

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 587

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to gather information and make recommendations necessary for the Legislature to craft policy to support the creation of a sustainable community health workforce in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Current efforts to educate and train community health workers to work in medically underserved areas;

(2) Programs in other states that make effective use of community health workers as a resource for underserved communities;

(3) How the university system, state colleges, and community colleges can work in partnership with local health organizations to ensure that community health workers are educated and trained in core competencies;

(4) What policies may be necessary for ensuring community health workers are able to fulfill professional functions; and

(5) The necessary steps to ensure that reimbursement can be obtained for community health workers.

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