

Gov. notes challenges, calls for tax relief



Gov. Pete Ricketts delivers his State of the State address to senators and guests Jan. 10.

With a focus on encouraging economic development, providing tax relief and streamlining government, Gov. Pete Ricketts delivered his State of the State address Jan. 10.

Calling the state's situation "strong and growing," the governor pointed to several examples of the economy's strength. The state has seen significant foreign and domestic investment, he said, and reached record employment last year. In addition, he said, Nebraska recently was ranked the fourth best state for business.

"Last year, Nebraska won the Governor's Cup for most economic development projects per capita of any state in the country," he said. "Nebraska had more qualified projects than North Dakota, South Dakota and Kansas combined."

In spite of these developments, Ricketts said revenues continue to lag behind forecasts. As a result, he said, lawmakers need to once again balance the state's budget without raising taxes.

The governor said his mid-biennium budget proposal will include across-the-board reductions of 2 percent in the current fiscal year and 4 percent in the next. However, the

proposal also will include targeted investments to address specific problems, including a troubling increase in the number of children entering the state's child welfare system.

"In this budget, I am recommending an additional \$35 million to Child Welfare and Public Assistance for this year and next," Ricketts said. "We must take care of our children."

In addition, the governor said, Nebraska should focus on cutting and reforming taxes as a key to economic growth. The state has the 11th highest property taxes in the country, he said, and Nebraskans need and expect tax relief.

Ricketts said his tax proposal would restructure existing property tax credits as a refundable credit on state taxes to ensure that Nebraskans – rather than absentee landowners – benefit. The proposal also would permanently reduce the state's individual and corporate income tax rates, he said, and provide \$10 million over two years for workforce development.

"We can bring relief to Nebraska's families and businesses and help continue to grow our state. It is critical that we get the job done on tax relief this session."

The governor said Nebraska also will continue to streamline government services and reduce red tape in an effort to make it more effective and efficient. Doing so signals that the state is "open for business," he said.

Ricketts noted that challenges remain, but said the state has a history of cooperating to overcome difficulties. He praised senators for working together in the previous session to address issues important to Nebraskans and encouraged them to continue to do so.

"For over 150 years, Nebraskans have always come together for a cause bigger than themselves. We will draw upon their strength this year to address the priorities of our people." ■

APPROPRIATIONS

Federal fund reporting requirement advanced

Senators advanced a bill from general file Jan. 8 that would require annual reporting of federal funds received by state agencies that participate in the state budgeting process.

LB611, introduced last session by Gering Sen. John Stinner, would require that reports be submitted to the state Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by Sept. 15 of each year that a budget request is due.



Sen. John Stinner

Stinner said that federal funds comprised approximately 30 percent of the state's total budget in the last fiscal year. Requiring state agencies to provide more complete information regarding those funds would improve lawmakers' ability to plan and prioritize, he said.

"The intent behind this legislation is to provide a reporting mechanism to the state to hedge against fiscal stress further down the road," he said. "As

legislators, it is imperative that we understand the complexities that often surround federal programs and foresee any unintended consequences."

Under the bill, reports would include:

- the aggregate value of federal funds received in the previous fiscal year and the amount of those funds appropriated by the Legislature;
- the percentage of the agency's total budget constituted by federal funds;
- any requirement for a state match or promises made by the entity on condition of receipt of federal funds;
- the statutory objective that is being met by receipt of federal funds;
- an operating plan in the event that federal funds are reduced between 10 and 25 percent from the previous year;
- a second operating plan if federal funds are reduced by more than 25 percent; and
- a detailed list of federal funds with a foreseeable end date.

An Appropriations Committee amendment, adopted 26-10, excluded the University of Nebraska and the

state college system from the bill's provisions. The amendment also clarified that the bill would require that plans be submitted to DAS only.

Stinner said the amendment would reduce the bill's fiscal note by approximately \$630,000, down to roughly \$130,000 in the first fiscal year and \$156,000 in the second.

The university and state colleges receive thousands of federal grants, he said, and much of the information outlined in the bill already is reported by those entities.

Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford supported the bill and the amendment, saying it is important to see where Nebraska could be missing out on available federal funds. The state currently is 47th in per capita federal spending, she said.

"It is critical for us – for our planning – to make sure we understand the sources of [federal] funds and obligations of those funds," Crawford said, adding that the state needs to be sure that it is getting the "most bang for our buck" when it comes to investments.

Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher supported the bill's provisions requiring state agency operational plans in the event of a loss of federal funds.

"The federal government has just

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committed to \$1.5 trillion less in revenue,” Schumacher said, “And we know that if sanity prevails in D.C. to any degree, they’re going to try to mitigate that \$1.5 trillion loss by cutting money that is flowing to the states.”

Nebraska needs to be prepared, he said, and should have operating plans in place that will indicate to lawmakers how big a cushion the state will need if those federal funds are cut.

Sen. John Kuehn of Heartwell spoke in opposition, calling LB611 unnecessary. He said the information sought by the bill’s provisions is readily available through the Legislature’s fiscal office and the DAS website.

If senators have questions and concerns about the use of federal funds, he said, they should start by obtaining and aggregating existing information rather than creating another layer of bureaucracy.

Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk noted that no bill with a general fund impact will move beyond the second round of debate this session. The state is facing a \$200 million projected budget shortfall, he said, adding that he cannot “in good conscience” allow senators to consider passing any measure that requires general funds for its implementation.

After adopting the committee amendment, senators advanced LB611 to select file on a 28-11 vote.

BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE



Installment loan interest rate increase stalls

Lawmakers voted to indefinitely postpone a bill Jan. 10 that would increase the interest rate that licensees may charge under the Nebraska

Installment Loan Act.

