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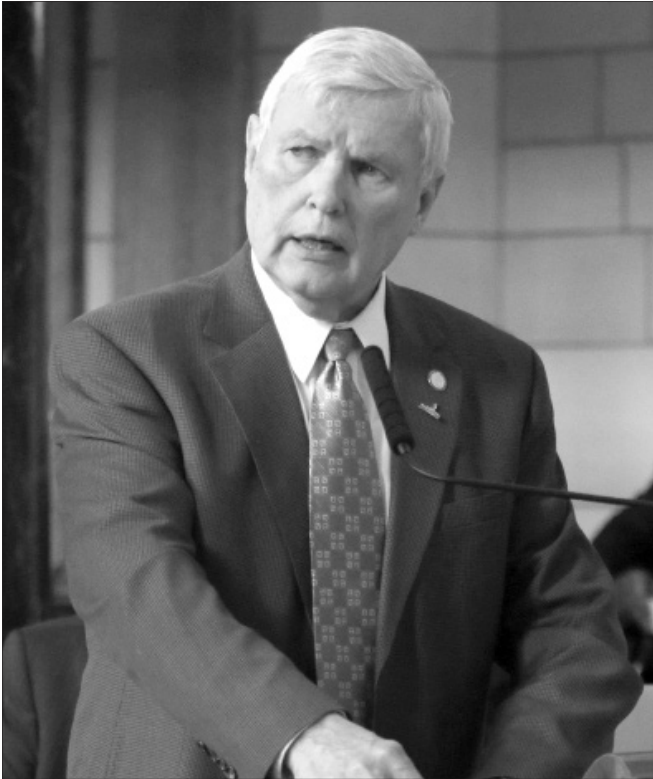
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AGRICULTURE



Sen. Jerry Johnson, Agriculture Committee chairperson

Members of the Legislature's Agriculture Committee considered a variety of issues this session including commercial pet breeding, competitive livestock marketing restrictions and dry beans.

Introduced by Wahoo Senator Jerry Johnson, **LB360** clarifies the authority of the state Department of Agriculture to assist local authorities in investigating possible cases of animal cruelty observed in licensed facilities. Such authority will be triggered when conditions presenting a "significant threat" to the health or safety of dogs or cats is present. Significant threats to the health or safety of dogs or cats include:

- not providing shelter or protection from extreme weather;
- refusing to seek treatment for acute injuries involving potentially life-threatening, hemorrhaging or medical emergencies;
- not providing food or water resulting in starvation or severe dehydration;
- egregious abuse resulting in trauma from beating, torturing, mutilating or burning; or

- failing to maintain sanitation standards that result in animals walking, lying or standing in feces.

The bill also provides that licenses do not expire and converts the current annual license renewal fee, a graduated fee based on size, to an annual fee.

It also incorporates provisions of three other bills, including:

- **LB359**, introduced by Johnson, which increases a fee collected with local pet licenses from \$1 to \$1.25 per licensed animal, increases the annual license fee for each size category of licensed facility by \$25 and adds a fee of \$2 per animal for commercial license categories, to be remitted to the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Program Cash Fund;
- **LB389**, originally introduced by Heartwell Sen. John Kuehn, which implements a re-inspection fee of \$150, plus mileage charges necessary to complete the re-inspection; and
- **LB377**, originally introduced by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, which establishes a judicial procedure available to local authorities to more efficiently determine the disposition of animals impounded in cases of alleged neglect or abuse.



Sen. John Kuehn



Sen. Mark Kolterman

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote.

The committee also considered legislation that would promote livestock production in the state.

Ogallala Sen. Ken Schilz introduced **LB176**, which would narrow an existing restriction under the Competitive Livestock Markets Act that prohibits livestock packers from directly or indirectly owning or feeding livestock. Under the bill, that restriction would apply only to cattle producers.



Sen. Ken Schilz

A swine processor or packer could enter into a written agreement with a person who owns, leases or holds a legal interest in the livestock operation. The packer would own the swine, while the individual producer would retain ownership of the facilities and land.

Schilz filed a motion to invoke cloture—or cease debate and take an immediate vote on the bill—on select file. The motion failed 31-11. Thirty-three votes were needed.

LB176 remains on select file.

The Legislature authorized the state Department of Ag-

riculture to award grants to counties designated as livestock friendly. **LB175**, introduced by Schilz, allows grants to be awarded for strategic planning and improvements to public infrastructure. Grants for strategic planning projects are limited to \$15,000 each. Grants for infrastructure projects are limited to one half of the unobligated balance of the fund, or \$200,000, whichever is less.

The bill also increases the amount of individual producers' investment in livestock modernization improvements eligible for tax credits under the Nebraska Rural Advantage Act and increases from \$30,000 to \$150,000 the maximum individual tax credit allowed for applications filed after Jan. 1, 2016. The total available tax credits for approved projects will be \$500,000 in 2016, \$750,000 in 2017 and 2018 and \$1 million for 2019 and each year thereafter.

Provisions of **LB544**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Burke Harr, were incorporated into LB175. The provisions amended the Nebraska Seed Law by defining the term "seed library" and exempting seed libraries from certain packaging, labeling and content verification standards that apply to commercial seed.



Sen. Burke Harr

The additions also permit state agencies or municipalities to use as community gardens vacant public land for which they have title. The state director of agriculture is required to establish a community gardens task force by August 2015 to study, evaluate and make recommendations for establishing and expanding community gardens, donating food from the gardens and increasing benefits of the gardens to their respective communities.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Hyannis Sen. Al Davis introduced **LB85**, adopted 44-0, which authorizes the Nebraska Brand Committee to charge as much as \$1.10 per head for cattle brand inspections. Currently, the fee is capped at 75 cents per head.



Sen. Al Davis

The brand committee inspects cattle and investigates missing and stolen cattle in Nebraska. The organization is funded solely through the collection of fees for those services.

Lawmakers also considered legislation that narrows the types of losses that have recourse to the security provided by

grain dealers as a requirement to do business in the state.

Johnson introduced **LB183**, adopted 48-0, which limits the dealer security to cover payment only to growers who sell directly to dealers. The bill prevents owners who are not growers from claiming past due payments and corrects an unintended ambiguity in the law that has allowed grain purchasers to file claims stemming from dealers' failure to deliver, thereby diluting the protection intended for growers doing business with a dealer.

The bill also shortens from 30 to 15 days the time a grower may demand payment from the dealer, attempt payment negotiations with the dealer or notify the Public Service Commission of an apparent loss.

Grain transportation vehicles no longer are required to be registered and issued grain dealer plates. Further, accountants or accounting firms preparing statements for grain dealership license applicants now may be located in any state.

Other bills

LB242, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, increases the current dry bean checkoff rate from 10 cents per 100 pounds of beans to 15 cents beginning Aug. 1, 2015. It also authorizes the Dry Bean Commission to adjust the checkoff to a maximum of 24 cents.



Sen. John Stinner

The bill repeals current statute allowing dry bean producers to apply for a refund of their checkoff paid within 30 days of the sale of dry beans. It also adjusts the amount of money that can be used for lobbying, from 25 to 15 percent of revenue.

The bill passed on a 42-1 vote.

Finally, Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers introduced **LB128**, which would repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act. The act, first passed by the Legislature in 2012, authorizes counties to develop management programs to help control prairie dog populations.



Sen. Ernie Chambers

Senators advanced the bill to final reading, where it remains. ■

APPROPRIATIONS



Appropriations Committee chairperson Sen. Heath Mello

Senators passed several bills this session comprising the state's \$8.6 billion budget package. Budget growth in the Appropriations Committee's proposal is an average of 3.1 percent over the two-year budget period.

Portions of several bills relating to funding for various projects at the University of Nebraska were incorporated into the budget proposal:

- **LB532**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann, which transfers \$25 million from the cash reserve to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund to design and build the Global Center for Advanced Interprofessional Learning at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC);
- **LB533**, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, which appropriates \$3 million for operations at the center;



Sen. Robert Hilkemann



Sen. John Stinner



Sen. Dan Watermeier

- **LB154**, introduced by Kearney Sen. Galen Hadley, which appropriates \$4.95 million for economic competitiveness initiatives;
- **LB417**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, which appropriates \$3 million for pediatric cancer research at UNMC;



Sen. Galen Hadley



Sen. John Kuehn

- **LB496**, introduced by Heartwell Sen. John Kuehn, which appropriates \$2.5 million for the Yeutter Institute for International Trade and Finance;
- **LB110**, introduced by O'Neill Sen. Tyson Larson, which appropriates \$600,000 for pediatric cancer research and clinical care at UNMC; and



Sen. Tyson Larson



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

- **LB593**, introduced by Nordquist, which appropriates \$250,000 to UNMC to study current health data systems available to the state and make recommendations about health data systems that would be beneficial to increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of public health care dollars spent in Nebraska.

Additional bills incorporated into the budget package include:

- **LB584**, introduced by Ogallala Sen. Ken Schilz, which transfers \$8 million from the cash reserve to the Oral Health Training and Services Fund;



Sen. Ken Schilz



Sen. Tanya Cook

- **LB82**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tanya Cook, which appropriates \$2.8 million to the state's seven federally-qualified health centers to expand dental services;

- **LB185**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which appropriates \$940,000 to implement provisions of the Master Teacher Program;



Sen. Kate Bolz

- **LB229**, introduced by Syracuse Sen. Dan Watermeier, which appropriates \$600,000 to the Supreme Court for state aid to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program;

- **LB263**, introduced by Wahoo Sen. Jerry Johnson, which transfers \$200,000 to the Nebraska State Historical Society for the Nebraska Main Street Program; and



Sen. Jerry Johnson

- **LB233**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, which appropriates \$200,000 to the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to contract with UNMC for the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.



Sen. Sara Howard

Included in the budget package passed by lawmakers this year were:

LB656, which provides for deficit appropriations and passed 49-0;

LB657, which appropriates funds for state government expenses and passed 49-0;

LB658, which provides funds for the salaries of Nebraska state senators and passed 49-0;

LB659, which provides salaries for state constitutional officers and passed 48-1;

LB660, which funds capital construction and property acquisition and passed 48-0;

LB661, which makes various cash fund transfers and passed 40-9;

LB662, which provides transfers from the cash reserve and passed 42-7;

LB663, which provides salaries for judges and passed 47-2; and

LB554, which provides for payment of claims against the state and passed 49-0.

The governor offered no vetoes to the budget bills this session.

Other bills

Four measures heard by the committee also passed this session.

LB33, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, requires the fiscal office to produce a revenue volatility report in advance of new biennial budgets.

The bill contains provisions of **LB32**, also introduced by Mello, that require the state Department of Correctional Services to include a strategic plan in their budget appropriation requests for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, and the biennium ending June 30, 2021. The plan will identify the main purpose of each departmental program

and provide key goals as measures of progress.

The bill passed 44-0.

LB449, also introduced by Mello, increases the maximum amount of microloan funds from \$1 million to \$2 million that can be awarded annually by the state Department of Economic Development (DED).

The bill contains provisions of **LB450**, introduced by Mello, that require the Nebraska Tourism Commission to expand the use of tourism promotion funds for marketing assistance grants to communities and organizations.

The bill also contains provisions of two bills originally introduced by Bancroft Sen. Lydia Brasch:

LB569 increases from \$1 million to \$4 million the maximum amount that DED may award annually through several matching federal grant programs; and

LB571 authorizes the commission to use highway markers to identify significant tourism attractions in the state.



Sen. Lydia Brasch

The bill passed on a vote of 48-0 and takes effect immediately.

LB430, also introduced by Mello, corrects an error in appropriation for the Nebraska Children's Commission and allows a transfer within DHHS.

In 2013, the Legislature moved the Nebraska Children's Commission from DHHS to the Foster Care Review Office. However, \$94,000 of the commission's appropriation was inadvertently left in the DHHS budget.

LB430 moves that amount to the Foster Care Review Office. The bill also transfers \$7 million of unexpended general funds from the DHHS public assistance program to the state's child welfare program. The bill passed 43-0.

Several bills had public hearings but remain in committee, including:

- **LB633**, introduced by Stinner, which would appropriate \$40 million in state aid to counties and municipalities;

- **LB560**, introduced by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, which would appropriate \$25 million to construct facilities at the Nebraska Innovation Campus;



Sen. Matt Williams

- **LB374**, introduced by Malcolm Sen. Ken Haar, which would direct automatic transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund when the fund exceeds \$15 million to the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund;



Sen. Ken Haar

- **LB565**, introduced by Kuehn, which would provide \$10 million to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to provide financial support for students enrolled in high-need programs;
- **LB461**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, which would appropriate \$3 million annually to the Nebraska Forest Service for the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program;
- **LB108**, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, which would appropriate \$500,000 to the University of Nebraska to establish behavioral health master's level internships in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska;
- **LB436**, introduced by Cook, which would appropriate \$425,000 to expand a state-supported pediatric dentistry residency program; and



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks



Sen. Sue Crawford

- **LB381**, introduced by Cook, which would appropriate \$200,000 for housing services to support individuals recovering from substance abuse disorders.
- Four proposals to provide property tax relief to Nebraskans in addition to the \$128 million included in the budget package also remain in committee.

Three of the bills would make general fund transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund:

- **LB309**, introduced by Hyannis Sen. Al Davis, would transfer \$25 million each fiscal year;
- **LB364**, introduced by Watermeier, would transfer \$60 million each fiscal year; and



Sen. Al Davis

- **LB442**, introduced by Bolz, would transfer \$20 million each fiscal year.

LB387, introduced by Scribner Sen. David Schnoor, would authorize a one-time transfer of \$60 million from the state's Cash Reserve Fund by Dec. 15, 2015. ■



Sen. David Schnoor

BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE



Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee chairperson Sen. Jim Scheer

Changes to commerce and insurance regulation topped the list of banking issues considered by lawmakers this session.

Senators approved a bill that authorizes a new insurance producer license in Nebraska.

LB458, introduced by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, authorizes the state director of insurance to issue a limited lines travel insurance producer license. The new license authorizes an individual or business entity to sell, solicit or negotiate travel insurance through a licensed insurer.

A limited lines travel insurance producer and those registered under the producer's license are exempt from examination, prelicensing education and continuing education requirements for producers. The bill passed 48-0.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

Lawmakers also changed requirements related to the roster of abstracters maintained by the state's Abstracters Board of Examiners.

LB269, introduced by Venango Sen. Dan Hughes, requires the board to update the roster annually on their website in a printable format. The bill also removes a requirement that a copy of the roster be sent to all registered abstracters and furnished to the public upon request at the cost of production.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Small businesses may seek startup capital through new avenues under a bill approved by the Legislature this session.

Under **LB226**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Colby Coash, small businesses may raise up to \$2 million each year from accredited or unaccredited investors.

All projects attempting to raise money via crowdfunding will require approval from the state Department of Banking and Finance. Individuals investing money under LB226 will receive a proportionate security stake in the company in exchange for their investment, without registration under state and federal securities laws. Unaccredited investors will not be allowed to invest more than \$5,000 in a particular company.

Investors must be residents of Nebraska and will be required to sign a certificate acknowledging the potential for the complete loss of investment. The bill passed 48-0.

Senators also passed a bill that makes changes to funds intended to mitigate the impact of economic downsizing.

LB457, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Mike Gloor, terminates the Industrial Recovery Fund. Existing funds will be distributed evenly to the Site and Building Development Fund and the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Projects that were eligible under the Industrial Recovery Fund—those that mitigate the economic impact of a closure or downsizing of a private-sector entity by making necessary improvements to building and infrastructure—will be eligible under the Site and Building Development Fund.

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote and takes effect immediately.

A bill intended to provide clarity in the event of a municipal bankruptcy in Nebraska remains on select file.

LB67, sponsored by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher,



Sen. Dan Hughes



Sen. Colby Coash



Sen. Mike Gloor

would create a statutory lien on government bonds in order to ensure bondholder priority in bankruptcy proceedings.

Exempt would be retirement accounts, pension funds and any other vested post-employment benefit whenever payable.

Finally, a bill that would offer grants to small businesses that create additional jobs in Nebraska remains in committee.

Introduced by Ogallala Sen. Ken Schilz, **LB395** would



Sen. Paul Schumacher

create a nine-member Nebraska Enterprise Fund Authority within the state Department of Economic Development. The authority would award grants to businesses for recruitment, relocation, capital improvement and infrastructure development.

Grants would be awarded based on potential economic impact and number of jobs created by the business. Businesses with fewer than 100 employees would be prioritized for the program. ■



Sen. Ken Schilz

BUSINESS & LABOR



Sen. Burke Harr, Business and Labor Committee chairperson

Senators passed bills this session providing workplace protections for pregnant employees and changing workers' compensation.

Employee benefits and wages

LB627, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, extends to pregnant workers the same reasonable accommodation standard applied to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations with respect to pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions for workers outlined in the bill include:

- modified duties and schedules;
- periodic rest and more breaks;
- equipment for sitting;
- time off to recover from childbirth; and
- break time and appropriate facilities for breastfeeding or expressing breast milk.



Sen. Heath Mello

The bill also prohibits discrimination against an individual who is pregnant, has given birth or has a related medical condition in regard to job application procedures or the hiring, compensation, job training, advancement or discharge of employees.

LB627 passed on a 45-0 vote.

Following the approval of Initiative 425 by Nebraska voters in November 2014, the state's minimum wage increased to \$8 per hour this year and is set to increase again in 2016 to \$9 per hour. The ballot initiative was the result of a successful petition drive that followed the 2014 Legislature's rejection of a bill to increase the state's minimum wage.

Introduced by Crete Sen. Laura Ebke, LB599 would permit employers to pay workers ages 18 and younger either \$8 an hour or 85 percent of the federal minimum wage, whichever is higher, beginning Jan. 1, 2016.



Sen. Laura Ebke

No more than 25 percent of the worker's total hours could be paid at the new rate. The bill would apply to employees age 18 and younger who do not have a high school diploma and have no dependent children.

The bill failed to pass on a 29-17 vote. Because LB599 would have amended a law enacted by voter initiative, it required at least 33 votes on final reading for passage.

LB494, introduced by Sen. Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha, would increase the tip earner wage from the current \$2.13 to \$3 per hour in 2015. For each year thereafter, it would increase by the lesser of 95 cents or the amount necessary to equal 50 percent of the regular minimum wage.



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

The bill remains on general file.

Workers' compensation

Sponsored by Omaha Sen. Burke Harr, LB480 was amended to update workers' compensation statutes and contains provisions of the following four bills.

Introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, provisions of LB158 allow the denial of benefits if an employee knowingly and willfully made false statements regarding his or her physical or medical condition by acknowledging that he or she is able to perform the essential functions of



Sen. John McCollister

a job based on the employer's job description.

Provisions of Nordquist's **LB363** clarify that employees are not responsible for any finance charges or late penalty payments as a result of medical services rendered by a provider.

LB133, introduced by Ebke, revised the interest rate applicable to an award of workers' compensation benefits in which an attorney's fee is permitted by changing the rate from 14 percent to a rate calculation of 6 percentage points above the bond investment yield, as published by the U.S. secretary of the treasury.

