

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 306

Introduced by McCollister, 20; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Craighead, 6; Crawford, 45; Gloor, 35; Hilkemann, 4; Howard, 9; Krist, 10; Kuehn, 38; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7; Scheer, 19; Stinner, 48; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the various ways in which medicaid expansion could be implemented in Nebraska under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for medical assistance for newly eligible individuals described under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Plans adopted by other states to expand medicaid eligibility to newly eligible individuals, including comparing plan elements and actual or projected impacts on health plan enrollment, health outcomes, and state budgets;

(2) Options for incorporating innovative practices to reform and improve the quality of health care services in Nebraska;

(3) Possible demonstration projects or waivers for which Nebraska could apply under section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act; and

(4) Existing areas of flexibility in Nebraska's medicaid and health care policies that provide opportunities for lowered costs and improved health outcomes without a demonstration project or waiver.

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