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Governor prioritizes tax relief, government efficiency



Gov. Pete Ricketts gave his State of the State address in the legislative chamber Jan. 12.

With an emphasis on growing Nebraska, Gov. Pete Ricketts proposed providing property and income tax relief, increasing government efficiency and easing burdensome regulations in his State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 12.

The governor applauded state agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor for implementing efficiencies that resulted in more than \$34 million in combined savings to taxpayers. He also called for continued easing of regulatory burdens that hamper job growth, such as unnecessary licensure requirements.

The most important step in attracting new people and businesses to the state, however, is to address the state's \$900 million budget deficit by controlling state spending, he said. Reductions in state revenue have led to the current deficit as farm income has decreased from \$7.5 billion to \$4 billion over the last several years.

Ricketts encouraged lawmakers to advocate for citizens and called for a restrained 1.7 percent average increase in spending.

"It's easy to view a government budget as a bunch of numbers in rows and columns next to agencies and programs, but behind the numbers are people's lives," he said. "The dollars that fund our budget are dollars earned by hard-working Nebraskans."

The governor recommended that senators balance the upcoming budget by addressing the revenue gap without increasing taxes, reduce government expenditures and maintain a cash reserve of \$500 million to adequately address future economic uncertainty.

"Raiding the property tax credit relief fund, raising sales taxes and taxing food and groceries would all harm Nebraska families and be bad for our economy," Ricketts said.

Despite the decrease in state revenue, senators must continue to fund state priorities, he said. The governor's budget recommendation includes a

2.7 percent average annual increase to K-12 education and an additional 3 percent increase in special education funding.

Ricketts said despite significant progress made in addressing problems at the state Department of Correctional Services, further work and funding is required. His budget proposal would reduce protective services vacancy rates, upgrade technology and improve the Lincoln Correctional Center.

In addition to providing for the basic needs of more than 5,300 inmates, the governor said the department has successfully implemented programs that improved the quality of life for inmates as well as correctional officers.

Finally, Ricketts called for broad property and income tax relief that would ease financial burdens on taxpayers and spur economic growth for the state. The governor urged lawmakers to address the rapid increase in property taxes paid by farmers and ranchers.

He said property taxes rose 137 per-

cent on agricultural land between 2003 and 2013, despite declining cattle and crop prices. Ricketts called for a new, income potential-based property tax assessment method for agricultural land, which he said was a fairer measure and would slow the growth of agricultural land valuation increases.

“If this system were in place for 2017, it would reduce ag land valuation by about \$2.2 billion,” he said. “This method is much fairer and standard across ag states, which is why many Nebraska ag producers have suggested it to me.”

Ricketts also said a decrease in the state’s highest income tax bracket was overdue and proposed a one-tenth of 1 percent reduction annually, starting in 2020, as long as revenue growth exceeds 3.5 percent. If revenue does not grow, the tax rate would not decrease.

“Any single individual making \$29,831 is caught in the highest tax bracket. Folks, \$29,831 is not rich. It is middle class,” he said. “Nebraskans look at us and wonder why it’s so hard for us to let them keep more of their money.”

Ricketts said concerns about other states’ efforts to cut taxes in an economic downturn did not apply to his proposal. He said Nebraska would

prioritize restrained spending followed by tax relief. Helping middle class families would in turn help the state’s economy.

“Let’s spur economic growth and make Nebraska more attractive to

businesses and families looking to relocate,” he said. “The reduction we make to the budget to balance it and continued attention to controlling spending will allow us to cut taxes and grow Nebraska.” ■

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Federal & State Holidays

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day April 28 – Arbor Day
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Legislative Recess Days

February 17 May 1, 12, 19, 22, 30, 31
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April 7, 14, 17

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

*Current hearing schedules are always available at: NebraskaLegislature.gov/calendar

Tuesday, January 17

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB134 (Brasch) Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act as prescribed and repeal the Nebraska Graded Egg Act and terminate the Graded Egg Fund

Appropriations

Room 1524 - 10:00 a.m.