Currently, a licensee may charge a borrower a maximum annual interest rate of 24 percent on the first \$1,000 of an unpaid principal balance, and 21 percent on the remaining unpaid balance.

LB384, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, would raise the cap to a single rate of 29 percent annually.



Sen. Brett Lindstrom

Lindstrom said the interest rate cap has not been changed in state law since 1984 and the number of installment loan company locations in Nebraska has fallen from 39 in 2005 to 10 in 2016.

“State licensed and examined installment loan lenders with ‘brick and mortar’ locations are disappearing in the face of growth in online, out-of-state, unlicensed installment loan lenders,” he said, noting that online lenders can charge higher interest rates and do not have the same operating costs as businesses located in Nebraska.

Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams said he supports the bill even though it allows for an “extremely high” interest rate, because installment loan companies provide an important option for borrowers who choose to utilize them.

“I’m pleased to support something that doesn’t take away a choice [from] an individual of where they would choose to borrow money,” he said.

Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus opposed the bill, calling the 29 percent interest rate that it would authorize “usury.” The spread between the prime interest rate and the maximum rate that installment companies may charge has doubled since the 1980s, he said.

“There’s been no demonstrable evidence that this extra ability to extract the market position that these people have is needed,” Schumacher said.

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers also opposed the bill, saying individuals who avail themselves of installment loan companies already have constrained options. The bill’s 29 percent interest rate would not be in the best interest of the public at large, he said.

“I could not, in good conscience, agree to a bill like this,” Chamber said, before offering a motion to indefinitely postpone LB384.

The motion was adopted on a 19-17 vote, ending consideration of the bill for the session. A simple majority of those voting was required.

JUDICIARY



State ban on ivory sales fails to advance

A bill that would prohibit the sale and trade of ivory in Nebraska failed to advance from general file Jan. 11.

Under LB39, introduced by Omaha Sen. Burke Harr, a person involved in selling, trading, bartering or offering ivory for sale would be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor,



Sen. Burke Harr

which carries a penalty of up to six months in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

Harr said the sale of ivory already is banned by the federal government, but federal agencies tasked with enforcing the ban often are overloaded with other work. LB39 would mirror and codify the federal regulations in state law and make it easier to prosecute violators, he said.

“All we’re doing is providing a local mechanism for enforcing a regulation that already exists through federal regulations and international treaties

we've signed," Harr said.

A Judiciary Committee amendment, adopted 25-7, specified several items that would be exempt from the bill's provisions.

Musical instruments containing ivory would be allowed if the ivory makes up no more than 20 percent of the instrument, it is an integral component of the instrument, it accounts for no more than 50 percent of the instrument's value and the instrument was made before 1975. Antiques at least 100 years old also would be exempt under such conditions.

The bill would not apply to firearms, knives and their component parts. Additionally, any item that is acquired or distributed to an educational or scientific institution would be exempt.

Any item confiscated under LB39 that is not required as evidence in a criminal proceeding could be donated to an educational or scientific institution. If donation is not feasible, a judge could order that the ivory be destroyed or placed in storage.

Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran opposed the bill, saying the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has found no significant evidence of an illegal ivory trade in the U.S. The bill would do nothing to discourage illegal poaching, he said, but it would unfairly target Nebraskans.

"Every legitimate hunter abhors the act of poaching," Halloran said. "This is only going to discourage legal trophy hunting and divert the fees from being taken and actively used to combat poaching."

Imposing a strict ban on ivory sales and trade in the state could have the opposite effect of the bill's intent, said Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen.

"From my perspective, as we try to make things stricter here and limit the availability of ivory ... you run into a situation where it's seized and you've

lowered the supply, so to speak, and create more of a demand for ivory," he said.

Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus expressed concern that a person might buy something and not realize it contained illegal ivory. He introduced an amendment to the committee amendment to change the language to apply penalties only to those who "knowingly purchase" such items. The burden of proof then would be on the prosecutor to show that a person had intentionally purchased an item that would be banned by the bill.

The amendment was adopted 25-5.

The bill failed to advance on a 19-9 vote. Twenty-five votes were needed for advancement. LB39 remains on general file.

Handgun permit fee increase stalls

Lawmakers voted to indefinitely postpone a bill Jan. 9 that would increase the cost of handgun permits.

LB81, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood, would increase the \$5 permit fee to \$25. Blood said the number of permit requests has increased as much as 400 percent in the last 10 years, but the counties' processing fee has remained unchanged for 25 years.

"The crux of this issue is making sure counties have the resources they need to follow the laws [that the Legislature] has set forward," she said. "This is not a bill taking aim at law-abiding gun owners or trying to place undue pressure on them."

Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha supported the bill. He said the increased fee is reasonable and would not restrict any person's access to owning

a firearm.

"Just because you have a right, it doesn't mean you don't have to pay a fee, as long as it's reasonable," Harr said.

Lincoln Sen. Mike Hilgers, in opposition to the bill, said that increasing the permit fee could prevent some people from owning a firearm. LB81 would place an unreasonable burden on people who want to exercise their constitutionally protected rights, he said.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha disagreed, saying there is precedent for charging fees or taxes on the exercise of constitutional rights. The government can charge property taxes on a home even though the right to own a home is protected under the Constitution, he said.

Chambers said the bill was an example of a necessary fee, whose increase he would support.

Bayard Sen. Steve Erdman filed an amendment to require the state to pay all permit fees, including the increased fee proposed by the bill. He called LB81 an unfunded mandate that would place an undue burden on counties.

"If we're going to require the county to carry this out, [the state] should pay for it," Erdman said. "Let's discontinue putting unfunded mandates on our counties and cities."

