

Government efficiency, property taxes prioritized by governor

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

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

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

The governor's budget proposal



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Let’s roll up our sleeves to connect

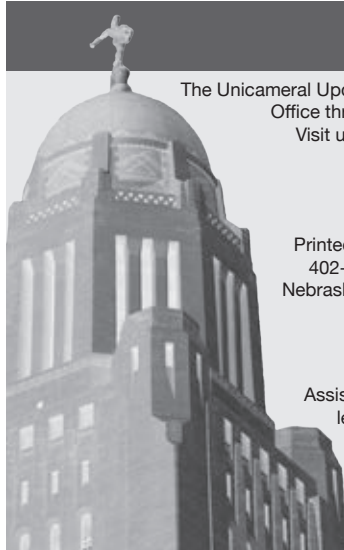
Nebraskans to great jobs, to control spending, to make government more effective, to deliver tax relief for our veterans, and to cut property taxes,”

Ricketts said. ■

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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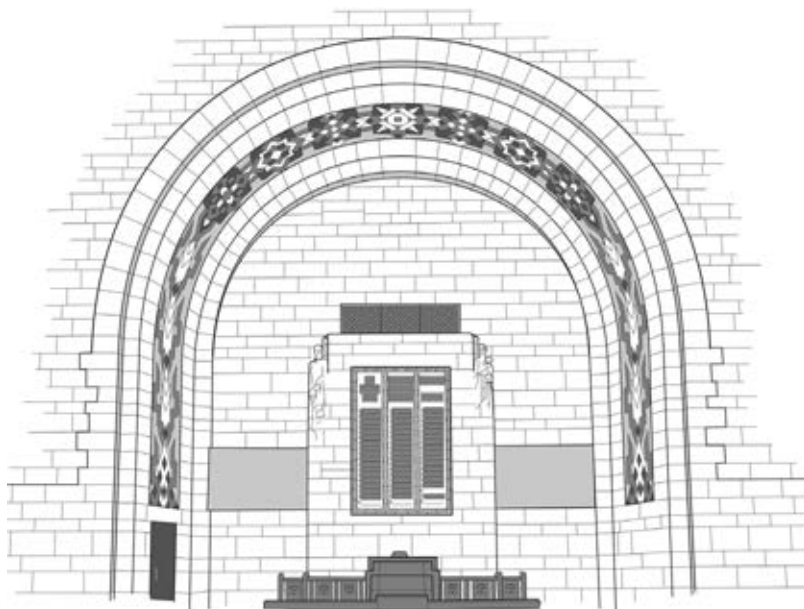


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NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
January 14, 2019		
LB219	Wishart	Change requirements for foster care transition proposals and provide immunity from liability for caregivers
LB220	Wishart	Change provisions regarding vending facility programs in state buildings
LB221	La Grone	Change provisions relating to limitations on powers under the Title Insurers Act
LB222	Albrecht	Change the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act
LB223	Albrecht	Provide a state-sponsored insurance program for members of the Nebraska National Guard
LB224	Albrecht	Rename the Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority Act and provide for applicability
LB225	Quick	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society
LB226	Quick	State intent relating to appropriations for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva
LB227	Hughes	Redefine terms and change determination of a public or private nuisance under the Nebraska Right to Farm Act
LB228	Hughes	Prohibit certain insurance practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor
LB229	Groene	Prohibit certain unlawful acts as prescribed under the Weights and Measures Act
LB230	Pansing Brooks	Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed
LB231	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to legal defense of juveniles
LB232	Slama	Reduce the threshold amount for claims against the state for prosecution costs
LB233	Wayne	Prohibit bringing a cell phone into a detention facility
LB234	Wayne	Provide requirements for payment of claims by cities and villages
LB235	Crawford	Change provisions relating to making and serving alcoholic liquor by nonlicensed persons as prescribed
LB236	Crawford	Change access to sales and use tax information with respect to the Nebraska Advantage Transformational Tourism and Redevelopment Act
LB237	Crawford	Change provisions relating to sales and use tax collection fees
LB238	Pansing Brooks	Change requirements for witnessing death penalty executions
LB239	Dorn	Change requirements for notices of hearings on county budgets
LB240	M. Hansen	Change procedures for determining competency to stand trial
LB241	Bolz	Provide for teacher mentoring program grants using income from solar and wind agreements on school lands
LB242	Lindstrom	Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue
LB243	Gragert	Create the Healthy Soils Task Force
LB244	Erdman	Provide for mobile massage therapy establishments
LB245	Erdman	Eliminate an exception to the medicaid preferred drug list
LB246	Brewer	Change provisions relating to elections
LB247	Bolz	Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act
LB248	Howard	Change terminology relating to hearing-impaired persons
LB249	Howard	Change the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from a sexual assault
LB250	Walz	Change provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land receiving special valuations
LB251	Walz	Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act
LB252	Geist	Provide a condition relating to advertisements by the state lottery
LB253	McCollister	Adopt the Redistricting Act
LB254	McCollister	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act
LB255	McCollister	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB256	Arch	Authorize participation in insurance coverage for members of a community college board of governors
LR7	Halloran	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution

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January 15, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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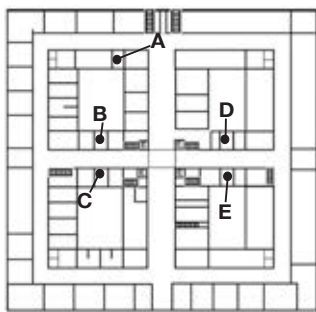
Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB468	Walz	Prohibit additional services and populations under the medicaid managed care program
LB469	Lindstrom	Change provisions of the Surplus Lines Insurance Act
LB470	La Grone	Provide a tax deduction for nonparticipant contributions and remove a tax deduction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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

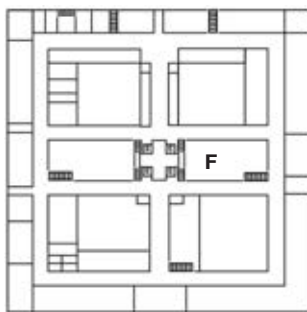
Public hearings on bills typically are held in the afternoons during the first half of the legislative session. Committees have regularly scheduled rooms and meeting days, although they sometimes meet in different rooms at varying times in order to accommodate testifiers or large audiences.

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

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



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

* Hearing rooms labeled by letter – see chart at right

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Tuesday, Jan. 22

Agriculture

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

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

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

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

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

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

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1507 - 12:30 PM

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

Transportation & Telecommunications

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

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

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

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

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

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

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

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:00 PM

Credentialing Review (407) Program Briefing

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

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

Judiciary

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

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

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 2:00 PM

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

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

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

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Thursday, Jan. 24

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

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

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

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

Judiciary

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

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

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

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

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

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

Friday, Jan. 25

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

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

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:00 PM

Medicaid Financing Briefing

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

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

Judiciary

Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

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

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB4 (Stinner) Change mileage reimbursement and filing fees under

the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act

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

Monday, Jan. 28

Banking, Commerce & Insurance Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

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

Business & Labor

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

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

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

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

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

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

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

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

Transportation & Telecommunications Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

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

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Nebraska Retirement Systems Room 1507 - 12:00 PM

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

Transportation & Telecommunications Warner Chamber - 1:30 PM

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



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Federal & State Holidays

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

Legislative Recess Days

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

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

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