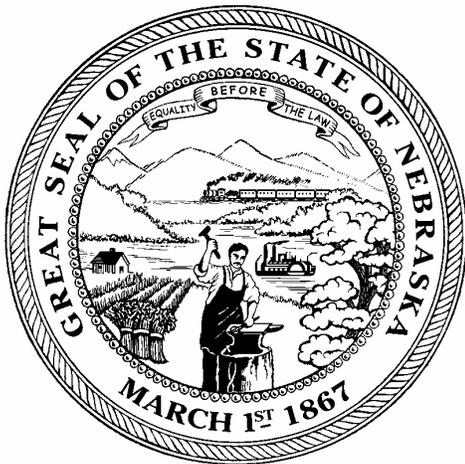


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STUDY  
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- LR221 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to Nebraska's property tax homestead exemption program  
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- LR222 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to changing and adjusting individual and corporate income tax rate brackets  
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- LR223 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to Nebraska's special capital gains income tax deduction, the dividend income tax deduction, and issues pertaining to codification of the economic substance doctrine  
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- LR224 Interim study to examine issues surrounding use of energy financing contracts, also known as energy savings performance contracts by state agencies and political subdivisions  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
- LR225 Interim study to examine issues surrounding the conversion of municipal street lighting systems to light-emitting diode (LED) lighting systems  
Urban Affairs
- LR226\* Interim study to examine the feasibility of implementing a pilot program to incentivize individuals to move to rural counties which have experienced population loss  
Revenue/Education
- LR227 Interim study to examine adopting a comprehensive plumbing code applicable to all jurisdictions that could enforce the comprehensive plumbing code  
Urban Affairs

- LR228\* Interim study to examine the safety of staff members at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Geneva and Kearney  
Judiciary/Health and Human Services
- LR229 Interim study to examine the feasibility of requiring all law enforcement personnel and law enforcement personnel designated to investigate alleged child abuse and neglect situations, to complete continuing education courses on an annual basis  
Judiciary
- LR230 Interim study to examine issues relating to development and implementation of a biobased product program for government procurement  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
- LR231 Interim study to examine any aspect of the state tax structure and tax policy  
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- LR232 Interim study to examine the fiscal impact of tax increment financing on taxpayers and governments throughout the state  
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- LR233 Interim study to review the scope of the agricultural exemption from the One-Call Notification System Act  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR234 Interim study to examine policy options and develop a long-term plan to support infrastructure development for the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel  
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- LR257 Interim study to examine the flood control needs of Omaha and the greater Omaha metropolitan area  
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- LR258\* Interim study to examine the availability of technology to provide the electronic request and approval of prior authorization requests for medical and pharmacy interventions  
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- LR260 Interim study to examine statutes and regulations on in-situ mining and hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking  
Natural Resources
- LR261 Interim study to examine how Nebraska's public power utilities can partner with private energy efficiency companies to offer "On Bill Pay"  
Natural Resources

- LR262 Interim study to examine the effects of imposing an earning cap on the calculation of a final pensionable salary for school employees  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR263\* Interim study to examine municipal, state, and federal programs available to assist with job creation in the manufacturing sector  
Revenue/Urban Affairs
- LR264 Interim study to examine ways to encourage recycling and the use of recycling materials in manufacturing by Nebraska businesses, and possible changes to existing tax incentives and grant programs  
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Appropriations/Judiciary

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- LR283 Interim study to examine Nebraska's judicial system, specifically issues affecting judicial effectiveness and independence  
Judiciary
- LR284 Interim study to examine current law with respect to the changing of surnames as a result of marriage  
Judiciary
- LR285\* Interim study to examine the nursing shortage in Nebraska  
Appropriations/Health and Human Services
- LR286 Interim study to examine the Legislature's use of resources from designated cash funds for purposes of funding legislation independent of the budget process  
Appropriations
- LR287 Interim study to analyze the in transit system in Nebraska for motor vehicle dealer sales and private transactions  
Transportation and Telecommunications
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Health and Human Services
- LR292 Interim study to examine cellular phone related safety issues in construction and school zones  
Transportation and Telecommunications

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- LR294 Interim study to examine the formation and mission of outdoor outfitters and guides in the State of Nebraska  
Natural Resources
- LR295 Interim study to compile research relating to food safety, animal welfare, resource stewardship, and farm economy welfare, associated with restrictions of livestock husbandry practices promoted by animal welfare advocacy groups  
Agriculture
- LR296 Interim study to examine potential structural models for commodity development programs to enhance flexibility, resources, and accountability to producers  
Agriculture
- LR297 Interim study to review the report of the Dept. of Agriculture pursuant to LB305, identifying authorities and resources necessary to carry out a cooperative program of state meat and poultry inspection  
Agriculture
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Natural Resources
- LR305 Interim study to examine the public benefits and supportive services available to older foster youth transitioning or "aging" out of the foster care system  
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Health and Human Services
- LR307 Interim study to examine the process of decreasing the number of county commissioners  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
- LR308 Interim study to examine the intent of LB102, 2011, regarding vehicle loads  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR309 Interim study to examine ways to manage water and provide benefits to landowners and other entities for their ability to store and manage water in recharge areas  
Natural Resources
- LR310 Interim study to examine the intent of LB692, 2011, regarding the reimbursement of expenses by the Dept. of Administrative Services  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
- LR311 Interim study to examine the concept of a philanthropic entity investing in an area of state government instead of investing in the capital market  
Appropriations
- LR312 Interim study to examine the intent of LB392, 2011, including duties provided to the Game and Parks Commission for inspection, impoundment, and decontamination relating to aquatic invasive species  
Natural Resources

- LR313 Interim study to examine the intent of LR9CA, 2011, regarding agricultural and horticultural land valuation  
Revenue
- LR314 Interim study to examine all possible sources of revenue that could be used to establish a dedicated funding source for water management activities in Nebraska  
Natural Resources
- LR315 Interim study to examine simulcast horseracing in Nebraska  
General Affairs
- LR316 Interim study to examine the timing issues relating to the construction, permitting, and coordination processes of state and federal agencies regarding roads and transportation projects  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR317 Interim study to examine the funding formulas for the federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)  
Appropriations
- LR319 Interim study to examine the tax exemptions that pertain to the horseracing industry in Nebraska  
Revenue
- LR320 Interim study to examine the funding of public elementary and secondary education  
Education
- LR321 Interim study to examine the experiences of child victims and child witnesses with respect to their interaction with the criminal justice system  
Judiciary
- LR322 Interim study to examine issues relating to the operation of the Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory  
Agriculture
- LR323 Interim study to examine combined sewer overflow projects affecting municipalities  
Revenue
- LR324 Interim study to examine ways for the State of Nebraska to help facilitate an increase in the export of Nebraska's agricultural products  
Agriculture

- LR332 Interim study to determine the fairness of permanent wildlife conservation easements in today's economic and agricultural climates  
Natural Resources
- LR338 Interim study to examine the boundaries and taxing authority of transit authorities  
Urban Affairs
- LR350 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to the process and procedures used to value and equalize real property  
Revenue

## 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. 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. Each committee may file with the Clerk, his or her committee's study plan for the highest prioritized interim studies referenced to such committee.

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

### Committee Priority Designations

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**Agriculture:** Carlson (C), Wallman (VC), Bloomfield, Brasch, B. Harr, Karpisek, Larson, Lathrop

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LR324 Interim study to examine ways for the State of Nebraska to help facilitate an increase in the export of Nebraska's agricultural products  
Agriculture

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

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**Banking, Commerce and Insurance:** Pahls (C), McCoy (VC), Christensen, Gloor, Langemeier, Pankonin, Pirsch, Utter

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Health and Human Services/Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**Business and Labor:** Lathrop (C), Cook (VC), Ashford, Carlson, B. Harr, Smith, Wallman

- LR237 Interim study to examine issues surrounding the potential consolidation of the Dept. of Labor and the Dept. of Economic Development into a newly created Dept. of Economic and Workforce Development  
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**Education:** Adams (C), Howard (VC), Avery, Cornett, Council, K. Haar, Schilz, Sullivan

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- LR214 Interim study to examine issues surrounding graffiti, vandalism, the sale of spray paint or markers, destruction of property, and graffiti abatement  
Judiciary
- LR228\* Interim study to examine the safety of staff members at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Geneva and Kearney  
Judiciary/Health and Human Services
- LR229 Interim study to examine the feasibility of requiring all law enforcement personnel and law enforcement personnel designated to investigate alleged child abuse and neglect situations, to complete continuing education courses on an annual basis  
Judiciary
- LR250 Interim study to examine human trafficking in Nebraska  
Judiciary

- LR251 Interim study to examine immigration-related marriage fraud  
Judiciary
- LR275\* Interim study to examine Nebraska's behavioral health model concerning transport service of persons who have been placed in emergency protective custody  
Judiciary/Health and Human Services
- LR321 Interim study to examine the experiences of child victims and child witnesses with respect to their interaction with the criminal justice system  
Judiciary
- LR290\* Interim study to examine the procedures of the Dept. of Health and Human Services relating to the evaluation of state wards for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders prior to adoption  
Judiciary/Health and Human Services
- LR283 Interim study to examine Nebraska's judicial system, specifically issues affecting judicial effectiveness and independence  
Judiciary
- LR284 Interim study to examine current law with respect to the changing of surnames as a result of marriage  
Judiciary

**Natural Resources:** Langemeier (C), Schilz (VC), Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, K. Haar, McCoy, Smith