LB22 (Scheer) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations
LB23 (Scheer) Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds
LB24 (Scheer) Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund

Note: LB22 is scheduled at this time for official record purposes. Testimony on the overall budget proposal is appropriate, however testimony on specific appropriations issues should be presented at the date scheduled for the relevant agency. Fund transfers contained in LB22 will be addressed at this time. (Section 148)

Appropriations

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

Agency 5: Supreme Court
Agency 14: Public Service Commission
Agency 15: Neb. Board of Parole
Agency 21: State Fire Marshal
Agency 31: Military Department
Agency 35: Liquor Control Commission
Agency 46: Dept. of Correctional Services
Agency 64: Neb. State Patrol
Agency 78: Neb. Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
Agency 10: Auditor of Public Accounts

Appropriations

Room 1524 - 3:30 p.m.

Agency 47: Neb. Educational Telecommunications Commission
Agency 48: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Agency 50: Neb. State College System
Agency 51: University of Neb. System
Agency 83: Community College Aid
Agency 72: Dept. of Economic Development
Agency 34: Neb. Library Commission
Agency 13: Dept. of Education

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

LB16 (Craighead) Change provisions relating to licensing, trust accounts, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB21 (Riepe) Change provisions relating to motor vehicle insurance coverage for loaned vehicles
LB56 (Morfeld) Change provisions relating to issuance of a permit under the Public Accountancy Act
LB99 (Stinner) Change provisions relating to conversion of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability partnerships into other business entities

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB62 (Scheer) Eliminate prohibition on teachers wearing religious garb
LB119 (Groene) Change dates related to certifications and distributions of state aid to schools

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB45 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates
LB46 (Watermeier) Provide for Choose Life License Plates

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB113 (Hansen) Change population threshold provisions relating to municipalities and eliminate obsolete provisions
LB74 (Crawford) Change population thresholds relating to annexation, suburban development, and planned unit development by a city or village
LB133 (Urban Affairs) Change and eliminate provisions regarding cities of the second class and villages
LB132 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to improvement districts and extraterritorial zoning jurisdictions
LB131 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to urban growth districts and urban growth bonds and refunding bonds

Wednesday, January 18

Appropriations

Room 1525 - 10:00 a.m.

Agency 18: Dept. of Agriculture
Agency 29: Dept. of Natural Resources
Agency 33: Game and Parks Commission
Agency 54: Neb. State Historical Society
Agency 71: Neb. Energy Office
Agency 84: Dept. of Environmental Quality
Agency 85: Neb. Public Employees Retirement Board

Appropriations

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Agency 3: Legislative Council
Agency 7: Governor
Agency 8: Lieutenant Governor
Agency 9: Secretary of State
Agency 11: Attorney General
Agency 12: State Treasurer
Agency 16: Dept. of Revenue
Agency 32: Board of Educational Lands and Funds
Agency 65: Dept. of Administrative Services
Agency 69: Neb. Arts Council
Agency 77: Commission of Industrial Relations
Agency 87: Accountability and Disclosure Commission
Agency 91: Neb. Tourism Commission
Agency 93: Tax Equalization and Review Commission

Appropriations

Room 1525 - 3:30 p.m.

Agency 23: Dept. of Labor
Agency 28: Dept. of Veterans' Affairs
Agency 67: Equal Opportunity Commission
Agency 68: Latino-American Commission
Agency 70: State Foster Care Review Board
Agency 76: Neb. Indian Commission
Agency 81: Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Agency 82: Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Agency 25: Health and Human Services

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

LB80 (Blood) Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act

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LB85 (Blood) Provide a requirement for persons seeking appointive or elective office as prescribed and to provide a duty for the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB18 (Kolterman) Change licensure and scope of practice for dental assistants and dental hygienists

LB19 (Kolterman) Change requirements for the practice of acupuncture

LB33 (Ebke) Change fees for multiple copies of death certificates

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB7 (Krist) Provide for suspension of medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in public institutions

LB8 (Krist) Provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives relating to juvenile probation

LB10 (Krist) Increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed

LB11 (Krist) Change provisions relating to transfer of juvenile cases

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB15 (Craighead) Adopt the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act

LB48 (Schumacher) Provide an income tax adjustment relating to certain gains on the sale of real estate

LB52 (Schumacher) Adopt the Modern Tax Act

Thursday, January 19

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB90 (Hughes) Require public entity to provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination

LB101 (Stinner) Change duration requirements for certain state agency contracts

LB151 (Stinner) Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities

LB27 (Murante) Change requirements for state agency contracts and powers

and duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts as prescribed

LB89 (Hughes) Change published notice of hearing requirements under the Nebraska Budget Act as prescribed

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Williams, Thomas L. - Division of Public Health-Department of Health & Human Services

LB64 (Hansen) Adopt the Adrenal Insufficiency Diagnosis Information and Support Act

LB61 (Kolterman) Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB26 (Murante) Change service requirements for harassment protection orders

LB47 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons

LB57 (Morfeld) Adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act

LB93 (Hansen) Adopt the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act

LB102 (Hilkemann) Change a penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.

