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Gov. Dave Heineman (left) and Chief Justice Mike Heavican addressed the Legislature this week.

Governor proposes tax relief, prison system reform

With an eye toward improving the future for the state's middle class, Gov. Dave Heineman proposed providing tax relief, reforming the state's "good time" law and rejecting the expansion of Medicaid during his State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 15.

Heineman cited the state's growing economy and high income and property taxes as his motivation to reform the current tax code. He acknowledged the interim work of the Tax Modernization Committee but said that now was the time for action.

"We don't need more time to study this issue," he said. "We already know taxes are too high and high taxes are detrimental to economic growth. It's time for a straightforward conversation about property and income tax relief."

Heineman proposed a 10 percent decrease in agricultural land valuations, from 75 to 65 percent. He said the state's strong agricultural economy cannot continue to exist with unreasonably high property taxes.

"When agriculture fares poorly, so does rural Nebraska,"

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Chief justice outlines achievements, new challenges

Focusing on juvenile justice reform and sentencing alternatives, Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican delivered his State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature Jan. 17.

While the core mission of the judicial branch has remained the same since Nebraska became a state in 1867, Heavican said, the way the mission is carried out has changed over the years.

"And 2013 was a year of especially significant change for Nebraska's courts," he said.

The expansion of juvenile justice within the state's probation system has been one of the biggest challenges that the judicial branch has undertaken in recent years, Heavican said.

Legislation passed in 2013 required the state Office of Probation Administration to expand services to juveniles. Heavican said the implementation effort has involved the hiring of 171 new probation staff and encouraging local communities to provide additional services for juveniles

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Governor

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Heineman said. "However, when agriculture succeeds, rural Nebraska and main street Nebraska flourish."

The governor also proposed providing up to \$500 million in tax relief over the next three years, citing the \$1.2 billion currently in the state's cash reserve. He proposed lowering the top state tax income rate from its current level of 6.84 percent, saying that most middle class citizens would benefit from the decrease.

The governor also cited Nebraska's "good time" law as an issue requiring immediate attention. The current practice of allowing violent criminals to automatically receive good time when they enter prison is flawed and dangerous, he said.

"Allowing the most violent criminals to enter into our state's prison system and have their judge-imposed sentences automatically reduced ...is not sound public policy," he said. "The public safety of our citizens should be priority number one and that should start with violent criminals being re-

quired to earn good time."

Heineman urged lawmakers to reject the proposed expansion of Medicaid, saying the costs to the state are too high and would disproportionately hurt Nebraskans.

"The required parts of the new federal health care law will cost the [state] more than \$200 million in state general funds over the next six years," he said. "That is \$200 million in funding that could be used for education."

This marks the nine-year governor's final State of the State speech to the Legislature. ■

Chief Justice

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and their families.

Heavican also called attention to the Court's efforts in adult sentencing alternatives. Community corrections alternatives to incarceration include drug and specialty courts and Probation's Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision programs, known as SSAS. These alternative sentencing programs provide varying levels of supervision along with services such as substance abuse treatment, employment, education, life-skills training and mentoring, he said.

A review of the SSAS program in 2012 found that 91 percent of the individuals who successfully completed the program remained crime-free one year later, Heavican said.

The chief justice also noted challenges facing the judicial branch, including guardianship reform for incapacitated

adults and language barriers to court access.

A rapidly aging population has led to a shortage of individuals available to serve as guardians for elderly, mentally ill or developmentally challenged Nebraskans, he said.

"The courts, however, look forward to working with this legislative body and other interested parties to alleviate that shortage," Heavican said.

The judiciary also has worked to ensure access to the courts for people with limited English language proficiency, he said. This effort included hiring two new interpreter coordinators and providing Spanish interpreters through video-conferencing for over 450 hearings last year.

"Our dedicated judges, support staff and probation employees are carrying out the Court's long-term mission to do justice, resolve disputes, provide equal protection to all citizens and ensure due process of law in all 93 of Nebraska's counties," Heavican said. ■

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GENERAL AFFAIRS

Horse racing wager clarification bill stalls

Lawmakers voted Jan. 15 to bracket a bill intended to clarify pari-mutuel wagering rules.

LB642, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, would clarify that it is illegal for any person or entity to accept pari-mutuel wagering except at a licensed racetrack facility. The bill also would increase criminal penalties for accepting pari-mutuel wagers outside of a licensed racetrack facility.



Sen. Heath Mello

Mello said the bill is directed at nonlicensed, advanced-deposit wagering systems. These systems, he said, are accounts set up with a licensed horse racing association or a third party, from which a player may make wagers.

Websites have been accepting pari-mutuel wagers online, Mello said, in violation of state law.

“In Nebraska, the only legal place to wager on horseracing is at a licensed racetrack,” he said.

Currently, a nonlicensed person or entity operating an advanced-deposit wagering system for horse racing would be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. The bill would increase the penalty to a Class IV felony.

Mello said other states have been successful in deterring illegal use of advanced-deposit wagering systems by increasing penalties.

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers opposed the bill, saying governors in some states likely would not extradite violators to Nebraska for prosecution.

“This bill, if it becomes law, will

not be enforceable,” he said.

Following the adoption of two amendments offered by Mello and the General Affairs Committee aimed at clarifying the bill’s language, Chambers offered motions to indefinitely postpone and to bracket the bill.

