

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 262

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the creation of a separate program within the budget of the Department of Health and Human Services for long-term care expenditures made from all funding sources. The department currently uses the long-term care numbers in building the overall agency budget. Assigning long-term care expenditures under a separate program may better serve the appropriations process as well as consumer, provider, and advocacy interests. Currently, members of the public involved in the appropriations process are limited in their ability to understand and track the public funds involved for long-term care because such funds are not broken out for this significant portion of the department's budget. The Governor has said that accountability begins with transparency, and the purpose of this study is to increase the transparency of the appropriations process regarding long-term care expenditures made by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The issues examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) What expenditures are appropriate for inclusion as line-items under a separate program for state-supported long-term care services;

(2) How various long-term care services should be classified for inclusion in a long-term care program in the biennial budget; and

(3) How the results and efficacy of various expenditures for long-term care services may be more easily assessed from the information included under a long-term care program.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.