The amendment failed on a 16-26 vote.

Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne said that extending the length of the permit would ease the financial strain of a fee increase. He introduced an amendment, adopted 36-10, that would extend the permit renewal period from every three years to every five years.

After several hours of debate, Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill introduced a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. The motion was adopted on a 27-17 vote, ending consideration of the bill for the session.



Sen. Carol Blood

Privacy restrictions for automatic license-plate readers advanced

A bill meant to protect the privacy of Nebraskans whose license plate numbers are recorded by some government-operated cameras advanced from general file Jan 10.

Introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, LB93 would restrict how law enforcement agencies and other government entities gather and share data from automatic license-plate readers, which are mobile or fixed cameras used in combination with computer algorithms to turn license plate images into computer-readable data.



Sen. Matt Hansen

Hansen said the systems could benefit law enforcement agencies by allowing them to scan large amounts of traffic but that they also could be used to amass data on citizens' day-to-day movements. The Legislature should restrict the storage and use of that data before the technology is widely adopted by Nebraska law enforcement agencies, he said.

"Protecting the privacy rights of our citizens should be one of the government's highest concerns," Hansen said, "especially in today's world of large scale personal data and personal data breaches such as those that occurred with Equifax and Target."

The bill would allow government entities to use automatic license-plate readers only to identify vehicles that are associated with a missing person, registered to someone with an outstanding warrant, relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation or reported as stolen. Parking enforcement agencies could use the systems to identify vehicles with outstanding parking or traffic violations, enforce secured areas, assist

weigh stations or collect tolls.

Senators voted 32-0 to adopt a Judiciary Committee amendment that would prevent agencies from storing the captured data—including photographs of license plates, GPS coordinates and time and date information—for more than 60 days unless it is used as evidence or if it is subject to a preservation request or the subject of a warrant, subpoena or court order.

Governmental entities or criminal defendants could request a court order for the disclosure of captured plate data, which would be granted if they can offer facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe the data is relevant to a criminal or civil action.

Agencies using automatic license plate readers would be required to adopt and post a privacy policy and a policy governing use of the systems, and they would be required to report annually to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on their use.

LB93 advanced to select file on a 35-0 vote.

Greater bankruptcy exemptions advanced

Senators advanced a bill from general file Jan. 8 that would expand bankruptcy exemption provisions that were last modified 20 years ago.

Currently, a person may exempt up to \$2,500 of personal property when filing for bankruptcy or resolving a creditor judgment. LB105, introduced by Bancroft Sen. Lydia Brasch, would increase that exemption to \$5,000.



Sen. Lydia Brasch

While bankruptcy should come with accountability, Brasch said, it should not mean destitution for in-

dividuals and families who still must support themselves.

"Debtors should be able to exempt at least as much personal property as they did in 1997," she said. "The longer the Legislature goes without updating the exemptions, the less the debtors will be allowed to keep for essential needs because of inflation."

LB105 additionally would increase an exemption for household items from \$1,500 to \$3,000 and an exemption for business tools and equipment from \$2,400 to \$5,000. The bill also would provide an exemption for a debtor's interest in a motor vehicle for up to \$5,000.

Omaha Sen. Bob Krist supported the bill, saying that adjusting the exemption limits for inflation is common sense.

"This is something we can do to help people get back on their feet in a proper and fair way," he said.

Senators advanced the bill to select file 41-0.

Bill would allow transport of firearms on campus for sport shooters

College students competing in additional shooting sports could lawfully transport their firearms on campus under a bill discussed by lawmakers Jan. 9 and 10.

Firearms currently are prohibited from the grounds and buildings on the state's college and university campuses. School-sponsored rifle team members are exempt from this ban as long as their weapons are safely transported and stored.

LB321, introduced by Kearney Sen. John Lowe, would accommodate additional teams that compete in other shooting



Sen. John Lowe

sports by removing “rifle” from the team description in state statute.

Lowe said colleges and universities throughout the state have shown increasing interest in offering more shooting sports teams, including trap shooting and skeet shooting.

“This would ensure that when a school decides to have a sports team that uses firearms other than a rifle, they’d be able to safely secure those weapons on campus,” he said.

Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher filed an amendment to change the bill’s wording to cover “college or university firearm teams.” He said the change would address the original intent of LB321 while clarifying that a member of a university football team could not carry a firearm on campus, for example.

The amendment was adopted 40-1.

Competitive shooting teams help young people develop fundamental skills, said Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer in support of the bill.

“We have young men and women who already have very strict rules for transporting their weapons and their ability to perform is based on if they can safely transport their weapons,” he said. “We need to give them a method of moving a shotgun, pistol or [other firearm].”

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha filed several motions to extend debate on the bill, calling it unnecessary and saying it would lead to a greater proliferation of weapons on college and university campuses.

“There should not be organizations sanctioned by a university where there can be drinking and firearms, readily available implements to harm other people,” he said.

After the debate spanned two days, lawmakers proceeded to the next bill on the agenda. LB321 remains on general file.

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

School bus driver permit repeal advanced

A bill intended to simplify licensing requirements for Nebraska school bus drivers advanced from the first round of debate Jan. 11.

Introduced by Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, LB347 would eliminate the requirement for a special \$5 school bus driver permit, which must be renewed annually with the state Department of Motor Vehicles.



Sen. Suzanne Geist

Nebraska is the only state to require such a permit, Geist said, and the state’s adoption of federal requirements for commercial driver licenses in the 1980s made it obsolete. Under current law, school bus drivers must present a medical certificate to the DMV each year to renew the permit.

“The Nebraska Department of Education requires all bus drivers to provide the medical certificate to the school,” Geist said, “which makes the requirements of the school bus permit a duplicate effort and an unnecessary cost to the drivers.”

