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska joining the Social Work Licensure Compact. The Social Work Licensure Compact is an interstate compact primarily developed by the Council of State Governments, partnered with the Department of Defense and the Association of Social Work Boards, to support the mobility of licensed social workers. This additional licensing pathway will facilitate multistate practice among member states and potentially reduce the barriers to license portability.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 233. Introduced by Blood, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska joining the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact. The Physician Assistant Licensure Compact is an interstate compact developed by a joint initiative of the Council of State Governments, Federation of State Medical Boards, American Academy of Physician Associates, and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants to facilitate the interstate practice of physician assistants. The compact will facilitate multistate practice among member states and will potentially provide for greater access to care, enhanced practitioner portability, and stronger public health and safety protections.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234. Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the effectiveness of the State of Nebraska's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect the recommendations given and actions taken by the state had on the residents of Nebraska. The study should focus on learning from the outcomes produced by the state's procedures in its response and discerning what procedures need improvement. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of the following:

(1) The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on long-term care, including, but not limited to, staffing shortages, quarantines, and the effects on the elderly in nursing facilities and assisted-living facilities;

(2) The role of local public health departments in the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

(3) The overall effectiveness of using masks to reduce the risk of COVID-19;

(4) The overall effectiveness and efficiency of Test Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the economic cost;

(5) COVID-19 vaccinations, including, but not limited to, the overall effectiveness of the vaccines, the safety and side effects of the vaccines, and the impact of vaccination mandates; and

(6) The response of hospitals, including, but not limited to, staffing shortages and the effects of the COVID-19 hospital response policies.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 235. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the delinquent tax sale and tax deed process for delinquent real property taxes under sections 77-1801 to 77-1863 and evaluate potential changes to the process.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237. Introduced by Kauth, 31; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Slama, 1; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine to what extent, if any, companies operating within or contracting with the State of Nebraska are using environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics.

This study shall examine impacts of ESG metrics on Nebraska industries and ask the following questions:

- (1) Is doing business with entities using ESG metrics, in effect, unconstitutionally delegating proxy voting authority to business entities that hold no elected mandate?
- (2) Is engagement in the use of ESG metrics posing a threat to the State of Nebraska's ability to act in the financial best interest of Nebraska taxpayers?
- (3) Should the State of Nebraska stop doing business with companies using ESG metrics?
- (4) Does doing business with companies using ESG metrics violate the policies and principles of the State of Nebraska?

The interim study should also focus on the use of ESG metrics in several industries of interest including, but not limited to, agriculture, oil and gas, insurance, banking, firearms, munitions, and ethanol, and the use of ESG metrics by several companies of interest including, but not limited to, Citibank, N. A., JPMorgan Chase & Co., BlackRock, Inc., Meta Platforms, Inc., Amalgamated Bank, Vanguard Group, Inc., and State Street Corporation.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee shall hold a hearing, with invited testimony only, to ascertain the scope and impact of ESG metrics upon the people and State of Nebraska.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 238. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the location of recreational vehicle parks, entertainment venues, and other recreational development and the impact of zoning regulations related to flooding on locating such facilities. This study should include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Examining the rules, regulations, and ordinances for flood plains or floodways relating to obstructions, permanent structures, recreational vehicle parks, other recreational venues, and recreational development;

(2) Evaluating the subsequent risk of potential property loss due to lack of enforcement of rules, regulations, and ordinances in flood plains or floodways; and

(3) Evaluating eminent life, safety, and financial loss facing Nebraskans under the current rules, regulations, and ordinances in flood plains and floodways and enforcement of those rules, regulations, and ordinances.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the feasibility and potential benefits of requiring wireless interconnected fire alarms in residential dwellings, similar to an ordinance passed by the city of Norfolk, to enhance fire safety and early warning systems for residents.

(1) The study should include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:

- (a) The office of the State Fire Marshal;
- (b) Local fire departments and fire safety organizations;
- (c) Homeowners and tenants;
- (d) Landlords and property management organizations;
- (e) Building code enforcement agencies;
- (f) Manufacturers of wireless interconnected fire alarms; and
- (g) Other subject matter experts in fire safety and related issues.

(2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:

(a) The effectiveness of wireless interconnected fire alarms in enhancing fire safety and early warning systems for residential dwellings;

(b) The cost and ease of installation for wireless interconnected fire alarms compared to traditional smoke alarms;

(c) The potential impact of such a requirement on property owners, landlords, and tenants;

(d) Best practices and guidelines for the installation and maintenance of wireless interconnected fire alarms;

(e) The potential legal and regulatory implications of amending the Carbon Monoxide Safety Act to require wireless interconnected fire alarms; and

(f) Recommendations for potential updates or amendments to the Carbon Monoxide Safety Act to require wireless interconnected fire alarms in residential dwellings.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 240. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of consolidation of educational service units.

