

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 139

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The State of Nebraska has a responsibility to protect the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in the child welfare system. The state also has a responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage child welfare resources. The purpose of this interim study is to analyze the best use of the state's child welfare resources in line with its goals. The study shall analyze:

- (1) Ways in which Nebraska is currently funding the child welfare system, including the use of state, philanthropic, and federal funding streams;
- (2) Funding sustainability and variability by region;
- (3) Funding sustainability and variability over time; and
- (4) The relationship between funding adequacy and the achievement of the goals of the child welfare system, including safety, permanency, and well-being for children and the impact on caseload ratios for caseworkers and the availability of services.

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