LB29 (Kolterman) Eliminate the Class V School Employees Retirement Cash Fund

LB94 (Kolterman) Increase amount of funds offered by the state investment officer to financial institutions as deposits under the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB12 (Krist) Change homestead exemption requirements relating to income statements and certifications of status

LB20 (Kolterman) Change provisions relating to homestead exemption certifications

LB51 (Schumacher) Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes

Friday, January 20

Executive Board

Room 2102 - 12:00 p.m.

LB6 (Krist) Provide for release of a summarized report by the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare

LB207 (Krist) Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB36 (Harr) Provide for review by state agencies of occupational credentials and provide for a critical assessment document

LB38 (Harr) Authorize electronic or digital signatures for instruments submitted to register of deeds

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Knoche, Lisa - Neb. Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board

Appointment: Hanus, Mary Beth - Neb. Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board

LB195 (Craighead) Require notification following mammography as prescribed

LB284 (Riepe) Change criminal history record information checks under the Child Care Licensing Act

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 2:00 p.m.

LB37 (Harr) Adopt the Uniform Wage Garnishment Act

LB136 (Ebke) Change provisions relating to garnishment proceedings

LB229 (Williams) Change provisions relating to garnishment

LB105 (Brasch) Change provisions relating to personal property exemptions in cases of forced sale on execution or attachment

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Berggren, Patrick - Game & Parks Commission

Appointment: Brandt, Henry Rick - Game & Parks Commission

Appointment: Ernst, James - Game & Parks Commission

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Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB63 (Scheer) Eliminate a sales and use tax exemption relating to political events

LB77 (Crawford) Change provisions relating to access to sales and use tax information by municipalities

Monday, January 23

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB140 (Williams) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Banking Act, Department of Banking and Finance powers and duties, and other financial institution regulation

LB184 (Lindstrom) Change provisions relating to loan brokerage agreements, disclosure documents, and rights to cancel

LB185 (Lindstrom) Provide procedure and notice requirements and powers and duties for the Department of Banking and Finance with respect to certain abandoned license applications

LB186 (Lindstrom) Change provisions relating to licensee surety bonds under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act

LB196 (Craighead) Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions

Business & Labor

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB203 (Kuehn) Change provisions relating to maximum annual unemployment benefits and disqualification for benefits

LB181 (Quick) Provide for reimbursement to employees for certain medical examinations under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

LB248 (Harr) Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act

LB212 (Hansen) Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB103 (Murante) Change provisions relating to accelerated or differentiated curriculum and require establishment of focus groups

LB235 (Walz) Clarify grant requirements for the Summer Food Service Program

LB109 (Blood) Provide for a temporary teaching certificate or permit for military spouses

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Henning, Candy - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Marvin, Melissa - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Pflueger, Paula L. - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Wright, Reven - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Bader, Stephen - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Feller, Helen Abbott - State Racing Commission

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB86 (Blood) Eliminate a requirement regarding opening bridge bids

LB271 (Hilgers) Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity

LB114 (Craighead) Change provisions relating to motor vehicle lighting requirements

Tuesday, January 24

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Hoffman, Dennis - Neb. State Fair

LB135 (Lowe) Change and eliminate Department of Agriculture provisions relating to publicity, publications, and personnel

LB276 (Albrecht) Change provisions relating to hybrid seed corn and provide enforcement powers and judicial remedies

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.

LB32 (Kolterman) Eliminate a duty of the Public Employees Retirement Board and change provisions relating to prior service retirement benefit payments for county employees

LB110 (Kolterman) Change duties and requirements relating to certain retirement

plan reporting and change duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Public Employees Retirement Board

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB164 (Geist) Change provisions relating to trailers, commercial motor vehicle disqualification provisions, accident reports, and motor vehicle records disclosure and authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to keep and sell certain registration and certificate of title records

LB177 (Bostelman) Change provisions relating to apportionable and fleet vehicles, motor fuel tax collections and enforcement, and powers and duties of the Director of Motor Vehicles

Friday, January 27

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.

