

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for preventative and community health programs and services. The division brings all elements of public health, including vital statistics and several data registries within the State of Nebraska, under a single entity. The division serves as the main point of data collection related to public health, epidemiology, and syndromic surveillance for the State of Nebraska. With the ever-changing nature of data collection technology, it is crucial to conduct a systematic review of policies and procedures relating to sustainability, organization, and best practices.

The study committee shall review issues including, but not limited to:

(1) Determining the capacity and scope of information and the number of different data bases within the Division of Public Health;

(2) Identifying staffing and technology needs for tracking public health data through the division;

(3) Evaluating the effectiveness of the division's current methods of data base management and information tracking;

(4) Determining the feasibility of improving the quality of current data collection practices to preserve state resources, including streamlining data bases that could be combined; and

(5) Examining whether the current public-private partnership that serves as the state health information exchange could assist in condensing and providing support for public health reporting.

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.