

Government efficiency, property taxes prioritized by governor

Gov. Pete Ricketts revealed his budgetary and legislative priorities for Nebraska during his State of the State address Jan. 15. The governor highlighted proposals to restrict state spending, provide property tax relief and create career opportunities.

Ricketts said his proposed two-year budget would hold spending growth to 3.1 percent. While state agency spending has been kept low, he said, a slight overall increase was necessary.

"A significant portion of this spending increase is attributable to Medicaid expansion and state aid to public schools," Ricketts said.

The governor's budget proposal



Senators escort Gov. Pete Ricketts and first lady Susanne Schorr into the legislative chamber for the State of the State address.

includes a record \$1.1 billion in K-12 education spending.

Ricketts also outlined property tax relief efforts, which he said was Nebraskans' top priority. The governor's budget would add \$51 million to

the state's Property Tax Credit Relief Fund. In addition, he encouraged lawmakers to back proposals to establish a \$275 million minimum balance in

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Chief Justice Michael Heavican delivers his State of the Judiciary address.

Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican praised the state's efforts to increase access to justice in his Jan. 17 State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature.

Justice reinvestment, which seeks to redirect low-level felons to probationary terms rather than incarceration, has been a collaborative effort between the state's legislative, executive and judicial branches. Heavican cited the success of problem-solving courts, many of which are drug courts, in reducing the number of incarcerated felons.

In 2018, Nebraska's problem-solving courts served 1,397 people, which represented a 247 percent increase since 2008, he said. Many of those individuals likely would have been housed in the state's prisons if not for the special court system, Heavican said.

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the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund and impose a three-percent cap on property taxes levied by municipalities.

“Over the past decade, local property taxes have risen over 57 percent. To deliver long-term, structural relief, it is important that we limit the growth of property taxes,” Ricketts said.

Ricketts added that any proposal to reduce property taxes should not be offset by increases in other taxes.

The governor touted Nebraska’s low unemployment and rising wages, and pledged to continue economic growth by focusing on workforce development. The governor proposed creating an additional 2,100 college scholarships, geared toward students studying in high-demand fields, and adding \$1.25 million to the Developing Youth Talent Initiative. That program enables middle school students to learn about the fields of manufacturing and information technology.

“This program has already impacted students, and this expansion will help reach even more,” Ricketts said.

Prison expansion also was included in the governor’s budget proposal. The state must reduce its overcrowded prison

system to 140 percent of design capacity by July 1, 2020, and Ricketts proposed adding space for 384 more high-security beds to address that mandate.

“Let’s roll up our sleeves to connect

Nebraskans to great jobs, to control spending, to make government more effective, to deliver tax relief for our veterans, and to cut property taxes,” Ricketts said. ■

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"It costs approximately \$38,627 taxpayer dollars per year to warehouse a prisoner in our state's prison system," Heavican said. "It costs \$2,865 taxpayer dollars per year to fund a defendant's participation in our problem-solving courts."

Heavican thanked senators for their continued support of justice reinvestment initiatives like problem-solving courts, but said opportunities to serve additional populations have remained unrealized.

The chief justice noted that reforming the juvenile justice system, particularly in rural Nebraska, is integral to the success of adult justice reinvestment initiatives. According to Heavican, the judicial branch has prioritized increased access to local foster care, in-home services and additional alternatives to detention, including access to therapy.

Improving judicial outreach to Nebraska's four recognized Native American tribes also is a continuing focus of the state's court system, he said.

According to Heavican, the state supreme court will use public engagement models to improve Native Americans' trust in the court system, identify disparate treatment of Native Americans, improve judicial awareness of problems faced by members of the community and improve judicial confidence in the state tribal court system.

Finally, Heavican highlighted successful modernization efforts to improve access to and efficiency of the court's online case management system. He noted that 770,000 documents were filed electronically in 2018 in county and district courts.

"While many other state judiciaries have found it necessary to purchase new, multi-million dollar systems in order to offer the kinds of tools necessary for modern case management and service to the public, we built our case management system the Nebraska way: in-house, on budget and on time," Heavican said. ■

