

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study transparency in health care pricing and billing, including transparent disclosure of price to consumers and easily understandable and streamlined medical billing within the health care system in Nebraska. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall consider input from employers, including small businesses, consumer groups, insurers, providers, third-party administrators, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Insurance, and others as the committee deems necessary and beneficial. The issues to consider shall include, but are not limited to: The role of pricing and billing transparency in assisting consumers to make health care decisions; controlling health care costs; how employers, payors, and providers are responding to consumer demand for transparency; and what role state government may play to provide positive incentives and eliminate barriers toward greater pricing and billing transparency.

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.