

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 224

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The Legislature recognizes that it is essential for the State of Nebraska to have an effective, efficient, and transparent budgeting process that yields a budget from which success or failure can be measured. In order to ensure that the state's budgeting process is as effective, efficient, and transparent as possible, it becomes necessary to periodically review the process in detail and to make changes to it when necessary.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint a task force to be known as the Budget Reform Task Force. The task force shall consist of the following members:

(a) The chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council or another member of the board as his or her designee;

(b) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of

the Legislature or another member of the committee as his or her designee;

(c) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature or another member of the committee as his or her designee;

(d) The chairperson of the Legislature's Planning Committee or another member of the committee as his or her designee;

(e) Two members of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature other than the chairperson or his or her designee, appointed by the chairperson of such committee;

(f) Two members of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature, appointed by the chairperson of such committee; and

(g) Three members from other standing committees of the Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board.

The task force shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the task force. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to provide the task force with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the task force from existing legislative staff. The task force is hereby authorized to hold hearings and issue subpoenas as is deemed necessary by the task force.

2. The Budget Reform Task Force is hereby authorized to study the budgeting process for the State of Nebraska. The issues examined by the task force shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Zero-based budgeting;
- (b) Performance measurements;
- (c) Oversight of public contracts;

(d) An evaluation of existing programs and agencies;

(e) An evaluation of the fiscal note process, including an analysis of the roles played by outside departments and agencies; and

(f) Strategic planning on budgeting.

The task force shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than June 30, 2010.