Provisions of **LB600**, also introduced by Ebke, expand the authority to invest trust assets held in irrevocable workers' compensation trusts to allow for investments in the same manner as corporate trustees holding retirement or pension funds for governmental employees. If the assets fall below the acceptable amount required by the compensation

court, the trustor must deposit additional assets to continue to satisfy the minimum security amounts required. The provisions prohibit a trustee from investing assets into stocks, bonds or other obligations of the trustor.

Senators passed LB480 46-0.

State Claims

LB554, introduced by the Business and Labor Committee, approved \$1.5 million in tort claims, \$1.2 million in miscellaneous claims and \$970,000 in write-offs for fiscal year 2013-14. The bill includes approval of \$1 million in settlements for three of the six Nebraskans wrongly convicted for the 1985 murder of Helen Wilson in Beatrice.

The bill was part of the budget package and passed 49-0. ■

EDUCATION



Sen. Kate Sullivan, Education Committee chairperson

School funding

Cedar Rapids Sen. Kate Sullivan introduced **LB525**, the Education Committee's annual "clean-up" bill. The bill clarifies that homeless students must be admitted without charge only to the district in which the student currently is located or the school where the student was last enrolled.

It also allows an early childhood professional to report his or her educational degrees or professional credentials, relevant training and work experience to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.

The bill includes provisions of **LB524**, also introduced by Sullivan, regarding the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP is a federal program that allows school districts in which at least 40 percent of students are defined as poverty students to offer free meals to all students without collecting applications from households.

To recognize participation in the program, the bill redefines low-income and poverty students under the

Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) for schools that provide free meals under CEP.

Provisions of several additional bills were incorporated in **LB525**, including:

- **LB526**, introduced by Sullivan, which clarifies that an individual holding a permit issued by the Commission of Education is included under the definition of individuals certified to teach, administer or provide special services;
- **LB239**, introduced by Malcolm Sen. Ken Haar, which reallocates funds generated by solar and wind energy agreements on school lands to assist schools in implementing an effective educator evaluation model;
- **LB509**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tanya Cook, which eliminates a TEEOSA poverty allowance disqualification and instead imposes a 5 percent reduction in the allowance upon failure to meet requirements;
- **LB572**, introduced by Hyannis Sen. Al Davis, which requires the state security director to recommend curricular and extracurricular material designed to prevent cyber-bullying; and
- **LB410**, introduced by Sullivan, which adds income eligibility for the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act for students participating in a career academy or career path of study.



Sen. Ken Haar



Sen. Tanya Cook



Sen. Al Davis

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote.

Sullivan also introduced **LB519**, adopted 48-0, which directs the distribution of lottery funds for educational purposes for the 2017-18 through 2020-21 school years.

The state Board of Education will establish a competitive innovation grant program with funding from the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund, created by **LB519**.

Money in the Education Improvement Fund is allocated as follows:

- 1 percent to the state Department of Education for the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act;
- 17 percent to the state Board of Education for competitive innovation grants;
- 9 percent to the Community College Gap Assistance Program;

- 3 percent to education incentives;
- 8 percent to the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund; and
- 62 percent to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund.

Grantees can be a school district, an educational service unit (ESU) or a combination of entities that includes at least one school district or ESU. The board will award grants to applicants that are deemed innovative and to have a high chance of success.

The state Board of Education can designate an innovation project as a best practice. That program then will be included as a best practice allowance under the Tax Equity and Educational Support Opportunities Act, beginning with school year 2021-22.

Provisions of **LB527**, also introduced by Sullivan, are included in the bill. These change the terms for loan forgiveness under the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program, decreasing the annual amount forgiven from \$3,000 to \$1,500. Those qualifying for accelerated loan forgiveness will see a decrease from \$6,000 to \$1,500 the first year and to \$3,000 in subsequent years.

The bill incorporates provisions of several other bills, including:

- **LB380**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, which will direct the Education Committee to study the affordability of post-secondary education and explore strategies to address the high cost of education;
- **LB379**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which will provide after school and out-of-school programming, funded through school-community partnership grants; and
- **LB36**, also introduced by Bolz, which will provide funding to community colleges to award gap assistance to students in eligible non-credit accumulating programs.



Sen. Adam Morfeld



Sen. Kate Bolz

Other measures

Lincoln Sen. Roy Baker introduced **LB431**, adopted 43-0, which expanded an exception to bidding requirements for school districts. Currently, school districts are not required to initiate a bidding process for construction, remodeling or repairs when the ex-



Sen. Roy Baker

penditure is estimated to cost less than \$40,000. **LB431** increases the threshold to \$100,000.

The state Board of Education will adjust the threshold to account for inflation every five years, based upon the percentage change in the consumer price index.

Cook introduced **LB382**, which provides grant funding to any entity, other than an educational institution, that runs a qualified high school equivalency training program.

Passed 46-0, the bill authorizes a transfer of \$400,000 from the Job Training Cash Fund to support the grant program. The amount of grant funding will depend on the number of enrolled students.

Omaha's Literacy Center of the Midlands currently is the only program that would be eligible for funding under the bill.

Two education related bills debated this session stalled on the floor.

Omaha Sen. Bob Krist introduced **LB18**, which would have required students to receive two meningitis vaccinations, one upon entering the seventh grade and another at age 16.

After extended debate, Krist filed a motion to bracket the bill by unanimous consent until June 5, 2015. The body obliged and the bill remains on select file.



Sen. Bob Krist

School districts would have received funding for college and career readiness programs under **LB343**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Rick Kolowski.

It would have enabled school districts to apply for reimbursement beginning July 2016 for each student who successfully completes a designated program of excellence, dual-enrollment course or career readiness program.



Sen. Rick Kolowski

The bill stated legislative intent to appropriate \$2 million for the program in fiscal year 2016-17, \$5 million in FY2017-18, \$7 million in FY2018-19 and \$10 million in FY 2019-2020.

The bill remains on select file. ■

EXECUTIVE BOARD



Sen. Bob Krist, Executive Board chairperson

The Legislature's Executive Board considered several changes to state election law.

Currently, a state senator can serve two consecutive four-year terms. **LR7CA**, introduced by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher, would have extended this to two six-year terms.



Sen. Paul Schumacher

The proposal, if approved, would have proportioned the number of senators to be elected for either a four- or six-year term. This would have resulted in just one-third of senators being up for election every even-numbered year beginning with the November 2024 election.

The resolution failed to advance from select file on a 20-22 vote. Twenty-five votes were needed.

A bill by Gretna Sen. John Murante, **LB580**, would have created an Independent Redistricting Citizen's Advisory Commission to assist in the redistricting process.

Currently, the Legislature is responsible for setting new governmental boundaries every 10 years after the decennial census for districts pertaining to the U.S. House of Representatives, the Legislature, Public Service Commission, University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the state Board of Education.

The commission would be established by Jan. 30 of each redistricting year starting in 2021. Each of the three



Sen. John Murante

legislative caucuses would appoint three people to serve on the commission, with no more than two from each caucus having the same political party affiliation.

The bill specifies that a member of the commission must be a Nebraska resident and a registered voter who, at the time of appointment, had not changed political party affiliation within the previous 12 months to be eligible to serve on the commission.

Residents registered as lobbyists within the previous 12 months, public officials, candidates for elective office and those holding a political party office in Nebraska or the United States would not be eligible.

LB580 remains in committee.

A series of resolutions were introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist, which continue the work of three special investigative committees of the Legislature.

LR32, adopted 38-0, provides for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee. The committee has provided oversight of the placement and care of the developmentally disabled in Nebraska since 2008.

LR33, adopted 33-0, provides for continuation of the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee. ACCESSNebraska is an online and call center system developed and implemented by the state Department of Health and Human Services to determine public benefit eligibility and deliver benefits to clients.

The committee originally was established in 2014 to investigate an array of problems including long wait times for callers, high worker turnover and lost paperwork. The resolution authorizes the continuation of the committee's oversight of the ACCESSNebraska system.

LR34, adopted 35-0, provides for the continuation of the Department of Correctional Services Special Investigative Committee. The committee was established in 2014 and was authorized to study the administration of good time laws, policies relating to inmate segregation and the availability of rehabilitative and mental health programs.

In its report to the Legislature, Krist said the committee identified additional problems within the state Department of Correctional Services. Continuation of the committee will allow for further study and oversight of the department, he said, including whether an office of inspector general for the correctional system is warranted.

Finally, Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer introduced **LB56**, which gives Northeast Community College right of first refusal to purchase land that housed Norfolk's former regional center. The cost will be set at the property's appraised value.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote. ■



Sen. Jim Scheer

GENERAL AFFAIRS



Sen. Tyson Larson, General Affairs Committee chairperson

Lawmakers considered several liquor and gaming law changes this session and revisited the issue of cigar bars.

Among the measures passed was the General Affairs Committee's omnibus bill.

LB330, sponsored by O'Neill Sen. Tyson Larson, makes several changes to the state's liquor laws. The bill prohibits the possession or sale of alcohol in powdered form in Nebraska, while providing an exemption for research hospitals and other facilities.

Possession of powdered alcohol will carry the following penalties:

- an infraction and \$300 fine for a first offense;
- a Class IV misdemeanor, \$400 fine and up to five days of incarceration for a second offense; and
- a Class IIIA misdemeanor, \$500 fine and up to seven days of incarceration for a third and all subsequent offenses.

The measure incorporates provisions of two bills

originally introduced by Ogallala Sen. Ken Schilz. Provisions of **LB486** allow an establishment holding a Class C liquor license to apply for a limited bottling endorsement, while provisions of **LB204** provide tax credits to beer manufacturers who utilize local crops.



Sen. Ken Schilz



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

Portions of **LB460**, originally introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, also are included in the bill and require licensure of pedal pubs.

The bill makes a number of additional changes to the state's liquor control laws, including:

- authorizing the Liquor Control Commission to dispose of confiscated alcohol;
- allowing liquor licensees 30 days for a late renewal;
- applying laws relating to beer kegs to all kegs containing alcoholic liquor;
- defining hard cider as beer instead of wine;
- removing a prohibition on issuing liquor licenses within 150 feet of a home for the aged; and
- removing a mandatory hearing requirement for license applications within 150 feet of a church.

LB330 passed on a vote of 44-1.

Senators passed a bill intended to encourage assistance for underage drinkers in need of medical help.

LB439, introduced by Lincoln Sen.

Adam Morfeld, grants legal immunity against a minor in possession charge to minors seeking help for themselves or someone else in need of immediate attention due to alcohol poisoning. The bill applies only to minors who request assistance after such an emergency is apparent and who fully cooperate with medical assistance and law enforcement.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

An individual is prohibited from bringing an action against a peace officer or the employing state agency or political subdivision based on an officer's compliance with the bill's provisions.

LB439 passed on a 44-0 vote.

Lawmakers also approved a bill that exempts cigar and tobacco shops from the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act.

The bill was introduced in response to a 2014 Nebraska Supreme Court decision that declared unconstitutional the Legislature's previous exemption of cigar bars and tobacco retail outlets from the statewide smoking ban.

Introduced by Larson, **LB118** grants an exemption to

businesses that exclusively sell smoking products and to cigar shops. A cigar shop is defined as an establishment that:

- has a liquor license;
- does not sell food;
- generates at least 10 percent of its gross revenue from the sale of cigars, tobacco and tobacco-related products, not including cigarettes;
- has a walk-in humidor; and
- does not allow cigarette smoking.

The bill requires cigar shop employees to sign a form acknowledging that they will be exposed to secondhand smoke and know the health risks involved. LB118 passed 45-3 and takes effect immediately.

Three gaming bills were considered this session.

Currently, the Nebraska Constitution specifically prohibits the Legislature from authorizing any additional games of chance. Gaming can be expanded in Nebraska only through constitutional amendment.

LR10CA, introduced by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher, would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2016 general election ballot that would allow the Legislature to authorize and regulate any game of chance, lottery or gift enterprise.



Sen. Paul Schumacher

After briefly debating the proposal on general file, senators voted 27-16 to indefinitely postpone the measure.

LB619, introduced by Larson, would allow for a special designated poker license and poker endorsement in Nebraska. The bill was advanced to general file by the committee but was not debated this session.

LB250, also introduced by Larson, would remove the current 5-minute time limit required between Keno games. The bill remains in committee. ■

GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS



Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee chairperson
Sen. John Murante

Senators made changes this session to election laws, state and legislative auditing procedures and veterans' funeral expenses.

Government

Lawmakers passed a bill intended to strengthen the audit authority of the Legislative Audit Office (LAO) and the state Auditor of Public Accounts (APA).

LB539, sponsored by Syracuse Sen. Dan Watermeier, requires state agencies to respond to a request for information from the LAO or APA within three business days of the request. For particularly difficult or extensive requests, the agency will have up to three weeks to provide the requested information. Failure to comply with the bill's deadlines or other willful obstruction of an audit is a Class II



Sen. Dan Watermeier

misdemeanor.

The bill also adds community redevelopment authorities and limited community redevelopment authorities to the list of entities that the APA is empowered to audit. The change gives the APA the ability to audit tax increment financing projects.

LB539 was amended to include provisions from three additional bills related to the APA:

- **LB503**, originally introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist, authorizes the APA to issue subpoenas;
- **LB552**, originally introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, clarifies that it is optional for the auditor to prepare a written review of the public retirement system plan reports that must be submitted if a political subdivision's defined benefit plan is underfunded; and
- **LB487**, originally introduced by Ogallala Sen. Ken Schilz, allows the APA to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, records and expenditures of any service contractor or subrecipient of state or federal funds.



Sen. Bob Krist



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist



Sen. Ken Schilz

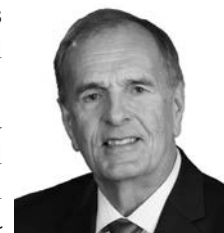
LB539 passed on a 46-0 vote and takes effect immediately.

LB577, introduced by Gretna Sen. John Murante, authorizes counties to regulate the operation and conduct of peddlers, hawkers and solicitors on public and private commercial property through the imposition of fees, issuance of a permit or both.

The bill passed on a 45-1 vote.

Currently when there is a disaster, emergency or civil defense situation, local governments may make expenditures for emergency management purposes. **LB283**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Roy Baker, extends that authority to school districts and educational service units (ESUs).

Prior to making expenditures, a school district or ESU will be required to secure an emergency proclamation from the emergency management director serving the local jurisdiction in which the school or ESU is located. The public hearing requirement for altering a budget will not apply to emer-



Sen. Roy Baker

agency expenditures.

LB283 passed with an emergency clause 48-0.

LB365, also introduced by Baker and passed 47-0, allows a school district or ESU to retain all books, papers, documents, reports, records and minutes of board meetings as electronic records.

Introduced by Scribner Sen. David Schnoor, **LB305** adds transportation costs to the list of veterans' funeral expenses furnished by the director of veterans' affairs. Currently, food, shelter, fuel, apparel and medical or surgical aid are provided to veterans, their families and recognized veteran representatives to cover funeral expenses.



Sen. David Schnoor

The bill passed with an emergency clause on a 47-0 vote.

Introduced by Crete Sen. Laura Ebke, **LB132** requires a joint public agency (JPA) to follow the bond issuance procedures required by law for the participating public agency from which the JPA derived taxation powers.



Sen. Laura Ebke

Under the bill, passed 47-1, a JPA may issue refunding bonds that are payable from the same security and tax levy authority as bonds being refunded without holding an election if the issuance of the refunding bonds does not allow additional principal and does not allow extension of the final maturity date of the indebtedness.

LB132 also specifies election procedures that will be required prior to a JPA issuing a general obligation bond paid by a property tax and clarifies the electorate that will vote on a bond issue if the participating public agencies have overlapping jurisdiction of a geographic area.

Senators approved a bill regarding membership of public power district boards.

Under **LB177**, introduced by Malcolm Sen. Ken Haar, a high-level manager employed by a public power district is prohibited from serving as a member of the board of directors of any public power district. A high-level manager includes a chief executive officer, president, vice president, chief financial officer, chief operations officer, general manager or assistant general manager.



Sen. Ken Haar

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

County officials in Nebraska will have a set of guidelines to use when considering livestock operation proposals under a bill approved this session.

Introduced by Watermeier, **LB106** requires the state Department of Agriculture and a committee of experts appointed by the department director to create an assessment formula that county officials may use when considering livestock operation siting permits, conditional use permits and special exception applications.

Senators passed the bill on a 44-2 vote.

LB571, introduced by Bancroft Sen. Lydia Brasch, authorized the Nebraska Tourism Commission to install highway tourism markers for attractions the commission considers important to the state.



Sen. Lydia Brasch

Provisions of the bill were amended into **LB449**, an Appropriations bill that passed 48-0.

Two bills related to state funding were considered by the committee this session.

Currently, counties are financially responsible for the costs of an autopsy, grand jury payments and witness compensation when an incarcerated person dies. **LB105**, introduced by Watermeier, would transfer these costs from the county to the state if the inmate dies while serving a sentence in a state correctional institution.

The bill remains on general file.

A bill requiring that facility and administration costs of state probation offices be paid with state funds remains in committee. Under **LB427**, introduced by North Platte Sen. Mike Groene, counties would no longer be required to provide office space and necessary facilities for probation services as of June 30, 2015.



Sen. Michael Groene

Elections

The Legislature considered changes to the Electoral College process, petition circulator payment and voting procedures.

LB575, sponsored by Murante, makes a number of technical changes to the state's election laws. Among other changes, the measure:

- clarifies that vacancies for all offices must be filled within 45 days;
- allows early voting requests to be submitted via e-mail;
- allows poll workers to allocate their pay to a non-profit entity;
- requires election commissioners in counties with a

population more than 100,000 to wait 30 days after leaving office before running for or holding elective office; and

- allows the state Department of Motor Vehicles to furnish commercial driver's license information to the secretary of state's office for election law purposes.

The bill contains provisions of Murante's **LB578**, which:

- allows poll workers to choose not to be paid or to allocate their pay to an organization contracted to recruit poll works;
- allows election officials and members of law enforcement to make copies of a voter's registration form for list maintenance and law enforcement purposes; and
- raises the minimum rate that a political subdivision can be charged for an election from \$50 to \$100.

The bill also contains provisions of two additional bills:

- **LB514**, originally introduced by Omaha Sen. Joni Craighead, which adds an option for voters who wish to register to vote and vote early on the same day; and



Sen. Joni Craighead

- **LB319**, introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion, which permits election by mail for special elections involving candidates.



Sen. Jim Smith

LB575 passed 43-2.

A bill that would have reinstated a winner-take-all system for allocating Nebraska's presidential electoral votes stalled on select file after three days of debate. Currently, the winner of Nebraska's statewide popular vote receives two Electoral College votes. The state's three congressional districts also award one electoral vote each based on the popular vote winner in each district. Maine is the only other state to use this system.