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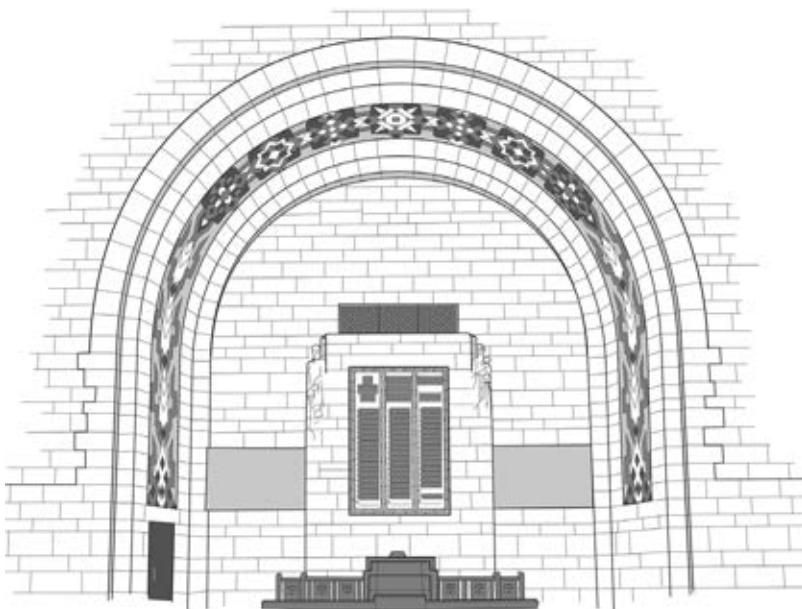
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NEW BILLS

Bill Introducer One-line description

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| LB219 | Wishart | Change requirements for foster care transition proposals and provide immunity from liability for caregivers |
| LB220 | Wishart | Change provisions regarding vending facility programs in state buildings |
| LB221 | La Grone | Change provisions relating to limitations on powers under the Title Insurers Act |
| LB222 | Albrecht | Change the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act |
| LB223 | Albrecht | Provide a state-sponsored insurance program for members of the Nebraska National Guard |
| LB224 | Albrecht | Rename the Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority Act and provide for applicability |
| LB225 | Quick | Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society |
| LB226 | Quick | State intent relating to appropriations for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva |
| LB227 | Hughes | Redefine terms and change determination of a public or private nuisance under the Nebraska Right to Farm Act |
| LB228 | Hughes | Prohibit certain insurance practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor |
| LB229 | Groene | Prohibit certain unlawful acts as prescribed under the Weights and Measures Act |
| LB230 | Pansing Brooks | Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed |
| LB231 | Pansing Brooks | Change provisions relating to legal defense of juveniles |
| LB232 | Slama | Reduce the threshold amount for claims against the state for prosecution costs |
| LB233 | Wayne | Prohibit bringing a cell phone into a detention facility |
| LB234 | Wayne | Provide requirements for payment of claims by cities and villages |
| LB235 | Crawford | Change provisions relating to making and serving alcoholic liquor by nonlicensed persons as prescribed |
| LB236 | Crawford | Change access to sales and use tax information with respect to the Nebraska Advantage Transformational Tourism and Redevelopment Act |
| LB237 | Crawford | Change provisions relating to sales and use tax collection fees |
| LB238 | Pansing Brooks | Change requirements for witnessing death penalty executions |
| LB239 | Dorn | Change requirements for notices of hearings on county budgets |
| LB240 | M. Hansen | Change procedures for determining competency to stand trial |
| LB241 | Bolz | Provide for teacher mentoring program grants using income from solar and wind agreements on school lands |
| LB242 | Lindstrom | Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue |
| LB243 | Gragert | Create the Healthy Soils Task Force |
| LB244 | Erdman | Provide for mobile massage therapy establishments |
| LB245 | Erdman | Eliminate an exception to the medicaid preferred drug list |
| LB246 | Brewer | Change provisions relating to elections |
| LB247 | Bolz | Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act |
| LB248 | Howard | Change terminology relating to hearing-impaired persons |
| LB249 | Howard | Change the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from a sexual assault |
| LB250 | Walz | Change provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land receiving special valuations |
| LB251 | Walz | Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act |
| LB252 | Geist | Provide a condition relating to advertisements by the state lottery |
| LB253 | McCollister | Adopt the Redistricting Act |
| LB254 | McCollister | Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act |
| LB255 | McCollister | Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program |
| LB256 | Arch | Authorize participation in insurance coverage for members of a community college board of governors |
| LR7 | Halloran | Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution |

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Bill Introducer One-line description
January 15, 2018

