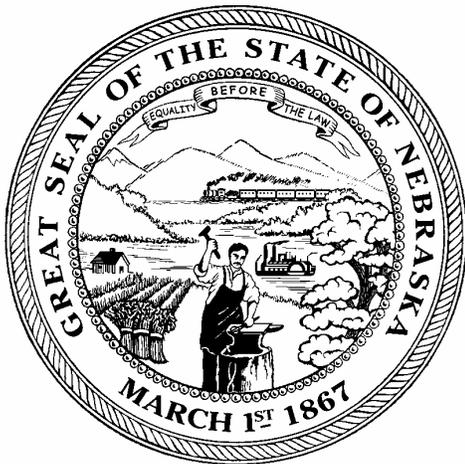


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- LR240 Interim study to examine ideas for encouraging responsible livestock development through participation and partnerships between communities, counties, organizations, and state agencies  
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD POLICY

### Executive Board Referral

- A. As a general practice, the Executive Board will refer interim study resolutions to the appropriate committees based upon subject matter jurisdiction.
- B. Resolutions that call for the creation of a select committee will be reviewed by the Executive Board. 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.
- C. The Executive Board shall retain its traditional prerogatives to consider and refer study proposals arising from extraordinary circumstances after the deadlines.

### Committee Action

Legislative rules (Rule 4, Section 3(c)) 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. Each committee may file with the Clerk, his or her committee's study plan for the highest prioritized interim studies referenced to such committee. This prioritization will in no way limit the committee's traditional prerogative to conduct hearings and oversee matters that are within their subject matter jurisdiction.

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.)

## INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE REFERRALS

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**Appropriations:** Heidemann (C), Harms (VC), Fulton, Hansen, Mello, Nantkes, Nelson, Nordquist, Wightman

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- LR128 Interim study to examine issues relating to the laws of Nebraska governing the management and use of Nebraska surface water and ground water  
Natural Resources
- LR235 Interim study to examine water issues  
Natural Resources
- LR181 Interim study to examine the feasibility and benefits of restructuring the natural resources districts  
Natural Resources
- LR124 Interim study to examine the use of eminent domain by natural resources districts for the taking of private land for development or management of recreational trails or corridors  
Natural Resources
- LR122 Interim study to examine the feasibility of making the Game and Parks Commission a code agency  
Natural Resources

- LR115 Interim study to review issues under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee  
Natural Resources
- LR101 Interim study to examine issues relating to the impact of additional well development on water use by domestic wells in areas of the state where ground water supplies are limited  
Natural Resources
- LR193 Interim study to examine the impact of LB436 which established a statewide net metering policy  
Natural Resources
- LR195 Interim study to examine energy efficiency  
Natural Resources
- LR221 Interim study to determine ways the State of Nebraska could promote energy conservation in commercial buildings and residential properties  
Natural Resources
- LR222 Interim study to examine granting the Department of Environmental Quality the statutory authority to file and collect environmental liens on property  
Natural Resources

**Nebraska Retirement Systems:** Pankonin (C), Nordquist (VC), Heidemann, Karpisek, Loudon, Mello

- LR137 Interim study to determine whether a reserve is necessary for the defined benefit retirement plans prior to the Legislature's approval of any benefit improvements  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR133 Interim study to examine retirement issues relating to military leave and persons returning to employment following military leave  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR134 Interim study to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR120 Interim study to examine the history of salary, benefit, and retirement packages available to Nebraska public school employees  
Nebraska Retirement Systems

- LR198 Interim study to examine 529 college savings plans including their performance and administration  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR135 Interim study to examine the pension benefits offered to professional firefighters in cities of the first class  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- Revenue:** Cornett (C), Dierks (VC), Adams, Friend, Hadley, Loudon, Utter, White
- LR97 Interim study to examine the major sources of state and local tax revenue  
Revenue
- LR161 Interim study to examine Nebraska's sales and use tax provisions  
Revenue
- LR165\* Interim study to examine issues relating to the adoption of a corporate and individual income tax credit scholarship program  
Education/Revenue
- LR166 Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of state and local taxes in Nebraska  
Revenue
- LR212 Interim study to examine the valuation of agricultural land for tax purposes in Nebraska and in surrounding states  
Revenue
- LR214 Interim study to examine local government levy limits and property tax proposals that have been implemented since 1995  
Revenue
- LR263 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee  
Revenue
- LR95 Interim study to examine the needs, resources, and responsibilities of the Dept. of Revenue and its divisions  
Revenue
- LR106 Interim study to examine the economic impact of retirement income on the State of Nebraska and the most appropriate way to tax such income  
Revenue
- LR139 Interim study to examine the tax climate for Nebraska's retired citizens  
Revenue

- LR140 Interim study to examine the quality of jobs created under the Nebraska Advantage and Nebraska Super Advantage programs  
Revenue
- LR182 Interim study to examine issues relating to recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical care providers  
Revenue
- LR210 Interim study to determine whether lodging taxes should apply to home rentals  
Revenue
- LR211 Interim study to determine whether sales tax collected on heating fuels should be changed to an excise tax  
Revenue
- LR213 Interim study to determine whether current business tax incentive programs should be changed when jobs were part of a bankrupt entity  
Revenue
- LR215 Interim study to examine the current processes and procedures in statute applicable to county boards of equalization  
Revenue
- LR141 Interim study to examine the subject matter of LB 474, 2009, that would have required the state and its governmental subdivisions to pay property tax on property that was not being used for a public purpose  
Revenue
- LR173 Interim study to examine the film industry in Nebraska and whether tax incentives could be used to encourage future economic growth  
Revenue
- LR200 Interim study to determine if Thurston County is entitled to automatic state aid payments and a reimbursement for law enforcement on the reservations  
Revenue
- LR232 Interim study to examine the occupation taxes imposed on wireless telecommunication services  
Revenue
- LR241 Interim study to examine the valuation processes of real property  
Revenue

**Transportation and Telecommunications:** Fischer (C), Stuthman (VC), Campbell, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden

- LR152 Interim study to examine Nebraska's highway funding structure and to recommend possible alternatives to the traditional methods  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR143 Interim study to examine Nebraska statutes and address the lack of governance regarding off-road vehicles  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR192 Interim study to examine allowing individuals who are fourteen and fifteen years of age, the authority to travel to and from work, under similar laws and regulations to school permits  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR142 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR102 Interim study to examine issues relating to the Nebraska Expressway System  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR154 Interim study to examine the need for age-appropriate and size-appropriate booster seats on school district vehicles  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR177 Interim study to examine issues relating to the current mechanism utilized by the Public Service Commission to allocate money deposited in the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to wireless carriers  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR88 Interim study to examine the issuance of LPD-learner's permits  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR187 Interim study to examine issues relating to LB560 which would have amended laws regarding the towing of motor vehicles  
Transportation and Telecommunications

**Urban Affairs:** Friend (C), McGill (VC), Coash, Cook, Lathrop, Rogert, White

- LR203 Interim study to examine the cost-effectiveness of upgrading the Nebraska Energy Code for new commercial construction  
Urban Affairs
- LR201 Interim study to examine LB381, which would have created the Community Improvement District Act and the Transportation Development District Act  
Urban Affairs
- LR205 Interim study to review the status of current state law regarding the various building and construction codes currently in use by cities and villages  
Urban Affairs
- LR190 Interim study to review the current practice of issuing handicapped parking permits  
Urban Affairs
- LR207 Interim study to examine the statutory means by which a city of the primary class would establish a separate transit authority  
Urban Affairs
- LR216 Interim study to identify the range of occupations taxes which are currently levied by cities and villages in Nebraska  
Urban Affairs
- LR202 Interim study to investigate the full range of powers granted to municipalities which involve jurisdiction over residents in areas outside of municipal boundaries  
Urban Affairs
- LR204 Interim study to review matters under the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee  
Urban Affairs

**Select Committee:** Gay (C), Campbell, Gloor, Hadley, Heidemann, Mello, Nordquist, Pahls, Sullivan

- LR158 Interim study to conduct research and provide recommendations for reform of Nebraska's health care delivery system and health care financing system  
Select Committee

## INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 42.** Introduced by Dubas, 34.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to identify methods and systems necessary to assist Nebraska farms in providing local schools with fresh and minimally processed Nebraska-grown farm commodities for school meals and snacks. This interim study is intended to facilitate coordination and planning between multiple stakeholders so that a strategic plan may be developed.

The study should include an examination of which Nebraska-grown farm commodities could feasibly be used for school meals and snacks. The study should also include an examination of regulations of the Department of Agriculture, State Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, and any other authorities which might impact the supplying of Nebraska-grown farm commodities to local schools.

The study will seek to involve various interested parties and organizations, including, but not limited to: (1) Producers of agricultural products marketed at Nebraska food markets, including producers of fruits and vegetables, protein agricultural products, and grain; (2) suppliers of agricultural products, including grocers and school suppliers; (3) meat processors; (4) food distributors; (5) the Action for Healthy Kids organization; (6) Resource Conservation and Development organizations in Nebraska; (7) a representative of food services from a rural and an urban Nebraska public school system; (8) the Rural Development Commission; (9) a dietitian; (10) the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska; (11) the GFL (Good, Fresh, Local) University of Nebraska-Lincoln Sustainable Food Project; and (12) any other interested parties or organizations.

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

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

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

### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 82.** Introduced by Gloor, 35.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to study the Grand Island Veterans' Home in Grand Island, Nebraska. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the physical strengths and deficiencies of the buildings and the campus of the Grand Island Veterans' Home;

(2) A review of the expected life of the buildings and campus of the Grand Island Veterans' Home;

(3) An evaluation of the extent to which the age of the facilities affects the quality of care provided to the residents of the Grand Island Veterans' Home;

(4) An examination of physical improvements needed at the Grand Island Veterans' Home to accommodate advances in medical and administrative technology; and

(5) An evaluation of the present and future need for long-term care beds for veterans in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 83.** Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Langemeier, 23, Chairperson; Carlson, 38; Cook, 13; Dubas, 34; Fischer, 43; Haar, 21; McCoy, 39; Schilz, 47; Giese, 17; Gloor, 35; Hansen, 42; Pirsch, 4.