LB10, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Beau McCoy, would award all five electoral votes to the winner of the state's popular vote. After extended debate, McCoy offered a motion to invoke cloture, or cease debate and force a vote on the bill, which failed 31-18. Thirty-three votes were needed.



Sen. Beau McCoy

Senators voted 31-15 to bracket a bill that would require all votes taken by public officials in the course of their public duties be considered public record. **LB649**, introduced by Papillion Sen. Bill Kintner, would include any voting procedures for internal leadership positions that currently are private.



Sen. Bill Kintner

LB367, introduced by Groene and passed 42-0, removes a prohibition on petition circulators being paid by the number of signatures collected.

LB561, sponsored by Gering Sen. John Stinner, allows an irrigation district of less than 15,000 acres to eliminate subdistricts and hold at-large elections.

In the case of land owned or leased by a corporation, trust or other legal entity, the entity will identify an elector-designee in writing not less than 30 days prior to an irrigation district election.



Sen. John Stinner

Passed 48-0, the bill provides a process for determining who is entitled to vote if two or more persons claim conflicting rights to vote on the same acreage. The bill also allows irrigation districts, at their discretion, to conduct elections by mail.

A bill that would require voters to provide a government-issued photographic identification before voting stalled on general file. Under **LB111**, introduced by O'Neill Sen. Tyson Larson, either a driver's license or state ID card issued by the state Department of Motor Vehicles would be required.



Sen. Tyson Larson

Lawmakers approved a motion on a 25-15 vote to bracket the bill.

LB112, also introduced by Larson, proposed that Nebraska enter into an interstate compact to elect the country's president by national vote.

Under the bill, the presidential candidate with the largest national popular vote total would be certified by each state's chief election officer and awarded all of the state's electoral votes. The compact would become effective if and when states possessing a majority of electoral votes enact similar legislation.

The bill was indefinitely postponed. ■

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Sen. Kathy Campbell, chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

Changes to public benefit programs, new licensure requirements, children's issues and consideration of Medicaid reform topped the list of health and human services concerns tackled by lawmakers this session.

Public benefits

A bill to increase ADC payments passed this year. The bill, originally introduced as **LB89** by Lincoln Sen. Kathy Campbell, was passed by the Legislature and subsequently vetoed by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Campbell and the governor reached a compromise after the veto and senators gutted **LB607**, replacing it with the altered provisions from her bill.

LB607 increases the maximum monthly ADC payment to 55 percent of the standard of need. The bill also creates a higher level of income allowable to renew ADC benefits than the initial eligibility level.

The bill also contains **LB335**, originally introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, which establish a task force to study intergenerational poverty in Nebraska.



Sen. Heath Mello

The task force includes the chairpersons of the Health and Human Services and Appropriations committees as well as three at-large members appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

Nonvoting members will include representatives from the state departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education as well as a variety of community stakeholders and policy experts.

LB607 passed 45-0.

The state's child care subsidy for low-income families was modified this session.

Introduced by Omaha Sen. Tanya Cook, **LB81** aligns the subsidy to mirror existing Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and Temporary Aid to Needy Families programs.

Under the bill, if a family's income at redetermination of eligibility exceeds 130 percent of the federal poverty level, the family will continue to receive transitional child care assistance for up to 24 consecutive months or until the family income exceeds 185 percent of FPL. The transitional child care assistance will be based on a sliding scale.

The state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is required to report annually to the governor and the Legislature regarding the number of families in all transitional child care assistance programs and the number of families no longer eligible due to failure to meet income guidelines.

Senators voted 47-0 to pass **LB81**.

Lawmakers also increased the Medicaid personal needs allowance from \$50 to \$60 with the passage of **LB366**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks. The bill passed on a 37-8 vote.

LB500, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, directs DHHS to submit an application by July 1, 2015, to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a state plan amendment to provide payment for multisystemic therapy for youth who are eligible for both Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The bill passed 40-1.

A bill that would initiate a redesign of the state's Medicaid program was bracketed during general file debate.

LB472, sponsored by Campbell, would create a 16-member Medicaid Redesign Task Force composed of



Sen. Tanya Cook



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks



Sen. Sara Howard

representatives from the Legislature, DHHS and the state Department of Insurance as well as experts in health care delivery, workforce, insurance, education and advocacy.

The task force would perform a review of the state's Medicaid program and make recommendations on cost effectiveness and quality improvement, reporting annually to the Legislature and governor.

LB472 also would require DHHS to submit a state plan amendment to CMS to provide coverage to a newly eligible population of adults ages 19 to 65 with incomes below 133 percent of the federal poverty level and individuals whose income makes them ineligible for federal premium assistance subsidies.

Costs would be covered by Medicaid with federal matching dollars starting at 100 percent in 2015, and gradually dropping to 90 percent after 2020. LB472 includes a termination clause if federal matching dollars fall below 90 percent.

The measure was bracketed on a vote of 28-16, ending debate for this session.

A bill that would expand eligibility for the state's publicly funded family planning services and increase funding for a cancer-screening program failed to advance from general file.

LB77, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, would require DHHS to submit a state plan amendment to CMS no later than Sept. 1, 2015, to provide medical assistance for family planning services to individuals with family earned income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

The bill also would appropriate funds to the Every Woman Matters program for services including education, outreach and reimbursement for various cancer screenings.

Senators voted 21-23 on advancement of the bill to select file—four votes short of the number required.

Provisions of LB12, introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist were amended into LB605, a Judiciary Committee bill that passed this session. The provisions require DHHS and the state Department of Correctional Services to ensure that Medicaid coverage is suspended rather than terminated when an individual enters a public institution.



Sen. Bob Krist

Licensure and credentialing

Lawmakers approved a bill this session intended to address the shortage of primary care providers in rural Nebraska.

LB107, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, removes the requirement for an integrated practice agreement between a nurse practitioner and a collaborating physician and replaces it with a transition to practice agreement.



Sen. Sue Crawford

The agreement provides that the nurse practitioner and the supervising provider practice collaboratively within the framework of their respective scopes of practice. LB107 passed on a 46-0 vote.

New nursing license applicants will be subject to a criminal background check under a bill passed this year.

LB129, introduced by Omaha Sen. Burke Harr, requires a criminal background check of applicants for an initial license to practice as a registered or licensed practical nurse. The bill passed on a 43-0 vote.



Sen. Burke Harr

LB287, sponsored by Malcolm Sen. Ken Haar, requires all sign language interpreters to obtain licensure by Jan. 1, 2016, and pay a licensure fee. An individual or entity providing interpreting services without a license after that date will be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each offense.



Sen. Ken Haar

Among the exceptions to the licensure rules include interpreting services conducted in schools, as part of a religious service or in a health care emergency until a licensed interpreter can be obtained. LB287 also creates a licensure category for video remote interpreting services.

The bill passed 48-0.

LB80, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Mike Gloor, replaces the current permitting process for dentists to administer general anesthesia with separate permits for minimal, moderate and deep sedation. The bill also updates education and training requirements for dentists and correlates incident reporting with the new definitions.



Sen. Mike Gloor

Under the bill, a dentist licensed in Nebraska is al-

lowed to administer inhalation analgesia in the practice of dentistry without a permit. The bill passed 47-0 and takes effect July 1, 2016.

Under **LB264**, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld and passed 48-0, the skills and experience acquired through military service will be recognized for the 34 health professions that the state's Uniform Credentialing Act oversees, beginning Dec. 15, 2015.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

LB452, introduced by Omaha Sen.



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

Robert Hilkemann, amends the Uniform Credentialing Act to require that any credential holder's advertisement for health care services identify the type of credentials held by the health care provider.

The use of deceptive advertising is prohibited. The bill passed on a vote of 46-0.

Children's issues

A bill that creates a pilot project to establish family connections for state wards passed this session.

LB243, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, creates a four-year statewide pilot program to provide family finding services in at least two service areas. DHHS will provide oversight and contract with child placing providers to carry out the program.



Sen. Kate Bolz

The department also is required to establish a data collection system and contract with an academic institution to complete an independent evaluation of the pilot project's effectiveness.

The bill contains provisions of **LB441**, also introduced by Bolz. The provisions make several technical changes to the Bridge to Independence program, which was designed to assist youth who are aging out of the state's foster care system.

The bill passed on a vote of 39-5.

Senators also approved a bill that provides funding guidelines for child care grants.

LB547, introduced by Campbell, amends the Quality Child Care Act relating to federal Child Care and Development Block Grants and sets a funding schedule according to federal reauthorization amounts.

The bill requires DHHS to allocate higher minimum spending percentages to early childhood education programs. Funds will be split between the Early Childhood

Education Endowment Cash Fund—commonly known as Sixpence—and incentives and support for programs under the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act.

The bill incorporates **LB489**, introduced by Cedar Rapids Sen. Kate Sullivan, which expands eligibility for Sixpence grants to early childhood education programs and school districts if the child care provider enrolls in the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act system prior to the grant period.



Sen. Kate Sullivan

Programs receiving grants will be required to obtain a rating of step three or higher on the quality scale within three years of the start date of the initial grant program and maintain that rating to continue to receive funding.

The bill passed on a 42-0 vote.

The termination date for a children's behavioral health screening and referral program was extended this session.

In 2013, the Legislature created the Behavioral Health Screening and Referral Pilot Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center to develop ways to address unmet children's behavioral health needs that could be replicated statewide.



Sen. Matt Hansen

LB240, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, extends the program's termination date to Sept. 6, 2017. The bill passed 36-9.

Other measures

A bill seeking to improve access to existing services and support for Nebraskans who are aging or disabled—including those suffering from Alzheimer's and related illnesses—passed this session.

LB320, introduced by Bolz, establishes three demonstration projects for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) to evaluate the feasibility of establishing such centers statewide. DHHS is required to award ADRC grants to area agencies on aging to participate in the demonstration project.

The bill also includes provisions of **LB405**, originally introduced by Hyanis Sen. Al Davis, which require the Aging Nebraskans Task Force to develop a state plan to address the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's and related disorders.



Sen. Al Davis

The bill extends the task force termination date to Jan. 1, 2017, to accommodate work on the state plan. The bill

passed 42-3 and takes effect immediately.

Lawmakers passed bills this session designed to encourage careers in the health professions and the state's child welfare system.

LB196, introduced by Campbell, amends the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act by creating a resident loan repayment program.

Under the bill, a qualified applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an approved medical specialty residency program in Nebraska and agree to one year of full-time practice in a designated health profession shortage area. The medical resident also is required to accept Medicaid patients in his or her practice.

Additionally, the bill increases the financial assistance limits of two existing programs. Any repayment obligations under the act will be cancelled in the event of a recipient's total and permanent disability or death. LB196 passed on a 48-0 vote.

LB199, introduced by Howard, authorizes use of federal Title IV-E funds to pay for stipends to social work students who commit to work in the state's child welfare system.

DHHS will develop an application process and determine stipend amounts for eligible students in collaboration with the governing boards of colleges and universities with social work programs. The bill passed 45-0.

Carbon monoxide detectors are required in certain residences by a bill passed this session.

Introduced by Howard, **LB34** requires the installation and maintenance of carbon monoxide detectors in any residence sold, rented or receiving a building permit after Jan. 1, 2017.

Building owners are required to install detectors with alarms on every habitable floor or according to applicable building codes. The bill applies only to single- and multi-family dwellings with a fuel-fired heater, fireplace or attached garage.

Senators passed the bill on a 39-2 vote.

LB146, introduced by Crawford, authorizes crematoriums and funeral establishments to relinquish control of unclaimed remains to veterans' service organizations to provide burial in a veteran cemetery. The bill passed 44-0.

LB315, sponsored by Howard, establishes new guidelines for Medicaid recovery audits in Nebraska. The bill passed on a 44-0 vote.

Finally, lawmakers approved a resolution recommending that an infectious disease training center be established in Nebraska.

LR41, introduced by Campbell, urges Nebraska's congressional delegation to support efforts in Congress to establish an infectious disease training center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in Omaha.

UNMC is home to the Nebraska Biocontainment Patient Care Unit, which treated Ebola patients during the 2014 outbreak of the disease. ■

JUDICIARY



Sen. Les Seiler, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee

Lawmakers abolished capital punishment, allowed research on medical marijuana and made wide-ranging revisions to the state's correctional system this session.

Correctional system

Lawmakers abolished Nebraska's death penalty this session.

LB268, introduced by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, abolished capital punishment by eliminating the Class I felony classification and the corresponding penalty of death. This changes the maximum penalty for first degree murder in Nebraska from death to life imprisonment.



Sen. Ernie Chambers

LB268 was approved on a 32-15 vote. Gov. Pete Ricketts subsequently vetoed the measure, saying it countered the beliefs of an overwhelming majority of Nebraskans who support capital punishment as an important public safety tool.

Senators voted 30-19 to override the governor's veto and enact LB268 notwithstanding his objections. Thirty votes were needed.

LB605, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, was drafted with the assistance of the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and follows the release of their recent report, which identified three challenges in Nebraska's criminal justice system: overcrowded prisons, limited post-release supervision and insufficient supervision. To address these challenges, CSG suggested using probation for people convicted of low-level offenses, ensuring post-release supervision and improving parole supervision.



Sen. Heath Mello

LB605 will increase the use of probation for those convicted of low-level offenses that do not include an element of violence by creating a presumption of probation for Class IV felonies. This presumption can be overcome if the person also is being sentenced for a more serious felony or if there are other compelling reasons.

The bill amends the penalties for Class III, IIIA and IV felonies to provide for a period of incarceration followed by a period of post-release supervision. Several Class III and IV felonies are reclassified.

For a conviction of a Class IA, IB, IC, ID, II or IIA felony, supervision following release depends on a window of parole eligibility in the indeterminate sentence imposed by the court. For sentences with a parole eligibility window, the bill requires the adoption of parole board guidelines to ensure a minimum period of nine months of parole supervision after release.

Parole administration staff must be trained in evidence-based practices and Parole Administration must develop an evidence-based risk and needs assessment instrument for offenders on supervision. The bill also requires the Parole Administration to develop a matrix of administrative and custodial sanctions to be imposed in lieu of revocation, and allows custodial sanctions of up to 30 days for parole violations.

The bill created a grant program to enable counties to apply for additional funding to cover the costs of an increase in jail population as a result of implementing LB605.

Provisions of Sen. John McCollister's **LB354** were added to the bill that increase the maximum compensation from \$10,000 to \$25,000 allowed from the Victim Compensation Fund.



Sen. John McCollister

Also incorporated into the bill were provisions from Sen. Bob Krist's **LB12**, which require the state Department of Health and Human Services to suspend, rather than terminate, inmates' eligibility for medical assistance.

Senators passed the bill 45-0.

Introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus, **LB598** requires the state Department of Correctional Services, beginning July 1, 2016, to use the least restrictive manner consistent with maintaining institutional order when separating inmates from the general prison population.



Sen. Bob Krist



Sen. Paul Schumacher

The bill permits restrictive housing, defined in the measure as housing that provides limited contact with other inmates and limited out-of-cell time. **LB598** prohibits solitary confinement, which, as defined in the bill, deprives an inmate of all visual and auditory contact with other inmates.

The department director must submit a report to the governor and the Legislature that outlines a long-term plan for the use and reduction of restrictive housing. Due by July 1, 2016, the report will detail the behavior, conditions and mental health status under which an inmate will be placed in each confinement level and regulations for transitioning inmates back to the general prison population or to society.

Additionally, the director is required to report annually by Sept. 15 to the governor and the Legislature the number of inmates in restrictive housing, their mental health status and the duration of their segregation.

LB598 also creates a long-term restrictive housing advisory group, consisting of the department director and other department officials, mental health professionals and prisoners' rights advocates appointed by the governor.

Provisions of **LB606**, introduced by Mello, were amended into the bill and create the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System. The inspector general will be appointed and supervised by the Office of Public Counsel and serve a five-year term. Duties will include conducting investigations of misconduct and death or serious injuries, audits, inspections and other reviews of the Nebraska correctional system. The inspector is required to provide a summary of all reports and investigations to the Judiciary Committee and governor by Sept. 15 each year.

Provisions from **LB606** also require the governor, beginning July 1, 2020, to declare an overcrowding emergency when the director of correctional services certifies that the prison population is over 140 percent of design capacity.

Declaration of an overcrowding emergency mandates that the state Parole Board immediately consider or reconsider all eligible inmates for parole.

Currently, the governor has the option whether or not to declare an emergency when the population reaches the 140 percent threshold.

Other provisions added to **LB598** from **LB592**, a bill introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, require the department to administer a mental health evaluation of all inmates within the first two weeks of their incarceration.

The department is required to treat mentally ill inmates and re-evaluate them prior to release.

The chief executive officer of a correctional facility is now authorized to segregate or transfer mentally ill and dangerous inmates to a psychiatric facility outside of the department. Additionally, the department's Parole Administration Office will be organized under the state Board of Parole beginning July 1, 2016.

Senators passed **LB598** on a 47-0 vote.

A court may order DNA testing of previously tested material if current technology could provide more accurate or probative results under **LB245**, introduced by Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln. Previously, material could be retested only if a court determined that forensic testing did not exist at the time of the trial.



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

The bill incorporated provisions of **LB244**, also introduced by Pansing Brooks, that permit the filing of a motion for a new trial whenever new non-DNA evidence is discovered. The motion cannot be filed more than five years after the date of the verdict, unless the new evidence could not with reasonable diligence have been discovered and produced at trial and such evidence is so substantial that a different result may have occurred.

LB245 passed on a 42-4 vote.

Introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer, **LB294** increases penalties for pandering and keeping a house of prostitution and permits search warrants and subpoenas to be issued for entities located outside of Nebraska.

The measure creates a human trafficking victim assistance fund and requires the Foster Care Review Office to collect information on child trafficking victims.

The bill passed with an emergency clause on a 49-0 vote.



Sen. Jim Scheer

Juvenile justice and child welfare

Senators approved **LB347**, a Krist bill that expands the jurisdiction of the Office of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare (OIG) to oversee the state's Juvenile Services Division of the Office of Probation Administration. Currently, the OIG conducts audits, inspections and other reviews of the state's child welfare system.

Senators passed the bill 47-0.

LB265, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kathy Campbell, makes a number of changes relating to juveniles and child welfare, including:

- establishing a pilot project to demonstrate how state agency data can be used by state offices to oversee juveniles in out-of-home care;
- permitting the Foster Care Review Office or local board to participate in a foster care placement dispositional hearing;
- defining a young adult as older than 18 but younger than 21; and
- allowing judges access to a juvenile's sealed record when determining whether to transfer a case to or from juvenile court.



Sen. Kathy Campbell

The bill contains provisions of Krist's **LB13**, which set aside 10 percent of the annual General Fund appropriation for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program to develop data and evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The provisions require recipients to submit annual reports to the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Juvenile Justice Institute.

The bill passed with an emergency clause 45-1.

Juveniles charged with running away, acting uncontrollable or being truant cannot be fingerprinted or placed in a juvenile detention facility or out-of-home care unless certain factors exist under **LB482**, sponsored by Krist.

