

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 533**

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: According to a 2015 survey of Nebraska businesses and organizations, workforce quality and availability is a top concern. By 2020, 38 percent of jobs in Nebraska will be middle-skill jobs: those requiring some postsecondary education but less than a bachelor's degree. To address the middle-skill employee gap, the federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act promotes career pathways as a workforce development strategy.

This study shall examine the following:

- (1) Nationwide best practices for promoting career education and training that can lead to job readiness for middle-skill positions;
- (2) Innovative processes and programs through which training opportunities and educational programs have been established and fostered in other states;
- (3) Opportunities available through the federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act to promote career pipeline programs; and
- (4) Strategies and opportunities to produce individuals prepared for middle-skill jobs and how to best implement such strategies.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.