**PURPOSE:** To study issues relating to expanded development of wind energy in Nebraska, while preserving the ability of the state's unique public power system to continue serving the state with low-cost, reliable electricity. The study may use as a guide the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's report that focuses on the impact on renewable energy in Nebraska. This study shall, as a starting point of reference, based on U.S. Department of Energy findings, assume that a total of 7,800 megawatts of wind power would be consumed in or exported from Nebraska by 2030.

A task force comprised of individuals from the electric utility and wind energy industries will be convened by the committee to provide technical expertise and advice relevant to the study. An advisory group of all interested parties shall also be convened by the committee to review, advise, and make recommendations to the committee. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

1. The roles the state's public power utilities and private developers play in the generation of wind energy for consumption both in Nebraska and for export.

2. The role of the Nebraska Power Review Board in approving renewable generation and transmission projects.

3. The current status of the eminent domain power of utilities and the policy changes, if any, that would be necessary for public and private wind energy development.

4. The process for planning, constructing, operating, and financing generation and transmission facilities in the state and region and changes that may be required.

5. The land use, including leases and contracts on public and private lands, and environmental impacts of developing wind energy, including transmission needs.

6. The financial benefits and risks that will affect Nebraskans due to the expansion of wind energy for consumption and export and how the benefits could be maximized while at the same time minimizing the risks to ratepayers and taxpayers.

7. The content and status of the legislative bills related to renewable energy and public power that were introduced in the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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, on or before December 1, 2009, make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 88.** Introduced by Giese, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issuance of LPD-learner's permits in Nebraska. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the number of LPD-learner's permits issued in Nebraska to individuals over eighteen years of age, with emphasis on the number of permits issued in each county;

(2) A review of the number of LPD-learner's permit renewals in Nebraska by individuals over eighteen years of age, with emphasis on the number of renewals in each county;

(3) An evaluation of the requirements set out in section 60-4,123 for issuance of a LPD-learner's permit; and

(4) A review of the number of LPD-learner's permit holders cited for driving without an operator's license, with emphasis on the number of violations by LPD-learner's permit holders over eighteen years of age.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 95.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study of the needs, resources, and responsibilities of the Department of Revenue and its divisions. The committee conducting this study shall review the constitutional provisions and the statutes establishing the department and its

responsibilities. The committee shall review and evaluate the revenue policy objectives that the Legislature is attempting to achieve and the role the department plays in achieving those goals. The committee shall prepare legislation for introduction in the 2010 legislative session containing any changes the committee deems necessary to improve and enhance the department's effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 96.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to have the Executive Board of the Legislative Council conduct a study on the responsiveness of state agencies when they are requested to provide accurate and timely information to the Legislature, its committees, and its members. The board shall review the need for information and the limitations that state agencies may have in responding. The board shall make every effort to avoid political undertones and shall keep the focus on how to facilitate the flow of needed information and expertise from state agencies to the Legislature, its committees, and its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 97.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study of the major sources of state and local tax revenue, including sales and use taxes, income taxes, and property taxes. The committee conducting this study shall review the major tax sources, identifying what is taxed and what is not taxed and who pays and who does not pay, by sector and by demographics under each source of revenue and in total. The committee shall prepare a report to be disseminated to the members of the Legislature indicating, by sector and by demographics, the tax burdens each group bears under each major source of revenue and under the major sources in total. The committee shall draft legislation for introduction in the 2010 legislative session to restructure the balance of the tax burdens on sectors and citizens by adjusting tax rates, expanding or narrowing tax bases, and eliminating or creating exemptions to

fairly spread the tax burdens while still raising the revenue needed to meet state and local revenue needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 101.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the impact of additional well development on water use by domestic wells in areas of the state where ground water supplies are limited. This study should address (1) the potential impact of additional domestic and other types of well development on the water supplies of existing domestic wells, (2) the potential impact of a proliferation of new domestic wells on the water supplies of existing wells, and (3) how to ensure that new development will have access to a water supply adequate for its proposed uses.

Current statutes provide no authority, except for the preference language in section 46-204, for either the State of Nebraska or the natural resources districts to manage well development to protect domestic wells. There is also no authority for either the state or the natural resources districts to manage domestic wells. This study should explore potential legislation to protect existing domestic well users, to protect existing wells from a proliferation of new domestic wells, and to ensure that there will be an adequate water supply for new permitted uses in areas where ground water supplies are limited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 102.** Introduced by Giese, 17; Avery, 28; Christensen, 44; Flood, 19; Hadley, 37; Harms, 48; Janssen, 15; Langemeier, 23; Loudon, 49; Pankonin, 2; Schilz, 47; Stuthman, 22.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues relating to the Nebraska Expressway System. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the initial establishment of the expressway system in 1988, including the factors used by the Department of Roads to determine the initial expressway routes;

(2) A review of the process used by the Department of Roads to include additional highway routes in the expressway system;

(3) An analysis of how the Department of Roads views the expressway system as a key component of the overall state highway system;

(4) An analysis of methods used by the Department of Roads to prioritize upgrades to the state highway system, including the possible use of commercial traffic volume or other economic factors to prioritize construction;

(5) A review of the process used by the Department of Roads to apply for and utilize earmarked federal funding for the expressway system; and

(6) An analysis of possible funding methods to complete the unfinished 179 miles of the planned 600-mile system, as well as additional expressway projects proposed in the Department of Roads long-range planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 103.** Introduced by Agriculture Committee: Carlson, 38, Chairperson; Council, 11; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Karpisek, 32; Price, 3; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the statutory duties and responsibilities of riparian landowners adjacent to natural streams and other watercourses for the control and removal of noxious and invasive vegetation within and adjacent to the streambed. The study shall particularly examine those duties imposed upon adjacent landowners under the Noxious Weed Control Act and the drainage statutes in Chapter 31, article 2, of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. It is a goal of the study to arrive at conclusions regarding the applicability and equity of such duties in relation to societal factors that have altered natural stream flows over time and the efficacy of enforcement of such duties as a means to achieve the objectives and societal benefits of vegetation management projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 104.** Introduced by Agriculture Committee: Carlson, 38, Chairperson; Council, 11; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Karpisek, 32; Price, 3; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine mechanisms to mitigate marketing risks to producers and other grain market participants beyond those currently available under the Grain Dealer Act and the Grain Warehouse Act. In particular, the study shall examine the concept of producer-funded indemnity programs as a means to insure marketing transactions entered into by producers and other market participants. The study shall compile information regarding indemnity funds existing in other states and identify policy considerations in the establishment and design of such indemnity programs. The study shall seek to involve the participation of the grain warehouse department of the Public Service Commission, commodity producers, and grain market participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 106.** Introduced by Cornett, 45; Giese, 17.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the economic impact of retirement income on the State of Nebraska and the most appropriate way to tax such income. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the impact that retirees have on the State of Nebraska, both economically and culturally;

(2) An examination of alternative ways to tax and exempt retirement income, and how such measures would affect the state;

(3) An examination of how surrounding states tax and exempt retirement income;

(4) An examination of the measures other states are taking to attract retirees into such states, including an examination of the stated policy reasons for such measures;

(5) An examination of the reasons that retirees leave the state, and whether those reasons focus on taxes; and

(6) An examination of tax-related steps that the state could take to become more attractive to retirees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 109.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issue of juvenile overcrowding in youth detention centers. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the causes of overcrowding and an analysis of ways to alleviate overcrowding and prevent its recurrence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 112.** Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Carlson, 38.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's fence laws and develop a proposal to refine and simplify those laws as applied in rural and urban areas. The study shall seek to involve livestock producers, landowners, legal experts, and other interested parties to examine fence issues and to recommend actions to clarify and improve Nebraska's fence laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 113.** Introduced by McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether Nebraska should update provisions of the Nebraska Criminal Code relating to the degrees and types of homicides that may be charged under Nebraska law. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 114.** Introduced by McGill, 26; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should amend the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, sections 45-901 to 45-929, to provide for greater consumer protections for customers of "payday lenders." The study should include an examination of issues raised during consideration of LB431 (McGill), which was introduced in 2009 and which was referenced to and is pending in the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Banking and Finance and should consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 115.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 116.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to early childhood education and kindergarten eligibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 117.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to determine and evaluate the positive and negative outcomes that could result from aligning the school fiscal year with the state fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 118.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 119.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the initiative and referendum process, particularly the issue of how petitions are circulated. In the past few years, concerns regarding petition circulators have been the subject of several public hearings and bills to address the problem. In 2008, a bill was passed to limit how petition circulators can be paid and required petition circulators to be eligible to vote in order to

circulate petitions. In 2009, LB 575 was introduced and heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill outlined how to investigate a potential violation regarding a signer or circulator of an initiative or referendum petition.

The issues to be examined by the interim study shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Determining how best to investigate potential violations of the initiative and referendum process;
- (2) Studying the issue of requiring circulators to read the object statement on the petition to every potential signer of the initiative or referendum; and
- (3) Studying what are appropriate requirements for the petition circulators, such as residency requirements.

The Secretary of State, along with other interested parties, will be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 120.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the history and structure of salary, benefit, and retirement packages available to Nebraska public school employees. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Equity of compensation among employees with comparable education and experience;
- (2) Equity of compensation among employees working in comparably sized public school systems;
- (3) Cell phone, mileage, and laptop or personal computer allowances;
- (4) Merit or bonus pay;
- (5) Reimbursement payments contributed to the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems on behalf of employees; and
- (6) Transparency and disclosure of the State Board of Education's policies and procedures with respect to available and approved compensation packages to employees.

Based on these findings, the study committee shall make a recommendation with respect to the State Board of Education's rules and regulations, taking into consideration the issues raised during consideration of LB 612 (Avery) which was introduced in 2009 and referred to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 121.** Introduced by Avery, 28; Campbell, 25; Rogert, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the structure, authority, and mission of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA). The study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The NSAA's governance structure;
2. The NSAA's role in formulating rules, regulations, and public policy;
3. The accountability and oversight of rules, regulations, and public policy issued by the NSAA;
4. The NSAA's financial accountability to members and the public;
5. The NSAA's transparency and disclosure responsibilities to members and the public; and
6. The application of sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 and the Open Meetings Act to NSAA activities.

