

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 551

Introduced by Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to explore and assess the use of congregate care in Nebraska for youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) Statistics on youth in congregate care in Nebraska, including the number of youth who spend time in congregate care settings and the amount of time youth spend in congregate care placements;

(2) The variety of congregate care placements that exist throughout Nebraska, when these placements are utilized for youth, and how often these placements are utilized;

(3) The disproportionality that may exist in such placements;

(4) The availability of and need for therapeutic or treatment foster care and other family-like placements in Nebraska;

(5) Best practices related to congregate care; and

(6) Consideration of the need for any changes to policies, practices, and programs.

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