

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 258**

Introduced by Price, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the availability and implementation of the necessary technology to provide the electronic request and approval of prior authorization requests for medical and pharmacy interventions as proposed in LB 574, which was introduced in 2011. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following issues:

(1) A determination of what data is necessary to request and approve a prior authorization request;

(2) A determination of what technical standards are available, whether in draft or final form, and currently in use by commercial payers, medicaid, or other payers or not in use;

(3) A determination of what further technology steps are necessary to standardize prior authorization requests and approvals;

(4) An assessment of the required resources related to implementing technical standards, including consideration of:

(a) Economization of time and resources benefiting physicians and their staff, pharmacists, and payers due to electronic adjudication of prior authorization requests; and

(b) The impact on patient care, including quality improvements, obtained by adjudicating prior authorization requests in real time as part of the physician-patient consultation; and

(5) A determination of the likely level of compliance of electronic medical record and electronic prescribing vendors doing business in the state if electronic prior authorization technology standards are required.

The Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall convene an advisory group comprised of a representative from each of the following stakeholder groups: The Department of Health and Human Services; patient advocates; the biopharmaceutical industry; the insurance industry; physician groups; pharmacies; and HIT vendors.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.