Based on these findings, the study committee shall make a recommendation with respect to the NSAA's application of its rules, regulations, and public policy, taking into consideration the issues raised during consideration of LB 228 (Rogert) which was introduced in 2009 and referred to the Education Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 122.** Introduced by McCoy, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility and benefits of making the Game and Parks Commission a code agency, and therefore subject to the Governor's direct control. The commission is currently a noncode agency and not subject to the Governor's direct control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 123.** Introduced by Giese, 17.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Department of Labor's authority to conduct workplace safety inspections. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the Department of Labor's authority to conduct workplace safety inspections under applicable federal and state laws, including the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, with emphasis on the authority to conduct inspections on county or city property;

(2) A review of voluntary workplace safety consultation programs currently operated by the Department of Labor; and

(3) A review of workplace safety inspection programs utilized by other states.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 124.** Introduced by Pankonin, 2.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the use of eminent domain by natural resources districts for the taking of private land for the development or management of recreational trails or corridors. The topics to be studied shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The process and criteria used by natural resources districts for consideration of recreational trail or corridor development;

(2) The role or authority of affected local governing bodies in the recreational trail or corridor development process;

(3) An examination of the state trails plan, A Network of Discovery: A Comprehensive Trails Plan for the State of Nebraska, prepared by the Game and Parks Commission;

(4) The possible enactment of a procedure for dispute resolution to resolve disagreements between affected property owners and natural resources districts about recreational trail or corridor placement; and

(5) Practices used by other states for recreational trail or corridor placement.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 126.** Introduced by Avery, 28; Flood, 19.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature which may arise during the interim.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 127.** Introduced by Avery, 28; Giese, 17; Rogert, 16.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issue of election day registration. Statistics have shown that states with election day registration experience higher voter turnout than states without election day registration. In the 2008 presidential election, states with election day registration had a seven percent higher voter turnout. The experience in other states has been an increase in turnout among young adults, a group which historically has had low voter turnout rates.

During the 2009 legislative session, two bills allowing election day registration in Nebraska were introduced and heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature. Concerns were raised at the public hearings regarding the number of ballot splits in many precincts and the difficulties of allowing citizens to register and vote at the polling site or the county election official's office.

The issues to be examined by the interim study will include, but are not limited to:

(1) Determining whether it is more appropriate to have a citizen register and vote on election day at the polling site or at the county clerk or election commissioner's office;

(2) Determining what type of identification is necessary for citizens who wish to register and vote on election day; and

(3) Studying whether a citizen who registers and votes on election day could be given a limited ballot instead of the entire ballot.

Representatives of the Secretary of State's office and county officials, along with other interested parties, will be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 128.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

**PURPOSE:** To study issues relating to the laws of Nebraska governing the management and use of Nebraska surface water and ground water. A comprehensive and inclusive evaluation is necessary, utilizing every identifiable source of funding and research, to create a valid and beneficial statewide water policy. The goal of the study is to identify all sources of funding and research that can be integrated and used by the Legislature and the Department of Natural Resources to develop a statewide water plan. Special attention shall be given to current water planning efforts and projects. Sources may include any local, state, or federal government entity, including the University of Nebraska, and any private individual, business, or organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 129.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should update its statutory provisions, particularly section 8-113, which restrict the use by an individual, firm, company, corporation, or association of the word "bank" or any derivative thereof as any part of a title or description of any business activity. The study should include an examination of issues raised during consideration of LB32 (Pahls) and LB88 (Pahls), which were introduced in 2009 and referenced to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Banking and Finance and should consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 130.** Introduced by Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether Nebraska should update provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act in relation to the growing trend of home baking, canning, and small food businesses in Nebraska. This growing trend could produce a positive effect on economic development in Nebraska. The study should include an examination of section 81-2,245.01 and whether or not a home baking, canning, or small food operation would be exempted from the definition of a food establishment if the operation met certain requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 131.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study school accountability. The Legislature appropriates hundreds of millions of dollars in the form of state aid to school districts throughout the state, making accountability for these funds extremely important. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Ways the Legislature can evaluate how the money is expended;

(2) The accountability that school districts must provide to show that the funds they receive through state and local resources are expended on effective educational programs; and

(3) Ways the Legislature can be assured that every public school student in the state is receiving a quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 132.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the Nebraska statutes should be amended to provide for partial payment by an insurance company of the proceeds for damage to or loss of a building or other structure caused by fire, explosion, windstorm, or other natural disaster to the city or village wherein the building or other structure is located if demolition and removal of the building or other structure is necessary. The study should include an examination of issues raised during consideration of LB 484 (Stuthman), which was introduced in 2009 and referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 133.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Pankonin, 2, Chairperson; Heidemann, 1; Karpisek, 32; Louden, 49; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** To study retirement issues related to military leave and persons returning to employment following military leave.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 134.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Pankonin, 2, Chairperson; Heidemann, 1; Karpisek, 32; Louden, 49; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 135.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the pension benefits offered to professional firefighters in cities of the first class. The firefighters retirement system was established with the passage of LB 531 in 1983, but the structure of the system has not been changed since its enactment. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examination of the current defined contribution plan, including the lack of social security benefits;

(2) Examination of the adequacy and comparability of current established benefits;

(3) Consideration of creating an option for cities to provide enhanced benefits, including a defined benefit option; and

(4) Recommendations for changes to the firefighters retirement system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 136.** Introduced by Avery, 28; Campbell, 25; Coash, 27; Haar, 21; Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the public psychiatric rehabilitation in secure settings that is available to chronically and severely impaired mentally ill persons residing in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of existing inpatient and community-based Intensive Psychiatric Recovery and Rehabilitation (IPRR) services in the wake of the

closing of the Community Transition Program / Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (CTP/PRP) in building 14 at the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC);

(2) The impact of closing the CTP/PRP on the quality of inpatient services for individuals previously served by that program, and the impact the closing will have on community-based programs;

(3) The therapeutic goals for this highly-defined patient population at LRC and at existing community-based programs;

(4) A determination of the nature and capacity of community-based IPRR services, whether all IPRR services are research-based, whether the services support the recovery-based philosophy versus stabilization, and whether those services are offered in compliance with Best Practices, as developed by the Academic Support Workgroup of the Behavioral Health Reform Project, published by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

(5) An evaluation of current service definitions, standards, and regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services as they relate to inpatient psychiatric rehabilitation.

The study will seek to involve various interested parties and organizations, including, but not limited to: (1) The Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; (2) mental health providers to the regions; (3) the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Psychology; (4) the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Psychiatry; (5) consumer and family groups; and (6) any other interested parties or organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 Heidemann, 1.

PURPOSE: To determine whether a reserve is necessary for the defined benefit retirement plans prior to the Legislature's approval of any benefit improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 138.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 139.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Hadley, 37; Giese, 17; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the tax climate for Nebraska's retired residents. Economic downturns can have a significant impact on retirees who rely on investment returns to supplement their pension incomes. Nebraska currently taxes benefits from the federal Social Security Act to the same extent as the federal government, one of only five states that does so. The current economic climate demands further investigation into how Nebraska's tax structure affects its retired residents. The study shall:

- (1) Examine Nebraska's tax climate for retirees and compare it to that of other states;
- (2) Consider the benefits of providing a more favorable tax climate for retirees; and
- (3) Make recommendations on how to improve Nebraska's tax climate to make it more competitive with other regional states

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 140.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the quality of jobs created under the Nebraska Advantage and Nebraska Super Advantage programs to assure that economic development tax incentives contribute to quality job opportunities in our state. Nebraska's economic development programs received a major overhaul in the recent implementation of the Nebraska Advantage and Nebraska Super Advantage programs. It is

important to consider the ways in which these revisions address job quality and possibilities for improvement and to examine the strength of associated reporting requirements in describing jobs created under these programs.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examination of the job-quality standards related to economic development programs in peer states;
- (2) Examination of the job-quality reporting standards related to economic development programs in peer states;
- (3) Examination of the potential to provide more detailed job-quality data regarding outcomes in Nebraska Advantage and Nebraska Super Advantage programs under Nebraska's current rules and regulations, including information by wage levels and provision of training and benefits;
- (4) Summary and analysis of models of metrics used to analyze job quality;
- (5) Examination of the current job-quality standards incorporated in economic development programs in the Nebraska Advantage and Nebraska Super Advantage programs; and
- (6) Opportunities to increase job-quality requirements in Nebraska Advantage and Nebraska Super Advantage programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 141.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the competitive use of properties owned by the state and its governmental subdivisions and whether the use of such properties should be considered incidental. This issue is related to the subject matter of LB 474 (2009). LB 474 would have required the state and its governmental subdivisions to pay property tax on property that was not being used for a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 142.** Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the issues and matters within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 143.** Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct a thorough review of the Nebraska statutes and address the lack of governance regarding off-road vehicles. Off-road vehicles are becoming increasingly prevalent in our society. These vehicles include Japanese minitrucks, side-by-side utility vehicles, and neighborhood electric vehicles, among others.

Although special rules are provided for all-terrain vehicles in the Nebraska statutes (sections 60-6,355 to 60-6,362), mention of other off-road vehicles is rarely found in the Nebraska motor vehicle statutes or the Nebraska Rules of the Road. Additionally, as the Nebraska statutes do not specifically refer to these vehicles, there has been some argument regarding the ability of local governments to regulate them because they are not eligible for registration under state law.

The committee shall conduct an examination to determine the capacity of these off-road vehicles, including the level of safety as they interact with the normal flow of traffic. Additionally, the study shall analyze the policy implications of allowing certain off-road vehicles on the highways of the state and local political subdivisions, and whether they should be subject to the titling and registration provisions in the motor vehicle statutes, as well as the Nebraska Rules of the Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 144.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the Commission of Industrial Relations and the statutory requirements for comparable wages and conditions of employment for municipal employees in section 48-818. The study should include an examination of issues such as whether the statutes should be clarified regarding comparability for municipal employees and other issues relating to array, job match, and methodology.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 145.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should update its version of Uniform Commercial Code article 9 (Secured Transactions). The study should include consideration of changes recommended to the states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and, in particular, any changes in Uniform Commercial Code section 9-506 regarding errors and omissions in debtors' names in financing statements. The study should accordingly include an examination of issues raised during consideration of amendments adopted in Uniform Commercial Code section 9-506 in 2008 (LB 716, LB 851, and LB 308A) and 2009 (LB 87). In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 146.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Uniform Limited Partnership Act (2001) as approved and recommended to the states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. This act would replace the current Nebraska Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 67-233 to 67-296, which

is based on the Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (1976) and (1985). In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of the Secretary of State, the practicing bar, and other interested persons as it deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 147.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act (2006) as approved and recommended to the states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. This act would replace Nebraska's current Limited Liability Company Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 21-2601 to 21-2653. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of the Secretary of State, the practicing bar, and other interested persons as it deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 148.** Introduced by Wightman, 36.

