

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 231**

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the effectiveness of the prescription drug monitoring program currently housed within the Nebraska Health Information Initiative. The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. How the current program functions as well as the capabilities and limitations of the health information exchange model as it currently exists;
2. Current usage of the program by providers and how to increase utilization to ensure statewide coverage;
3. The benefits and limitations of transitioning to a stand-alone prescription drug monitoring system;
4. Funding options, additional funding sources, and projected sustainability of funding for both the current program and a proposed stand-alone system;
5. Technological improvements or changes that would allow for interstate sharing of data with other state prescription drug monitoring programs; and
6. A review of Nebraska statutes to determine changes needed to address the ability for patients to opt out of the system, mandatory reporting by providers, and inclusion of information relating to all payors.

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