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AGRICULTURE



Sen. Steve Halloran, chairperson of the Agriculture Committee

Proposals to create a new checkoff program and update the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act were among those considered by the Agriculture Committee this session.

LB803, introduced by Venango Sen. Dan Hughes and passed 44-0, creates a checkoff program for Nebraska dry pea and lentil growers.

A five-member Dry Pea and Lentil Commission may create general state policies and programs related to the discovery, promotion and development of markets and



Sen. Dan Hughes

industries for the utilization of dry peas, lentils, chickpeas or garbanzo beans, faba beans or lupins grown in Nebraska.

Beginning July 1, 2021, a 1 percent excise tax will be imposed on the net market value of dry peas and lentils sold through commercial channels in the state. The tax will be levied and imposed on the grower at the time of sale or delivery. The first purchaser will collect the tax and remit it to the commission.

Lawmakers voted 44-3 to pass LB1152, which updates the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act to harmonize it with new federal regulations.

The bill, sponsored by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran, requires the state Department of Agriculture to receive and process all completed license applications and issue licenses to qualified applicants. It also requires licensees to maintain a record of hemp shipments sent from or received by the licensee.

Additionally, LB1152 references a federal definition of “acceptable hemp THC level” and requires testing laboratories to measure the total THC in a hemp sample and report a measurement of uncertainty along with the test results. The bill clarifies that the lot represented by a hemp sample must be harvested within 15 days.

A proposal to make a violation of state law regarding food labels a deceptive trade practice failed to advance from general file.

Under LB594, as introduced by Sen. Carol Blood last session, advertising, promoting, labeling or selling plant-based, lab-grown or insect-based foods as meat would violate the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.



Sen. Carol Blood

A committee amendment would have removed the definition of meat and the accompanying deceptive trade practice proposed in the original bill. It instead would have made a violation of “any provision of the Nebraska Pure Food Act relating to the labeling, packing or packaging, or advertising of food” a deceptive trade practice.

The Legislature adjourned before voting on the amendment or the bill. Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk later put a hold on LB594 at Blood’s request. ■

APPROPRIATIONS



Sen. John Stinner, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee

Following the temporary suspension of the legislative session March 16, senators met briefly to provide emergency funding to combat the coronavirus pandemic in Nebraska.

LB1198, sponsored by Gering Sen. John Stinner, transferred \$83.6 million from the state's Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund, which was then directed to the newly created Governor's Emergency Program - COVID-19. The funds were to be used to bolster the state's response to the pandemic.

When session resumed in mid-July, lawmakers made adjustments to the state's two-year budget with passage of three bills.

LB1008, introduced by Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk at the request of Gov. Pete Ricketts, adjusts appropriations for state operations, aid and construction programs in the current and next fiscal year.



Sen. Jim Scheer

As amended, LB1008 includes \$55.2 million to address damage from the 2019 floods. It also incorporates the

provisions of several additional bills, including:

- LB773, sponsored by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, which transfers \$10 million in general funds to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund;



Sen. Matt Williams

- LB827, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann, which provides a \$3.7 million increase in developmental disability provider rates;



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

- LB1018, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, which appropriates an additional \$1.5 million to aid local public health departments;



Sen. Tony Vargas

- LB1079, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, which appropriates \$250,000 in general funds to the Nebraska State Patrol crime lab to support the timely processing of sexual assault forensic evidence; and



Sen. Anna Wishart

- LB1097, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell, which appropriates \$458,000 over two years to the state Supreme Court to increase staffing for youth problem-solving courts.



Sen. Mike McDonnell

The bill requires that any unallocated and unexpended coronavirus relief funds as of Nov. 15, 2020, be reoffered through a grant process to meet remaining unmet needs, including rental and food assistance, small business and livestock stabilization, broadband, workforce retraining and child care.

In addition—if allowed by federal law—any unallocated or unexpended funds received pursuant to the federal 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, will be transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund on or before Dec. 30, 2020.

LB1008 passed on a vote of 43-3 and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also approved LB1009, introduced by Scheer at the request of the governor, which authorizes and provides for certain fund transfers. The bill, passed 46-2, includes a transfer of \$60 million from the Governor's

Emergency Cash Fund to the state's Cash Reserve Fund. The amount is the unused portion of the \$83.6 million appropriated in LB1198, which was unspent due to federal aid received by the state.

Also included in the budget package is LB927, introduced by the Business and Labor Committee, which provides for payment of claims against the state. The bill includes tort and workers' compensation claims totaling \$1.5 million, along with \$66 million in agency write-offs for uncollectible debts.

Other measures

Senators authorized business and administrative fee increases and provided for creative districts throughout the state.

LB910, sponsored by Stinner, consolidates cash funds administered by, and restructures fees assessed by, the Nebraska secretary of state's office.

The bill, passed 42-5, creates the Secretary of State Cash Fund by transferring the balances of the existing Administration Cash Fund, Corporation Cash Fund, Nebraska Collection Agency Fund, Secretary of State Administration Cash Fund and the Uniform Commercial Code Cash Fund.

LB780, also introduced by Stinner, makes a technical change to the budgeting process of the Nebraska Arts Council and authorizes creative districts. The bill sets the level of administrative funding available from the Nebraska Arts and Humanities Cash Fund, beginning in fiscal year 2021, at an amount equivalent to 0.5 percent of the previous fiscal year's ending balance of the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund. Current state law caps that amount at \$30,000.

The bill includes provisions of Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt's LB943 that require the Nebraska Arts Council to devise a plan for creative districts throughout the state.

The newly formed districts will be certified by the council and distinguished by geography, artistic or cultural activities or facilities, promotion and preservation of artistic or cultural sites or events, educational uses of such activities or sites and unique or niche areas, activities, events, facilities or sites.

The bill also allows the council to create a competitive grant program available to a certified cultural district through the Nebraska Arts and Humanities Cash Fund.

LB780 passed on a 47-0 vote. ■



Sen. Megan Hunt

BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE



Sen. Matt Williams, chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

Emergency medical billing and updates to a variety of banking laws were among the issues considered by the Legislature this session.

Insurance

Lawmakers passed a bill intended to eliminate “surprise” medical bills.

LB997, introduced by Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln, creates the Out-of-Network Emergency Medical Care Act. The bill, passed on a 47-0 vote, allows for resolution of unexpected medical bills due to an emergency visit to a health care facility or provider that was not in a patient’s health insurance network.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

The bill defines an emergency as the sudden onset of a medical condition that would place the person in serious jeopardy if not treated immediately, and limits a patient’s expenses to what would have been charged

if the patient had been treated at an in-network facility.

Senators also approved a bill to prevent insurers from excluding coverage for asynchronous dermatology services.

Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman’s LB760 defines asynchronous review as the acquisition and storage of medical information at one location that is then forwarded to or retrieved by a health care provider at a different location for evaluation.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

Under the bill, beginning Jan. 1, 2021, asynchronous review that is deemed medically necessary cannot be excluded from a health insurance policy solely because it is delivered by a dermatologist asynchronously. Reimbursement rates will be negotiated between the provider and the insurer.

LB760 passed on a 45-0 vote.

Two insurance mandates failed to advance from committee.

LB949, introduced by Sen. Kate Bolz of Lincoln, would have required that any individual or group health insurance policy or self-funded employee benefit plan that provides reimbursement for prescription insulin limit the amount that a covered individual would pay for the drug. Under the bill, the cost of insulin could not exceed \$100 for a 30-day supply.



Sen. Kate Bolz

LB804, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, would have mandated that health insurance companies in Nebraska cover the cost of epinephrine autoinjectors—emergency allergy medication—for people younger than 19, beginning Jan. 1, 2021.



Sen. Justin Wayne

Banking

A bill that makes updates to several areas of Nebraska banking law passed this session.

Among other provisions, LB909, introduced by Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg:

- allows minors to establish deposit accounts;
- allows the director of the state Department of Banking and Finance to examine licensees at his or her discretion;
- allows a Nebraska trust company acting as a trustee or agent to invest fiduciary funds in private instruments funds managed by an affiliate of the trust company;

- grants state-chartered banks, savings associations and credit unions the same rights, powers, privileges and immunities as federally chartered entities doing business in the state as of Jan. 1, 2020; and
- allows certain employees of the state Department of Banking and Finance to borrow from a financial institution chartered by the department. The department director, deputy director, counsel, attorney or financial institution examiner still are prohibited from such borrowing.

LB909 also includes five other bills introduced by Williams:

- LB852, which, for purposes of filing effective financing statements, expands the definition of farm product to include goats and hemp and allows someone improperly identified as a debtor on a financial statement to obtain relief;
- LB853, which allows financial institutions to notify a caretaker or other third-party reasonably associated with a vulnerable adult or senior suspected to be the victim of financial exploitation and allows a financial institution to put up to a 30-day hold on any suspicious transaction;
- LB854, which allows financial institutions not to retain any deposit of public funds that is required to be secured unless it has secured the deposits for the benefit of the governmental units that have funds with such a financial institution;
- LB908, which requires licensure and registration for licensees under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, starting Jan. 1, 2021; and
- LB939, which allows the Collection Agency Licensing Board to require licensure and registration through the NMLSR, starting Oct. 1, 2020.

LB909 passed 48-0 and took effect immediately.

LB808, introduced by Sen. Andrew La Grone of Gretna,

enacts new sections in the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act related to defective corporate actions.

The measure contains provisions of six additional bills:

- LB775, introduced by Williams, which makes several technical changes to the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Act;
- LB782, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, which allows students within 120 days of completing an accounting degree to take test sections of the certified public accountant exam;
- LB767, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, which changes laws governing condominium associations, including reducing the time allowed to recover damages from an alleged deficiency in the design or construction of a condominium;
- LB902, introduced by Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln, which modernizes and reforms the terms of an irrevocable trust;
- LB929, introduced by Lindstrom, which exempts from the Nebraska Real Estate License Act an unlicensed person who provides a list of potential purchases to a broker or real estate salesperson; and
- LB1123, also introduced by Lindstrom, which expands the definition of security to include student loans under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act.

LB808 passed on a 47-0 vote. ■



Sen. Andrew La Grone



Sen. John Stinner



Sen. Brett Lindstrom



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

BUSINESS & LABOR



Sen. Matt Hansen, chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee

Members of the Business and Labor Committee considered several measures this session to provide increased worker protections, expand wage and benefit options and collect workforce development data.

Worker protections

Lawmakers passed a bill that makes several changes to existing employment regulations.

LB1016, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, prohibits an employer from retaliating or discriminating against an employee who files a suit or complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act.

An employee who works for a company that is not subject to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act—and alleges a violation of the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act—can bring a suit against their employer to recover damages resulting from the violation.

Citations issued to employers for violations under

LB1016 must be paid before the employer may contract with the state or any political subdivision.

The bill changes the fee for contractor registration from \$40 to no more than \$40. Additionally, it changes the citation process under the Employee Classification Act to mirror the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act.

The bill passed on a 42-4 vote and took effect immediately.

LB1060, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, clarified that existing protections against racially based employment discrimination include hair texture and protective hairstyles, including braids, locks and twists.



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh

Senators passed the bill on a 27-12 vote Aug. 11. Gov. Pete Ricketts vetoed the bill Aug. 15, after the 2020 legislative session ended.

In his veto message, Ricketts said he agreed with the intent of the bill, but that it would create a new definition of race that would be applied to employment discrimination cases going forward.

The committee held a special public hearing on a proposal to implement certain protections for meat processing employees amid the coronavirus pandemic.

LB667, as introduced by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, would have provided grant funding for youth workforce development training.

Vargas introduced an amendment to remove those provisions that instead would have required meatpacking plant employers to maintain six feet of space around and between each worker by increasing physical space between workstations, slowing production speeds, staggering shifts and breaks and adjusting shift size.



Sen. Tony Vargas

The proposal also would have required employers to provide all workers with personal protective equipment, coronavirus screenings and paid time off to quarantine after a positive COVID-19 test or while awaiting test results.

The committee advanced LB667 as amended to general file but it was not scheduled for debate.

Wages and benefits

Amateur student athletes can earn income under a measure approved by the Legislature this session.

LB962, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt and passed 37-6, allows college athletes at public and private schools to earn money from their name, image and like-

ness rights.

The bill prohibits any postsecondary institution or athletic association from penalizing or punishing a student athlete who enters into a commercial contract, as long as it does not directly conflict with a team contract.



Sen. Megan Hunt

Student athletes are required to report any personal contracts to their postsecondary institution and are barred from wearing a sponsor's apparel or otherwise advertising for the sponsor during official team activities.

LB962 also allows student athletes to obtain professional representation to negotiate related contractual or legal matters. An athlete may seek civil damages against their postsecondary institution or athletic association if they believe their right to seek compensation has been violated.

Any compensation earned by a student athlete will be factored into any application for need-based financial aid. Schools also will have until July 1, 2023, to implement a framework for handling student athlete compensation.

LB962 includes a one-year statute of limitation from the cause of action for any student filing a civil complaint against his or her school.

Senators also voted to expand access to mental health services for emergency first responders.

LB963, sponsored by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer, provides first responders with opportunities to receive resilience training to help prevent or mitigate the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.



Sen. Tom Brewer

The bill allows first responders, until Jan. 1, 2028, to establish a presumptive case of PTSD from cumulative injury or stress caused by conditions of employment as a personal injury for workers' compensation purposes, under certain conditions.

Only state-licensed, independent practicing physicians, psychologists and mental health practitioners are qualified to render an official PTSD diagnosis. The state Department of Health and Human Services will reimburse first responders for resilience training if their employers do not.

The bill also increases burial benefits for work-related injuries or illnesses to \$11,000. Beginning in 2023, the cap will be adjusted by a maximum of 2.75 percent per year.

The bill passed on a 45-0 vote.

A proposal to implement paid family and medical leave failed to advance this session.

LB305, as introduced last session by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, would have required employers with four or more employees to provide paid sick and safe leave. Under the proposal, employees would have accrued at least one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours worked. Employees could earn up to 40 hours of paid leave per year, based on hours worked.



Sen. Sue Crawford

After three hours of debate spanning two days, the Legislature moved to another item on the agenda. LB305 was not scheduled for further debate.

Other measures

The state will more closely track educational and workforce outcomes under a bill passed by lawmakers.

The data collection system created under LB1160, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, allows the state to track individuals as they progress through the state's educational system and enter the workforce.

The state Department of Labor will execute a memorandum of understanding with the data collection system before Dec. 31, 2020, to ensure the exchange of workforce data with all stakeholders.

The bill establishes several data collection goals, including providing workforce outcome data to postsecondary educational institutions, guiding students to education, training and career pathways that will support occupational success and identifying long-term return on investment from early education programs.

An annual report of policy recommendations will be provided to lawmakers by Dec. 1, 2021.

The bill passed on a 33-5 vote and took effect immediately.

Finally, the committee heard testimony on LB813, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which would direct \$4 million in general funds to the state Department of Labor in fiscal year 2020-21 to expand apprenticeship programs.



Sen. Kate Bolz

The proposal did not advance from committee. ■

EDUCATION



Sen. Mike Groene, chairperson of the Education Committee

The Education Committee advanced bills this session that require schools to provide injury leave to employees and create a policy that prohibits sexual contact between a teacher and a student.

Student discipline

Gov. Pete Ricketts vetoed a bill that made several changes to provisions in the Student Discipline Act related to suspension, expulsion and mandatory reassignment.

LB515, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, required that a student be given an opportunity to complete any classwork and homework missed during a suspension, including examinations.

It also required school districts to reinstate a student when their expulsion has ended and accept non-duplicative, grade-appropriate credits earned by the student during the expulsion from certain accredited institutions.



Sen. Tony Vargas

Among other changes, the bill also created and modified several procedures for student discipline hearings.

The bill passed on a vote of 26-7 on Aug. 13, the final day of the 2020 session. It was vetoed by the governor Aug. 17.

In his veto message, Ricketts objected to a provision in the bill that he said increased the burden of proof on school districts when they discipline a student for engaging in the unlawful possession, selling or use of a controlled substance.

Another provision defining a personal injury caused by accident would have made it harder to discipline students who injure a teacher or another student, he said.

A proposal that would have protected teachers from being fired if they physically intervene when a student is harming others failed to advance past the first round of debate after a failed cloture motion.

Under LB147, as introduced last session by North Platte Sen. Mike Groene, teachers and administrators could “use the necessary physical contact or physical restraint” to control a violent student.

The bill would have protected teachers and other school personnel from professional or administrative discipline for using physical intervention or removing a student from a class.

A pending amendment would have added provisions of LB998, introduced by Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil. They would have required each school district to offer annual behavioral awareness and intervention training to teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, school nurses and counselors beginning with the 2021-22 school year.



Sen. Dave Murman

After several hours of debate on general file, Groene offered a motion to invoke cloture, which ceases debate and forces a vote on a bill. The motion failed on a vote of 32-15. Thirty-three votes were needed.

LB147 was not scheduled for further debate.

Policies and assessments

Senators voted 48-0 to pass a bill that requires special language assessments for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and declares that Nebraska recognizes American Sign Language as a separate and distinct language.

LB965, introduced by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell, requires the state Department of Education, in collabo-



Sen. Mike McDonnell

ration with the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, to establish and coordinate a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The program will assess, monitor and track the language developmental milestones of those children from birth through age five.

Under the proposal, language assessments will be given as needed to each child under 6 who is deaf or hard of hearing in compliance with the state Special Education Act and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The bill requires the department and the commission to publish a joint annual report on their respective websites and submit it to the Legislature.

LB965 also allows the department to provide for the teaching of ASL in schools. If a school offers a course in ASL, it must be offered to all students and may be used for world language credits.

Similarly, any postsecondary institution may offer an elective course in ASL, and any credits earned may be used for world language credits if recognized as such by the institution.

LB1080, introduced by Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop and passed 47-0, requires the school board or board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each private, denominational or parochial school to adopt a policy regarding appropriate relationships between a student and a school employee, student teacher or intern on or before June 30, 2021.



