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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 122

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, in order to determine whether program structures could be improved to better reward work and allow forward momentum for program participants.

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

(1) The eligibility thresholds of public assistance programs and the effect of these limitations on participants' ability to increase their earnings or take new employment;

(2) Examination of methods other states have utilized to address these eligibility limitations;

(3) Identifying ways to improve public assistance programs in order to reward work and allow program participants to move off of assistance programs; and

(4) The actual impacts LB 81 (2015) had on the cliff effect related to the transitional child care subsidy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.