- LR314 Interim study to examine all possible sources of revenue that could be used to establish a dedicated funding source for water management activities in Nebraska  
Natural Resources
- LR332 Interim study to determine the fairness of permanent wildlife conservation easements in today's economic and agricultural climates  
Natural Resources
- LR273 Interim study to examine the criteria for developing integrated management plans required under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act  
Natural Resources
- LR309 Interim study to examine ways to manage water and provide benefits to landowners and other entities for their ability to store and manage water in recharge areas  
Natural Resources

- LR304 Interim study to examine legislative intent under the Nebr. Ground Water Management and Protection Act regarding water use on "commingled acres"  
Natural Resources
- LR260 Interim study to examine statutes and regulations on in-situ mining and hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking  
Natural Resources
- LR312 Interim study to examine the intent of LB392, 2011, including duties provided to the Game and Parks Commission for inspection, impoundment, and decontamination relating to aquatic invasive species  
Natural Resources
- LR205 Interim study to examine the potential establishment of a statewide electronics recycling program  
Natural Resources
- LR261 Interim study to examine how Nebraska's public power utilities can partner with private energy efficiency companies to offer "On Bill Pay"  
Natural Resources
- LR294 Interim study to examine the formation and mission of outdoor outfitters and guides in the State of Nebraska  
Natural Resources
- LR257 Interim study to examine the flood control needs of Omaha and the greater Omaha metropolitan area  
Natural Resources
- LR247 Interim study to examine development of a comprehensive approach to reducing the environmental and health risks posed by the use or disposal of selected consumer products  
Natural Resources
- Nebraska Retirement Systems:** Nordquist (C), Louden (VC), Heidemann, Karpisek, Mello, Pankonin
- LR210 Interim study to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR215\* Interim study to examine issues relating to defined benefit plans of political subdivisions  
Nebraska Retirement Systems/Business and Labor

- LR216\* Interim study to examine public employee contracts entered into pursuant to collective bargaining and benefits for public officials, including wages, pension, retirement, and health insurance benefits  
Business and Labor/Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR262 Interim study to examine the effects of imposing an earning cap on the calculation of a final pensionable salary for school employees  
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- Revenue:** Cornett (C), Utter (VC), Adams, Fischer, Hadley, Loudon, Pankonin, Pirsch
- LR232 Interim study to examine the fiscal impact of tax increment financing on taxpayers and governments throughout the state  
Revenue
- LR350 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to the process and procedures used to value and equalize real property  
Revenue
- LR220 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to the imposition of occupation taxes by local governments  
Revenue
- LR217\* Interim study to examine issues pertaining to creating a regional transportation commission or authority for purposes of helping to fund political subdivisions' transportation infrastructure projects  
Revenue/Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR226\* Interim study to examine the feasibility of implementing a pilot program to incentivize individuals to move to rural counties which have experienced population loss  
Revenue/Education
- LR271 Interim study to analyze the Nebraska Advantage Act  
Revenue
- LR323 Interim study to examine combined sewer overflow projects affecting municipalities  
Revenue
- LR222 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to changing and adjusting individual and corporate income tax rate brackets  
Revenue

- LR223 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to Nebraska's special capital gains income tax deduction, the dividend income tax deduction, and issues pertaining to codification of the economic substance doctrine  
Revenue
- LR221 Interim study to examine issues pertaining to Nebraska's property tax homestead exemption program  
Revenue
- LR231 Interim study to examine any aspect of the state tax structure and tax policy  
Revenue
- LR234 Interim study to examine policy options and develop a long-term plan to support infrastructure development for the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel  
Revenue
- LR264 Interim study to examine ways to encourage recycling and the use of recycling materials in manufacturing by Nebraska businesses, and possible changes to existing tax incentives and grant programs  
Revenue
- LR313 Interim study to examine the intent of LR9CA, 2011, regarding agricultural and horticultural land valuation  
Revenue
- LR263\* Interim study to examine municipal, state, and federal programs available to assist with job creation in the manufacturing sector  
Revenue/Urban Affairs
- LR319 Interim study to examine the tax exemptions that pertain to the horseracing industry in Nebraska  
Revenue

**Transportation and Telecommunications:** Fischer (C), Hadley (VC), Campbell, Dubas, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Loudon, Price

- LR217\* Interim study to examine issues pertaining to creating a regional transportation commission or authority for purposes of helping to fund political subdivisions' transportation infrastructure projects  
Revenue/Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR287 Interim study to analyze the in transit system in Nebraska for motor vehicle dealer sales and private transactions  
Transportation and Telecommunications

- LR233 Interim study to review the scope of the agricultural exemption from the One-Call Notification System Act  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR316 Interim study to examine the timing issues relating to the construction, permitting, and coordination processes of state and federal agencies regarding roads and transportation projects  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR308 Interim study to examine the intent of LB102, 2011, regarding vehicle loads  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR174 Interim study to examine what impediments exist in state statute to attracting national agricultural and business conventions and trade shows to facilities in Nebraska, including review of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR292 Interim study to examine cellular phone related safety issues in construction and school zones  
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR242 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
Transportation and Telecommunications

**Urban Affairs:** McGill (C), Coash (VC), Ashford, Cook, Krist, Schumacher, Smith

- LR209 Interim study to examine all of the building codes in Nebraska  
Urban Affairs
- LR227 Interim study to examine adopting a comprehensive plumbing code applicable to all jurisdictions that could enforce the comprehensive plumbing code  
Urban Affairs
- LR203 Interim study to examine issues surrounding vacant residential and commercial properties  
Urban Affairs
- LR207 Interim study to examine the formation and governance of sanitary and improvement districts  
Urban Affairs
- LR225 Interim study to examine issues surrounding the conversion of municipal street lighting systems to light-emitting diode (LED) lighting systems  
Urban Affairs

- LR263\* Interim study to examine municipal, state, and federal programs available to assist with job creation in the manufacturing sector  
Revenue/Urban Affairs
- LR338 Interim study to examine the boundaries and taxing authority of transit authorities  
Urban Affairs
- LR241 Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Nebraska Redevelopment Act  
Urban Affairs



## INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 85.** Introduced by Pahls, 31; Christensen, 44; Gloor, 35; Langemeier, 23; Pankonin, 2; Pirsch, 4; Utter, 33; McCoy, 39.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study how the insurance laws of this state should be amended by the Legislature to respond to the provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), regarding establishment of health insurance exchanges by the states. The study committee should review the development and final provisions of the legislative proposals for exchange implementation resulting from the activities by the State of Nebraska pursuant to its federal State Planning and Establishment Grant, as managed by the Department of Insurance, with the cooperation of and input from other affected state agencies. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Insurance and should consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 138.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Council, 11; Gloor, 35; Howard, 9; McGill, 26; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to find a solution to the exit of insurers from the health insurance marketplace for stand-alone health insurance policies for children.

Children can no longer be denied health insurance based on their health status, nor can insurers refuse to pay for treatment because of a preexisting condition as a result of the passage of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152. However, insurers in the individual market no longer offer new stand-alone or child-only policies in the State of Nebraska.

The Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has clarified a variety of policy options available to states under the new federal health care law to overcome the collapse of the health insurance market for stand-alone policies for children. The study committee should review these and other options to find a solution to this issue.

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

1. That a committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall 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 Gloor, 35; Avery, 28; Campbell, 25; Dubas, 34; K. Haar, 21; Hadley, 37; Janssen, 15; Louden, 49; Nordquist, 7; Pankonin, 2; Sullivan, 41; Utter, 33.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study what impediments exist in state statute to attracting national agricultural and business conventions and trade shows to facilities in Nebraska. Such examination of statute may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 197.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study issues related to the potential implementation of an all-payer claims database in Nebraska. An all-payer claims database can collect and provide information on inpatient, outpatient, pharmacy, and dental services for commercially insured, publicly insured, and self-insured populations. It is the public policy goal of an all-payer claims database to provide greater transparency regarding the cost and quality of medical services in order to empower consumers to make well-informed health care decisions. The committees shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- (1) An evaluation of which payers should be required to submit price and quality information and what types of claims should be collected to allow consumers, medical providers, researchers, and policymakers to effectively and efficiently compare costs and the quality of care;
- (2) An examination of data collection and storage processes to maintain security, privacy, and confidentiality in compliance with all state and federal privacy laws;
- (3) An evaluation of the available technologies to collect claims data and to reproduce that data in a timely manner and user-friendly format; and

(4) A consideration of options for sustainable funding of an all-payer claims database.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 198.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the governance and coordination of postsecondary education in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 200.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the insurance laws of Nebraska should be amended to provide that insurance or self-insurance providing coverage to an operator of a motor vehicle not owned by the operator shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance providing coverage to the motor vehicle. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons and organizations, including motor vehicle dealers and insurers, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 202.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Council, 11; Gloor, 35; Howard, 9; McGill, 26; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study public assistance programs with income-based eligibility criteria in Nebraska and the program rules that contribute or detract from asset building and economic stability for participating families. In some assistance programs, a small increase in income leads to the abrupt termination or substantial reduction in public assistance. This leaves families in a more precarious financial situation despite an increase in income due to the loss of public assistance. The committee shall conduct a study that assesses options for removing public assistance program policy barriers to asset building and increased work participation.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 203.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding vacant residential and commercial properties. This study shall include an examination of current tools available to Nebraska municipalities to address vacant residential and commercial properties as well as a comparative study of tools available to municipalities in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the potential establishment of a statewide electronics recycling program in the State of Nebraska. The issues addressed by the study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An analysis of the demand for electronics recycling in Nebraska;
- (2) An analysis of the availability of electronics recycling programs within Nebraska, with emphasis on availability in rural areas of the state;

(3) A review of the cost to establish a statewide electronics recycling program and possible funding sources;

(4) An analysis of the effect of adopting a statewide electronics recycling program, if any, on small businesses in Nebraska;