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| LB257 | Kolterman | Change provisions relating to loss payouts by insurers |
| LB258 | Williams | Change provisions relating to banking and finance |
| LB259 | Lindstrom | Change consumer protection provisions under the Securities Act of Nebraska, the Commodity Code, and the Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act |
| LB260 | B. Hansen | Change provisions relating to medicaid recovery audit contractors |
| LB261 | DeBoer | Require use of redistricting maps drawn using state-issued computer software |
| LB262 | DeBoer | Change membership and duties of long-term restrictive housing work group |
| LB263 | Clements | Change provisions relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits |
| LB264 | La Grone | Redefine premises under the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act |
| LB265 | La Grone | Adopt the Unsecured Consumer Loan Licensing Act and clarify licensing provisions under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act |
| LB266 | Lindstrom | Change the School Readiness Tax Credit Act |
| LB267 | Bolz | Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy |
| LB268 | Friesen | Change provisions relating to a certificate of convenience and necessity for a telecommunications company |
| LB269 | Friesen | Change provisions relating to school permits |
| LB270 | Friesen | Change licensing, registration, and titling provisions for motor vehicles and other vehicles as prescribed |
| LB271 | Morfeld | Change provisions relating to releases, covenants not to sue, or similar agreements on joint and several liability |
| LB272 | Morfeld | Adopt the Apprenticeship Training Program Tax Credit Act |
| LB273 | M. Hansen | Provide a restricted funds budget limitation as prescribed for certain political subdivisions |
| LB274 | M. Hansen | Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act |
| LB275 | M. Hansen | Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law attempt to obtain a handgun purchase permit or concealed handgun permit |
| LB276 | McCollister | Change provisions relating to the taxation of income from certain small business corporations and limited liability companies |
| LB277 | McCollister | Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole |
| LB278 | Bostelman | Provide a veteran notation on an operator's license or a state identification card for certain commissioned officers as prescribed |
| LB279 | Bostelman | Provide a sales and use tax exemption for food sold by veterans service organizations |
| LB280 | Brewer | Change a penalty for violations of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act |
| LB281 | McCollister | Provide for posting by public schools of a toll-free number set up to report child abuse or neglect |
| LB282 | M. Hansen | Change provisions relating to bail |
| LB283 | Pansing Brooks | Provide for a climate change study |
| LB284 | McCollister | Introduction Adopt the Remote Seller and Marketplace Facilitator Act |
| LB285 | McCollister | State intent to appropriate funds to the Nebraska Power Review Board for a study and state public policy |
| LB286 | McCollister | Create the Coordinated Reentry Council |
| LB287 | Quick | Change and provide duties for the Game and Parks Commission and change provisions relating to stamps, permits, fees, and hunter orange display requirements as prescribed |
| LB288 | Linehan | Change income tax rates |
| LB289 | Linehan | Change provisions relating to county assessor inspections of real property for property tax purposes |
| LB290 | Linehan | Change the sales and use tax rate |
| LB291 | Linehan | Change sales and use tax provisions |

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| LB292 | Vargas | Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education |
| LB293 | Scheer | Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations |
| LB294 | Scheer | Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2021 |
| LB295 | Scheer | Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature |
| LB296 | Scheer | Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers |
| LB297 | Scheer | Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition |
| LB298 | Scheer | Repeal funds and authorize, provide, change, and eliminate fund transfer provisions |
| LB299 | Scheer | Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions |
| LB300 | Lathrop | Change judges' salaries |
| LB301 | Lowe | Transfer duties under the Boiler Inspection Act, the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act, and the Conveyance Safety Act from the Department of Labor to the State Fire Marshal |
| LB302 | Hughes | Merge the State Energy Office with and rename the Department of Environmental Quality |
| LB303 | Lindstrom | Change the amount of relief under the Property Tax Credit Act |
| LB304 | Crawford | Exempt certain operations from the definition of a food establishment under the Nebraska Pure Food Act |
| LB305 | Crawford | Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act |
| LB306 | Crawford | Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law |
| LB307 | Albrecht | Change provisions relating to certain Department of Environmental Quality Funds |
| LB308 | Lathrop | Change provisions relating to commencement of civil actions, voluntary appearances, and waivers of defenses |
| LB309 | Lathrop | Increase the number of district court judges in Douglas County |
| LB310 | Vargas | Change procedures for tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act |
| LB311 | Crawford | Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act |
| LB312 | B. Hansen | Change and eliminate provisions relating to dental hygienists |
| LR8CA | Linehan | Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions |

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| LB313 | Bolz | Provide the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System with oversight authority over regional center |
| LB314 | Briese | Adopt the Remote Seller Sales Tax Collection Act and change revenue and taxation provisions |
| LB315 | Kolterman | Provide for an inheritance tax exemption and change certain inheritance tax proceedings |
| LB316 | Kolterman | Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Fairness and Transparency Act |
| LB317 | Kolterman | Eliminate Public Service Commission inspection authority under the Nebraska Uniform Standards for Modular Housing Units Act and eliminate applicability and references to manufactured homes under the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles and rename the code |
| LB318 | McCollister | Change provisions relating to petroleum products liens |
| LB319 | Moser | Change provisions relating to notices, rules, and regulations of Department of Natural Resources |
| LB320 | Albrecht | Change various provisions of the Pesticide Act and update federal references |
| LB321 | B. Hansen | Update certain standards and regulations and change Director of Agriculture duties and Department of Agriculture fee and permit provisions under the Weights and Measures Act |
| LB322 | Crawford | Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions |
| LB323 | Crawford | Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act for certain disabled persons |
| LB324 | La Grone | Change immunity from liability under the 911 Service System Act |

