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Legislature convenes 2nd session

Senators returned to the State Capitol Jan. 8 to begin the second session of the 103rd Nebraska Legislature.

Among the issues expected to dominate this session are several tax reform proposals, water projects and prison reform.

Senators also likely will reconsider options regarding Medicaid expansion related to the Affordable Care Act. A proposal introduced last session stalled during floor debate.

New bills will be introduced for the first 10 legislative days, or until Jan. 22. Senators will begin floor debate on bills carried over from 2013 on Jan. 13.

Live coverage of the legislative session is provided at NebraskaLegislature.gov, where citizens also may find the legislative calendar and information about bills and Nebraska state senators.

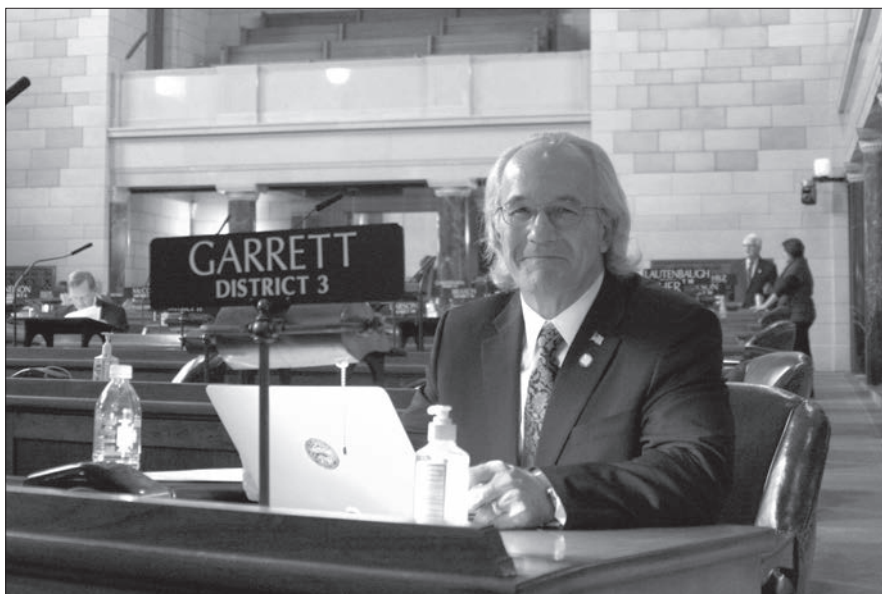
Gov. Dave Heineman's State of the State address is



Members of the Nebraska Army National Guard assist in the presentation of colors during the opening ceremonies of the 2014 session.

scheduled for Jan. 15. Committee hearings are scheduled to begin on Jan. 21 and will continue through February.

The session will last 60 legislative days and is tentatively scheduled to adjourn April 17. ■



Garrett appointed to represent District 3

Sen. Tommy Garrett of Bellevue was sworn in Dec. 11 to represent legislative district 3. He is the founder and president of Garrett Group, which specializes in defense contracting. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Garrett was appointed by the governor to replace Sen. Scott Price, who resigned in November. ■

INSIDE: Bills introduced the first three days • Updated committee membership • Opening day photos