Both motions failed, but Sen. Russ Karpisek of Wilber offered a second motion to bracket the bill until April 10, effectively killing the proposal. Although he supports LB642, Karpisek said Chambers’ opposition to the bill was holding up debate on more important measures.

“I do this bracket motion begrudgingly,” Karpisek said. “[This bill] does not rise to the time that we are spending on it.”

The motion was adopted on a vote of 25-2.

GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

County office candidates could automatically advance

Senators gave first-round approval Jan. 14 to a bill that would allow for automatic advancement in the case of a small pool of candidates for county office.

Under LB56, if the number of county office candidates from each party in the primary election does not exceed the number of candidates that may be nominated by the party, those candidates automatically would advance to the general election.

O’Neill Sen. Tyson Larson, the sponsor of the bill, said it would benefit all 93 counties in the state.

“[Primary election ballots] repre-



Sen. Tyson Larson

sent money taken away from other areas in the county budget,” he said. “This would streamline the election process and lower overall costs associated with these elections.”

Omaha Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh supported the bill, calling automatic advancement a common, reasonable idea.

“Anything we can do to simplify an election when there is no opposition would be a significant cost saving for the county,” he said.

Hoskins Sen. Dave Bloomfield opposed the measure. He said there is value to placing the candidates’ names on the primary ballot, no matter how few.

“Sometimes in small county races, candidates’ names don’t get out until election day,” he said. “I firmly believe that we need to put everyone’s name out there who is interested in serving, even if unopposed, so voters know who will be running in the general election.”

Bloomfield introduced and later withdrew a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Following the adoption of a technical amendment, senators voted to advance the bill to select file on a 28-5 vote.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Radon resistant construction proposal advanced

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 15 to a bill that would require all new homes in Nebraska to include radon resistant construction.

As introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist, LB13 would have applied to all new residential construction beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

A Health and Human Services Committee amendment, adopted 27-0, extended the deadline to Jan. 1, 2016. Among other technical changes,



Sen. Bob Krist

the amendment also clarifies that any regulation regarding radon resistant construction adopted by a county, city or village must be at least as stringent as that adopted by the state Health and Human Services Department (DHHS).

Krist said the measure would protect families from radon, a radioactive element found in uranium in the soil. Nebraska has the third highest radon emission rate in the United States, he said, and radon exposure is the number one cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

Krist said radon resistant construction is far less costly than retroactively fitting a home for a radon mitigation system. An active system installed after a home is built can cost as much as \$4,000 to \$6,000 he said.

“At the new construction phase,” Krist said, “the cost is less than \$1,000.”

Grand Island Sen. Mike Gloor supported the bill.

“With this, we’re talking about a public health issue that can be addressed with a modest cost,” Gloor said.

Under the bill, DHHS would be responsible for coordination, oversight and implementation of measures to mitigate the risks of radon in residential dwellings.

The bill also would create a Radon-Resistant Building Codes Task Force that would include homebuilders, home inspectors, realtors and medical professionals, among others.

Krist offered and then withdrew an amendment that would have further

extended the bill’s implementation date, which he said may be adjusted during the next round of debate.

LB13 advanced to select file 28-0.

Child care subsidy changes advanced

Lawmakers advanced a bill from general file Jan. 15 that would create an income disregard for determining continued eligibility for the state’s child care subsidy program.

LB359, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Tanya Cook, would increase the percentage of a household’s gross earned income that must be disregarded when determining continued eligibility for the subsidy.



Sen. Tanya Cook

As introduced, the bill would have created a graduated income disregard that increased with each year of eligibility. After 12 months in the program, 7 percent would be disregarded. The percentage would increase to 15 percent after 24 months and, after 36 months, a household’s gross income would be treated the same as at initial eligibility for the program.

An amendment offered by Cook, adopted 35-0, eliminated those provisions. Instead, the bill would set the income disregard at 10 percent upon redetermination.

Cook said the change reflects how the child care subsidy works in practice. The average family utilizes the subsidy for seven months, she said. As a result, many families who qualify for the program would not benefit from a gradual annual income disregard.

Cook said the amended bill would allow the approximately 750 families in Nebraska who receive the subsidy to earn modest raises and promotions at work without losing access to needed

child care.

Scottsbluff Sen. John Harms agreed, saying the current system sets working poor families up for failure by penalizing their success.

“This (bill) will provide our families with the necessary assistance and with hope,” Harms said.

Lawmakers advanced LB359 to select file 37-0.

JUDICIARY



Peace officer protection bill advances

Disarming a law enforcement officer would be specifically acknowledged as a crime in Nebraska, under legislation advanced by the Unicameral Jan. 15.

LB128, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Colby Coash, initially would have made the offense of disarming or the attempt of disarming a peace officer a Class III felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$25,000 fine.



Sen. Colby Coash

A Judiciary Committee amendment, adopted 26-0, instead would create a misdemeanor offense of intentionally and knowingly removing a firearm or weapon from a peace officer in uniform or a peace officer displaying a badge of authority who is engaged in the performance of their official duties. Considered a Class I misdemeanor, the offense would be punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and up to one year imprisonment.

Disarming a peace officer represents a “significant threat of injury to the officer and those around him,” Coash said. He added that peace of-

ficers are attacked more often than people realize, noting that in 2012, Lincoln police were attacked 60 times.

A technical amendment to the committee amendment by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers was approved on a 25-0 vote.

Senators voted 26-0 to advance LB128 to select file.

