ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review employment opportunities and barriers to employment for minority and at-risk populations and to make recommendations to increase success in obtaining employment for such populations. For purposes of this interim study, at-risk populations means populations at-risk of becoming homeless.

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

- (1) Rates of underemployment of minority and at-risk populations across Nebraska;
- (2) Reasons for underemployment of minority and at-risk populations across Nebraska;
- (3) Barriers to employment for minority and at-risk populations, including, but not limited to, access to transportation, childcare, and housing;
- (4) Current workforce initiatives serving minority and at-risk populations, including but not limited to, an analysis of currently eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act training providers and their willingness and capacity to serve minority and at-risk populations;
- (5) Best practices for increasing access to employment and income stability for minority and at-risk populations; and
- (6) Recommendations to increase the effectiveness of workforce initiatives to better serve minority and at-risk populations.

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

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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.