Passed 44-2, the measure allows the restraint of juveniles during court proceedings only if they present a substantial risk of flight from the courtroom or have a history of disruptive courtroom behavior that has placed others in potentially harmful positions.

LB15, also introduced by Krist and passed 47-0, requires a guardian ad litem to follow rules established by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Responsibilities include consulting with the assigned juvenile in person unless other methods are approved, attending all hearings, limiting their own caseloads and submitting itemized billing statements. The bill permits guardians ad litem to be compensated on a per-case or multi-case contract basis.

Introduced by Lincoln Sen. Colby Coash, **LB566**

changes provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to clarify the responsibilities of Nebraska child welfare providers.

The bill ensures that Native American tribes have representation in custodial proceedings involving native children. Those efforts will include exhausting all available tribally appropriate family preservation alternatives, engaging tribally designated state ICWA representatives and facilitating a family's access to culturally appropriate resources.

Senators passed the bill on a 45-0 vote.

Coash also introduced **LB292**, which prohibits youth ages 11 and younger from being placed on the child abuse offender registry. Only youth ages 12 and older designated as agency- or court- substantiated can be entered into the registry under the bill.

Another provision of **LB292**, incorporated from Coash's **LB290**, removes a requirement that registered sex offenders provide information and report changes regarding their email address list, Internet communication identifiers, domain names and blogs and websites that they write or maintain.

Lawmakers passed the bill on a 46-0 vote.

Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford's **LB219**, passed 49-0, provides a legal framework for parents and judges regarding care for children when a military parent is deployed. The law also clarifies parenting arrangements required when a deployed parent returns.

LB314, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen and passed 47-0, clarifies several different areas of jurisdiction for county courts that are consistent with the court's existing jurisdiction regarding probate, guardianship and conservatorship.



Sen. Colby Coash



Sen. Sue Crawford



Sen. Matt Hansen

Drug policy

Introduced by Crawford, **LB390** creates a pilot study at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to allow access to low-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) oil for patients who suffer intractable or treatment-resistant seizures.

The bill authorizes the University of Nebraska and Nebraska Medicine to produce and possess cannabidiol for research. The cannabidiol can contain up to three-tenths

percent of THC, the active ingredient of the cannabis plant.

UNMC is required to submit a report annually to the Judiciary and Health and Human Services committees of the Legislature beginning Sept. 15, 2016, which details the number of patients currently and previously enrolled in the study, changes in intractable seizure frequency and severity, adverse effects of treatment and a summary of appropriate dosing.

The bill contains provisions of **LB546**, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, which exempt an individual from prosecution who prescribes or dispenses naloxone, a morphine-like synthetic drug, to a person experiencing an opioid-related overdose.



Sen. Matt Williams

Provisions of **LB390** included from **LB326**, introduced by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, update the state's Uniform Controlled Substances Act to prohibit the newest compounds of synthetic cannabinoids, also known as K2.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

Senators passed the bill with an emergency clause on a 44-2 vote.

Other bills

LB88, introduced by Campbell and passed 42-4, increased the fee charged by counties from \$15 to \$25 for issuing and recording marriage licenses and to administer oaths or affirmations for marriage. The bill also increased the fee charged by counties from \$5 to \$9 to make a certified copy of a marriage record.

LB72, sponsored by Schumacher, prohibits a trustee of a revocable trust that has become irrevocable due to the death of the trustor from transferring trust property to a

beneficiary prior to satisfaction of all claims for Medicaid reimbursement.

The state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may waive the restrictions within 60 days if there are no claims for Medicaid reimbursement or insufficient assets to satisfy the claims. The bill permits certain trustees to distribute assets from a trust prior to receiving a waiver from DHHS if the trustee signs a recital under oath that no claims for medical assistance exist.

The bill also requires that if a petition is filed to determine inheritance tax, notice of the hearing will be sent to DHHS if the decedent was 55 or older or resided in a medical institution that potentially would subject them to debt for Medicaid services.

LB72 passed on a 40-8 vote.

Introduced by Hastings Sen. Les Seiler, **LB194** creates the Nebraska Supreme Court attorney services cash fund. The fund will consist of mandatory assessments, fees, grants, donations and gifts to be expended for regulation of the practice of law and administered by the state court administrator.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

A bill remains on general file that would expedite the eviction process for certain tenants.

LB385, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, would permit a landlord or his or her representative to begin eviction litigation three days after notification of the termination of a rental agreement. Currently, the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act requires landlords to wait 30 days to evict a tenant after notification.



Sen. Brett Lindstrom

The bill would apply only in cases where tenants, roommates or their guests threaten the health, safety or peaceful enjoyment of the landlord or other tenants. ■

NATURAL RESOURCES



Sen. Ken Schilz, chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee

Ensuring the continued viability of the state's natural resources was the primary focus of legislation heard by the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee.

Ogallala Sen. Ken Schilz introduced **LB329**, adopted 46-0, which absolves any landowner who allows visitors on their land to participate in agritourism activities of liability for injury or death of a visitor resulting from inherent risk. Visitors must be warned of potential dangers by a sign or in a contract by any owner that charges a fee for visitors to participate.

Agritourism activities can include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, camping, birding, farm, ranch and vineyard tours, harvest-your-own activities, boating and other water sports.

The bill defines inherent risk as any condition, danger or hazard that is an integral part of land or water used for agritourism, including:

- surface and subsurface conditions and natural conditions of land, vegetation and waters;

- the behavior of wild or domestic animals;
- the ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming or ranching when such structures or equipment are used for farming or ranching purposes; and
- the potential of a participant to act in a negligent way that may contribute to injury of the participant or others.

Inherent risk does not include any act or omission of information that occurs while a person is under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or any other illegal activity or action.

Liability is not limited for any owner who knows of potential dangers and takes no action to correct those issues. Owners are liable for any actions that constitute intentional or willful gross negligence.

LB581, introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, enables the owner of a qualifying clean fuel-burning vehicle to apply for a tax rebate if the applicant has not claimed another rebate or incentive for the same vehicle.



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

The bill defines qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel as hydrogen fuel cell, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or gasoline containing at least 15 percent ethanol.

An applicant who has installed conversion equipment in their vehicle can receive the lesser amount of \$4,500 or 50 percent of the cost of conversion.

A rebate of \$2,500 or 50 percent of the cost of conversion also is available for property that is directly related to the compression and delivery of natural gas from a private home or residence for noncommercial purposes into a fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by natural gas.

The bill passed on a 41-4 vote.

Papillion Sen. Jim Smith introduced **LB469**, adopted 43-1, which directs the State Energy Office to assess any state energy plan before submitting the plan to the federal Environmental Protection Agency for review.



Sen. Jim Smith

The energy office will prepare a report analyzing the proposed state energy plan's effects on employment within the state and the electric power sector, including the potential impact on the:

- type and amount of electric generating capacity that is likely to retire or switch to another fuel;
- stranded investment in electric generating capacity;
- amount of investment necessary to offset the retire-

- ment of electric generating capacity;
- potential risks to electric reliability; and
- amount by which retail electricity prices are forecast to increase or decrease.

The bill includes provisions of **LB583**, originally introduced by Schilz, specifying the areas of analysis for a state energy plan to be developed by the State Energy Office. The plan will focus on strategies to develop a cost-competitive energy supply, access to affordable energy, sustainable economic growth and job creation.

Municipalities will be required to obtain a permit to discharge pollutants under a bill passed this session.

Under **LB413**, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, the state Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to consider individual circumstances when issuing permits to any political subdivision seeking to discharge pollutants from a point source into any body of water in the state.



Sen. Heath Mello

The political subdivision can request an evaluation to determine how best to meet federal requirements in a sustainable way. The department will evaluate several factors, including:

- the capability of the political subdivision to raise and secure necessary funding;
- affordability to ratepayers;
- growth potential of the political subdivision;
- efficacy of existing infrastructure for projected needs;
- overall costs and environmental benefits;
- environmental improvements made by the political subdivision; and
- other relevant economic and social concerns or environmental conditions.

The bill passed on a 45-0 vote.

Schilz also introduced **LB142**, adopted 46-1, which creates the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to prevent and mitigate the damage caused by species such as the zebra mussel and silver carp.

The bill imposes a fee every three years on motorboat registrations, both new and renewal, of between \$5 and \$10. The collected fees will be used to:

- monitor and sample waters for aquatic invasive species;
- hire personnel;
- purchase equipment to inspect and decontaminate water;
- provide additional enforcement, education and research relating to aquatic invasive species; and
- conduct aquatic invasive species projects as needed.

Owners of motorboats registered outside Nebraska will be required to purchase an annual aquatic invasive species stamp costing between \$10 and \$15. These fees will be remitted to the state Game Fund.

Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen introduced **LB164**, adopted 44-0, which allows natural resource districts to adopt a biennial budget instead of the default annual budget currently allowed under statute.



Sen. Curt Friesen

Other measures

LB512, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, would authorize the state Oil and Gas Commission to monitor and regulate the disposal of wastewater generated from oil and gas well production, including wastewater generated from production in other states, that is injected into commercial salt water injection wells in Nebraska.

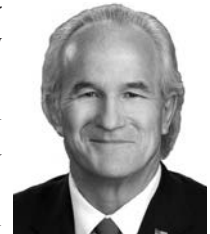


Sen. John Stinner

An assessment of 20 cents per barrel would be levied on commercial wells used for wastewater disposal imported to Nebraska from neighboring oil and gas production facilities. The collected revenue would be allocated for the monitoring and regulating of oil and gas wastewater disposal.

Bellevue Sen. Tommy Garrett introduced two measures that would provide reduced-fee hunting permits to retired and active duty military.

LB634 would allow a resident veteran who was a prisoner of war to obtain a combination fishing and hunting permit, habitat stamp, aquatic habitat stamp and Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp for a one-time fee of \$5, instead of the normal \$64 fee.



Sen. Tommy Garrett

Currently, Nebraska residents who are 64 and older are eligible to receive the combination permit and stamps for \$5.

LB637 would allow any military member stationed in Nebraska for at least 30 days to obtain any permit at the resident fee level. The current fee for a nonresident combination hunting and fishing permit is \$120. Under **LB637**, a military member could purchase the permit for \$29.

All three bills remain in committee. ■

NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee

Lawmakers made changes to two retirement systems this session, while efforts to alter a school employee plan stalled.

LB468, introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, creates a new tier of reduced benefits for judges who become members of the judges' retirement plan on and after July 1, 2015.

The bill requires that the final retirement benefit be calculated using an average of the five highest years of salary and that the contribution rate for judges in this tier not decrease after 20 years. New judges will be required to contribute 10 percent of their annual salaries to the retirement plan.

Beginning July 1, 2015, the bill redirects \$2 from civil, criminal, traffic and probate case docket fees from the state's General Fund to the judges' retirement plan. This change will generate an estimated \$660,000 annually. Beginning July 1, 2017, the bill redirects \$4 from those fees to the retirement fund, which is estimated to generate \$1.3 million annually.

The bill passed with an emergency clause on a 44-2 vote. Senators also approved a bill that changes contributions to the Lancaster County Retirement System.

LB126, introduced by Nordquist, increases the combined employee and employer contribution rates from a maximum of 13 percent to a maximum of 16 percent of the employees' salaries.

Employees receiving a 150 percent employer contribution match can elect to switch to a 100 percent employer match for all future contributions. The election will be irrevocable.

The bill also changes the population size for counties authorized to create their own retirement plan. The changes increase the minimum population size from 200,000 to 250,000 and the maximum population size from 300,000 to 500,000.

The bill passed on a 49-0 vote.

Senators bracketed a bill that proposed several changes to the Omaha school retirement plan. Omaha Public Schools is the only district in the state that has its own retirement plan.

Introduced by Nordquist, **LB448** would make several changes in order to bring the Class V (Omaha) and School Employees Retirement System closer to a potential merger in the future.

Among other changes, the bill would further align Omaha member benefits with statewide school employee benefits by limiting the state service annuity and medical cost of living increase to individuals who were members prior to July 1, 2015. It also would raise the normal retirement age for Omaha school members from 62 to 65.

In addition, the bill would:

- move investment authority from the Omaha board of trustees and Omaha school board to the Nebraska Investment Council;
- restructure the administration and governance of the Omaha system to more closely align with the Public Employee Retirement Board's governance of the statewide system; and
- create greater state funding parity between the two systems.

Nordquist said the amendment was the result of extensive negotiations and was intended to reduce benefits and ensure professional management of investments to further secure the retirement plan of the state's largest school district.

Debate on the measure stalled during select file debate and O'Neill Sen. Tyson Larson offered a motion to bracket the bill until April 15, 2016.

Nordquist did not object to the bracket motion and it was approved by unanimous consent, ending debate on **LB448** for the session. ■

REVENUE



Sen. Mike Gloor, chairperson of the Revenue Committee

The Legislature's Revenue Committee passed bills this session to provide property tax exemptions, tax incentives for high-tech businesses and an incremental gas tax increase.

Fuel tax

Papillion Sen. Jim Smith introduced **LB610**, which increases the tax allocated to the state Department of Roads by one-half cent per gallon annually for four years and to cities and counties by one cent. The department currently receives an appropriation of 7.5 cents on each gallon of gasoline, while cities and counties are allocated 2.8 cents.



Sen. Jim Smith

The increase to cities and counties totals \$4.2 million for fiscal year 2015-16, \$16.9 million for FY2016-17, \$29.6 million for FY2017-18 and \$42.3 million for FY2018-19.

The increase to the department totals \$2.1 million for FY2015-16, \$8.5 million for FY2016-17, \$14.8 million for FY2017-18 and \$21.2 million for FY2018-19.

The bill passed on a 26-15 vote but was vetoed by Gov.

Pete Ricketts, who said it was too large of an increase.

Senators voted 30-16 to override the governor's veto. Thirty votes were needed.

Tax relief

LB259, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Mike Gloor, exempts the first \$10,000 of personal property for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor.

The bill also creates a compensating exemption factor to determine the tax exemption for companies that are centrally assessed by the state. These include railroads, telecommunications and public utilities.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz introduced **LB591**, adopted 47-0, which establishes Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts for individuals with disabilities that developed prior to age 26. ABLE accounts offer tax-free savings options for education, housing, assistive technology and other needs.



Sen. Kate Bolz

Under a qualified program, any person may make contributions to an account to meet the qualified disability expenses of the designated beneficiary of an account.

The state investment officer will have fiduciary responsibility to make all decisions regarding the investment of money in the administrative fund, expense fund and program fund including selection of all investment options.

The bill includes provisions of **LB76**, originally introduced by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher, which require taxpayers reducing taxable income using net operating loss carry forwards to add back the net operating loss carry forward amount to their taxable income for purposes of claiming the Nebraska earned income tax credit.



Sen. Paul Schumacher

The provisions also require taxpayers to report the net operating loss carry forward amount as household income when claiming a homestead tax exemption.

Tax exemptions and incentives

Senators passed legislation that increases the amount of tax exemptions and incentives available to Nebraska businesses while also increasing the legislative oversight of such programs.

Currently, investors can apply for up to \$3 million in annual refundable tax credits for investments made in a

business with at least 51 percent of its workforce and payroll in Nebraska and 25 or fewer employees primarily engaged in researching, developing or using products and services in the high-tech field.

LB156, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, increases the annual maximum available amount of the angel investment tax credit to \$4 million.

According to state statute, the high-tech field includes aerospace, agricultural processing, renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation, environmental engineering, food technology, cellulosic ethanol, information technology, materials science technology, nanotechnology, telecommunications, biosolutions, medical device products, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, biologicals, chemistry and veterinary science.

To qualify for tax credits, an individual must invest at least \$25,000 in a calendar year and qualified funds—composed of three or more investors—are required to invest at least \$50,000.

Refundable credits equaling 35 percent of the investment are granted to investors with caps of \$350,000 for married couples filing joint returns and \$300,000 for all other filers.

Refundable credits of 40 percent are offered for investments made in a business located in a distressed area, which is defined as a city, a county with a population of fewer than 100,000 residents, an unincorporated area within a county or a census tract that has an unemployment rate that exceeds the statewide average, a per capita income below the statewide average or a population decrease between the two most recent censuses.

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote.

The Performance Audit Committee introduced **LB538**, adopted 46-0, which creates an ongoing evaluation process for all current and future tax incentive programs enacted for the purpose of recruiting or retaining businesses in Nebraska.

The Legislature's Performance Audit Office will develop and publish a schedule for conducting the evaluations, ensuring that each program is reviewed at least once every three years.

Each evaluation of a tax incentive program will analyze program-specific goals and economic and fiscal impacts of the program and recommend changes to evaluation procedures that will allow for easier evaluation in the future.

Eight current programs also will be evaluated under **LB538**, including the:

- Angel Investment Tax Credit Act;



Sen. John Stinner

- Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act;
- Nebraska Advantage Act;
- Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act;
- Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act;
- Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act;
- Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act; and
- New Markets Job Growth Investment Act.

The bill establishes a sunset date of Dec. 31, 2019, for certain incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act, Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act and the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act.

LB419, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, exempts the sale of zoo memberships and daily admission fees. It defines a qualifying zoo or aquarium as one that is operated by a public agency or nonprofit corporation primarily for educational, scientific or tourism purposes.

The bill passed on a 39-5 vote.

Omaha Sen. Burke Harr introduced **LB414**, adopted 33-13, which exempts all fraternal benefit societies from property taxes. State statute defines a fraternal benefit society as any incorporated, not-for-profit society, order or supreme lodge without capital stock that is conducted solely for the benefit of its members and their beneficiaries.



Sen. Heath Mello



Sen. Burke Harr

Other measures

Lawmakers considered a number of bills pertaining to additional taxing authority, property and land valuation, and tax credits for students and veterans.

Federal legislation to authorize states to collect sales tax on all Internet transactions is currently pending. **LB200**, introduced by Hyannis Sen. Al Davis, allocates the first year of sales tax revenue on such transactions to the state's Property Tax Credit Cash Fund upon approval of the federal legislation.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote and will terminate after three years.

Davis also introduced **LB325**, adopted 40-2, which allows a fire district levy authority only if it is located within a county that had a levy of at least 40 cents in the previous



Sen. Al Davis

year or is located in a county that did not authorize any levy authority to the district in the previous year.

Fire districts could levy a maximum of 10.5 cents per 100 dollars of taxable valuation located within the fire district.

LB356, introduced by Harr, requires county assessors to use an income approach calculation for all rent-restricted housing projects to determine taxable valuation.

Rent-restricted housing project is defined as a project consisting of five or more houses or residential units that is financed, in whole or in part, with an allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits.

The bill creates the Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee, which will develop a market-derived capitalization rate to be used by county assessors when determining assessed value for qualified projects.

The committee will include the state tax commissioner, as well as the following commissioner-appointed members:

- a representative of local government assessing officials;
- a representative of the low-income housing industry; and
- an appraiser from the private sector.

Owners of a rent-restricted housing project are required to file a detailed income and expense data statement with the committee and the county assessor by Oct. 1 of each year.

The bill passed on a 45-0 vote.

