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Governor proposes increases to education, elimination of income tax

A state economy that makes higher education more accessible, encourages job creation and eases the tax burden on citizens was the focus of Gov. Dave Heineman's State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 15.

Heineman proposed a 5 percent increase in state aid to public schools for both fiscal year 2013-2014 and FY2014-15 – an increase of \$125 million. Special education aid also would see a 5 percent annual funding increase under the governor's budget proposal.

"This is a great state and it starts with our citizens," Heineman said. "Our students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and it is critical to our future that they have affordable access to a quality higher education."

Heineman acknowledged the struggle of working-class families to afford higher education for their children. He proposed an increase in state aid that would provide \$68.3 million to fund a two-year tuition freeze for students enrolled in the state college system. Community colleges would receive \$10.7 million to offset similar tuition freezes.

Under his two-part budget proposal, the governor called for a modernized tax code that would eliminate either the individual and corporate income taxes or lower rates dramatically



Senators escort Gov. Dave Heineman (center) to the legislative chamber to issue his State of the State address Jan. 15.

by removing business tax deductions.

"We're operating in a technology-driven, global economy and we need a new tax system," which he said had not been seriously considered for more than 50 years. "Our goal is a better business tax climate that will create more high-paying jobs and more rewarding careers for our sons and daughters. We need a tax climate that rewards working families."

The second part of the budget proposal addressed the implementation of the federal health care mandate, which he said would have a significant financial impact on the state. Heineman said enacting the federal Medicaid program alone would require an estimated \$72.3 million in

general funds.

"That's \$72 million in new general fund spending for President Obama's new federal health care law that should be going to state aid to education or higher education," he said.

The budget proposal also includes \$176 million in general funds for Medicaid and other medical providers to address increases in provider rates, service utilization and federal requirements for increased state funds to finance services.

Additional general projects outlined in the governor's budget proposal include \$47 million in funding for a new Central Nebraska Veterans Home and an increase of \$29.6 million in developmental disabilities aid. ■

Chief justice focuses on achievements, concerns

Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican delivered his State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature Jan. 17. Heavican focused on the judiciary's role in addressing children's rights, sentencing alternatives, vulnerable adults, language barriers in the courts and technology.

In July 2012, a pilot project was implemented in Omaha, North Platte and Scottsbluff to prevent children in the juvenile justice system from becoming repeat offenders, Heavican said.

Children do not have to become wards of the state to receive services from the project, he said, which results in individualized treatment, cost savings and a reduction in recidivism in the state's juvenile population.

The project resulted in an 80 percent successful probation completion rate in the first six months, he said, which is higher than the statewide average.

Heavican noted the success of other initiatives focusing on improving the way abused and neglected children are served in the courts.

"Children are achieving stability more quickly because of court-based initiatives such as prehearing conferences," he said. "Due to the success of these hearings and coordination between the courts and [the state Department of Health and Human Services], some termination of parental rights trials and appeals has been avoided."

For many offenders crime and drug addiction are intertwined, Heavican said, so specialty drug courts have been developed statewide to target problems that bring people into the state's criminal court. He said he anticipates drug courts will be available in all 12 of Nebraska's judicial districts for the first time this year.

Issues and concerns have been raised about the implementation of new laws and court rules meant to better serve vulnerable adults, he said, as well as instances of theft and misuse of funds by guardians and conservators.

"We are working with the Nebraska State Bar Associations to identify these areas where the process can be simplified, while maintaining an adequate level of protection for these vulnerable adults," he said.

Additionally, he added, a commission is being created to focus on further implementation of protections provided to these adults.

Heavican said another challenge facing Nebraska courts



Chief Justice Mike Heavican delivers his State of the Judiciary address Jan. 17.

is the increasing number of individuals who speak little or no English. Not only is it important that these individuals be heard, he said, but it is important that judges, attorneys and jury members can understand their testimony for justice to be served.

Last year interpreter services were provided in 39 languages, he said, and this year the court is implementing a plan to research Nebraska's immigrant and refugee language needs and to educate judges and court staff.