Sen. Steve Lathrop

The required policy must prohibit any school employee, student teacher or intern from engaging in grooming. It also must prohibit any relationship that involves sexual contact or penetration from occurring between a student and a school employee, student teacher or intern while a student is enrolled and for a minimum of one year after a student graduates or ceases enrollment.

The policy also must include a procedure for reporting suspected grooming or other unacceptable conduct by a school employee, student teacher or intern to the school administration, the state Department of Education, the state Department of Health and Human Services and law enforcement.

Additionally, the policy must describe the preferred methods for a school employee, student teacher or intern to use in communicating with students, including cell phones, email services or social media platforms.

Finally, it must include notice that policy violations could result in disciplinary action and referral to the state

Department of Education and that any violation involving sexual or other abuse will result in referral to DHHS, law enforcement or both.

Omnibus bill

A bill that would have made several technical changes to state education law advanced to select file but was not scheduled for subsequent debate.

LB1131, sponsored by Groene, contains technical changes recommended by the state Department of Education, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and committee staff.

The bill included amended provisions of several additional bills:

- LB640, introduced last session by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, which would have expanded the current definition of multicultural education to include studies relative to the Holocaust and other acts of genocide as well as slavery, lynching and racial massacres in America;
- LB950, introduced by Murman, which would have allowed the state commissioner of education to verify the eligibility of certain Access College Early Scholarship Program applicants upon request by the commission;
- LB1076, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which would have allowed the state's tribal colleges to participate in the Community College Gap Assistance Program by expanding it to include eligible programs at certain accredited, nonprofit, two-year postsecondary institutions; and
- LB1001, introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue, which would have required that the phone number for a national or local suicide prevention hotline or a crisis text line be printed on each new student identification card issued to middle and high school students enrolled under a school board's authority and students enrolled in Nebraska public postsecondary institutions, beginning with the 2021-22 school year.



Sen. Sara Howard



Sen. Kate Bolz



Sen. Sue Crawford

Other measures

Lawmakers approved a bill that requires public colleges and universities in Nebraska to submit a biennial report on sexual harassment and Title IX compliance to the Legislature.

Under LB534, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh and passed 41-1, each Nebraska public postsecondary educational institution must submit the report on or before Sept. 15 of odd-numbered years, beginning in 2021.

Among other information, the report will include the results of any campus climate survey related to sexual harassment, sexual harassment training provided to Title IX personnel and information on where students and employees may receive emergency assistance to address instances of sexual harassment.

The bill also requires the committee to hold a public hearing to review each report, beginning on or before Dec. 15, 2021.

School employees will receive injury leave if they are injured by another person while at work under a bill that passed on a vote of 48-0.

Under LB1186, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Mike Hilgers, a school district employee who is physically injured by another person who “intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury” to that employee will receive injury leave and be paid their usual salary for the time they are absent and unable to work as a result of the injury.

The employee’s injury must have occurred within their scope of employment in a way that would be covered by the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act. An employee will receive no additional compensation under the act for any day that they already have been paid injury leave.

An employee may receive no more than seven calendar days of injury leave. After that, the employee must use



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh



Sen. Mike Hilgers

workers’ compensation benefits. Injury leave will not count against any other leave an employee accrues.

The governor vetoed a bill that required Nebraska students to submit a federal college financial aid application before they graduate from high school.

LB1089, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, required each public high school student to complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid before graduating, beginning with the 2021-22 school year.

A student’s parent or legal guardian, or the person standing in loco parentis to the student, could have submitted a signed form indicating that they authorize the student to decline to complete and submit a FAFSA. A student who is 19 or older or is an emancipated minor could have signed and submitted the waiver.

A principal or the principal’s designee also could have authorized a student to decline for good cause.

The bill passed on a vote of 29-12 on Aug. 13, the final day of the 2020 session. It was vetoed by the governor Aug. 17.

In his veto message, Ricketts said state requirements related to high school graduation should be limited to content and rigor and that LB1089 is “an unfunded and burdensome mandate on students and families.”

Lawmakers gave first-round approval to a bill that would have allocated lottery funds to certain education-related programs for the next five years, but it was not scheduled for subsequent debate.

Current law directs a portion of state lottery funds to several education programs. LB920, introduced by Groene, would have specified allocation of those funds for fiscal year 2021-22 through FY2025-26.

The proposal would have allocated 9.5 percent of the education lottery funds each year to a new fund to pay for behavioral awareness and intervention training proposed in LB998. It also would have directed 7 percent of education lottery funds to new career-readiness and dual-credit education initiatives.

Additionally, the proposal would have required the department to establish a mental health training grant program for school districts and educational service units. ■

EXECUTIVE BOARD



Sen. Mike Hilgers, chairperson of the Executive Board

Legislative oversight, extreme weather planning and a potential change in the number of state senators were some of the proposals considered by the Executive Board this session.

Lawmakers passed a bill that provides greater legislative oversight for the state's youth rehabilitation centers.

The Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare is housed within the Office of Public Counsel, a division of the Legislature. Currently, the office investigates allegations of misconduct by employees of the state Department of Health and Human Services, the juvenile services division, contractors and juvenile detention facilities.

LB1144, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, expands legislative oversight of the state's YRTCs. The bill requires the juvenile services division to report to the inspector general any instance of assault, escape, attempted suicide and other acts that occur at a YRTC.

In addition, the department is required to submit quarterly reports of grievances filed at YRTCs and to notify the inspector general of any leadership changes within the juvenile services division or the YRTCs. The inspector general is

required to conduct an annual review and physical inspection of six state institutions and report to the Legislature.

The bill includes provisions of LR298, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, that create the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature.



Sen. Sara Howard

The 11-member oversight committee is required to issue a report on the quality of care and other issues at the YRTCs to the Legislature by Dec. 15, 2020. The Executive Board appointed Sens. John Arch of La Vista, Tom Brandt of Plymouth, Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha, Mike Groene of North Platte, Sara Howard of Omaha, Steve Lathrop of Omaha, John Lowe of Kearney, Dave Murman of Glenvil, Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln, Tony Vargas of Omaha and Anna Wishart of Lincoln to serve. The committee will terminate on Dec. 31, 2020.

The bill also makes gender-neutral several references to the Office of Public Counsel in state law.

LB1144 passed on a vote of 48-0 and took effect immediately.

A proposed constitutional amendment to raise the maximum possible number of Nebraska state senators stalled during general file debate.

LR279CA, introduced by Sen. Jim Scheer of Norfolk, would have raised the maximum number of state senators authorized by the state constitution from 50 to 55. If approved by 30 senators, the measure would have been placed on the ballot for voter approval during the 2020 general election.



Sen. Jim Scheer

Following three hours of discussion over two days, the Legislature moved to the next item on the agenda. LR279CA was not scheduled for further debate.

A bill that would have required Nebraska to develop a plan to respond to extreme weather risks also stalled during the first round of debate.

LB283, as introduced in 2019 by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, would have required the University of Nebraska to develop a strategic action plan to provide methods for adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change.



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

An Executive Board amendment would have shifted the focus to extreme weather risks.

After three hours of debate, lawmakers moved to the next item on the agenda and LB283 was not debated again. ■

GENERAL AFFAIRS



Sen. Tom Briese, chairperson of the General Affairs Committee

Senators raised the state's smoking age and changed the regulation of party busses and special designated licenses this session.

LB1064, introduced by Sen. Tom Briese of Albion, raises the legal age to use and purchase tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, electronic nicotine delivery systems or alternative nicotine products from 19 to 21.

The bill also raises the minimum age to enter a tobacco specialty store from 19 to 21, but allows employees who are 19 or 20 to work in tobacco specialty shops until Jan. 1, 2022. In addition, LB1064 allows individuals ages 15 to 20 to assist law enforcement in compliance checks of tobacco vendors with written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

The bill passed 48-0.

Lawmakers approved a bill that requires licenses for charter buses that allow consumption of alcohol under the state's Liquor Control Act.

Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt's LB734 requires companies that operate special party buses to obtain an annual license

from the state Liquor Control Commission. The one-year, \$75 license may be suspended, revoked or canceled by the commission.

Enforcement inspections of special party buses are limited to times when patrons are entering or exiting the stopped vehicle.

LB734 passed on a 42-0 vote.

Senators also approved a bill that allows certain alcohol vendors to expand their operations temporarily without obtaining a special designated license.

LB1056, introduced by Kearney Sen. John Lowe, allows farm wineries, craft breweries, micro-distilleries, bottle clubs or entities with a retail liquor license to expand their licensed premises temporarily to a street, parking lot or alley that is immediately adjacent to their licensed location upon approval by the appropriate local governing body.

A temporary area must be enclosed by a fence or other means, have easily identifiable entrances and exits and meet all sanitation requirements for a premises with a liquor license.

Temporary expansion cannot exceed 50 days in 2020 and 15 days per year starting in 2021.

LB1056, passed 47-0, also extends a special permit to conduct a lottery or raffle under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act from three months to one year. The bill also allows raffle tickets to be sold online and to be purchased with a debit card.

Two measures introduced by Sen. Justin Wayne of Omaha that would have impacted gaming in Nebraska failed to advance from committee.

Under current law, games of chance other than the state lottery and certain charitable enterprises are illegal and the Nebraska Constitution prohibits the Legislature from authorizing additional games of chance.

LR295CA would have allowed voters to change the state's constitution to enable the Legislature to authorize, regulate and tax such games. If passed, the resolution would have added the question to the 2020 general election ballot.

LB971 would have revised the state's definition of a lottery to include wagers on sports contests, excluding high school and youth games. ■



Sen. Megan Hunt



Sen. John Lowe



Sen. Justin Wayne

GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS



Sen. Tom Brewer, chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Senators created a statewide commission, added to an established state holiday and took up several election proposals this session.

LB918, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, establishes a state commission on African American Affairs. The commission will promote state and federal legislation beneficial to African Americans in Nebraska, work with similar commissions from other states and coordinate housing, education, welfare, medical and dental care, employment and other programs affecting African Americans in Nebraska.



Sen. Justin Wayne

The 14 commissioners, who must be of African ancestry, will be appointed by the governor and serve four-year terms.

LB918 passed on a 39-2 vote.

The second Monday in October will be celebrated as Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day in Nebraska under a bill passed this session.

LB848, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, adds Indigenous Peoples' Day to the established Columbus Day holiday.

The bill, approved 35-10, also extends eligibility for the Bridge to Independence Program to Native American youth who have reached the age of majority under tribal law.



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

LB848 also requires the display of flags of Nebraska's four federally recognized Native American tribes—the Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago—in the ceremonial Warner Chamber of the State Capitol. Flags of any tribe with historic and regional connections to Nebraska will be displayed in the Memorial Chamber on the Capitol's 14th floor.

Elections

LB1055, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, requires counties that conduct elections by mail to have an in-person polling site at the office of the county clerk, at least one secure ballot drop box available for voters and in-person early voting opportunities.

Currently, counties of less than 10,000 residents can apply to the Nebraska secretary of state for permission to hold an election entirely by mail for one or more precincts.

LB1055 includes provisions of five additional election bills:

- LB820, also introduced by Brewer, which removes "home" and "work" phone numbers from voter application forms and changes timelines for recall elections;
- LB1086, introduced by Sen. Matt Hansen of Lincoln, which requires poll watchers who wish to observe Election Day procedures to be either a registered voter in Nebraska or a member of a state, national or international election monitoring organization, and provides additional procedures;
- LB1136, introduced by Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg, which requires members of a public power board to be governed by the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act when dealing with conflicts of interest on board business and repeals a



Sen. Matt Hansen



Sen. Matt Williams

law prohibiting a public power board member from having an interest in a contract to which the board is a party;

- LB1119, introduced by Gretna Sen. Andrew La Grone, which prohibits special elections from being held in March of even-numbered years, except school bond special elections, unless the election is in conjunction with a statewide primary election; and
- LB1120, also introduced by La Grone, which prohibits special elections from being held in September of even-numbered years unless the election is in conjunction with a statewide general election, or is an election to approve a property tax levy or to exceed the subdivision's property tax levy limitation.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Two proposed constitutional amendments were considered by the committee but not advanced for debate.

LR286CA, introduced by Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha, would have allowed Nebraskans convicted of a felony, other than treason, to retain their voting rights. Under current state law, those convicted of a felony have their voting rights restored two years after completing their sentence or probation.



Sen. Andrew La Grone



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh

LR292CA, introduced by La Grone, would have required voters to show a photo or digital image of themselves at the polls on Election Day.

Both measures would have required voter approval.

Other measures

The state of Nebraska will acquire a veterans' cemetery in Grand Island under a bill passed this session.

LB911, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Dan Quick, enables the city to gift the former Nebraska Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and adjacent land to the state in order to establish

a new state cemetery for veterans.

The bill, passed 49-0, also requires the state Department of Veterans Affairs to apply for funding assistance from the federal government.

Lawmakers passed a bill to honor the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry.

LB850, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, authorizes a privately funded committee to create a monument to the first regiment at the Fort Donelson National Battlefield in Tennessee where it fought alongside Union soldiers during the Civil War. The bill passed 43-0.

Two bills advanced from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee but stalled during debate.

LB790, sponsored by Sen. Julie Slama of Peru, would have allowed the state Department of Administrative Services to join competitively bid group contracts entered into with political subdivisions of other states rather than seeking new bids for an independent contract.

The bill, which stalled during select file debate, also would have authorized the state purchasing bureau to negotiate the terms of such contracts and allowed political subdivisions to use a design-build contract method.

After 90 minutes of debate, lawmakers moved to the next item on the agenda. LB790 was not scheduled for further debate this session.

LB267, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, would have expanded the allowable use of funds under a county's existing tax levy bonding authority to include county-owned bridges that are deemed structurally deficient or "scour critical" according to state Department of Transportation standards.

After three hours of debate on general file, the Legislature moved on to another bill and LB267 did not return to the agenda. ■



Sen. Dan Quick



Sen. Julie Slama



Sen. Kate Bolz

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Sen. Sara Howard, chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

Lawmakers addressed a crisis at the state's youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, made several changes to licensure requirements for health care professionals and revised laws governing public benefits.

YRTCs

The Legislature passed two bills this session that overhaul programming and management at Nebraska's YRTCs.

LB1188, introduced by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, requires the Office of Juvenile Services to create a superintendent of schools position to administer education for YRTCs by Dec. 1, 2020.

The bill also gives the state Department of Health and Human Services authority to direct all daily maintenance, minor repairs and custodial duties and operations of buildings under the department's administration where a juvenile resides.

OJS is required to provide evidence-based programs and

services in the operation of YRTCs and LB1188 prohibits staff from limiting or prohibiting a juvenile from communicating with relatives as a punishment.

The bill passed 42-4.

LB1140, sponsored by the Health and Human Services Committee, encompasses several YRTC related bills brought by the committee. It requires DHHS to engage in significant planning for the YRTC system, including creation of a long-range operations plan for the YRTCs and emergency plans for each facility. LB1140 also establishes the YRTCs in state law and outlines a series of requirements, including the provision of:

- health care and medical services;
- a safe and sanitary space for sleeping, hygiene, education, programming, treatment, recreation and visitation for each juvenile;
- appropriate physical separation and segregation of juveniles based on gender;
- training that is specific to the population being served;
- sufficient staffing to comply with state and federal law and protect the safety and security of each juvenile;
- an age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate education program for each juvenile;
- a case management and coordination process, designed to assure appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to his or her family, school and community; and
- research-based or evidence-based programming and treatment services.

The bill, passed 48-0, also prevents DHHS from establishing or moving a YRTC until March 30, 2021.

Licensure and credentialing

LB755, introduced by Sen. Carol Blood of Bellevue, allows barbers to provide services inside a client's home in certain emergency circumstances. It requires barbers to obtain a permit from the state Board of Barber Examiners.



Sen. Carol Blood

The bill, approved on a 47-0 vote, also allows nail technicians to offer in-home services and requires DHHS and the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs to encourage their service providers and state and local agencies to ask applicants if they or their family members have served in the military.

LB755 also includes provisions of the following bills:

- LB37, introduced by Sen. Robert Hilkemann of

Omaha, which amends the Podiatry Practice Act to allow a physician’s assistant to perform services that are delegated by and provided under the supervision of a podiatrist and are within the podiatrist’s scope of practice;

- LB772, introduced by Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg, which removes restrictions on physician assistants regarding the details of their collaborative agreement and their ability to work in a hospital and prescribe medication, including allowing a physician assistant to work in collaboration with and be supervised by several specialists who may work at the same practice rather than solely under a single physician;

- LB811, introduced by Sen. John McCollister of Omaha, which amends the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Act and requires that a patient’s date of birth rather than Social Security number be included in a pharmacist’s semi-annual report to DHHS;

- LB825, introduced by Hilkemann, which adds Spinal Muscular Atrophy to the list of 32 required screenings for all infants born in Nebraska; and

- LB834, introduced by La Vista Sen. John Arch, which allows architecture candidates to begin taking their professional licensure exam as they are completing their education and experience requirements, and allows engineers to take one of their two exams prior to completing four years of post-accredited degree experience.

Blair Sen. Ben Hansen’s LB312 authorizes licensed dental hygienists to perform all authorized functions within their scope of practice in a public health setting except periodontal scaling, root planing and administering anesthesia or nitrous oxide.

The bill, approved 47-0, also allows DHHS to authorize licensed hygienists to prescribe mouth rinses and fluoride products to decrease tooth decay and make minor denture



Sen. Robert Hilkemann



Sen. Matt Williams



Sen. John McCollister



Sen. John Arch



Sen. Ben Hansen

adjustments, upon completion of education and testing.

LB1185, introduced by the committee, amends the Child Care Licensing Act to require that providers not required to be licensed under the act but who seek to be providers under the federal Child Care Subsidy program must submit a request for a national criminal history check for each child care staff member.

The bill, passed 48-0, also requires DHHS to seek federal funding to implement a program to assist residential child care providers and their employees with the cost of fingerprinting and national criminal history record information checks.

