

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210

Introduced by McKinney, 11; McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the connections that exist between poverty and incarceration and the appropriations necessary to reduce both in Nebraska.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Resources appropriated to incarcerating people compared to treating the underlying cause resulting in their involvement in the criminal justice system;

(2) Costs of decreasing the prison population through investment in preventative measures;

(3) How poverty affects an individual's life trajectory;

(4) Children who live in poverty and their lives outside of formal educational institutions;

(5) How a criminal record affects the ability to overcome poverty, find housing, earn a livable income, and attain higher education and job skills;

(6) Compare the cost of paying for an individual to go through the criminal justice system with the cost of providing resources to an individual in poverty in an attempt to keep that individual out of the criminal justice system; and

(7) Practices in other states and countries that attempt to address the link between poverty and incarceration.

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