Technology is helpful in providing interpreter services, he said, and also is increasingly important to the operation of the entire judicial branch. Heavican said the courts will work towards electronic filing and publishing in appellate court cases, video conferencing in the trial courts and an increased use of technology to promote judge and staff productivity.

The judicial branch serves the most vulnerable of the state's citizens and is proud of its achievements in addressing their needs, Heavican said, and he thanked the Legislature for its support. ■

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NEW BILLS

Bill Introducer One-line description

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LB156	Watermeier	Eliminate a report made to the Department of Health and Human Services by counties utilizing a community service program
LB157	Cook	State intent relating to the appropriation of funds in support of dental services
LB158	Seiler	Change provisions relating to eligibility for and use of ignition interlock devices
LB159	Schumacher	Provide and change sales tax provisions relating to gold, silver, and platinum and provide a tax amnesty
LB160	Schumacher	Provide for electronic signatures on recall, initiative, and referendum petitions
LB161	McGill	Change a penalty for violation of building ordinances or regulations of a city of the metropolitan class
LB162	McGill	Provide for notification of eligibility for an associate degree as prescribed
LB163	McGill	Provide for a report on education credentials and workforce needs
LB164	Dubas	Change motor vehicle auction provisions
LB165	Dubas	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle dealer warranty service
LB166	Schilz	Change labeling requirements for lawn and turf seed containers
LB167	McCoy	Change balloting and vacancy provisions for presidential electors
LB168	Larson	Authorize series limited liability companies
LB169	Gloor	Change provisions relating to jury commissioners
LB170	Gloor	Rename and expand the purpose of the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority Act
LB171	Bloomfield	Provide for an expedited concealed handgun permit process for applicants who are victims of domestic violence
LB172	Coash	Change court filings for guardianships and conservatorships
LB173	Coash	Change provisions relating to documentary proof of age under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB174	Mello	Change provisions relating to vehicle load contents and spillage
LB175	Smith	Change the persons authorized to represent Nebraska under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement
LB176	Smith	Exempt military retirement benefits from taxation as prescribed
LB177	Smith	Provide enforcement and penalty provisions to the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act
LB178	Kintner	Change provisions relating to transportation reimbursement and state aid relative to learning communities
LB179	Kintner	Eliminate learning communities
LB180	Adams	Provide for the waiver of education-related fees for dependents of veterans
LB181	Avery	Prohibit motorcycle passengers less than eight years old
LB182	Avery	Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
LB183	Karpisek	Provide for county board appointment of election commissioners
LB184	Haar	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Wind Applications Center
LB185	Christensen	Authorize state assistance for streamflow enhancement projects undertaken by natural resources districts
LB186	Christensen	Restrict rule and regulation authority of natural resources districts
LB187	Nelson	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to fund the Dental Health Director

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB188	Karpisek	Require legislative approval of gubernatorially appointed election commissioners
LB189	Harms	Change provisions and penalties relating to occupant protection systems
LB190	Harms	Appropriate funds for the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund
LB191	Nordquist	Adopt the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act and provide tax credits
LB192	Karpisek	Change provisions relating to requests for information by the Auditor of Public Accounts
LB193	Nelson	Change funding for the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund

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LB194	Speaker Adams	Provide for deficit appropriations
LB195	Speaker Adams	Appropriate funds for state government expenses
LB196	Speaker Adams	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature
LB197	Speaker Adams	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers
LB198	Speaker Adams	Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition
LB199	Speaker Adams	Provide fund transfers, create funds, and authorize the sale of land
LB200	Speaker Adams	Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund
LB201	Haar	Authorize emergency expenditures by school districts and educational service units
LB202	Coash	Change provisions relating to DNA collection
LB203	Scheer	Change provisions relating to solid waste under the Environmental Protection Act
LB204	Larson	Change and provide criminal sanctions regarding animals and animal facilities
LB205	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to application of the Securities Act of Nebraska
LB206	Schumacher	Require secret-ballot envelopes for mailed ballots
LB207	McCoy	Change motor vehicle registration provisions
LB208	Harr	Change provisions relating to metropolitan utilities districts
LB209	Harr	Change provisions relating to publication of trade names
LB210	Harr	Provide remedies and procedures regarding unauthorized financing statement filings
LB211	Adams	Change and eliminate provisions relating to statewide coordination of community college boards
LB212	Karpisek	Change court-ordered parenting plan provisions of the Parenting Act
LB213	Gloor	Change provisions relating to financial institutions
LB214	Gloor	Change provisions relating to securities and seller-assisted marketing plans
LB215	Schilz	Change provisions relating to use of the County Visitors Promotion Fund
LB216	McGill	Adopt the Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act
LB217	Avery	Change constitutional officers' salaries
LB218	Avery	Require insurance coverage for certain food formulas as prescribed
LB219	Avery	Change petition requirements for general election ballot
LB220	Avery	Change children's eligibility provisions relating to the Medical Assistance Act
LB221	Karpisek	Change dental hygienist training and authorized functions
LB222	McCoy	Change provisions regarding certain reports submitted electronically to the Legislature
LB223	Janssen	Redefine utility-type vehicles
LB224	Janssen	Provide veterans preference for public contracts as prescribed
LB225	Smith	Adopt the Newborn Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening Act
LB226	Smith	Regulate dealers in the business of purchasing and reselling precious items
LB227	Kintner	Exclude retirement benefits from state income taxation
LB228	Nordquist	Provide requirements relating to copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles relating to certain services
LB229	Nordquist	Change the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee
LB230	Karpisek	Change shipping license provisions under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB231	Nelson	Establish a uniform reimbursement rate for adult day services
LB232	Lathrop	Change judges' salaries
LB233	Pirsch	Change award and report provisions under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act
LB234	Howard	State intent relating to appropriations for nurse visitation
LB235	Howard	Change precinct size requirements and procedures for drawing political subdivision boundaries and changing polling places and provide for election advisory committees
LB236	Howard	Appropriate funds to Department of Labor to establish an individual development accounts pilot project
LB237	Karpisek	Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption
LB238	Crawford	Exempt social security and certain retirement benefits from state income taxation

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LB239	Wightman	Adopt the Nebraska All-Payer Patient-Centered Medical Home Act
LB240	Harms	Change work activity requirements for self-sufficiency contracts under the Welfare Reform Act
LB241	Sullivan	Authorize voters to change election of county offices from partisan to nonpartisan
LB242	Howard	Change provisions relating to adoption of administrative rules and regulations
LB243	Howard	Redefine nurse practitioner practice
LB244	Brasch	Require apprentice electricians to complete continuing education