A bill that changed state law regulating nail technology and tattoo artists passed Aug. 13 on a vote of 31-10. It was vetoed Aug. 17 by Gov. Pete Ricketts, after the 2020 legislative session had ended.

LB607, introduced by Sen. Mark Kolterman of Seward:

- created a three-day license for a “guest body artist” enabling him or her to work at a licensed tattoo establishment or under a licensed body artist;
- created the position of nail technology apprentice and allowed an apprentice to work under a licensed nail technologist;
- updated the definition of cosmetic tattooing;
- added “natural nail” treatment—work done on a person’s nails without adding to the nail—to the definition of manicuring; and
- allowed the Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art to administer licensing exams in multiple languages.

In his veto message, Ricketts said the bill would impose requirements on individuals who perform natural nail manicures and pedicures that “go well beyond basic education and training in safe health and sanitation practices.”

Two licensure bills stalled on general file this session.

LB347, introduced by Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil, would have exempted reflexologists who limit their services to the application of hand pressure to the hands, feet and outer ears from licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act. After three hours of first-round debate, the Legislature moved on to another bill. LB347 was not scheduled for further debate.

LB205, as introduced last session by Kolterman, would have established a registry and a minimum standard of



Sen. Mark Kolterman



Sen. Dave Murman

competence for surgical technologists in Nebraska. The bill failed to advance from general file on a 15-12 vote. Twenty-five votes were needed.

Medicaid

LB1052, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, amends the Medicaid Prescription Drug Act. The bill prohibits DHHS, a managed care organization or a contracted pharmacy benefit manager from denying coverage of antidepressant, antipsychotic or anticonvulsant medication if a patient's health care provider deems the drug medically necessary and it was prescribed within the immediately preceding 90 days.

The bill, passed 47-0, also changes pharmacy provisions at long-term care facilities, allows a pharmacist, in certain circumstances, to adapt a prescription for a patient at the request of the patient and allows a pharmacist to package medications for a patient that have been dispensed from a different pharmacy.

LB956, introduced by Fremont Sen. Lynne Walz, amends the Medical Assistance Act to require notice of material changes to an agreement between health care providers and a managed care organization. Under the bill, approved 47-0, providers will receive:

- 60-day notice of any material change;
- a description of the change and a proposed effective date;
- contact information for the managed care organization;
- the opportunity to meet with the managed care organization; and
- a copy of the entire agreement after three material changes in 12 months, if requested.

The bill also requires DHHS to notify Medicaid recipients when eligibility is discontinued or modified and clarifies the intent of Medicaid program integrity audits.

A bill that requires DHHS to keep its Medicaid reimbursement rate methodology within its existing rules and regulations process passed this session.

LB1053, introduced by the committee, clarifies that any change to the methodology is considered substantive and requires rule and regulation-making proceedings under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The bill, passed 48-0, also allows Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly facilities that meet DHHS licensure requirements to operate multiple centers under



Sen. Anna Wishart



Sen. Lynne Walz

one license and makes several changes to state law governing receiverships of health care facilities.

Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford's LB323 updates eligibility standards for Nebraska's Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities program from the federal Balanced Budget Act standards to more recent federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act standards. The bill passed 46-0.



Sen. Sue Crawford

Other measures

Senators passed a bill this session banning electronic smoking devices inside public buildings in Nebraska. LB840, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Dan Quick, amends the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act to prohibit use of electronic nicotine delivery systems as defined in state law.

The bill, passed on a 33-2 vote, exempts licensed electronic smoking device retail outlets from the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act as it relates to the use of electronic smoking devices. Such an outlet is defined as one that does not sell alcohol or gasoline, derives no more than 20 percent of its revenue from the sale of food and food ingredients and prohibits individuals younger than 21 from entering the premises. Until Jan. 1, 2022, electronic smoking device retail outlet employees may be under 21. After that date, employees must be 21 or older.

LB1061, introduced by Crawford, extends the state's alternative response procedures in child welfare cases, defines key terms and establishes the criteria in statute for alternative response cases. Nebraska's alternate response pilot program has been in place since 2014.

The bill eliminates the pilot program's sunset date; removes abandonment of a child for six months or more immediately prior to a report from the list of cases excluded from eligibility for alternative response; provides clearer definitions of response pathways for reports of child abuse and neglect; and establishes an advisory group under the Nebraska Children's Commission to examine use of alternative response.

The bill, passed 46-0, also narrows the types of cases eligible for alternative response.

Omaha Sen. Sara Howard's LB1124 creates the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund as the repository of any money that the state may receive from a federal Department of Justice lawsuit against opioid manufacturers accused of



Sen. Dan Quick

deceptive advertising.

The bill, passed 48-0, also requires DHHS to report annually to the Legislature, governor and attorney general regarding how funds were distributed and the outcomes achieved.

LB1002, sponsored by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostelman, allows the restocking of prescription drugs by a hospital for an emergency medical service if EMS transports a patient to the hospital and the drugs were used for the patient prior to or during transportation.

The measure also adds community care paramedic and critical care paramedic practices as EMS providers and directs the state Board of Emergency Services to provide education and licensure requirements for the classifications. Under the bill, licensed practical nurses are no longer exempt from Emergency Medical Services Practice Act licensing requirements.

LB1002 also requires DHHS to set standards for juvenile inpatient psychiatric units and psychiatric residential treatment facilities. Staff must be at least 20 years old, or at



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

least two years older than the oldest resident in the facility or unit, have a high school diploma or equivalent and be trained appropriately.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

La Vista Sen. John Arch's LB1183 creates the Health Information Technology Board, composed of health care professionals and other stakeholders. The 17-member board will establish criteria for data collection and disbursement by the statewide health information exchange. The bill passed 47-0.

Finally, LB518, as originally introduced by Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, would have adopted the Support for Trafficking Survivors Act. Those provisions were removed, leaving provisions of Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood's LB745, which outline procedures for certification of immigration visas by local law enforcement in Nebraska. The bill, passed on a 47-0 vote, requires Nebraska law enforcement agencies to certify a form within 90 days if requested for two types of immigration visas that are set aside for crime victims. ■



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan

JUDICIARY



Sen. Steve Lathrop, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee

Lawmakers considered a number of proposals this session seeking to improve the accountability, transparency and efficiency of Nebraska's law enforcement agencies, courts and correctional system.

Senators passed an omnibus bill that makes several changes to judicial procedure.

LB881, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, eliminates the court's authority to deduct fines automatically from otherwise encumbered portions of an offender's bond.



Sen. Matt Hansen

The bill includes provisions of several additional measures:

- LB213, sponsored by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, which allows a person sentenced to community service to apply to have their conviction set aside;
- LB282, sponsored by Hansen, which requires the court to appoint counsel when setting bond



Sen. John McCollister

- for an indigent defendant;
- LB776, sponsored by Bennington Sen. Wendy DeBoer, which allows evidence from an expert witness regarding eyewitness testimony to be admitted under the Nebraska Evidence Rules;



Sen. Wendy DeBoer

- LB777, also sponsored by DeBoer, which replaces references to infractions, misdemeanors and felonies and uses the term "offense;"

- LB945, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, which requires cities of more than 100,000 people to prepare an annual report of untested sexual assault evidence collection kits;



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh

- LB1007, also sponsored by Hansen, which reduces the time between court reviews of a person's competency to stand trial to every 60 days;

- LB1041, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, which clarifies the process for making a grand jury transcript publicly available when convened to investigate the death of a person in custody or detention;



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

- LB1180, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, which increases to six the number of alternate jurors a court can impanel; and



Sen. Justin Wayne

- LB1181, also sponsored by Wayne, which provides that a person cannot be held in custody while awaiting trial on an offense for a period of time longer than the maximum sentence for that offense.

Additionally, LB881 creates the new offense of sexual abuse by a school employee. An employee is guilty of such offense if he or she subjects a student to sexual penetration or contact or engages in a pattern or scheme to subject a student to such conduct, commonly referred to as grooming.

Sexual penetration of a student by a school employee is a Class IIA felony, punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Sexual contact with a student is a Class IIIA felony. A person found to have committed grooming behavior is guilty of a Class IV felony. A student's consent to sexual activity will not be considered a valid defense. A school employee

found guilty of sexual abuse of a student is required to register as a sex offender.

The bill also extends the statute of limitations for failure to report child abuse or neglect to 18 months after the commission of the crime or the date upon which the child reaches the age of majority, whichever is later.

Provisions of four bills pertaining to sexual assault offenses are included in LB881:

- LB766, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, which prohibits sexual assault of a minor by an authority figure, changes statute of limitations for failure to make a report of child abuse or neglect and changes provisions relating to sexual offenses;
- LB991, sponsored by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran, which creates the offense of sexual assault of a student and prohibits related enticement conduct by school officials;



Sen. Brett Lindstrom



Sen. Steve Halloran

- L B 1 0 4 8 , sponsored by Grand Island Sen. Dan Quick, which creates the offense of sexual assault by a school employee and provides notification to the Commissioner of



Sen. Dan Quick

Education; and

- LB1210, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, which creates the offense of sexual exploitation of a student.



Sen. Tony Vargas

LB881 passed on a 30-8 vote.

Law enforcement

Lawmakers passed two measures to increase transparency and accountability protections for individuals engaged with law enforcement.

LB924, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, requires each law enforcement agency in Nebraska to implement an anti-bias and implicit bias training policy to combat apparent or actual racial profiling practices.

Each agency is required to submit its adopted policy to the Nebraska Commission on Law



Sen. Ernie Chambers

Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Every law enforcement officer will be required to complete at least two hours of bias training during each calendar year.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the commission to withhold loans, grants, funds or donations from a law enforcement agency if the agency is found to have neglected to collect required vehicle stop demographic data. The funding could be reinstated once the reporting failure is corrected.

LB924 passed on a 49-0 vote and took effect immediately.

Under LB43, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz and passed 43-0, a victim of sexual assault is guaranteed the right to privileged consultation with a sexual assault advocate during any physical examination or interview by a peace officer, prosecutor or defense attorney.



Sen. Kate Bolz

Any medical professional, peace officer, prosecutor or defense attorney is required to provide a victim with written documentation of his or her rights before conducting an initial physical examination or interview. A victim has the right to be interviewed by a peace officer of the gender of his or her choosing, if the request can be accommodated reasonably.

LB43 also requires a medical provider who conducts a physical exam after a sexual assault to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which is required to retain any forensic evidence for 20 years.

Evidence collected from a sexual assault physical examination cannot be used to prosecute a survivor for any misdemeanor crimes or offenses under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Courts

A person assisting a child believed to be in imminent danger is eligible for legal immunity under a measure approved by lawmakers.

State law currently includes a “good Samaritan” provision that extends legal immunity to a person rendering aid at the scene of an accident or other emergency. LB832, introduced by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostelman, expands the definition to include entering a vehicle to remove a child to avoid immediate harm.



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote.

Lawmakers also considered two juvenile justice measures this session.

LB1148, sponsored by Vargas and passed 35-6, requires the Office of Juvenile Services to file a report with the

court and give notice of any changes in a youth offender's placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center. The office is required to provide copies of the notice to all interested parties, including any parent or guardian of the juvenile, at least seven days before the placement.

The bill also authorizes the court to hold a review hearing for any change in placement and issue a temporary stay of such change until completion of the review. Each juvenile who is placed at a YRTC is entitled to an annual review of their placement by the juvenile court for as long as they remain committed.

Provisions of four additional bills are included in LB1148:

- LB458, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop, which allows child advocacy centers to access child abuse and neglect investigations under review by the state Department of Health and Human Services;
- LB906, sponsored by Bennington Sen. Wendy DeBoer, which clarifies the process of retaining forensic interview videos by child advocacy centers;
- LB969, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, which ensures that defendants are entitled to a physical copy of a video recording in which they are described; and
- LB975, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, which allows DHHS to share information gathered from adult and child abuse investigations for the purpose of complying with other state or federal investigations.



Sen. Suzanne Geist

Under LB231, as introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks last session, legal counsel would have been appointed each time a juvenile court petition is filed. The juvenile and his or her parent or guardian would have been informed of the right to retain such counsel as needed.

A juvenile who waived the right to counsel could have rescinded the waiver at any time. Counsel would not have been appointed for a juvenile who participates in a pre-trial diversion program. The bill also would have authorized grants to counties to cover the cost of providing legal counsel to indigent juveniles.

After three hours of general file debate spanning two days, the Legislature moved to another item on the agenda. LB231 was not scheduled for additional debate this session.

Correctional system

The Legislature approved a measure to restrict the use of solitary confinement for juvenile offenders.

LB230, introduced by Pansing Brooks, prohibits cor-

rectional facilities from placing juveniles in room confinement as a result of disciplinary sanctions, staff shortages or retaliation by staff members.

The bill specifies that room confinement only can be used after all other less-restrictive alternatives have been exhausted and if the juvenile poses a serious and immediate security threat to themselves or others. The length of confinement is restricted to the minimum amount of time needed to resolve any such threat while not harming the mental or physical health of the juvenile.

Confined individuals can continue to have regular access to medical and mental health treatment, meals, contact with parents and legal guardians, legal assistance and educational programming. Monitoring of confined individuals may be accomplished through regular in-person visits, supplemented by electronic video monitoring.

Notice to an offender's parents or guardians and attorney of his or her placement in room confinement is required within one business day.

LB230 passed on a 44-0 vote.

Gov. Pete Ricketts vetoed two measures passed by the Legislature addressing the state's correctional system.

Under LB1004, sponsored by Lathrop, a committed offender automatically was eligible for parole within two years of their mandatory discharge date, unless they were eligible for parole at an earlier date.

The director of the division of parole supervision would have established caseload standards for parole service and provided annual caseload reports to the Legislature beginning in January 2021.

The bill included provisions of LB1036, originally introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, that changed the age of consent for health care decisions from 19 to 18. It also allowed a person under 19 who is in the custody of the correctional system to consent to medical and mental health care decisions.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

Lawmakers passed LB1004 on a 29-11 vote Aug. 13. The governor vetoed the bill Aug. 17, after the 2020 legislative session ended.

In his veto message, Ricketts said he appreciated Lathrop's "innovative" approach to addressing prison overcrowding, but called LB1004 "overly broad" and said it could make certain inmates eligible for parole as soon as they enter a correctional facility.

Also vetoed Aug. 17 was LB238, introduced by Pansing Brooks, which required the state Department of Correctional Services to allow all execution witnesses to view the process continually from the moment the inmate enters

the execution chamber until the moment he or she is pronounced dead, without any impediment to their line of sight.

Additionally, the bill allowed any person performing an execution to wear a mask or otherwise conceal their personal identity.

LB238 passed on a 27-10 vote Aug. 13. In his veto message, Ricketts said the bill would place additional burdens on the death penalty process in Nebraska and mandate changes to the current execution protocol.

Health care

LB814, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, bans “dismemberment” abortion—known medically as dilation and evacuation—except in emergency situations.

The bill defines a dismemberment abortion as a procedure in which a person purposely dismembers and extracts a living fetus from the uterus using clamps, forceps or similar instruments. It does not apply to an abortion in which suction is used to dismember a fetus, or removal of a fetus that already is dead.

LB814 also allows for professional injunctions and civil action against any abortion provider found to be in violation of the bill’s provisions. The intentional and knowing performance of the procedure—unless performed due to a medical emergency—is a Class IV felony, punishable by up to two years imprisonment with 12 months post-release supervision, a \$10,000 fine or both.

The bill passed on a vote of 33-8.

The Legislature also approved two measures addressing the mental health needs of Nebraskans.

Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz introduced LB247, which allows a person to issue instructions or preferences regarding future mental health care decisions, including consent to or refusal of specific types of care, such as inpatient treatment, psychotropic medication or electroconvulsive therapy.

The bill requires two witnesses to the signing of an advance directive, which is revocable by the person to whom it applies. Witnesses cannot be the person’s attending physician or member of their mental health care treatment team, family member, romantic partner, attorney or owner or employee of a treatment facility at which the person is

receiving treatment.

Under LB247, a health care professional who acts or declines to act according to reasonable medical standards, in good faith reliance upon a person’s advance directive, is not subject to criminal prosecution, civil liability or discipline for unprofessional conduct.

The bill passed on a 44-0 vote.

Currently, a Nebraska school may refer a child to the county attorney for truancy if the child has had more than 20 absences during the school year and a collaborative plan has not successfully resolved the child’s barriers to attendance.

LB751, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood and passed 48-0, adds mental health as a recognized barrier to attendance for consideration as part of a collaborative plan.



Sen. Carol Blood

Other measures

Prosecutors have increased authority to pursue individuals for receiving stolen firearms under a bill passed by the Legislature this session.

LB582, sponsored by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer, adopts a new standard so that a person who should have known or had reasonable cause to believe that a firearm was stolen can be prosecuted. Previously, a person was required to have actual knowledge or belief that a gun was stolen to be convicted of crimes related to receiving a stolen firearm.



Sen. Tom Brewer

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Current law requires that the recording of a termination of a notice of commencement under the Nebraska Construction Lien Act be published at least once per week for three consecutive weeks in a general circulation newspaper.

LB844, sponsored by Elmwood Sen. Robert Clements, would have eliminated this notification requirement. The bill failed to advance from committee. ■



Sen. Robert Clements

NATURAL RESOURCES



Sen. Dan Hughes, chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee

The Natural Resources Committee this session considered measures to create a statewide flood mitigation plan, prohibit cities from banning single-use plastics and allow certain landowners to apply for a permit to hunt deer before the regular firearm deer hunting season.

Omnibus bill

LB632, introduced by Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango and passed on a vote of 46-0, includes the provisions of four bills heard by the committee this session.

The provisions of LB769, introduced by Creighton Sen. Tim Gragert, require that each member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission be a Nebraska resident.

