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Committee: Business and Labor

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to immigrant workers; to create a task force;
- 2 to provide duties; and to state intent.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Task Force on the Productive
2 Integration of the Immigrant Workforce Population is created. The
3 task force shall be appointed by September 1, 2000. The task force
4 members shall have knowledge and experience in the area of
5 immigration. The following members shall be appointed by the
6 Director of the Mexican-American Commission:

7 (a) A representative in the field of immigration law;

8 (b) A representative in the field of health care;

9 (c) Two representatives of secondary education;

10 (d) Two representatives of labor unions;

11 (e) A representative of housing;

12 (f) A representative of the Mexican-American Commission;

13 (g) A representative of the Equal Opportunity Commission;

14 and

15 (h) Two representatives from a community service
16 organization.

17 (2) The task force shall include the following members
18 appointed by the Governor:

19 (a) One representative to broadly represent the livestock
20 slaughtering, cattle, pork, and manufacturing industries;

21 (b) One representative to represent the Department of
22 Health and Human Services; and

23 (c) One representative to represent the Department of
24 Labor.

25 (3) The task force shall also include two members of the
26 Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the Executive Board of
27 the Legislative Council.

28 Sec. 2. (1) The Task Force on the Productive Integration

1 of the Immigrant Workforce Population shall investigate current
2 statutes and practices of the state and local government regarding
3 the access and use of human services provided to the immigrant
4 workforce in Nebraska including, but not be limited to: Education,
5 housing, transportation, justice system, and health services.

6 (2) The task force shall conduct a study of the immigrant
7 workforce in Nebraska. The study shall:

8 (a) Assess the impact that integration of immigrant
9 workers into communities is having on the delivery of human
10 services. Services to be examined and studied shall include, but
11 are not limited to, services funded by the state and counties
12 including education, housing, transportation, justice system, and
13 health services;

14 (b) Identify the role of the state in assisting immigrant
15 workers as they integrate into local communities and the Nebraska
16 labor force;

17 (c) Assess the impact federal enforcement programs have
18 on the operation of livestock slaughtering, cattle, pork, and
19 manufacturing industries and the economy of the state; and

20 (d) Identify the best practices in the area of immigrant
21 worker integration into communities and access to human services
22 for statewide dissemination and sharing.

23 (3) The task force may hire a consultant or consultants
24 to design the study, conduct the research, and provide analysis of
25 the results. The task force may gather information from interested
26 parties through public hearings and other appropriate means to
27 assure ample opportunities for outside input. Members shall be
28 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred while

1 serving as a member of the task force as provided in sections
2 81-1174 to 81-1177. The task force shall issue a final report to
3 the Legislature and Governor on or before August 31, 2001.

4 (4) The Director of the Mexican-American Commission shall
5 select a chairperson from the members of the task force. The task
6 force may establish such subcommittees and working groups as
7 necessary and appropriate to advise the task force.

8 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature that twenty-five
9 thousand dollars be appropriated for the investigation and study
10 conducted by the task force.

11 (6) For administrative and budgetary purposes, the task
12 force shall be within the Mexican-American Commission, and the
13 commission shall provide the task force with administrative support
14 as requested by the task force.