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB245	Nordquist	Change preferred drug list provisions under the Medical Assistance Act
LB246	Larson	Provide for a health care copayment for jail and prison inmates
LB247	Larson	Change Nebraska Juvenile Code provisions relating to reimbursement by parents for costs of care and treatment
LB248	Larson	Provide for seasonal employers under the Employment Security Law
LB249	Dubas	Change motor vehicle provisions relating to farm vehicles and drivers transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies
LB250	Dubas	Change motor vehicle provisions relating to issuance of trip permits
LB251	Hansen	Change a fee relating to the rental of motor vehicles
LB252	Adams	Correct and change subdivision references and references to governmental entities related to postsecondary education
LB253	Adams	Correct references in school statutes
LB254	Adams	Correct references related to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
LB255	McGill	Change provisions relating to hearsay, child abuse, and offenses relating to morals
LB256	McGill	Eliminate criminal forfeiture and provide for civil forfeiture as prescribed
LB257	McCoy	Change provisions relating to creation of municipal counties
LB258	Sullivan	Prohibit use of certain wireless devices by school bus drivers as prescribed
LB259	Karpisek	Exempt keno writers from licensure under the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act
LB260	Gloor	Change requirements for a data and information system under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act
LB261	Gloor	Adopt the Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities Act
LB262	Cook	Provide duties relating to sharing of student information
LB263	Retirement	Change provisions relating to government retirement systems
LB264	Bolz	Provide an income tax credit for individuals caring for dependents
LB265	Coash	Change foster care licensure and kinship home and relative home provisions
LB266	Chambers	Eliminate provisions relating to increases in local option sales tax rates
LB267	Chambers	Prohibit persons on parole, probation, or work release from acting as undercover agents or employees of law enforcement and prohibit admissibility of certain evidence
LB268	Campbell	State intent to appropriate funds for upgrade of an electronic data collection system related to child welfare and other economic assistance programs
LB269	Campbell	Change provisions relating to children and families
LB270	Campbell	Provide for a medicaid state plan amendment relating to services for children with serious emotional disturbance
LB271	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to early voting
LB272	Carlson	Change provisions relating to chemigation permits and fees
LB273	Karpisek	Change keno time limits
LB274	Nordquist	Adopt the Education Compensation Transparency Act
LB275	Nordquist	Adopt the Nebraska Coordinated School Health Act
LB276	Nordquist	Change reimbursement provisions under the Early Intervention Act and require a medicaid state plan amendment
LB277	Harr	Change provisions relating to presentation of a false medicaid claim
LB278	Pirsch	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the Secretary of State
LB279	Pirsch	Change provisions relating to loan brokers, delayed deposit services, and installment loans
LB280	Pirsch	Change domestic assault provisions
LB281	Pirsch	Change the amount of tax credits allowed under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act
LB282	Pirsch	Exempt motor vehicle washing and waxing from sales taxation
LB283	Conrad	Eliminate the Limited Liability Company Act
LB284	Conrad	Change provisions of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act relating to limits on actions and amounts recoverable
LB285	Conrad	Change authorized transfers to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund
LB286	Conrad	Provide for Cash Reserve Fund transfers for affordable housing, homeless shelter assistance, and legal aid
LB287	Carlson	Change rabies vaccination provisions
LB288	Carlson	Change provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act
LB289	Lathrop	Change provisions relating to duration of real estate improvement contract liens
LB290	Pirsch	Change provisions relating to the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act
LB291	Nordquist	Change medical payment provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB292	Karpisek	Change population restrictions for conducting elections by mail
LB293	Kintner	Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed
LB294	Seiler	Change provisions relating to use of public resources by public officials and public employees
LB295	Sullivan	Redefine a term under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act
LB296	Hadley	Change provisions of the educational savings plan relating to income tax reductions and participation agreements
LB297	Bolz	Change mental injuries and mental illness compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LR21	Scheer	Congratulate the Norfolk Catholic High School football team for winning the 2012 Class C-1 state championship
LR22	Campbell	Provide the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee be designated to convene a Partnership Towards Nebraska's Health Care System Transformation

