

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine how to provide a sustainable and adequate stream of state funds to local public health departments to ensure the departments are able to meet their core responsibilities and functions as set forth in statute. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The history of the formation and funding of local public health departments;

(2) An examination of current and future public health threats;

(3) An examination of health care cost-containment strategies that can slow the growth of overall health care spending by instituting strategic chronic disease management programs and prevention strategies;

(4) A review of public health readiness programs, current public health detection programs, and disease prevention efforts;

(5) A review of the core public health functions and essential elements set forth in section 71-1628.04 and the necessary revenue streams available to local public health departments to fulfill core public health functions;

(6) Identification of additional health-related funding streams that have a nexus with core public health functions; and

(7) A strategic plan for investments in local public health departments to properly equip them to respond to a critical public health crisis within their community.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.