REVENUE

Plan for electronic tax levy pilot program advances

The state tax commissioner could electronically file levies against personal property under a bill advanced from general file Jan. 14.

LB33, introduced by Kearney Sen. Galen Hadley, would authorize the state Department of Revenue to contract with in-state financial institutions for an electronic levy pilot project. Hadley said the project represents a way for the department to use technology to lower administrative costs.



Sen. Galen Hadley

“Significant progress has already been made,” Hadley said, “but additional efficiencies can be achieved through a partnership with the private sector.”

The bill also makes a number of changes, including:

- allowing the department to waive the traditional three-year statutory lien period when a taxpayer has entered into an agreement to satisfy an overdue tax liability;
- repealing the individual income tax return check off for contributions to the Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund; and

- authorizing the imposition of a 25 percent penalty for filing a late tobacco products tax return.

A committee amendment, adopted 29-0, removed a provision that would have allowed financial institutions to levy against real property.

Senators voted to advance the bill on a 35-0 vote.

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Senators advance bill to deter livestock waste spills

Drivers who spill livestock excrement on highways in urban areas would face stiffer penalties under legislation advanced by senators Jan. 14.

LB174, introduced by Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, would amend the Nebraska Rules of the Road by increasing the minimum fine to \$250 for any driver who spills manure or urine from a vehicle on any highway located within the corporate limits of a city of the metropolitan class. The violation is a Class IV misdemeanor and currently carries a minimum \$100 fine.



Sen. Heath Mello

Manure spilling from livestock trailers leaving south Omaha’s stockyards “has plagued my part of the state for generations,” Mello said. “These spills are not only a potential public health hazard, but also have a tendency to cause numerous traffic accidents.”

State statute regarding load spillage needs to be amended, Mello said, because most of the manure spills that occur near Omaha’s meat-packing plants happen on state highways. Although Omaha also has city ordinances regarding load spillage, he said, the Nebraska

State Patrol is the primary law enforcement agency currently issuing tickets.

Additionally, Mello said, it is the state’s responsibility to clean up the waste spills.

“We need to be cognizant of the fiscal impact every time a spill is cleaned up,” he said.

Mello said the “fairly modest” fine increase is a result of collaboration among his office and the Nebraska Trucking Association, the Nebraska Cattlemen and the South Omaha Environmental Task Force.

Hoskins Sen. Dave Bloomfield opposed LB174, saying the increased fine could damage Omaha’s meat-packing industry.

“To risk jobs in Omaha to raise a fine is not a good idea,” he said.

O’Neill Sen. Tyson Larson agreed, saying a livestock hauler may make only \$250 on a load.

If the packing industry was at risk, their representatives would have testified at the committee hearing, Mello said.

“Any illusion this would impact the packing industry is a farce,” he said.

Following more than four hours of debate spanning Jan. 13 and 14, lawmakers advanced LB174 to select file on a 37-4 vote.

Vehicle identification bill advances after cloture

Public safety volunteers would be allowed to use special lights to identify their vehicles under legislation advanced by lawmakers Jan. 17. The bill was the subject of a two-day filibuster requiring a cloture motion to allow a vote.

LB399, introduced by Omaha Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh, would allow volunteer members of pub-



Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh

lic safety or crime prevention organizations to use rotating or flashing amber lights on any motor vehicle, as authorized by law enforcement.

The bill originally would have required sheriff and police departments to authorize the use of the lights, but it was changed during debate to assign county attorneys that responsibility. Adopted 34-0, the amendment brought by Lautenbaugh replaced the bill and would require county attorneys to register and authorize volunteer members of public safety groups before they are allowed to display the lights.

The amendment was based on a previous version introduced and later withdrawn by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher.

Currently, the Nebraska Rules of the Road state that flashing amber lights may be displayed on vehicles used for specific purposes such as military, public utility maintenance, towing, vehicle maintenance, Civil Air Patrol, oversized load, railroad, emergency management and storm spotting.

Lautenbaugh called the bill “a common sense, straightforward and cost-free way to allow citizens to protect their own neighborhoods from crime.” The use of amber lights on vehicles by volunteer groups lets residents know the patrol is active in their community and deters criminal activity, he said.

Lautenbaugh said the idea for the bill was brought to him by a member of the Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols, which had been using amber lights for several years.

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers opposed the bill, arguing that citizen patrol groups do not require amber flashing lights to adequately perform their duties. He filed numerous technical amendments and motions extending debate on the bill for eight hours spanning Jan. 16 and 17.

“This bill in no way enhances what

these groups are doing now,” he said.

Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop also opposed the bill, calling the flashing lights a “symbol of authority.” He said their use by volunteer groups could mislead people.

“When you give people the appearance of authority, but without proper training, you are inviting problems,” he said.

Lautenbaugh moved to invoke cloture, or cease debate, and senators obliged on a 36-7 vote. LB399 then was advanced to select file on a 25-20 vote.

Vehicle flood damage bill advances

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 14 to a bill intended to protect consumers from unknowingly purchasing flood damaged vehicles.

As introduced by Lincoln Sen. Bill Avery, LB446 would amend the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act to provide a definition of a water-damaged vehicle.



Sen. Bill Avery

Avery said the measure was intended to address concerns that flood damaged vehicles may be brought into Nebraska for sale without buyers knowing of the damage. He said the state currently has no provision for titling vehicles as flood damaged.