She said the department will retain authority to regulate school buses and school bus drivers except for the issuance of the federally required CDL and endorsements, which the DMV will handle.

School bus drivers still would be required to undergo a physician’s examination to determine whether they meet physical and mental standards set by the department. Additionally, Geist said, school bus drivers still would be required to take special training classes, and schools would

continue to check drivers’ driving records and criminal histories.

After adopting two technical amendments, senators voted 37-0 to advance LB347 to select file.

Motorcycle helmet repeal stalls

Lawmakers rejected a cloture motion Jan. 10 during first-round debate on a bill that would repeal the state’s motorcycle helmet requirement. A cloture motion is an attempt to cease debate and immediately vote on a bill.

Current state law requires motorcycle and moped riders to wear a protective helmet. LB368, introduced last session by Kearney

Sen. John Lowe, instead would give riders 21 and older the option to wear no helmet but



Sen. John Lowe

would require that eye protection be used. The bill also would prohibit children younger than six years of age from riding a motorcycle or moped.

Lowe said 31 states already have repealed laws requiring all motorcyclists to wear a protective helmet.

“It all starts with the freedom for adults to make their own choices and to decide what kind of risks they’re willing to accept for themselves,” he said.

Crete Sen. Laura Ebke also spoke in favor of the measure, saying the Legislature should not assume it always knows what is best for people.

“We have to start treating people like adults and like they’re smart enough to make decisions for themselves,” Ebke said. “You have the liberty to make mistakes and to try and make good decisions.”

Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams disagreed with that assessment, saying legislators are elected to make public policy that is best for all Nebraskans.

Ultimately the social costs of traumatic motorcycle injuries outweighs the potential benefits that would be enjoyed by motorcyclists, he said.

“It is our job as senators to look at the information, pay attention and at the end of the day, do what we believe is in the best interest of the society we live in,” he said. “It’s our responsibility to make public policy for the 1.9 million [people] in the state, not just those who choose to ride motorcycles.”

Any potential strain on state resources in the case of a traumatic motorcycle accident is a reasonable social cost to preserve citizens’ rights, said Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango.

“We have social costs for a lot of things in our state and communities,” Hughes said. “If we want to avoid the social costs of things that harm us, we should probably also ban alcohol and tobacco.”

Sen. Robert Hilkemann of Omaha filed several amendments in an attempt to delay debate on LB368. He said an American Journal of Surgery study found that motorcyclists not wearing a helmet were more likely to die at the scene of an accident, spend more time in the intensive care unit and pay higher medical costs.

Requiring motorcyclists to wear a helmet to prevent significant injuries is a small price to pay, Hilkemann said.

“I have a motorcycle license and I loved the thrill of riding [my motorcycle] when I had one,” he said. “Wearing a helmet is one of the responsibilities we take when we own a motorcycle in the state of Nebraska.”

After extended debate this week, Lowe offered a motion to invoke cloture on Jan. 10 and vote on the measure. The motion failed on a vote of 30-15. Thirty-three votes were needed.

A failed cloture motion results in debate on a proposal ceasing for the day. LB368 is unlikely to be placed on the agenda again this session. ■

MEET THE SENATOR

Thibodeau does her homework on new job

Not long after Omaha Sen. Theresa Thibodeau was appointed to the Nebraska Legislature last fall, Thibodeau’s daughter Eleanor, a fourth grader studying Nebraska history and government, asked her for help with a question on a homework assignment: What are the duties of a state senator?

Those are the duties Thibodeau threw herself into preparing for during the 75 days between her appointment by Gov. Pete Ricketts in October and the first day of the legislative session on Jan. 3. First she read the Legislature’s rules. Then she brushed up on the Nebraska Constitution. She met with local political leaders and constituents in her north-central Omaha district to ask how she could best represent them in Lincoln.

She also consulted her sister and best friend, Omaha City Councilwoman Aimee Melton. It was while fundraising and scheduling events for Melton’s campaign in 2013 that Thibodeau’s interest in politics grew. Thibodeau said Melton encouraged her to accept the governor’s appointment, and they speak often about how to balance their time between their families, businesses and duties as elected officials.

“Anytime I’m faced with a tough decision, I do ask her for input,” Thibodeau said. “We have great discussions.”

Next, Thibodeau dug into the state’s most recent budget to understand how it works. She said working with budgets is something she learned after opening the Primrose School of La Vista, a day

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Sen. Theresa Thibodeau with her husband Joseph and their children Eleanor, Anna and Joey at Anna’s eighth grade graduation last year.

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care and preschool, in 2014.

“I have to make sure that I can balance my budget at the end of the year and that I’m fiscally responsible and that I can go back to the families at my school and justify the reason for the money that we’re spending,” she said.

Also a board member of the La Vista Community Foundation and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Midlands, as well as a member of the Sarpy County and Greater Omaha chambers of commerce, the senator said her business and nonprofit experience will help her represent her constituents, many of whom are small business owners.

“Being a small business owner myself, I know firsthand the struggles that they go through in trying to not only get their business open but keeping it running,” she said.

Thibodeau and her husband, Joseph, a cardiologist, decided to start Primrose after she chose to stay at home following the birth of their second child. Thibodeau, who stud-

ied developmental psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and spent eight years working in human resources and benefits consulting, wanted to ensure that area families had a day care option like Primrose, which emphasizes preparing kids for school and instilling a love for learning and good citizenship.

Thibodeau is picking up lessons after only a few days of participating in legislative debate. She said debate sometimes lasts longer than it needs to but that voting tends to happen quickly.