PURPOSE: (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) Americans spend more on health care than residents of any other country, and the costs of health care and health insurance are rising rapidly, with health care costing \$2.2 trillion in 2007, or \$7,412 per capita;

(b) It is estimated that seventy percent of health care costs are driven by behaviors;

(c) Private employers in the State of Nebraska have adopted wellness programs to help their employees address unhealthy behaviors and reduce their health insurance costs;

(d) The State of Nebraska must contain the costs of its Nebraska State Insurance Program;

(e) The State of Nebraska has started a wellness program for its employees;

(f) Other states have adopted wellness programs for their state employees that have been in operation for multiple years and could provide additional cost-effective options for consideration; and

(g) The Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services has as part of its mission the promotion of the public health and has a health promotion unit that encourages healthy behaviors.

(2) An interim study should be conducted to:

(a) Evaluate the State of Nebraska's wellness program and provide policy options, if any, for improvement of the program;

(b) Collect information concerning the effectiveness of wellness programs operated by other states and provide policy options for improvement of the State of Nebraska's wellness program, including incentives for participation;

(c) Collect information concerning the effectiveness of wellness programs operated by private employers to provide policy options for the improvement of the State of Nebraska's wellness program; and

(d) Outline the strategies and options that exist for the State of Nebraska to encourage wellness initiatives and activities to improve the public health of all the citizens of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 149.** Introduced by Wightman, 36; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) In 2007-08, the State of Nebraska provided 39.99% of the total funding for K-12 education;

(b) Under the 2007-08 state aid formula, the state would have distributed over \$839 million in state aid to school districts, which would have been a \$295 million increase over the previous year;

(c) State aid for K-12 education has increased substantially over the past few years;

(d) Such increases are not sustainable when compared to the average growth in the state's revenue;

(e) The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided increased federal funds of approximately \$150 million in one-time funding for K-12 education. This funding must be replaced to sustain aid for K-12 education;

(f) The Legislature needs accurate and complete information to evaluate the performance and cost of its K-12 educational system; and

(g) The Legislature should make information available to taxpayers so that they can understand and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of their local school district.

(2) An interim study should be conducted for the following purposes:

(a) To examine how school finance data is reported to the public and how it could be made more user-friendly, comparable, and understandable; and

(b) To examine what type of information would assist the Legislature and the public in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of state aid for K-12 education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: To study issues related to the Department of Health and Human Services' plan to contract for delivery of medicaid services using an at-risk capitated managed care model. The study shall include, but not be limited to: A review of the department plan, timeline, goals, and objectives for implementation of an at-risk systems contract; determination of quality performance incentives and penalties, as well as other contract objectives, which should be included in any request for proposal for such services; and how such a system will change current service delivery with attention to improving cost-effectiveness and promoting safety, progress, and recovery with limited resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 151.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to consider and recommend funding strategies for the improvement of the Centennial Mall area of the Nebraska State Capitol Environs District. In 2008, a bill was introduced which created a task force to study the issue of Centennial Mall. The purpose of the bill was to review and consider possible design and repair options, as well as funding strategies.

Centennial Mall, which is part of the Nebraska State Capitol Environs District, serves as the scenic doorway to Nebraska's iconic State Capitol. The fountains in Centennial Mall, in particular, are a source of pride for many Nebraskans and are featured in a variety of the state's promotional materials.

Although challenging state and local budgets have contributed to the decline of Centennial Mall in the past several years, the city of Lincoln has renewed its commitment to the area. The city recently announced its plan to improve Centennial Mall by leveraging local tax-increment financing (TIF) revenue with private investment dollars. The Mayor of Lincoln will also appoint a task force to work with the appropriate entities in developing design options and associated estimates of construction costs for Centennial Mall.

The city of Lincoln and its task force, the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission, and other interested parties will be invited to participate in this study to consider additional funding strategies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 152.** Introduced by Fischer, 43.

**PURPOSE:** To conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's highway funding structure and to recommend possible alternatives to the traditional methods that have historically been employed in the state.

Highway funding has reached a crisis level in Nebraska. While revenue continues to decrease through less fuel consumption and less motor vehicle sales tax revenue, highway construction costs continue to increase through inflationary factors, global demand for resources, and greater needs due to increased traffic volume. The Department of Roads has gone from a \$390 million construction program in 2006 to a \$317 million construction program for the current fiscal year.

With an estimated \$286 million annual cost to preserve the state's current highway system, Nebraska is rapidly approaching the point where revenue will be insufficient to sustain the number one priority of system preservation. The \$286 million total does not include any expansion of the current system through capital construction.

This study shall examine several factors surrounding the state of highways in Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

(1) An analysis of the current funding for highways and streets in Nebraska and the emphasis on user fees;

(2) An analysis of the overall effectiveness of the fuel tax in today's economic environment;

(3) An analysis of how the Department of Roads has responded to lower revenue and higher costs over the past several years, including a reassessment of the priority funding system;

(4) An analysis of how local governments have fared under the state's highway revenue structure; and

(5) A review of other states' alternative methods of funding highways, including, but not limited to, bonding, implementing a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) system, tolling, using public-private partnerships, and redistributing current state revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 153.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether Nebraska should repeal statutory provisions that allow persons not lawfully present in the United States to pay resident tuition at Nebraska postsecondary educational institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 154.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the need for age-appropriate and size-appropriate booster seats on school district vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 155.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review, assess, and provide recommendations relating to rates paid by the state to providers of publicly-funded behavioral health services, rate methodologies employed to determine such rates, the frequency with which such rates are adjusted, and the timeliness of payments made to providers of such services.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 156.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The Department of Health and Human Services has been entrusted by the Legislature with numerous powers and duties relating to the protection and promotion of the health and welfare of persons in Nebraska;

(b) The department has initiated and expanded numerous programs and services under its administration to carry out such powers and duties;

(c) The Legislature has appropriated General Funds and other funds for such programs and services, but the amount of such appropriations is often less than the amount identified by the department as being necessary and appropriate for such purposes, despite repeated legislative action to increase such appropriations;

(d) State budget constraints are inconsistent with increasing budget needs of programs and services administered by the department; and

(e) Further legislative action is necessary and appropriate to identify and prioritize core responsibilities of the department, to adequately fund such priorities, and to identify nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of nonpriority programs and services.

(2) The purpose of this resolution is to:

(a) Identify and categorize the statutory powers and duties of the department and prioritize the programs and services administered by the department to carry out such powers and duties;

(b) Indicate the amount of funding necessary to adequately fund each program or service;

(c) Identify those programs and services which would not be funded if the FY2009-10 budget for the department was first allocated to each program and service in the order of priority at its adequately funded level; and

(d) Recommend nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of such nonpriority programs and services.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 157.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to review, assess, and provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act. The issues addressed by the study shall include, but not be limited to, the distribution of funding under the act, the outcomes achieved from such funding, and the future sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to conduct research and provide recommendations for substantive reform of Nebraska's health care delivery system and health care financing system to ensure the provision of high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care coverage for all Nebraskans.

This study shall be conducted by a select committee consisting of two members of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the committee, two members of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the committee, two members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the committee, and three additional members who are not members of such committees, with one member appointed by each chairperson of such committees. The chairperson of the select committee shall be the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee unless he or she is not appointed to the select committee, in which case the chairperson of the select committee shall be one of the two members of the Health and Human Services Committee who were appointed to the select committee, selected by the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

In conducting the study, the select committee shall consult with employers, small businesses, consumers, insurers, health care providers, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Insurance, and other interested parties.

Issues considered by the select committee may include, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) The anticipated effect of national health care reform initiatives on Nebraska;
- (2) The role of employer-sponsored insurance and public programs in providing health care coverage for Nebraskans;
- (3) The large number of Nebraskans who are uninsured or underinsured;
- (4) The cost shift imposed on Nebraska employers and consumers who purchase health insurance by the underfunding of public programs and the high levels of uncompensated care borne by hospitals and clinics;
- (5) Policy options available to reduce the number of Nebraskans who are uninsured or underinsured, make private health insurance more affordable for businesses and individuals, and strengthen public programs for low-income Nebraskans;
- (6) The desirability and feasibility of establishing a state plan to provide Nebraskans access to affordable health insurance coverage; and
- (7) Available funding options to assure a financially sustainable and affordable health care system.

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

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

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2009.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 159.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the future need for health care workers in Nebraska and to review recommendations to meet the state's needs now and in the future. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the current match of the supply of health care professionals to the needs of the state, including a detailed review of the match within each of the state's health planning regions for all health professions for which valid and reliable data are available;
- (2) A review of educational and training programs in the state that produce graduates that serve Nebraska's residents;
- (3) A review of special programs in Nebraska designed to recruit and retain health care professionals in areas designated as health profession shortage areas or medically underserved areas and in areas that might

become shortage or underserved areas but for successful locally-based efforts to recruit and retain health professionals;

(4) Forecasts of numbers of professionals needed in Nebraska up to twenty years into the future, including distribution of those professionals across the regions of the state;

(5) Recommendations for public policies and educational and training programs designed to help the state meet its future needs; and

(6) Assessment of the benefits and costs of establishing a Nebraska health care workforce commission through a private/public partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 160.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review, assess, and provide recommendations relating to the statewide telehealth network, including, but not limited to, (1) organization and operation of the network, (2) costs, (3) utilization, (4) rates, and (5) regulatory issues relating to network utilization by out-of-state providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 161.** Introduced by Cornett, 45; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Loudon, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's sales and use tax provisions. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the role of the sales tax as a revenue source in state and local fiscal systems.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 162.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to provide an opportunity for the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature to study the competitive bidding statutes for the purchase of machinery and equipment. The study will include consideration of the total cost of ownership in the competitive bidding process. The study of such costs should include consideration of alternatives for all classes of equipment, evidence of expected life, costs of repair and maintenance, efficiency standards, energy consumption on a per-year basis, and potential resale value. This interim study is intended to facilitate the committee's review of the total cost of ownership as a primary focus of the competitive bidding process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 163.** Introduced by Avery, 28; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issues which fall under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, including the financing of campaigns, the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, the role of lobbyists, and ethics in the political system. Specific issues to be examined include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Independent committees and their role in campaigns;
- (2) Ways to provide more transparency in the system, including reporting requirements; and
- (3) Elected officials becoming lobbyists.