“Flood damaged cars are often sold at insurance auctions,” Avery said, and then cosmetically cleaned and resold to unsuspecting consumers. “They might actually look brand new, but the working parts are damaged and just waiting to break down,” he said.

A Transportation and Telecommunications Committee amendment, adopted 37-0, replaced the bill and would add flood damaged vehicle to the definition of salvage within the Act.

As amended, the bill would define

a flood damaged vehicle as one that has been submerged in water to the point that rising water has reached over the floorboard, entered the passenger compartment and caused damage to any electrical, computerized or mechanical components.

The designation of flood damaged would not apply to a water-damaged vehicle in which no electrical, computerized or mechanical components were damaged by water or to a vehicle in which damaged components were repaired or replaced as indicated by an insurance claim representative or vehicle repairer.

Under the bill, any vehicle designated as flood damaged would receive a salvage title.

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers supported the bill, calling it the type of consumer protection that lawmakers should be eager to engage in.

“This is not undue governmental intervention,” he said. “This is what the government ought to do.”

LB446 advanced to select file on a 40-0 vote.

URBAN AFFAIRS

Proposed change to redevelopment program terms advances

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 14 to a measure intended to facilitate the use of tax increment financing (TIF) in Nebraska cities and villages.

LR29CA, introduced by York Sen. Greg Adams, would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2014 general elec-



Sen. Greg Adams

tion ballot. If approved by voters, the amendment would change how cities and villages are able to use TIF to rehabilitate substandard properties.

The amendment would replace a current requirement that property be designated “substandard and blighted” with a requirement that it be “in need of rehabilitation and redevelopment.”

An Urban Affairs Committee amendment, adopted 37-0, removed a provision that would have extended from 15 to 20 years the maximum length of time to repay a TIF bond.

Adams said TIF projects sometimes are hindered when owners of neighboring properties balk at the designation of the property to be redeveloped as substandard and blighted. Often they believe that the designation will reflect poorly on their own property, Adams said, adding that replacing the language may help.

Kearney Sen. Galen Hadley agreed, saying that in his time as a mayor and city council member it was difficult to talk to citizens about the substandard and blighted designation.

“There’s a negative connotation that really goes with those terms,” Hadley said.

Adams said the language change also would remind cities that the intent of TIF is limited to rehabilitation and redevelopment.

“I think this is a step in the right direction to clarify, to refocus,” he said.

Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher offered and later withdrew an amendment that would have removed all qualifying language and would have added economic development projects to the proposal.

Schumacher said the change would “cut away the façade” that there are limits on how cities and villages can use TIF. He said TIF was not intended

as an economic development tool, but has been misused by some cities and villages for that purpose.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha also expressed concern about the proposal. Allowing only areas classified as substandard and blighted to be eligible for TIF guards against misuse, he said.

“If we have constitutional language that is being circumvented by entities, don’t change the constitution – change their conduct,” Chambers said. He suggested that lawmakers consider changing state law rather than the constitution if they have concerns about TIF misuse.

Chambers offered and later withdrew a motion to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

LR29CA advanced to select file 31-0.

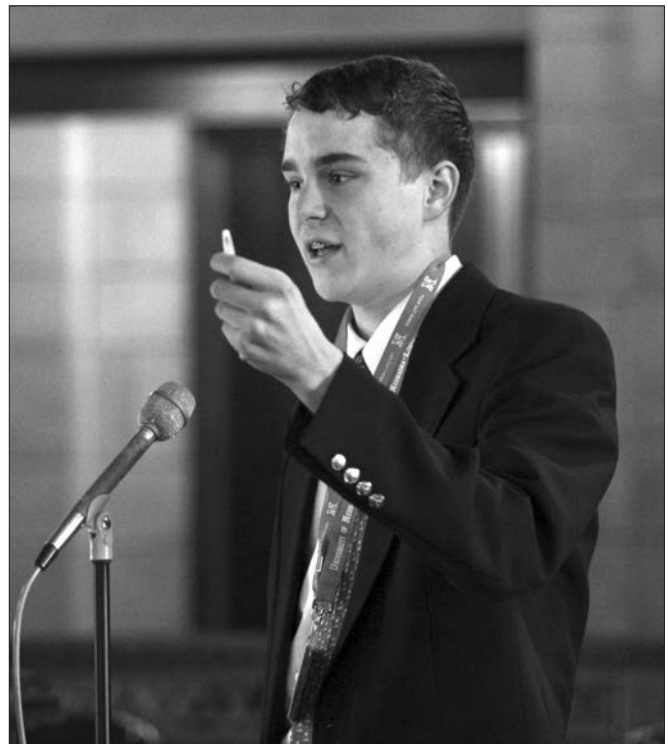
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Early-bird registration is available until April 1. Registration and scholarship application forms can be obtained from NebraskaLegislature.gov/uyl or bigredcamps.unl.edu. The registration deadline is May 15.