Schumacher introduced **LB70**, which would impose an additional tax of 10 percent of the gross revenue a business earns by operating a mechanical amusement device that has not been determined to be legal in Nebraska.

These devices include any machine that enables a person to play a game by inserting some form of currency, pays a

prize and determines the results by chance.

Senators passed the bill on a 35-11 vote. It was vetoed by Gov. Ricketts, who said the bill represents an expansion of gambling—an issue voters repeatedly have rejected.

Schumacher opted to not file a motion to override the veto, saying that he and the governor would work over the interim on the issue.

LB423, introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, would increase the available renewable energy generation credit from its current level of .05 cent per kilowatt-hour. A sliding scale would be used to determine the credit, beginning at .75 cents per kilowatt-hour during the first two years of operation and reduce by .01 cent every two years until the 10-year tax credit expiration.



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

The bill would add a second method of calculating the tax credit: a one-time credit equal to 30 percent of the total cost of construction of an eligible facility, not to exceed \$1 million.

It also would assign annual reporting duties to the state Department of Revenue on the number of facilities receiving the credits and the amount of credits earned and claimed. The tax credit would have a sunset date of Dec. 31, 2021.

The state's new tax credits would be limited to \$75 million each year.

Nordquist introduced a motion to invoke cloture, or cease debate, which failed 30-12. Thirty-three votes were needed.

LB423 remains on select file. ■

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Sen. Jim Smith, chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

Senators addressed young immigrant drivers and transportation network companies, among other issues this session.

Licensing and administration

Introduced by Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, **LB623** allows Nebraska residents of driving age who are covered by the federal Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals program to secure a driver's license or state identification card.

Senators passed the bill on a 34-9 vote, but Gov. Pete Ricketts subsequently vetoed it, saying the language was too broad.

Lawmakers voted 34-10 to override the governor's veto. Thirty votes were needed.

LB629, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, designates a transportation network company



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

(TNC) as a new class of transportation service provider. A TNC, such as Uber and Lyft, falls under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and is defined as a corporation, partnership or other entity that uses an online application or digital network to connect riders to drivers for transportation service.

The bill establishes regulations for a TNC regarding stages of operation, permits, insurance, driver background checks, vehicle inspections, fee collection and complaint investigation. TNC drivers in Nebraska are required to have a valid driver's license, proof of registration, proof of automobile liability insurance and be at least 21 years old.

A TNC must pay a \$25,000 registration fee and maintain a minimum \$1 million of primary liability insurance coverage for death, personal injury and property damage. The bill requires that a driver provide the TNC with a signed confirmation that their vehicle lienholder has been notified prior to a vehicle being used for a TNC.

Lawmakers passed the bill with an emergency clause on a 47-0 vote.

Lawmakers passed a bill 49-0 that authorizes specialty license plates in celebration of Nebraska's 150th anniversary of statehood in 2017.

The Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plate will be available as an alphanumeric or a personalized message plate under **LB220**, introduced by Papillion Sen. Jim Smith. The alphanumeric version of the plate will display up to seven characters and will not display county designators. The plates will be available from Oct. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2022. An initial application and renewal fee of \$70 will be required. Fifty-seven percent of the fee will be credited to the Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial License Plate Fund, also created by the bill.

Introduced by Syracuse Sen. Dan Watermeier, **LB47** remains on general file and would require a person to state whether or not they wish to be an organ donor when applying for a state driver's license or identification card. The bill also would specify that an organ donor's status would continue until amended or revoked by the licensee and that a donor's status could not be terminated by telephone.

Two other bills remain on general file.

Introduced by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, **LB474** would make available a license plate depicting designs supportive of Nebraska's mountain lion population.



Sen. Heath Mello

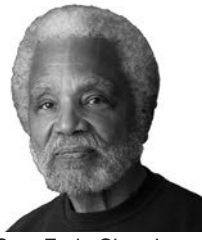


Sen. Dan Watermeier

Two versions would be available. The alphanumeric plate would display up to five characters and not use a county designation. The fee for the alphanumeric plates would be \$5, credited to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Educational Fund.

Personalized plates would cost \$40, with \$10 credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and \$30 credited to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Educational Fund. The commission would be required to use the educational fund to teach youth about wildlife conservation practices.

LB53, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer, would allow owners of passenger cars to be issued only a rear license plate. The fee for the single plate option would be \$100 in addition to standard licensing charges. In lieu of a second plate, drivers would be required to purchase a decal for 65 cents to be affixed to the driver's side windshield.



Sen. Ernie Chambers



Sen. Jim Scheer

Motorcycles and bicycles

Introduced by Hoskins Sen. Dave Bloomfield, **LB31** would repeal the requirement that motorcycle and moped operators and passengers in Nebraska wear a helmet.

After eight hours of debate spanning three days, Bloomfield filed a motion on general file to invoke cloture to cease debate and force a vote on the bill. The motion failed 24-18, as 33 votes were needed.

Introduced by Smith, **LB95** adds electric-assist bicycles, or e-bikes, to Nebraska's definition of bicycles. The new definition includes two- or three-wheeled vehicles that can be propelled by pedaling or by an electric motor no larger than 750 watts, producing up to one brake horsepower, with a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.

The bill passed 48-0.



Sen. Dave Bloomfield

Rules of the road

Senators passed a bill 45-0 addressing the rights of disabled pedestrians. Introduced by Bellevue Sen. Tommy Garrett, **LB641** permits a person operating a manual or motorized wheelchair on a sidewalk, in a crosswalk or across a roadway the same rights as other pedestrians.



Sen. Tommy Garrett

Smith introduced **LB231**, passed 48-0, which defines an autocycle as a three-wheeled motor vehicle controlled by a steering wheel and pedals with a driver and passenger sitting in tandem or side-by-side in an enclosed area featuring a removable or fixed top, airbag protection, roll cage, three-point safety belt system and antilock brakes.

An autocycle is required to have one or two headlamps, at least one tail lamp, a brake and turn signals. The vehicles cannot be used for the driving skills test for an operator's license exam. Fees and taxes are \$15 for registration, \$25 for the base motor vehicle tax and a \$10 base motor vehicle fee.

A bill remains in committee that would make holding a phone while driving a primary offense in Nebraska.

Introduced by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe, **LB517** would prohibit those operating a motor vehicle from holding an interactive wireless communication device to talk, listen, view, record, transmit images, text, play games or access any data. The bill would not apply to first responders and law enforcement officers.



Sen. Merv Riepe

Railways

Lawmakers approved a bill 39-6 that withdraws Nebraska's membership from the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. **LB317**, sponsored by Papillion Sen. Bill Kintner, authorizes the state's withdrawal from the compact and takes effect July 1, 2018. ■



Sen. Bill Kintner

URBAN AFFAIRS



Sen. Sue Crawford, chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee

Building codes and the powers of municipalities, sanitary and improvement districts (SIDs) and homeowners associations (HOAs) were among the urban issues taken up by senators.

Currently, Nebraska uses the 2009 editions of the International Building Codes. **LB540**, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, adopts the 2012 revisions to the following codes:

- International Building Code, which covers all new construction except one- and two-family dwellings;
- International Residential Code, which covers new construction of one- and two-family dwellings; and
- International Existing Building Code, which covers repair, alteration, addition and change of occupancy for existing buildings.

The bill did not adopt a section of the 2012 International Residential Code that requires new one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses to include a fire sprinkler system. Under the bill, the state building code continues to exclude the residential fire sprinkler mandate but political subdivisions retain the ability to opt in.

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote.

Cities and towns in Nebraska have the express authority to borrow funds directly from financial institutions to purchase property or construct improvements under a bill passed by lawmakers.

LB152, introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, allows municipalities to borrow directly from state- or federally-chartered banks, savings banks, building and loan associations and savings and loan associations.

The bill authorizes direct borrowing by resolution as well as ordinance and municipalities may use direct borrowing to purchase real or personal property, construct improvements or refinance existing indebtedness at a lower rate.

The ability of municipalities to borrow directly from financial institutions is limited to cases in which financing the purchase of property, construction of improvements or refinancing of existing indebtedness through traditional bond financing would be impractical, could not be completed within the time restraints facing the municipality or would generate taxpayer savings.

The bill also includes public notice requirements for direct borrowing from a financial institution and caps the total amount of indebtedness from direct borrowing to 10 percent of the municipal budget for a city or 20 percent of the municipal budget for a village.

LB152 passed 46-0.

Lawmakers also passed a bill that expands the authority of SIDs.

When a property developer buys land for a housing development, an SID is created to install streets, sewers and power and buy land for public parks. The SID is vested with taxing authority to finance these services.

LB324, introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, authorizes SIDs to contract for solid waste collection services. Any solid waste collection contract entered into by an SID will be cancelled upon the district's annexation by a city or village.



Sen. John McCollister

The bill includes provisions of two other bills.

Originally introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer, provisions of **LB197** provide limited additional powers to an SID when it is too close to a municipality to incorporate, yet too far away from a municipality to be annexed.

These powers must be approved by both the city council or village board within whose zoning jurisdiction the



Sen. Jim Scheer

SID is located and the county board in which a majority of the SID is located, and are available only to SIDs located in a county with a population less than 100,000.

Provisions of **LB420**, originally introduced by Crawford, require a person purchasing a home located in an SID to acknowledge in writing their understanding that the property is located within an SID.

The bill passed on a 44-3 vote.

Lawmakers gave final approval to a bill that provides a mechanism for a dissolved HOA to achieve reinstatement.

LB304, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, adopts the Municipal Custodianship for Dissolved Home-



Sen. Matt Hansen

owners Associations Act. The bill allows a municipality to be appointed custodian over a dissolved HOA.

The bill establishes a \$100 fee for an HOA seeking reinstatement after being dissolved for more than five years and applies only to HOAs located within the city limits of a municipality.

The bill passed 45-0.

A bill intended to provide state-level tax increment financing (TIF) oversight remains in committee. **LB596**, sponsored by Hyannis Sen. Al Davis, would create the Tax-Increment Financing Division of the Auditor of Public Accounts. ■



Sen. Al Davis

BILL STATUS



S = signed by the governor, P = passed by the Legislature, V = vetoed,
 LV = line-item vetoed, VO = veto overridden, FR = final reading, SF = select file,
 GF = general file, C = held in committee, IPP = indefinitely postponed,
 W = withdrawn, > = amended into bill #, + = includes bill #
 ISSUES: coverage in issue # of the 2015 Unicameral Update

BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LB1	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal an obsolete section relating to a transfer of property taking place in 1994	
LB2	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal an obsolete section relating to design and location of certain facilities done in the 1970's	
LB3	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete tax credit sections that terminated January 1, 2010	
LB4	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete Nebraska Opportunity Zone Act sections that terminated December 31, 2010	
LB5	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete Nebraska Innovation and High Wage Employment Act sections that terminated January 1, 2011	
LB6	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal an obsolete prenatal service section that terminated June 30, 2011	
LB7	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program sections that terminated June 30, 2011	
LB8	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature that terminated December 31, 2012	
LB9	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal the Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force that terminated June 30, 2012	
LB10	McCoy	SF	Change provisions relating to presidential electors and political party conventions	5, 8, 9, 11
LB11	Krist	C	Change participation and reimbursement provisions under the Managed Care Plan Network Adequacy Act	
LB12	Krist	IPP (>605)	Suspend medical assistance provided to persons who become inmates of public institutions	4
LB12A	Krist	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB13	Krist	IPP (>265)	Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions	20
LB14	Krist	C	Create the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony	11
LB15	Krist	S	Require the Supreme Court to provide standards and provide and change duties for and compensation of guardians ad litem	11, 16
LB16	Krist	C	Adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act	
LB17	Krist	IPP	Change provisions relating to transfers to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund	
LB18	Krist	SF	Change provisions relating to immunizations for students	3, 5, 6
LB18A	Krist	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB19	Krist	GF	Change provisions relating to laboratory certification under the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Safety Act	
LB20	Krist	C	Change the income tax exemptions for social security benefits and military retirement benefits	5
LB21	Krist	GF	Provide requirements for rate increases for providers of behavioral health services as prescribed	
LB22	Krist	C	Provide immunity from liability for engineers and architects for emergency services	
LB23	Krist	S	Change the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act	
LB24	Krist	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Capitol Commission	
LB25	Krist	GF (>265)	Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults	
LB26	Krist	C	Adopt the Choice for the Advancement of Nebraska Children in Education Act and provide for tax credits	9
LB27	Krist	C	Create a reporting requirement under the Vital Statistics Act when parenting time is established or modified	
LB28	Krist	GF	Adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act	
LB29	McCoy	C	Change provisions relating to school health inspections	
LB30	McCoy	GF	Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permit holder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	
LB31	Bloomfield	GF	Eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements	6, 11, 12
LB32	Mello	IPP (>33)	Require the Department of Correctional Services to submit strategic plans as part of its budget request and progress reports	
LB33	Mello	S (+32)	Require revenue volatility reporting by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and strategic planning and reporting by the Department of Correctional Services	11, 13, 14
LB34	Howard	S	Adopt the Carbon Monoxide Safety Act	4, 7, 10
LB35	Howard	S	Change Business Corporation Act references	
LB36	Bolz	IPP (>519)	Adopt the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act	14, 18
LB37	Krist	S	Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	
LB38	Kolowski	C	Change motor vehicle homicide penalties and provide penalties for causing serious bodily injury to vulnerable road users	4
LB39	Kolowski	IPP	Change provisions regarding passing bicycles and bicycle operating regulations	3

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LB40	Nordquist	S	Grant investigative powers to the Public Employees Retirement Board and delete unconstitutional provisions	
LB41	Nordquist	S	Redefine county for county retirement plan purposes	
LB42	Nordquist	S	Change the due date for certain retirement plan reporting	
LB43	Coash	S	Provide for standby guardians and recovery of assets under the Nebraska Probate Code	
LB44	Coash	C	Change provisions relating to a notice of objection to adoption	
LB45	Coash	S	Change and eliminate film vehicle provisions under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act	
LB46	Watermeier	S	Change provisions of the Statewide Trauma System Act	
LB47	Watermeier	GF	Change provisions relating to anatomical gifts under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	12
LB48	Scheer	C	Change unfair insurance trade practices relating to casualty losses	
LB49	Scheer	IPP	Provide for allied school systems	
LB50	Scheer	W	Change provisions relating to medicaid covered services	
LB51	Scheer	C	Require disclosures prior to joining a risk management pool under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	
LB52	Scheer	S	Exempt sanitary drainage districts from sales and use taxes	
LB53	Scheer	GF	Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	5
LB54	Scheer	C	Change provisions relating to postsecondary education statewide transfer-of-credit policies	
LB55	Scheer	S	Provide authority to the Adjutant General to make expenditures for a disaster or emergency	
LB56	Scheer	S	Provide procedures for the disposition of the Norfolk Regional Center	12, 16
LB57	Scheer	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services to demolish certain buildings	
LB58	Scheer	C	Provide for calculation and distribution of funds to certain schools as prescribed	
LB59	Scheer	W	Redefine state aid value for purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB60	Kintner	C	Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed	
LB61	Bolz	C	Change funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs	
LB62	Schumacher	C	Provide an income tax deduction for loan principal payments for graduate degrees	
LB63	Schumacher	C	Provide an income tax deduction for the amount of income subjected to Social Security taxes	
LB64	Schumacher	C	Provide an income tax deduction for the income earned from second jobs	
LB65	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	
LB66	Schumacher	C	Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability	
LB67	Schumacher	SF	Provide for governmental unit bond priority	16
LB68	Schumacher	C	Eliminate stepped-up basis of inherited real estate	
LB69	Schumacher	C	Provide an income tax credit for corporate income taxes paid	
LB70	Schumacher	V	Authorize an occupation tax on certain mechanical amusement devices	6, 12, 20
LB70A	Schumacher	V	Appropriation Bill	
LB71	Schumacher	C	Adopt the Agricultural Property Tax Credit Act	
LB72	Schumacher	S	Provide restrictions on trusts for collection of medicaid reimbursement obligations and require notice of inheritance tax petitions	16, 18
LB72A	Schumacher	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB73	Schumacher	C	Adopt the Modern Tax Act	
LB74	Schumacher	C	Change sales and use tax collection fees	
LB75	Schumacher	C	Adopt the Taxpayer Investment Program	
LB76	Schumacher	IPP (>591)	Change provisions relating to the earned income tax credit and the homestead exemption	20
LB77	Nordquist	GF	Require a medicaid state plan amendment for family planning services and state intent relating to appropriations for the Every Woman Matters program	4, 8
LB77A	Nordquist	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB78	Gloor	C	Change provisions relating to the public agencies authorized to enter into agreements under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	
LB79	Gloor	C	Require insurance coverage for renewals of prescription eye drops	
LB80	Gloor	S	Provide, change, and eliminate anesthesia and sedation permit provisions under the Dentistry Practice Act	15, 18
LB81	Cook	S	Change provisions relating to eligibility for child care assistance and require a report regarding transitional childcare assistance programs	13, 20
LB81A	Cook	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB82	Cook	C (>657)	Appropriate funds in support of dental services	11
LB83	Cook	C	Provide certain protections for employees relating to wage disclosure	
LB84	Davis	C	Permit a public body to use telephone conferencing or videoconferencing for public meetings	3
LB85	Davis	S	To increase the maximum brand inspection fee amount that may be established by the Nebraska Brand Committee	4, 16, 18
LB86	Davis	C	Change number of districts and members of Game and Parks Commission	