The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, along with other interested parties, will be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 164.** Introduced by Campbell, 25.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this study is to examine the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 and its implementation in Nebraska. The act was passed by the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate in September of 2008 and signed into law by President Bush in October of 2008. The law includes, among other things, provisions to promote permanent families for foster children through relative guardianships and adoptions, to enhance adoption incentives, to increase federal support for adoption assistance regardless of income, to increase support for youth who age out of foster care, to improve education and health care for foster children, to require early identification of potential relative placements for children, to extend federal support for children in foster care after age eighteen, and to offer federal assistance and support to American Indian children.

The committee shall examine:

- (1) The implementation of the act in Nebraska, specifically the various optional and mandatory provisions of the act and which optional provisions of the act the State of Nebraska has chosen to carry out;
- (2) The various benefits and implications of the act for Nebraska; and
- (3) Whether any changes should be made to current state statute in accordance with the act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 165.** Introduced by Friend, 10; Fulton, 29.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the adoption of a corporate and individual income tax credit scholarship program as contemplated by LB 67 (Friend), which was introduced in 2009 and referred to the Revenue Committee of the Legislature. The study shall include, but not be limited to: An analysis of the fiscal impact of such a program; an analysis of enrollment patterns in public and private schools; an analysis of recent trends in private school attrition rates and the economic factors related thereto; and an analysis of the potential cost savings for state and local taxpayers and the State of Nebraska from adopting such a program.

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

1. That the Education and Revenue Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 166.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

**PURPOSE:** The Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall conduct a comprehensive study and review of state and local taxes in Nebraska with the objective of developing alternatives in taxation and funding which will substantially reduce reliance on property taxes. In conducting this study, the committee shall first assemble or cause to be assembled the following information:

(1) Specific sales tax exemptions, which shall be put into the following categories:

- (a) Seller-based;
- (b) Item sold;
- (c) Buyer-based; and
- (d) Item use;

(2) Information regarding each exemption showing the estimated amount of the sales tax base, the taxes not collected because of the exemption, and the year the exemption was enacted;

(3) The services subject to the sales tax and when the tax was imposed, including the tax base and the amount collected from the tax on each service;

(4) Services not currently taxed by the State of Nebraska but taxed by other states and an estimate of such tax base in Nebraska; and

(5) The income tax basis and rates for individuals and corporations in South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 167.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the issue of homeless youth in the State of Nebraska. Specifically, this study will look at what is being done to address this issue and what resources are being utilized to address the problem. The study will also evaluate the effectiveness of current state government programs that address homeless youth and will identify alternative strategies to help combat this growing problem in our state.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services and Education Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 168.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the factors contributing to childhood obesity, as well as its consequences. The issues addressed by the study should include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the factors contributing to childhood obesity in underserved and low-income populations;

(2) An examination of the costs of childhood obesity, both in terms of medical expenses and physical well-being;

(3) An analysis of methods to increase access to safe places for children to exercise and participate in physical activity; and

(4) An analysis of ways to increase children's access to nutritious meals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 Harms, 48; Campbell, 25; Fulton, 29; Heidemann, 1; Wallman, 30; Wightman, 36; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to analyze the education and training available that could lead to careers in high-demand industries in Nebraska. The Department of Labor predicts gaps in the labor force in several high-demand industries, such as health care, information technology, insurance, and green jobs. These industries are a cornerstone of Nebraska's future economic development and require higher-skilled labor. Only thirty-six percent of Nebraska adults have a postsecondary educational degree and one in ten do not have a high school diploma or GED. Other states, such as California, Massachusetts, and Kentucky, have developed pipeline programs to build worker skills for high-demand industries. The general objective of this study is to examine high-demand industries, the skills and education of the current workforce, the programs currently in place for worker education and training, and the opportunities to align systems and programs to meet business and worker needs.

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

- (1) Examination of high-demand industries with high earning and economic development potential in Nebraska and the education, training, and skills required for workers to fill those high-demand jobs;
- (2) Analysis of the current skills and education levels of Nebraska's current workforce, specifically using a regional analysis;
- (3) A catalog of current major education and training opportunities in high-demand career fields;
- (4) Models of career pipeline programs in other states that may be appropriate for Nebraska;
- (5) Barriers to education and training, particularly adult basic education; and
- (6) Opportunities to align or improve systems to improve Nebraska's workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 173.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Nantkes, 46.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the film industry in Nebraska and whether tax incentives could be used to encourage future economic growth in this area. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the types and numbers of jobs in Nebraska created by the film industry, the amount of revenue generated in Nebraska by the film industry, the tax incentives other states are offering to attract the film industry, and the tax incentives Nebraska could offer to attract the film industry. The primary focus of the study will be to find ways to encourage future job growth and economic development in Nebraska's film industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 174.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to provide low-income families with access to high-quality child care. Nebraska consistently ranks among the states with the highest number of all available

parents in the workforce, particularly when it comes to parents of children under five years of age, yet the state does not perform as well when it comes to the number of parents who are eligible for child care subsidies. An adequate amount of child care subsidies is extremely important in helping parents stay in the workforce and off of full welfare assistance. It also helps children by increasing access to quality child care which helps set the foundation for future success in school and later in life.

This interim study shall attempt to produce a workable proposal to increase access to high-quality child care. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of eligibility requirements to qualify for child care subsidies and an analysis of whether the Department of Health and Human Services should allow low-income families a choice between receiving child care pursuant to a contracted slot or a voucher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 175.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to increase financial literacy in Nebraska through financial literacy education classes. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of incentives that could be offered to adults to take financial literacy classes, an examination of the most efficient and effective ways to offer such classes, and an analysis of the options for requiring instruction on financial literacy in elementary and high school courses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 176.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of creating a fund that would be used to help organizations market large-scale events held in Nebraska. Such large-scale events are important to the state for generating tourism and a high level of national and international attention. Recently, organizers of the United States Olympic Swim Trials, the Great American Comedy Festival, the Special Olympics, and the United

States Senior Open have all asked for appropriations from the state for the marketing of these events. This study shall look into creating one fund that would be used for all such requests rather than having each organization request a direct appropriation from the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 177.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

**PURPOSE:** A vital part of the public safety network in the State of Nebraska is wireless and landline 911 emergency telephone service. Pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Communication Systems Act, individual cities and counties are responsible for the implementation of landline 911 service in their respective areas and are permitted to impose a uniform service charge to cover costs associated with the purchase, installation, maintenance, and operation of landline 911 service.

As for wireless 911 emergency telephone service, pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Service Act, the Nebraska Public Service Commission is responsible for administering the implementation of enhanced wireless 911 service throughout the state and currently administers the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. Annually, the commission determines the level of surcharge to be assessed on each wireless subscriber which will be credited to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for ultimate distribution to wireless carriers and public service answering points to cover eligible costs for implementing and maintaining enhanced wireless 911 service designed to locate calls coming from wireless telephones.

This study will investigate issues relating to the current mechanism utilized by the commission to allocate available money deposited in the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to wireless carriers and public service answering points for reimbursement of eligible costs for implementing and maintaining the final phase of wireless 911 service mandated by the Federal Communications Commission called Phase II E-911 Service, which will permit the seamless and exact location of the wireless caller's location by longitude and latitude.

Study topics shall include, but need not be limited to, the following areas:

(1) Analysis of the mechanism currently used by the Public Service Commission to allocate and distribute funds deposited to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to public service answering points and wireless carriers to recover eligible Phase II costs;

(2) Analysis of whether the mechanism currently used by the commission to allocate and distribute funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund is technologically and competitively neutral;

(3) Analysis of whether the commission's current funding mechanism is consistent with the stated intent of the Legislature to fund the E-911 costs of both public service answering points and wireless carriers;

(4) Analysis of whether the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund has adequate funds to cover the reasonably foreseeable costs of both public service answering points and wireless carriers;

(5) Analysis of commission funding decisions regarding Phase II deployment costs of public service answering points, wireless carriers, and local exchange carriers;

(6) Analysis of commission financial reports, projections, estimates, forecasts, and studies concerning current and future expenditures from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for Phase II costs;

(7) Analysis of membership and duties of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board, including the following:

(a) The adequacy of representation of wireless carriers on the advisory board;

(b) Scope of responsibilities delegated to the advisory board;

(c) Scope of authority of the advisory board; and

(d) Technical expertise of advisory board members; and

(8) Any other issues arising during the course of the study related to furthering access to E-911 Phase II service.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 178.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Ashford, 20.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Nebraska need-based financial aid program (Nebraska Scholarship Act) that was created by the Nebraska Legislature in 2003 and other issues relating to higher education. The study shall include: (1) A determination of the differences in allocations of state funds to students attending particular sectors of higher education institutions in the state compared to the allocations to students before 2003, and whether those changes were intended and are appropriate in light of changing state policies; (2) a determination of student aid currently available from all sources, including direct and indirect state assistance, federal assistance from financial aid programs, including changes made in the stimulus plan enacted by the United States Congress in 2009, institutional assistance, and private sector assistance, and a comparison with other states' efforts relating to student aid, including eligibility of students attending for-profit colleges; (3) a determination of whether the state's investment in higher education has

resulted in an appropriately-educated workforce in Nebraska; (4) an analysis of college graduate migration patterns to and from Nebraska; (5) an analysis of the ability of the state to maintain successful institutions and educational programs in Nebraska, both public and private nonprofit, in the event that financial resources become more scarce in the future; and (6) an analysis of other issues relating to higher education and higher education financial aid programs in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Education and Appropriations Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

**PURPOSE:** The state contracts with Magellan Behavioral Health Services to manage, maintain, and coordinate state-funded behavioral health services for the identified populations of the Division of Behavioral Health, the Division of Children and Family Services, and the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services. Because of the magnitude of the services coordinated by Magellan and the issues raised recently by recipients, providers, and members of the judiciary, a greater understanding of the contract is desired by the Legislature.