NEW BILLS

Bill Introducer One-line description

Jan. 13, 2014

LB821	Lautenbaugh	Provide a public benefits exemption for burial or cremation of an unclaimed body
LB822	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to sexual assault of a child in the second and third degree
LB823	Lautenbaugh	Terminate metropolitan utilities districts on January 1, 2015
LB824	Lautenbaugh	Change workers' compensation temporary disability provisions
LB825	Lautenbaugh	Require Open Meeting Act compliance by boards and subcommittees subject to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act
LB826	McCoy	Provide for a study relating to education incentives for high-need occupations
LB827	Harms	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB828	Seiler	Authorize court acceptance of certain criminal waivers and pleas
LB829	Schumacher	Exempt separately stated postage charges from sales and use taxes
LB830	Christensen	Authorize special permits to certain vehicle dealers in adjacent states
LB831	Christensen	Provide a requirement relating to coverage of medical equipment and prohibit unreasonable delays relating to preapproval of coverage
LB832	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to reductions in sentence, change good-time provisions, and provide for earned time
LB833	Dubas	Change selection provisions for county surveyors
LB834	Avery	Change provisions relating to funding for school breakfast programs
LB835	Avery	Extend a pilot project relating to college entrance exams
LB836	Performance Audit	Provide and change provisions relating to legislative findings for tax incentive programs
LB837	Performance Audit	Change a provision relating to preaudits by state agencies
LB838	Sullivan	Change dates relating to certifications and distribution of state aid to schools
LB839	Janssen	Extend the effective period for a continuing lien for a garnishment in aid of execution
LB840	Haar	Require rules and regulations for mandatory water well permits in management areas
LB841	Hadley	Change sales and use tax provisions relating to all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, and distribution of revenue
LB842	Davis	Change provisions relating to allocations to the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund
LB843	Johnson	Change provisions relating to membership on the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
LB844	Schilz	Extend the termination date of the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act
LB845	Schilz	Provide for regulation of meteorological evaluation towers
LB846	Davis	To create the brand inspection service area for brand inspection fees and stray disposition
LB847	Hadley	Provide for fees for copies of motor vehicle accident reports
LB848	Harr	Provide financial assistance under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act for the development and acquisition of low-income housing
LB849	Harr	Redefine automobile liability policy relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act
LB850	Watermeier	Provide a homestead exemption for individuals with developmental disabilities
LB851	Hadley	Change revenue and taxation provisions and provisions on nonresident owners under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act
LB852	Crawford	Change provisions relating to asbestos regulation
LB853	McGill	Change and rename the Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act
LB854	Krist	Prohibit issuance of a long-term care request for proposals before September 1, 2015
LB855	Wallman	Change provisions for formation and operation of cemetery associations
LB856	Wallman	Require water well metering relating to hydraulic fracturing
LB857	Bloomfield	Change application provisions under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act regarding members of the armed forces to include spouses of such members
LB858	Howard	Provide requirements relating to pharmacists and health care services in health insurance
LB859	Krist	Change provisions for onsite vaccinations at certain health care facilities
LB860	Nordquist	Adopt health insurance requirements relating to dollar limits, rescissions, preexisting conditions, and dependents
LB861	Karpisek	Prohibit use and distribution of vapor products and other products derived from tobacco as prescribed and provide an exception and provide penalties
LB862	Lathrop	Change the amount recoverable under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act
LB863	Karpisek	Eliminate certain election provisions under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB864	Mello	Allocate funds to the Early Childhood Education Grant Program
LB865	Smith	Eliminate certain taxing authority of learning communities and change state aid calculations
LB866	Karpisek	Provide for appointment of two additional members to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
LB867	Hadley	Change provisions relating to review of sales and use tax information by municipalities
LB868	Karpisek	Prohibit peace officers from using government-issued equipment for private employment
LB869	Gloor	Change and transfer provisions on prescriptions and controlled substances
LB870	Bolz	Adopt the Public Debt Recovery Program Act
LR396	Johnson	Congratulate the Wahoo High School softball team for winning the 2013 Class C state championship
LR397CA	Lautenbaugh	Constitutional amendment to require public recording and preservation of votes of public officials
LR398	Johnson	Congratulate Kristi Bundy for being named the 2014 Nebraska Teacher of the Year

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LB871	Harr	Require creation of fiscal notes as prescribed
LB872	Kolowski	Create the position of state school security director and provide duties
LB873	Larson	Create a fund and appropriate and transfer funds for the Game and Parks Commission
LB874	Larson	Appropriate funds to the Game and Parks Commission
LB875	Howard	Change provisions relating to long-term insurance
LB876	Howard	Prohibit exclusions of coverage for injury or damage from carbon monoxide or other gas exposure
LB877	Harr	Change provisions relating to use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony
LB878	Seiler	Change provisions relating to wrongful death actions
LB879	Christensen	Provide for a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a school
LB880	Harms	Require notice of debit and preauthorization hold amounts as prescribed and provide for a violation to be a deceptive trade practice
LB881	Watermeier	Change provisions relating to death, injury, or property damage to innocent third parties as a result of a police vehicular pursuit
LB882	Haar	Change duties of the Climate Assessment Response Committee
LB883	Nordquist	Eliminate a termination date on coverage requirements for anticancer medication
LB884	Hansen	Name and change the Exotic Animal Auctions and Swap Meets Act and change the Livestock Auction Market Act
LB885	Harr	Require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for tax purposes
LB886	Harr	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Condominium Act
LB887	Campbell	Adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act
LB888	Murante	Provide for changing the hours for sale of alcohol
LB889	Dubas	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for emergency medical services training and licensure
LB890	Dubas	Change provisions relating to procedures for acquiring private property for public use
LB891	Dubas	Appropriate funds to the Legislative Council to pay dues under the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
LB892	Smith	Change enforcement provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act
LB893	Seiler	Change the amount recoverable under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act
LB894	Harr	Change provisions relating to applying for property tax exemptions
LB895	Scheer	Change compensation rate for certain volunteers under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB896	Carlson	Change provisions of the Erosion and Sediment Control Act
LB897	Cook	Provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients
LB898	Performance Audit	Require reports for public benefit programs delivery system
LB899	Karpisek	Define hard cider under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB900	Janssen	Change a Nebraska Uniform Trust Code provision governing charitable trusts
LB901	McGill	Provide for psychology internships through the Behavioral Health Education Center
LR399	Wightman	Recommend the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform
LR400	Dubas	Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to be known as the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature
LR401	McGill	Congratulate Scott Michael Wenzl on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR402	Larson	Congratulate the O'Neill Mean Green girls' softball team for winning the 2013 Nebraska Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch 16-Under Class C State championship
LR403	Larson	Congratulate the Crofton High School boys' and girls' cross country teams for winning their 2013 Class D Boys State and Girls State cross country championships

