

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 83

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the appointment process by which members of boards, commissions, and similar entities created by law are filled. Nebraska has more than two hundred such entities which provide oversight of governmental programs, regulate licensed professionals, carry out studies, oversee implementation of new programs, advocate for certain constituencies, and advise state agencies.

The Legislature plays a pivotal role in the establishment, administration, and operation of boards, commissions, and similar entities created by law, including the responsibility to conduct hearings and determine whether to approve or disapprove of certain gubernatorial appointments as part of the appointment process.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. An examination of the process by which individuals are appointed by the Governor, including the recruitment process, how the public learns of opportunities to serve, the application process, and the review and vetting process by the executive branch;

2. An examination of the process by which appointments are confirmed by the Legislature;

3. Identification of any potential barriers that may exist to the process of filling vacancies;

4. An analysis of potential changes that could be made to the process to more efficiently fill vacancies; and

5. An exploration of procedural changes that could result in more diversity within such entities.

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

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.