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| LB325 | Bostelman | Provide for motor vehicle tax exemptions for one-hundred percent service-connected disability compensation rated veterans and dependency and indemnity compensation recipients |
| LB326 | Quick | Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services |
| LB327 | Bolz | State intent to appropriate funds for an increase in rates paid to behavioral health service providers |
| LB328 | Bolz | Adopt the Nebraska Family First Act, provide for non-court involved response to reports of child abuse or neglect, and provide for a family finding project |
| LB329 | Bolz | Change provisions relating to child care assistance and licensure |
| LB330 | Bolz | Change the administration, duties, membership, purpose, and reports of the Nebraska Children's Commission |
| LB331 | Bolz | Change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration |
| LB332 | Bolz | Change eligibility requirements and other provisions of the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act |
| LB333 | Slama | Update federal references and redefine a term under the Nebraska Milk Act |
| LB334 | Stinner | Eliminate funding for the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act and increase funding and eliminate the termination date for the Business Innovation Act |
| LB335 | M. Hansen | Authorize a 24/7 sobriety program permit for operating a motor vehicle as a condition of bail |
| LB336 | M. Hansen | Change the vote required to exceed certain budget limitations |
| LB337 | Stinner | Require report of federal receipts with the annual state budget report |
| LB338 | Wayne | Change calculation of gasoline tax and distribution of proceeds |
| LB339 | Lathrop | Change provisions relating to judicial nominating commissions |
| LB340 | Lathrop | Change provisions related to female offenders in incarceration work camps |
| LB341 | Arch | Change provisions relating to a determination of ongoing eligibility for a child care subsidy |
| LB342 | La Grone | Change election provisions for the board of metropolitan utilities districts |
| LB343 | Halloran | Adopt the School Safety Rapid Response Option Act and authorize schools to allow employees to carry concealed handguns |
| LB344 | Agriculture | Adopt the Animal Health and Disease Control Act, eliminate and provide duties for the Department of Agriculture, eliminate various acts, terminate and transfer certain funds, create a fund, and provide penalties |
| LB345 | Wishart | Prohibit mandatory overtime for certain state employees |
| LB346 | Wishart | Change special education reimbursements |
| LB347 | Murman | Exempt reflexology from licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act |
| LB348 | Quick | Adopt changes to the state building code |
| LB349 | Friesen | Provide sales and use tax collection duties for certain peer-to-peer rentals of vehicles |
| LB350 | Morfeld | Provide a budget exception for expanded learning opportunity programs |
| LB351 | Morfeld | Provide for school district levy and bonding authority for cybersecurity and violence prevention |
| LB352 | Morfeld | Provide requirements relating to the use of jailhouse informants |
| LB353 | Pansing Brooks | Provide powers and duties for University of Nebraska police departments and police officers as prescribed |
| LB354 | Pansing Brooks | Change provisions relating to sealing of juvenile records |
| LB355 | La Grone | Change provisions relating to money transmitters, installment sales, and mortgage loans |
| LB356 | Scheer | Change fee distribution for certain specialty license plates |
| LB357 | Walz | Adopt the Direct Support Professional Tax Credit Act |
| LB358 | Walz | Change provisions related to early childhood education in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act |
| LB359 | M. Hansen | Change provisions in the Employment Security Law and Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act and relating to appointment of the meatpacking industry worker rights coordinator |

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| LB360 | M. Hansen | Provide for settlement of claims of nonresident alien dependents under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act |
| LB361 | M. Hansen | Prohibit retaliation under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act and the Wage and Hour Act |
| LB362 | M. Hansen | Require payment of unpaid wages for violations of the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act |
| LB363 | M. Hansen | Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act |
| LB364 | Quick | Change provisions relating to a limit on fees under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act |
| LB365 | Crawford | Adopt the Health Care Directives Registry Act |
| LB366 | Bostelman | Change registration fee for alternative fuel-powered motor vehicles |
| LB367 | Hughes | Eliminate provisions relating to fund transfers and change a termination date under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act |
| LB368 | Hughes | Eliminate overappropriated river basins, subbasins, and reaches |
| LB369 | Vargas | Require jails, law enforcement agencies, and the Nebraska State Patrol to provide public notice before entering into agreements to enforce federal immigration law and to allow audits of noncomplying entities |
| LB370 | McCollister | Change motor vehicle liability insurance and financial responsibility requirements |
| LB371 | Erdman | Change provisions relating to requirements for all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles |
| LB372 | Erdman | Change provisions relating to classes and subclasses of agricultural land and horticultural land |
| LB373 | Brewer | Provide setback and zoning requirements for wind energy generation projects |
| LB374 | Brewer | Provide for raptor permits for wildlife abatement |
| LB375 | Brewer | Allow certain library, archive, and museum materials to be withheld from the public |
| LB376 | Friesen | Provide for safekeeping of prisoners |
| LB377 | DeBoer | Provide for voidability of certain releases from liability |
| LR9 | Wayne | Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution |

January 17, 2018

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| LB378 | B. Hansen | Change helmet provisions for autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds |
| LB379 | Kolterman | Change provisions under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act |
| LB380 | La Grone | Change provisions of the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act |
| LB381 | B. Hansen | Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies |
| LB382 | Geist | Change the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act |
| LB383 | Quick | Provide for an annual adjustment to the minimum wage |
| LB384 | Walz | Change certain education requirements under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act |
| LB385 | Erdman | Change election provisions for the board of trustees of the Nebraska State Historical Society |
| LB386 | Erdman | Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act |
| LB387 | Pansing Brooks | Change and modernize provisions relating to juries |
| LB388 | Howard | Change provisions relating to termination of parental rights, placement of children, and guardianship |
| LB389 | Howard | Change provisions relating to termination of parental rights |
| LB390 | Pansing Brooks | Provide duties regarding school resource officers and security guards |
| LB391 | M. Hansen | Change duties of peace officers taking juveniles into custody or interrogating juveniles and prohibit use of statements taken in violation of juvenile rights |
| LB392 | Lathrop | Change hearsay provisions in the Nebraska Evidence Rules |
| LB393 | Groene | Increase the documentary stamp tax |
| LB394 | Wishart | State intent relating to an appropriation to the Department of Transportation |

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| LB395 | M. Hansen | Change landlord's power of possession provisions in cases of domestic violence |
| LB396 | M. Hansen | Change landlord and tenant provisions relating to continuances and rental deposits |
| LB397 | Briese | Change provisions relating to tobacco and other nicotine products and tobacco manufacturers |
| LB398 | DeBoer | Change learning community levy and diversity plan requirements |
| LB399 | Slama | Change the name and provisions related to the committee on Americanism |
| LB400 | Hunt | Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities |
| LB401 | Quick | Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact |
| LB402 | Hilkemann | Eliminate an eligibility provision relating to nutrition assistance benefits as prescribed |
| LB403 | Stinner | Provide a duty for the Department of Health and Human Services when calculating certain medicaid rates |
| LB404 | Stinner | State intent relating to medicaid budgeting |
| LB405 | Hunt | Adopt updates to building and energy codes |
| LR10 | Scheer | Recognize the hard work of school board members across the state |
| LR11CAM. | Hansen | Constitutional amendment to change age requirements for members of the Legislature |

January 18, 2018

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| LB406 | Gragert | Change provisions relating to abandoned property reports and notices, disposition and transfer of funds, and duties of the State Treasurer under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act |
| LB407 | Lindstrom | Grant in-state credit unions powers of out-of-state credit unions as prescribed |
| LB408 | Quick | Change provisions relating to compensation paid upon the death on an employee under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act |
| LB409 | Kolowski | Adopt design standards for health care facilities |
| LB410 | Kolowski | Exempt certain sales of clothing and footwear from sales and use taxes |
| LB411 | Scheer | Provide an additional method of changing the number of county commissioners |
| LB412 | Geist | Require an election regarding creation of a joint public agency |
| LB413 | Brandt | Change application submission deadlines under the Nebraska Advantage Act |
| LB414 | Brandt | Change county highway superintendent duties as prescribed and eliminate an annual report requirement |
| LB415 | Friesen | Repeal recall provisions for political subdivisions |
| LB416 | Friesen | Change distribution of funds from the temporary school fund and from fines and licenses |
| LB417 | Friesen | Change application deadlines under certain tax incentive programs |
| LB418 | Cavanaugh | Change provisions relating to certain medical debt collection involving workers' compensation |
| LB419 | Bolz | Change the Nebraska Advantage Act and create a fund and grant program |
| LB420 | Bolz | Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act |
| LB421 | Hilgers | Adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act |
| LB422 | Howard | Adopt the Art Therapy Practice Act |
| LB423 | Howard | Change and eliminate provisions relating to school-based health centers under the Medical Assistance Act |
| LB424 | Quick | Change the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act |
| LB425 | Hilkemann | Appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska |
| LB426 | DeBoer | Provide for adoption by two adults |
| LB427 | Howard | Change terminology relating to legitimacy of children |
| LB428 | Friesen | Change eligibility for benefits under the Employment Security Law for certain workers in the construction industry |
| LB429 | Wayne | Change tax provisions for cigars, cheroots, and stogies |
| LB430 | Groene | Change dates related to certifications and distributions of state aid to schools |
| LB431 | Groene | Change school finance base limitation and local effort rate provisions |