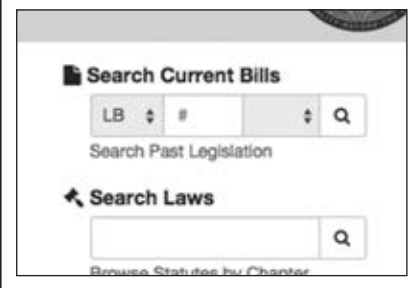
LB79 (Blood) Adopt the Small Business Retirement Marketplace Act ■

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NEW BILLS

Jan. 9, 2017

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB135	Lowe	Change and eliminate Department of Agriculture provisions relating to publicity, publications, and personnel
LB136	Ebke	Change provisions relating to garnishment proceedings
LB137	Lindstrom	Adopt the Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act
LB138	Lindstrom	Provide for transfer of business interests under uniform transfer-on-death security registration
LB139	Crawford	Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers
LB140	Williams	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Banking Act, Department of Banking and Finance powers and duties, and other financial institution regulation
LB141	Williams	Adopt the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act
LB142	Williams	Redefine effective financing statement and change provisions relating to the master lien list with respect to farm product security interests
LB143	Friesen	Provide a duty to carry exception for public power district motor vehicle or trailer registration certificates
LB144	Friesen	Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools
LB145	Hansen	Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service
LB146	Hansen	Provide for set-asides of convictions for infractions
LB147	Hansen	Change workers' compensation provisions relating to waiting time, termination of compensation, and attorney's fees
LB148	Schumacher	Change provisions of the Securities Act of Nebraska
LB149	Stinner	Reduce a Legislative Council appropriation
LB150	Stinner	Provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund
LB151	Stinner	Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities
LB152	Craighead	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents
LB153	Kuehn	Prohibit certain officeholders and public employees from being a lobbyist
LB154	Geist	Change provisions relating to certain dam filing fees
LB155	Brasch	Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation
LB156	Friesen	Eliminate a termination date under the 911 Service System Act
LB157	Friesen	Change the prepaid wireless surcharge determination and duties of sellers and the Department of Revenue under the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act
LB158	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles
LB159	McCollister	Change provisions relating to when special assessments are payable for cities of the metropolitan class
LB160	McCollister	Expand the definition of victim as relates to crime victims' rights
LB161	Friesen	Change a carryover period under the Nebraska Advantage Act
LB162	Krist	Change provisions relating to criminal mischief and change and provide additional penalties for bribing or tampering with witnesses, informants, or jurors
LB163	Vargas	Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties
LR6	Ebke	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution
LR7	McCollister	Congratulate Andrew Easton of Omaha Westside High School for being named the 2016 Lead Digital Innovator for Nebraska by the Public Broadcasting Service

