

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 359

Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the Employment Security Law and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the efficacy of the law. The review should include an examination of the successes and challenges found during the unemployment crisis caused by the pandemic.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The response to and the lessons learned from the unprecedented number of applications submitted during the initial phase of the pandemic;

(2) Best practices and examples of how to improve adjudication times in order to prevent long delays for persons receiving benefits;

(3) How Nebraska and federal law worked together and where improvements can be made in order to effectuate the federal response to the pandemic;

(4) General lessons learned on how to best serve Nebraska beneficiaries and examine ways to provide communication about benefits and requirements to those struggling with unemployment; and

(5) Any other issues or concerns about the Employment Security Law that were brought to light due to the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.