“If you’re not paying attention, you can miss a pretty important vote,” she said. “I definitely learned that you really need to focus and pay attention to what’s going on on the microphone and really study what you’re voting on—not only the night before, but days before—so that when you are on the floor you are ready to focus on the debate.”

She said other senators gave her some useful advice: Be your true self.

“Whether we agree or disagree, I will always be honest in my answers and sincere in my intentions,” Thibodeau said. “And I will always explain the ‘why’ behind my answers.”

Thibodeau spent a lot of time preparing for session, but she said she is looking forward to learning much more about how the Legislature works now that the process is underway.

“There’s still a big learning curve there,” she said.

Thibodeau knew she could answer the question about a senator’s duties back in October, but she encouraged Eleanor to do her own research. Since then, Thibodeau, Eleanor and her two other children, Joey and Anna, have had many discussions about her new role and what an honor it is to serve in the Legislature.

“Although it’s a lot of hard work, it’s giving back to the state, it’s giving back to the community—and that’s what we pride our family on doing,” Thibodeau said. “I think I’m teaching them a great lesson.” ■

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NEW BILLS

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LB295A	Smith	Appropriation Bill
LB565A	McCollister	Appropriation Bill
LB876	Kolowski	Change special education reimbursements
LB877	Kolowski	Change provisions related to early childhood education in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB878	Ebke	Provide requirements for testimony by jailhouse informants
LB879	Ebke	Provide for a parenting time summary report
LB880	Hansen	Provide for an early childhood element in a comprehensive plan developed by a city
LB881	Schumacher	Change inheritance tax provisions relating to life insurance proceeds
LB882	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to certain inheritance tax proceedings
LB883	Harr	Provide for appointment of independent counsel to prosecute crimes by state officials or employees and change powers and duties of the Attorney General
LB884	Harr	Change and eliminate provisions relating to county sales and use taxes
LB885	Harr	Change provisions relating to property tax protests
LB886	Morfeld	Protect student journalists' and student media advisers' rights of and freedom of speech and of the press
LB887	Murante	Clarify requirements for exceeding budget limitations under the Nebraska Budget Act
LB888	Wayne	Require schools to post the child abuse and neglect toll-free telephone number
LB889	Wayne	Provide and eliminate duties relating to fire codes
LB890	Wayne	Provide for a fee examination and report relating to the State Fire Marshal
LB891	Pansing Brooks	Prohibit discrimination in the provision of services as prescribed under the Psychology Practice Act
LB892	Howard	Prohibit restraining animals in the event of certain natural or manmade disasters or severe weather events as prescribed
LB893	Wishart	Change seller disclosure statement requirements and provide for restrictions and duties on pet shop owners under the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act
LB894	Crawford	Adopt the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact
LB895	Geist	Change lien and flood-damaged brand provisions relating to motor vehicle certificates of title and change duties and requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles as prescribed
LB896	Geist	Change provisions relating to electronic certificates of title, salvage vehicles, and the electronic dealer services system and Vehicle Title and Registration System maintained by the Department of Motor Vehicles
LB897	Howard	Change medical providers' duties under offense of failure to report injury or violence
LB898	Howard	Require public postsecondary educational institutions to conduct an annual sexual assault climate survey
LB899	Erdman	Provide for an adjustment to the assessed value of destroyed real property
LB900	Bostelman	Adopt and update references to federal law relating to transportation and increase fines for violations of certain motor carrier statutes and regulations
LB901	Bostelman	Require Director of Aeronautics to consult with the Military Department in certain structure permitting decisions
LB902	Bostelman	Authorize the withholding from the public of information regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use
LB903	Linehan	Change provisions relating to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act
LB904	Vargas	Prohibit the charging of certain fees under the Credit Services Organization Act
LB905	Kuehn	Change the burden of proof for certain protests of real property valuations
LB906	Williams	Change provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances
LB907	Baker	Change provisions relating to a sales and use tax exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment
LB908	Baker	Provide a disposal exception for tires used in a building system and eliminate obsolete provisions under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act
LB909	Bostelman	Change motor vehicle titling and registration provisions, assembled and kit vehicle provisions, and the branding of certificates of title as reconstructed or replica
LB910	Bolz	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act and change the funding of the Property Tax Credit Act
LB911	Bolz	Adopt the School District Local Option Income Surtax Act
LB912	McCollister	Provide for posting by public schools of a toll-free telephone number set up to report child abuse and neglect
LB913	McDonnell	Change provisions relating to assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer
LR270CA	Kolowski	Constitutional amendment to reduce the minimum age in the constitutional requirement to provide free instruction