NEW BILLS

Bill Introducer One-line description

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LB656	Exec Board	Revisor bill to repeal parimutuel wagering provisions held unconstitutional
LB657	Exec Board	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete handicapped or disabled parking permit provisions
LB658	Exec Board	Revisor bill to repeal an obsolete section relating to public power suppliers
LB659	Exec Board	Revisor bill to repeal an obsolete section relating to the Radiation Control Act
LB660	Krist	Provide for extension of a pilot project and a contract relating to case management
LB661	Krist	Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records
LB662	Krist	Provide and change requirements for voter identification
LB663	Krist	Change provisions for elections conducted by mail
LB664	Krist	Provide immunity under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act during an emergency
LB665	Krist	Change the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act
LB666	Krist	State intent relating to funding for the Civil Air Patrol
LB667	Krist	Provide an exception for motorcycles to certain vehicle light requirements
LB668	Hadley	Provide for extinguishment of a lien or security interest as prescribed
LB669	McCoy	Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund
LB670	McCoy	Change property tax valuations of agricultural land and horticultural land
LB671	Chambers	Eliminate provisions relating to hunting and killing of mountain lions
LB672	Chambers	Provide a duty for attorneys and counselors
LB673	Chambers	Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act
LB674	Chambers	Change provisions relating to abandonment or cruel neglect of an animal
LB675	Chambers	Eliminate the property tax exemption for religious organizations
LB676	Chambers	Change filing and enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB677	Mello	Adopt the Nebraska Patent Abuse Prevention Act
LB678	Mello	Change the funding allocation percentage for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
LB679	Mello	Change notice requirements relating to zoning, redevelopment projects, and neighborhood associations
LB680	Mello	Amend the State Electrical Act and update the reference to the National Electrical Code
LB681	Mello	Change provisions relating to land banks and tax sales for delinquent property taxes
LB682	Scheer	Provide for formation of allied school systems as prescribed
LB683	Scheer	Change a reference to federal rules and regulations relating to storm water management
LB684	Christensen	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act
LB685	Christensen	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act
LB686	Christensen	Change a certification date relating to nonirrigated acres
LB687	Christensen	Change application procedures for real estate licenses
LB688	Christensen	Change provisions relating to cease and desist orders of the Director of Insurance
LB689	Bolz	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB690	Bolz	Create the Aging Nebraskans Task Force and require a grant application
LB691	Bolz	Increase a child and dependent care tax credit
LB692	Sullivan	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Act
LB693	Seiler	Change succession of real property for small estates
LB694	Seiler	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school
LB695	Haar	Require an affidavit relating to radon levels at a child care location
LB696	Haar	Prohibit the use of and require labeling of food containers containing Bisphenol A

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Live video of hearings and floor debate can be viewed on NET2 and at NetNebraska.org/capitol.

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB697	Larson	Require publication of a statewide list of tax-delinquent properties
LB698	Larson	Change provisions relating to mowing and harvesting hay on the right-of-way of highways
LB699	Larson	Change provisions relating to hunting permits and hunter education programs
LB700	Schumacher	Adopt the Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Act
LB701	Dubas	Change provisions relating to salvage titles and acquisition of salvage titles by insurance companies
LB702	Johnson	Change provisions for organization of cities of the second class and villages
LB703	Avery	Change the Nebraska Optometry Education Assistance Contract Program
LB704	Avery	Create the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Fund
LB705	Coash	Change personal needs allowance under medicaid
LB706	Harr	Change provisions relating to sexual assault, child abuse, sexually explicit conduct, and child pornography and to provide for forfeiture of property as prescribed
LB707	Conrad	Change provisions and procedures relating to sexual assault, stalking, domestic assault, and use of an electronic communication device and to create the offense of harassment
LB708	Kintner	Exempt social security benefits from state income taxation
LB709	Kintner	Exempt military retirement benefits from state income taxation
LB710	Christensen	Provide requirements for entering into certain ground water augmentation projects
LB711	Watermeier	Change provisions relating to contamination of property by clandestine drug labs
LB712	Gloor	Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions
LB713	Gloor	Change state investment officer provisions relating to time deposit open accounts and limits on total deposits
LB714	Gloor	Eliminate provisions relating to forged, altered, or raised checks under the Nebraska Banking Act
LB715	Gloor	Add definitions relating to insurance
LB716	Gloor	Provide procedures relating to electronic delivery of insurance notices and documents and Internet posting of certain insurance policies
LB717	Gloor	Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act and professional qualifications
LB718	Crawford	Change procedures for adoption of rules and regulations and require publication of certain information
LB719	Crawford	Provide a report requirement for the adoption of rules and regulations
LB720	Crawford	Provide and change complaint procedures for rules and regulations
LB721	Janssen	Change tax provisions
LB722	Kolowski	Adopt the Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Court Civil Judgments Act
LB723	Christensen	Change property tax provisions relating to the valuation of irrigated cropland and comparable sales
LB724	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school
LR390	Mello	Extend sympathy to the family of Steve Cavlovic
LR391	Avery	Recognize September 2014 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness in Nebraska