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| LB432 | Groene | Include tax-increment financing valuation in adjusted valuations for purposes of state aid to schools and change school district levy authority |
| LB433 | M. Hansen | Change provisions relating to return of tenant's deposits and damages |
| LB434 | M. Hansen | Change landlord and tenant provisions relating to three-day notice to quit and to create a right of redemption for tenants |
| LB435 | M. Hansen | Change provisions relating to retaliatory conduct by a landlord |
| LB436 | M. Hansen | Create the Complete Count Commission and provide duties regarding the census |
| LB437 | Linehan | Change application deadlines under the Nebraska Advantage Act |
| LB438 | Wishart | Designate Nebraska State Patrol as agency to investigate criminal activity within Department of Correctional Services facilities and the Lincoln Regional Center |
| LB439 | Crawford | Require coverage for chiropractic services under the Medical Assistance Act |
| LB440 | Walz | Increase a tax on aviation jet fuel |
| LB441 | McCollister | Change provisions relating to certain sales and use tax refund deductions and applicability to municipalities as prescribed |
| LB442 | McCollister | Require insurance coverage for synchronizing prescription medications |
| LB443 | McCollister | Require the Department of Correctional Services to allow committed offenders reasonable access to their attorneys |
| LB444 | McDonnell | Provide a homestead exemption for certain dwelling complexes |
| LB445 | McDonnell | Require a city of the metropolitan class to provide an annual budget report relating to use of any occupation tax levied and collected |
| LB446 | McDonnell | State intent relating to appropriations for the County Justice Reinvestment Grant Program |
| LB447 | McDonnell | Provide for an exception to the State Personnel System for certain employees of the Nebraska State Historical Society |
| LB448 | McDonnell | Change provisions relating to compensation for burial expenses under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act |
| LB449 | Walz | Prohibit scleral tattooing |
| LB450 | Wishart | Change tuition assistance provisions for National Guard members, spouses, and children |
| LB451 | Halloran | Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act |
| LB452 | Clements | Change boundaries of Nebraska planning and development regions and provide a procedure for a county to move to an adjacent region |
| LB453 | Clements | Provide for hearings on credit union membership expansion applications |
| LB454 | Clements | Eliminate a high school diploma or equivalent requirement for real estate license |
| LB455 | Arch | Change medical services payment provisions relating to jails |
| LB456 | Lathrop | Provide a sales and use tax exemption for certain machinery and equipment used to produce electricity |
| LB457 | Lathrop | Define and redefine terms relating to industrial hemp under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act |
| LB458 | Lathrop | Change provisions relating to child abuse or neglect |
| LB459 | Health & Human Services | Change criminal background check provisions under the Child Care Licensing Act |
| LB460 | Health & Human Services | Change criminal background check provisions under the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act |
| LB461 | Friesen | Eliminate certificates of public convenience and necessity and permits for common and contract motor carriers and provide a permit process for regulated motor carriers |
| LB462 | Friesen | Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act |
| LB463 | Williams | Change provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds and tax sale certificates |
| LB464 | M. Hansen | Provide for payment of claims against the state |
| LB465 | M. Hansen | Deny payment of claims against the state |
| LB466 | Howard | Adopt the Redistricting Act |
| LB467 | Vargas | Prohibit consideration of certain factors in redistricting |

NEW BILLS

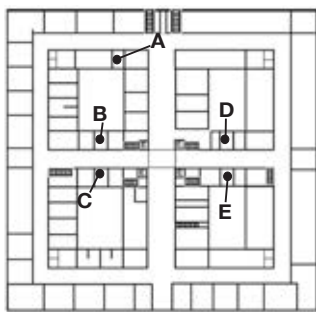
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| LB468 | Walz | Prohibit additional services and populations under the medicaid managed care program |
| LB469 | Lindstrom | Change provisions of the Surplus Lines Insurance Act |
| LB470 | La Grone | Provide a tax deduction for nonparticipant contributions and remove a tax deduction limit relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust |
| LB471 | La Grone | Provide a procedure for consolidation of related civil actions in multiple judicial districts |
| LB472 | Dorn | Adopt the Qualified Judgment Payment Act and authorize a sales and use tax |
| LB473 | Dorn | Change revenue and taxation provisions relating to judgments against public corporations and political subdivisions, authorize certain loans, and provide powers and duties to the State Treasurer |
| LB474 | Dorn | Change provisions relating to claims against the state for wrongful incarceration and conviction |
| LB475 | Geist | Create the offense of sexual extortion, redefine sexual exploitation, and provide for a registrable offense under the Sex Offender Registration Act |
| LB476 | McCollister | Eliminate a sunset provision relating to certain retail sales of natural gas by a metropolitan utilities district |
| LB477 | Vargas | Provide an income tax exemption for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards |
| LB478 | Vargas | Prohibit use of consent by a minor as a defense or mitigation of damages or liability in certain civil actions arising from sexual assaults |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



