

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 226**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and assess prescribing practices of health care providers related to opioids and the effectiveness of Nebraska's prescription drug monitoring program as a deterrent for overprescribing controlled substances. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Current continuing education requirements for health care providers on opioid prescribing practices and whether additional providers should be required to receive such education;

(2) Research and data surrounding problems of overprescribing opioids in Nebraska and whether a crisis exists;

(3) The possible need for legislation requiring providers to consult Nebraska's prescription drug monitoring program before prescribing any controlled substance; and

(4) Nebraska's pain management guidance document released by the Department of Health and Human Services in October of 2017, its effectiveness, and whether or not such guidelines should be further developed for providers that prescribe controlled substances.

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