

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 212

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to assess the health care workforce shortage in Nebraska, with a focus on nursing and entry-level health care support positions such as medical technicians and assistants. The study will analyze state and local funding, policy, and initiatives addressing the shortage to meet and anticipate Nebraska's growing health needs. The study shall further examine how to increase opportunities for all Nebraskans to enter and advance in these health care professions, align and expand education and training, and strengthen the capacity, diversity, well-being, and retention of the health care workforce.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Existing pathway programs and educational initiatives that encourage individuals to become health care professionals in Nebraska;

(2) Current state funding priorities and programs that invest in the health care workforce in Nebraska;

(3) Opportunities to align or improve systems that support Nebraska's health care workforce in underserved and high-need communities across the state; and

(4) Future health care workforce needs and requirements.

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