

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 454

Introduced by Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to conduct research and provide recommendations regarding for-profit, specialty, or physician-owned hospitals and their potential impact on the health care delivery system in Nebraska.

In conducting the study, the committee shall consult with hospital administrators, physicians, other health care professionals, community members, individuals related to the health care work force, and other interested parties.

Issues to be considered by the committee may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The history and status of hospital development in the United States;

(2) State and federal legislation regarding hospital development, including certificate of need;

(3) The impact of for-profit, specialty, or physician-owned hospitals on the existing health care market, including utilization, access for the uninsured and underinsured, and community hospitals; and

(4) The impact of physician ownership and self-referrals on health care delivery, quality of patient care, and health care costs.

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 on or before December 31, 2010.