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LB902	Crawford	Exempt military retirement income from state income taxation
LB903	Lathrop	Require a wage statement for employees under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act
LB904	Kolowski	Create an endowment fund to provide grants for a black history museum and center
LB905	Speaker Adams	Provide for deficit appropriations
LB906	Speaker Adams	Transfer funds and create and eliminate funds
LB907	Ashford	Provide for supervised release, reentry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change presentence investigations and good time provisions
LB908	Coash	Change child guardianship, ward, and adoption for child out of wedlock provisions
LB909	Kintner	Require state agencies to submit to the Legislative Performance Audit Committee a list of certain rules and regulations and legislation requiring the rules and regulations
LB910	Dubas	Require notice from state or local law enforcement to lienholders or mortgagees of abandoned motor vehicles
LB911	Dubas	Adopt the Nebraska 911 Act and create the Next-Generation 911 Advisory Council
LB912	Kolowski	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act
LB913	Kolowski	Provide an income tax credit for property taxes paid
LB914	Karpisek	Provide for a limited bottling endorsement under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB915	Crawford	Provide for a person to accept city or village notices for mortgage foreclosure or trust deed default

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB916	Crawford	Eliminate integrated practice agreements and change provisions regarding nurse practitioners
LB917	McCoy	Provide procedures for donation of real property to the Northeast Community College Area
LB918	Nordquist	Change provisions relating to investments for certain defined contribution plans
LB919	Mello	Create the Open Data Advisory Board
LB920	Coash	Adopt the Public Guardianship Act
LB921	Nordquist	Prohibit possession, sale, offer for sale, trade, or distribution of shark fins
LB922	Christensen	Change qualification provisions under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act
LB923	McGill	Require training on suicide awareness and prevention for school personnel
LB924	McGill	Redefine terms under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act
LB925	Coash	Provide for transfer of motor vehicle registration duties to county treasurers
LB926	Howard	Change provisions relating to rules and regulations of the Department of Insurance
LB927	Nordquist	Provide that judges retirement fees cannot be waived
LB928	State-Tribal Relations Committee	Change provisions of the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act
LB929	Gloor	Define a term with respect to cities of the first class police officers' and firefighters' retirement
LB930	Watermeier	Require an operator's presence at an excavation under the One-Call Notification System Act
LB931	Bolz	Adopt the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act
LB932	Avery	Restrict public employer requests for criminal history information from an applicant
LR404	Larson	Congratulate the St. Mary's High School volleyball team for winning the Class D-1 state championship
LR405	Avery	Congratulate Matthew Michael Sievert for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR406	Kolowski	Congratulate the Skutt Catholic High School football team for winning the 2013 Class B state championship
LR407	Howard	Extend sympathy to the family of Donna McGrath

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LB933	McGill	Change provisions and define and redefine terms relating to labor trafficking and sex trafficking
LB934	McGill	Establish the position of Coordinator of Human Trafficking Prevention and provide duties
LB935	Gloor	Require legislative approval to move state services
LB936	Bolz	Create and provide duties for the State Ward Permanency Pilot Project
LB937	Karpisek	Change the quorum requirement for county boards
LB938	Janssen	Provide an income tax credit to individuals who pay a federal health insurance penalty
LB939	Wallman	Create the offense of false presentation of proof of financial responsibility under the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act
LB940	Schilz	Create the Water Sustainability Fund and transfer cash reserve funds
LB941	Schilz	Provide for a dairy growth study
LB942	Schilz	Change provisions relating to packers under the Competitive Livestock Markets Act
LB943	Nordquist	Change the minimum wage rate
LB944	Bolz	State intent relating to funding for early childhood services
LB945	Davis	Provide procedures for aid to political subdivisions from the Governor's Emergency Program
LB946	Murante	Change provisions relating to elections
LB947	Lathrop	Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities
LB948	Karpisek	Change catering license fees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB949	Business & Labor	Approve claims against the state
LB950	Business & Labor	Deny claims against the state
LB951	Lautenbaugh	Change lump-sum settlement provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB952	Lautenbaugh	Adopt the Working to Improve Nebraska Schools Act
LB953	Howard	Adopt the Health Information Initiative Act and provide funding
LB954	Dubas	Change rotating or flashing light provisions for certain vehicles
LB955	Dubas	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Act
LB956	Conrad	Increase the earned income tax credit
LB957	Christensen	Require certain oil and gas exploration findings to be a public record
LB958	Cook	Provide for appointment of a student achievement coordinator
LB959	Carlson	Provide a permit application exemption for certain water storage reservoirs
LB960	Carlson	Change inheritance tax rates
LB961	Cook	Change exclusive remedy provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB962	Brasch	Change provisions relating to personal property exemptions in cases of attachment, execution, or sale
LB963	Brasch	Change provisions relating to personal property exemptions in cases of forced sale on execution
LB964	Brasch	Provide a homestead exemption for claimants under sixty-five years of age and not married
LB965	Haar	Change public policy provisions and findings required by the Nebraska Power Review Board relating to the provision of electric service
LB966	Davis	Change provisions relating to the averaging adjustment in the state aid to schools formula
LB967	Education	Change provisions relating to state aid to schools and funding for early childhood education programs
LB968	Scheer	Provide additional powers for certain sanitary and improvement districts