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LB298 McCoy Change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB299	Seiler	Change political subdivision election provisions
LB300	Krist	Provide licensure requirements for health care facilities and require Department of Health and Human Services to provide abortion information
LB301	Carlson	Change provisions relating to transfer of property between school districts
LB302	Wallman	Change total disability income benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB303	Wallman	Change registration requirements for land surveyors
LB304	Wallman	Change requirements relating to gasohol and provide requirements for use of E15 by the Department of Roads
LB305	Nordquist	Change provisions relating to State Patrol retirement
LB306	Nordquist	Change judges' contribution for retirement as prescribed
LB307	Nelson	Change provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB308	Schumacher	Change income tax calculations relating to the federal alternative minimum tax
LB309	Bolz	Adopt the Department of Health and Human Services Delivery Improvement and Efficiency Act
LB310	Bolz	Clarify compensation for shoulder injuries under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB311	Scheer	Change filing requirements for official bonds and oaths
LB312	Scheer	Designate certain acts as unfair insurance trade practices
LB313	Christensen	Change provisions relating to incarceration work camps
LB314	Christensen	Adopt the Escort Services Accountability and Permit Act
LB315	Christensen	Redefine massage therapy and change licensure requirements
LB316	Harr	Redefine automobile liability policy
LB317	Price	Change a duty of county assessors relating to real property valuation
LB318	McGill	Change duties of law enforcement officers and agencies relating to the taking and distribution of fingerprints
LB319	McGill	Change certain permitholder penalty provisions under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act
LB320	McGill	Change temporary custody without a warrant provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code
LB321	Crawford	Change a provision relating to disability retirement payments
LB322	Karpisek	Require the Department of Natural Resources to conduct an environmental study relating to the Blue River
LB323	Haar	Create the School Finance Review Committee
LB324	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB325	Brasch	Change provisions relating to approval of natural resources district boundary changes
LB326	Howard	Change provisions of Pharmacy Practice Act and Automated Medication Systems Act
LB327	Pirsch	Change income tax rates
LB328	Pirsch	Change corporate income tax rates
LB329	Howard	Change provisions relating to criminal offenses against animals
LB330	Howard	Change eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB331	Harms	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act
LB332	Harms	Change application provisions relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program
LB333	Schumacher	Change the sales and use tax collection fees
LB334	Nordquist	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program
LB335	Christensen	Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed
LB336	Carlson	Change sickness and accident insurance provisions for policies subject to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
LB337	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Insurers Supervision, Rehabilitation, and Liquidation Act
LB338	Gloor	Prohibit certain practices by health care professionals and health care facilities
LB339	Schilz	Change fence dispute provisions
LR23	Avery	Memorialize Congress to support a constitutional amendment responding to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
LR24	Nordquist	Congratulate the Creighton University men's soccer team for their achievements in the 2012 season

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LB340	Natural Resources	Change a hearing requirement related to the Nebraska Power Review Board
LB341	Wightman	Change tax sale procedures
LB342	Coash	Change right to counsel provisions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code
LB343	Coash	Change terminology related to mental retardation
LB344	Sullivan	Change moratorium exceptions for long-term care beds
LB345	Wightman	Change transfer on death deed requirements and filings
LB346	Kolowski	Authorize school districts to levy a tax and exceed budget authority for school security measures
LB347	Gloor	Provide for a moratorium on issuance of licenses under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act
LB348	Harr	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects
LB349	Murante	Change ballot status and write-in provisions for presidential and vice-presidential candidates
LB350	Murante	Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council
LB351	Harms	Require cognitive tests for persons eighty years of age or older obtaining motor vehicle operator's licenses
LB352	Christensen	Provide signage requirements and duties for the Nebraska State Patrol under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act
LB353	Christensen	Restrict rule and regulation authority of natural resources districts

