

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 427

Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to determine if hospitals in Nebraska are communicating their community benefit to community members and how newly licensed hospitals affect the cost of health care. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An exploration of how not-for-profit hospitals justify their tax-exempt status through the provision of services and uncompensated care to the community;

(2) An exploration of the profit margin of for-profit hospitals and methods for reporting such profits and the uncompensated care and services to the community; and

(3) An exploration of how new hospitals affect the overall cost of health care in the communities and regions they reside in, particularly the cost and utilization of Nebraska medicaid.

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