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB969	Sullivan	Change a limitation on appropriations for special education programs and support services
LB970	Lautenbaugh	Provide that certain votes of public officials are public record
LB971	Kolowski	Change and eliminate provisions relating to stacking of insurance coverage
LR408	Schilz	Congratulate Melvin Meierhenry on his 83rd birthday
LR409	Carlson	Recognize August 26, 2014, as Lineworker Appreciation Day in Nebraska
LR410	Carlson	Extend sympathy to the family of Ron Bishop
LR411CA	Karpisek	Authorize municipalities and counties to exercise powers in matters of local concern and to eliminate home rule charters
LR412	Hansen	Recognize November 2014 as Nebraska Caregivers Month

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LB972	Lautenbaugh	Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act
LB973	Harr	Change and eliminate provisions relating to classification of school districts
LB974	Mello	Provide duties for certain divisions of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to budgeting and strategic planning
LB975	Murante	Change provisions for filling vacancies in the Legislature and Board of Regents
LB976	Karpisek	Adopt the Redistricting Act
LB977	Conrad	Change provisions relating to standard of care for corporate trustees regarding governmental retirement and pension funds
LB978	Harr	Authorize funding for on-bill payment programs under the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act
LB979	Harr	Change provisions relating to tax sales for delinquent property taxes
LB980	Johnson	Change provisions relating to termination of a township board
LB981	Dubas	Change commercial motor vehicle provisions relating to falsified information, medical examinations, texting, and use of handheld mobile telephones
LB982	Dubas	Redefine the terms all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle
LB983	Dubas	Change provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits
LB984	Sullivan	Change allocations from the Education Innovation Fund
LB985	Davis	Provide standing to natural resources districts and provide requirements for water appropriations
LR413	Davis	Request the United States Department of Agriculture immediately withdraw its proposed rule entitled "Importation of Beef from a Region in Brazil"



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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Tuesday, January 21

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

LB668 (Hadley) Provide for extinguishment of a lien or security interest as prescribed
LB687 (Christensen) Change application procedures for real estate licenses
LB712 (Gloor) Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions
LB714 (Gloor) Eliminate provisions relating to forged, altered, or raised checks under the Nebraska Banking Act
LB788 (Schumacher) Provide for governmental unit bond priority and rename the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB781 (Harms) Change a date relating to a community college area comprehensive audit
LB740 (Crawford) Provide residency requirements for postsecondary education purposes for veterans and their family members
LB725 (Sullivan) Change provisions relating to local effort rate yield under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB838 (Sullivan) Change dates relating to certifications and distribution of state aid to schools

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

LB757 (Smith) Create a mailbox location exception and repeal an obsolete road numbering system requirement
LB758 (Smith) Change duties relating to registration certificates for trailers
LB776 (Hadley) Adopt and update references to certain federal provisions related to motor vehicles
LB777 (Hadley) Change license renewal and issuance provisions under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB679 (Mello) Change notice requirements relating to zoning, redevelopment projects, and neighborhood associations

LB791 (McGill) Authorize cities of the first and second class and villages to borrow from state-chartered or federally chartered financial institutions
LB801 (Urban Affairs) Change procedures relating to declarations of nuisances in certain cities
LB802 (Urban Affairs) Eliminate provisions for adopting future amendments of certain standard codes
LB803 (Urban Affairs) Change veto power provisions for mayors of first and second class cities

Wednesday, January 22

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

Appointment: Bohac, Daryl L. - Military Department
LB772 (Davis) Increase expenditure amount for Adjutant General for aerial fire suppression or hazardous material response
LB766 (Bloomfield) Change tuition assistance program provisions for National Guard members
LB806 (Avery) Change provisions of the Military Code relating to Military Department personnel

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB660 (Krist) Provide for extension of a pilot project and a contract relating to case management
LB790 (Howard) Require training for case managers as prescribed
LB853 (McGill) Change and rename the Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB769 (Crawford) Change provisions relating to military parents under the Parenting Act
LB748 (Avery) Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
LB730 (Kolowski) Change reporting provisions under the Child Protection Act
LB672 (Chambers) Provide a duty for attorneys and counselors

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Goodwin, Robert P. - Neb. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Appointment: Wistrom, Tim - Neb. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Appointment: Haase, Chuck D. - Neb. Power Review Board
LB699 (Larson) Change provisions relating to hunting permits and hunter education programs

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.

