

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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Introduced by Bolz, 29; Hansen, M., 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine workforce development initiatives with emphasis on hearing the perspectives of employees across industries. Studies, including the Legislature's "Economic Development Task Force Report", the Department of Economic Development's "Nebraska's Next Economy Report", and Accelerate Nebraska's "Nebraska Statewide Story", identify the need for additional skilled workers. Long-term industry projections indicate that employment in all industries is expected to grow statewide, specifically in health care, social services, professional, scientific, and technical services industries.

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

(1) Nationwide best practices for promoting career training leading to workforce development for high-quality jobs;

(2) Innovative processes and programs for workforce training opportunities and educational programs established and fostered in other states;

(3) What is needed to produce individuals with career-ready skills for skilled jobs;

(4) Opportunities to meet the needs of Nebraska's workforce;

(5) Barriers faced by underrepresented communities, underemployed workers, young workers, and returning workers who are needed as a part of the solution to our workforce challenges; and

(6) Opportunities for public and private partnership and investment, such as job training.

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