

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 549

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: Over the next several years the State of Nebraska health care delivery system will be absorbing 220,000 uninsured Nebraskans which will require significant allocation and reallocation of existing health care resources, and future health service needs will increase.

The state's major targeted health care financing resource supporting a wide array of health care services is the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. A comprehensive review of the financial stability of the fund and a review of the fund's ability to leverage federal funds and other revenue streams, endowment sustainability, and targeted investment is warranted.

The purpose of this study is to determine the range of investment returns on the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund over the next ten years and the actual demands upon the current recipients of the funds over the next ten years, especially related to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, and to prepare two scenarios for consideration for the 2013 Legislature: (1) The formalization of a long-term endowment of the fund as opposed to the enhanced spending within the recipient categories and (2) a determination of ways in which to meet the future needs of each of the current recipients and their health care area.

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

1. That the Appropriations and Health and Human Services Committees 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 their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.