

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 261**

Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study barriers to permanent placements for Nebraska children who have been placed out of the home and are wards of the state including, but not limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Policies related to terminations of parental rights;
- (2) Department of Health and Human Services procedures related to permanency; and
- (3) The role of judicial discretion in permanency plans.

The study committee shall consult with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative of the Supreme Court, the Foster Care Review Office, and the Nebraska Children's Commission.

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