

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 256

Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to reexamine the consolidation of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that occurred in 1996 with the enactment of LB 1044. This study shall explore the feasibility of breaking DHHS up into the previous independent agencies that existed prior to LB 1044, or the need for an additional break up of agencies or divisions to create more manageable agencies that increase accountability to the public. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the reasons for the original consolidation of agencies and whether the goals of the consolidation were met, an examination of whether the break up of DHHS would provide increased manageability and effective delivery of services, and a study of suggested plans of dividing the current programs into new manageable agencies.

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