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LB87	Campbell	S	Change membership and reporting requirements of the Nebraska Children's Commission	
LB88	Campbell	S	Change fees relating to marriage licenses	3, 4, 5, 9
LB89	Campbell	V (>607, +335)	Change provisions relating to aid to dependent children and create the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force	11, 15, 16, 19, 20
LB89A	Campbell	V	Appropriation Bill	
LB90	Campbell	S	Change provisions for directed review under the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act	
LB91	Johnson	S	Repeal obsolete provisions relating to scabies, diseased swine, and hog cholera	
LB92	Johnson	S	Change provisions of the Agricultural Liming Materials Act	
LB93	Johnson	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act	
LB94	Smith	S	Provide for issuance of printed motor vehicle certificate of title for nonresidents as prescribed	
LB95	Smith	S	Provide for operation and regulation of electric-powered bicycles	3, 4, 7
LB96	Smith	IPP	Eliminate certain taxing authority of learning communities	
LB97	Smith	IPP (>642)	Eliminate additional fees for Pearl Harbor and disabled veteran license plates	
LB98	Bolz	C (>657)	State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control	
LB99	Sullivan	S	Eliminate a reporting duty for the Education Committee of the Legislature	
LB100	Sullivan	S	Provide for allocation of state aid to tribally controlled community colleges	
LB101	Sullivan	C	Change provisions relating to statewide assessment of student learning and reporting	3
LB102	Sullivan	C	Change provisions relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program	9
LB103	Kintner	C	Change provisions relating to participation in extracurricular activities as prescribed	
LB104	Krist	S	Change provisions relating to notice of discontinuance of utility service	
LB105	Watermeier	GF	Change provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries	6
LB105A	Watermeier	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB106	Watermeier	S	Provide for an assessment matrix for zoning purposes	13, 20
LB106A	Watermeier	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB107	Crawford	S	Eliminate integrated practice agreements and provide for transition-to-practice agreements for nurse practitioners	3, 5, 8
LB108	Crawford	C	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to fund behavioral health internships	9
LB109	Crawford	S	Change residency requirements for veterans, spouses, and dependents or eligible recipients attending a public college or university	
LB110	Larson	C (>657)	Appropriate funds for pediatric cancer specialists	9
LB111	Larson	GF	Require identification to vote	3, 7
LB112	Larson	IPP	Adopt the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote	3
LB113	Larson	GF	Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services	
LB114	McCoy	C	Redefine ambulatory surgical center and health clinic under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act	
LB115	Scheer	C	Prohibit certain actions related to social security numbers	
LB116	Haar	S	Change election procedures and membership for certain sanitary and improvement district boards of trustees	
LB117	Haar	C	Change provisions relating to energy financing contracts	
LB118	Larson	S	Exempt licensed cigar shops and tobacco retail outlets from smoking restrictions	4, 5, 6, 7
LB119	Schumacher	C	Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served	
LB120	Schumacher	C	Provide for seizure of license plates of certain uninsured motor vehicles or trailers as prescribed	
LB121	Schumacher	C	Require voter identification and secret-ballot envelopes	3, 18
LB122	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	
LB123	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to the payment of warrants	
LB124	Nordquist	C	Provide requirements relating to copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles	
LB125	Nordquist	C (>661)	Create a fund relating to health care homes for the medically underserved	
LB126	Nordquist	S	Change size of counties for applicability of certain county retirement programs and change contribution provisions for such programs	3, 4, 7
LB127	Chambers	C	Eliminate provisions relating to hunting mountain lions	
LB128	Chambers	FR	Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act	5, 9
LB129	Harr	S	Require criminal background checks for applicants for an initial nursing license	4, 7, 10
LB130	Watermeier	C	Change provisions relating to the Water Sustainability Fund	
LB131	Craighead	GF	Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	
LB132	Ebke	S	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	4, 14, 17, 18

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LB133	Ebke	C (>480)	Change interest rate provisions on certain Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court awards	13, 20
LB134	Johnson	C	Change provisions relating to first injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB135	Johnson	C	Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	
LB136	Johnson	GF	Prohibit flying lanterns	
LB137	Johnson	GF	Change provisions relating to discharge of a firearm	3
LB137A	Johnson	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB138	Johnson	S	Name the Land Surveyors Regulation Act and provide for a code of practice	
LB139	Johnson	S	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	
LB139A	Johnson	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB140	Davis	C	Provide for primary elections for partisan county offices without party affiliation in counties with less than 10,000 population	
LB141	Schilz	S	Change provisions relating to the Public Entities Mandated Project Charges Act	
LB142	Schilz	S	Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	3, 5, 8
LB142A	Schilz	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB143	Schilz	C	Provide training cost reimbursement relating to underground storage tanks	
LB144	Davis	C	Reduce levy authority of community colleges and increase state aid to community colleges	
LB145	Watermeier	IPP	Change provisions governing active executive officers of banks and provide the Department of Banking and Finance with certain powers	
LB146	Crawford	S	Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	8, 10
LB147	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to asset limitations for public assistance	
LB148	Crawford	C	Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care	4
LB149	Urban Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to election procedures for sanitary and improvement districts	
LB150	Urban Affairs	S	Redefine terms under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	
LB151	Urban Affairs	S	Provide for a person designated to accept city or village notices in cases of mortgaged property or trust deed default	
LB152	Urban Affairs	S	Authorize cities and villages to borrow from state-chartered or federally chartered financial institutions as prescribed	3, 12, 15, 16
LB153	Morfeld	C	Exempt college textbooks from sales and use taxes	5
LB154	Hadley	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska	9
LB155	Williams	S	Change provisions relating to capital stock requirements, clearing and settlement of checks, and cost of disclosure of confidential records	
LB156	Stinner	S	Change the amount of credits allowed and reporting requirements under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act	5, 14, 20
LB157	McCollister	S	Change operative date provisions relating to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act	
LB158	McCollister	C (>480)	Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation	18, 20
LB159	Hadley	S	Define and redefine terms under the Public Accountancy Act and provide for peer review	
LB160	Larson	S	Allow financial institutions to operate gift enterprises	
LB161	Schumacher	C	Adopt the Pairing Equity to Enterprises Act and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB162	Schumacher	C	Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes	
LB163	Crawford	C	Create an emergency management registry allowing for public-provided data	3
LB164	Friesen	S	Provide a biennial budgeting option for natural resources districts	4, 7, 10
LB165	Lindstrom	C	Change income tax provisions relating to Social Security benefits	
LB166	Crawford	C	Change filing and enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB167	Mello	S	Provide duties for the Office of Violence Prevention and change funding provisions	
LB168	Mello	S	Authorize expansion of existing business improvement districts	
LB169	Mello	C	Change provisions governing the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB170	Gloor	S	Change distribution of the Sports Arena Facility Support Fund	
LB171	Gloor	S	Update references to the Internal Revenue Code	
LB172	Chambers	C (>173)	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	6
LB173	Chambers	SF (+172)	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties and change habitual criminal provisions	6, 15
LB173A	Chambers	FR	Appropriation Bill	
LB174	Schilz	C	Redefine nonpoint source control systems under the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act	
LB175	Schilz	S (+544)	Adopt the Livestock Growth Act and Community Gardens Act and change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act and the Nebraska Seed Law	6, 18, 20
LB176	Schilz	SF	Change the Competitive Livestock Markets Act	21

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LB177	Haar	S	Change provisions relating to membership on boards of public power districts	4, 9
LB178	Watermeier	C	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	4
LB179	Brasch	S	Change renewal requirements for apprentice electricians and provide for continuing education for apprentice electricians	
LB180	Scheer	S	Redefine terms relating to title insurance business	
LB181	Smith	S	Change rotating and flashing light provisions for motor vehicles	
LB182	Haar	C	Create the School Funding and Educational Outcomes Review Committee	5
LB183	Johnson	S	Change provisions relating to the Grain Dealer Act	4, 13, 20
LB184	Ebke	C	Change prohibited locations to carry a concealed handgun	3
LB185	Bolz	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to implement the Master Teacher Program Act	10
LB186	Bolz	C	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	4
LB187	Kintner	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion	11
LB188	Watermeier	GF	Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	
LB189	Davis	GF	Change provisions and penalties relating to marijuana and alphabetize definitions	4
LB190	Bloomfield	SF	Change concealed handgun permit application provisions	5
LB191	Bloomfield	C	Exempt food sold by veterans service organizations from sales and use taxes	
LB192	Davis	C	Require a train crew of at least two individuals	8
LB193	Nordquist	C	Prohibit the collection of interchange fees on specified taxes and provide penalties	
LB194	Seiler	S	Create the Supreme Court Attorney Services Cash Fund	8
LB195	Seiler	S	Change provisions relating to summons and orders of garnishment on financial institutions	
LB196	Campbell	S	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	7, 19, 20
LB196A	Campbell	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB197	Scheer	IPP (>324)	Provide additional powers to certain sanitary and improvement districts	6,11,13,16
LB198	Williams	S	Authorize licenses for limited line pre-need funeral insurance	
LB199	Howard	S	Provide for stipends for social work students	13, 20
LB199A	Howard	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB200	Davis	S	Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide duties for the Department of Revenue	19, 20
LB200A	Davis	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB201	Davis	W	Change provisions relating to uranium severance taxes	
LB202	Davis	C	Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	
LB203	Schilz	IPP	Change provisions relating to a game refuge	
LB204	Schilz	C (>330)	Provide a tax credit for certain beer manufacturers	16
LB205	Schilz	IPP (>469)	Provide requirements for certain towers	
LB206	Schilz	S	Change the Erosion and Sediment Control Act	
LB207	Schilz	S	Change provisions relating to civil penalties under the Nebraska Chemigation Act	
LB208	Schilz	C	Provide an exemption to water storage reservoir permit requirements as prescribed	
LB209	Hilkemann	IPP	Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	
LB210	Ebke	C	Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments	
LB211	Kolowski	C	Authorize chiropractors to provide school entrance physical examinations and visual evaluations	
LB212	Chambers	C (>482)	Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed	
LB213	Schumacher	IPP	Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	
LB214	Schumacher	C	Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	7
LB215	Craighead	IPP	Change provisions relating to theft	
LB216	Hadley	SF	Correct provisions relating to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement	
LB217	Hadley	SF	Revise statute relating to premium taxes	
LB218	Hadley	SF	Correct references to a federal act in income tax provisions	
LB219	Crawford	S	Change and eliminate child custody provisions and adopt the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act	3, 5, 7
LB220	Smith	S	Provide for Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial license plates and distribute fees	5, 7
LB220A	Smith	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB221	Harr	GF	Provide for disposition of a tenant's personal property upon death	
LB222	Harr	C	Create the Fallen Heroes Memorial Commission and provide duties	
LB223	Harr	GF	Change provisions of the Insured Homeowners Protection Act relating to contractor duties and prohibited acts and provide for a required notice	
LB224	Harr	C	Provide and change restrictions relating to electioneering	
LB225	Schnoor	C	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school	

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LB226	Coash	S	Authorize crowdfunding as prescribed and exempt crowdfunding under the Securities Act of Nebraska	5, 19, 20
LB227	Hansen	GF	Change provisions relating to educational bridge programs	
LB227A	Hansen	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB228	Watermeier	C	Change corporate income tax rates	
LB229	Watermeier	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for court appointed special advocate state aid	10
LB230	Mello	GF	Change provisions relating to partition actions	
LB231	Smith	S	Provide for regulation and operation of autocyclus	19, 20
LB232	Nordquist	C	Adopt the College Choice Grant Program Act	
LB233	Howard	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	11
LB234	Krist	GF	Change provisions relating to filing requirements of insurance companies	
LB235	Howard	GF	Adopt the Consumer Protection in Eye Care Act	
LB236	Coash	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	
LB237	Coash	C	Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	
LB238	Groene	C	Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing under the Community Development Law	
LB239	Haar	C (>525)	Provide for a Coordinator for Educator Effectiveness and educator evaluation	18, 20
LB240	Hansen	S	Change the termination date of the Behavioral Health Screening and C Pilot Program	9,14,17,18
LB241	Stinner	S	Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots	
LB242	Stinner	S	Change provisions of the Dry Bean Resources Act	10, 14
LB242A	Stinner	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB243	Bolz	S (+441)	Create a pilot project relating to family finding services and change the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act	14, 17, 20
LB243A	Bolz	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB244	Pansing Brooks	C (>245)	Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	4
LB245	Pansing Brooks	S (+244)	Change provisions relating to motions for new trial and DNA testing of biological material	4, 9, 10, 16
LB246	Sullivan	S	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act	
LB247	Sullivan	S	Change an interest rate provision in the Uniform Partnership Act of 1998	
LB248	Sullivan	C	Prohibit use of interactive wireless devices by school bus drivers as prescribed	
LB249	Sullivan	GF	Exempt horses from sales and use taxes	
LB250	Larson	C	Eliminate time restrictions on keno	4
LB251	Nordquist	C	Adopt the Veterans Subsidized Training and Employment Act	
LB252	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to registration by coordination and federal covered securities under the Securities Act of Nebraska	
LB253	Morfeld	S	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	
LB254	Morfeld	GF	Adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act	
LB255	Morfeld	C	Provide income tax credits for apprenticeships	5
LB256	Bloomfield	C	Change the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales tax revenue	
LB257	Nordquist	S	Require insurers to provide descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring	
LB258	Nordquist	C	Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	
LB259	Gloor	S	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act and provide and change tax exemptions and taxation of personal property	
LB259A	Gloor	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB260	Gloor	S	Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors	
LB261	Gloor	S	Change revenue and taxation provisions	
LB262	Johnson	W	Eliminate refund provisions under the Dairy Industry Development Act	
LB263	Johnson	C (>657, 661)	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society	
LB264	Morfeld	S	Provide for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training, or experience	
LB265	Campbell	S (>347, +13, 25)	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare	
LB265A	Krist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB266	Crawford	S	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances	
LB267	Crawford	C	Change the income tax exemption for military retirement income	
LB268	Chambers	VO	Eliminate the death penalty and change and eliminate provisions relating to sentencing	9,15,20,21
LB269	Hughes	S	Change a requirement regarding the preparation and distribution of a roster of registered abstracters	8
LB270	Ebke	GF	Create and eliminate funds administered by the Department of Labor	

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LB271	Ebke	S	Change and eliminate provisions of the Employment Security Law	
LB272	Crawford	S	Create a voluntary veterans preference in private employment	
LB273	Sullivan	C	Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices	
LB274	Hansen	C	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education for mentor teacher programs	
LB275	Friesen	GF	Change penalties for operating a motor vehicle during a revocation period	
LB276	Harr	GF	Exempt certified independent contractors from the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB277	Harr	S	Change tax deed lien priority	
LB278	Harr	GF	Exempt motor vehicle washing and waxing services from sales and use tax	
LB279	Schumacher	S	Change provisions and fees relating to business entity reinstatement	
LB280	Davis	C	Authorize a school-funding surtax and reduce the levy authority of school districts and learning communities	
LB281	Kolowski	C	Adopt the Child Support for College Savings Act	
LB282	Baker	IPP	Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	
LB283	Baker	S	Change provisions relating to emergency expenditures by school districts and educational service units for emergency management purposes as prescribed	6, 17, 20
LB284	Riepe	C	Redefine terms under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	
LB285	Riepe	GF	Redefine a term under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	
LB286	Craighead	S	Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions	
LB287	Haar	S	Change provisions relating to licensure of interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing	9, 17, 20
LB288	Ebke	C	Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	
LB289	Ebke	GF	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by cities and villages as prescribed	11
LB290	Coash	IPP (>292)	Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender	6, 20
LB291	Coash	S	Remove professional wrestling from the jurisdiction of the State Athletic Commissioner	
LB292	Coash	S (+290)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the central registry of child protection cases and sex offender registration	14, 20
LB292A	Coash	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB293	Schnoor	C	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	7
LB294	Scheer	S	Adopt the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act, change provisions relating to service of process, evidence of sexual assault, search warrants, temporary custody of juveniles, and foster care reports, change penalties for human trafficking and crimes relating to morals, and provide for forfeiture of assets	9, 16, 19
LB295	Scheer	GF	Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	
LB296	Kolterman	S	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notification after removal of a child	
LB297	Seiler	C	Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	
LB298	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to credit for reinsurance	
LB299	Schumacher	IPP	Change provisions relating to admission of evidence of alibi	
LB300	Schumacher	C	Change provisions relating to enforcement of ordinances by sanitary and improvement districts	
LB301	Chambers	S	Change provisions relating to distribution of court opinions	
LB302	Campbell	C	Create the offense of rehoming a child	
LB303	Bloomfield	C	Authorize schools to adopt a child sexual abuse policy	4
LB304	Hansen	S	Adopt the Municipal Custodianship for Dissolved Homeowners Associations Act	9, 13
LB305	Schnoor	S	Allow veterans aid fund to be used for transportation costs for veterans	5, 8
LB306	Nordquist	GF	Change the Conveyance Safety Act	
LB307	Kolowski	C	Change provisions relating to stalking and domestic abuse	8
LB308	Kolowski	IPP	Provide for preregistration to vote	
LB309	Davis	C	Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	8
LB310	Davis	S	Change provisions relating to the Niobrara Council	
LB311	Transportation & Telecommunications	GF (>575)	Change provisions relating to CLP-learner's permit issuance and applications for commercial drivers' licenses	
LB312	Transportation & Telecommunications	S	Change provisions relating to the letting of highway construction contracts	
LB313	Transportation & Telecommunications	S	Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers	
LB314	Hansen	S	State matters subject to county court jurisdiction	8
LB315	Howard	S	Change provisions relating to medicaid recovery audit contractors	20

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LB315A	Howard	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB316	Kintner	C	Prohibit joining certain interstate compacts and the sharing of red light camera and speed camera information with other compact members as prescribed	
LB317	Kintner	S	Repeal the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact	16, 18
LB318	Kuehn	C (>657, 661)	State intent to fund planning and development regions	
LB319	Smith	C (>575)	Change provisions relating to elections conducted by mail	5, 16, 18, 19
LB320	Bolz	S (+405)	Adopt the Aging and Disability Resource Center Demonstration Project Act and require a state plan regarding persons with Alzheimer's or related disorders	5, 12, 20
LB320A	Bolz	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB321	Bolz	C	Adopt the Nebraska Industrial New Job-training Act and authorize certain payments and taxes	
LB322	Bolz	GF	Increase child and dependent care tax credits	
LB323	Davis	C	Create the School Financing Review Commission	5
LB324	McCollister	S (+197, 420)	Provide additional powers for sanitary and improvement districts and require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate within sanitary and improvement districts	11, 13, 16
LB325	Davis	S	Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	19, 20
LB326	Williams	IPP (>390)	Change provisions relating to marijuana, amphetamine, and methamphetamine	9, 20
LB327	Williams	C	Change provisions relating to garnishment	
LB328	Schilz	GF	Change provisions of the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act	
LB329	Schilz	S	Adopt the Nebraska Agritourism Promotion Act	9, 18, 20
LB330	Larson	S (+204, 460, 486)	Change provisions relating to alcoholic liquor	16, 20
LB330A	Larson	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB331	Nordquist	C	Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	
LB332	Kuehn	C (>657)	Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	
LB333	Gloor	C	Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	
LB334	Mello	S	Repeal the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act	
LB335	Mello	IPP (>607, 89)	Create and provide duties for the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force	16, 19, 20
LB336	Harr	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Condominium Act	
LB337	Harr	C	Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act	
LB338	Brasch	C	Provide a docket fee for paternity determinations and parental support proceedings	
LB339	Howard	C	Change provisions relating to payment of costs for proceedings before the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission	
LB340	Brasch	C	Provide signage requirements and duties for the Nebraska State Patrol under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	
LB341	Howard	C	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	
LB342	Howard	S	Permit insurers to contract for pharmacist professional services	
LB343	Kolowski	GF (+402)	Provide funding for schools offering certain programs and courses as prescribed	5, 16, 18, 20
LB344	Kolowski	C	Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds	
LB345	Kolowski	C	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	
LB346	Krist	C	Require a medicaid state plan amendment to cover children's day health services	
LB347	Krist	S (+265)	Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to include juvenile justice services and allow access to certain records and information	8, 12, 20
LB347A	Krist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB348	Krist	S	Change provisions relating to automatic teller machines and point-of-sale terminals	
LB349	Krist	GF	Change provisions relating to acquisitions of real property	
LB350	Brasch	C	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	7
LB351	Brasch	C	Change state aid provisions relating to allocated income tax funds	
LB352	Scheer	S	Change provisions relating to the issuance of a mortgage banker license and duties of licensees	
LB353	Campbell	C	Change credentialing provisions for nursing home administrators	
LB354	McCollister	C (>605)	Change provisions relating to crime victims and witnesses	9
LB355	Morfeld	IPP (>519)	Change provisions relating to certain education funding as prescribed	
LB356	Harr	S	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	11, 14
LB357	Smith	C	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB358	Garrett	C	Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault	11
LB359	Johnson	IPP (>360)	Change a fee collected from dog licensees	7, 19

