

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 394

Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.

PURPOSE: To study the TestNebraska program. TestNebraska is a new initiative which began in April 2020 based on a partnership between the state leaders in Nebraska and private corporations. The goal of the initiative is to dramatically increase the rate of testing for the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), an upper-respiratory tract illness, so Nebraskans would have better access to testing and help stem the spread of COVID-19 in order to return society to normal as quickly as possible.

The study should include investigation into the contract which formed the basis of the partnership, the procurement process used for purposes of the program, the exclusion of certain state resources by the program, and the lack of access to the program for vulnerable populations, including low-income, minority, medically fragile, and disability populations.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.