* Hearing rooms labeled by letter – see chart at right

| Hearing Room | Committee | Meeting Days |
|--------------|---|--------------------|
| 1524 (B) | Agriculture | Tu |
| 1003 (A) | Appropriations | M, Tu, W, Th, F |
| 1507 (E) | Banking, Commerce & Insurance | M, Tu |
| 1524 (B) | Business & Labor | M |
| 1525 (C) | Education | M, Tu |
| 1510 (D) | General Affairs | M |
| 1507 (E) | Government, Military & Veterans Affairs | W, Th, F |
| 1510 (D) | Health & Human Services | W, Th, F |
| Warner (F) | Judiciary | W, Th, F |
| 1525 (C) | Natural Resources | W, Th, F |
| 1525 (C) | Nebraska Retirement Systems | (at call of Chair) |
| 1524 (B) | Revenue | W, Th, F |
| Warner (F) | Transportation & Telecommunications | M, Tu |
| 1510 (D) | Urban Affairs | Tu |

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Tuesday, Jan. 22

Agriculture

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

Appointment: Bryan Tuma - Climate Assessment Response Committee
LB61 (Halloran) Change and eliminate provisions relating to rabies

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB12 (Blood) Provide a license fee exemption for servicemembers and their spouses under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB26 (Kolterman) Change provisions related to legal service insurance corporations
LB49 (Stinner) Change provisions relating to accounting firm ownership
LB77 (Williams) Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

LB115 (Blood) Change provisions related to enrollment of children of members of the military
LB6 (Blood) Change residency provisions relating to persons on active duty and their dependents for college tuition purposes
LB122 (Crawford) Change postsecondary residency requirements for veterans, family members, and other qualified persons
LB73 (Erdman) Require display of the national motto in schools

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1507 - 12:30 PM

LB33 (Kolterman) Change various provisions relating to retirement and the Nebraska Investment Council and the Public Employees Retirement Board

Transportation & Telecommunications

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

LB79 (Friesen) Adopt and update references to federal transportation laws and allow for electronic images of certain registration certificates
LB82 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to contracts and state aid

for bridges, land acquisition for state highways, functional classification, minimum standards, six-year and one-year plans, and distribution of funds
LB117 (Hilgers) Change provisions relating to bridge and highway construction contracts, certification of financial showing, and obtaining contract plans prepared by the Department of Transportation
LB190 (La Grone) Change provisions relating to rule and regulation authority of the Department of Transportation and the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB85 (Wayne) Provide for a rental housing inspection program for a city of the metropolitan class or a city of the primary class
LB67 (M. Hansen) Change provisions relating to determination of municipality population thresholds and references to cities, villages, and governing bodies
LB194 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to cities of the first class as prescribed
LB193 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to cities of particular classes and villages, correct and include references as prescribed, and eliminate obsolete provisions and repeal definitions
LB196 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to notices of certain zoning matters in cities of the metropolitan class and for hearings under the Business Improvement District Act

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

Appointment: Christopher Cantrell - Neb. State Fire Marshal
Appointment: Jason Jackson - Dept. of Administrative Services

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:00 PM

Credentialing Review (407) Program Briefing

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB74 (Williams) Provide for validation by certified pharmacy technicians
LB22 (Kolterman) Change provisions relating to the Nursing Facility Penalty Cash Fund
LB205 (Kolterman) Adopt the Surgical Technologist Registration Act

Judiciary

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

LB7 (Blood) Adopt the Counterfeit Airbag Prevention Act
LB71 (M. Hansen) Eliminate a cause of action for damages for shoplifting
LB141 (DeBoer) Provide for the offense of assault by strangulation or suffocation
LB143 (Hughes) Prohibit throwing or dropping dangerous instruments on motor vehicles
LR1CA (Wayne) Constitutional amendment to eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 2:00 PM

LB126 (Hughes) Provide for special landowner deer hunting permits as prescribed
LB127 (Hughes) Redefine immediate family for purposes of limited permits for hunting

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB5 (Blood) Change the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act
LB50 (Vargas) Change individual income tax brackets and rates
LB69 (M. Hansen) Provide income tax credits for caregivers as prescribed
LB84 (Wayne) Provide a tax deduction for wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony
LB88 (Wayne) Provide an income tax credit for certain purchases of a residence

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Thursday, Jan. 24

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB20 (Briese) Require voter approval of public building commission bonds
LB204 (Briese) Require approval of voters for bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act
LB52 (Stinner) Require accountability for and investment of public funds

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB200 (Wishart) Change provisions relating to licensure under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act of alcoholism centers providing civil protective custody of intoxicated persons
LB60 (Cavanaugh) Change terminology relating to shaken baby syndrome
LB119 (Arch) Provide for confidentiality of records and immunity from liability for professional health care service entities involved in peer review

Judiciary

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

LB28 (Kolterman) Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession
LB55 (Lowe) Authorize persons eighteen years of age to acquire or convey title to real property
LB146 (M. Hansen) Change liability and damages provisions for refusal to accept acknowledged power of attorney
LB154 (Brewer) Authorize a study to improve reporting and investigation of missing Native American women
LB264 (La Grone) Redefine premises under the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