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

- (1) What additional responsibilities could be given to educational service units if such units were consolidated;
- (2) Whether administrative costs for educational service units would be lower if such units were consolidated;
- (3) How consolidation would affect the tax base and levy authority of educational service units;
- (4) How to promote transparency within educational service units and about the responsibilities of educational service units;
- (5) How to promote joint academic opportunities for community colleges and school districts with educational service units; and
- (6) How to promote opportunities for educational service units to assist with mental health in schools.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the sufficiency of current provider rates and the cost and needed frequency of rebasing provider rates for child welfare services providers.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Hughes, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine methods to promote the development of a competitive electric

vehicle charging market in Nebraska and the creation of electric infrastructure to support such market. The study should seek to identify barriers to growth in the industry and recommend potential legislation to encourage growth in the industry.

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

(1) How to improve the quantity, quality, and variety of electric vehicle charging amenities and consumer experience services available in the state; and

(2) How to establish a framework designed to encourage private sector investment in the deployment of electric vehicle charging equipment by:

(a) Encouraging private investment, ownership, and operation of publicly available electric vehicle charging equipment that allows for fast-charging at business locations that offer amenities such as restrooms, food, and beverages and are open twenty-four hours per day and seven days per week;

(b) Stimulating innovation, competition, and private investment in the electric vehicle charging market;

(c) Developing mechanisms to incentivize and support the long-term and short-term efficient and cost-effective use of the electric grid in a manner that supports the operation of electric vehicle charging equipment;

(d) Providing investment or incentive resources to support private investment in the operation of electric vehicle charging equipment;

(e) Balancing the roles of entities that supply, produce, or distribute electricity within the state for sale at wholesale or retail, and private enterprise in the market for electric vehicle charging services; and

(f) Establishing an electric vehicle charging rate structure that promotes long-term alternative fuel market competition by encouraging transparent pricing, stable operating costs, private investment, innovation, and a widespread implementation of publicly available fast-charging electric vehicle technology and equipment.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine tax incentives for the film industry in Nebraska. This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the potential for job creation as a result of growth in the film industry;

(2) A review of economic development opportunities from an increase in tourism as a result of growth in the film industry;

(3) An analysis of potential revenue to be generated by the State of Nebraska as a result of growth in the film industry;

(4) An examination of the current film industry workforce and the potential film industry workforce as a result of growth in the film industry; and

(5) An exploration of strategies to support and grow the film industry used in other states and the potential application of such strategies in Nebraska, including strategies such as, but not limited to, tax incentives in the form of grants, rebates, and other economic incentives.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244. Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine guardianship in Nebraska. Guardianship is the process by which individuals can be found legally incapable of making decisions for themselves, and other adults are appointed to make decisions for them. Guardianships can be limited in scope, only giving decision-making authority in a limited number of areas, or they can be plenary, giving the guardian authority in all areas. Data indicates Nebraskans with disabilities are more often subject to plenary rather than limited guardianships. Experience has shown that plenary guardianships can be exploitative and abused when training does not require periodic recertification and oversight is lax. Alternatives to guardianship such as allowances for a deliberative limiting of guardian decision-making or the providing of resources and structure that would be necessary to support self-direction for individuals with disabilities are rarely discussed or implemented.

This interim study should include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Examination of the present legal framework for guardianships, including the existing statutory preference of plenary guardianships versus limited guardianships, the training offered to guardians and judges, the judicial oversight of guardians and guardianships, and the services provided and fees charged by guardians;

(2) Exploration of public policy and legal mechanisms, including examples from other states, that result in better outcomes for individuals under guardianship; and

(3) Discussion of alternatives to guardianship, limiting guardianships to maximize a ward's self-determination, and ways to ensure that guardianships are appropriate and tailored to the needs of the individual rather than convenience.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 245. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine juvenile detention costs and necessary updates to the juvenile detention facility standards or the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

At a time when state and local governments face rising costs of goods and services it is imperative that policy makers have access to informed estimates of the costs of juvenile detention. There are numerous ways to calculate the cost of detention and detention administrators within the state arrive at their costs through different methods. This study seeks to realize a standardized model for calculating the average cost of housing a youth in detention. This study will assist policy makers understand what components are typically included in a detention cost estimate, why one would or would not choose to include these elements, and what additional costs and revenue could be incorporated in the calculation of costs to detain youth. Additionally, the committee should consult the National Juvenile Justice Network Fiscal Policy Center's toolkit, publications, or staff for possible guidance.

The study should also consider specific content areas of the minimum juvenile detention facility standards that require updates. In addition, alignment or changes in the Nebraska Juvenile Code as it relates to juvenile detention facilities should also be examined.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 246. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium.

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

(1) An examination of what the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium has accomplished over the last twenty years, including, but not limited to:

- (a) How the consortium has improved education in metropolitan schools;
- (b) What issues the consortium has identified as common to its members;

and

(c) What projects the consortium has undertaken and finished, the results of such projects, and how the results of such projects are used; and

(2) An examination of how the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium is governed and how it is held accountable to its members.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to Legislative Bill 133 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session.

