

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 136**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5; Aguilar, 35; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Jacobson, 42; Raybould, 28; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the critical role federally qualified health centers, also known as community health centers, play in expanding access to health care in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The patients currently served by community health centers including demographics, location, and services provided;

(2) Current barriers to access health care at community health centers including appointment wait times, travel distance to health center locations, and workforce shortages;

(3) Potential opportunities to expand access to community health centers in Nebraska;

(4) Potential statutory or regulatory changes that may be necessary related to expanding access to community health centers in Nebraska; and

(5) The estimated economic impact of expanding access to community health centers.

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