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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 408

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Howard, 9, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, 6; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

PURPOSE: The United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was signed into law on March 27, 2020.

The assistance provided by the CARES Act was intended to provide direct economic stimulus to individuals, families, small businesses, and industry, and provide assistance for state, local, and tribal governments affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A portion of these economic stimulus funds were directed to state relief and entitlement programs under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. How much money was distributed from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Community CARES grant program and to how many eligible grant recipients;

2. The individual communities or geographic areas of the state receiving Community CARES Act funding and how such funding was allocated geographically;

3. The types of programs funded from the Community CARES grant program, including, but not limited to, programs under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature;

4. The measurable outcomes reported for programs funded by the Community CARES grant program, including how many individuals or families received assistance and the average amount of assistance received by an individual or household;

5. How other funding from the federal CARES Act that was allocated to specific Department of Health and Human Services programs was spent, including,

but not limited to, the number and geographic distribution of providers or eligible recipients receiving such funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.