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB914	Riepe	Provide an income tax credit for certain long-term care insurance policy premiums
LB915	Riepe	Change prohibitions on using handheld wireless communication devices or handheld mobile telephones while driving
LB916	Hansen	Prohibit retaliation under the Nebraska Wage Payment Collection Act and the Wage and Hour Act
LB917	Bolz	Change eligibility relating to the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act
LB918	Bolz	Change provisions relating to certain tax incentive programs and job training grants
LB919	Bolz	Adopt the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit Act and change certain taxation and grant provisions
LB920	Bolz	Change provisions relating to a child and dependent care tax credit
LB921	Lowe	Create a licensing exception under the State Electrical Act for certain farm building construction
LB922	Vargas	Adopt the All Kids Health Care Program Act
LB923	Morfeld	Provide immunity for certain law enforcement employees administering naloxone and change provisions relating to immunity for persons reporting or experiencing alcohol overdoses
LB924	Riepe	Change provisions of the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act, the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, and the Uniform Credentialing Act
LB925	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to certain sex crimes and crimes against children
LB926	Crawford	Exempt members of the armed forces on active duty and their spouses from motor vehicle taxes
LB927	Howard	Change provisions relating to juveniles' out-of-home placement, care, and custody
LB928	McDonnell	Change provisions relating to compensation paid upon the death of an employee under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB929	Brewer	State rights of Nebraska National Guard members and provide that a residential address may be withheld from the public
LB930	Hansen	Prohibit use of juveniles' statements made as a result of custodial interrogation
LB931	Howard	Provide requirements for opiate prescriptions
LB932	Howard	Provide discharge planning duties for the medical director of the Department of Correctional Services
LB933	Lindstrom	Provide prescription requirements for certain controlled substances
LB934	Kuehn	Require identification prior to receipt of dispensed opiates
LB935	Performance Audit	Facilitate tax incentive performance audits by requiring certain application materials, reporting, and data retention for certain tax incentive programs
LB936	Performance Audit	Change provisions relating to tax incentive performance audits under the Legislative Performance Audit Act
LB937	Stinner	Change filing fees for appeals to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission
LB938	Stinner	Change provisions relating to the transfer of excess General Fund net receipts to the Cash Reserve Fund
LB939	McDonnell	Provide a homestead exemption for certain dwelling complexes located on military installations
LB940	Friesen	Change provisions of the Civic and Community Center Financing Act relating to fund use, grant request limits, property sale restrictions, and grant application priority
LB941	Wayne	Change the calculation of the tax on the average wholesale price of gasoline
LB942	Wayne	Adopt the Metropolitan Port Authority Act
LB943	Wishart	Redefine a term relating to budget limitations
LR277	Schumacher	Referral Rescind any previous resolutions calling for U.S. Constitution Article V conventions

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LB944	Scheer	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations
LB945	Scheer	Provide for transfers of funds and change transfer provisions
LB946	Scheer	Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund
LB947	Smith	Adopt the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act, change income tax rates, and eliminate certain exemptions and credits
LB948	Murante	Change and eliminate provisions relating to rules and regulations
LB949	Albrecht	Rename the Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority Act and apply the act to cultural institutions
LB950	Albrecht	Provide for payment of claims against the state
LB951	Albrecht	Deny claims against the state
LB952	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to dismissals of actions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB953	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to lump-sum settlements under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB954	Hansen	Provide refundable income tax credits to individuals who rent their primary residence
LB955	Krist	Provide for reciprocal certification of military police officers and law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions

LB956	Howard	Require application for a demonstration project to allow purchase of medicaid coverage
LB957	Low	Provide procedures for choosing a method of payment for payments under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB958	Erdman	Provide for licensure of a vehicle as a massage therapy establishment
LB959	Murante	Provide requirements for returning a ballot for someone else and provide a penalty
LB960	Murante	Change provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB961	Smith	Change corporate income tax rates
LB962	Smith	Change individual income tax rates
LB963	Smith	Change how often real property is inspected and reviewed for property tax purposes
LB964	McDonnell	Authorize mental health professionals to take a person into emergency protective custody under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act
LB965	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to lists of real property subject to sale for delinquent taxes
LB966	Friesen	Provide a sales and use tax exemption relating to dark fiber
LB967	Groene	Eliminate provisions of the Community Development Law relating to undeveloped vacant land and land outside of cities
LB968	Wayne	Adopt the Disability Employment and Engagement Program Act
LB969	Wayne	Change signature requirements for nomination of partisan candidates by petition
LB970	Wayne	Change marijuana penalties as prescribed
LB971	Wayne	Change a penalty for possession under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB972	Wayne	Provide for deferred judgments by courts
LB973	Crawford	Require use of redistricting maps drawn using state-issued computer software
LB974	Vargas	Prohibit consideration of political affiliation, demographic information, and previous election results in drawing legislative districts
LB975	Howard	Adopt the Redistricting Act
LB976	Briese	Provide a reporting duty for the Beginning Farmer Board under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act
LB977	Wayne	Make post-release supervision optional for Class IV felonies
LB978	Harr	Change provisions relating to garnishment
LB979	Crawford	Authorize physician assistants and nurse practitioners to render expert opinions
LB980	Watermeier	Provide for issuance of permits for divisible loads of hay bales
LB981	Baker	Change provisions relating to arraignment of juveniles and authorize juvenile court jurisdiction to age twenty-one with consent of the juvenile and legal counsel

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LB982	Morfeld	Provide for persons eighteen years of age or older to consent to certain behavioral health services
LB983	Ebke	Change provisions relating to audiovisual court appearances
LB984	Quick	Change provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act relating to special permits and gross proceeds
LB985	Howard	Provide for state funding of prenatal care under the medical assistance program
LB986	Hansen	Adopt the Neighborhood Improvement District Act and change provisions relating to special assessments for other improvement or development districts as prescribed
LB987	Schumacher	Adopt the Uniform Regulation of Virtual-Currency Businesses Act
LB988	Pansing Brooks	Adopt an affirmative consent standard with respect to sexual assault
LB989	Wishart	Authorize testing of autonomous vehicles by a city of the primary class on its roadways
LB990	Wayne	Create the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender
LB991	Bolz	Create the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Grant Program
LB992	Bolz	Provide for release from a residential lease for a victim of domestic violence and eviction of a perpetrator of domestic violence
LB993	Friesen	Create the 911 Service System Advisory Committee and change the 911 Service System Act and eliminate the act's termination date
LB994	Friesen	Create the Rural Broadband Study Task Force, change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, and change powers and duties of the Public Service Commission as prescribed
LB995	Linehan	Require the filing of a statement of financial interests by individuals holding elective office of a school district under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB996	Crawford	Change defined terms and other provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Act
LB997	Murante	Provide limits on salaries of administrative employees of political subdivisions
LB998	Walz	Create the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Program
LB999	Vargas	Change provisions relating to the Student Discipline Act
LR281CAMorfeld		Constitutional amendment to state that affordable health care is a right and to expand eligibility under the medical assistance program