LB713 (Gloor) Change state investment officer provisions relating to time deposit open accounts and limits on total deposits
LB759 (Mello) Require annual reports from various defined benefit retirement plans

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Conroy, Kim - Dept. of Revenue
LB681 (Mello) Change provisions relating to land banks and tax sales for delinquent property taxes
LB739 (Hadley) Update references to the Internal Revenue Code
LB851 (Hadley) Change revenue and taxation provisions and provisions on nonresident owners under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act

Thursday, January 23

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

LB661 (Krist) Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records
LB662 (Krist) Provide and change requirements for voter identification
LB663 (Krist) Change provisions for elections conducted by mail

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB690 (Bolz) Create the Aging Nebraskans Task Force and require a grant application
LB843 (Johnson) Change provisions relating to membership on the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

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LB695 (K. Haar) Require an affidavit relating to radon levels at a child care location

LB711 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to contamination of property by clandestine drug labs

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB707 (Conrad) Change provisions and procedures relating to sexual assault, stalking, domestic assault, and use of an electronic communication device and to create the offense of harassment

LB706 (B. Harr) Change provisions relating to sexual assault, child abuse, sexually explicit conduct, and child pornography and to provide for forfeiture of property as prescribed

LB822 (Lautenbaugh) Change provisions relating to sexual assault of a child in the second and third degree

LB752 (Lathrop) Change certain assault provisions

LB828 (Seiler) Authorize court acceptance of certain criminal waivers and pleas

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Morehouse, Rick - Neb. Power Review Board

LB762 (Christensen) Change provisions relating to integrated management plans

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB697 (Larson) Require publication of a statewide list of tax-delinquent properties

LB733 (Schumacher) Adopt the Mass Assessment Act for valuation of real property for ad valorem tax purposes

LB867 (Hadley) Change provisions relating to review of sales and use tax information by municipalities

Friday, January 24

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

LB718 (Crawford) Change procedures for adoption of rules and regulations and require publication of certain information

LB719 (Crawford) Provide a report requirement for the adoption of rules and regulations

LB744 (Avery) Establish the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB665 (Krist) Change the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

LB859 (Krist) Change provisions for onsite vaccinations at certain health care facilities

LB869 (Gloor) Change and transfer provisions on prescriptions and controlled substances

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB780 (Wightman) Change provisions relating to transfer on death deeds

LB796 (B. Harr) Provide for disposition of a tenant's personal property upon death

LB693 (Seiler) Change succession of real property for small estates

LB775 (Seiler) Provide for disclosure of a decedent's financial information as prescribed

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Dahab, Mohamed F. - Environmental Quality Council

Appointment: Dilsaver, John Edward - Environmental Quality Council

LB844 (Schilz) Extend the termination date of the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Salmon, Nancy - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

LB675 (Chambers) Eliminate the property tax exemption for religious organizations

Monday, January 27

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB815 (Murante) Change provisions relating to fiduciary accounts controlled by a trust department

LB819 (Wightman) Change provisions relating to future advances on mortgages or trust deeds

LB717 (Gloor) Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser

Act and professional qualifications

LB684 (Christensen) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act

LB685 (Christensen) Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act

Business & Labor

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB932 (Avery) Restrict public employer requests for criminal history information from an applicant

LB895 (Scheer) Change compensation rate for certain volunteers under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

LB820 (Davis) Authorize the Governor to execute a compact for prevention and control of forest fires and provide employment status for certain volunteer firefighters

LB824 (Lautenbaugh) Change workers' compensation temporary disability provisions

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB741 (Murante) Require schools to have a policy relating to tornado drills as prescribed

LB782 (Lathrop) Establish a return-to-learn protocol for students who have sustained a concussion

LB923 (McGill) Require training on suicide awareness and prevention for school personnel

LB872 (Kolowski) Create the position of state school security director and provide duties

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB680 (Mello) Amend the State Electrical Act and update the reference to the National Electrical Code

LB771 (Wallman) Change length of certification period under the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act

LB855 (Wallman) Change provisions for formation and operation of cemetery associations

LB861 (Karpisek) Prohibit use and distribution of vapor products and other products derived from tobacco as prescribed and provide an exception and provide penalties

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

Appointment: Fagerland, Jerome - State Highway Commission

Appointment: Leafgreen, Doug - State Highway Commission

Appointment: Books, Ronald - State Highway Commission

Appointment: Militti, Jr., E.J. - State Highway Commission

LB911 (Dubas) Adopt the Nebraska 911 Act and create the Next-Generation 911 Advisory Council

LB736 (Dubas) Change the service of notice provision in the One-Call Notification System Act

Tuesday, January 28

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

LB755 (Gloor) Adopt the Standard Valuation Act for valuation of insurance reserves

LB700 (Schumacher) Adopt the Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Act

LB715 (Gloor) Add definitions relating to insurance

LB688 (Christensen) Change provisions relating to cease and desist orders of the Director of Insurance

LB799 (Carlson) Change a filing requirement for insurance companies

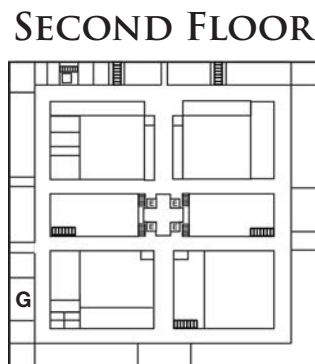
Wednesday, January 29

Health & Human Services Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB887 (Campbell) Adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act

HEARING ROOMS

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



PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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Federal & State Holidays

January 1 – New Year’s Day
 January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 17 – Presidents’ Day
 April 25 – Arbor Day

Legislative Recess Days

February 14
 March 3, 14, 17, 28
 April 4, 11, 14, 15, 16

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