

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216**

Introduced by Walz, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine funding priorities for the medicaid home and community-based services waivers under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act and recommend changes to the waiver program to best serve Nebraska families.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The impact of changes in the current day service programs for youth under the home and community-based services waiver program;

(2) Options to better serve state wards who have developmental disabilities;

(3) The impact of waiting lists in developmental disabilities programs for families and the options available to serve all families who are eligible for services and better leverage available federal dollars;

(4) The impact of reduced federal funding on developmental disability programming for youth;

(5) Options to strengthen communication and outreach to families with children served by an individualized education program in school regarding services and programs available as children transition to adulthood;

(6) Gaps in service between waivers, specifically the developmental disabilities waivers, aged and disabled waiver, autism waiver, and waivers for rare conditions; and

(7) The impact of decreased transition services.

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