(5) A review of the health and ecological risks associated with electronic waste; and

(6) A comparative review of electronics recycling statutes that have been adopted in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 206.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine funding streams available to adult education programs to better transition adults into postsecondary education through "bridge programs." The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of current investments made in adult education at the state, local, and federal levels;

(2) An examination of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training plan, which allows states to provide education and training services to SNAP participants, and whether current or additional funding in the program could be used to support bridge programs;

(3) A review of the current use of funds received by the state under the federal College Access Challenge Grant Program and whether such funds could be used to support bridge programs;

(4) An examination of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families rainy day fund in the Department of Health and Human Services and whether the fund could be used to support bridge programs;

(5) A review of the current use of discretionary funds received by the state through the Workforce Investment Act for adult and dislocated workers and whether such funds could be used to support bridge programs; and

(6) An examination of additional existing funding streams that could be used to fund bridge programs.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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 the study make a

report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 207.** Introduced by Dubas, 34.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the formation and governance of sanitary and improvement districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to determine the best manner in which to license certified applied behavioral analysts in Nebraska. Such masters and doctoral level professionals are trained to conduct empirically based behavioral therapy and are not currently licensed under Nebraska law. LB 630 (2011) proposes a method for licensure, however modifications are needed. The committee should review LB 630 and any proposed amendments to find a solution to the issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 209.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McGill, 26, Chairperson; Cook, 13; Krist, 10; Schumacher, 22; Smith, 14.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine all of the building codes in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the state building code, the state plumbing code, the Nebraska Energy Code, and the state electrical code, and to work towards the development of a consistent long-term policy for code adoption and enforcement in the state. The committee specifically intends to explore the following areas:

- (1) The current method of code adoption and amendment by political subdivisions, the ability or difficulty of code adoption at the local level, and statutory harmonization of local procedures of code adoption, amending procedures, and enforcement;

(2) Other states' methods or policies on code adoption;

(3) The current method of code adoption in Nebraska and any potential issues with unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority that exist in statute, as discussed in *Clemens v. Harvey*, 247 Neb. 77 (1994); and

(4) The compatibility of the International Energy Conservation Code and the International Residential Code, and which code takes priority on any conflicting sections of these codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 210.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Nordquist, 7, Chairperson; Heidemann, 1; Karpisek, 32; Mello, 5; Pankonin, 2.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this study is to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the Nebraska Judges Retirement System. The committee may also examine the Class V School Employees Retirement System administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

The committee shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 211.** Introduced by Education Committee: Adams, 24, Chairperson; Avery, 28; Council, 11; K. Haar, 21; Howard, 9; Schilz, 47; Sullivan, 41.

**PURPOSE:** To study the offering of elementary and secondary courses and high school diplomas through electronic means in Nebraska by monitoring the cooperative efforts of educational service units, school districts, the State Department of Education, and the University of Nebraska in expanding and enhancing opportunities for students to access such courses and to earn high

school diplomas through electronic means. The committee may also develop legislation to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of such offerings utilizing existing resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 212.** Introduced by Gloor, 35; Bloomfield, 17; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Krist, 10; Wallman, 30.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this study is to review the operations and usefulness of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act, sections 71-6201 to 71-6229. The act has been in existence for over twenty-five years and has never been revisited by the Legislature despite significant changes in the health care field and in the delivery of health care. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Whether the act, known as the 407 program, fulfills its original purpose of providing the Legislature with valuable information for the purpose of making informed legislative decisions regarding the licensure and scope of practice of regulated health professionals;

(2) Whether provisions and procedures utilized by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services in administering the act are fair and impartial to the parties involved in the reviews;

(3) Whether the criteria set out in law for the review of proposals for initial licensure of a health profession and the expansion of the scope of practice of an already licensed health profession are central to the interests and concerns of the Legislature in the review and consideration of such proposals;

(4) Whether the well-being and safety of consumers are adequately reflected by the review criteria in statute as administered by the division and whether those interests are appropriately balanced in relation to advantages of enabling consumer access to new services, technology, or providers; and

(5) The act authorized the division to promulgate regulations for the conduct of 407 reviews, though such regulations have never been promulgated. Would the 407 program be well served by the promulgation of such regulations at this time?

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

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

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

Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 214.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding graffiti, vandalism, the sale of spray paint or markers, destruction of property, and graffiti abatement. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examination of the impact of graffiti-related crimes throughout the state;
- (2) Examination of current tools available to Nebraska municipalities to address graffiti, vandalism, the sale of spray paint or markers, destruction of property, and graffiti abatement;
- (3) Examination of offenses in the Nebraska Criminal Code that relate to graffiti, vandalism, the sale of spray paint or markers, and destruction of property, including a review of current penalties and possible enhanced penalties; and
- (4) A comparative study of tools, programs, and funding available to municipalities for graffiti abatement as well as criminal offenses addressing graffiti, vandalism, the sale of spray paint or markers, and destruction of property in other states.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 215.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Nordquist, 7, Chairperson; Heidemann, 1; Karpisek, 32; Mello, 5; Pankonin, 2.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to defined benefit plans of political subdivisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 216.** Introduced by Smith, 14; Ashford, 20; Lathrop, 12; Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study public employee contracts entered into pursuant to collective bargaining and benefits for public officials. For purposes of this resolution, public employee has the same meaning as in section 49-1442, and public official has the same meaning as in section 49-1443. The study shall include the following:

- (1) An examination of benefits, including wages, pension, retirement, and health insurance benefits;
- (2) An examination of employee and employer contributions to pension, retirement, and health insurance plans;
- (3) An examination of minimum and mandatory retirement age and purchase of service provisions; and
- (4) An examination of the total costs associated with benefit packages.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee and the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 217.** Introduced by Cornett, 45; Fischer, 43.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues pertaining to creating a regional transportation commission or authority for purposes of helping to fund political subdivisions' transportation infrastructure projects.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee and the Transportation and Telecommunications 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study insurance coverage of services to treat individuals with autism. The committee may determine the extent of coverage currently available in Nebraska, the need for greater coverage, the ways in which the current coverage could be broadened, and any costs incurred by the State of Nebraska if treatment is limited because of the prohibitive cost or lack of coverage. The committee may review how

other states regulate reimbursement of treatment services for individuals with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 220.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues pertaining to the imposition of occupation taxes by local governments. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to, determining:

- (1) The nature or classification of such taxes;
- (2) The subject or subjects of such taxes;
- (3) The measure or measures of such taxes;
- (4) The rate or rates of such taxes and whether statutory tax rate limitations exist;
- (5) The taxpayers subject to such taxes; and
- (6) Constitutional limitations on the imposition of such taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 221.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues pertaining to Nebraska's property tax homestead exemption program. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Whether the minimum age of a "qualified claimant" should be increased above sixty-five years of age;
- (2) Whether reimbursements for homestead exemptions paid to tax-levying political subdivisions from the state's General Fund should be capped;
- (3) Whether the homestead exemption program's household income limitation brackets should be changed;
- (4) Whether the homestead exemption program's assessed value limitation should be changed; and
- (5) Whether the homestead exemption program's definition of "maximum value" should be changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 222.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues pertaining to changing individual and corporate income tax rate brackets and annually adjusting those income tax rate brackets upward for inflation, including, but not limited to, the following issues:

- (1) Whether the procedure for making such upward inflation adjustments should be the procedure set forth in section 151 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
- (2) Whether a de minimis threshold for making such upward inflation adjustments should be established for some or all income tax rate brackets in order to prevent having to make numerous small changes to the income tax rate brackets each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 223.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues pertaining to Nebraska's special capital gains income tax deduction and the extraordinary dividend income tax deduction, examine issues pertaining to codification of the economic substance doctrine, and examine issues pertaining to transactions governed by section 338 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including, but not limited to, the following issues:

- (1) Whether the special capital gains income tax deduction and the extraordinary dividend income tax deduction authorized by sections 77-2715.08 and 77-2715.09 should be changed or eliminated;
- (2) Whether the economic substance doctrine - as codified in section 7701(o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152) - should be codified in Nebraska's statutes for purposes of state income taxation; and

(3) Whether the Department of Revenue has encountered problems with transactions governed by section 338 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 224.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding energy financing contracts (EFCs), also known as energy savings performance contracts. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the statutory authority granted to state agencies and political subdivisions to enter into EFCs in sections 66-1062 to 66-1066;

(2) A review of the use of EFCs by state agencies and political subdivisions since 1998; and

(3) An examination of the potential cost savings available to state agencies and political subdivisions through EFCs as compared to other available energy conservation financing mechanisms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 225.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding the conversion of municipal street lighting systems to light-emitting diode (LED) lighting systems. This study shall include an examination of potential funding sources for municipalities to convert their existing street lighting systems to LED lighting systems, as well as potential economic, environmental, and public-power ratepayer benefits of converting to LED lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 226.** Introduced by Hadley, 37; Sullivan, 41.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of the State of Nebraska implementing a pilot program to incentivize individuals to move to rural counties which have experienced population loss according to the most recent federal decennial census.

This interim study shall attempt to produce a workable proposal to incentivize individuals to move to rural counties which have experienced population loss. This study shall include, but not be limited to, the impact of waiving tax liabilities for such individuals, funding mechanisms to alleviate the student debt of students moving into rural counties, and the examination of eligibility requirements pursuant to such an incentive.

