

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158

Introduced by Johnson, 37;

PURPOSE: To examine and provide recommendations relating to the development and utilization of voluntary emergency medical personnel to assist in responding to natural disasters or in the event of a flu pandemic. The Trust for America's Health reported that Nebraska's ecology would sustain the fifth-highest loss to its economy among the fifty states should a flu pandemic hit the United States.

Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services has been recognized as a leader in preparation for such an event but concerns still exist about development and utilization of voluntary emergency medical personnel to assist in responding to such events. Such study recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following:

(1) Training and competency of volunteer physicians and other medical personnel;

(2) Liability of the voluntary medical personnel including, but not limited to, an assessment of the need to adopt the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act, drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws;

(3) Planning for a sufficient number of emergency personnel to adequately respond to major public emergencies; and

(4) Coordinating and integrating volunteer medical reserve corps with other related federal and state programs.

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