The amended provisions of LB861, introduced by Hughes, prohibit a county, municipality or agency from adopting, enforcing or administering an ordinance or resolution that prohibits the use of or sets standards, fees, prohibitions or requirements regarding the sale, use or marketing of containers.

It defines a container as a single-use, recyclable or reusable



Sen. Tim Gragert

bag, cup, can, pouch, package, container, bottle or other packaging made of cloth, paper, plastic, cardboard, aluminum, glass or certain other materials and that is “designed for consuming, protecting or transporting merchandise, food or beverages from or at a food service or retail facility.”

The prohibition does not apply to county, municipality or agency recycling or solid waste collection programs so long as those programs do not “prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the sale, use or marketing of any containers.”

The amended provisions of LB933, introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue, prohibit a public or private utility company from charging a fee for the discontinuance or reconnection of service that exceeds the reasonable costs of providing such service.

Crawford’s proposal also makes several changes to current law prohibiting most public and private utilities from discontinuing service to subscribers for nonpayment unless it first notifies them.

The amended provisions of LB1201, introduced by Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard, require the state Department of Natural Resources to create a statewide flood mitigation plan that will be included in the state hazard mitigation plan maintained by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Among other tasks, the department will identify opportunities to implement flood hazard mitigation strategies, identify potential funding sources for flood mitigation and post-flood disaster recovery and compile a list of critical infrastructure and state-owned facilities and identify those at the highest risk of flooding.

Game and parks

Certain landowners may apply for a permit to hunt deer before the regular firearm deer hunting season under a bill passed by lawmakers on a vote of 30-7.

LB126, introduced last session by Hughes, requires the state Game and Parks Commission to issue up to four limited permits to hunt deer during the Saturday through Monday preceding the opening day of firearm deer hunting season to qualifying landowners and their designated immediate family members.

The \$5 permits will be in addition to any limited permit to hunt deer issued to a qualifying landowner. Of the four permits that may be issued, no more than two may be issued to individuals younger than 19, and no more than two may be issued to those who are 19 or older.



Sen. Sue Crawford



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

For a Nebraska resident landowner, the number of permits issued may not exceed the total acreage of the farm or ranch divided by 80. For a nonresident landowner, the number of permits issued may not exceed the total acreage divided by 320.

Certain disabled veterans may apply for a free lifetime state park entry permit under a bill advanced by the committee this session.

LB770, introduced by Gragert and passed on a vote of 48-0, requires the commission to issue resident motor vehicle park entry permits to qualified disabled veterans in addition to the current annual and temporary permits.

To qualify, a veteran must be a Nebraska resident who has been honorably discharged and either rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as 50 percent or more disabled as a result of service in the U.S. military or be receiving a pension from the department as a result of total and permanent disability not connected to military service.

The permits are free, perpetual and become void only if a veteran no longer meets the eligibility criteria.

LB770 also increases the maximum fee for a nonresident motor vehicle annual park entry permit from \$55 to \$65 and increases the maximum fee for a temporary nonresident motor vehicle park entry permit from \$10 to \$12.

Other measures

Senators voted 47-0 to pass a bill updating governance of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.

LB858, introduced by Hughes, reorganizes, simplifies and streamlines MEAN's governing document, the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act.

Among other provisions, the bill specifies how a municipality may terminate participation in an agency, makes a variety of changes to board of director qualifications and specifies that construction, maintenance or remodeling of an agency's headquarters is not a "power project."

LB858 includes provisions of three additional bills:

- LB367, also introduced by Hughes, which extends the sunset date of the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act to Sept. 30, 2025, and eliminates fund transfer language;
- LB855, introduced by Columbus Sen. Mike Moser, which removes the legislative confirmation process for the appointment of board members to the Niobrara Council; and
- LB856, also introduced by Moser, which extends the sunset date for the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2024.



Sen. Mike Moser

Nebraska's public power districts may develop, manufacture and sell certain biofuels in an effort to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions under another bill passed by lawmakers.

LB899, introduced by Hughes and passed on a vote of 45-0, authorizes public power districts to develop, manufacture, use, purchase or sell at wholesale "advanced" biofuels and biofuel byproducts and other fuels and fuel byproducts so long as those activities are done to help offset greenhouse gas emissions.

The Legislature also voted to urge Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make flood control a top priority when managing water systems under their authority in the Missouri River basin.

LR288, introduced by Sen. Julie Slama of Peru and adopted on a vote of 43-1, states that the Corps should prioritize flood control over fish and wildlife protection when creating future master water control manuals and updating levee standards.



Sen. Julie Slama

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Corps and to each member of Nebraska's congressional delegation. ■

NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

A bill that brings Nebraska's state-administered retirement plans into compliance with recent federal changes passed this year.

LB1054, introduced by committee chairperson Sen.

Mark Kolterman of Seward, updates plans within the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems to comply with new provisions under the SECURE Act passed by Congress and signed into law in late 2019.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

Under the bill, the age trigger for the Required Minimum Distributions increases from age 70 1/2 to age 72 for individuals who reach 70 1/2 on or after Jan. 1, 2020.

The bill passed 48-0 and took effect immediately. ■

REVENUE



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, chairperson of the Revenue Committee

The Revenue Committee this session advanced a major proposal that includes a new tax credit based on the amount of property taxes paid to a taxpayer's school district, a new business tax incentive program and a requirement to provide matching funds for a potential project at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Tax package

LB1107, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer, contains numerous provisions.

The bill creates a refundable income tax credit based on the amount an eligible taxpayer paid in property taxes to their school district during the previous year, not including those amounts levied for bonded indebtedness or a levy override. The credit is allowed to each individual, business or other entity that pays school district taxes.

For calendar year 2020, the total amount of credits is



Sen. Jim Scheer

limited to \$125 million. For the following three years, that amount could increase based on growth in the state's net tax receipts and the level of its cash reserve.

The credit cap will increase to \$375 million in 2024. For each year after that, the total amount of credits will be \$375 million plus an allowable growth percentage equal to the growth in real property value, not to exceed 5 percent in any one year.

Another provision ensures that the state's cash reserve could not drop below \$500 million after any transfer of funds to the new program.

LB1107 creates a new business tax incentive program, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act. The application period for the state's current program, the Nebraska Advantage Act, ends this year.

Sen. Mark Kolterman of Seward introduced the original proposal, LB720, last session. Under LB1107, qualifying businesses will receive a varying combination of incentives based on their level of capital investment and the number of employees they hire at a minimum qualifying wage.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

To qualify for sales and use tax incentives under the act, a taxpayer must offer full-time employees the opportunity to enroll in minimum essential health care coverage under an employer-sponsored plan and offer a "sufficient package of benefits."

The director of the state Department of Economic Development may not approve applications that would include refunds or credits for a calendar year in which a "base authority" is projected to be exceeded.

Base authority is \$25 million for calendar years 2021 and 2022, \$100 million for 2023 and 2024 and \$150 million for 2025.

Beginning in 2026, the director will adjust the base authority every three years to an amount equal to three percent of the state's general fund net receipts for the most recent fiscal year. Unused base authority will carry forward to the following year, but base authority prior to 2026 may not exceed \$400 million.

The bill requires the director and the state tax commissioner to submit an annual report to the Legislature listing the tax incentive agreements signed in the previous year, the agreements still in effect, the identity of each taxpayer who is party to an agreement, the qualified location or locations and other information.

LB1107 also includes the amended provisions of Kolterman's LB1084, which requires the state to provide \$300 million in matching funds for a potential academic hospital and all-hazards disaster response facility at the University

of Nebraska Medical Center.

The state will not provide matching funds unless the applicant's project has been selected for participation in the federal program and \$1.3 billion in federal funds and private donations have been received.

In no case will matching funds be transferred before fiscal year 2025-26 or before the total amount of credits granted annually under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act reaches \$375 million.

Under LB1107, the state will grant \$275 million in credits each year under the Property Tax Credit Relief Act, which uses state sales and income tax revenue to provide Nebraskans with credits meant to offset part of what they pay in local property taxes.

The bill includes provisions meant to encourage "key employers," or those with at least 1,000 equivalent employees during the base year, to retain jobs in Nebraska when new owners of those companies are considering moving all or some of those jobs out of the state.

LB1107 directs the state Department of Economic Development to create and administer a revolving loan program for workforce training and infrastructure development expenses incurred by ImagiNE Act applicants. It also creates a fund to be administered by the department to provide grants to employers for reimbursement of job training expenses.

Finally, the bill provides a refundable income tax credit to Nebraska businesses that produce renewable chemicals made from agricultural products and repeals a tangible personal property tax exemption.

LB1107 passed on a vote of 41-4.

Property tax

The committee advanced two other proposals meant to reduce local property taxes, but neither mustered enough support to advance from the first round of debate.

LB974, introduced by the committee, would have reduced property valuations for school tax purposes over three years—thereby reducing the amount of property taxes they collect—while increasing state aid to schools via a new foundation aid component. It also included provisions intended to limit school budget and spending growth.

After three hours of general file debate, the Legislature moved to the next item on its agenda without voting on the committee amendment or the bill.

The committee later advanced a modified version of the proposal in the form of a committee amendment to LB1106, also introduced by Scheer. It, too, was taken off the agenda after three hours of first-round debate.

Sales and use tax

A bill that would have turned back a portion of the state sales tax collected on water and sewer services to help cities and utilities pay for infrastructure upgrades stalled on first-round debate.

LB242, as introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom last session, would have required the state to pay each political subdivision, sewer utility or water utility a percentage of the 5.5 percent state sales tax imposed and collected on sewer and potable water fees charged by those entities.

A committee amendment would have replaced the bill and corrected a drafting error regarding the proposed turnback rates.

After three hours of debate over two days, the Legislature moved to the next bill on the agenda before voting on the committee amendment or LB242.

State sales and use tax imposed on the sale or lease of aircraft would have been used to maintain Nebraska's airports under a bill advanced by the committee on a 6-2 vote.

LB1033, introduced by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson, would have required the state tax commissioner to credit an amount equal to the state sales and use tax imposed on the sale or lease of aircraft to a new capital improvement fund administered by the state Department of Transportation.

The bill was not scheduled for first-round debate.



Sen. Brett Lindstrom



Sen. Curt Friesen

Income tax

Individuals may exclude half of their military retirement benefit pay from state income tax under a bill passed by lawmakers on a vote of 46-0.

Previously, individuals could, within two years after their retirement from the military, choose from two options to exclude military retirement benefit pay from state income tax.

LB153, introduced last session by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer on behalf of Gov. Pete Ricketts, repeals those options and instead allows individuals to exclude 50 percent of their military retirement benefit income to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income.

The exclusion is for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after Jan. 1, 2022.

Self-employed child care providers may apply for a state



Sen. Tom Brewer

income tax credit under a bill approved by lawmakers on a vote of 47-0.

Under the 2016 School Readiness Tax Credit Act, eligible staff members who are employees of child care and early childhood education programs participating in the Step Up to Quality child care program may apply to the department for a refundable state income tax credit of up to \$1,500.

LB266, introduced by Lindstrom last session, adds self-employed individuals providing services for eligible child care and early childhood education programs to the definition of “eligible staff member,” allowing them to apply for the credit.

The bill also requires the state Department of Education to include those self-employed individuals in the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.

Finally, the bill allows credits awarded to passthrough entities to be distributed in the same manner and proportion as income.

Lawmakers voted 47-0 to pass a bill allowing Nebraskans to deduct employer contributions to their state college savings accounts from their state income taxes.

Under LB1042, introduced by Sen. Andrew La Grone of Gretna, an individual’s federal adjusted gross income will be reduced by the amount of any contribution made by the individual’s employer into the individual’s Nebraska educational savings plan trust account.



Sen. Andrew La Grone

The deduction is for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2021, and may not exceed \$5,000 for those married filing separately or \$10,000 for other filers.

The bill prohibits any state agency that provides benefits or aid to individuals based on financial need from taking employer contributions into account when determining an individual’s income.

Additionally, LB1042 eliminates the provision in current law that allows only an account’s participant, or registered owner, to take a state income tax deduction equal to contributions they make to their account, within certain limits.

The bill also allows the state treasurer to credit private qualified contributions to the Meadowlark Endowment Fund or to accounts opened under the Meadowlark Program at the direction of the donor.

Lawmakers debated a proposal to decouple Nebraska’s

tax code from a federal change intended to help businesses weather the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

LB1074, sponsored by Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, would have made several technical corrections to state tax law requested by the state Department of Revenue.

Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue introduced an amendment on general file that would have decoupled Nebraska’s tax code from a provision in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act passed by Congress in March. Because Nebraska conforms to federal tax law on a rolling basis, it automatically incorporates changes made at the federal level.

The provision temporarily removes an excess business loss limitation for passthrough entities, reducing state income tax revenue.

After several hours of general file debate, the Legislature adjourned without voting on Crawford’s amendment or the bill.

The committee advanced another bill that would have allowed taxpayers to direct state income tax refunds to their Nebraska educational savings plan trust accounts.

As amended, LB865, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, would have required the state tax commissioner to include space on the individual income tax return form, beginning with tax year 2021, in which the taxpayer could have designated any amount of a refund as a contribution to their account.



Sen. Justin Wayne

LB865 also would have modified the definition of “matching contribution” for purposes of a program in which the state treasurer provides incentive payments to employers that make matching contributions to employees’ NEST accounts.

Lawmakers voted 38-0 to advance the bill to select file, but it was not scheduled for subsequent debate.

The committee voted 8-0 to advance a proposal to provide an income tax deduction to Nebraska businesses that employ individuals convicted of a felony, but it was not scheduled for general file debate.

Under LB805, also introduced by Wayne, an individual’s federal adjusted gross income—or a corporation’s federal taxable income—would have been reduced by 65 percent of the wages paid to an individual who has been convicted of a felony in any state. ■

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Sen. Curt Friesen, chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

Measures expanding broadband access, easing motor vehicle restrictions and addressing emerging technologies were considered by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee this session.

Telecommunications

Expansion of broadband internet service in Nebraska was a priority for committee members this session.

LB992, introduced by Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen, creates a new position of state broadband coordinator within the office of the state chief information officer.

Among other duties, the coordinator will encourage counties to appoint a broadband planning coordinator to assist counties in determining available broadband assets and explore the creation of broadband cooperatives in unserved or underserved areas of the state.

The bill allows an electric utility and a commercial broadband supplier to enter into an agreement for the use of an electric utility easement or certain electric utility infrastructure to install, maintain or own certain attached equipment

for operation by a commercial broadband supplier.

In entering into an agreement, an electric utility may not discriminate among commercial broadband suppliers in offering or granting rights to install or attach certain broadband equipment.

LB992 requires electric utilities to charge fees that are nondiscriminatory and requires the Nebraska Public Service Commission to establish a matching fund program to provide incentives for the deployment of fiber-optic cable to benefit public libraries.

Additionally, LB992 changes current law allowing a state agency or political subdivision to lease its unused fiber-optic cable to certain telecommunications carriers. Before a dark fiber lease becomes effective, it must be filed with the commission, which will cause notice of the lease and lease rates to be published.

The bill requires the commission to establish a safe harbor range of market rates for all dark fiber leases using a competitive price determination comparison.

Under LB992, 50 percent of the profit earned by an agency or political subdivision under certain dark fiber leases must be remitted to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund. The provision does not apply to a lease or a portion of a lease of dark fiber leased to exclusively serve unserved locations.

Finally, the bill provides that Nebraska Rural Broadband Task Force members appointed by the governor will serve two-year terms and may be reappointed.

LB992 passed 47-0.

LB996, sponsored by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, allows Nebraska to create a statewide crowdsourcing program to collect broadband availability data to supplement federal data that already is collected.



Sen. Tom Brandt

The bill prioritizes resources and outreach in areas of the state that crowdsourcing, public feedback and other evidence suggests are unserved or underserved by high-speed internet.

The bill passed 47-0 and took effect immediately.

Licensing and administration

Lawmakers approved the committee's technical omnibus bill, LB944. Introduced by Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, it allows owners to seek a refund on vehicle registration if a vehicle is lost to natural disaster.

The bill also allows the state Department of Motor Vehicles to discontinue



Sen. Suzanne Geist

issuance of certain specialty license plates if less than 500 new and renewal applications are received in any consecutive two-year period. The current threshold is 200.

LB944 includes provisions of five bills authorizing new license plates:

- LB843, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, which provides for “Donate Life” license plates;



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh

- LB903, introduced by Omaha Sen. Rick Kolowski, which provides for Down syndrome awareness license plates;



Sen. Rick Kolowski

- LB921, introduced by Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann, which provides for “The Good Life is Outside” license plates;



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

- LB942, introduced by Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt, which provides for “Support the Arts” license plates; and



Sen. Megan Hunt

- LB1139, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, which provides for “Pets for Vets” license plates.



Sen. Anna Wishart

Additionally, provisions of the following six bills are incorporated in LB944:

- LB768, introduced by Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht, which incorporates updated federal regulations related to cabin trailers, low-speed vehicles, handicapped parking, vehicle registration and driver licenses and state identification cards, among others;
- LB785, introduced by Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen, which provides length, weight and load capacity exceptions for stinger-steered automobile transporters, towaway trailer transporter combinations, battery-powered vehicles, emergency vehicles and certain heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicles;
- LB831, introduced by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostel-



Sen. Joni Albrecht

man, which allows the state DMV to issue a salvage title for a vehicle manufactured prior to 1940 if it previously was titled as “junk;”



Sen. Kate Bolz

- LB976, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which adds neurological impairment to the list of criteria eligible for handicap parking passes within the exiting 200-foot



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

mobility impairment standard;

- LB983, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, which eliminates the one-point deduction from a person’s driver license for a speeding violation of up to five miles per hour over the speed limit; and



Sen. Sue Crawford

- LB1067, introduced by Bayard Sen. Steve Erdman, which allows all-terrain and utility-type vehicles to cross controlled-access highways of more than two marked lanes, if used for agricultural purposes.



Sen. Steve Erdman

LB944 passed on a 48-0 vote and took effect immediately.