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Tuesday, January 16

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Tyler Weborg - Beginning Farmer Board

Appointment: Harry Hoch - State Fair Board

Appointment: Steven Wellman - Dept. of Agriculture

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB812 (Lindstrom) Adopt federal banking provisions, revise powers of certain state-chartered financial institutions, and eliminate obsolete provisions

LB813 (Lindstrom) Redefine terms and adopt certain federal provisions relating to the Securities Act of Nebraska

LB743 (Lindstrom) Adopt the Public Adjusters Licensing Act and change continuing education and prelicensing education provisions

LB799 (Kolterman) Modify deadlines and sanctions in the Surplus Lines Insurance Act

LB815 (Schumacher) Provide regulatory authority regarding reinsurance

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB737 (Lindstrom) Adopt the First Responder Education Act

LB857 (Morfeld) Adopt the Campus Confidentiality Act

LB771 (Walz) Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act

LB778 (Groene) Require voter approval for school district building fund levies

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB733 (Thibodeau) Change provisions relating to licenses of county highway and city street superintendents

LB796 (McDonnell) Change allocation of the fee for an ignition interlock permit as prescribed

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB756 (Morfeld) Prohibit ordinances prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property

LB865 (Crawford) Change provisions relating to passage of ordinances by cities and villages

LB719 (Wayne) Eliminate the authority of cities of the second class and villages to make loans to students

LB748 (Hansen) Change provisions relating to determination of municipality population thresholds and references to cities, villages, and governing bodies

LB765 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to cities of the first class as prescribed

LB873 (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

Wednesday, January 17

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB786 (Vargas) Change terminology related to county government

LB825 (Brewer) Change provisions relating to budgets and public hearing notice for certain governmental entities

LB827 (Lowe) Provide for disposition of property of members of veterans' homes and change state personnel system exemptions for the Department of Veterans' Affairs

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Matt Wallen - Division of Children and Family Services

LB790 (Ebke) Provide for licensure of mobile cosmetology and nail technology salons

LB705 (Kolterman) Change licensure requirements for estheticians and esthetician instructors

LB706 (Kolterman) Eliminate certain requirements for electrology licensure

LB794 (Riepe) Change operating requirements regarding intoxicating beverages in cosmetology, esthetics, and nail technology salons

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB672 (Krist) Provide for medical release for committed offenders

LB675 (Krist) Change provisions relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies

LB676 (Krist) Allow certain committed

persons to participate in substance abuse or rehabilitative treatment, seek residency or employment, and participate in structured programming

LB692 (Blood) Provide for a staffing analysis of the Department of Correctional Services

LB841 (Pansing Brooks) Provide duties relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 2:00 p.m.

LB758 (Hughes) Require collaboration between natural resources districts and counties under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: James Kuhn - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

Appointment: Steven Keetle - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

LB760 (Hughes) Change the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act

Thursday, January 18

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB887 (Murante) Clarify requirements for exceeding budget limitations under the Nebraska Budget Act

LB902 (Bostelman) Authorize the withholding from the public of information regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use

LB859 (Hansen) Change records relating to employee deaths which may be withheld from the public

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Rui Yi - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Appointment: Rebecca Jane Morris - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Appointment: Dennis Roop - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

LB687 (Blood) Adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

LB731 (Williams) Provide for licensure of remote dispensing pharmacies

LB788 (Riepe) Require continuing education for health care professionals regarding opiate prescriptions

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Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB678 (Krist) Change provisions relating to criminal justice
LB776 (McCollister) Provide requirements for inmate access to telephone or videoconferencing systems in county and city jails
LB818 (Chambers) Change powers and duties relating to the Jail Standards Board
LB819 (Hughes) Provide additional uses for the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund
LB878 (Ebke) Provide requirements for testimony by jailhouse informants

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Dennis Grennan - Power Review Board
Appointment: Scott McPheeters - Neb. Ethanol Board
Appointment: Taylor Nelson - Neb. Ethanol Board
LB822 (Hughes) Change provisions relating to the Department of Natural Resources

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB881 (Schumacher) Change inheritance tax provisions relating to life insurance proceeds
LB882 (Schumacher) Change provisions relating to certain inheritance tax proceedings
LB884 (Harr) Change and eliminate provisions relating to county sales and use taxes

Friday, January 19

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Michele R. Marsh - Foster Care Advisory Committee
Appointment: Peggy Snurr - Foster Care Advisory Committee
LB732 (Riepe) Change a reporting date relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission
LB840 (Riepe) Change reporting requirements for the Foster Care Review Office
LB704 (Kolterman) Change provisions relating to foreign medical graduates

LB703 (Kolterman) Provide a licensure exemption for visiting athletic team physicians as prescribed

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: G. Randall Hansen - Crime Victims Reparations Committee
Appointment: Thomas Parker - Crime Victims Reparations Committee
LB696 (Ebke) Increase the number of district court judges in Douglas County
LB697 (Ebke) Change certain district court judicial district boundaries
LB710 (Baker) Change provisions relating to civil claims of four thousand dollars or less
LB847 (Ebke) Change provisions relating to waiver of certain testamentary rights of surviving spouses
LB848 (Ebke) Correct a provision relating to possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Douglas Zingula - Game and Parks Commission

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.

