

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 112

Introduced by Pedersen, 39;

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the Department of Correctional Services in order to determine what, if any, additional legislation or state financial assistance may be necessary to address issues of staffing and the treatment by the department of inmate substance abuse and mental health needs.

The Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall commence a study using staffing to be composed of representatives named by the Director of the Department of Correctional Services, staff from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Public Counsel, and other legislative staff.

The study shall identify issues relating to the Department of Correctional Services' staffing, especially in connection with staffing remote facilities, and shall determine what needs to be done to improve the recruitment and retention of department employees.

The study shall also examine the structure of the Department of Correctional Services' programs that address mental health and substance abuse issues among inmates and shall identify steps that can be taken legislatively to support those programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.