

LB114

State intent relating to an appropriation to the University of Nebraska Medical Center
Appropriations Committee of the Nebraska Legislature
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I am Fernando Wilson, a faculty member in the UNMC College of Public Health. I was invited to testify on behalf of LB 114, which proposes to appropriate \$228,706 from the General Fund for FY2013-14 to the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health to continue research related to Legislative Resolution 249. I am here speaking for myself.

The UNMC Center for Health Policy contributed to the final report from the interim study carried out through Legislative Resolution 249 and published a policy brief that outlined impaired driving policies in Nebraska. Based on our contributions to policy research in impaired driving, we were asked by Senator Burke Harr to write a research proposal that would focus on evaluating Nebraska's policy efforts to reduce impaired driving and also to describe best practices that should be considered to improve policy efforts to reduce impaired driving in Nebraska.

Our plan is to carry out a rigorous evaluation of primary, secondary, and tertiary DUI prevention policies using a variety of existing data sources. After we perform a meta-analysis of the scholarly literature and legal mapping of DUI policies, we plan to use advanced statistical models to analyze the comparative effectiveness of policies in reducing the prevalence of DUI and also the cost effectiveness of those policies. Then, we will compare the costs of enforcing the policies relative to the reductions in DUI. We will be partnering with UNL Public Policy Center to assist with legal analysis. The deliverable will include original research reports and a summary policy report that outline the best practices in policies that will reduce the prevalence of DUI in Nebraska.

Thank you for this opportunity.