

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 318

Introduced by Kopplin, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the participation rate of the food stamp program in Nebraska. Currently only sixty-one percent of eligible Nebraskans participate in the food stamp program. This means that as many as sixty thousand eligible Nebraskans may be struggling to feed themselves and their families. In addition, the state forgoes millions of federal dollars available through the food stamp program that could flow into Nebraska's local economies. It is the goal of this study to assess barriers to participation, including simplification of the food stamp application, and provide potential options for increased utilization of the food stamp program in the State of Nebraska.

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