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB354	Larson	Adopt the Nebraska Corn Promotion Act
LB355	Larson	Change the age of majority and certain age requirements
LB356	Karpisek	Prohibit participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities as prescribed
LB357	Haar	Change a budget limitation exemption under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB358	Dubas	Redefine excavation for purposes of the One-Call Notification System Act
LB359	Cook	Change eligibility redeterminations relating to a child care subsidy
LB360	Karpisek	Change court fees, sheriff's fees, identification inspection fees, and handgun certificate fees
LB361	Howard	Name the Child and Maternal Death Review Act and change review procedures
LB362	Avery	Change state park entry permit provisions and provide for a motor vehicle registration fee
LB363	Avery	Change provisions relating to access to public records
LB364	Avery	Permit government bodies to set limits on certain contracts
LB365	Avery	Require instruction in certain emergency procedures as a prerequisite to high school graduation
LB366	Cook	Adopt the Remedial Adult Education Innovation Act
LB367	Cook	Adopt the Twenty-First Century Developmental Education Act
LB368	Crawford	Create a subsidized employment pilot program within the Department of Health and Human Services
LB369	Lathrop	Require licensed service providers for services to probationers and parolees as prescribed
LB370	Lathrop	Create the County Property Tax Assistance Program and the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Program
LB371	Mello	Adopt the Transparency in Government Procurement Act
LB372	Mello	Adopt the Buy Nebraska Act and eliminate provisions relating to resident bidder preferences
LB373	Mello	Change Nebraska Construction Prompt Pay Act provisions
LB374	Nelson	Provide for a delinquent child support payment lien on an appearance bond as prescribed
LB375	Lathrop	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to be used for services for persons with developmental disabilities
LB376	Johnson	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development
LB377	Johnson	Change provisions relating to annexation of a county road by a city or village
LB378	Smith	Eliminate fees for the issuance of certain license plates
LB379	Nelson	Change furlough and reduction of sentence provisions as prescribed
LB380	Howard	Provide for adoption by two adult persons jointly
LB381	Janssen	Require photographic identification to vote
LB382	Janssen	Change presidential elector selection and voting requirements
LB383	Janssen	Provide for Nebraska Armed Forces Pride Plates
LB384	Nordquist	Adopt the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act
LB385	Nordquist	Prohibit certain bases for discrimination relating to child placement
LB386	Christensen	Require notice of road maintenance by counties as prescribed
LB387	Christensen	Eliminate provisions relating to constructing drainage facilities and taking other control measures on public roads
LB388	Natural Resources	Change provisions relating to public power and provide for construction of certain transmission lines
LB389	Bolz	Provide an income tax credit for adoption and guardianship costs
LB390	Christensen	Change provisions relating to Governor's powers regarding restrictions on firearms and ammunition under the Emergency Management Act
LB391	Davis	Change water law provisions relating to water storage
LB392	Lathrop	Eliminate certain firearms provisions no longer authorized by federal law
LB393	Bloomfield	Change helmet and eye protection provisions regarding motorcycles
LB394	Conrad	Authorize use of Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Vocational training
LB395	Conrad	Redefine the term "school-based health center" for purposes of the Medical Assistance Act
LB396	Conrad	Change Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court powers
LB397	Conrad	Require insurance coverage for screening for amino acid-based formulas
LB398	Brasch	Change provisions and penalties relating to certain excessively loaded vehicles
LB399	Lautenbaugh	Permit members of certain organizations to use flashing amber lights on motor vehicles
LB400	Lautenbaugh	To appropriate funds for aid to community colleges
LB401	Lautenbaugh	Adopt the School Purchasing Act
LR25	McCoy	Congratulate Elyse Mancuso for winning the Jeopardy! Teen Tournament
LR26	McCoy	Congratulate the Elkhorn South High School girls' golf team for winning the 2012 Class B state championship
LR27	McCoy	Congratulate the Elkhorn South High School boys' tennis team for winning the 2012 Class B state championship
LR28	McCoy	Congratulate the Mount Michael Benedictine High School boys' cross country team for winning the 2012 Class B state championship
LR29CA	Adams	Constitutional amendment to change provisions relating to redevelopment projects
LR30	Nelson	Congratulate Juan Chavez for winning the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship
LR31	Campbell	Provide the Executive Board appoint the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature as a special committee of the Legislature
LR32	Janssen	Extend sympathy to the family of Doug Nabb
LR33	Bloomfield	Extend sympathy to the family of Captain Matthew Justin Meyer

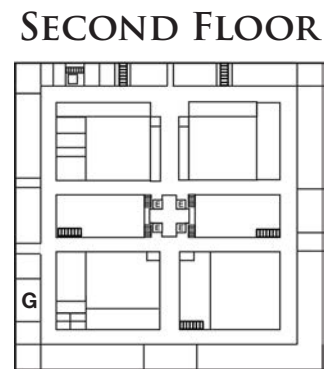
PUBLIC HEARINGS


Public hearings on bills are typically held in the afternoons during the first half of the legislative session. Committees have regularly scheduled rooms and meeting days, although they sometimes meet in different rooms at varying times in order to accommodate testifiers or large audiences.

The weekly schedule of committee hearings is published on the last legislative day of the week throughout the legislative session. The schedule is available on a table in front of the Clerk's Office, in the Sunday editions of the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald, in the weekly Unicameral Update and at www.nebraskalegislature.gov.