Friesen introduced LB961, which would have imposed insurance and tax regulations on peer-to-peer car sharing programs, which connect consumers who temporarily want to use a vehicle with an eligible vehicle owner.

Under the bill, a peer-to-peer car sharing program would have assumed the liability of the vehicle owner for any bodily injury or property damage to third parties, uninsured and insured motorist benefits and personal injury prevention protection losses for the time period during which the vehicle was shared.

The bill was advanced to general file on an 8-0 vote but was not scheduled for debate.

LB761, sponsored by Adams Sen. Myron Dorn, would have increased an existing “50 Cents for Life” motor vehicle registration fee by 50 cents, which would bring the fee to \$1 each year.

The additional revenue would have funded Simulation in Motion, a University of Nebraska Medical Center training simulation that prepares first



Sen. Myron Dorn

responders and emergency medical technicians in rural Nebraska.

The bill failed to advance from committee.

Rules of the road

Farmers have expanded transportation options under a bill approved by lawmakers.

Currently, the state Department of Transportation, Nebraska State Patrol or local authorities can issue permits authorizing a person to move objects greater than maximum weight and load limits set in state law.

One of these permits allows a person transporting grain to exceed vehicle weight limits by 15 percent and length limits by 10 percent to transport grain from the field to storage,

market or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory when failure to do so would mean economic loss.

LB931, sponsored by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran, expands the permit to apply to transport of grain directly from farm storage to market. The bill also allows single-axle trucks to exceed single axle and gross weight by up to 15 percent for transport from farm storage to market or factory, up to 70 miles.



Sen. Steve Halloran

The maximum load of seasonally harvested grain is increased for tandem axle, group of axles or on the gross weight by 15 percent for transport from farm storage to market or factory without a permit.

LB931 passed on a 46-0 vote. ■

URBAN AFFAIRS



Sen. Justin Wayne, chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee

Proposals to address blighted property, affordable housing needs and municipal law were among the topics taken up by the Legislature this session.

Housing and development

Senators passed bills to encourage the development of affordable housing and help cities across the state address problem properties.

LB866, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, adopts the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act. The bill incentivizes affordable housing projects by requiring affordable housing action plans in certain cities.

The bill requires cities with populations greater than 20,000 to submit a report every two years, beginning July 1, 2021, to the Urban Affairs Committee detailing their efforts to incentivize affordable housing.

All cities with populations greater than 50,000 will be required to adopt an affordable housing action plan by Jan. 1, 2023, and all cities with populations between 20,000 and 50,000 will be required to adopt a plan by Jan. 1, 2024.

LB866 also includes provisions of LB1155 that create

the Middle Income Housing Investment Fund within the state Department of Economic Development to support development of workforce housing in Nebraska counties of 100,000 or more residents.

Only nonprofit organizations may apply for grants, which will be based on a demonstrated need for additional owner-occupied housing in communities with an unemployment rate higher than the state average.

The fund will receive a one-time, \$10 million general fund transfer. Any grants awarded will require one-to-one matching funds.

LB866 passed on a 31-7 vote.

A bill that provides more options for the use of land banks passed this session.

LB424, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Dan Quick, allows any municipality in Nebraska to join an existing land bank—a tax-exempt political subdivision that acquires, manages and develops vacant and tax-delinquent properties—under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act.



Sen. Dan Quick

Metropolitan and primary class cities are allowed to create stand-alone land banks under the bill.

LB424 contains a number of safeguards, including provisions that:

- prohibit a land bank from issuing bonds;
- prevent a land bank from investing in a property that financially could benefit a board member, their businesses or their immediate family members;
- limit the total number of parcels that a land bank may own;
- expand land bank reporting requirements;
- prevent a land bank from receiving property tax revenue from an agreement under the Joint Public Agency Act;
- prohibit a land bank from temporarily holding real property for a nonprofit corporation or private entity in most cases; and
- allow an entity that creates or joins a land bank to withdraw from the agreement by a two-thirds vote of the governing body.

The bill passed on a vote of 31-12.

North Platte Sen. Mike Groene's LB1021 creates an expedited review process of tax-increment financing for certain redevelopment projects under the state's Community Development Law. If authorized by the governing body of a municipality, a project will qualify for expedited review if it:



Sen. Mike Groene

- involves repair, rehabilitation or replacement of an existing structure in an existing substandard and blighted area;
- is in a county with a population of less than 100,000;
- involves a structure that is at least 60 years old; and
- does not exceed \$250,000 for a single-family structure, \$1 million for a multi-family or commercial structure or \$10 million for a structure on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bill passed 49-0.

Other measures

Senators also passed an omnibus bill that makes several changes to state law governing cities and villages.

LB1003, introduced by Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont, allows any second class city or village to annex land, lots, tracts, streets or highways to relocate all or part of a city or village because of catastrophic flooding, while waiving a requirement that annexed areas be contiguous or adjacent and urban or suburban in character.



Sen. Lynne Walz

Such annexation will require a two-thirds vote of either the city council or the village board.

The bill, passed 42-1, includes provisions of eight other measures:

- LB795, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, which amends the Enterprise Zone Act to define unemployment criteria;
- LB799, introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, which makes technical changes to statutes covering primary class cities;
- LB801, also introduced by the committee, which makes technical changes to the Community Development Law related to tax-increment financing;
- LB821, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, which allows the planning commission of a first or second class city or village to cancel a quarterly meeting if there is no business pending;



Sen. Matt Hansen



Sen. Tom Brewer

- LB885, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which changes requirements for grants under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act;



Sen. Kate Bolz

- LB957, introduced by Walz, which allows a mayor of a first or second class city to be considered a member of the town's city council to establish a quorum if the council consists of four members;

- LB984, introduced by Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt, which requires vacancies on airport authority, metropolitan transit authority, land bank, riverfront development authority boards and housing authority boards to be filled within six month after the date of the vacancy; and



Sen. Megan Hunt

- LB993, introduced by Kearney Sen. John Lowe, which allows cities with a population between 10,000 and 25,000 to expand the size of their city council from five to seven members under the City Manager Plan of Government Act.



Sen. John Lowe

LB870, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, allows cities and villages to borrow directly from a financial institution to repair or rebuild property or restore public services damaged or disrupted by a natural disaster.



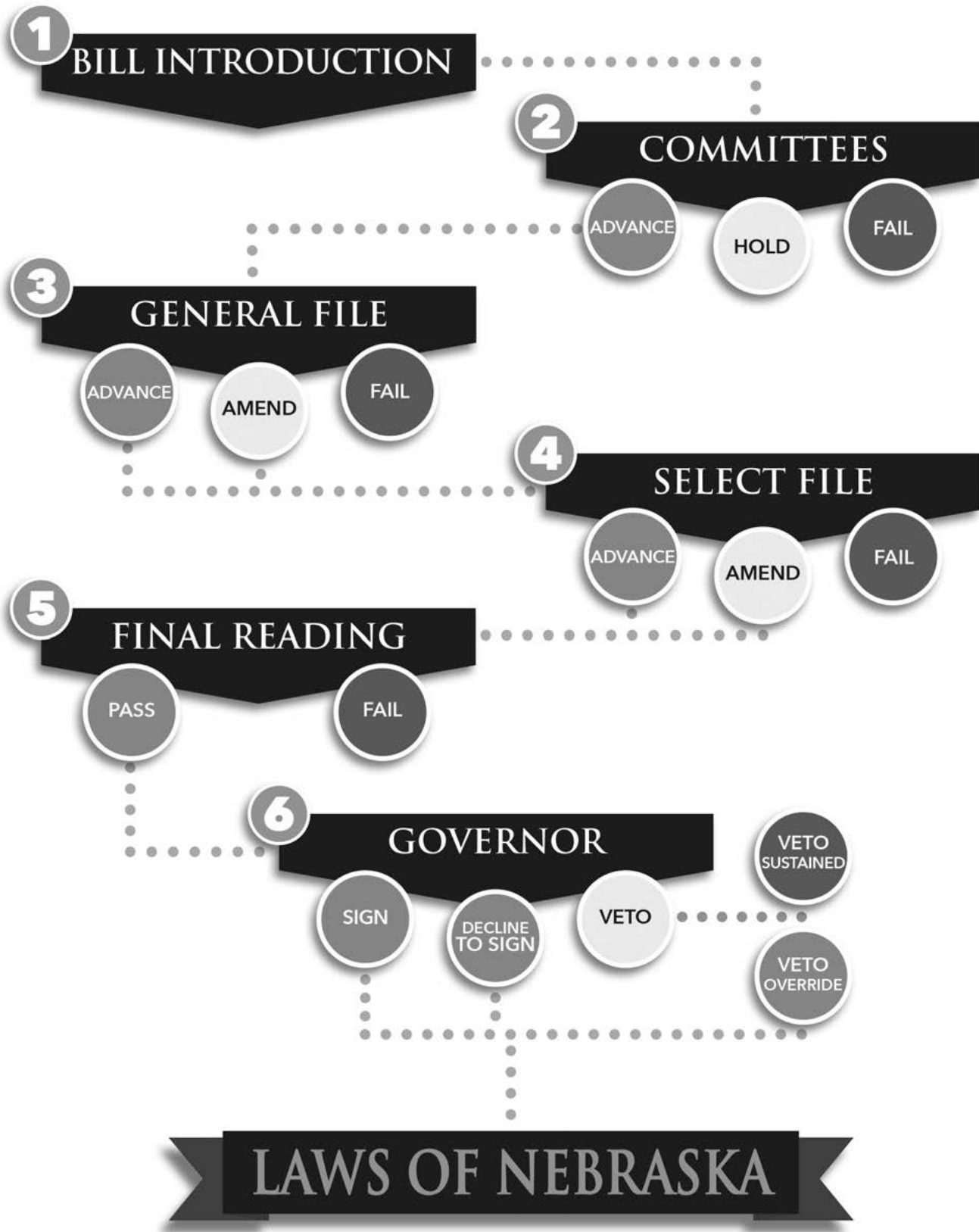
Sen. Sue Crawford

The bill, approved 48-0, limits direct borrowing to 20 percent of the annual budget of a second class city or village or 10 percent for a first, primary or metropolitan class city.

The Urban Affairs Committee considered a bill late in the session that would have adopted the Municipal Police Oversight Act. LB1222, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, would have required any city that employs full-time police officers create a seven-member citizen oversight board to investigate police shootings, alleged misconduct and complaints against police departments and to monitor and evaluate policing standards, patterns and practices.

LB1222 did not advance from committee. ■

HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW



BILL STATUS



S = signed by the governor, P = passed by the Legislature, V = vetoed,
 LV - line-item vetoed, VO = veto overridden, FR = final reading, SF = select file,
 GF = general file, C = held in committee, IPP = indefinitely postponed,
 W = withdrawn, > = amended into bill #, + = includes bill #
 ISSUES: coverage in issue # of the 2020 Unicameral Update

BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LB37	Hilkemann	C (>755)	Change the Podiatry Practice Act to authorize a physician assistant to assist a podiatrist	9, 12, 15
LB43	Bolz	S	Adopt the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights Act	9, 13
LB126	Hughes	S	Provide for special landowner deer hunting permits as prescribed	4, 6, 15
LB147	Groene	GF	Change the Student Discipline Act to provide for use by a teacher or administrator of necessary physical contact or physical restraint and provide procedures and grounds for removal from a class in response to student behavior	2, 12, 13
LB153	Brewer	S	Change provisions relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits	2, 15
LB205	Kolterman	GF	Adopt the Surgical Technologist Registration Act	6
LB205A	Kolterman	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB206	Morfeld	SF	Protect free speech rights of student journalists and student media advisers	2, 4
LB213	McCollister	C (>881)	Provide for setting aside certain infraction, misdemeanor, and felony convictions	9, 12, 14
LB219	Wishart	S (+977)	Change provisions relating to foster care and community-based care for children and families	
LB230	Pansing Brooks	S	Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed	2, 3, 5
LB231	Pansing Brooks	GF	Change provisions relating to legal defense of juveniles	3
LB238	Pansing Brooks	V	Change requirements for witnessing death penalty executions	6, 15
LB242	Lindstrom	C	Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue	6
LB247	Bolz	S	Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act	9, 13
LB255A	McCollister	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB266	Lindstrom	S	Change the School Readiness Tax Credit Act	3, 15
LB267	Bolz	GF	Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy	6
LB282	Hansen, M.	C (>881)	Change provisions relating to bail	9, 12, 14
LB283	Pansing Brooks	GF	Provide for a climate change study	12
LB305	Crawford	GF	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act	3
LB310A	Vargas	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB312	Hansen, B.	S	Change and eliminate provisions relating to dental hygienists	4, 15
LB321	Hansen, B.	C (>835)	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	SF (>1064)	Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions	15
LB323	Crawford	S	Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act for certain disabled persons	15
LB323A	Crawford	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB329A	Bolz	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB347	Murman	GF	Exempt reflexology from licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act	4
LB367	Hughes	GF (>858)	Eliminate provisions relating to fund transfers and change a termination date under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act	7, 13
LB424	Quick	S (+1178)	Change the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act	8, 12, 13, 15
LB448	McDonnell	SF (>963)	Change provisions relating to compensation for burial expenses under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	6, 9, 15
LB458	Lathrop	C (>1148)	Change provisions relating to child abuse or neglect	10, 13
LB515	Vargas	V	Change provisions relating to the Student Discipline Act	15
LB518	Linehan	S (+745)	Adopt the Support for Trafficking Survivors Act	4, 5, 14, 15
LB518A	Linehan	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB527	Bolz	GF (>1107)	Adopt the Customized Job Training Act	
LB534	Cavanaugh	S	Require public postsecondary educational institutions to conduct an annual sexual assault climate survey	3, 15
LB563A	Bolz	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB568	Morfeld	C (>920)	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds	12
LB582	Brewer	S	Change provisions relating to possession of a stolen firearm	2, 5
LB594	Blood	GF	Provide for a deceptive trade practice relating to meat under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act	2
LB605	Lindstrom	C (>1107)	Adopt the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act	
LB607	Kolterman	V	Change provisions relating to nail technology and body art	6, 15
LB607A	Kolterman	V	Appropriation Bill	
LB632	Hughes	C (+769, 861, 933, 1201)	Clarify a statutory reference relating to rural water districts	12, 15
LB632A	Hughes	IPP	Appropriation Bill	

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LB640	Howard	C (>1131)	Include study relative to the Holocaust and other genocides in provisions relating to multicultural education	9
LB667	Vargas	GF	Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act	14
LB720	Kolterman	SF (>1107)	Adopt the Imagine Nebraska Act, Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act, Customized Job Training Act, and Community Economic Opportunities Act and provide tax incentives	5, 12, 14, 15
LB720A	Kolterman	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB734	Hunt	S	Provide for licensure of charter bus services under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	3, 5, 6
LB734A	Hunt	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB740	Executive Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions relating to transfers of funds	
LB741	Executive Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions relating to the Subsidized Employment Pilot Program	
LB742	Blood	C	Change penalty, sentencing, and hearing application provisions relating to offenses against animals	
LB743	Blood	C	Adopt updated electrical standards	
LB744	Blood	C	Authorize appointment of county engineer in certain counties and change powers and duties	
LB745	Blood	GF (>518)	Provide duties for law enforcement and prosecutors regarding federal immigration forms relating to victims of certain crimes	5, 14, 15
LB746	Blood	C	Adopt the Nebraska Consumer Data Privacy Act	5
LB747	Blood	C	Change the definition of microbusiness under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act	
LB748	Blood	C	Adopt the Fertility Fraud Act	
LB749	Blood	C	Adopt the Nebraska Anti-Terrorism Act	
LB750	Blood	C	Prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status	
LB751	Blood	S	Provide for a mental health exception to compulsory education requirements	9, 13
LB752	Blood	GF (>755)	Provide duties and programs relating to veterans	9, 12, 15
LB753	Blood	C	Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	3
LB754	Blood	W	Provide for a new certificate of birth and amendment of a certificate of birth	
LB755	Blood	S (+37, 752, 772, 811, 825, 834)	Change provisions relating to home services under the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act and Barber Act; physician assistants under the Board of Medicine and Surgery; infant screening testing; Parkinson's disease drug reporting; and the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act	3, 9, 12, 15
LB755A	Blood	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB756	Blood	C	Authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to buy and sell stocks and bonds	
LB757	Blood	C	Prohibit certain fraudulent acts under the Nebraska Criminal Code and the Insurance Fraud Act	
LB758	Scheer	GF	Name the State Capitol courtyards	
LB759	Kolterman	C	Require consultation with school districts regarding placement of children	
LB760	Kolterman	S	Require health carriers to provide coverage for asynchronous review by a dermatologist by way of telehealth	9, 13
LB761	Dorn	C	Change motor vehicle registration fees and provide funding for the simulation in motion program	4, 7
LB762	Dorn	C	Provide for transfers to the Hall of Fame Trust Fund	
LB763	Dorn	GF	Change provisions relating to certain payments of funds to townships	
LB764	Lindstrom	GF (>909)	Change investment provisions for fiduciaries	
LB765	Lindstrom	W	Eliminate a duty of the Attorney General with respect to prosecution of certain workers' compensation report violations	
LB766	Lindstrom	C (>881)	Prohibit sexual assault of a minor by an authority figure, change statute of limitations for failure to make a report of child abuse or neglect, and change provisions relating to sexual offenses	7, 12, 14
LB767	Lindstrom	GF (>808)	Change provisions on breach of warranty on improvements to real property and provisions under the Nebraska Condominium Act	9, 15
LB768	Albrecht	GF (>944)	Adopt and update references to federal transportation laws	6, 9, 13
LB769	Gragert	GF (>632)	Change provisions relating to membership on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission	12, 15
LB770	Gragert	S	Provide for state park permits for disabled veterans and change nonresident fees for state park permits	4, 6, 12
LB771	Gragert	C	Change a one-license-plate registration provision	
LB772	Williams	C (>755)	Change the scope of practice for physician assistants	3, 9, 12, 15
LB773	Williams	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds for the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund	10, 13