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

1. That the Revenue 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227.** Introduced by Hadley, 37.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether the State of Nebraska should adopt a comprehensive plumbing code applicable to all jurisdictions that could enforce the comprehensive plumbing code. The interim study shall determine whether a comprehensive plumbing code, if adopted, should be enforced by local or state inspectors or by a state inspection system. The interim study report should include a recommendation as to whether any jurisdiction should be allowed to continue to adopt a local plumbing code if the jurisdiction adopts a local plumbing code that meets the minimum requirements specified by the comprehensive plumbing code. This interim study should include a review of the costs of administrative changes necessary to implement and enforce any recommended changes to the current system of plumbing code enforcement in the State of Nebraska.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 228.** Introduced by Hadley, 37.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the safety of staff members at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Geneva and Kearney (YRTCs) in order to determine the number and frequency of attacks on staff personnel by youth that have been placed in the facilities. Analysis of the severity of the injuries caused by such attacks should be included within the scope of the study.

This interim study shall attempt to determine whether there has been an increase in the number of attacks and severity of injuries to staff personnel caused by youth placed in these facilities since control of the facilities was transferred from the Department of Correctional Services to the Department of Health and Human Services.

This interim study shall consider whether staff of the YRTCs, who are currently employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, should be provided with the same statutory protections and benefits as if they were employed by the Department of Correctional Services.

The interim study should include recommendations for improving staff safety and the prevention of attacks on staff members by youth that have been placed in such facilities.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 229.** Introduced by Hadley, 37.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of requiring all law enforcement personnel to complete continuing education courses on an annual basis in order to carry out their duties with greater skill and effectiveness. Further, it is the purpose of this interim study to determine whether law enforcement personnel that have been designated to assist in investigations involving alleged child abuse and neglect situations should be required to annually complete continuing education courses that stress the knowledge and skills necessary to protect children at risk of abuse and neglect.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 230.** Introduced by Brasch, 16.

PURPOSE: To study issues relating to development and implementation of a biobased product program for government procurement in Nebraska as was proposed by LB691 in the 2011 legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 231.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: To study and examine any aspect of the state tax structure and tax policy deemed necessary by the study committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 232.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: To examine the fiscal impact of tax increment financing on taxpayers and governments throughout the state, including impacts on local governments, state government, and state aid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 Hadley, 37.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to review the scope of the agricultural exemption from the One-Call Notification System Act. After an informal Attorney General opinion in January 2011 expressed some doubt with regard to the scope of the agricultural exemption, LB 484 was introduced to clarify that the scope of the exemption included third party soil samplers.

Due to the concern surrounding the exemption, third party soil samplers were working with the Diggers Hotline center to become integrated within the system. The committee will review the progress that has taken place, the process surrounding the One-Call system, and the policy implications of requiring or exempting third party soil samplers from participation in the One-Call notification process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 234.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine policy options and develop a long-term plan to support infrastructure development for the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) A review of the potential economic and environmental benefits to the state of encouraging the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel for individuals and public and private fleets;

(2) A review of current statutes and regulations dealing with natural gas as a transportation fuel;

(3) An analysis of the infrastructure necessary to implement statewide use of compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas to fuel public and private vehicles; and

(4) An analysis of potential incentives that would be most effective in encouraging infrastructure development and to whom those incentives should be made available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 235.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act (2008) as approved and recommended to the states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The study should include a review of issues raised during consideration by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of LB317 (Conrad), which was introduced in 2011 and is pending in committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons, organizations, and state offices, including the practicing bar, the office of the Secretary of State, and the office of the Attorney General, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 236.** Introduced by Dubas, 34.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study maintenance payments for foster children by the Department of Health and Human Services and their subcontracting agencies, including, but not limited to a review of the following issues:

- (1) The federal requirements for a methodology for determining foster care payments;
- (2) The impact on the state of losing federal dollars under the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 670 et seq., or class action litigation requiring the development of such methodology;
- (3) The methodology that other states utilize;
- (4) The difference in payments between relative placements, specialized, enhanced specialized, and professional foster parents;
- (5) The adequacy or appropriateness of subcontractors' "child needs assessments";
- (6) The timeliness of payments;
- (7) State oversight of lead and subcontracting agencies' rates; and
- (8) The rates and methodologies used by the lead agencies and subcontracting agencies and whether there is a significant discrepancy by agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 237.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Conrad, 46; Hadley, 37; Harms, 48; McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding the potential consolidation of the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic Development into a newly created Department of Economic and Workforce Development. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of possible cost savings and efficiencies which could be achieved by combining the two departments;

(2) A review of the time required to consolidate the personnel, property, contracts, services, and functions of the two departments;

(3) A review of the existing statutes governing the two departments and providing powers and duties for the Commissioner of Labor and the Director of Economic Development;

(4) An examination of the administrative structure of the two departments and possible structures for the new Department of Economic and Workforce Development;

(5) A review of the state and federal programs administered by the two departments and an assessment of whether any programs are duplicative or obsolete; and

(6) An examination of the physical locations of the office space and equipment used by the two departments and whether such offices and equipment could be consolidated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 238.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should update its statutory provisions regarding the regulation and business organization of firms and individuals rendering professional services. The

study should include a review of issues raised during consideration by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of LB 315 (Langemeier), which was introduced in and passed 2011. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should consider the input of interested persons, organizations, and state offices, including the office of the Secretary of State and the State Real Estate Commission, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 239.** Introduced by Fischer, 43.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine public school finance, particularly the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA), to determine potential revisions of this funding method or to determine if a new formula needs to be implemented. Since the inception of TEEOSA in 1990, the educational landscape in Nebraska has continued to evolve. Small school districts and large school districts have increasingly different needs. The number of nonequalized districts has doubled over the last five years to equal thirty-seven percent of Nebraska's school districts. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the role of property taxes in funding public school education;

(2) An examination of what level of funding is sufficient to meet state accreditation standards and fund essential educational opportunities in each school district in the state;

(3) An examination of the stability of the current funding mechanism and its sustainability into the future;

(4) A review of the appropriate mechanisms to address the uniqueness of Nebraska school districts;

(5) An identification of resource measurements for school district accountability in the use of state funds for education; and

(6) An examination of how to create a formula that meets statutory expectations but is also pragmatic and understandable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 240.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues surrounding direct repair programs operated by insurers. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of current regulation, if any, on direct repair programs in Nebraska;
- (2) A review of legislation addressing direct repair programs that has been considered in other states; and
- (3) An examination of the effect of direct repair programs on Nebraska's small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 241.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

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

- (1) A review of applications made under the act prior to February 1, 2000;
- (2) An examination of potential changes to modernize the act; and
- (3) A comparison of the tax increment financing provisions in the act to provisions in the Community Development Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 242.** Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study 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 SECOND 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 243.** Introduced by McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** To study the extent of human trafficking in Nebraska in connection with labor and sex trafficking and whether or not current statutes are adequate to address this issue. Issues addressed by this interim study should include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Collect and organize data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in Nebraska;

(2) Identify areas of correlation between human trafficking and immigration enforcement issues in Nebraska;

(3) Determine the occurrence of the utilization of the T Nonimmigrant Visa in Nebraska;

(4) Analyze existing state and criminal statutes for their adequacy in addressing human trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate, recommend revisions to those statutes or the enactment of new statutes that specifically define and address human trafficking;

(5) Identify and evaluate statutory changes in other states as they relate to human trafficking, including, but not limited to:

(a) Laws which criminalize or increase penalties for human trafficking;

(b) Laws which create task forces, state commissions, or committees on human trafficking;

(c) Laws which provide services and protections to victims of human trafficking;

(d) Laws which establish extortion if there are threats of reporting a person's immigrant status; and

(e) Any other state laws that relate to human trafficking;

(6) Investigate collaborative models for protecting and identifying victims of human trafficking;

(7) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to victims of human trafficking that include, but are not limited to, health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, voluntary repatriation, and victim's compensation for which victims of human trafficking may qualify; and

(8) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human trafficking, protect and assist victims of human trafficking, and prosecute human traffickers and users of victims of human trafficking for forced labor services or commercial sexual activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 244.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 245.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: In 2011, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature heard several bills that increased the use of technology in the election process, such as online voter registration and the use of electronic signatures on petitions.

The purpose of this study is to examine how technology may be used in elections to make the process more efficient and "user-friendly" for voters. The study shall explore an overall plan for the use of technology in the election process, including consideration of the costs of such technology and other future election costs the state may need to incur.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, the office of Chief Information Officer, the Secretary of State, and other interested parties will be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 246.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

**PURPOSE:** (1) The purpose of this interim study is to review and assess an interagency agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Revenue for the purpose of preparing and developing model language for possible tax form revisions for identification of children who may be eligible for the children's medical assistance program and medicaid as prescribed in section 68-915.

(2) The committee should examine the possibility of sharing data between the Department of Revenue and the Department of Health and Human Services to streamline the process of identifying uninsured children who qualify for medicaid and the children's medical assistance program and enrolling uninsured children in Kids Connection. The committee should encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal grants and bonus funds for implementation of eligibility, outreach, and express lane eligibility options pursuant to the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Public Law 111-3.

(3) The committee shall request that the Department of Health and Human Services:

(a) Enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Revenue for the sole purpose of carrying out this resolution;

(b) Maintain the confidentiality of all information regarding eligibility for or recipients of health care assistance and use such information only for purposes related to this resolution or as otherwise permitted by federal law; and

(c) Prepare and submit a report of recommendations to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature not later than December 31, 2011.