HEARING ROOMS

Hearing Room	Committee	Meeting Days
2102 (G)	Agriculture	Tu
1524 (B)	Appropriations	M, Tu
1003 (A)	Appropriations	W, Th, F
1507 (E)	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	M, Tu
2102 (G)	Business & Labor	M
1525 (C)	Education	M, Tu
1510 (D)	General Affairs	M
1507 (E)	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	W, Th, F
1510 (D)	Health & Human Services	W, Th, F
1113 (F)	Judiciary	W, Th, F
1525 (C)	Natural Resources	W, Th, F
1525 (C)	Nebraska Retirement Systems	(Meets at noon as scheduled)
1524 (B)	Revenue	W, Th, F
1113 (F)	Transportation & Telecommunications	M, Tu
1510 (D)	Urban Affairs	Tu





TESTIMONY SUGGESTIONS

- Always state your name and spell it for the record, as hearings are transcribed.
- Prepare written copies of your testimony to distribute to the committee.
- Be prepared to limit your testimony, and try not to repeat the points offered by previous testifiers.
- Please turn off cell phones.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Tuesday, January 22

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB60 (Larson) Change the livestock brand inspection area boundaries
 LB70 (Schilz) Change Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board membership provisions
 LB67 (Schilz) Change provisions of the Nebraska Milk Act

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB72 (McCoy) Extend the authorization for interest-bearing trust accounts under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
 LB100 (Watermeier) Eliminate a notice requirement with respect to automatic teller machines
 LB146 (Gloor) Change provisions relating to funds transfers under the Uniform Commercial Code
 LB155 (Gloor) Change provisions relating to deposits of public funds in excess of insured or guaranteed amounts

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB30 (Hadley) Change distribution of motor vehicle certificate of title fees
 LB35 (Hadley) Adopt and update references to certain federal provisions related to motor vehicles

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB87 (McGill) Change procedures for filling certain airport authority board vacancies
 LB111 (McGill) Authorize a city of the first or second class or village to adopt a biennial budget
 LB112 (McGill) Change powers and duties of city and village clerks and treasurers as prescribed
 LB113 (McGill) Provide for mayors of cities of the second class to vote in certain situations
 LB48 (Ashford) Change provisions relating to housing agencies
 LB49 (Ashford) Change provisions relating to housing agencies

Wednesday, January 23

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB41 (Cook) Provide for permanent

early voting request list and return of early voting ballots to polling places
 LB56 (Larson) Provide for automatic nomination of certain county officers
 LB144 (Brasch) Provide for write-in candidacy by defeated candidate
 LR12CA (Harms) Constitutional amendment to authorize a county manager form of county government

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB7 (Krist) Change and eliminate provisions relating to signatures and seals under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act
 LB13 (Krist) Require radon resistant construction and radon mitigation statements for residential construction and create a building codes task force
 LB139 (Krist) Change vital statistics information relating to annulment and dissolution of marriage

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB128 (Coash) Create the offense of disarming a peace officer
 LB148 (Ashford) Include ammunition in certain offenses involving firearms
 LB50 (Ashford) Prohibit unreasonable placement of a firearm where a minor may unlawfully possess it
 LB142 (Lathrop) Provide that probation records are not subject to disclosure as prescribed
 LB99 (Mello) Change provisions relating to racial profiling information reviews

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB102 (Watermeier) Change requirements for certain water permit applications
 LB16 (Christensen) Change provisions relating to title to Champion Mill State Historical Park

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB24 (Hadley) Update references to the Internal Revenue Code
 LB33 (Hadley) Change and eliminate certain revenue laws and authorize agreements relating to tax collection
 LB34 (Hadley) Change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Act

Thursday, January 24

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 2:00 p.m.