This study will include, but is not limited to, a description of the requirements and conditions of the contract, an identification of the costs, and an examination of the reasons for denials and the options available to individuals, caseworkers, judges and others when services are denied by Magellan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 180.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the role of educational service units within learning communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 181.** Introduced by McCoy, 39.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility and benefits of restructuring the natural resources districts. The study shall focus on the advantages of having a natural resources district encompass the entirety of a watershed, water basin, river, or other specific area of the state. The study shall also review the processes and ramifications of realigning, and perhaps reducing, the number of natural resources districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 182.** Introduced by Dubas, 34.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to study the growing problem in recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical care providers. The Legislature recognizes that volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical care providers have provided fire suppression and emergency medical services to their local communities for over a century at only a fraction of the cost to the taxpayers that would have resulted from implementing a system of paid fire departments and paid emergency medical services. Many cities, villages, and rural areas could not afford the costs of maintaining their current level of fire suppression and emergency response services without the presence of a local pool of committed and dedicated volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical care providers. It is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of many Nebraska communities to encourage the recruitment and retention of such individuals. Volunteer firefighters and emergency medical care providers are relied upon by the entire State of Nebraska, including Nebraskans traveling throughout the state.

The Legislature finds that Nebraska communities that rely on volunteers to provide fire suppression and emergency medical services are faced with numerous economic and demographic trends and conditions which make the recruitment and retention of qualified volunteers increasingly difficult and that, as a consequence, some volunteer departments are trying to cope with declining rosters of active volunteers.

The Legislature finds that the recruitment and retention of qualified men and women in fire suppression and emergency medical services are matters of statewide as well as local concern.

The issues to be examined by the interim study shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Economic incentives available to assist communities with the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical care providers;

(2) Noneconomic incentives available to assist communities with the recruitment and retention of such volunteers; and

(3) The financial cost to Nebraska's cities, villages, and rural areas if such volunteer services cease to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 183.** Introduced by Coash, 27.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility of creating a specialized magistrate for the state's largest courts. The intent for creating the position would be to provide an independent, unbiased review of complaints brought by law enforcement and citizens. The magistrate would be specially trained and empowered to issue search warrants, subpoenas, arrest warrants, and summonses and to set bail. The intent would also be for the magistrate to be a state employee under the control and supervision of the judiciary. It is the expectation that the creation of this position would curb the need for new judges and help reduce populations at correctional facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 184.** Introduced by Coash, 27; McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the process by which the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services places Nebraska citizens on the central register

of child protection cases. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The procedure used by the division in placing a citizen on the central register of child protection cases, which should include an examination of the investigative procedures used by the Department of Health and Human Services and an examination of the categories used by the department, including court substantiated, agency substantiated, court pending, and unfounded;

(2) The due process implications of procedures relating to the central register of child protection cases; and

(3) The expungement process.

The study will seek to involve various interested parties and organizations, including, but not limited to, legal experts on investigative procedures, the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, child welfare advocates, and family advocates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 185.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the impact of employer misclassification of employees in Nebraska. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

(1) A review of information from state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Labor, and the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, detailing how employer misclassification affects employee benefits and protections as well as state revenue, unemployment insurance, and the workers' compensation system;

(2) An evaluation of current agency guidelines and practices to identify employers who misclassify and what, if any, consequence follows;

(3) An evaluation of current agency guidelines and practices to coordinate and share information regarding employer misclassification;

(4) An analysis of information from both the public and private sectors on how employer misclassification affects law-abiding employers;

(5) An analysis of information from other states that have addressed employer misclassification; and

(6) An analysis of how the committee can legislatively address employer misclassification.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine workers' compensation insurance premiums in Nebraska. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

(1) An evaluation, both historical and current, of premium rates by industry, including what information is used to calculate the rates;

(2) An evaluation of the effect, if any, of the hospital fee schedule on premiums; and

(3) A comparison of other states' premium rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 187.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the issues raised by the introduction of Legislative Bill 560, which would have made several changes to Nebraska's laws regarding the towing of motor vehicles. The study will include an examination of current state laws and city ordinances in Nebraska as they relate to the towing of motor vehicles, a review of other states' laws regarding the towing of motor vehicles, and a review of other issues raised during the hearing on LB 560.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 188.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review the practice of using credit information in connection with the issuance, underwriting, renewal, cancellation, or denial of insurance. The study should include an examination of the issues raised during the public hearing on Legislative Bill 176, including a further examination of the extent of this practice in Nebraska and in other states and a review of legislation in other states that would seek to prohibit this practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 189.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's court-appointed special advocate programs and to develop a proposal to provide for sustainability of the programs in Nebraska's rural and urban areas. The study shall seek to involve advocates, judges, legal experts, and other interested parties to examine the court-appointed special advocate programs and to recommend actions to clarify, improve, and sustain the programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 190.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review the current practice of issuing handicapped parking permits. The issues addressed in this study shall include, but not be limited to, the identifying information that is included on handicapped parking permits, the procedures involved in issuing handicapped parking permits, and the appropriate use of handicapped parking permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 191.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's laws regarding a person's right in their home to defend his or her own life or another's life by reasonable force, which may include the use of deadly force, and to examine similar laws in other states that would potentially provide a model for expanding this right in Nebraska. The right to defend yourself by the use of reasonable force in one's home, which may include the use of deadly force, is generally called the Castle Doctrine. This study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An examination of Nebraska's laws regarding one's right to self-defense within the home; (2) the review of Castle Doctrine laws in other states; and (3) the development of potential policy changes, if needed, to strengthen the right to self-defense within the home in Nebraska.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 192.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

**PURPOSE:** Many students in Nebraska are holders of a school permit and are allowed to operate a motor vehicle, moped, or motorcycle at the ages of fourteen and fifteen years pursuant to section 60-4,124. School-permit holders are allowed to operate a motor vehicle, moped, or motorcycle under certain conditions and can drive from home to their school and its activities and then back home again. A school-permit holder must use the most direct route when traveling from home to school. This study will seek to examine the feasibility of allowing individuals who are fourteen and fifteen years of age, in addition to their current authority to obtain a school permit, the authority to travel to and from work under similar laws and regulations to school permits. This study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Identifying any additional safety concerns for such students when traveling to work beyond what is already present with school-permit holders; (2) comparing any strengths and weaknesses to narrowing such a work permit to certain classes of cities or villages; and (3) comparing the strengths and weaknesses between adding such a privilege under a school permit, allowing a school-permit holder to add a work endorsement similar to a Class M endorsement, or creating a whole new, separate permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 193.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The 2009 Legislature passed LB 436, which established a statewide net metering policy. This study will examine the impact of the passage of LB 436. Issues to be studied shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Whether the passage of LB 436 has stimulated investments in renewable energy equipment by electrical consumers;

(2) Whether increasing the rated capacity cap would increase consumer investments in renewable energy;

(3) Whether changes in credit carryover procedures would increase consumer investments in renewable energy;

(4) Whether statewide interconnection standards should be established;

(5) Recognized best practices in net metering policies; and

(6) The impact of LB 436 on Nebraska's public utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 194.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. It is in the interest of the State of Nebraska to prevent both unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases to the greatest extent possible. Approximately half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended. Unintended pregnancies can lead to mental and physical health problems, poverty, and abortions. The rise of sexually transmitted diseases is also a growing concern in Nebraska. Unsafe and unhealthy sexual practices lead to a rise in sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancies, and abortions. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A study of Nebraska's sex education policy for determining effective, age-appropriate sex education curriculum in Nebraska's public schools;

(2) A study of the role of families and communities in providing information on sex and pregnancy and how parents can be equipped to provide accurate information to their children;

(3) A study of the role of the state in providing family planning services to economically disadvantaged Nebraskans, including the effectiveness of applying for the federal medicaid waiver;

(4) A study of the effectiveness, availability, and accuracy of information regarding contraceptives and their role in preventing unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases; and

(5) A recommendation for any legislation necessary to address issues and solutions suggested by this study.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 195.** Introduced by Haar, 21; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine energy efficiency. Greater energy efficiency can provide many benefits, including the following: (1) Reduction of pollution and other environmental impacts associated with the production, generation, and use of electricity, natural gas, and oil; (2) increasing the reliability of electricity systems by reducing the strain on the electrical grid during peak demand periods, which can also reduce or delay the need for new power plants, power transmission lines, and power distribution upgrades; (3) improving national security by reducing dependence on oil and other resources from other countries, particularly from areas that are politically unstable or hostile toward the United States; (4) reduction in the amount of money required to heat, cool, and light buildings and operate motor vehicles; and (5) improving the economy of the state and its communities by reducing money sent out-of-state to pay for energy costs. The State of Nebraska and its political subdivisions should have the most up-to-date information on current energy usage and energy efficiency measures that are available and being utilized. The issues to be addressed by this study shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) A review of methods of determining energy usage by the state and its political subdivisions;

(2) A review of effective energy efficiency methods currently being used in the state by state agencies, political subdivisions, including school districts, and Nebraska's public power districts;

(3) A review of studies of energy efficiency being conducted by academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska;

(4) A review of effective energy efficiency methods being utilized in other states;

(5) A review of methods of providing funding for energy efficiency projects, including how to best utilize federal stimulus money;

(6) A review of any other topics deemed necessary for a complete examination of this issue; and

(7) A recommendation for any legislation needed to accomplish the goals of energy efficiency, including any legislation necessary to utilize federal stimulus money.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 196.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Karpisek, 32, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Friend, 10; Price, 3; Rogert, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and review the Nebraska Liquor Control Act to determine whether the act should be revised and updated with respect to retail licenses. The study shall also include recommendations regarding what, if anything, should be updated in the act. The act was initially passed in 1935, making it 75 years old in 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 197.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Karpisek, 32, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Friend, 10; Price, 3; Rogert, 16.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 198.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study 529 college savings plans, including their performance and administration. The increasing cost of tuition makes financial planning for secondary education critical to most Nebraska families. As such, the citizens of Nebraska must be able to rely on their state government to offer highly-rated and high-performing 529 college savings plans. Recent reports demonstrate that the 529 college savings plans currently offered by Nebraska do not meet these expectations. This study shall:

- (1) Compare the performance of Nebraska's 529 college savings plans with those offered by other states;
- (2) Determine why Nebraska's plans have underperformed as compared to their peers;
- (3) Identify attributes common to the elite 529 college savings plans in the country and evaluate how these plans are administered; and
- (4) Make recommendations to enhance the performance of Nebraska's 529 college savings plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 199.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Karpisek, 32, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Friend, 10; Price, 3; Rogert, 16; Ashford, 20; Lautenbaugh, 18; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine and review the situation in Whiteclay, Nebraska, regarding the sale of alcohol and its secondary effects. The study shall also include recommendations for what, if anything, should be done to address the issues regarding alcohol sales in Whiteclay. The study may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) An examination of whether the Whiteclay alcohol licensees are violating the Nebraska Liquor Control Act;
- (2) An examination of the socioeconomic impact of alcohol and related issues on the Whiteclay area;
- (3) An examination of whether the Nebraska Liquor Control Act is effective in its current form or whether changes should be made to more effectively address the issues in Whiteclay;

(4) An examination of whether law enforcement efforts to enforce the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and other state and federal statutes are effective; and

(5) An examination of the relationship between local and state authorities, Pine Ridge Native American authorities, the State of South Dakota, and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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

1. That the General Affairs and Judiciary Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 200.** Introduced by Rogert, 16; Karpisek, 32.

