

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review employment opportunities and barriers to employment for minority and at-risk populations and to make recommendations to increase success in obtaining employment for such populations. For purposes of this interim study, at-risk populations means populations at-risk of becoming homeless.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Rates of underemployment of minority and at-risk populations across Nebraska;

(2) Reasons for underemployment of minority and at-risk populations across Nebraska;

(3) Barriers to employment for minority and at-risk populations, including, but not limited to, access to transportation, childcare, and housing;

(4) Current workforce initiatives serving minority and at-risk populations, including but not limited to, an analysis of currently eligible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act training providers and their willingness and capacity to serve minority and at-risk populations;

(5) Best practices for increasing access to employment and income stability for minority and at-risk populations; and

(6) Recommendations to increase the effectiveness of workforce initiatives to better serve minority and at-risk populations.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.