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

(1) An examination of current laws regarding the use of eminent domain by state agencies, boards, commissions, and other political subdivisions and the process such entities must follow to use eminent domain;

(2) An examination of current laws regarding the use of eminent domain by nonpublic or private entities and how the process differs, if at all, from the process used by political subdivisions;

(3) An examination of which public and nonpublic entities have the right of eminent domain;

(4) A determination of whether a public hearing prior to the use of eminent domain should be required; and

(5) An examination of any other potential policy changes regarding the use of eminent domain that the Legislature may consider.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to survey Nebraska's small public utilities, municipalities, and cooperatives, excluding the Lincoln Electric System, Nebraska Public Power District, and Omaha Public Power District, in a comprehensive manner which consolidates information relating to rates classifications and equipment. This study should also assess obsolescence, administrative costs, labor, the process of recruitment for staff, the ability to retain employees, budgeting, cash reserves, and retirement plans. A standard should be developed by the study so that a comparative analysis can be constructed so a direct comparison of districts can be made.

The objective of this study is to identify possible opportunities to share information, equipment, and staffing across districts to streamline performance and enhance efficiencies which will result in reduced energy costs for customers while, at the same time, preserving and enhancing reliability, service, and flexibility.

The study should also identify and justify barriers to innovation on farms and in businesses imposed by the small public utilities entities when restrictive limits are placed on new technologies, such as solar installations on farms and ranches. These barriers include different power purchasing agreements, and barriers to adaptation, such as amalgamating of meters.

Tremendous dislocations are occurring in the industry as new technologies open pathways to decoupling from the grid. Recent actions by the Omaha Public Power District have opened the door for more significant investment in renewables by ordinary businesses and homeowners, but these opportunities are not available in most of Nebraska. This is a barrier to economic development. The study should assess why this barrier exists and how to promote more permissive policies in rural parts of the state without causing undue hardships to the rural electric associations.

Significant cooperative arrays have been put in place in several Nebraska municipalities. The study should assess how the cooperative arrays have impacted those communities and their relationships with their public utilities

providers. Many Nebraska communities purchase their electricity through rural electric associations and the study should evaluate whether further development should be conducted.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 250. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to consider improvements to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act and property assessed clean energy financing for real estate development projects. Property assessed clean energy financing was authorized by the Nebraska Legislature in 2016. Commercial property assessed clean energy financing programs have been subsequently implemented by multiple cities across Nebraska and have been utilized for dozens of commercial real estate projects in Nebraska.

Property assessed clean energy financing can help fund the hard and soft costs of completing an energy efficiency, renewable energy, or water conservation project. This financing tool has helped communities not only meet the economic development goals of the community, but also to prioritize renewable energy and energy efficiency. Property assessed clean energy financing helps to generate significant local economic activity and job creation.

States that have authorized property assessed clean energy financing programs each have different aspects of the program unique to that state. Aspects of such programs found in other states such as retroactive financing or allowing the financing of resiliency measures may be a benefit to Nebraska. Amending the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act may be advantageous to ensure a robust and competitive program in Nebraska that further supports economic development and energy efficiency objectives.

The study shall consider the utilization of and potential improvements to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act and potential legislative changes that may be necessary or beneficial.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 251. Introduced by Dover, 19; Aguilar, 35; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Moser, 22; Sanders, 45; Vargas, 7; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the development of registered apprenticeship program sponsors within Nebraska's education system for early childhood care and education. Nationally, the apprenticeship model has been shown to be an effective tool for training students in early childhood care and education. Apprenticeships offer a unique mode of instruction and an avenue for earning pay while training on the job.

In Nebraska, seventy-four percent of children under six years of age live in households with all available parents in the workforce, which is the sixth highest amount among all states. Nebraska's current workforce capacity for early childhood care and education is insufficient to meet the needs of working families. The apprenticeship model is an effective way to serve both the interests of prospective students in early childhood care and education and the needs of Nebraska families.

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

- (1) The growing need for early childhood care and education in Nebraska;
- (2) The registered apprenticeship programs for early childhood care and education at the United States Department of Labor;
- (3) The available federal resources for the establishment of such programs;
- (4) The education infrastructure in the state to support such programs and existing state resources for such programs; and
- (5) Any public-private partnership opportunities for expanding the instruction and training infrastructure of early childhood care workers and educators, including an examination of similar initiatives in other states.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hansen, B., 16, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Day, 49; Hardin, 48; Riepe, 12; Walz, 15.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274. Introduced by Judiciary Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Blood, 3; DeBoer, 10; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the structure of criminal prosecution in Nebraska.

Prosecution of criminal law violations in Nebraska is primarily the responsibility of local county attorneys. The cost of such prosecution constitutes a substantial proportion of county budgets. The state makes criminal laws and operates the court, prison, parole, and community supervision systems. Shifting the burden of prosecution to counties is an unfunded mandate that unfairly burdens local property taxpayers.

Maintaining separate prosecutor's offices in each county has been shown to result in inefficiency, duplication of services, and the unequal application and enforcement of laws across Nebraska.

This study should examine alternative models of organizing Nebraska's criminal prosecution system, including the state's attorneys and district attorneys. The study should also examine the role of the office of the Attorney General in such alternative models of criminal prosecution.

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

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

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

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