

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 273

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: To identify budgeting strategies to support the array of services needed for Nebraska's aging population in a fiscally responsible manner.

Nebraska's elderly population is increasing rapidly. Between 2010 and 2030, the population of persons age 65 and over is expected to grow by 75 percent. As such, strategic initiatives are needed to both care for needs and manage state investments. This interim study shall address, but not be limited to, the following policy areas:

1. Examination of global budgeting strategies in providing for long-term care services for older Nebraskans and model state strategies;

2. Examination of current funding streams providing for the needs of aging Nebraskans, including, but not limited to: The medicaid state plan, medicaid home and community-based services waiver, the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act, care management services, social services block grant, and the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act;

3. Examination of the availability of waivers to promote strategic initiatives in long-term care services for older Nebraskans;

4. Identification of existing data for long-term care services needs and trends as well as additional needs for data collection and analysis;

5. Identification of the full array of long-term care services for older Nebraskans needed in Nebraska, including strategies to assist with

individuals aging in place and promoting consumer choice and consumer independence and availability of assessment tools and strategies to identify individual needs as well as ways in which information about services is provided; and

6. Identification of areas for potential savings and investments.

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