

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 555

Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review and examine the ongoing issues within Nebraska's Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities (MIWD), otherwise known as Nebraska's Medicaid Buy-in, which was enacted in 1999. The intent of the program is to address work disincentives, such as loss of medical benefits, by allowing states to expand medicaid coverage to working persons with disabilities whose income and assets would otherwise make them ineligible for coverage. The issues addressed by the study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A study of the original intent of Nebraska's Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities;

(2) Reoccurring implementation problems, including inaccurate disability determination and policy changes regarding social security; and

(3) A review of the difficulties in finding employment based on inaccurate implementation of MIWD and medicaid eligibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND 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.