ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 171

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of the "cliff effect" on Nebraska families receiving public assistance. The cliff effect occurs when an increase in income such as accepting a raise, promotion, or additional work hours results in a disproportionate loss of public assistance, such as aid to dependent children, medicaid, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. This effect often deters individuals from advancing in their careers or increasing earnings. The study will analyze how the cliff effect impacts workforce participation and long-term economic self-sufficiency and will identify potential strategies or reforms to address such cliffs in a way that encourages upward mobility without immediate loss of public assistance.

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

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