NEW BILLS

Jan. 10, 2017

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB164	Geist	Change provisions relating to trailers, commercial motor vehicle disqualification provisions, accident reports, and motor vehicle records disclosure and authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to keep and sell certain registration and certificate of title records
LB165	Brewer	Require employer identification numbers and use of the federal immigration verification system
LB166	Kolterman	Change provisions of Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act
LB167	Ebke	Include cannabidiol as a Schedule V controlled substance
LB168	Ebke	Change provisions relating to rights of subrogation of medical payments with respect to automobile liability policies
LB169	Wayne	Exempt social security benefits and retirement income from income taxation
LB170	Albrecht	Deny claims made against the state
LB171	Albrecht	Provide for payment of claims against the state
LB172	Albrecht	Change the Employment Security Law
LB173	Morfeld	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity
LB174	Morfeld	Adopt the Apprenticeship Training Program Tax Credit Act
LB175	Morfeld	Adopt the Student Online Personal Protection Act
LB176	Bostelman	Eliminate obsolete provisions related to milldams
LB177	Bostelman	Change provisions relating to apportionable and fleet vehicles, motor fuel tax collections and enforcement, and powers and duties of the Director of Motor Vehicles
LB178	Bolz	Provide for sexual assault protection order
LB179	Bolz	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence
LB180	Bolz	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court
LB181	Quick	Provide for reimbursement to employees for certain medical examinations under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB182	Hughes	Change powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Quality under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act
LB183	Hughes	Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers
LB184	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to loan brokerage agreements, disclosure documents, and rights to cancel
LB185	Lindstrom	Provide procedure and notice requirements and powers and duties for the Department of Banking and Finance with respect to certain abandoned license applications
LB186	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to licensee surety bonds under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act
LB187	Schumacher	Increase a dollar threshold for transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act of Nebraska, provide for an annual adjustment to such amount, and provide for the effect of exempt sales on malpractice premiums
LB188	Howard	Change provisions relating to paternity of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
LB189	Howard	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for recruitment and retention of caseworkers
LB190	Kintner	Provide limit on tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies
LB191	Pansing Brooks	Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders
LB192	Pansing Brooks	Change and modernize provisions relating to the qualifying and summoning of jurors
LB193	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to courts
LB194	Vargas	Change provisions of the Credit Services Organizaion Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act
LB195	Craighead	Require notification following mammography as prescribed
LB196	Craighead	Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions
LB197	Kolowski	Provide for electronic application for an early voting ballot
LB198	McCollister	Terminate the Crimes Against Children Fund
LB199	McCollister	Eliminate certain state aid to counties for law enforcement and jail operations

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB200	Lowe	Provide that the county surveyor shall perform the duties of county highway superintendent in certain counties as prescribed
LB201	Lowe	Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants
LB202	Lowe	Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant
LB203	Kuehn	Change provisions relating to maximum annual unemployment benefits and disqualification for benefits
LB204	Hilgers	Change provisions relating to appeals to the Supreme Court, service on employees of the state, and summary judgment
LB205	Krist	Designate funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for state aid
LB206	Krist	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for developmental disability services
LB207	Krist	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
LB208	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to broker trust accounts under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB209	Watermeier	Amend the Administrative Procedure Act by redefining a term and changing provisions relating to an index
LB210	Watermeier	Change standard and quality control provisions relating to legislative performance audit
LB211	Hansen	Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities
LB212	Hansen	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act
LB213	Hansen	Add an unfair claims settlement practice under the Unfair Insurance Claims Settlement Practices Act
LB214	Halloran	Terminate the Master Teacher Program
LB215	Harr	Adopt the Nebraska E-15 Tax Credit Act
LB216	Harr	Adopt the Redistricting Act
LB217	Harr	Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemptions
LB218	Groene	Provide for installation of ground water pumps by public entities
LB219	Retirement	Change retirement system provisions relating to authorized benefit elections and actuarial assumptions
LB220	Harr	Adopt the Insured Homeowners Protection Act
LB221	Stinner	Change the transfer from a fund
LB222	Stinner	Change membership and provide, change, and eliminate powers and duties of the Nebraska Tourism Commission
LB223	Kuehn	Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring
LB224	Crawford	Change asset limitation provisions relating to public assistance
LB225	Crawford	Change provisions relating to alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services
LB226	Wishart	Provide for purchase of motor vehicle and insurance by certain juveniles, change foster care transition proposal provisions, and provide immunity from liability for caregivers
LB227	Wishart	Create the Brain Injury Council and Brain Injury Trust Fund
LB228	Harr	Change provisions relating to rent-restricted housing projects
LB229	Williams	Change provisions relating to garnishment
LB230	Watermeier	Create the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee
LR8	Ebke	Extend sympathy to the family of former Senator Donald L. Eret and recognize his service to the State of Nebraska
LR9	Krist	Extend sympathy to the family of former Senator John Wightman and recognize his service to the State of Nebraska

