

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 279

Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The office of Public Counsel, also known as the State Ombudsman's Office, serves the Legislature and the people of Nebraska by independently and impartially investigating issues related to state agencies and employees. The office conducts investigations and works in many areas. Within the office are the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System.

The purpose of this study is to examine ways to further support the mission of the office of Public Counsel. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the organization and structure of the office of Public Counsel while the office transitions to the leadership of a new Public Counsel.

In examining these issues the study committee should seek testimony from stakeholders and the public.

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

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

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