

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399

Introduced by Dover, 19.

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

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

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

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

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

(4) Examining the role of biomedical research in supporting startup

formation, technology transfer, and commercialization of innovations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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