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LB774	Williams	S (+886, 954, 1199)	Change provisions relating to reinsurance, motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance, and fees for dental services and prohibit certain activities by health care facilities	
LB775	Williams	GF (>808)	Change Real Property Appraiser Act provisions	9, 15
LB776	DeBoer	C (>881)	Allow expert testimony on eyewitness identification and memory	9, 12, 14
LB777	DeBoer	C (>881)	Provide for set-asides of infractions and violations of city and village ordinances and county resolutions	9, 12, 14
LB778	Stinner	C	State intent regarding appropriations for the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	
LB779	Stinner	C (>1008)	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services	6
LB780	Stinner	S (+943)	Provide duties for the Nebraska Arts Council regarding creative districts and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Arts and Humanities Cash Fund	10, 13
LB780A	Stinner	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB781	Stinner	S (+807, 1047)	Provide for annual continuing education for treasurers of certain local governments, change and eliminate county treasurer statement requirements, and provide a duty for the Auditor of Public Accounts	
LB782	Stinner	GF (>808)	Change certified public accountant examination provisions	3, 9, 15
LB783	Lowe	S (+838, 1104)	Provide an exemption from licensure under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act, redefine ambulatory surgical center under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, and redefine a term under the Health Care Quality Improvement Act	
LB784	Friesen	C	Change provisions regarding odometer statements	
LB785	Friesen	GF (>944)	Change vehicle size, weight, and load provisions, provide for stinger-steered automobile transporters and towaway trailer transporter combinations, and define emergency vehicle	6, 9, 13
LB786	Lathrop	C	Change rules on the use of restrictive housing and require screenings of inmates for serious mental illness, developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries	6
LB787	Lathrop	W	Construe applicability of certain uninsured and underinsured motor vehicle insurance coverages	
LB788	Slama	GF (>1016)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Department of Labor	6, 7, 12
LB789	Slama	C	Change school bus stop signal arm violation provisions	4
LB790	Slama	SF (+890)	Change the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act and certain state bidding requirements and contract approval procedures	7, 8, 9
LB791	Slama	C	Change provisions of the Livestock Animal Welfare Act relating to ownership, possession, or seizure of animals	
LB792	Slama	C	Allow for the combination or aggregation of cocaine, base cocaine, heroin, amphetamine or methamphetamine amounts for two or more controlled substance violations	8
LB793	Slama	C	Change penalty and statute of limitation provisions relating to public assistance violations	
LB794	Hansen, M.	C (>866)	Adopt the Missing Middle Housing Act and provide zoning regulation requirements for certain cities	5, 14, 15
LB795	Hansen, M.	GF (>1003)	Change provisions relating to enterprise zones	10, 13
LB796	Hansen, M.	C	Change provisions relating to claims against a city of the primary class	
LB797	Hansen, M.	S	Change restrictions on municipal annexation	
LB798	Brandt	C	Provide for the anonymity of certain state lottery prize winners	
LB799	Urban Affairs	GF (>1003)	Change provisions relating to cities of the primary class	10, 13
LB800	Urban Affairs	GF	Provide for the applicability of state and local construction codes	
LB801	Urban Affairs	GF (>1003)	Change and eliminate provisions of the Community Development Law	10, 13
LB802	Hughes	IPP	State a legislative finding and declaration relating to the right to use ground water	3
LB803	Hughes	S	Adopt the Dry Pea and Lentil Resources Act	3, 9, 12, 13
LB803A	Hughes	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB804	Wayne	C	Provide for insurance coverage of epinephrine autoinjectors	7
LB805	Wayne	GF	Provide an income tax deduction for certain wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony	4
LB805A	Wayne	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB806	Wayne	C	Exempt social security benefits and retirement benefits from taxation as prescribed	
LB807	La Grone	GF (>781)	Change a duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts relating to government auditing standards	
LB808	La Grone	S (+767, 775, 782, 902, 929, 1123)	Change provisions relating to accountants, provide for the ratification of defective corporate actions under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, adopt the Uniform Trust Decanting Act, change provisions relating to actions on breach of warranty on improvements to real property and change provisions under the Nebraska Condominium Act, change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act, change the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act, redefine the term security to include certain student loans under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act, and provide an exemption to the Nebraska Real Estate License Act as prescribed	9, 15

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LB808A	La Grone	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB809	Wayne	GF	Adopt 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code standards	
LB810	McCollister	C	Impose sales tax on bottled water, candy, and soft drinks	
LB811	McCollister	C (>755)	Change pharmacist reporting requirements under the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act	9, 12, 15
LB812	McCollister	C	Change acceptable ranges and authorize orders for rehearings under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act	
LB813	Bolz	C	State intent regarding appropriations for apprenticeships and provide powers for the Department of Labor	6
LB814	Geist	S	Prohibit dismemberment abortion	7, 12, 13, 14, 15
LB815	Morfeld	C	Prohibit certain section 1115 waivers under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB816	McCollister	C	Provide for information and training on firearm safety and suicide prevention and place restrictions and requirements on certain transfers of firearms	
LB817	Stinner	C	Adopt the Prescribing Psychologist Practice Act	
LB818	Brewer	C	Adjust the nameplate capacity tax for inflation	3
LB819	Brewer	C	Change provisions relating to the taxation of benefits received under the federal Social Security Act	
LB820	Brewer	GF (>1055)	Change required information on the voter registration application	9, 14
LB821	Brewer	GF (>1003)	Change provisions relating to city or village planning commission meetings	10, 13
LB822	Brewer	GF (>1055)	Change recall petition and election provisions	
LB823	Brewer	C	Provide for a special election prior to the exercise of eminent domain for transmission lines in certain circumstances	3
LB824	Hunt	GF	Change provisions related to state and local building codes	
LB825	Hilkemann	C (>755)	Change provisions relating to infant health screenings	3, 9, 12, 15
LB826	Hilkemann	C (>1009)	Provide for and eliminate transfers from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund	
LB827	Hilkemann	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	10, 13
LB828	Hilkemann	C	Change provisions relating to the scope of practice of a licensed optometrist	
LB829	Erdman	C	Change provisions relating to certain in lieu of tax payments made by the Game and Parks Commission	7
LB830	Erdman	C	Change provisions relating to the establishment of speed limits by local authorities	
LB831	Bostelman	GF (>944)	Change certificate of title provisions for a junked vehicle	9, 13
LB832	Bostelman	S	Provide immunity from civil liability for entering a vehicle to remove a child	4, 9, 13
LB833	Crawford	C (>1053)	Exclude certain elderly care programs from the Health Care Facility Licensure Act	13, 15
LB834	Arch	C (>755)	Change provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act	9, 12, 15
LB835	Halloran	S (+321)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act and the Weights and Measures Act	
LB836	Arch	C (>1158)	Change provisions governing certain contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program	
LB837	Arch	C (>1185)	Change provisions relating to background checks under the Child Care Licensing Act and the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act	10, 14
LB838	Arch	C (>783)	Provide an exemption from licensure under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act	8
LB839	Wishart	C (>965)	Recognize American Sign Language and provide for the teaching of American Sign Language in schools	4, 9, 15
LB840	Quick	S	Prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices as prescribed under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act	6, 8, 13
LB841	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to certain certifications for homestead exemptions	
LB842	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle tax imposed on military servicemembers	4
LB843	Cavanaugh	C (>944)	Provide for Donate Life license plates	9, 10, 13
LB844	Clements	C	Eliminate certain notice requirements relating to construction liens	3
LB845	Groene	IPP	Change procedures for water augmentation projects under an integrated management plan	
LB846	Quick	C	Change provisions relating to compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB847	Arch	C (>1052)	Change requirement for dispensing drugs in certain health care facilities	12, 14
LB848	Pansing Brooks	S (+849, 937)	Rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day, change the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act as it relates to Indian tribes, and require the display of tribal flags in the Capitol	7, 9, 13, 15
LB848A	Pansing Brooks	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB849	Pansing Brooks	GF (>848)	Change eligibility requirements under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act	9, 13, 15
LB849A	Pansing Brooks	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB850	Pansing Brooks	S	Authorize placement of a monument to the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson National Battlefield	9, 13
LB851	McCollister	C	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act	4

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LB852	Williams	GF (>909)	Change farm product lien provisions and actions relating to termination statements	7
LB853	Williams	GF (>909)	Authorize financial institutions to place a hold on certain customer transactions in cases of financial exploitation	4, 7
LB854	Williams	GF (>909)	Change provisions under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act relating to secured deposits and pooled collateral	7
LB855	Moser	GF (>858)	Eliminate legislative confirmation for certain members of the Niobrara Council	7, 13
LB856	Moser	GF (>858)	Extend sunset of the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund	3, 7, 13
LB857	Low	GF	Require state agency review of rules and regulations	4
LB858	Hughes	S (+367, 855, 856)	Change provisions of the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act, the Niobrara Scenic River Act, and the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act	7, 13
LB859	Hughes	IPP	Change provisions relating to qualifications and terms of office for certain Game and Parks Commission members	
LB860	Hughes	IPP	Change Game and Parks Commission district limits and designations as prescribed	
LB861	Hughes	GF (>632)	Change provisions of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act with respect to consumer merchandise and containers	6, 12, 15
LB862	Hughes	C	Prohibit possession by minors of tobacco and nicotine products	5
LB863	Hughes	IPP	Limit ownership of land by the Game and Parks Commission	4
LB864	Wayne	C	Adopt the Bed Bug Detection and Treatment Act for cities of the metropolitan class	
LB865	Wayne	SF	Provide for contributions of income tax refunds to accounts established under the Nebraska educational savings plan trust	9
LB865A	Wayne	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB866	Wayne	S (+794, 1155)	Adopt the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act	14, 15
LB867	Hansen, M.	C	Adopt the Local Option Municipal Childcare Financing Act	
LB868	Lathrop	C (>912)	Change provisions relating to mediators under the Parenting Act	
LB869	Lathrop	C (>912)	Provide for issuance of subpoenas in civil proceedings in foreign jurisdictions and change provisions relating to subpoenas and witness fees	
LB870	Crawford	S	Change provisions relating to direct borrowing by cities and villages	4, 8, 12
LB871	Crawford	C	Change unconscionability provisions under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act	
LB872	Hunt	C	Eliminate requirements for the provision of information and materials regarding finding medical assistance and continuing a viable pregnancy after taking mifepristone	7
LB873	Hunt	C	Provide for a gender neutral designation on operator's licenses and state identification cards and provide for amendment of a birth certificate	4
LB874	Howard	C	Restate intent regarding funding programs from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	
LB875	Howard	C	Require a medicaid state plan amendment for outpatient assisted therapy	
LB876	Walz	GF	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas	
LB877	Walz	C	State intent regarding appropriations for aging and disability resource centers	
LB878	Walz	C	Redefine immediate family and change conflict of interest provisions under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB879	Geist	GF	Eliminate funding for the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act and change the termination date for applications	
LB880	Groene	S	Change dates related to certifications and distributions of state aid to schools	
LB881	Hansen, M.	S (+213, 282, 766, 776, 777, 945, 991, 1007, 1041, 1048, 1180, 1181, 1210)	Change provisions relating to criminal and civil procedure	9, 12, 14
LB882	Hansen, M.	C	Change provisions relating to marriage and annulments	
LB883	Hansen, M.	C	Change procedures relating to obligors and obligees in child support proceedings	
LB884	Lindstrom	C	Provide for legal effect of a publication concerning liability insurance	
LB885	Bolz	GF (>1003)	Change requirements for grant applications under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act	10, 13
LB886	Arch	GF (>774)	Prohibit certain acts by health insurers and network providers and list a deceptive trade practice	
LB887	Arch	C (>1052)	Authorize pharmacists to adapt prescriptions to aid consumers	12, 14

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LB888	Hilgers	GF	Change State Tort Claims Act provisions relating to authority of the Risk Manager and State Claims Board	
LB889	Hilgers	S	Change appeal provisions under the Administrative Procedure Act	
LB890	Hilgers	GF (>790)	Provide for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act	7
LB891	Hilgers	C	Provide an income tax credit for overtime pay	
LB892	Hilgers	C	Change individual income tax brackets	
LB893	Bostelman	C (>1002)	Change provisions relating to emergency care providers and provide for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics	13, 15
LB894	Stinner	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds for community college aid	
LB895	Morfeld	C (>966)	Change provisions related to decedents' estates	
LB896	Erdman	C	Require notice of construction and expansion of structures near military installations as prescribed	
LB897	Cavanaugh	C	Appropriate funds for behavioral health aid	
LB898	Friesen	C	Provide for the collocation of certain wireless facilities	5
LB899	Hughes	S	Provide certain powers for public power districts relating to fuels and fuel byproducts	3, 9, 13
LB900	Cavanaugh	C	Provide for the ownership of an unfertilized human ovum	
LB901	Cavanaugh	C	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative	
LB902	Pansing Brooks	GF (>808)	Adopt the Uniform Trust Decanting Act	9, 15
LB903	Kolowski	C (>944)	Provide for Down Syndrome Awareness license plates	9, 13
LB904	Bolz	W	Provide for use of the Water Sustainability Fund for sustainable use of water in food production and transfer General Funds	
LB905	DeBoer	C	Provide for a fee on single-use checkout bags and for a program to provide reusable checkout bags to the public	4
LB906	DeBoer	C (>1148)	Provide requirements and restrictions on maintenance, release, and use of video recordings of forensic interviews of children	3, 10, 13
LB907	DeBoer	C	Change provisions relating to adoptions	
LB908	Williams	GF (>909)	Change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act	7
LB909	Williams	S (+764, 852, 853, 854, 908, 939)	Change provisions relating to banking and finance	7, 12
LB910	Stinner	S	Provide for, change, eliminate, and change distribution of fees and funds of the Secretary of State	10, 12, 13
LB911	Quick	S	Provide for acquisition of former Nebraska Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Grand Island	4, 10, 13
LB911A	Quick	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB912	Brandt	S (+868, 869, 1027)	Adopt the County Court Expedited Civil Actions Act and change certain procedures relating to civil actions	
LB913	McDonnell	C	Change arson, trespass, and graffiti provisions	
LB914	Hunt	C	Change rental deposit, damage, and notice of termination provisions under the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act	
LB915	Hunt	C	Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities	
LB916	Lathrop	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services for a community corrections facility	5
LB917	Wayne	C	Provide for a diabetes pilot study	
LB918	Wayne	S	Create the Commission on African American Affairs	6, 10, 15
LB918A	Wayne	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB919	Wayne	C	Change requirements for approval or denial of licenses or licensing agreements under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act	
LB920	Groene	SF (+568, 1168)	Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions	3, 12
LB921	Hilkemann	C (>944)	Provide for The Good Life Is Outside Plates	9, 13
LB922	Kolterman	C	Require electronic issuance of prescriptions for controlled substances as prescribed	
LB923	Lindstrom	S	Change sales tax provisions relating to gross receipts	
LB924	Chambers	S	Change provisions relating to racial profiling and require law enforcement training	4, 6, 13
LB925	Chambers	C	Change provisions relating to standing to file a petition for a declaratory judgment	
LB926	Business & Labor	GF (>1016)	Change provisions relating to violations of the Employee Classification Act	7, 12
LB927	Business & Labor	S	Provide for payment of claims against the state	12, 13
LB928	Business & Labor	C	Deny claims against the state	
LB929	Lindstrom	GF (>808)	Provide an exemption to the Nebraska Real Estate License Act	9, 15

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LB930	Briese	GF (>1107)	Require a minimum amount of tax relief under the Property Tax Credit Act	14
LB931	Halloran	S	Change a harvested products maximum weight overload exception under the Nebraska Rules of the Road	9, 13
LB932	Wishart	C	Require expansion of the medical assistance program as prescribed	
LB933	Crawford	GF (>632)	Change provisions relating to discontinuance of utility service	6, 12, 15
LB934	Morfeld	C	Change provisions relating to the practice of law and admission to the Nebraska bar	3
LB935	Hunt	C	Change the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act to authorize expenditures for an officeholder's child care services	7, 8, 13, 15
LB936	Hunt	C	Change the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act to authorize expenditures for conference expenses for certain members of an officeholder's family	
LB937	Brewer	GF (>848)	Require the display of tribal flags in the Capitol	8, 13, 15
LB938	La Grone	C	Provide immunity for reliance upon acknowledged power of attorney	
LB939	Williams	GF (>909)	Change provisions under the Collection Agency Act	7
LB940	Pansing Brooks	C (>1148)	Change a provision regarding the sealing of juvenile records	
LB941	Hunt	C	Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights	
LB942	Hunt	C (>944)	Provide for Support the Arts license plates	9, 13
LB943	Hunt	C (>780)	Provide duties for the Nebraska Arts Council regarding creative districts	4, 12, 13
LB944	Geist	S (+768, 785, 831, 843, 903, 921, 942, 976, 983, 1067, 1088, 1139)	Change and provide provisions for REAL ID, motor vehicle fees, federal references, handicapped parking permits, junked vehicles, odometers, destroyed vehicles, the International Registration Plan, license plates, electronic delivery of operator's licenses and ID cards, CDL's, point system, vehicle length and weight limits; ATV's and UTV's, the International Tax Agreement Act, the unified carrier registration plan and agreement, and civil penalties	6, 9, 13
LB944A	Geist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB945	Cavanaugh	C (>881)	Require a report on untested sexual assault evidence collection kits	9, 12, 14
LB946	Briese	C	Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services	
LB947	Erdman	W	Change provisions relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles	
LB948	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to insurance coverage for mammography	
LB949	Bolz	C	Limit the amount an insured individual pays for prescription insulin drugs	7
LB950	Murman	C (>1131)	Change eligibility requirements for the Access College Early Scholarship Program	9
LB951	Bolz	C	Change elements of claims under the Nebraska Claims for Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment Act	
LB952	Wishart	C	Provide for a new homestead exemption	
LB953	Wishart	W	Prohibit certain public entities from charging a fee for adoption or purchase of a dog or cat by a veteran	
LB954	Lindstrom	GF (>774)	Change insurance provisions relating to fees for dental services	
LB955	Walz	C (>956)	Change provisions relating to eligibility for medical assistance	12
LB956	Walz	S (+956, 1105)	Provide duties regarding managed care contract changes and change audit provisions under the Medical Assistance Act	4, 12, 14
LB957	Walz	GF (>1003)	Change quorum requirements for city councils of cities of the first and second class	10, 13
LB958	Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions relating to possession or purchase of a firearm by a person convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence or subject to any protection order	7
LB959	Vargas	C	Limit habitual criminal enhancement to violent felonies	
LB960	Friesen	C	Change accounting of income provisions and provide a requirement for use of funds under the Municipal Proprietary Function Act	6
LB961	Friesen	GF	Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act	4
LB962	Hunt	S	Adopt the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act	5, 8, 12
LB963	Brewer	S (+448)	Change workers' compensation provisions for injuries to first responders and frontline state employees and burial expenses	4, 8, 9, 15
LB963A	Brewer	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB964	McDonnell	C (>966)	Provide for an acknowledgment of maternity	
LB965	McDonnell	S (+839)	Recognize American Sign Language, provide for the teaching of American Sign Language in schools and postsecondary educational institutions, and establish a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing	4, 9, 14
LB965A	McDonnell	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB966	DeBoer	S (+895, 964, 1031, 1115)	Adopt the Uniform Wills Recognition Act (1977), change the Nebraska Probate Code, provide for an acknowledgment of maternity and paternity, and change provisions relating to the revocation of transfer on death deeds under the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act	

