

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 317

Introduced by Heidemann, 1.

PURPOSE: The formulas for distribution of funding to the federally qualified health centers (FQHC) were written a decade ago. The recent census figures show a change in demographics not anticipated when the formulas were written, and client numbers have increased significantly during this past decade. Also, the number of FQHCs has expanded since the formulas were developed, and there is the possibility of more being added in the future. For these reasons, the formula for distribution of the funding to the FQHCs needs to be reviewed and revised to ensure that the funding is distributed in the most fair and equitable manner.

This interim study will examine the funding formulas and recommend changes to the 2012 Legislature. Input and guidance will be sought from the FQHCs and the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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 on or before December 1, 2011.