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB231	Kolterman	Authorize disciplinary action under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act for failing to maintain a license in good standing
LB232	Kolterman	Provide a property tax exemption for property leased to the state or a governmental subdivision
LB233	Smith	Change revenue and taxation provisions
LB234	Smith	Update references to the Internal Revenue Code
LB235	Walz	Clarify grant requirements for the Summer Food Service Program
LB236	Erdman	Change provisions relating to the inclusion of multiple lots in one parcel
LB237	Erdman	Change filing requirements of official bonds for school districts
LB238	Erdman	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to certifying taxable values
LB239	Baker	Change provisions relating to trust funds under the Burial Pre-Need Sale Act
LB240	Baker	Provide for videoconferencing and telephone conferences for school board meetings
LB241	Craighead	Provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement under the Privacy of Insurance Consumer Information Act
LB242	Bolz	Appropriate funds for the recruitment of students who study to become behavioral health professionals
LB243	Bolz	Require reporting of certain information concerning assaults that occur in state institutions
LB244	Bolz	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness compensation
LB245	Bolz	Provide for a corrections-related emergency and overtime as prescribed
LB246	Morfeld	Provide a budget exception for expanded learning opportunity programs
LB247	Morfeld	Provide for school district levy and bonding authority for cybersecurity
LB248	Harr	Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act
LB249	Harr	Expand business inventory property tax exemption
LB250	Harr	Change provisions relating to probationers' rights
LB251	Harr	Redefine agricultural or horticultural purposes for revenue and taxation purposes
LB252	Crawford	Change independent expenditure reporting requirements and require electioneering reporting
LB253	Crawford	Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provide for a special tax levy
LB254	Crawford	Change provisions relating to making and serving alcoholic liquor by nonlicensed persons as prescribed
LB255	Crawford	Adopt the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registration Act
LB256	Briese	Adopt the Vacant Property Registration Act
LB257	Craighead	Provide for a statute of limitations under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB258	Hansen	Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state identification card or driver's license before discharge
LB259	Hansen	Provide for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts
LB260	Hansen	Provide for a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program and state intent regarding appropriations
LB261	Hansen	Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act
LB262	Groene	Change provisions relating to undeveloped vacant land under the Community Development Law
LB263	Transportation & Telecommunications	Change provisions relating to vehicle certificates of title, registration, and license plates and provide for implementation of an electronic dealer services system by the Department of Motor Vehicles
LB264	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to qualifications of boiler inspectors
LB265	Friesen	Provide for a minimum amount of state aid based on the number of students in a local system
LB266	Friesen	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
LB267	Linehan	Change provisions relating to onsite vaccinations
LB268	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement
LB269	Watermeier	Require motion picture theaters to provide open captioning
LB270	Kolowski	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB271	Hilgers	Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity
LB272	Vargas	Change procedures for tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act
LB273	Halloran	Require rounding a certain dollar amount in the Employment Security Law to the nearest whole dollar amount
LB274	Halloran	Change provisions of the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act and eliminate the Nebraska Rangeland Grasshopper Control Act
LB275	Hughes	Provide duties for law enforcement officers and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles
LB276	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to hybrid seed corn and provide enforcement powers and judicial remedies
LB277	Wayne	Change population requirements for election precincts
LB278	Kolterman	Redefine disability and change disability retirement application and medical examination provisions for various retirement acts
LB279	Hilkemann	Require lap-shoulder belts on school buses as prescribed
LB280	Crawford	Change provisions relating to the Address Confidentiality Act
LB281	Quick	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society
LB282	Riepe	Change telehealth provisions relating to children's behavioral health
LB283	Riepe	Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed practical nurses
LB284	Riepe	Change criminal history record information checks under the Child Care Licensing Act
LB285	Linehan	Change and eliminate provisions relating to human immunodeficiency virus testing
LB286	Craighead	Adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act and change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act
LB287	Wishart	Provide duties for the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team
LB288	Harr	Change provisions relating to service of notice when applying for a tax deed and the laws governing tax sale certificates
LB289	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim
LB290	Vargas	Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits
LB291	Larson	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act
LB292	Larson	Authorize series limited liability companies under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act
LB293	Larson	Include U-47700 as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB294	Smith	Provide for a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country for mutual recognition of motor vehicle operator licenses
LB295	Smith	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits
LB296	McCollister	Change immunity provisions with respect to asthma and allergic reactions
LB297	McCollister	Create Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project
LR10	Kuehn	Congratulate Lona Kuehn on her 100th birthday
LR11	Riepe	Interim study to assess the Nebraska medical assistance program and the options for health care reform in Nebraska

