

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 150

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the gap in services such as emergency shelters and transitional housing for individuals experiencing domestic violence and human trafficking in Nebraska. Emergency shelters and transitional housing are essential resources for individuals who are in the process of leaving these unsafe situations. Requests for such services have increased in recent years. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The demand for emergency shelter or transitional housing services compared to what is available from community resources;

(2) The factors leading to the gap in services including, but not limited to, staffing concerns, operational costs, availability of property, and barriers to individuals accessing services;

(3) How emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities operate;

(4) What individuals in need of such services view as barriers to achieving shelter or housing and what they view as essential services from organizations that provide service to individuals in domestic violence and human trafficking situations;

(5) Recommendations from organizations who provide services to individuals in domestic violence and human trafficking situations;

(6) What state-supported resources exist to help provide such services, and whether the resources are sufficient; and

(7) What barriers exist for the State of Nebraska to close the gap in service and how have other states resolved those barriers.

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

1. That the Health and Human 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.