

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 168

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the feasibility of adopting a workers' compensation drug formulary. The study committee shall examine the following:

(1) Whether prescribing practices in workers' compensation cases affect or contribute to the prescription opioid problem;

(2) Whether the use of a drug formulary would result in more efficient delivery of medications, provide workers with reasonable and necessary care and treatment, and reduce utilization of habit-forming opioids and narcotics;

(3) The extent to which use of a workers' compensation drug formulary would provide savings in workers' compensation claims;

(4) Whether the use of a drug formulary can decrease the length of disability for injured workers and increase return-to-work rates and outcomes;
and

(5) Whether a workers' compensation drug formulary, if adopted, should cover all prescription drugs or be limited to only controlled substances or only opioids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.