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB298	Baker	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force
LB299	Ebke	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations
LB300	Krist	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child
LB301	Albrecht	Provide for electronic notices of determinations of claims under the Employment Security Law
LB302	Crawford	State intent to appropriate funds for psychiatric and behavioral health medicine fellowships
LB303	Crawford	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to fund behavioral health internships
LB304	Crawford	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act
LB305	Crawford	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act
LB306	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to the scope of coverage of and notice required under the Portable Electronics Insurance Act
LB307	Brasch	Provide for mediation, child abuse prevention, and civil legal services fees in certain proceedings
LB308	Brasch	Change provisions relating to the committee on Americanism
LB309	Brasch	Eliminate Daylight Saving Time
LB310	Friesen	Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits
LB311	Morfeld	Eliminate an eligibility provision relating to nutrition assistance benefits as prescribed
LB312	Briese	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions
LB313	Briese	Change the sales tax rate and the earned income tax credit and provide property tax credits
LB314	Murante	Change state and municipal election provisions to conform to prior legislation
LB315	Murante	Change provisions relating to the sale of real property by a city of the second class or village
LB316	Murante	Change election provisions relating to technology and funding
LB317	Hughes	Provide for a relevy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed
LB318	Hughes	Authorize telephone conferencing for meetings of the Nebraska Brand Committee
LB319	Halloran	Provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB320	Lowe	Change provisions relating to bidding and purchases, conflicts of interest in the materiel division, and facilities construction and administration
LB321	Lowe	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school
LB322	Craighead	Change the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act
LB323	Kolterman	Adopt the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act
LB324	Kolterman	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Fairness and Transparency Act
LB325	Harr	Exempt certain purchases of energy star qualified products from sales and use taxes
LB326	Kolowski	Provide additional budget and tax levy authority for certain school districts
LB327	Scheer	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019
LB328	Scheer	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature
LB329	Scheer	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers
LB330	Scheer	Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition
LB331	Scheer	Create funds, provide for transfers, and change provisions governing funds
LB332	Scheer	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions
LB333	Scheer	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled
LB334	Scheer	Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families
LB335	Scheer	Change provisions relating to a child care market rate survey
LB336	Scheer	Provide a fee for registry checks under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act
LB337	Smith	Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes
LB338	Brasch	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act
LB339	Friesen	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
		Department of Transportation
LB340	Murante	Transfer powers and duties from Division of Veterans' Homes of Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Veterans' Affairs
LB341	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to executive officer license revocation and suspension
LB342	Erdman	Adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact and provide for temporary nursing license for military spouses
LB343	Riepe	Change credentialing and regulation of cosmetology, nail technology, audiology, massage therapy, and barbers
LB344	Albrecht	Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers
LB345	Craighead	Eliminate an experience requirement for abstracters
LB346	Lowe	Eliminate the requirement for a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer salesperson license
LB347	Geist	Change provisions relating to school bus permits and qualifications
LB348	Larson	Eliminate licensing, an excise tax, and other provisions of the Nebraska Potato Development Act
LB349	Hilkemann	Change provisions relating to the maintenance and administration of the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund
LB350	McCollister	Provide for setting aside certain misdemeanor and felony convictions
LB351	McCollister	Change provisions relating to veteran designations on operators' licenses and state identification cards
LB352	Vargas	Adopt the Wind, Solar, and Fuel Cell Business Financing Act
LB353	Baker	Change claim, award, and judgment payment provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
LB354	Kolowski	Adopt the Wage Disclosure Act
LR12	Kuehn	Congratulate Michael Overturf on receiving the Thomas Jefferson Award