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LB967	DeBoer	C	Change provisions regarding bullying prevention and education	8
LB968	McCollister	C	Change requirements for hearings before the Board of Pardons	3
LB969	Wayne	C (>1148)	Change provisions relating to video depositions of child victims and child witnesses	10, 13
LB970	Wayne	C	Limit the amount an insured individual pays for prescription insulin drugs	
LB971	Wayne	C	Redefine a lottery to include wagers made on the outcome of an authorized sporting event	6
LB972	Brandt	GF	Change germination seed testing provisions under the Nebraska Seed Law	
LB973	Kolowski	C	Adopt the Homeowner Association Act	
LB974	Revenue	GF	Change taxation and school funding provisions	3, 7, 12
LB975	Geist	C (>1148)	Change provisions relating to reports of child abuse or neglect	10, 13
LB976	Bolz	GF (>944)	Redefine handicapped or disabled person for purposes of handicapped or disabled parking permits	8, 9, 13
LB977	Bolz	GF (>219)	Change provisions relating to the case management lead agency model pilot project	
LB978	Murman	C	Provide for county, city, and village jail reimbursement	6
LB979	Morfeld	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation	
LB980	Brandt	C (>1056)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act	12, 15
LB981	Hunt	C	Provide for applicability of provisions regarding state contracts for services to certain state entities	
LB982	Hansen, M.	C	Change the prohibition on use of state funds for advertising or promotional materials	7
LB983	Crawford	C (>944)	Eliminate a penalty relating to speeding	6, 9, 13
LB984	Hunt	GF (>1003)	Provide deadlines for filling vacancies on certain city or village boards, authorities, and agencies	10, 13
LB985	Pansing Brooks	C	Provide for Class ICA and IDA felony classifications and change penalties	
LB986	Pansing Brooks	C	Prescribe requirements for public colleges and universities regarding criminal history and juvenile court record information	4
LB987	Pansing Brooks	C	Impose sales and use tax on dating and escort services and provide for the use of the revenue	
LB988	Hilgers	C	Provide restrictions on business entity ownership with respect to certain professional services	
LB989	Wayne	C	Impose sales and use taxes on digital advertisements	
LB990	Wayne	C	Adopt the Games of Skill Act and use proceeds to reduce school district property tax levies	
LB991	Halloran	C (>881)	Create the offense of sexual assault of a student and prohibit related enticement conduct by school officials	7, 12, 14
LB992	Friesen	S	Adopt the Broadband Internet Service Infrastructure Act and provide for certain broadband and Internet-related services	13, 15
LB993	Lowe	GF (>1003)	Change provisions regarding the number of city council members in cities adopting the city manager plan of government	10, 13
LB994	Murman	C	Adopt the Organ Transplant Fairness Act	
LB995	Gragert	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Commission on Public Advocacy	
LB996	Brandt	S	Provide for a government Internet network use policy for the Legislature and create the Broadband Data Improvement Program	5, 7, 12
LB997	Morfeld	S	Adopt the Out-of-Network Emergency Medical Care Act	7, 12
LB998	Murman	GF	Require behavioral awareness and intervention training and points of contact, transfer funds, and change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	4, 12, 13
LB999	Wayne	C	Require cities and villages to pay for appointed counsel for prosecutions and adjudications for violation of city and village ordinances	
LB1000	Blood	W	Direct any registration fees from fantasy contests to early childhood care and education workforce	
LB1001	Crawford	GF (>1131)	Require suicide prevention phone numbers on student identification cards	9
LB1002	Bostelman	S (+893, 1044, 1184)	Change provisions regarding emergency medical services, medical nutrition therapy, juvenile psychiatric units and facilities, and wholesale drug distribution	6, 13, 15
LB1003	Walz	S (+795, 799, 801, 821, 885, 957, 984, 993)	Change provisions relating to cities and villages	7, 10, 13
LB1004	Lathrop	V (+1036)	Change provisions relating to age of majority and the administration of and eligibility for parole	7, 14, 15
LB1004A	Lathrop	V	Appropriation Bill	
LB1005	McCollister	C	Change provisions regarding nomination and election of certain partisan candidates	
LB1006	Hansen, M.	C	Change provisions relating to garnishment	
LB1007	Hansen, M.	C (>881)	Change provisions relating to competency to stand trial and be sentenced	9, 12, 14

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LB1008	Scheer	S (+773, 779, 827, 894, 995, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1026, 1050, 1079, 1093, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1161)	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	4, 10, 13
LB1009	Scheer	S (+826)	Provide for, change, and eliminate fund transfers, change use of funds, and eliminate a fund	4, 10, 13
LB1010	Scheer	C	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions	4
LB1011	Arch	C	Require certain hospitals to accept reimbursement from the medicare program	
LB1012	La Grone	C	Change provisions relating to tax exemptions for property acquired by certain tax-exempt entities	
LB1013	Linehan	GF	Change the cigarette tax and exempt certain transactions	
LB1014	Lindstrom	S	Change provisions of the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement Act	
LB1015	Briese	C	Provide for year-round daylight saving time	7
LB1016	Hansen, M.	S (+788, 926)	Change provisions regarding the worker training program, the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act, the Contractor Registration Act, and the Employee Classification Act and eliminate provisions regarding service letters, high voltage lines, and private employment companies	7, 12
LB1017	Geist	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court	
LB1018	Vargas	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	10, 13
LB1019	Vargas	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB1020	Vargas	C	Change provisions relating to discrimination under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act	4
LB1021	Groene	S	Provide for an expedited review of certain redevelopment plans under the Community Development Law	14, 15
LB1022	Hansen, M.	C	Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions	8
LB1023	DeBoer	C	Adopt the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Cost Act	8
LB1024	Clements	C	Change provisions of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	
LB1025	Bolz	C	Create the Tax Credit Buy-Back Program	
LB1026	Bolz	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska	
LB1027	Lathrop	C (>912)	Adopt the County Court Special Proceedings Act	
LB1028	Lathrop	S (+1029, 1030, 1032)	Change provisions relating to courts	
LB1029	Lathrop	C (>1028)	Change requirements for preservation of court records	
LB1030	Lathrop	C (>1028)	Change requirements relating to forfeited recognizances, fines, and costs	
LB1031	Lathrop	C (>966)	Change provisions relating to probate, testacy, and appointment proceedings	
LB1032	Lathrop	C (>1028)	Change provisions relating to civil judgments	
LB1033	Friesen	GF	Change the distribution of sales tax revenue and authorize the use of funds for certain infrastructure projects	4
LB1034	Friesen	C	Extend the application deadline and change certain credits under the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB1035	Friesen	C	Change the number of legislative districts	
LB1036	Morfeld	C (>1004)	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care	14, 15
LB1037	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to household eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits	
LB1038	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits	
LB1039	Cavanaugh	C	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act	
LB1040	Vargas	C	Provide for a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program	
LB1041	Pansing Brooks	C (>881)	Change provisions relating to grand jury transcripts	9, 12, 14
LB1042	La Grone	S (+1083)	Change provisions regarding the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and the Meadowlark Program and provide for tax deductions for certain contributions	4, 9, 14
LB1042A	La Grone	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1043	Hansen, B.	C (>1053)	Change provisions relating to regulation of health care facilities	13, 15
LB1044	Hansen, B.	C (>1002)	Change provisions relating to the practice of medical nutrition therapy	13, 15
LB1045	Brandt	C	Require the posting and reporting of tax incentive information under the Taxpayer Transparency Act	

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LB1046	Friesen	C	Change provisions relating to taxes and fees on community antenna television service	6
LB1047	Friesen	GF (>781)	Change provisions relating to semiannual statements of county treasurers	
LB1048	Quick	GF (>881)	Create the offense of sexual assault by a school employee and provide notification to the Commissioner of Education	7, 12, 14
LB1049	Bolz	C	Provide for participation in federal Child Care Subsidy child care assistance as prescribed	
LB1050	Vargas	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	
LB1051	Wishart	C	Create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Cash Fund and provide for grants	
LB1052	Wishart	S (+847, 887)	Provide certain authorization for pharmacists, change provisions relating to certain drugs, and provide requirements for assisted-living facilities and certain nursing facilities	4, 12, 14
LB1053	Health & Human Services	S (+833, 1043)	Change various provisions under the Medical Assistance Act, Health Care Facility Licensure Act, and Medication Aide Act and change receiver and receivership provisions relating to health care facilities	6, 13, 15
LB1054	Kolterman	S	Define the required beginning date and change deferment of payment provisions under certain retirement plans	6, 12
LB1055	Brewer	S (+820, 822, 1086, 1110, 1120, 1136)	Change provisions regarding elections and the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	9, 14
LB1056	Lowe	S (+980)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act	5, 12, 15
LB1056A	Lowe	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB1057	Lowe	C	Change provisions regarding appeals of certain zoning decisions by county planning commissions and county boards	
LB1058	Howard	C (>1183)	Adopt the Population Health Information Act	
LB1059	Howard	C	Change provisions relating to health care facility licensure	
LB1060	Cavanaugh	V	Include hair textures and protective hairstyles within the definition of race under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	5, 10, 14, 15
LB1061	Crawford	S	Change the Child Protection and Family Safety Act and eliminate a committee	7, 9, 12
LB1062	Lathrop	C	Allow the Department of Correctional Services to establish a pre-discharge reentry pilot program	
LB1063	Lindstrom	C	Change provisions relating to the State Treasurer and treasury management	
LB1064	Briese	S (+322)	Change provisions relating to the sale and use of tobacco products	5, 12, 15
LB1065	Halloran	C	Change provisions regarding pharmacies, pharmacists, and pharmacy personnel	
LB1066	Erdman	C	Change provisions for modifying school district boundaries	
LB1067	Erdman	C (>944)	Provide for the crossing of a controlled-access highway by an all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle	6, 9, 13
LB1068	Hunt	GF	Adopt the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act	
LB1069	Bolz	C	Appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska	
LB1070	Murman	GF	Change a sales tax exemption relating to agricultural machinery and equipment	
LB1071	Hughes	IPP	Adopt the Wildlife Damage Recovery Act	
LB1072	Hughes	IPP	Authorize certain natural resources districts to issue flood protection bonds and use bond proceeds as prescribed	
LB1073	DeBoer	C	Create the School Financing Review Commission, add basic funding aid, and change adjusted valuations, the local effort rate, and certification dates	
LB1074	Linehan	GF	Change provisions relating to the assessment of improvements on leased lands and the collection of certain fees and taxes	13, 14
LB1075	Linehan	C	Change tax provisions relating to net book value	
LB1076	Bolz	C (>1131)	Change provisions relating to eligible programs for the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act	6, 9
LB1077	Wayne	C	Change legislative declarations and findings relating to traffic congestion in municipal areas	
LB1078	Wayne	C	Adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act	
LB1079	Wishart	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Patrol	10, 13
LB1080	Lathrop	S	Require school policies that prohibit sexual conduct with students and former students	6, 10, 14
LB1081	Morfeld	C	Change provisions on postconviction relief	
LB1082	Morfeld	C	Increase the indigent defense court filing fee	
LB1083	Morfeld	GF (>1042)	Change provisions relating to the Meadowlark Program	9, 14
LB1084	Kolterman	C (>1107)	Adopt the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act	5, 12, 14
LB1085	Howard	C (>1144)	Change terminology related to the Public Counsel	10, 13
LB1086	Hansen, M.	GF (>1055)	Provide for poll watchers under the Election Act	6, 9, 14
LB1087	Friesen	C	Change provisions relating to partial payments of property taxes	
LB1088	Friesen	GF (>944)	Provide for personalized message specialty license plates	9, 13

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LB1089	Vargas	V	Provide a high school graduation requirement relating to federal student aid	5, 14, 15
LB1090	Blood	C	Allow local governing bodies to suspend liquor licenses for nonpayment of taxes, fees, and special assessments	
LB1091	Vargas	C	Adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act	8
LB1092	Stinner	W	Change and transfer contract provisions under the Medical Assistance Act and create a fund	
LB1093	Stinner	C (>1008)	State intent regarding appropriations for nursing facility services under the medical assistance program	
LB1094	Murman	C	Change lien provisions on support order judgments	
LB1095	McDonnell	C	Authorize counties containing a city of the metropolitan class to establish juvenile justice programs and services	5
LB1096	McDonnell	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services	
LB1097	McDonnell	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court	10, 13
LB1098	McDonnell	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development	
LB1099	Pansing Brooks	C	Create a fund under the Nebraska State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Act	
LB1100	Bolz	C (>1008)	State intent regarding appropriations for mental health and behavioral health services	
LB1101	Halloran	C	Change the schedule of compensation for certain injuries resulting in disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB1102	Walz	C (>1008)	Provide an appropriation for volunteer emergency medical care providers	
LB1103	Hansen, M.	C	Change requirements for lump-sum settlement approval or release by the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court	
LB1104	Arch	C (>783)	Redefine a term under the Health Care Quality Improvement Act	
LB1105	Hansen, B.	C (>956)	Change audit provisions under the Medical Assistance Act	12
LB1106	Scheer	GF	Eliminate obsolete sales tax provisions	12, 14
LB1107	Scheer	S (+527, 605, 720, 930, 1084, 1179)	Adopt the Imagine Nebraska Act, Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act, Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act, Customized Job Training Act, Nebraska Transformational Projects Act, and Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act and change and provide other related provisions	14, 15
LB1108	Gragert	C	Change provisions relating to property under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, and the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	
LB1109	Chambers	C	Provide a sales tax exemption for the furnishing of water service	
LB1110	La Grone	GF (>1055)	Change procedures for calling a school bond election	
LB1111	McDonnell	C	Create a grant program for the State Treasurer to award private donations and temporary school funds to common schools as prescribed	
LB1112	Kolowski	C	Change provisions relating to payment for sexual assault forensic examinations	
LB1113	Kolowski	C	Provide that photographing or recording a peace officer is not obstruction of justice	
LB1114	Hansen, M.	C	Change election provisions for sanitary and improvement districts	
LB1115	Hansen, M.	C (>966)	Change provisions relating to the revocation of instruments under the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act	
LB1116	Morfeld	C	Adopt the New School Construction and Water Access Act	6
LB1117	Pansing Brooks	C	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under twenty-one years of age and change provisions relating to jurisdiction over juveniles	6
LB1118	Scheer	C	Provide for grandparent visitation	8
LB1119	La Grone	GF	Restrict special elections under the Election Act as prescribed	9, 14
LB1120	La Grone	GF (>1055)	Restrict special elections under the Election Act as prescribed	9, 14
LB1121	La Grone	GF	Change incumbent filing deadlines and remove obsolete election provisions	
LB1122	La Grone	GF	Change provisions regarding counting boards for early voting	
LB1123	Lindstrom	GF (>808)	Redefine the term security to include certain student loans under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act	9, 15
LB1124	Howard	S	Adopt the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act	6, 12, 14
LB1125	Cavanaugh	C	Provide a new homestead exemption and authorize the late filing of homestead exemption applications	
LB1126	Vargas	C	Change attorney's fees, penalties, and interest provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB1127	Vargas	C	Change and provide contempt powers for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court	
LB1128	Vargas	C	Provide an exception for a claim based on bad faith and a limitation of action under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB1129	Vargas	C	Change evasion of law provisions and ensure certain coverage under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	