(4) The committee shall request that the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee and the Tax Commissioner or his or her designee prepare and develop model language proposals under the interagency agreement to utilize income tax return information, including earned income tax credit information, for the purpose of eligibility determination of children for medicaid and the children's medical assistance program, which proposals shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Revision of the Nebraska income tax form to include questions asking taxpayers to indicate whether any dependent children have health insurance at the time of filing;

(b) Revision of the Nebraska income tax form to include questions asking taxpayers to indicate whether dependent children are under nineteen years of age at the time of filing;

(c) Revision of the Nebraska income tax form to include consent and disclosure provisions or procedures to provide prior disclosure and reasonable opportunity for taxpayers to decline;

(d) Revision of the Nebraska income tax form to provide notice that taxpayers shall not be penalized for failure to provide information or failure to provide accurate information regarding any dependent's health insurance status; and

(e) Any further written instructions to taxpayers necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 on or before December 31, 2012.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247.** Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

**PURPOSE:** To study issues related to the development of a comprehensive approach to reducing the environmental and health risks posed by the use or disposal of selected consumer products and maximizing the opportunities for residents to recycle these products at the end of their useful lives. Local governments and solid waste agencies are receiving growing requests from citizens for recycling alternatives for consumer products but face challenges in increasing fees or taxes to fund these services. In addition, many Nebraska residents do not have access to convenient and no-cost alternatives to landfill disposal for selected consumer products. For example, only thirty Nebraska communities sponsored electronic waste collection events in 2009-2010. State grant funds that have historically provided funding for community services such as these efforts have been reduced by the Legislature.

Alternative funding approaches are available. They include advanced disposal fees paid by consumers at the time they purchase products or extended producer responsibility initiatives that call on companies that make a product to have a responsibility for their goods at the "end of life." The study shall focus on examining the various strategies to maximize the diversion of consumer products from landfill disposal, examining available financing options, identifying consumer products of concern, and determining the advantages of establishing an overall strategy and financing policy structure for selected consumer products in Nebraska.

The Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall convene an advisory group comprised of individuals from Nebraska businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government to provide technical expertise and advice relevant to the study. Topics to be studied shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examine existing strategies and financing mechanisms utilized in North America which maximize the amount of recycling for selected consumer products. This includes evaluating voluntary versus state-required diversion programs;

(2) Identify the advantages and disadvantages of various strategies and financing mechanisms. This shall include possible costs and benefits associated with each option;

(3) Recommend a strategy, financing mechanism, and process for designating consumer products for legislative action;

(4) Recommend methods to identify and monitor progress toward maximizing the recycling of selected consumer products; and

(5) Identify potential priority products for future legislative consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 248.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Council, 11; Fulton, 29; Gloor, 35; Harms, 48; Heidemann, 1; Howard, 9; McGill, 26; Mello, 5; Wallman, 30.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the accessibility of health care providers for persons on medicaid in Nebraska. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) An analysis of the geographic distribution of medicaid providers by category of provider;

(2) A historical review of the impact of provider rates on the number of providers who accept medicaid;

(3) An analysis of the prevalence of providers who accept medicaid but limit the number of medicaid-eligible patients in their practice;

(4) A review of the impact of medicaid managed care on provider accessibility; and

(5) An examination of the potential impact on provider availability of the medicaid expansion as a result of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee and the Health and Human Services 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 249.** Introduced by B. Harr, 8; Ashford, 20; Campbell, 25; Carlson, 38; Fischer, 43; Flood, 19; Harms, 48; Karpisek, 32; Mello, 5; Pahls, 31.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the impact of recidivism rates of persons convicted of driving under the influence. The committee shall:

- (1) Review current procedures and studies that detail the rate of recidivism of persons convicted of driving under the influence;
- (2) Determine how the State of Nebraska's recidivism rate ranks according to the national average;
- (3) Compare current legislative measures in Nebraska with those in other states in addressing the problem of recidivism;
- (4) Determine if there is a direct correlation between recidivism and either confinement or rehabilitative programs when addressing alcohol abuse in Nebraska;
- (5) Determine Nebraska's current confinement numbers of those persons who have been convicted of a second or subsequent offense of driving under the influence;
- (6) Determine the financial impact that recidivism has on county and state correctional facilities, public health agencies, and rehabilitation programs;
- (7) Determine the success rate of rehabilitative programs in the United States, narrow the results to the top three most successful programs, and determine what methods and techniques such programs are utilizing and if Nebraska is currently using similar methods and techniques;
- (8) Determine the success rate of a rehabilitation program versus confinement as a deterrent to a second or subsequent conviction of driving under the influence; and
- (9) Determine sentencing data of persons convicted of driving under the influence in Nebraska by political subdivision.

The committee shall seek information from interested parties to aid in carrying out the study.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 250.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study human trafficking in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Data collection and findings on the nature and extent of human trafficking in Nebraska;
- (2) Identification of available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to human trafficking victims;

(3) Analysis and recommendations regarding the ability of existing state statutes to address human trafficking;

(4) Analysis of the relationship between human trafficking and illegal immigration; and

(5) Recommendations regarding the prevention of human trafficking, the prosecution of offenses, and victim assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 251.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine immigration-related marriage fraud in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 252.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the impact of illegal immigration on the state's budget. The Congressional Budget Office released a report in December 2007 entitled "The Impact of Unauthorized Immigrants on the Budgets of State and Local Governments." Estimates were made of such impact on several states, including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and New Mexico, in the areas of education, health care, and law enforcement. Information of the impact on Nebraska's budget was not offered. The legislature would benefit from an estimate of the impact on the state's budget and an estimate of the number of illegal immigrants residing in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 253.** Introduced by Janssen, 15; Bloomfield, 17; Gloor, 35.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to investigate the merits and costs of drug testing recipients and applicants of cash assistance benefits offered under the Welfare Reform Act. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Investigating the dangers to children under the care of parents abusing illegal drugs;
- (2) Examining the effectiveness of providing assistance to recipients without accountability measures;
- (3) Examining possible constitutional challenges to drug testing applicants and recipients of cash assistance benefits; and
- (4) Examining the availability of substance abuse treatment in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 254.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Nebraska's Sex Offender Registration Act, and the recent changes to Nebraska statutes contained in Laws 2009, LB 285. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- (1) A review of which state statutes trigger sex offender registration requirements;
- (2) A review of which state statutes do not pertain to children specifically or to specific sex crimes;
- (3) A review of the cost to the State of Nebraska and Nebraska's counties to comply with sex offender-related requirements;
- (4) A review of how often registrants are contacted by law enforcement and whether such contacts are entered into a law enforcement computer system so that other law enforcement agencies are aware of such contacts;
- (5) A review of whether the manner in which a change in information is required to be reported is beneficial to the state and whether such manner is a hardship on those required to register and leads to more frequent legal contacts and incarceration;
- (6) A review of the number of registrants that are recommitted to incarceration or detention because of criminal law violations;
- (7) A review of the financial effects of a state being deemed noncompliant; and

(8) A review of whether the state is best served by the current "offense based" registry requirements or whether the state should revert back to an "assessment based" registry for purposes of public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 255.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 257.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Krist, 10; Price, 3; Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: To study the flood control needs of Omaha and the greater Omaha metropolitan area and examine the resources that are available or that may be utilized to meet such needs, including compliance with various federal regulatory requirements. The study should examine the role that a natural resources district may play to meet such needs and accompanying federal regulatory requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 258.** Introduced by Price, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the availability and implementation of the necessary technology to provide the electronic request and approval of prior authorization requests for medical and

pharmacy interventions as proposed in LB 574, which was introduced in 2011. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following issues:

- (1) A determination of what data is necessary to request and approve a prior authorization request;
- (2) A determination of what technical standards are available, whether in draft or final form, and currently in use by commercial payers, medicaid, or other payers or not in use;
- (3) A determination of what further technology steps are necessary to standardize prior authorization requests and approvals;
- (4) An assessment of the required resources related to implementing technical standards, including consideration of:
  - (a) Economization of time and resources benefiting physicians and their staff, pharmacists, and payers due to electronic adjudication of prior authorization requests; and
  - (b) The impact on patient care, including quality improvements, obtained by adjudicating prior authorization requests in real time as part of the physician-patient consultation; and
- (5) A determination of the likely level of compliance of electronic medical record and electronic prescribing vendors doing business in the state if electronic prior authorization technology standards are required.

The Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall convene an advisory group comprised of a representative from each of the following stakeholder groups: The Department of Health and Human Services; patient advocates; the biopharmaceutical industry; the insurance industry; physician groups; pharmacies; and HIT vendors.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 260.** Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska's statutes and regulations on in-situ mining and hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking. These mining processes will be on the rise in Nebraska, and a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's laws, rules, and regulations should be undertaken to assure that adequate protections are in place, to assure that Nebraska's laws are in accordance with current practice, and to address other relevant concerns. The committee should seek and consider input from interested persons and organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 261.** Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study how Nebraska's public power utilities can partner with private energy efficiency companies to offer "On Bill Pay." "On Bill Pay" is a process in which a consumer contracts with an energy service company (ESCO) to audit, finance, and manage energy efficiency. The ESCO retains all the risks, and the contract is paid by energy savings by the end user through his or her utility bill. The utility is the pass-through organization, is paid a fee for the service, and is not responsible for unpaid bills on the energy efficiency project. The committee should look at examples of this practice working in Nebraska and other states and examine ways to make it available to all Nebraskans. In order to carry out the purpose of the resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons and organizations, including energy efficiency businesses, public power providers, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 262.** Introduced by Loudon, 49; Heidemann, 1; Karpisek, 32; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7; Pankonin, 2.

PURPOSE: To examine the effects of imposing an earning cap on the calculation of a final pensionable salary for school employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 263.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine municipal, state, and federal programs available to assist with job creation in the manufacturing sector in the State of Nebraska. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of existing tax credits, tax exemptions, workforce development programs, international trade, and economic development programs in Nebraska and their effect on the manufacturing sector;
- (2) A review of tax credits, tax exemptions, workforce development programs, international trade, and economic development programs used in other states to create jobs in the manufacturing sector; and
- (3) An examination of possible statutory changes to existing municipal and state programs that could assist with job creation in the manufacturing sector.

