

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 167

Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine ways to improve the coverage of hearing aid costs for Nebraska families. The study committee shall coordinate with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and work with interested stakeholders to identify the areas of concern, conduct necessary research, and explore various ways to address the needs identified. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) How other states cover hearing aid costs;
- (2) Whether hearing aid coverage should be included as an essential health benefit under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or other applicable federal provisions;
- (3) An examination of health insurance coverage options for persons requiring hearing aids; and
- (4) Recommendations on how to improve the services being provided by the hearing aid banks.

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