

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158**

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine matters related to adoption procedures in Nebraska. The interim study shall include, but not be limited to a review of:

(1) Adoption and stepparent adoption statutes and relevant case law in Nebraska, including the criteria a child must meet in order to be eligible for adoption;

(2) Practices of the Department of Health and Human Services related to the foster and adoption processes, including, but not limited to, placement criteria, home visit requirements, and the timeline for adoption finalization; and

(3) Adoption statutes from other states, including how other states have modernized and adapted their adoption law to address changes in cultural and medical practices.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.