**PURPOSE:** In 1983, the program created under sections 23-362 and 23-362.01 in 1957 was placed under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (LB 607), Program 196.

Since 1986 and the most recent criminal retrocession for the Winnebago Tribe, the commission has interpreted the statute to mean that the counties, including Thurston County, should not receive state aid any longer for law enforcement on the reservations.

However, Thurston County may still be spending county funds in order to provide for law enforcement and county operations on the reservation since the criminal retrocession for the Winnebago Tribe in 1986 due to the exception left in for traffic violations when the Omaha Tribe retroceded in 1969.

The purpose of this study is to determine if Thurston County is still entitled to automatic state aid payments and a reimbursement and, if this is the case, how to reimburse the county.

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

(1) What are the geographic boundaries of the Winnebago and Omaha Tribes in Thurston County;

(2) Is the method for reimbursement to Thurston County a federal or a state responsibility;

(3) How much has Thurston County lost due to traffic violations since the decision to stop state aid due to the criminal retrocession for the Winnebago Tribe in 1986;

(4) Is the commission correct in its interpretation that state aid ceases to Thurston County after the criminal retrocession for the Winnebago Tribe in 1986; and

(5) What is the appropriate method for reimbursement.

Based on this study, the committee shall make any recommendations necessary to address any concerns relative to the funding and reimbursement to Thurston County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 201.** Introduced by Rogert, 16; Friend, 10; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** In the last legislative session the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature considered LB 381. That bill proposes two separate and independent acts, the Community Improvement District Act (sections 1 to 19 of the bill) and the Transportation Development District Act (sections 20 to 55 of the bill).

Both acts propose the creation of local, self-governing political subdivisions given broad general taxation powers, generally based upon local voter approval, and general power to act to implement economic development and infrastructure construction and improvement agendas, independent of political subdivision oversight.

In the light of the significant issues involved in the legislation and the potential they have for providing new economic development tools for local governments, the committee decided that it would be appropriate to devote study during the interim to the provisions of the bill and their impact and how best modify it to meet the particular needs of our municipalities in the current economic environment. In addition, some time would be devoted to determining the effectiveness of the proposed acts in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 202.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

**PURPOSE:** Under Nebraska law, cities and villages exercise jurisdiction for a number of purposes over areas outside of their boundaries. In addition to planning and zoning regulations, subdivision regulations, and building codes, these areas are also subject to some police power regulations, including nuisance laws. The citizens who live in that area often pay higher

fees or taxes as the result of municipal action on the construction, improvement, or expansion of some utility facilities.

Municipal decisions involving expansions of facilities that provide water, sewer, gas, or solid waste disposal services can have a significant influence on the cost and quality of life of the residents both inside and outside city limits.

The purpose of this study will be to investigate the full range of powers granted to municipalities, both cities and villages, which involve jurisdiction over residents in areas outside of municipal boundaries, determine how widespread is the exercise of these powers and the extent of their reach, and determine if these powers are necessary or appropriate or if they should be expanded or modified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 203.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is for the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature to study the cost-effectiveness of upgrading the Nebraska Energy Code for new commercial construction to thirty percent beyond the existing code. Nebraska's current standard for new commercial construction is the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code as developed by the International Code Council. The most recent national energy standard is the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. Nebraska consumers are requesting more energy efficiency and environmental standards in new commercial construction. The results of this study will provide the basis for the Urban Affairs Committee to determine whether Nebraska should upgrade the Nebraska Energy Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 204.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Friend, 10, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** This study will provide the opportunity for the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature to investigate and review matters and issues

arising during the interim which are within its jurisdiction and which may be the subject of bills to be introduced in the 2010 legislative session.

The study will involve:

(1) A review of any legislation considered by the committee during the 2009 legislative session which failed to advance from committee or to be adopted to determine what further action by the committee might be warranted with regard to the particular subjects of the individual bills;

(2) A review of problems, concerns, or legislation proposed for introduction by senators or other parties for study, technical discussion, or conceptual refinement before the start of the next legislative session; and

(3) The conduct of at least one public hearing to provide an opportunity for public comment and discussion with members of the committee and the public on issues involving matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 205.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

**PURPOSE:** State law gives authority to cities and villages to adopt various building codes, plumbing codes, electrical codes, fire prevention codes, energy efficiency codes, and other codes relating to the building or construction of structures, both residential and commercial.

Over the course of time various issues have come to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature regarding building codes: The appropriate code or version of a code to adopt by statute; the adoption and enforcement of these codes on the local level; the interrelationship of the various codes; the proper role of the various state agencies with authority regarding the codes and their enforcement; and the various jurisdictional issues surrounding local subdivision enactment and enforcement of codes.

This study would examine these issues and questions and review the status of current state law regarding the various codes currently in use by cities and villages in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 206.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to learning communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 207.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to (1) examine the statutory means by which a city of the primary class would establish a separate transit authority, similar to Omaha's Metro Area Transit (MAT) and (2) identify the steps that need to be taken at the federal or state level to facilitate the transfer of transit assets from a city of the primary class to a separate transit authority.

MAT is Omaha's public transit system. Created pursuant to the Transit Authority Law, MAT is a governmental subdivision that is separate from the city of Omaha. It is vested with a number of powers and duties, including the ability to set routes and raise revenue. MAT is governed by a five-member board of directors who are appointed by local elected officials.

The Transit Authority Law applies only to cities of the metropolitan class. In the city of Lincoln (a primary class city), the public transit system is known as StarTran. StarTran is not a separate governmental subdivision; rather, it is a division of the city's Public Works and Utilities Department. As such, many of StarTran's activities, including budgeting and major route-setting, are subject to approval by the city council or the mayor.

It is the intent of the Legislature that this interim study will examine whether or not it is sound public policy to allow a city of the primary class to create a separate transit authority and determine an outline of the steps necessary at the federal or state level to facilitate the transfer of transit assets from a city of the primary class to the separate transit authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 208.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: During tough economic times when traditional sources of funds to grow businesses are limited, it becomes important to study innovative ways to invest in economic development. The purpose of this interim study is to focus on innovative and creative solutions to supplement traditional economic development tools, including the use of private "angel investors" in new companies. The study will also evaluate innovative programs in other states and report on what is lacking and needed in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 209.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The State of Nebraska is about to embark on a major modernization effort in its delivery of legally authorized health and human services. The current proposal seeks to reduce the number of state employees employed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The modernization proposal requires communities to partner with the state in the delivery of services previously provided by state employees. Other states have embarked on similar efforts. Nebraskans who are elderly or disabled have difficulties interacting with new technologies.

The purpose of this interim study is to explore the implications of the Department of Health and Human Services' discontinuance of the existing manner in which they interact with citizens of this state and the utilization of new technologies, such as Access Nebraska.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Loudon, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to determine whether lodging taxes should apply to home rentals since a bed and breakfast is

subject to lodging tax but if a homeowner rents their home out for multiple weeks to persons not intending to use it as a residence, no lodging tax is collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 211.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Loudon, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to determine whether the sales tax collected on heating fuels should be changed to an excise tax so as to minimize the impact of the volatility of sales prices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 212.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Loudon, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the valuation of agricultural land for tax purposes in Nebraska and in surrounding states. The goal of the study is to produce a workable legislative proposal for valuing agricultural land. The study shall also examine issues raised by the enforcement of greenbelt statutes and other laws relating to the valuation of agricultural land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 213.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Louden, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to determine whether current business tax incentive programs should be changed to recognize that jobs that were part of a bankrupt entity that are now part of a business that qualifies for a tax incentive program may be counted regardless of the waiting periods in place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 214.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Louden, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the local government levy limits and the property tax related proposals that have been implemented since 1995. The study should include an analysis of the impact that such legislation has had on taxpayers and on local government finances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 215.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Louden, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the current processes and procedures in statute applicable to county boards of equalization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 216.** Introduced by Friend, 10; Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: Municipalities in Nebraska have been granted broad general authority to levy occupation taxes. The full extent to which the authority has been exercised has not been fully investigated or documented.

During the course of this legislative session, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature considered two bills involving modifications to occupation tax authority, LB 174 (to modify wheel tax authority in Omaha) and LB 470 (to limit certain city occupation taxes).