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LB725	Sullivan	Change provisions relating to local effort rate yield under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB726	Scheer	Provide for changing the number of school board members in Class II and Class III school districts
LB727	Harms	Change provisions relating to anatomical gift donation designations on drivers' licenses and state identification cards
LB728	Harms	Change provisions relating to criminal history record information checks for certain employees of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services
LB729	Kolowski	Create the Task Force on Expanded Learning Opportunities for School-Age Youth
LB730	Kolowski	Change reporting provisions under the Child Protection Act
LB731	Kolowski	Change provisions relating to workers' compensation first injury reports
LB732	Kolowski	Change asset limitation for certain programs of public assistance
LB733	Schumacher	Adopt the Mass Assessment Act for valuation of real property for ad valorem tax purposes
LB734	Schumacher	Provide for deposit of public funds with credit unions
LB735	Bolz	Require refund of certain insurance premiums upon death of insured
LB736	Dubas	Change the service of notice provision in the One-Call Notification System Act
LB737	Dubas	Change qualifications for county veterans service officers
LB738	Larson	Create a fund and appropriate funds to the Department of Motor Vehicles
LB739	Hadley	Update references to the Internal Revenue Code
LB740	Crawford	Provide residency requirements for postsecondary education purposes for veterans and their family members
LB741	Murante	Require schools to have a policy relating to tornado drills as prescribed
LB742	Murante	Require instant run-off voting in primary elections
LB743	Murante	Provide definition of one-half of an elected term of office
LB744	Avery	Establish the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission
LB745	Avery	Change various provisions relating to administrative governmental functions
LB746	Avery	Change election provisions to authorize provisional ballots and require identification for certain voters

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB747	Avery	Provide electioneering communication reporting requirements and restrictions under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB748	Avery	Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
LB749	Harr	Adopt the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act
LB750	Harr	Change provisions relating to lien perfection and termination
LB751	Conrad	Adopt the Nebraska Benefit Corporation Act
LB752	Lathrop	Change certain assault provisions
LB753	Gloor	Change a provision for notice of a change of address for an agent for service of process for a limited liability company and provide a filing fee
LB754	Smith	Provide funds for career education programs
LB755	Gloor	Adopt the Standard Valuation Act for valuation of insurance reserves
LB756	Smith	Redefine bicycle and motor vehicle
LB757	Smith	Create a mailbox location exception and repeal an obsolete road numbering system requirement
LB758	Smith	Change duties relating to registration certificates for trailers
LB759	Mello	Require annual reports from various defined benefit retirement plans
LB760	Mello	Adopt the Combined Sewer Overflow Infrastructure Assistance Act and the Unfunded Federal Mandate Infrastructure Assistance Act
LB761	Mello	Provide for a tax amnesty program and change provisions on contracts for finding nonpayers of taxes
LB762	Christensen	Change provisions relating to integrated management plans
LB763	Janssen	Require reports from state agencies on inefficient programs
LB764	Conrad	Appropriate funds for pediatric cancer research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
LB765	Conrad	Change the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act
LB766	Bloomfield	Change tuition assistance program provisions for National Guard members
LB767	Schilz	Change provisions relating to operator training for underground storage tanks and provide funding
LB768	Schilz	Change fee provisions of the Livestock Brand Act
LB769	Crawford	Change provisions relating to military parents under the Parenting Act
LB770	Wallman	Change provisions relating to explosives and destructive devices
LB771	Wallman	Change length of certification period under the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act
LB772	Davis	Increase expenditure amount for Adjutant General for aerial fire suppression or hazardous material response
LB773	Davis	Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections
LR392	Wightman	Congratulate the Cozad High School football team for winning the 2013 Class C-1 state championship
LR393CA	Murante	Constitutional amendment to change signature requirements for initiative petitions
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LB774	Pirsch	Change provisions relating to filing corrected or amended annual and biennial reports with the Secretary of State
LB775	Seiler	Provide for disclosure of a decedent's financial information as prescribed
LB776	Hadley	Adopt and update references to certain federal provisions related to motor vehicles
LB777	Hadley	Change license renewal and issuance provisions under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act
LB778	Chambers	Require certain entities to comply with provisions on open meetings, public records, and conflicts of interest
LB779	Scheer	Change duties of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education relating to transfer-of-credit policies
LB780	Wightman	Change provisions relating to transfer on death deeds
LB781	Harms	Change a date relating to a community college area comprehensive audit
LB782	Lathrop	Establish a return-to-learn protocol for students who have sustained a concussion
LB783	Lathrop	Change distributions under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB784	Lathrop	Change a provision relating to juror disqualification
LB785	Lathrop	Provide when acknowledgment is not required for contract for sale of homestead property
LB786	Crawford	Adopt the Emergency Contact Registry Act and provide powers and duties for the Department of Motor Vehicles
LB787	Schumacher	Provide an income tax deduction for loan principal payments for graduate degrees
LB788	Schumacher	Provide for governmental unit bond priority and rename the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act
LB789	Bolz	Provide for a survey relating to paraeducators
LB790	Howard	Require training for case managers as prescribed
LB791	McGill	Authorize cities of the first and second class and villages to borrow from state-chartered or federally chartered financial institutions
LB792	Sullivan	Eliminate a report requirement by the county treasurers to the State Treasurer
LB793	Wallman	Change workers' compensation death benefit provisions
LB794	Harr	Change provisions relating to the collection of sales and use taxes on credit and debit card transactions and change sales and use tax collection fees
LB795	Harr	Change provisions relating to operator's license reinstatement
LB796	Harr	Provide for disposition of a tenant's personal property upon death
LB797	Nelson	Provide funding for fountains at the State Capitol
LB798	Christensen	Authorize power districts to use a fiscal year rather than a calendar year