LB287 (Quick) Change and provide duties for the Game and Parks Commission and change provisions relating to stamps, permits, fees, and hunter orange display requirements as prescribed

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB63 (Groene) Change tax levy provisions relating to rural and suburban fire protection districts and change the Mutual Finance Assistance Act
LB103 (Linehan) Change provisions relating to property tax requests
LB158 (Brewer) Change provisions relating to the assessed value of real property
LB183 (Briese) Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for purposes of certain school district taxes

Friday, Jan. 25

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB30 (Kolterman) Change and eliminate provisions under the Professional Landscape Architects Act
LB64 (Groene) Change and eliminate licensing, training, and internship provisions under the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act
LB186 (Lindstrom) Adopt the Online Notary Public Act

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:00 PM

Medicaid Financing Briefing

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB140 (Kolowski) Change provisions relating to the Indoor Tanning Facility Act

Judiciary

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

LB47 (Chambers) Change provisions relating to when a grand jury report may be made public
LB110 (Wishart) Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act
LB125 (Lathrop) Include certain intimate partners who are victims of theft within victim rights statutes
LB213 (McCollister) Provide for setting aside certain infraction, misdemeanor, and felony convictions

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB4 (Stinner) Change mileage reimbursement and filing fees under

the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act

LB86 (Wayne) Change provisions relating to the allocation of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the collection and remittance of the documentary stamp tax
LB13 (Blood) Provide a sales tax exemption for breast pumps and related supplies and exempt breast-feeding from public indecency offenses
LB170 (Hunt) Provide a sales and use tax exemption for feminine hygiene products

Monday, Jan. 28

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB221 (La Grone) Change provisions relating to limitations on powers under the Title Insurers Act
LB42 (Hilkemann) Provide certain responsibilities and a duty under the Condominium Property Act and a duty under the Nebraska Condominium Act
LB78 (Williams) Change provisions of the Nebraska Uniform Protected Series Act and the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act
LB70 (M. Hansen) Adopt the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act and eliminate the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act

Business & Labor

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB102 (Wayne) Change references from Big Twelve to Big Ten Conference in provisions requiring a stipend or restricting hours of participation for intercollegiate athletes
LB139 (Kolterman) Change provisions relating to a data base of contractors under the Contractor Registration Act
LB301 (Lowe) Transfer duties under the Boiler Inspection Act, the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act, and the Conveyance Safety Act from the Department of Labor to the State Fire Marshal
LB306 (Crawford) Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law
LB359 (M. Hansen) Change provisions in the Employment Security Law

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and Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act and relating to appointment of the meatpacking industry worker rights coordinator

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

LB241 (Bolz) Provide for teacher mentoring program grants using income from solar and wind agreements on school lands
LB281 (McCollister) Provide for posting by public schools of a toll-free number set up to report child abuse or neglect
LB251 (Walz) Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

Appointment: Joyce Hasselbalch - Neb. Arts Council
Appointment: Mike Hunsberger - State Electrical Board
Appointment: Jeffrey Bomberger - Neb. Commission on Problem Gambling
Appointment: Sarah Peetz - Neb. Arts Council

LB56 (Lowe) Change special designated licensure provisions under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB75 (Williams) Change terms of members of the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board
LB65 (Groene) Authorize a licensing exception under the State Electrical Act

Transportation & Telecommunications

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

LB8 (Blood) Allow physician medical directors to display certain vehicle lights as prescribed
LB10 (Blood) Authorize the operation of lighted-billboard motor vehicles
LB80 (Friesen) Change motor vehicle identification inspection provisions
LB81 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to special stops at railroad grade crossings under the Nebraska Rules of the Road

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1507 - 12:00 PM

Appointment: Allen Simpson - Public Employees Retirement Board
Appointment: Gail Werner-Robertson - Neb. Investment Council
LB32 (Kolterman) Change defined contribution benefit investment options as prescribed under the County Employees Retirement Act and State Employees Retirement Act

Transportation & Telecommunications

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

LB111 (Howard) Change a certificate of title application signature requirement as prescribed
LB142 (Geist) Change provisions relating to driving automation systems and liability
LB156 (Brewer) Provide for the operation of former military vehicles
LB192 (McCollister) Change provisions relating to veteran designations on operators' licenses and state identification cards ■



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Federal & State Holidays

January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day April 26 – Arbor Day
February 18 – Presidents' Day May 27 – Memorial Day

Legislative Recess Days

February 15, 25 April 3, 6, 17, 20
March 8, 11, 22, 29 May 3, 6, 17, 20

*The Legislature will be in session on Friday, April 26, the Arbor Day holiday.

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The Legislature was addressed by both the judicial and executive branches of state government this week. Above: Senators greet Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican (left) and Gov. Pete Ricketts (right).