

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234

Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the effectiveness of the State of Nebraska's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect the recommendations given and actions taken by the state had on the residents of Nebraska. The study should focus on learning from the outcomes produced by the state's procedures in its response and discerning what procedures need improvement. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of the following:

(1) The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on long-term care, including, but not limited to, staffing shortages, quarantines, and the effects on the elderly in nursing facilities and assisted-living facilities;

(2) The role of local public health departments in the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

(3) The overall effectiveness of using masks to reduce the risk of COVID-19;

(4) The overall effectiveness and efficiency of Test Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the economic cost;

(5) COVID-19 vaccinations, including, but not limited to, the overall effectiveness of the vaccines, the safety and side effects of the vaccines, and the impact of vaccination mandates; and

(6) The response of hospitals, including, but not limited to, staffing shortages and the effects of the COVID-19 hospital response policies.

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