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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine: The shortage of social workers in central and western Nebraska who hold master's degrees; available educational opportunities or resources for citizens of these underserved areas who are interested in pursuing graduate social work education that would address such shortage; the level of unmet mental health needs in rural communities; and the services that social workers who hold master's degrees can provide to address that need. This interim study is intended to seek solutions to the critical workforce gap and to make recommendations on how best to address it. The study will seek to involve all interested parties and organizations that have a stake in such issue.

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.