Appointment: Randy D. Gerke - Public Employees Retirement Systems
LB698 (Kolterman) Change powers and duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board
LB699 (Kolterman) Redefine actuarial equivalent in certain retirement acts as prescribed

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB772 (Walz) Change provisions relating to agricultural land that receives special valuation
LB885 (Harr) Change provisions relating to property tax protests
LB905 (Kuehn) Change the burden of proof for certain protests of real property valuations

Monday, January 22

Appropriations

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

Budget bills scheduled at this time for

official record purposes. Testimony on the overall budget is appropriate, however testimony on specific issues and/or agencies should be presented at the date scheduled for the relevant agency.

LB944 (Scheer) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations
LB945 (Scheer) Provide for transfers of funds and change transfer provisions
LB946 (Scheer) Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB683 (Blood) Provide a license fee exemption for servicemembers and their spouses under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB736 (Lindstrom) Change real estate agent duties with respect to certain written disclosures
LB741 (Lindstrom) Change provisions relating to real property appraisers

Business & Labor

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB784 (Vargas) Change the Employee Classification Act to prohibit contractors with unpaid fines from contracting with the state or political subdivisions
LB858 (Hansen) Provide annual adjustments for total disability income benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB806 (Kuehn) Change the Conveyance Safety Act
LB712 (Albrecht) Require drug testing for certain applicants and recipients of unemployment benefits

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB783 (Vargas) Define "educational interpreter" for purposes of students eligible for special education as prescribed
LB803 (Stinner) Change provisions related to kindergarten, early childhood education, and the Step Up to Quality Childcare Act
LB851 (Linehan) Limit superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation
LB779 (Groene) Change provisions relating to learning communities

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Executive Board

Room 2102 - 12:00 p.m.

LB744 (Executive Board) Adopt the Legislative Qualifications and Election Contests Act

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Steven F. Anderson - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Jeffrey Galyen - State Racing Commission

Appointment: Alec Gorynski - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: John Hiller - State Electrical Board

Appointment: Ellen Hornady - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Darrel J. Huenergardt - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Dennis Patrick Lee - State Racing Commission

Appointment: Sue Roush - Neb. Arts Council

Appointment: Heather Schneider - Neb. Arts Council

LB724 (Wayne) Provide for segregation of keno funds, electronic fund transfers, and deposit of gross proceeds by a sales outlet location as prescribed
LB921 (Lowe) Create a licensing exception under the State Electrical Act for certain farm building construction

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB895 (Geist) Change lien and flood-damaged brand provisions relating to motor vehicle certificates of title and change duties and requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles as prescribed

LB896 (Geist) Change provisions relating to electronic certificates of title, salvage vehicles, and the electronic dealer services system and Vehicle Title and Registration System maintained by the Department of Motor Vehicles

LB860 (Friesen) Provide for compensation for motor vehicle dealers affected by recalls and stop-sale orders
LB901 (Bostelman) Require Director of Aeronautics to consult with the Military Department in certain structure permitting decisions

Tuesday, January 23

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB764 (Crawford) Exempt certain operations from the definition of a food establishment under the Nebraska Pure Food Act

LB808 (Harr) Change provisions relating to community gardens and seed libraries

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB888 (Wayne) Require schools to post the child abuse and neglect toll-free telephone number

LB912 (McCollister) Provide for posting by public schools of a toll-free telephone number set up to report child abuse and neglect

LB898 (Howard) Require public postsecondary educational institutions to conduct an annual sexual assault climate survey

LR270CA (Kolowski) Constitutional amendment to reduce the minimum age in the constitutional requirement to provide free instruction

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB900 (Bostelman) Adopt and update references to federal law relating to transportation and increase fines for violations of certain motor carrier statutes and regulations

LB769 (Quick) Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact

LB671 (Krist) Change requirements for certain driving permits and use of occupant protection systems, change certain violations from secondary to primary enforcement, and prohibit use of interactive wireless communication devices by school bus operators
LB711 (Baker) Change requirements for use of occupant protection systems

Wednesday, January 24

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB670 (Krist) Change membership, powers, and duties of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

LB673 (Krist) Change procedures for certain hearings for juveniles

LB689 (Blood) Exclude juveniles from the Sex Offender Registration Act
LB708 (Bolz) Change provisions relating to juvenile court bridge orders
LB714 (Howard) Provide a procedure for judicial emancipation of a minor
LB774 (Pansing Brooks) Change peace officers' duties regarding encounters with certain juveniles
LB870 (Pansing Brooks) Provide for room confinement for juveniles as prescribed

Thursday, January 25

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

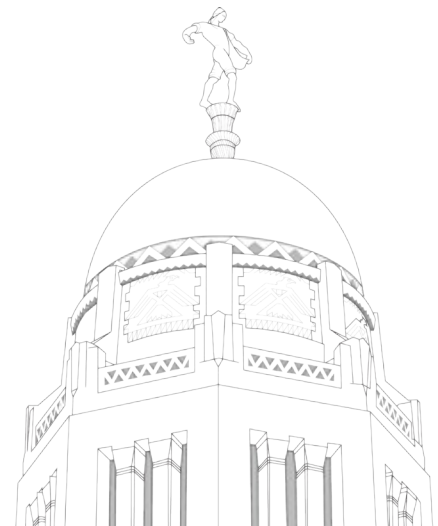
LB688 (Blood) Provide for the possession, use, and application of sunscreen for children and students and provide immunity

LB729 (Wayne) Allow claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act

LB780 (Pansing Brooks) Prohibit manufacture, import, transfer, and possession of multiburst trigger activators and firearm silencers

LB810 (Harr) Change provisions of State Tort Claims Act relating to certain claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit by the Department of Health and Human Services

LB849 (Ebke) Provide procedure for return of handguns temporarily taken into possession by law enforcement under Concealed Handgun Permit Act ■



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