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB799	Carlson	Change a filing requirement for insurance companies
LB800	Mello	Provide for designation of enterprise zones and preferences in certain business incentive programs
LB801	Urban Affairs	Change procedures relating to declarations of nuisances in certain cities
LB802	Urban Affairs	Eliminate provisions for adopting future amendments of certain standard codes
LB803	Urban Affairs	Change veto power provisions for mayors of first and second class cities
LB804	Avery	Change and eliminate procedures for filling vacancies and removal of certain gubernatorial appointees
LB805	Avery	Change application requirements to Nebraska veterans homes
LB806	Avery	Change provisions of the Military Code relating to Military Department personnel
LB807	Harms	Change provisions relating to provisional operator's permits, interactive wireless communication devices, and occupant protection systems and update references to certain federal provisions
LB808	Conrad	Change provisions of the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Act and transfer funds from the State Settlement Cash Fund
LB809	Coash	Exempt purchases by historic automobile museums from sales and use taxes
LB810	Watermeier	Change provisions relating to the enforcement and servicing of real estate loans
LB811	Schilz	Change provisions and penalties relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB812	Hansen	Terminate the inheritance tax
LB813	Hansen	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax purposes
LB814	Avery	Change the distribution of sales tax revenue to provide funding to the Game and Parks Commission
LB815	Murante	Change provisions relating to fiduciary accounts controlled by a trust department
LB816	Murante	Authorize use of electronic forms of evidence of insurance for purposes of motor vehicle registration
LB817	Haar	Change membership provisions relating to public power district boards
LB818	Haar	Change provisions relating to net metering
LB819	Wightman	Change provisions relating to future advances on mortgages or trust deeds
LB820	Davis	Authorize the Governor to execute a compact for prevention and control of forest fires and provide employment status for certain volunteer firefighters
LR394	Schumacher	Extend sympathy to the family of former Senator Jennie Robak
LR395	Brasch	Recognize February 10, 2014, as the 60th anniversary of the addition of the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance

SEARCH FOR BILLS

Learn more about bills considered by the Unicameral by logging on to www.NebraskaLegislature.gov.

The Legislature's website offers a bill search on the upper-right portion of the home page. Entering a bill number will retrieve the bill's text, fiscal note, statement of intent, transcripts and more.

You also can search current laws using the keyword search found below the bill search.

The screenshot shows the Nebraska Legislature website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Nebraska state logo and the text "NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE" with the subtitle "The official site of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature". On the right side of the page, there are two search boxes: "Search Current Bills" and "Search Past Legislation". The "Search Current Bills" box contains a dropdown menu for "LB", a text input field, and a "Go" button. Below it is the "Search Past Legislation" box. Further down, there is a "Search Laws" section with a "Keywords" label, a text input field, and a "Go" button. Below the search boxes is a link for "Browse Statutes by Chapter". At the bottom right, there is a "Live Video Streaming" section with a "net" logo and the text "Streaming video provided by Nebraska Educational Telecommunications".

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