

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 390

Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement model and processes for Nebraska's critical access hospitals and to determine if changes should be made to strengthen the financial position of these rural hospitals. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Reviewing medicaid inpatient per diem rates and outpatient cost-to-charges ratio rates, when such rates were last updated, and if such rates accurately reflect hospital costs;

(2) Reviewing how much time the medical assistance program takes to settle cost reports and how significant delays impact the ability of critical access hospitals to fund hospital operations; and

(3) Reviewing how critical access hospitals financially sustain other important rural health initiatives, including community wellness outreach and long-term care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.