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

1. That the Revenue and Urban Affairs 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 264.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to encourage recycling and the use of recycled materials in manufacturing by Nebraska businesses. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of existing tax incentives and grant programs in Nebraska which encourage recycling;
- (2) An examination of economic development opportunities in the recycling and manufacturing industries;
- (3) A review of the economic benefits of increased recycling to political subdivisions, including the reduction of landfill costs; and
- (4) An examination of possible changes to existing tax incentives and grant programs which would further encourage recycling and the use of recycled materials in manufacturing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 265.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of implementing a Career Readiness Certificate program for the State of Nebraska. This study shall include:

- (1) An examination of existing credentialed career readiness, job-training, and workforce development programs;
- (2) An assessment of the costs to develop, implement, and administer a Career Readiness Certificate program;
- (3) A review of potential state and local funding sources for the administration of the program; and
- (4) A review of credentialed career readiness, job-training, and workforce development programs used in other states to implement a Career Readiness Certificate program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 266.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of creating regional skills alliances, in which employers, state and local government agencies, educational institutions, and labor unions pool resources to train workers for emerging region-wide job opportunities. This study shall include:

- (1) An examination of existing state and local job-training and workforce development programs;
- (2) A review of regional skills alliances that have been developed in other states;
- (3) An assessment of potential costs to the state to develop, implement, and administer a statewide regional skill alliance program; and
- (4) A review of potential state and local funding sources for the administration of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 267.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to regulatory flexibility policies. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of federal and state regulatory flexibility laws and the effects that regulatory flexibility policies have had in other states;
- (2) A review of the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act which was proposed by the introduction of LB 288 in 2011;
- (3) An examination of the costs of compliance with rules and regulations by small businesses compared to other businesses; and
- (4) An examination of the possibility of creating a Regulatory Improvement Commission to review rules and regulations which may have become outdated or burdensome.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 268.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the potential for privatization of the State of Nebraska's property management system. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the current property management system of the Department of Administrative Services;
- (2) A review of property management systems in other states, including those systems which have been partially or fully privatized;
- (3) An examination of practices currently in place, if any, within the Department of Administrative Services to identify poorly performing or underutilized real property and leases that are above market value;
- (4) A review of potential cost savings that could be achieved by improving efficiency and reducing operating costs in the state's property management system;
- (5) A review of the potential to raise revenue through the disposition of excess state-owned real property; and
- (6) An examination of the potential to partner with the private sector to improve management of state-owned real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 269.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the use of strategic plans and performance benchmarks by state agencies. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the current use of strategic plans and performance benchmarks by state agencies;
- (2) An examination of performance measurements used in other states;
- (3) A review of the potential to include strategic plans and performance benchmarks as part of the biennial budget process; and
- (4) A review of existing technological infrastructure to track performance data within state agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 270.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this study is to examine the current state of health insurance coverage in the State of Nebraska. With the implementation of federal health care reform, the Legislature must have a clear understanding of the current state of health insurance coverage so as to implement the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, in a way that meets the health insurance needs of Nebraskans.

The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) A comprehensive analysis of existing data sources on health insurance coverage in Nebraska; and
- (2) Collaboration with various public and private entities capable of conducting additional research or surveys of Nebraska consumers, employers, and insurers to supplement existing data sources.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services and Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 271.** Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to analyze the Nebraska Advantage Act. The committee shall analyze the following:

(1) What other states are doing to make their state more attractive for business expansions, to attract new small businesses, and to grow small businesses;

(2) How other states are effectively using sales tax refunds, job credits, and other investment credits to encourage growth;

(3) How other states are using private and public partnerships;

(4) How Nebraska businesses are using the money from the act currently; and

(5) What Nebraska can do to be more effective in the area of economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 272.** Introduced by Fulton, 29.

PURPOSE: Each year the Legislature passes new or enhanced criminal penalties for certain acts by criminals. With each of these new or enhanced criminal acts, there comes a new or different procedure that Nebraska's counties must perform. With many of these new or different procedures, there are additional costs.

The purpose of this resolution is:

(1) To study the fiscal impact that the criminal law has on counties, especially new criminal offenses and procedures;

(2) To study whether the criminal law is effectively addressing the problems it is trying to solve; and

(3) To study the feasibility of creating a cost-benefit analysis that could be performed prior to the enactment of new criminal statutes or enhanced criminal procedures.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 273.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the criteria for developing integrated management plans required under section 46-715 of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act and to explore any mechanisms or procedures that may facilitate the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 274.** Introduced by Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the statutory protections for guide dogs. This study would examine protections under current Nebraska law, including animal cruelty and dog bite statutes, justifications for additional statutory protections, and an analysis of other states' statutes regarding guide dogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 275.** Introduced by Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska's behavioral health model concerning transport service of persons who have been placed in emergency protective custody. The study should look at developing transportation services other than law enforcement, especially in rural areas, as smaller counties may not have the resources to meet current needs. The study would also look at costs of alternative forms of transportation and responsibility for such costs.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 276.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the methods and level of effort of the Division of Weights and Measures of the Department of Agriculture to monitor and enforce fuel dispenser labeling requirements relating to ethanol-blended fuel products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 277.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to review the Department of Agriculture's inspection program under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act. In particular, the study shall examine budgetary resources available to the department to carry out the inspection program resulting from the enactment of LB 910 (2010) in combination with state budgetary actions occurring during the 2011 legislative session. It is a further goal of this resolution to examine the feasibility of establishing an exemplary breeder certification program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 278.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

**PURPOSE:** It is the purpose of this resolution to examine the implications of the emerging livestock disease traceability framework governing movements of animals in interstate commerce as described in the Animal Disease Traceability Comprehensive Report and Implementation Plan recently published by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Specifically, the study shall

examine the responsibilities assigned to states under the framework and seek to determine any revisions in authorities of the Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska Brand Committee, resource needs, and other actions necessary to enable the state to meet performance standards of the system and to facilitate the movement of Nebraska livestock in interstate commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 279.** Introduced by Howard, 9; Bloomfield, 17; Brasch, 16; Coash, 27; Karpisek, 32; Krist, 10; Larson, 40; McGill, 26; Schumacher, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine issues related to the compensation and benefits of the commissioners of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) An examination of commissioner salaries and per diems;
- (2) An evaluation of hours worked by commissioners and commission record-keeping regarding commissioner work schedules;
- (3) An assessment of the legality of commissioner health benefits;
- (4) An examination of commission expenditures for commissioner lodging and meals; and
- (5) An evaluation of the appropriateness of the compensation package in relation to other state boards and commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 280.** Introduced by McCoy, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the insurance laws of Nebraska should be amended to protect homeowners from home improvement or home repair contractor fraud as it relates to insurance claims. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons and organizations, including home improvement contractors and insurers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 281.** Introduced by Cook, 13.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to conduct research and provide recommendations on how Nebraska is currently providing home and community-based health care services to Nebraska seniors. In conducting the study, the committee shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services, other parties who may provide information on service delivery and costs associated with providing these services, and others who may have an interest in these services. Issues considered by the committee may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) A review of home and community-based services provided by nonprofit organizations in Nebraska and the costs associated with providing these services;

(2) The evaluation of possible cost savings of providing home and community-based services to Nebraska seniors;

(3) The analysis and evaluation of current home and community-based services provided to Nebraska seniors;

(4) The analysis and evaluation of current home and community-based services currently being provided by other states and communities; and

(5) The analysis of the economic impact placed upon current nonprofit providers and available funding options to ensure a financially sustainable and affordable home and community-based provider system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 282.** Introduced by Campbell, 25; Heidemann, 1; Krist, 10.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to provide for the review, assessment, and 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:

(1) The current distribution of funding under the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act, including the statutory requirements and the appropriations set by the Legislature;

(2) The outcome and priority of funding in fulfilling the purpose of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act stated in section 71-7606, which is to provide for the use of dedicated revenue for health-care-related expenditures, including compliance with the requirement that any funds appropriated or distributed under the act shall not be considered ongoing entitlements or obligations on the part of the State of Nebraska and shall not be used to replace existing funding for existing programs;

(3) Statutory language identifying the tobacco settlement fund and intergovernmental transfer fund as trust funds notwithstanding that neither is a trust fund. Trust funds are assets held in trust, the use of which is governed by the conditions of the trust. Neither the tobacco settlement fund nor the intergovernmental transfer fund is governed by the conditions of a trust, and the use of both funds is strictly the prerogative of the Legislature; and

(4) Whether sustainability should be the policy governing allocations from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. The latest report by the Nebraska Investment Council filed on September 22, 2010, indicates, based on current appropriations, that outflows will exceed inflows in every year in the next decade. Some projections estimate the fund will be depleted by 2037 or 2038. Hewitt, Ennis, Knupp, a consultant contracted by the Nebraska Investment Council, reported in March 2011 that if the current level of annual commitments is not reduced, "spending levels of high and very high will likely result in declining portfolio, under the current aggressive asset allocation. If spending can be kept low, portfolio will likely grow."