This study will endeavor to identify the range of occupation taxes which are currently levied by cities and villages in Nebraska, the types of business activities which are the subject of such taxes, the impact of such taxes upon the general business climate in such communities, and the reliance of municipalities upon such taxes and the extent to which municipalities use such taxes to supplement other local sources of revenue. The study will also seek to determine the role such taxes play in helping municipalities who use them to cope with budget and property tax levy limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 217.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to encourage entrepreneurship and private funding programs in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) A list and review of existing state and private funding for microlending, entrepreneurship, seed capital, angel capital, and venture capital programs in Nebraska; (2) an examination of ways to increase any needed state involvement in these programs; and (3) an examination of ways to encourage private businesses to leverage additional federal research funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 218.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to determine ways the State of Nebraska can promote and increase the export of Nebraska's agricultural products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 219.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: To determine ways the state can play a role in reducing trancies among Nebraska's K-12 students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 220.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review recent trends and developments in the regulation of the business of insurance, especially those concerning the financial soundness of insurers in an evolving national and global economic environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 221.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to determine ways the State of Nebraska could promote energy conservation in commercial buildings and residential properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 222.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

**PURPOSE:** To study the issues related to granting the Department of Environmental Quality the statutory authority to file and collect environmental liens on property (both real and personal) of responsible parties in order to recover state funds expended if responsible parties (1) are insolvent, (2) refuse to take responsibility, or (3) are unavailable to undertake the required investigation, remediation, cleanup, or closure of property or a facility. An environmental lien would allow the state to equitably recover any state funds expended if significant environmental activity has occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 Christensen, 44.

**PURPOSE:** With divorce rates remaining high throughout the United States, many states have enacted laws to reduce divorce and mitigate its effects. Many government leaders have recognized the large and increasing cost divorce has had on not only the immediate couple and their families, but also communities and states as a whole. Many state governments are interested in identifying what part the states' policies, incentives, and initiatives can play in reversing the high rates of divorce.

Though many states have taken some action in this area, approximately ten years ago, Oklahoma took major steps to address divorce and its negative effects through a comprehensive effort called the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative. This initiative has provided thousands of couples with, and directed many to, a variety of marriage education courses and resources. During the initiative, evidence showed that while the national divorce rate was increasing, Oklahoma's divorce rate was decreasing.

Results from an economic study of the State of Oklahoma showing the negative effects of divorce on the state's economy helped spark this

initiative. The Governor of Oklahoma, realizing his state's economy had been negatively affected by divorce, and realizing his state had one of the highest rates of divorce in the nation at the time, pushed for the development of a plan to help reduce divorce in Oklahoma through policy changes, marriage education courses, and other resources.

This study will seek to understand the process Oklahoma went through to study the problem of divorce and implement the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative so that Nebraska may explore and learn from Oklahoma's actions and formulate possible changes in policy, which could potentially launch Nebraska's own marriage initiative. In addition, this study will seek to learn from other states and organizations that have taken actions to strengthen marriage and reduce divorce through policy change and marriage education. This study shall include, but not be limited to (1) examining steps Oklahoma used to understand divorce and its affect on the state's economy and public services, (2) examining Oklahoma's implementation of new policies and education under the marriage initiative, (3) examining the effectiveness of the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative in strengthening marriages and reducing divorce, (4) applying Oklahoma's successes with successes from other states to develop potential recommendations for policy changes and education, or a potential plan for a Nebraska Marriage Initiative, and (5) exploring the need for marriage education in Nebraska and how state government may appropriately partner with public and private organizations to reduce divorce in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 226.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine medical malpractice liability. In 1976, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act. The act included several provisions to protect doctors and hospitals from exposure to litigation for medical negligence, including limitations on the damages recoverable by those harmed by medical mistakes and elimination of the right to trial by jury. Over the three decades since the act was adopted, the Legislature has not studied the impact that the act has had on those persons who have been injured by medical negligence. The Legislature should study the impact that the provisions of the act have had on victims, including, but not limited to, (1) whether the limitations on damages have unfairly shifted the costs of medical negligence to the victims of medical negligence and to the state or political subdivisions, (2) the impact on the lives of persons whose damages exceeded the limitations, (3) whether the cap on damages has kept pace with inflation and medical cost inflation, (4) whether the denial of trial by jury has negatively impacted

victims of medical mistakes, and (5) whether the limitation on damages has provided unfair negotiating leverage for insurance carriers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 227.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to conduct research and make recommendations relating to peer support for mental health consumers. The issues to be addressed shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the concept of peer support, (2) education and training, (3) employment, salary, benefit, and career opportunities, (4) state recognition certifications, and (5) public and private funding mechanisms.

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

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine organic foods. Consumer demand for organic foods is rapidly increasing. Nebraska farmers have an opportunity to become leaders in the growth and marketing of organic foods as farmers markets, grocery stores, restaurants, and other businesses continue to add more organic products in response to the demand. Organic foods can provide economic development opportunities for Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and businesses. Organic products must maintain certain standards in order to be granted organic certification. This study shall include, but not be limited to, examination of the following:

- (1) Methods of increasing organic food production;
- (2) Whether incentives are necessary or effective in supporting organic food production;
- (3) Whether there are barriers to developing organic food production;
- (4) Whether policies are needed to protect organic agriculture from contamination by other agriculture which is not organic;
- (5) Methods of developing and expanding markets for organic foods; and
- (6) Policies of other states and the federal government related to support for organic agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 229.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the impact of federal and state bans on the slaughter of horses and the transport of horses for slaughter and the options available for the disposal of horses. The study shall also consider the impact of legislation and resolutions passed by other states regarding the issue of the slaughter of horses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 230.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine matchup or lineup video gaming devices that award monetary prizes, in which two or more numerals, symbols, letters, icons, or other objects align to form a winning combination on one or more lines vertically, horizontally, diagonally, or otherwise, with or without assistance by the player. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the estimated number of devices thought to be in operation in Nebraska and the projected number of future devices, a determination of how revenue generated from the devices is allocated, a determination of the amount of taxes and fees collected on the devices, an analysis of the current and future projected impact such devices are having on legal forms of gaming in Nebraska, including the revenue impact on local governments and nonprofit organizations, and an analysis of any other issues deemed relevant by the committee. The committee shall determine whether any legislation addressing such video gaming devices is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 231.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine ways the state could promote job creation in the more economically disadvantaged, rural communities in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 232.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the occupation taxes imposed on wireless telecommunication services. Nebraska had the highest rate of taxation on wireless telecommunication consumers in the country with a rate in excess of 18%, in part due to occupation taxes. There is no limit on the occupation tax rate that may be imposed on wireless telecommunication services. Customers in some areas pay an occupation tax of up to 6.25% on wireless telecommunication services, while consumers in other areas pay no occupation tax. The occupation tax is a regressive tax, burdening lower-income customers at the same rate as higher-income customers. 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. Occupation taxes create a burden on the development of new wireless telecommunication services and the growth of existing wireless telecommunication services. The Legislature should study the occupation taxes currently 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 FIRST 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 233.** Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine judicial resources and the allocation of judicial resources to determine whether changes should be made in order for the state to utilize such resources more efficiently.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 234.** Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review current statutes and regulations related to community-based developmental disability service providers. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Identifying existing regulations currently needed to promote the safety of persons receiving services and the safety of the community; and
- (2) Recommendations to the Legislature about statutes and regulations that no longer address the safety of persons receiving services and the safety of the community.

The study may involve interested parties, both public and private.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: This study will examine two different water issues in Nebraska. First, it will examine potential programs to achieve the needed amount of retired irrigated acres under the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, entered into by the State of Nebraska under the Platte River Cooperative Agreement, and how to finance such programs. Second, the study will examine potential programs to address future water-short years in the Republican River Basin, and how to finance these programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 236.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine in vitro fertilization. The reproductive technology called in vitro fertilization (IVF) has allowed many couples and women to have children who could not have children otherwise. Because IVF creates a human embryo, which is a new and unique human being at its earliest stage of human development, and because several recent uses of this technology in the United States have appeared to treat human life trivially and like a commodity, many Americans are calling for tougher regulations of doctors and clinics that perform this procedure.

In one such case of questionable use of IVF, a single mother with six children had, in one single IVF procedure, at least eight human embryos implanted into her uterus. All eight of these embryos became viable, and she successfully delivered eight children. She is now a single mom with fourteen children.

In many other cases, IVF clinics create more human embryos through IVF than they will use or need. Many of these human embryos are frozen, discarded, or destroyed during medical research. This advancement in reproductive technology has given rise to many moral and ethical questions and dilemmas. Millions of Americans are calling for their state governments to look into increasing the regulation of this procedure to protect and show respect for human life at all stages of development.

This study seeks to review Nebraska's policies regarding IVF and identify potential areas where regulation is lacking and proper protections do not exist to appropriately secure the dignity of human life.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, examining Nebraska's current regulations regarding IVF, examining the appropriateness of limiting the number of human embryos created during a single IVF procedure, and examining what is the appropriate handling of human embryos created by IVF after their parents no longer want them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 237.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to evaluate the period of time juveniles are involved in the Nebraska juvenile court system and examine ways to improve and streamline the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 238.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the proliferation of retail liquor licenses. Unrestrained proliferation could prove harmful to a community, as well as reduce the value of existing retail liquor-serving businesses. This study shall:

- (1) Find what methods are available to control the proliferation of alcohol-serving establishments;
- (2) Determine what impact such methods would have on existing businesses;
- (3) Determine what impact such methods would have on investment in new businesses; and
- (4) Recommend appropriate action, if any.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 239.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to assess the effectiveness of existing community corrections programs and to determine whether the community corrections concept could be expanded to save taxpayer money, prevent nonviolent, low-risk offender recidivism, and free up prison space for high-risk and violent offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 240.** Introduced by Christensen, 44; Schilz, 47; Giese, 17; Hansen, 42.

**PURPOSE:** Rural economic development is an important tool to encourage economic growth in rural Nebraska. Livestock production is vital to the economic prosperity and overall growth of Nebraska and the well-being of its citizens. This study seeks to examine ideas for encouraging responsible livestock development through voluntary participation and partnerships between communities, counties, organizations, and state agencies. This study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying obstacles to successful economic development through enhanced livestock development, examining appropriate voluntary participation and partnerships between communities, counties, organizations, and state agencies in achieving the desired livestock development, and examining the funding for potential assistance or incentives for counties to help with infrastructure needs due to livestock development in their counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 241.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the valuation processes of real property in Nebraska insofar as it affects our citizen's local property taxes and to investigate whether the state's valuation processes can be improved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 262.** Introduced by Education Committee: Adams, 24, Chairperson; Ashford, 20; Avery, 28; Cornett, 45; Giese, 17; Howard, 9; Sullivan, 41.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to postsecondary education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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 263.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dierks, 40; Friend, 10; Hadley, 37; Louden, 49; Utter, 33; White, 8.

**PURPOSE:** To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST 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.



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