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LB355	Bolz	Provide for Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates
LB356	Bolz	Create the Civic Engagement Cash Fund and state intent relating to fund transfers
LB357	Bolz	Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs
LB358	McCollister	Change income eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB359	Kolterman	Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession
LB360	Kolterman	Adopt the Surgical Technologist Registry Act
LB361	Kolowski	Exempt sales of clothing and footwear from sales and use taxes as prescribed
LB362	Riepe	Adopt the Health Savings Account Act and provide an income tax deduction
LB363	Hansen	Change the Conveyance Safety Act
LB364	Walz	Change and eliminate licensure, regulation, and penalty provisions under the Professional Landscape Architects Act
LB365	Blood	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees
LB366	Halloran	Change and eliminate provisions relating to parole administration
LB367	Krist	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters
LB368	Lowe	Change helmet provisions, change passenger age limits, and require eye protection for operators of motorcycles and mopeds
LB369	Lowe	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds
LB370	Lowe	Eliminate requirement to obtain certificate or complete background check to receive or transfer a handgun
LB371	Crawford	Eliminate condemnation authority of the State Fire Marshal
LB372	Crawford	Provide protections for employees with family care responsibilities under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB373	Schumacher	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions
LB374	Schumacher	Provide an income tax credit for corporate income taxes paid and change sunset dates under the Nebraska Advantage Act
LB375	Schumacher	Change provisions of the Credit Union Act
LB376	Scheer	Donate property to the Northeast Community College Area
LB377	Education	Change provisions relating to classification of school districts
LB378	McCollister	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services
LB379	Harr	Create the Willa Cather Historical Building Cash Fund and provide for a transfer of funds
LB380	Harr	Change income tax rates, itemized deductions, and standard deductions
LB381	Harr	Change provisions relating to jury sequestration
LB382	Erdman	Change provisions relating to budget limitations
LB383	Quick	Change membership provisions for certain community redevelopment authorities, citizen advisory review committees, and planning commissions
LB384	Lindstrom	Change the rate of interest to be charged on installment loans
LB385	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act
LB386	Lindstrom	Change time period a licensee under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act may hold a check
LB387	Lindstrom	Change and eliminate provisions relating to various tax credit programs and economic development activities
LB388	Lindstrom	Authorize remote electronic notarial acts
LB389	Friesen	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act
LB390	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds
LB391	Watermeier	Provide requirements for use of injections and surgical procedures by optometrists
LB392	Larson	Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act
LB393	Larson	Provide for regulation of kickboxing
LB394	Morfeld	Change provisions relating to possession of a deadly weapon by person subject to a domestic violence protection order
LB395	Morfeld	Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail
LB396	Morfeld	Change residency provisions relating to postsecondary educational institutions
LB397	Wayne	Require application of the Nebraska Evidence Rules at parental termination hearings
LB398	Wayne	Provide for certification of certain swimming instructors and lifeguards as prescribed
LB399	Wayne	Change provisions relating to housing commissions
LB400	Hilkemann	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle fees and taxes
LB401	Hilkemann	Change provisions relating to metabolic screening
LB402	Hilkemann	Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act
LB403	Stinner	Change registration application, examination, and fee requirements under the Abstackers Act and provide for a duplicate certificate of authority
LB404	Groene	Require a train crew of at least two individuals
LB405	Baker	Change provisions relating to DNA samples, DNA records, and thumbprints under the DNA Identification Information Act
LB406	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or nonpayment of a premium for automobile liability policies
LB407	Pansing Brooks	Create and provide duties for the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force
LB408	Lowe	Provide for a drug formulary under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB409	Groene	Change the base limitation and local effort rate for school districts
LB410	Smith	Change boundaries and number of public service commissioner districts and provide for the appointment and election of new commissioners as prescribed
LB411	Bolz	Change provisions relating to placement of siblings

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB412	Bolz	Provide duties for the state investment officer relating to investment in energy-related companies or funds
LB413	Kolterman	Change a retirement application timeframe for judges and Nebraska State Patrol officers as prescribed and change supplemental lump-sum cost-of-living adjustments under the Judges Retirement Act
LB414	Kolterman	Provide an employer contribution and a state contribution for judges' retirement as prescribed and to change provisions relating to distribution and remittance of court fees
LB415	Kolterman	Provide and change notification requirements and duties and benefits for certain retirement system members, change certain annuity and disability benefit provisions, and provide duties for school districts and the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to retirement
LB416	Vargas	Appropriate funds to the Department of Labor and make changes to uses of the Employment Security Administration Fund
LB417	Riepe	Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare
LB418	Briese	Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers
LB419	McCollister	Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates
LB420	McCollister	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act
LB421	Murante	Change provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB422	Murante	Change provisions of the Election Act
LB423	Murante	Change provisions relating to counties
LB424	Ebke	Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services
LB425	Crawford	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act
LB426	Murante	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
LB427	Vargas	Require breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents
LB428	Vargas	Require schools and the State Department of Education to adopt policies relating to pregnant and parenting students
LB429	Wishart	Provide for virtual net metering
LB430	Smith	Change powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services under the Radiation Control Act
LR13	Kuehn	Congratulate Tysen McDowell on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR14	Kuehn	Congratulate Andrew Hultquist on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout

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