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PURPOSE: To examine the feasibility of the Department of Health and Human Services contracting with other social services agencies for the provision of foster care services. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the examination of:

(1) The total cost-per-case of providing foster care services through other social services agencies;

(2) The total cost-per-case of providing foster care services through the department;

(3) How an increased utilization of other social services agencies to provide foster care services affects the quality of the department's case management;

(4) How an increased utilization of other social services agencies to provide foster care services affects the general welfare of foster care children;

(5) How an increased utilization of other social services agencies to provide foster care services affects all outcomes for foster care children; and

(6) What budget effects would result from ensuring that the rate for services provided by other social services agencies

be prevented from exceeding the cost at which the department could provide the same foster care services.

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.