

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 30

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WHEREAS, the One Hundred First Legislature, Second Session, created a select committee pursuant to Legislative Resolution 467 to conduct research and provide recommendations for implementing the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the interim study conducted pursuant to Legislative Resolution 467 examined health care financing and delivery under the federal act to determine the impact on health care coverage for all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, the select committee conducted several public hearings in Nebraska to facilitate wide collaboration, gather guidance and information from a variety of sources, and begin to develop recommendations to present to the Legislature regarding health care reform and the implementation of the federal act in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the select committee has determined that continued input is necessary to monitor the ongoing development of the implementation of the federal act.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and reappoint the select committee of the Legislature to be known as the Health Care Reform Implementation and

Oversight Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of nine members of the Legislature appointed by the executive board. The executive board shall give first consideration to members of the select committee appointed pursuant to Legislative Resolution 467. The membership of the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee of the Legislature shall consist of two members of the Appropriations Committee, two members of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, the chairperson and one other member of the Health and Human Services Committee, and three additional members of the Legislature. The members of the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee shall vote for one of the two members of the Health and Human Services Committee to serve as the chairperson of the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee.

2. That the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee shall continue the work of the select committee appointed pursuant to Legislative Resolution 467. The committee shall consult and encourage collaboration, coordination, and systemwide communication with a broad array of public and private entities involved in Nebraska health care issues, including employers, small businesses, consumers, insurers, health care providers, institutions of higher education, community health centers, national and regional policy research organizations, state agencies, federal agencies, and other interested parties. The committee shall assist with the communication and collaboration of health care reform implementation between standing committees of the Legislature as the

committees develop health care reform policies and proposed legislation within their subject matter jurisdiction.

3. That the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee may consider issues, including, but not limited to:

a. Nebraska's strategic implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with special attention to medicaid expansion, eligibility determination and enrollment processes, benefit design, the insurance exchange, health insurance reform, and workforce development;

b. Review of policy improvements and efficiencies to Nebraska health care delivery systems and payment reforms to ensure Nebraskans have quality and access, including capacity and affordability, through Nebraska's health care systems;

c. Utilization of technology for safe storage and transmission of health information, medical administration efficiencies, health care delivery, and aggregate data across systems to monitor population health, identify priorities for improvement, and track progress toward improvement goals;

d. Leveraging federal grants, pilot programs, and other nonstate funding sources to assist with health care reform; and

e. Aligning purchasing power of the state within medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, public employees and retirees, and the insurance exchange to form public-private partnerships to coordinate and integrate efforts with providers, employer-sponsored insurance companies, and other stakeholders to provide health care redesign in Nebraska to

improve efficiencies and delivery, ensure financial sustainability, and maximize public health and wellness.

4. That the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee is hereby authorized to continue its work until the beginning of the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session, and shall, upon the conclusion of its work, make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2011.