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee and the Health and Human Services 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 this study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 283.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine Nebraska's judicial system, specifically issues affecting judicial effectiveness and independence.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to examine issues surrounding judicial independence including, but not limited to, Nebraska's current method of judicial retention.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 284.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine current law with respect to the changing of surnames as a result of marriage. Pursuant to Nebraska law, a woman, in a cost-effective manner, can change her surname upon marriage. Others who wish to initiate a name change as a result of marriage must get a court order to do so.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to examine the issue of all name changes as a result of marriage and any resulting impacts or costs borne by the parties and other governmental entities, including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 285.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the nursing shortage in Nebraska. A nursing shortage impacts many settings, including hospitals, long-term health care facilities, health clinics, schools, homes, and community and public health centers. The study should explore ways in which the State of Nebraska can be proactive in helping to alleviate the shortage and ensure that every citizen has reasonable access to qualified nursing care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 286.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the Legislature's use of resources from designated cash funds for purposes of funding legislation independent of the budget process.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to examine the importance of maintaining the integrity of statutory intent as established by the Legislature with respect to cash funds.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 287.** Introduced by Fischer, 43.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to analyze the in transit system in Nebraska for motor vehicle dealer sales and private transactions. With multiple state and local agencies involved in the process, an outdated system leaves a disconnection in the correct information flowing to the necessary destinations. As a result, it is difficult for the state to keep track of sales tax collections and proper motor vehicle registrations. In addition, current state law leaves no credible in transit process for a private motor vehicle sale.

The committee will conduct a working group with the Department of Motor Vehicles, county officials, and representatives of motor vehicle dealers to incorporate an in transit system into the existing Vehicle, Titling, and Registration (VTR) system. The working group will consider the impact on motor vehicle dealers, private sales, county treasurers, and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 288.** Introduced by Ashford, 20; Campbell, 25; Christensen, 44; Coash, 27; Council, 11; Howard, 9.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to research issues related to standing for foster parents in removal proceedings. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the issues presented in the following Nebraska cases: In re Interest of Destiny S., 263 Neb. 255, 639 N.W.2d 400 (2002), and In re Interest of Jorius G. and Cheralee G., 249 Neb. 892, 546 N.W.2d 796 (1996);

(2) Consultation with foster parents, juvenile court judges, appropriate state agencies, and practitioners to research current practice under the

provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of section 43-285 and section 43-1314; and

(3) Research and develop findings on the appropriate conditions under which foster parents should have standing and for what purpose.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 289.** Introduced by Ashford, 20; Coash, 27; Council, 11; B. Harr, 8; Larson, 40; McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** To study the new approaches to address the undocumented immigrant population that have been initiated at both the state and local level around the country since the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature completed its report on LR 362 in December of 2008. The committee should research action by state and local governments across the county in response to immigration issues, including the economic impact of such action and any resulting litigation. The committee should research the progress toward federal immigration reform, if any. The committee should research recent action by nongovernmental organizations to promote reasonable, humane, and commonsense public policy and public discourse on immigration issues in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 290.** Introduced by Howard, 9; Cook, 13; Nordquist, 7; Pirsch, 4.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the procedures of the Department of Health and Human Services related to the evaluation of state wards for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders prior to adoption. The study will include, but not be limited to:

(1) An investigation of data related to the number of state wards who may require evaluation and the likelihood that they will receive evaluation;

(2) An evaluation of costs that may be associated with the evaluation of state wards for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and

(3) An examination of the consequences of such an evaluation or lack of an evaluation for adoptees and adoptive families.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 291.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to evaluate methods of reporting and preventing hospital-acquired infections (HAIs). The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Examination and evaluation of state and private efforts to reduce the number of HAIs; and

(2) Examination and evaluation of current Nebraska laws and regulations related to the reporting of HAIs as compared to other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 292.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine cellular phone related safety issues in construction and school zones. The committee shall conduct a study that includes, but is not limited to:

(1) The dangers of cellular phone usage in school and construction zones;

(2) The efficacy of current Nebraska statutes to address such safety concerns in school and construction zones; and

(3) Legislative actions taken by other states to address such safety concerns in school and construction zones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 293.** Introduced by Campbell, 25; Gloor, 35; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** To continue the work of the select committee appointed pursuant to Legislative Resolution 467 (LR 467) in 2010 to conduct research regarding the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with the chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, shall convene the original LR 467 select committee to initiate this interim study. The select committee shall:

(1) Be comprised of members of the original LR 467 select committee. Should vacancies occur, new members shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council;

(2) Consult and encourage collaboration, coordination, and systemwide communication with a broad array of public and private entities involved in Nebraska health care issues, including employers, small businesses, consumers, insurers, health care providers, institutions of higher education, community health centers, national and regional policy research organizations, state agencies, federal agencies, and other interested parties;

(3) Assist with the communication and collaboration of health care reform implementation between standing committees of the Legislature as the committees develop health care reform policies and proposed legislation within their subject matter jurisdiction;

(4) Consider issues, including, but not limited to:

(a) Nebraska's strategic implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with special attention to medicaid expansion, eligibility determination and enrollment processes, benefit design, the insurance exchange, health insurance reform, and workforce development;

(b) Review of policy improvements and efficiencies to Nebraska health care delivery systems and payment reforms to ensure Nebraskans have quality and access, including capacity and affordability, through Nebraska's health care systems;

(c) Utilization of technology for safe storage and transmission of health information, medical administration efficiencies, health care delivery, and aggregate data across systems to monitor population health, identify priorities for improvement, and track progress toward improvement goals;

(d) Leveraging federal grants, pilot programs, and other nonstate funding sources to assist with health care reform; and

(e) Aligning purchasing power of the state within medicaid, the federal Children's Health Insurance Program, public employees and retirees, and the insurance exchange to form public-private partnerships to coordinate and integrate efforts with providers, employer-sponsored insurance companies, and other stakeholders to provide health care redesign in Nebraska to

improve efficiencies and delivery, ensure financial sustainability, and maximize public health and wellness.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature shall be designated as provided in this resolution to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 294.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the formation and mission of outdoor outfitters and guides in the State of Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following issues:

(1) Location of, services provided by, and duration of hunting or fishing trips and the facilities and accommodations provided by outdoor outfitters and guides in Nebraska;

(2) Licensure and regulation of Nebraska outdoor outfitters and guides;

(3) Formulation of application for registration and application fees;

(4) Formulation of application renewal and revocation processes;

(5) Accountability and oversight by the Game and Parks Commission, conservation officers, and other commission staff;

(6) Necessity of liability insurance coverage per individual or group and availability of emergency services;

(7) Role outdoor outfitters and guides play in promoting economic development in Nebraska; and

(8) Role of state and federal wildlife protection laws with respect to organized outdoor outfitter and guide services.

Based on these findings, the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall make a recommendation with respect to Nebraska outdoor outfitters and guides to the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 295.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to compile and synthesize available research and academic literature and solicit objective expert viewpoints regarding food safety, food security, animal welfare, resource

stewardship, farm economy welfare, and other societal benefits and tradeoffs associated with various restrictions and regulations of livestock husbandry practices that have been promoted by animal welfare advocacy groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 296.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine potential structural models for commodity development programs to enhance flexibility, resources, and accountability to producers. The study shall seek to develop data and comparisons of state commodity development programs with counterpart programs in other states and at the federal level in areas such as governance, resource allocations, and promotional effort in relation to commodity production and value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 297.** Introduced by Carlson, 38; Larson, 40.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to review the report of the Department of Agriculture pursuant to LB 305 (2011) identifying those authorities and resources necessary to carry out a cooperative program of state meat and poultry inspection. It shall be a goal of the study to supplement the department's report with information regarding potential utilization of state meat and poultry inspection and to identify associated economic benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 298.** Introduced by McGill, 26.

**PURPOSE:** To study the usage of models of collaborative management of multi-agency services provided to children and families in Nebraska and other states. Specifically, the interim study should examine the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project initiated by the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation and the Department of Health and Human Services in 2009. Topics addressed by this interim study may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Locating and analyzing successful models of collaborative management of multi-agency services provided to children and families in other states;

(2) Measuring and evaluating the success of the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project, including conducting a cost-benefit analysis of the project, identifying any cost savings to the State of Nebraska, and identifying the outcomes of the pilot program from 2009 to the present;

(3) Exploring the feasibility of statewide implementation of such a collaborative management service model between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation and the Department of Health and Human Services, including identifying any challenges or necessary modifications for extending a collaborative model into more counties and determining any benefits such a model would provide to the State of Nebraska and the children and families that utilize such services; and

(4) Consulting with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations for strategic planning in regard to future collaboration between state agencies.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 299.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

**PURPOSE:** To study issues regarding gaming revenue that leaves Nebraska. This study should include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the number of Nebraskans who travel to neighboring states to gamble;

(2) A review of the economic impact a casino has on the local economy; and

(3) A review of the tax revenue generated by casinos to the state and to local municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 300.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study issues regarding horseracing. Specifically, the study should focus on the feasibility of conducting live horseracing in Grand Island during the Nebraska State Fair and the distribution of horseracing revenue. This study should include, but not be limited to:

(1) A consideration of horseracing revenue and whether there should be a revenue distribution scheme similar to the keno distribution scheme; and

(2) A consideration of policy and feasibility issues regarding whether there should be live horseracing conducted in Grand Island during the Nebraska State Fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 301.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study issues regarding alcohol impact zones. This study should include, but not be limited to:

(1) A consideration of what constitutes an alcohol impact zone;

(2) A review of alcohol impact zones or similar zones and their effectiveness in other states;

(3) A review of the primary and secondary issues occurring in alcohol impact zones; and

(4) A consideration of the impact of alcohol consumption on economically distressed areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 302.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study issues under the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature which may arise during the interim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 303.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study issues regarding whether Nebraska State Patrol inspectors of violations under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act should be under the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's jurisdiction. This study should include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the history of inspectors enforcing the Nebraska Liquor Control Act;

(2) A review of the role and effectiveness of inspectors in enforcing the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; and

