

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182**

Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund was initially created with an endowment of fifty million dollars for health care programs using the principal and investment income from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund. The purpose of this endowment was to create an ongoing funding mechanism for health care in Nebraska. Expenditures from this fund are potentially being increased during the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session, by portions of Legislative Bill 802 and Legislative Bill 539 being included by the Appropriations Committee into the next biennial budget and by Legislative Bill 792 being amended into the budget by the Legislature.

This study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review of the annual Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund reports provided by the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) A review of any increased and decreased expenditures from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund enacted during the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session;

(3) An examination of input from interested parties regarding the funds necessary to continue using the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to pay for health care and related services; and

(4) A recommendation for any statutory or funding changes that the Legislature should make in order to protect the ongoing viability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

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