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LB360	Johnson	S (+359, 377, 389)	Change procedures for disposition of seized animals, change license fees relating to dogs and cats, and change provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act	7, 16, 19
LB360A	Johnson	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB361	Harr	S	Clarify that certain assessments levied as prescribed are levied and collected as special assessments	
LB362	Krist	GF	Change eminent domain provisions relating to school sites	10
LB363	Nordquist	C (>480)	Provide time limits and penalties for late medical payments under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	10, 18, 20
LB364	Watermeier	C	Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations	8
LB365	Baker	S	Allow school districts and educational service units to keep electronic records	6, 17, 20
LB366	Pansing Brooks	S	Change the personal needs allowance under the Medical Assistance Act	9, 20
LB366A	Pansing Brooks	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB367	Groene	S	Eliminate a restriction on paying petition circulators based on number of signatures	11, 14
LB368	Groene	C	Prohibit certain activities interfering with petition circulators	
LB369	Riepe	C	Change provisions relating to impaired credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act	
LB370	Riepe	C	Provide for an amendment to the medicaid state plan relating to dyslexia treatment	
LB371	Sullivan	GF	Create and provide duties for the Nebraska Council for Educational Success	4
LB372	Craighead	C	Adopt the First-time Home Buyer Savings Plan Act and provide income tax adjustments	6
LB373	Hilkemann	C	Change provisions regarding school bus safety	8
LB374	Haar	C (>661)	Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund	10
LB375	Craighead	S	Change provisions relating to broker's price opinions and comparative market analysis	
LB376	Hansen	C	Provide that public charitable corporations are subject to the Deferred Building Renewal Act	
LB377	Kolterman	IPP (>360)	Change provisions and procedures relating to the disposition, care, custody, and costs associated with the impoundment of dogs or cats	19
LB378	Groene	GF	Change requirements for voter approval of borrowing money for public improvements by a first-class city	
LB379	Bolz	IPP (>519)	Adopt the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act	14, 18
LB380	Morfeld	C (>519)	Create and provide duties for the Higher Education Affordability Commission	14, 18
LB381	Cook	C	State intent relating to appropriations for housing services	11
LB382	Cook	S	Change provisions of the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act and state intent relating to certain transfers	8, 19, 20
LB382A	Cook	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB383	Hansen	C	Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	
LB384	Lindstrom	C	Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	
LB385	Lindstrom	GF	Change provisions relating to forcible entry and detainer and the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	5
LB386	Watermeier	C	Change a sales tax exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment	
LB387	Schnoor	C	Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	8
LB388	Hansen	C	Provide annual adjustments for total disability income benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB389	Kuehn	IPP (>360)	Change license and inspection fees under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act	7, 16, 19
LB390	Crawford	S (+326, 546)	Provide for medical use of cannabidiol and naloxone and change controlled substances schedules and transfers to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	9, 20
LB390A	Crawford	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB391	Crawford	C	Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	
LB392	Crawford	IPP	Change and eliminate learning community provisions relating to levy authority, distribution of core services funds, and state aid calculations	
LB393	Schilz	C	Change provisions of the Livestock Animal Welfare Act	
LB394	Schilz	C	Prohibit interference with hunting, trapping, or fishing by intimidation using a telephone or other communication device	
LB395	Schilz	C	Adopt the Nebraska Enterprise Act and authorize grants for economic development	10
LB396	Riepe	C	Allow an income tax credit for certain long-term care insurance policy premiums	
LB397	Harr	C (>657)	State intent relating to funding for a lead-based paint hazard reduction grant	
LB398	Harr	C	Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	
LB399	Smith	C	Provide Public Service Commission powers regarding transportation network service	
LB400	Smith	GF	Change filing requirements for statements of financial interest	
LB400A	Smith	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB401	Kolterman	IPP	Adopt the College Tuition Equalization Grant Program Act	9

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LB402	Baker	C (>343, 519)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to distance education incentives	
LB403	Davis	C	Change requirements for elections by mail	
LB404	Davis	C	Provide for evidentiary hearings relating to certain water-use applications	
LB405	Davis	IPP (>320)	Create the Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Advisory Work Group and provide for a state plan	5, 20
LB406	Morfeld	C	Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property as prescribed	
LB407	Haar	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to certified renewable export facilities as prescribed	
LB408	Kolterman	S	Eliminate provisions relating to penalties for corporations and companies that fail to pay taxes	
LB409	McCollister	C	Change provisions relating to landlords and tenants	
LB410	Sullivan	C (>525)	Change eligibility provisions relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act	18, 20
LB411	Cook	C	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	
LB412	Mello	S	Change provisions relating to the Rural Community-Based Energy Development Act	
LB413	Mello	S	Provide fees and procedures for permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and funding under the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act	12, 16
LB413A	Mello	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB414	Harr	S	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	14, 18
LB415	Pansing Brooks	S	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	
LB416	Pansing Brooks	C	Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	
LB417	Nordquist	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for pediatric cancer research	9
LB418	Nordquist	C (>657)	Change distribution of cigarette tax proceeds	
LB419	Mello	S	Exempt certain sales and purchases by certain zoos and aquariums from sales and use tax	14, 20
LB420	Crawford	IPP (>324)	Require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate in a sanitary and improvement district	11, 13, 16
LB421	Kintner	IPP	Eliminate a learning community and provide for distribution of assets as prescribed	
LB422	Howard	S	Provide for reasonable fees and costs for proceedings involving a minor under the Probate Code	
LB423	Nordquist	SF	Change a renewable energy tax credit	16, 18
LB423A	Nordquist	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB424	Davis	S	Change provisions relating to the nameplate capacity tax	
LB425	Riepe	C	Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	7
LB426	Riepe	IPP	Provide for violent offenders and provide powers and duties for the Director of Correctional Services, the Parole Administrator, the Board of Parole, and parole officers	7
LB427	Groene	C	Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state	4
LB428	Garrett	GF	Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	8
LB429	Smith	C	Provide for medical utilization and treatment guidelines under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB430	Mello	S	Change appropriation provisions	7, 8
LB431	Baker	S	Change provisions relating to public school district construction	9, 14
LB432	Baker	W	Change provisions relating to access to and copying of public records	
LB433	Baker	C	Create the offense of false presentation of proof of liability insurance and provide penalties	
LB434	Cook	C	Require law enforcement agencies to use theft notification web sites as prescribed	
LB435	Cook	C	Adopt the Time to Teach and Time to Learn Act	
LB436	Cook	C	State intent relating to appropriations for pediatric oral health services	9
LB437	Ebke	IPP	Change provisions relating to the Parenting Act	10
LB438	Morfeld	C	Change distribution of sales and use tax revenue and create and provide for a fund	
LB439	Morfeld	S	Change Nebraska Liquor Control Act penalty provisions for certain violations	5, 7, 13
LB440	Morfeld	C	Provide for a study of rates for care by an Alzheimer's special care unit as prescribed	
LB441	Bolz	IPP (>243)	Change provisions relating to the bridge to independence program	17
LB442	Bolz	C	Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	8
LB443	Bolz	C	Redefine support services for purposes of the Special Education Act	
LB444	Groene	C	Eliminate the minimum levy adjustment for purposes of state aid to schools	
LB445	Groene	C	Authorize audits of redevelopment plans that use tax-increment financing	
LB446	Nordquist	S	Redefine compensation and change provisions for school employees retirement	
LB447	Nordquist	C (>448)	Change provisions relating to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act	
LB448	Nordquist	SF (+447)	Change membership of the Nebraska Investment Council and retirement provisions for Class V school districts	20
LB448A	Nordquist	SF	Appropriation Bill	

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BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LB449	Mello	S (+450, 569, 571)	Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act and state intent relating to tourism	14, 17, 18
LB450	Mello	C (>449)	Authorize grants to aid tourism, create a fund, and change funding provisions	14
LB451	Hansen	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to stacking of insurance coverage	
LB452	Hilkemann	S	Provide advertising requirements under the Uniform Credentialing Act	20
LB453	Hilkemann	C	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle taxes	
LB454	Garrett	C	Change provisions relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits	
LB455	Gloor	S	Change provisions relating to employment of a full-time fire chief by cities of the first class	
LB456	Gloor	S	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission	
LB457	Gloor	S	Change the Site and Building Development Act and terminate a fund	21
LB458	Kolterman	S	Authorize limited lines travel insurance producer licenses	13, 18
LB459	Crawford	GF	Change provisions relating to a deposition of a child victim or child witness	
LB460	Nordquist	IPP (>330)	Provide for licensure of charter bus and limousine services and pedal-pub vehicles for the consumption of alcohol	5, 16
LB461	Pansing Brooks	C	Change appropriations for the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program	10
LB462	Seiler	C	Change restrictions on campaigning by public officials and public employees	
LB463	Harr	C	Adopt the Technology Information Management Act	
LB464	Harr	S	Change information provided on effective financing statements	
LB465	Harr	GF	Adopt the Electronic Notary Public Act	
LB465A	Harr	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB466	Harr	C	Change provisions relating to deductions of municipal sales and use tax refunds	
LB467	Nordquist	C	Change provisions relating to State Patrol retirement	
LB468	Nordquist	S (+602)	Provide and change fees, benefits, and contributions for judges' retirement	17, 18, 21
LB468A	Nordquist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB469	Smith	S (+205, 583)	Provide procedures and reporting requirements relating to a state plan on carbon dioxide emissions, require a strategic state energy plan, and provide requirements for meteorological evaluation towers	16, 20
LB469A	Smith	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB470	Hansen	C	Provide an income tax credit for caregivers	
LB471	Howard	C	Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring	
LB472	Campbell	GF	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	8, 14
LB472A	Campbell	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB473	Chambers	C	Eliminate the power of eminent domain for major pipelines	10
LB474	Chambers	GF	Provide for Mountain Lion Protection Plates and create a fund	6
LB474A	Chambers	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB475	Davis	C	Change a provision relating to the construction or acquisition of certain electric generation facilities	
LB476	Davis	C	Provide duties for county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator relating to tax-exempt real property	
LB477	Davis	S	Change provisions relating to school districts maintaining the only public high school in a county	
LB478	Baker	C	Provide bonding authority for educational service units	
LB479	Bloomfield	S	Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	
LB480	Harr	S (+133, 158, 363, 600)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	18, 20
LB481	Kintner	IPP	Permit school districts to opt out of a learning community as prescribed	6
LB482	Krist	S (+212)	Change provisions relating to juveniles	12, 16
LB483	Pansing Brooks	GF	Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	6
LB484	Nordquist	C	Change county employee and employer retirement contribution rates for certain counties as prescribed	
LB485	Stinner	C (>657)	State intent relating to appropriations for child welfare	
LB486	Schilz	C (>330)	Provide for a limited bottling endorsement under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	16
LB487	Schilz	C (>539)	Change the duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts	19, 20
LB488	Scheer	C	Adopt the Transportation Network Insurance Act	
LB489	Sullivan	IPP (>547)	Change provisions relating to grants for early childhood education as prescribed	10, 19, 20
LB489A	Sullivan	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB490	Watermeier	C	Adopt the Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Act	
LB491	Morfeld	C	Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	
LB492	Morfeld	C	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	

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LB493	Nordquist	C	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act	6
LB494	Nordquist	GF	Change minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities	15
LB495	Pansing Brooks	C	Increase the earned income tax credit	
LB496	Kuehn	C (>657)	Appropriate funds for the Yeutter Institute for International Trade and Finance	9
LB497	Hadley	C	Change provisions relating to distribution of marital assets	10
LB498	Hadley	V	Require registration of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act and change sales tax provisions	15
LB499	Krist	C	Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services	
LB500	Howard	S	Require application for a medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy	12, 15, 20
LB500A	Howard	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB501	Krist	C	Provide for use of audio or visual materials of legislative proceedings to be used for commercial or political advertising as prescribed	
LB502	Krist	C	State intent to establish a family court pilot project	
LB503	Krist	C (>539)	Provide authority for the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue subpoenas and request court orders	19, 20
LB504	Krist	S	Change provisions relating to presentence reports and psychiatric examinations and provide access to substance abuse evaluations	
LB504A	Krist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB505	Krist	GF	Change provisions of the Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act	
LB506	Krist	C (>657)	Increase funding for community-based developmental disability providers	
LB507	Cook	C	Require certain examinations for special education teachers	
LB508	Cook	C	Provide minimum requirements for acceptance to teacher education programs	
LB509	Cook	IPP (>525)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to a poverty allowance under the state aid formula	6, 18, 20
LB510	Cook	GF	Provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients	
LB511	Cook	S	Provide for return-to-learn protocols for pediatric cancer survivors	
LB512	Stinner	C	Provide powers and duties to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regarding certain wastewater and charge an assessment for certain costs	10
LB513	Craighead	S	Change provisions relating to use and leasing of school property	
LB514	Craighead	IPP (>575)	Change provisions relating to registering to vote and voting early at the same time	16, 18, 19
LB515	Craighead	S	Change an aggregate loan limit for agricultural projects under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act	
LB516	Bolz	C	Create the Brain Injury Council and the Brain Injury Trust Fund and provide powers and duties	
LB517	Riepe	C	Prohibit certain uses of interactive wireless communication devices while driving	8
LB518	Riepe	C	Provide for changes to the medical assistance program	
LB519	Sullivan	S (+36, 355, 379, 380, 402, 520, 527, 589)	Change distribution of lottery funds for education, provide for grants, change loan, incentive, and state aid provisions, create funds, and require a postsecondary education affordability study	9, 14, 18
LB519A	Sullivan	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB520	Sullivan	IPP (>519)	Change provisions relating to transfers to certain education-related funds	9
LB521	Sullivan	C	Provide, eliminate, and change provisions relating to property tax levies and credits and state aid to schools and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB522	Sullivan	C	Provide for apportionment funds and student support aid relating to state aid to education	5
LB523	Sullivan	C	Change income tax rates and state intent relating to funding public education	
LB524	Sullivan	C (>525)	Change provisions documenting eligibility relating to free and reduced-price school meals	6, 18, 20
LB525	Sullivan	S (+239, 410, 509, 524, 526, 572)	Change provisions relating to education	18, 20
LB525A	Sullivan	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB526	Sullivan	C (>525)	Define a term related to teachers' and administrators' certificates	18, 20
LB527	Sullivan	IPP (>519)	Change provisions relating to teachers' loan programs	14
LB528	Sullivan	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to learning communities	6
LB529	Sullivan	IPP	Change provisions relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB530	Sullivan	C	Provide a duty for the student achievement coordinator	
LB531	Kolterman	C	Provide requirements for publication of insurance information	

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LB532	Hilkemann	C (>660, 662)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska	9
LB533	Stinner	C (>657, 662)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska	9
LB534	Groene	C	Provide for limitations on General Fund expenditures for state aid to education	
LB535	Smith	C	Provide the Public Service Commission with exclusive jurisdiction over depth requirements for underground oil and natural gas pipelines	
LB536	Haar	C	Provide for the filing of an annual report by public power suppliers with the Nebraska Power Review Board	
LB537	Watermeier	C (>657, 661)	Appropriate funds relating to natural resources	
LB538	Performance Audit	S	Require audits of tax incentive programs under the Legislative Performance Audit Act and change tax incentive sunset dates	8, 12, 20
LB538A	Watermeier	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB539	Watermeier	S (+487, 503, 552)	Change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and the Auditor of Public Accounts	5, 19, 20
LB540	Crawford	S	Adopt updated international building code standards	20
LB541	Crawford	S	Change provisions of the Taxpayer Transparency Act relating to expired contracts	
LB542	Harr	GF	Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies	
LB543	Harr	C	Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under medicaid	
LB544	Harr	IPP (>175)	Adopt the Community Gardens Act	8, 20
LB545	Harr	C	Provide for additional mandatory minimum sentencing as prescribed	
LB546	Morfeld	IPP (>390)	Authorize administration of naloxone as prescribed	20
LB547	Campbell	S (+489)	Change provisions regarding use of federal block grant funds for child care activities and provide for grants to early childhood education programs	19, 20
LB547A	Campbell	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB548	Campbell	C	Adopt the Surgical Assistant Practice Act	
LB549	Campbell	C	Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	
LB550	Harr	C	Change provisions relating to the Municipal Equalization Fund	
LB551	Nordquist	C	Adopt the Local Government Employees Retirement Act	
LB552	Nordquist	C (>539)	Change a duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts relating to written reviews of reports	19, 20
LB553	Gloor	C	Change insurance provisions relating to dental services	
LB554	Business & Labor	S	Provide for payment of claims against the state	17, 19
LB555	Harr	C	Deny claims made against the state	
LB556	Kolowski	C	Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent	8
LB557	Kolowski	C	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act	
LB558	Kolowski	C	Provide an exception for certain food operations under the Nebraska Pure Food Act and provide a duty for the Department of Agriculture	
LB559	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to the treatment of tax credits under the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act	
LB560	Williams	C	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	9
LB561	Stinner	S	Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts	14, 18
LB562	Morfeld	C	Adopt the Nebraska Treasures Act	
LB563	McCollister	C	Change provisions relating to school fiscal year	
LB564	Lindstrom	C	Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads	
LB565	Kuehn	C	State intent relating to appropriations for education and training in high-need fields	9
LB566	Coash	S	Change provisions relating to Indian child welfare	8, 16, 20
LB566A	Coash	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB567	Johnson	C	Permit transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed	
LB568	Brasch	C	Change certain administrative license revocation provisions relating to commercial drivers' licenses	
LB569	Brasch	C (>449)	Change the Business Innovation Act	14
LB570	Brasch	S	Provide and change ordinance authority and other provisions relating to operation of golf car vehicles	
LB571	Brasch	IPP (>449)	Provide requirements for the Nebraska Tourism Commission to mark tourism attractions	8, 17
LB572	Davis	C (>525)	Provide duties for the state school security director relating to cyberbullying and digital citizenship issues	10, 18, 20
LB573	Davis	C	Adopt the Health Enterprise Zone Act and provide for tax credits	
LB574	Davis	IPP	Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	