(3) A consideration of whether inspectors should remain under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska State Patrol or instead be under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 304.** Introduced by Christensen, 44; Carlson, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine section 46-703, specifically subdivision (4), regarding the intent of the Legislature when stating "The Legislature intends and expects that each natural resources district within which water use is causing external impacts will accept responsibility for ground water management in accordance with the

Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act in the same manner and to the same extent as if the impacts were contained within that district." Currently, some irrigated acres in certain natural resources districts are "commingled acres," or those that have access to ground water and surface water for the same acres. Some of the surface water supplied to these commingled acres comes from neighboring natural resources districts. According to the intent of the Legislature in section 46-703, which natural resources district should be charged with the consumptive use for consumptive ground water pumping on commingled acres when the surface water supply is unavailable from a neighboring natural resources district? This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A determination of the original intent of the Legislature when applying subdivision (4) of section 46-703;
- (2) Whether this legislative intent is being practiced currently;
- (3) A determination of how the legislative intent would apply in the situation described above regarding consumptive ground water use on commingled acres with no supply of surface water from the neighboring district; and
- (4) Whether the committee should look into legislation to clarify the intent for clear implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 305.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine the public benefits and supportive services available to older foster youth transitioning or "aging" out of the foster care system. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the public benefits and supportive services currently available for youth aging out of the foster care system, including postsecondary education and training and health care access;
- (2) A review of the needs and barriers that exist for foster youth in accessing supportive services from the perspective of current and former foster youth themselves and those who work with and care for them;
- (3) An examination of the availability and accessibility of medicaid services for youth aging out of the foster care system; and
- (4) An examination of potential funding sources or other avenues to increase access to postsecondary education and training, health care coverage, and other supportive services for youth aging out of the foster care system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 306.** Introduced by Conrad, 46; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to assess the effectiveness of the ACCESS Nebraska system in building partnerships with community-based organizations (CBOs) and serving and reaching clients via the new system. This study shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) An assessment of the number, geographical area, and demographics served by current partnering CBOs statewide and the current hours and locations of Department of Health and Human Services offices as compared to 2009;

(2) An assessment of the support CBOs receive from the Department of Health and Human Services, including trainings, information, equipment, or funding, and the sufficiency of such support for the role of CBOs in ACCESS Nebraska;

(3) An assessment of the amount of resources, including, but not limited to, staff time and technology costs, expended by CBOs in executing ACCESS Nebraska-related work; and

(4) An assessment of the experiences that clients of CBOs have had with ACCESS Nebraska, including client successes and struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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, hold a hearing, or report its recommendations to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before November 1, 2011.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 307.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

**PURPOSE:** To study the process of decreasing the number of county commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 308.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study the intent of LB 102 (2011) regarding vehicle loads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 309.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study ways in which to manage water and provide benefits to landowners and other entities for their ability to store and manage water in recharge areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 310.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study the intent of LB 692 (2011) regarding the reimbursement of expenses by the Department of Administrative Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 311.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study the concept of a philanthropic entity investing in an area of state government instead of investing in the capital market. The State of Nebraska could repay a philanthropic investment, with interest, resulting in a cost savings for the state and a profit for the philanthropic entity. The study should include an exploration into what areas of state government such investments could be made and a calculation of the appropriate formula to provide such cost savings and profit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 312.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study the intent of LB 392 (2011), including duties provided to the Game and Parks Commission for inspection, impoundment, and decontamination relating to aquatic invasive species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 313.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study the intent of LR 9CA (2011) regarding agricultural and horticultural land valuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 314.** Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Langemeier, 23, Chairperson; Carlson, 38; Christensen, 44; Dubas, 34; McCoy, 39; Schilz, 47; Fischer, 43; Harms, 48; Mello, 5.

**PURPOSE:** To study all possible sources of revenue that could be used to establish a dedicated funding source for water management activities in Nebraska. The water management activities in Nebraska are of critical importance and must be addressed to achieve and maintain economic viability, social and environmental health, safety, welfare, and sustainability of our water resources. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of current Nebraska statutes relating to water use in Nebraska;

(2) An examination of the overall funding needs for water management activities in Nebraska, including an analysis of the resources needed to provide sufficient research and technical data, modeling, and studies to decision makers;

(3) An examination of LB 962 (2004), which put into statute proactive components of integrated management of surface water and ground water and the necessary funding to continue implementation and enforcement of the bill's policies; and

(4) An identification of all potential sources of funding to establish a dedicated source for water management activities in Nebraska.

This study shall be conducted by a select committee consisting of the chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, the members of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature, and other members as the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee deems appropriate.

The chairperson of the select committee shall be the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature or a member of the Natural Resources Committee selected by the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.

In conducting the study, the select committee shall consult with the Department of Natural Resources, the Nebraska Environmental Trust, the Game and Parks Commission, representatives from natural resources districts, public power, municipalities, agricultural groups for every identifiable commodity, parks and recreation interests, environmental, hunting and fishing, and conservationist interests, irrigators representing Nebraska's river basins with an equal balance between surface water and ground water users, and any other group the select committee deems appropriate.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature shall be designated as provided in this resolution to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2011.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 315.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this interim study is to examine simulcast horseracing in Nebraska, which was introduced in 1987. It will compare the vitality, profits, distribution of earnings, and participation in horseracing prior to the introduction of simulcast horseracing in Nebraska and the effects of simulcast horseracing on the horseracing industry since its introduction. The study shall address at least the following questions:

(1) Has the introduction of simulcast horseracing benefited the Nebraska horseracing industry in general?

(2) What was the original reason for the introduction of simulcast horseracing in 1987? Was it to preserve live horseracing?

(3) How many live races were run before simulcast horseracing was introduced and how many are run now?

(4) How many Nebraska-bred horses were racing in Nebraska before simulcast horseracing and how many Nebraska-bred horses are racing now?

(5) What was the gross wagering on horseracing in Nebraska before simulcast horseracing was introduced and what is it now?

(6) Where do the profits from simulcast horseracing go and what is the breakdown of funds to each category?

(7) What benefits have live Nebraska horseracing and Nebraska-bred horses gained from simulcast horseracing?

(8) If the horseracing industry wants to cut most of the racetrack enclosures down to one day per year of live racing, how does this strengthen live horseracing in Nebraska and Nebraska breeders?

(9) What entities benefit the most monetarily from simulcast horseracing: state government, instate breeders and trainers, racetrack enclosures, or others?

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 316.** Introduced by Krist, 10; Hadley, 37.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the timing issues related to the construction, permitting, and coordination processes of state and federal agencies regarding roads and transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 317.** Introduced by Heidemann, 1.

PURPOSE: The formulas for distribution of funding to the federally qualified health centers (FQHC) were written a decade ago. The recent census figures show a change in demographics not anticipated when the formulas were written, and client numbers have increased significantly during this past decade. Also, the number of FQHCs has expanded since the formulas were developed, and there is the possibility of more being added in the future. For these reasons, the formula for distribution of the funding to the FQHCs needs to be reviewed and revised to ensure that the funding is distributed in the most fair and equitable manner.

This interim study will examine the funding formulas and recommend changes to the 2012 Legislature. Input and guidance will be sought from the FQHCs and the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 on or before December 1, 2011.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the tax exemptions that pertain to the horseracing industry in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of whether the income tax deduction given to the horseracing industry pursuant to sections 2-1208 and 2-1208.01 should be changed or eliminated;

(2) A determination of whether the sales tax exemption granted to racetrack enclosures in 1991 should be changed; and

(3) An examination of the purpose for the 1935 excise tax exemption for racetrack enclosures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 320.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: To study the funding of public elementary and secondary education in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 321.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4; Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: To examine the experiences of child victims and child witnesses with respect to their interaction with the criminal justice system and to examine whether legislation could improve such interaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 322.** Introduced by Bloomfield, 17; Brasch, 16; Carlson, 38; B. Harr, 8; Karpisek, 32; Larson, 40; Lathrop, 12; Price, 3; Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues relating to the operation of the Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A tour of the Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory by the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature;

(2) A review of the history and purpose of the Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory and its effect on agriculture today;

(3) An examination of the definition of agricultural tractor;

(4) An examination of the permitting process found in sections 2-2701 to 2-2711; and

(5) A detailed study of issues that may place Nebraska equipment dealers at an economic disadvantage compared to their competitors in neighboring states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 323.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: To study combined sewer overflow projects affecting municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 324.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine ways for the State of Nebraska to help facilitate an increase in the export of Nebraska's agricultural products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 332.** Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Langemeier, 23, Chairperson; Carlson, 38; Christensen, 44; Dubas, 34; K. Haar, 21; McCoy, 39; Schilz, 47; Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to determine the fairness of permanent wildlife conservation easements in today's economic and agricultural climates. Such a study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Loss of property tax receipts to a county due to reclassification of land;

- (2) Loss of productive cropland;
- (3) The ability of the Nebraska Environmental Trust to fund easements through the grant process;
- (4) The ability of the Nebraska Environmental Trust to hold land in fee or obtain easements;
- (5) The right of a county to refuse approval of such easements;
- (6) The right of affected political subdivisions to receive notice prior to the granting of such easements;
- (7) Limiting the easement to a set amount of time; and
- (8) Limiting the tax benefits that landowners can realize by entering into easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 338.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McGill, 26, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Krist, 10; Schumacher, 22.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine the boundaries and taxing authority of transit authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 350.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Fischer, 43; Hadley, 37; Loudon, 49; Pankonin, 2; Pirsch, 4; Utter, 33.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues pertaining to the process and procedures used to value and equalize real property. The issues to be addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Whether the comparable sales guidelines in section 77-1371 should be changed or stricken;
- (2) An examination of how to affect intercounty equalization; and
- (3) Review the equalization responsibilities of the Department of Revenue and the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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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