LB78 (Avery) Eliminate a task force, an authority, a board, committees, a commission, and a council
 LB125 (Lautenbaugh) Change provisions relating to boards of education of Class V school districts

Health & Human Services

1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB225 (Smith) Adopt the Newborn Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening Act
 LB23 (Hadley) Change allocations of the ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection Fund
 LB156 (Watermeier) Eliminate a report made to the Department of Health and Human Services by counties utilizing a community service program

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB3 (Krist) Change filing provisions relating to nonconsensual liens
 LB12 (Krist) Change product liability action statute of limitations
 LB37 (Wightman) Change provisions relating to powers of personal representative with respect to a decedent's Internet sites
 LB45 (Ashford) Change judge eligibility requirements for the Court of Appeals
 LB51 (Ashford) Change provisions relating to publication of court opinions

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB91 (K. Haar) Change provisions regarding geologists
 LB203 (Scheer) Change provisions relating to solid waste under the Environmental Protection Act

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB25 (Hadley) Change provisions relating to the cigarette tax and the tobacco products tax
 LB26 (Hadley) Change the commission allowed to stamping agents for the cigarette tax

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Friday, January 25

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB140 (Krist) Change provisions of the Airport Zoning Act
LB40 (Harms) Update references to Government Auditing Standards
LB79 (Avery) Change political accountability and disclosure provisions and repeal campaign finance laws
LB137 (Avery) Establish state fleet card programs

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB132 (Nordquist) Adopt the Skin Cancer Prevention Act
LB54 (Wightman) Change display of credential and advertisement provisions under the Uniform Credentialing Act
LB42 (Cook) Change credentialing requirements for administrators of facilities for persons with head injuries

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB89 (K. Haar) Provide immunity from liability for providing shelter during a weather event
LB120 (Lautenbaugh) Change provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
LB123 (Lautenbaugh) Change distribution of indigent defense fees
LB52 (Christensen) Change employment provisions for persons committed to the Department of Correctional Services
LB151 (Seiler) Provide a hearsay exception for certain documents and data kept in the regular course of business

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB28 (Hadley) Change a late filing penalty relating to personal property tax
LB29 (Hadley) Provide a duty for county treasurers relating to recording tax assessments and collections
LB36 (Wightman) Change an exemption to the documentary stamp tax

Monday, January 28

Banking, Commerce & Insurance Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB213 (Gloor) Change provisions relating to financial institutions
LB214 (Gloor) Change provisions relat-

ing to securities and seller-assisted marketing plans
LB279 (Pirsch) Change provisions relating to loan brokers, delayed deposit services, and installment loans
LB290 (Pirsch) Change provisions relating to the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act

Business & Labor

2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB58 (Larson) Adopt the Workplace Privacy Act
LB297 (Bolz) Change mental injuries and mental illness compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB21 (Lathrop) Eliminate a Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act sunset provision for certain benefits
LB141 (Lathrop) Change court procedures for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court
LB291 (Nordquist) Change medical payment provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB121 (Lautenbaugh) Provide for waiver of a Nebraska certificate to administer
LB135 (Avery) Change membership provisions relating to Community College Boards of Governors
LB211 (Adams) Change and eliminate provisions relating to statewide coordination of community college boards
LB252 (Adams) Correct and change subdivision references and references to governmental entities related to postsecondary education

Executive Board

Room 2102 - 12:00 p.m.

LB39 (Harms) Change and eliminate references to the Legislative Performance Audit Section
LB149 (Pirsch) Provide for biennial reviews of state agency programs and services
LR20 (Lathrop) Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB173 (Coash) Change provisions relating to documentary proof of age under the

Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB230 (Karpisek) Change shipping license provisions under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB259 (Karpisek) Exempt keno writers from licensure under the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act
LB273 (Karpisek) Change keno time limits

Transportation & Telecommunications Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Lahm, Rhonda - Dept. of Motor Vehicles
LB32 (Hadley) Change provisions relating to historical vehicle license plates
LB207 (McCoy) Change motor vehicle registration provisions
LB249 (Dubas) Change motor vehicle provisions relating to farm vehicles and drivers transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies
LB250 (Dubas) Change motor vehicle provisions relating to issuance of trip permits

Tuesday, January 29

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB15 (Krist) Change Pesticide Act provisions
LB68 (Schilz) Change provisions of the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act
LB69 (Schilz) Change provisions of the Pesticide Act ■



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