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LB575	Murante	S (+311, 319, 514, 578)	Change provisions relating to elections	16, 18, 19
LB576	Murante	C	Change election and membership provisions for learning community coordinating councils	
LB577	Murante	S	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	21
LB578	Murante	C (>575)	Change provisions relating to elections	16, 18, 19
LB579	Murante	C	Change traffic accident reporting requirements as prescribed and authorize a fee for a copy of a peace officer report	7
LB580	Murante	C	Adopt the Redistricting Act	8
LB581	Nordquist	S	Adopt the Nebraska Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Act	21
LB581A	Nordquist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB582	Nordquist	IPP	Change provisions relating to a focus school and program allowance	
LB583	Schilz	C (>469)	Require a state energy plan	6, 20
LB584	Schilz	C (<657, 661, 662)	Transfer funds of the Cash Reserve Fund for a dental clinic and oral health training facility	9
LB585	Schilz	C	Change provisions relating to director qualifications and employment of personnel at the Department of Natural Resources	
LB586	Morfeld	GF	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity	5, 19
LB586A	Morfeld	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB587	McCollister	C	Change the motor vehicle tax schedules	
LB588	Pansing Brooks	C	Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	
LB589	Pansing Brooks	IPP (>519)	Provide for allocation of the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund as prescribed	
LB590	Friesen	C	Change provisions relating to a taxable value certified under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB591	Bolz	S (+76)	Create the achieve a better life experience program, provide adjustments to taxable income, and adjust calculations of certain tax deductions and homestead exemptions	19, 20
LB591A	Bolz	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB592	Bolz	C (>598)	Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders	7, 20
LB593	Nordquist	C (>657)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to study current health data systems	9
LB594	Kolowski	C	Change contribution rates for certain police officers and county employees	
LB595	Davis	C	Create the Task Force on School Construction Assistance	
LB596	Davis	C	Change the Community Development Law and create the Tax-increment Financing Division of the Auditor of Public Accounts	8
LB597	Davis	C	Adopt the Contract Carrier Safety Act	
LB598	Schumacher	S (+592, 606)	Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act and change and provide requirements regarding inmates with mental illness, levels of confinement, parole, and prison overcrowding	15, 20
LB598A	Schumacher	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB599	Ebke	FR	Provide a minimum wage for certain young student workers	5,15,17,19
LB600	Ebke	C (>480)	Change provisions relating to the investment of trust funds for self-insurers under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	13, 20
LB601	Bloomfield	C	Prohibit a school board member and an immediate family member from being employed with the school district	
LB602	Retirement	IPP (>468)	Change collection provisions relating to judges retirement fees	
LB603	Bloomfield	C	Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	
LB604	Bloomfield	W	Change provisions relating to reimbursement to political subdivisions under the Governor's Emergency Program	
LB605	Mello	S (+12, 354)	Provide, change, and eliminate penalties, punishments, sentencing, restitution, probation, parole, and crime victim provisions and provide for post-release supervision, grants, and suspension of medical assistance for inmates	7,15,19,20
LB605A	Mello	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB606	Mello	C (>598)	Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed	7, 20
LB607	Mello	S (+89, 335)	Change provisions relating to aid to dependent children and create the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force	7, 19, 20
LB607A	Campbell	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB608	Mello	C	Change revenue and taxation provisions	
LB609	Smith	C	Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act	
LB610	Smith	VO	Change motor fuel excise taxes	9,13,18,19

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LB610A	Smith	VO	Appropriation Bill	
LB611	Kintner	C	Require private employers to use the E-Verify Program	5
LB612	Kintner	C	Change provisions relating to force in self-protection	
LB613	Kintner	C	Provide duties for the Department of Revenue and change income tax rates and the distribution of sales and use tax revenue	
LB614	Kintner	C	Change provisions relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits	
LB615	Kintner	C	Provide a property tax exemption for homesteads of certain persons	
LB616	Larson	IPP	Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act	
LB617	Larson	C	Adopt the Working to Improve Schools Act	
LB618	Larson	GF	Provide for redesignation of districts and changing at-large membership for certain commodities boards and commissions	
LB619	Larson	GF	Provide for a special designated poker license and a poker endorsement under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	5
LB619A	Larson	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB620	Larson	C	Change provisions relating to lawsuits against public participation	
LB621	Larson	GF	Change qualifications of the deputy director of the Auditor of Public Accounts	
LB622	Larson	C	Change provisions relating to the Niobrara Scenic River Act	
LB623	Nordquist	VO	Provide for issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses and state ID cards to persons with lawful status	9,19,20,21
LB624	Larson	C	Change provisions relating to vehicle load requirements	
LB625	Krist	C	Adopt the Interstate Placement for Involuntarily Admitted Patients Agreement Act	
LB626	Campbell	C	Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution	
LB627	Mello	S	Change provisions relating to pregnancy and eliminate subversive membership provisions under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	6,10,13,14
LB628	Schilz	C	Provide for electronic posting of property and casualty insurance policies and notices related to such policies	
LB629	Mello	S	Provide for regulation of transportation network companies	9,16,18,20
LB629A	Mello	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB630	Krist	C	Provide duties for the Nebraska State Patrol regarding criminal history record information checks	
LB631	Scheer	C	Change medicaid provisions relating to acceptance of and assent to federal law	
LB632	Scheer	GF	Prohibit employers and associations from precluding certain contracts relating to health benefit plans	
LB633	Stinner	C	Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties	11
LB634	Garrett	GF	Provide for issuance of permits under the Game Law to prisoners of war	
LB635	Garrett	C	Change where a permit holder may carry a concealed handgun under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	10
LB636	Garrett	C	Provide for a discounted permit under the Game Law for deployed military members and spouses on leave	10
LB637	Garrett	C	Provide for resident permits under the Game Law for spouses of military personnel as prescribed	10
LB638	Garrett	C	Change permit expiration provisions for members of the armed forces or their spouses under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	
LB639	Garrett	C	Provide authority for the Department of Roads to issue permits to control roadside vegetation as prescribed	
LB640	Garrett	S	Provide for retrocession of jurisdiction for land on which the Omaha National Cemetery is located	
LB641	Garrett	S	Provide rights and duties for a person operating a manual or motorized wheelchair as prescribed	12, 16
LB642	Garrett	S (+97)	Change provisions relating to motorboat, motor vehicle, and trailer registration and titling and eliminate a fee for certain license plates	
LB643	Garrett	SF	Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act	9, 19, 21
LB643A	Garrett	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB644	Nordquist	IPP	Adopt the Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council Act	8
LB645	Nordquist	C	Adopt the Early Childhood Workforce Development Opportunity Act and provide tax credits	
LB646	Kintner	C	Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	
LB647	Nordquist	C	Prohibit discrimination relating to child placement	5
LB648	Howard	C	Provide for adoption by two adult persons	5
LB649	Kintner	GF	Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed	14
LB650	Nordquist	C	Encourage hospitals to offer vaccinations	

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LB651	Bloomfield	IPP	Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	
LB652	Transportation & Telecommunications	C	Adopt the 911 Emergency Services Communications Act	
LB653	Johnson	C	Exempt certain purchases of energy star qualified products from sales and use taxes	
LB654	Seiler	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services	
LB655	Davis	C	Adopt the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Cash Balance Retirement Act	
LB656	Speaker Hadley	S	Provide for deficit appropriations	17, 18, 19
LB657	Speaker Hadley	S (+57, 82, 98, 110, 154, 185, 229, 233, 263, 318, 332, 397, 417, 418, 485, 496, 506, 533, 537, 584, 593)	Appropriate funds for state government expenses	17, 18, 19
LB658	Speaker Hadley	S	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	17, 18, 19
LB659	Speaker Hadley	S	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	17, 18, 19
LB660	Speaker Hadley	S (+532)	Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	17, 18, 19
LB661	Speaker Hadley	S (+125, 263, 318, 374, 537, 584)	Provide fund transfers, create funds, authorize certain transfers, and authorize contracts relating to oral health care	17, 18, 19
LB662	Speaker Hadley	S (+532, 533, 584)	Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	17, 18, 19
LB663	Speaker Hadley	S	Change judges' salaries	17, 18, 19
LB663A	Hadley	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB664	Chambers	C	Provide duties for the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission relating to disposal of wastewater	
LR7CA	Schumacher	SF	Constitutional amendments to limit service of members of the Legislature to three consecutive terms and eliminate provisions relating to service for more than one-half of a term	8, 13, 15
LR10CA	Schumacher	IPP	Constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to authorize and regulate gaming	9
LR22	Gloor	C	Interim study to monitor medical care transformation in Nebraska including the health care delivery process of patient-centered medical home	
LR23	Riepe	C	Urge the United States Dept. of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with direct access to health care services in each local community in Nebraska	
LR26CA	Larson	GF	Constitutional amendment to change the age for eligibility to public office	
LR31CA	Bloomfield	GF	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to two consecutive full terms	
LR32	Krist	C	Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee to be known as the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature	5, 8
LR33	Krist	C	Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee to be known as the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature	5, 8
LR34	Krist	C	Provide the Executive Board reappoint the Department of Correctional Services Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature	5, 8
LR35	Ebke	GF	Resolution to petition Congress to call a convention of the States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States	
LR38	Seiler	C	Interim study to examine statutes governing prisons and parole to ensure the Board of Parole is independent from the Dept. of Correctional Services	
LR39	Seiler	C	Interim study to examine certain acts to ensure the evaluation procedures regarding potentially mentally ill and dangerous inmates and potentially dangerous sex offenders are clear and consistent	
LR41	Campbell	C	Urge the Nebraska congressional delegation to support efforts in Congress to establish a national training center in highly infectious diseases at the University of Nebraska Medical Center	12
LR52	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine the Child and Maternal Death Review Act	
LR73	Ebke	C	Urge each state to adopt or continue the proportional method for allocating presidential electors	
LR152	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	

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LR154	Stinner	C	Interim study regarding the authority of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and its role in decisions regarding the disposal of salt wastewater into dry wells	
LR155	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine current and potential economic development tools available to municipalities in Nebraska	
LR156	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee	
LR159	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding handicapped parking	
LR174	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Nebraska Energy Code	
LR181	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine how to build Nebraska's workforce, especially in high-need areas, and support personal responsibility and professional growth for all Nebraskans	
LR182	Kolterman	C	Interim study to investigate and make recommendations regarding what can be done to provide Nebraska consumers the necessary information to enable them to make informed decisions as to which health care plan to purchase	
LR185	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine issues faced by Nebraska's licensed mental health practitioners, doctoral-level graduate students, nurses, and psychiatrists	
LR186	Morfeld	C	Interim study to examine state services available to victims of human trafficking in Nebraska	
LR196	Hansen	C	Interim study to examine current state statutes governing population thresholds for Nebraska counties	
LR198	Krist	C	Interim study to examine how the state can assist individuals who are blind or who have other disabilities to achieve personal independence through gainful employment	
LR200	Mello	C	Interim study to examine the history and development of the Nebraska Innovation Campus at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
LR201	Sullivan	C	Create the School Finance Modernization Committee as a special legislative committee	
LR211	McCoy	C	Interim study to examine synthetic recreational drugs that are marketed and sold as incense	
LR212	Johnson	C	Interim study to examine the utilization of authority given to various state commodity development programs to make expenditures for the purpose of influencing federal legislation	
LR213	Johnson	C	Interim study to examine development of a reference manual for the state commodity promotion programs and other federal commodity programs that are significant to Nebraska agriculture	
LR214	Johnson	C	Interim study to review the information in the Dairy Growth and Development Study Report	
LR215	Johnson	C	Interim study to examine implementation of the recommendations of a report produced as a result of LR309, 2013, relating to the feasibility of creating a buffer strip program	
LR216	Johnson	C	Interim study to examine implementation of recommendations of LR309, 2013, investigating whether alternative models for compensating specialty or sensitive crop growers incurring herbicide drift are feasible	
LR217	Johnson	C	Interim study to complete the work of LR309, 2013, investigating ways to avoid and mitigate conflicts arising from herbicide and drift damage to sensitive crops	
LR218	Johnson	C	Interim study to examine the utility of the in-store transfer method by producers and grain warehouses as an option to meet direct delivery obligations	
LR222	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to family and medical leave	
LR223	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine strategies and ideas to ensure more adults have the education and skills needed to fill positions for in demand industries in Nebraska	
LR227	Harr	C	Interim study to examine opportunities to train Nebraska's youth for the workforce while addressing both educational and workforce needs	
LR228	Harr	C	Interim study to examine the Commission of Industrial Relations	
LR229	Harr	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska's unemployment insurance laws and unemployment insurance program	
LR230	Davis	C	Interim study to examine pensions provided for firefighters from cities of the first class	
LR231	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of the prescription drug monitoring program currently housed within the Nebraska Health Information Initiative	
LR232	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the process by which a person changes his or her name	
LR233	Howard	C	Interim study to examine payday loans and other short-term lending practices where high interest rates are charged and collected from customers	
LR239	Mello	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in Nebraska	
LR240	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine state law governing cities of the first class in Chapter 16 of the Nebraska statutes	
LR242	Coash	C	Interim study to examine the interplay between developmental disability and child welfare services to ensure proper treatment and protection of the rights of state wards	
LR243	Retirement	C	Interim study to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	

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LR244	Harr	C	Interim study to examine the salaries of all judges in Nebraska, including the history of adjusting these salaries	
LR245	Harr	C	Interim study to review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to workers' compensation services in Nebraska	
LR246	Harr	C	Interim study to analyze the effectiveness of vocational rehabilitation in workers' compensation cases in Nebraska	
LR247	Haar	C	Interim study to examine the process of eliminating the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	
LR248	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and its implementation in Nebraska	
LR249	Coash	C	Interim study to examine the use of seclusion in public and private schools for children with behavioral issues or special needs	
LR250	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	
LR252	Judiciary	C	Interim study to examine court costs and fees in Nebraska	
LR254	Coash	C	Interim study to examine public charitable corporations in Nebraska	
LR255	Sullivan	C	Interim study to investigate issues under the jurisdiction of the Education Committee	
LR256	Mello	C	Interim study to examine the history and development of the Peter Kiewit Institute to include the University of Nebraska-Omaha College of Information Science and Technology and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering	
LR257	Kuehn	C	Interim study to examine how to create a sustainable and adequate stream of state funds to local public health departments to ensure the departments are able to meet their core responsibilities and functions	
LR258	Johnson	C	Interim study to determine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be amended	
LR259	Mello	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska's current programming regarding home visitation for early childhood education and development and assess the feasibility of expansion to universal statewide programming	
LR260	Mello	C	Interim study to examine feasibility of developing tax-preferential zones on college and university campuses for the strategic development of new start-up businesses and expanding the commercialization of joint public/private research ventures	
LR261	Mello	C	Interim study to examine implementing the use of body cameras for state and local law enforcement in Nebraska	
LR262	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine creation of a separate program within the budget of the Dept. of Health and Human Services for long-term care expenditures made from all funding sources	
LR263	Harr	C	Interim study to examine possible changes to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act	
LR265	Davis	C	Interim study to examine minor traffic violation, adult, and juvenile pretrial diversion programs authorized by counties and municipalities	
LR266	Larson	C	Interim study to examine state law as it relates to weight limits for a single axle and a group of axles and the maximum load limits for motor vehicles carrying agricultural products or commodities	
LR269	Schilz	C	Interim study to examine the aerial and aviation safety concerns of structures over fifty feet in height on which an antenna, sensor, camera, or other equipment is mounted	
LR270	Schilz	C	Interim study to review the fee structure of the Nebraska Brand Committee	
LR271	Kintner	C	Interim study to examine the positive and negative effects of education funding if Nebraska chooses not to accept federal funds that are tied to federal mandates	
LR272	Haar	C	Interim study to examine the Niobrara Council and its current statutory authority outlined in the Niobrara Scenic River Act	
LR273	Davis	C	Interim study to examine the current practices of municipalities using tax increment financing under the Community Development Law	
LR274	Mello	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of using pay for success financing in Nebraska	
LR275	Mello	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the affordability, delivery, and taxation of child care in Nebraska	
LR276	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine bullying by and against students and youth	
LR277	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine workforce development that will support growth and retention of youth talent and startup businesses in the areas of technology, computer sciences, and related fields	
LR278	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine existing resources and the need for additional tools for municipalities to further encourage revitalization of neighborhoods	
LR279	Seiler	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee	
LR280	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine municipal bankruptcy	

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LR281	McCollister	C	Interim study to review issues concerning the dates on which the fiscal year for Nebraska's public schools begin and end	
LR282	Mello	C	Interim study to examine the reasons for the higher cost of juvenile services under the Office of Probation Administration	
LR283	Sullivan	C	Interim study to examine potential state policy and funding improvements to address unique educational needs of low-achieving students in poverty and students with limited English proficiency	
LR284	Sullivan	C	Interim study to examine potential modifications to the laws governing learning communities	
LR285	Kolowski	C	Interim study to examine class size in Nebraska's public schools	
LR286	Garrett	C	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of civil forfeiture under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	
LR287	Larson	C	Interim study to examine craft breweries and whether brewpubs and microbreweries should be licensed as craft breweries or should have separate licenses	
LR288	Larson	C	Interim study to examine the statutory relationship between cities of the second class and villages and the public libraries within their jurisdictions	
LR289	Larson	C	Interim study to examine the current alcohol policies of the University of Nebraska system	
LR290	Larson	C	Interim study to examine how public libraries are archiving newspapers	
LR291	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine stroke systems of care	
LR292	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to public assistance programs for relative or kinship caregivers	
LR293	Morfeld	C	Interim study to examine the funding distribution for the community college areas	
LR294	Murante	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee	
LR295	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine how to improve behavioral health and mental health services in Nebraska in order to prevent crime and reduce costs associated with the incarceration of people who have heightened behavioral and mental health needs	
LR296	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine the financing of Nebraska's child welfare system	
LR297	Mello	C	Interim study to examine career technical education in Nebraska	
LR298	Watermeier	C	Interim study to examine issues to improve the emergency medical services system in Nebraska	
LR299	Kolowski	C	Interim study to examine the opportunity gap in third grade reading scores	
LR300	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine the out-of-state placements of Nebraska children	
LR301	Retirement	C	Interim study to examine the practice of "double dipping" which occurs when public employees retire with a public pension and become reemployed by the same or different public employer and earn a second public pension benefit	
LR302	Schumacher	C	Interim study to examine whether imposition of a sales or income tax upon the sale of agricultural land may provide funding for a targeted property tax relief fund for agricultural property owners	
LR303	Krist	C	Interim study to examine issues raised in LB501, 2015, addressing the appropriate use of legislative audio or video materials produced by a public television or public radio broadcasting station	
LR304	Campbell	C	Interim study to examine and assess the behavioral health needs of children and youth in Nebraska and the resources available to meet those needs	
LR305	Mello	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee	
LR306	McCollister	C	Interim study to examine ways in which medicaid expansion could be implemented in Nebraska under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for medical assistance for newly eligible individuals	
LR307	Larson	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee	
LR308	Harr	C	Interim study to examine issues regarding the growth of Nebraska's agricultural-related economy	
LR309	Harr	C	Interim study to examine the personal income tax rates in Nebraska	
LR310	Harr	C	Interim study to examine services provided by community paramedics	
LR311	Harr	C	Interim study to examine Second Chances, the operating while intoxicated jail diversion program in Iowa, to determine whether the program would be workable in Nebraska	
LR312	Harr	C	Interim study to examine ways to improve and fund child behavioral health programming in Nebraska	
LR313	Scheer	C	Interim study to examine the process utilized by the Dept. of Roads in the design and construction of the Nebraska expressway system	
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