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LB1130	Groene	S	Change provisions relating to agreements and application deadlines under the Mutual Finance Assistance Act	
LB1131	Groene	SF (+640, 950, 1001, 1076)	Update academic accreditation provisions, change certain medical record fees, tax levy notice and state aid provisions, school and school district provisions, and multicultural education provisions, and require a suicide hotline	9
LB1132	Wayne	IPP	Change provisions relating to net metering	
LB1133	Wayne	C	Increase caps on medical malpractice liability	
LB1134	Wayne	C	Change enrollment option limits and provisions for part-time enrollment in schools	
LB1135	Wayne	C	Provide duties for a city attorney of a city of the metropolitan class and provide a prosecutorial exception for city and village attorneys	
LB1136	Williams	GF (>1055)	Prescribe when an interest in a contract is prohibited and eliminate a prohibition against such interest by a public power and irrigation district board member	9, 14
LB1137	Lathrop	C	Provide for class certification and removal to district court for certain cases under the Administrative Procedure Act	
LB1138	Wishart	C	Establish a dementia registry	
LB1139	Wishart	C (>944)	Provide for Pets for Vets license plates	9, 13
LB1140	Health & Human Services	S (+1141, 1142, 1143, 1145)	Change provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers and placement of juveniles	5, 10, 12, 13
LB1141	Health & Human Services	C (>1140)	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop operations plans for the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	5, 10
LB1142	Health & Human Services	C (>1140)	Provide for emergency plans at the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	5, 10
LB1143	Health & Human Services	C (>1140)	Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to establishment of an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit	5, 10
LB1144	Health & Human Services	S (+1085, LR298)	Change provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers and state institutions, create the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature, and provide duties for the Public Counsel	5, 10, 13
LB1145	Health & Human Services	C (>1140)	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and implement policies regarding use of mechanical restraints and transportation of juveniles	5, 10
LB1146	Howard	C	Appropriate funds for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney	
LB1147	Vargas	C (>1188)	Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	10, 13
LB1148	Vargas	S (+458, 906, 940, 969, 975)	Provide and change requirements for reports of abuse and neglect and placement and treatment of juveniles	10, 13
LB1149	Vargas	C (>1188)	Change provisions relating to the Office of Juvenile Services	10, 13
LB1150	Brandt	GF (>1188)	Require the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to be fully operational by July 1, 2021	5, 10
LB1151	Vargas	C	Redefine eligible student and provide for prioritization of awards under the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act	
LB1152	Halloran	S	Change provisions relating to hemp	5, 9, 14
LB1153	Vargas	C	Change provisions for diploma of high school equivalency testing	6
LB1154	Hansen, M.	C	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education	
LB1155	Vargas	GF (>866)	Adopt the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act and transfer funds from the General Fund	5, 9, 15
LB1156	Vargas	C	Provide for a statewide school panic button program	8
LB1157	Vargas	GF	Provide for counting Nebraska residents in Nebraska prisons for redistricting purposes	6
LB1158	Arch	S (+836)	Change contract provisions and provide duties regarding job-skills programs under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB1159	Stinner	GF	Change certain use restrictions and provide for unlimited license examination attempts under the Pesticide Act	
LB1160	Hansen, M.	S	Adopt the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act	12, 14
LB1161	Hansen, M.	C (>1008)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB1162	Wishart	C	Adopt the Fueling Station Tax Credit Act	
LB1163	Wayne	C	Provide for transportation and storage of alcohol by retail licensees for customer pickup	8
LB1164	Walz	C	Change terminology related to disability in civil rights provisions	
LB1165	Stinner	C	Eliminate the Nebraska Brand Committee and provide powers and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Livestock Brand Act	
LB1166	Brewer	S	Change school district membership requirements as prescribed	

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LB1167	Albrecht	C	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act	7
LB1168	Kolowski	C (>920)	Adopt the College Credit Testing Fee Reduction Program Act and the Career-Readiness and Dual-Credit Education Grant Program Act, add a fund to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act, and change provisions relating to the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund	5, 12
LB1169	Cavanaugh	C	Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System	
LB1170	Cavanaugh	C	Provide for implicit bias training, coverage under the medical assistance program for doula services and postpartum women, instruction to health professionals, and a pilot program	8
LB1171	Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions under the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act	6
LB1172	Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions relating to juveniles and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB1173	Erdman	IPP	Provide for limited transferable permits to hunt either antelope, deer, or elk	
LB1174	Briese	C	Change licensure provisions under the State Electrical Act	
LB1175	Briese	C	Impose a tax on cash devices under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act	
LB1176	Briese	C	Change provisions relating to the sale of tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, and alternative nicotine products	5
LB1177	Hunt	C	Eliminate oath for teachers and other school employees	8
LB1178	Wayne	GF (>424)	Prohibit land banks from entering into certain agreements to temporarily hold real property	6
LB1179	Wayne	C (>1107)	Adopt the ImagiNE Small Business and Urban Revitalization Act	
LB1180	Wayne	C (>881)	Change provisions regarding alternate jurors	9, 12, 14
LB1181	Wayne	C (>881)	Adopt the Fair Sentencing Act and change provisions relating to mandatory minimums, the habitual criminal enhancement, and pretrial detention	9, 12, 14
LB1182	Wayne	C	Provide for notice of new drug or biologics license applications and for a study of drug costs	
LB1183	Arch	S (+1058)	Adopt the Population Health Information Act, create the Health Information Technology Board, and change prescription drug monitoring program and statewide health information exchange provisions	6, 10, 14
LB1184	Arch	C (>1002)	Require standards for certain psychiatric services under the Medical Assistance Act	13, 15
LB1185	Health & Human Services	S (+837)	Change provisions relating to participation in the federal Child Care Subsidy program and criminal history record information checks for child care staff members and child care providers	10, 14
LB1185A	Howard	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1186	Hilgers	S	Require salary to be paid to injured school employees as prescribed	5, 9, 12, 14
LB1187	La Grone	C	Change provisions relating to the Occupational Board Reform Act	6
LB1188	Howard	S (+1147, 1149, 1150)	Change provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	5, 10, 13
LB1189	McDonnell	C	Adopt the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and provide an income tax exemption for such benefits	
LB1190	Briese	C	Provide for grandparent visitation when the parents of the child remain married	8
LB1191	Howard	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Services, and the Department of Correctional Services to allow employees to speak to members of the Legislature and the Public Counsel	7
LB1192	Linehan	C	Limit the total amount reimbursed by the state for homestead exemptions	
LB1193	Linehan	C	Change election provisions for certain bond issue, tax levy, and property tax limitation questions	
LB1194	Walz	C	Change population threshold for appointment of public defenders in certain counties	
LB1195	Morfeld	C	Change provisions regarding access to public records	
LB1196	Morfeld	C	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation Act and require an audit under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB1197	Morfeld	C	Change distribution of legislative journals and session laws to the UNL College of Law	
LB1198	Stinner	S	Appropriate funds for the Governor's Emergency Program - COVID-19	11
LB1199	Lindstrom	GF (>774)	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance	
LB1200	Brewer	C	Rename the Livestock Brand Act and the Nebraska Brand Committee and change provisions relating to livestock	
LB1201	Bostelman	GF (>632)	Create the Flood Mitigation and Planning Task Force	15
LB1202	Linehan	C	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide for tax credits	7, 12
LB1203	Linehan	C	Change provisions relating to an income tax deduction for dividends received from certain corporations	
LB1204	Cavanaugh	C	Require a family support waiver under the Medical Assistance Act and provide for a pilot family support program under the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act	

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LB1205	McCollister	IPP	Adopt the Renewable Energy Standards Act	6
LB1206	Vargas	C	Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System	
LB1207	McCollister	GF	Adopt the Redistricting Act	
LB1208	Vargas	C	Change provisions relating to restrictive housing, immediate segregation, discipline, and other conditions of confinement in state correctional facilities	6
LB1209	Vargas	C	Provide a diversion program for caregivers	6
LB1210	Vargas	C (>881)	Create the offense of sexual exploitation of a student	7, 12, 14
LB1211	Hansen, B.	C	Change requirements for the preparation of proposed budget statements under the Nebraska Budget Act	
LB1212	Hansen, B.	C	Adopt the Property Tax Request Act	
LB1213	Hansen, B.	C	Change tax and school funding provisions	
LB1214	Friesen	C	Adopt the Rural Economic Development Grant Act	
LB1215	Walz	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB1216	Vargas	C	Adopt the H3 Rural Renewal Award Act	
LB1217	Wayne	C	Require individualized response plans following a report of certain types of incidents involving students	
LB1218	Wayne	GF	Adopt the Nebraska Historically Underutilized Business Program Act	
LB1219	Wayne	C	Change provisions of law relating to hemp and adopt the Nebraska Hemp Transportation and Sales Licensing Act	
LB1220	Wayne	C	Authorize High-Wage Jobs and Capital Investment Creation Fund entities	
LB1221	Wayne	GF	Change controlled substance schedules for certain federally approved drugs containing derivatives of cannabis	
LB1222	Wayne	C	Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act	12, 13
LR279CA	Scheer	GF	Constitutional amendment to authorize an increase in the number of members of the Legislature	3, 5
LR280CA	Wayne	C	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms	
LR281CA	McCollister	C	Constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to enact legislation authorizing courts to reduce sentences	6
LR283CA	Brewer	C	Constitutional amendment to change qualifications of electors	
LR284CA	La Grone	C	Constitutional amendment to eliminate the state income tax over a four-year period	
LR285CA	Brewer	W	Constitutional amendment to provide for use of lottery proceeds for prison overcrowding prior to use for the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act	
LR286CA	Cavanaugh	C	Constitutional amendment to remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting	8
LR288	Slama	C	Urge Congress and the United States Corps of Engineers to prioritize flood control as a top priority for the management of water systems under their authority in the Missouri River Mainstream Reservoir System Water Control Manual	8
LR292CA	La Grone	C	Constitutional amendment to require verification of identity prior to voting	8
LR294	Kolowski	C	Review various climate-related findings and acknowledge an anthropogenic climate and ecological crisis	
LR295CA	Wayne	C	Constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to authorize, regulate, and tax any game of chance	6
LR297	Hilkemann	C	Provide each resolution petitioning Congress to call for a constitutional convention under Article V of the Constitution included in this resolution be automatically rescinded if the convention is not called on or before January 1, 2021	
LR298	Howard	C (>1144)	Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature	5, 10, 13
LR300CA	Erdman	C	Constitutional amendment to prohibit all forms of taxation other than a consumption tax	6
LR306	Wishart	P	Urge Congress and the President of the United States to enact H. R. 1878 to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	
LR314	Kolterman	C	Interim study to review the most recent experience study required for all retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	
LR315	Kolterman	C	Interim study to review a separate compliance audit obtained by the Public Employees Retirement Board, as required under section 84-1503, of the state-administered retirement systems	
LR316	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	
LR317	Kolterman	C	Interim study to carry out section 13-2402 which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions	

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LR318	Kolterman	C	Interim study to review progress in complying with sections of statute which require transferring management of the Omaha Schools Employee Retirement System to the Public Employees Retirement Board	
LR333	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine the possibility of placing one or more reservoirs on the Platte River and its tributaries for the purpose of flood control, hydroelectric energy, recreation, economic development, and environmental stewardship	
LR337	Brandt	C	Interim study to reexamine which Nebraska-grown food products can feasibly be used for school meals and snacks	
LR340	Stinner	C	Interim study to examine the extent of surface water irrigation in Nebraska and the condition of the surface water irrigation projects	
LR345	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine efforts to protect Nebraska's archaeological and paleontological resources	
LR347	Lindstrom	C	Interim study to examine the use of heat-applied tax stamps on individual cigarette packages	
LR348	Lindstrom	C	Interim study to examine service animal fraud and emotional support animal fraud	
LR350	Arch	C	Interim study to examine the role of telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020	
LR352	Morfeld	C	Interim study to explore the enforcement of the ordinances and codes of cities of the second class and villages to promote public welfare and economic development	
LR354	Williams	C	Interim study to examine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated	
LR355	Williams	C	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Real Property Appraiser Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	
LR356	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Business and Labor Committee	
LR357	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to review occupational regulations for locksmiths	
LR358	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to review the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LR359	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to review the Employment Security Law and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the efficacy of the law	
LR361	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine matters related to the upcoming redistricting process in Nebraska	
LR362	DeBoer	C	Interim study to conduct an in-depth review of the financing of special education in public primary and secondary schools	
LR363	DeBoer	C	Interim study to conduct an in-depth review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary schools	
LR364	DeBoer	C	Interim study to conduct an in-depth review of the use of plastic shopping bags and single-use checkout bags	
LR365	DeBoer	C	Interim study to conduct an in-depth review of the use of highway cable barriers on Nebraska's highways	
LR367	Dorn	C	Interim study to examine set fee and fine amounts and the costs experienced by county governments when administering the associated services	
LR368	Kolterman	C	Interim study to analyze underinvestment in primary care in the State of Nebraska	
LR369	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to review the occupational regulations for fire alarm inspectors	
LR370	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine the statutes governing all classes of municipalities in Chapter 18 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes	
LR371	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee	
LR372	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine the impact of sanitary and improvement districts on residential neighborhood development in Nebraska	
LR373	Albrecht	C	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of statutory and regulatory policies of the State of Nebraska as they pertain to Nebraska's biofuels industry	
LR374	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine issues related to the historical practice known as redlining within Nebraska municipalities	
LR377	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to complete a comprehensive review on the reform of policing in Nebraska	
LR378	Halloran	C	Interim study to examine the Livestock Brand Act and the role and mission of the Nebraska Brand Committee	
LR379	Geist	C	Interim study to examine whether continuity of care and safety for individuals and the public can be enhanced by allowing mental health providers to coordinate with law enforcement	
LR380	Brewer	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of creating a state meat inspection program	
LR381	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to review the collective-bargaining agreements of law enforcement agencies and the statutory requirements for such agreements	
LR382	Performance Audit	C	Interim study to examine the oversight of non-court involved child welfare cases	
LR383	Lathrop	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee	
LR384	Lathrop	C	Interim study to examine issues related to Nebraska's correctional system	
LR385	Lathrop	C	Interim study to investigate the advertisement and use of unproven stem cell injections as a therapy for health disorders	

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LR386	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska law, policy, and application in the filing and transferring of cases involving youth between juvenile and criminal court and to examine how the jurisdictional structure supports the intent of the juvenile code	
LR387	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine the processes, by which children who are the victim of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect, are able to access services through Nebraska's Early Development Network under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C	
LR388	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to examine the coordination of efforts to find alternatives to incarceration for offenses that involve operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs	
LR389	Stinner	C	Interim study to analyze existing public postsecondary institutions programs, initiatives, and strategies to address workforce and talent shortages and the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on these shortages	
LR390	Stinner	C	Interim study to assess the fiscal and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Nebraska's early childhood workforce and the early childhood care and education system	
LR391	Crawford	C	Interim study to conduct a review of current academic literature and research examining the impact of paid sick leave policies on pandemic spread in various states and industries	
LR392	Lowe	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of increasing the capacity of pre-health academic and research undergraduate programs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney to help expand the permanent presence of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in central and western Nebraska	
LR393	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to review juvenile justice involvement for youth who commit certain status offenses	
LR394	Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine the TestNebraska program	
LR395	Blood	C	Interim study to determine the benefits of requiring each committee of the Legislature to complete a study and hold a public hearing for each interim study resolution referred to that committee	
LR396	Friesen	C	Interim study to examine whether Nebraska should enact peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program legislation	
LR397	Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine the implementation and impact of eliminating felony disenfranchisement in Nebraska	
LR398	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine retirement benefits for law enforcement employees in all counties except counties containing a city of the metropolitan class	
LR399	Groene	C	Interim study to conduct an in-depth review of how at-risk and economically disadvantaged students are identified as a qualification factor for state-funded, education-related programs at the primary, secondary, and postsecondary levels	
LR400	Groene	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee	
LR401	Groene	C	Interim study to examine the enrollment option program	
LR402	Groene	C	Interim study to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the education of Nebraska's children	
LR404	Morfeld	C	Interim study to provide continued oversight of and updates regarding the execution and administration of medicaid expansion by the Dept. of Health and Human Services	
LR405	Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of developing the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System	
LR406	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	
LR407	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	
LR408	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine issues associated with the economic stimulus funds that were provided by the CARES Act as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic	
LR409	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the drug testing protocol in the Division of Children and Family Services of the Dept. of Health and Human Services for families involved in the child welfare system	
LR410	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to provide continued oversight of and updates regarding the contract between the Dept. of Health and Human Services and St. Francis Ministries for child welfare case management services	
LR411	Howard	C	Interim study to provide continued oversight of and updates regarding the response of the Dept. of Health and Human Services to the COVID-19 pandemic	
LR412	Howard	C	Interim study to assess the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraskans and the current shortages of services and resources	

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LR413	Howard	C	Interim study to continue oversight of the residential facilities for juveniles, including the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, under the supervision of the Dept. of Health and Human Services	
LR414	Walz	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee related to long-term facilities, assisted living facilities, and nursing facilities	
LR415	Clements	C	Interim study to examine the state inheritance tax, its current structure, and recommendations on whether it should be amended, replaced, or repealed	
LR416	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to examine the terms used to refer to law enforcement officers in Nebraska statutes	
LR417	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to examine law enforcement jurisdictions in the state and the existing policies on the use of force by law enforcement officers	
LR418	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to examine the categorization of criminal offenses	
LR419	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to examine the various age requirements in the Nebraska statutes related to minors and the age of majority	
LR420	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the racial and ethnic disproportionality that exists in Nebraska's foster care and juvenile justice systems, including specifically, for youth committed to the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	
LR421	Lathrop	C	Interim study to examine the racial and ethnic disproportionality that exists in Nebraska's foster care system, including specifically, for youth committed to the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	
LR422	Arch	C	Interim study to examine the modifications made to child welfare policies and practices during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020	
LR423	Vargas	C	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of the pay plan and salary grade ranges for legislative employees	
LR424	Vargas	C	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal and child mortality	
LR425	Hilkemann	C	Interim study to examine the administrative costs of local systems and school districts	
LR427	Wishart	C	Interim study to examine the issue of reentry housing utilized by people exiting the Nebr. Dept. of Correctional Services and requiring post-release supervision	
LR428	Wishart	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding staffing ratios and standards of care at assisted living facilities, nursing facilities, and day service providers	
LR429	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine issues related to mapping broadband coverage throughout Nebraska	
LR430	Williams	C	Interim study to examine issues related to property and casualty insurance	
LR432	Briese	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee	
LR433	Briese	C	Interim study to examine the State Racing Commission and review occupational licenses and regulations for jockeys and horse trainers	
LR434	Hansen, M.	C	Interim study to analyze housing throughout Nebraska	
LR435	Halloran	C	Interim study to examine and document the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency on the agricultural sector of Nebraska	
LR436	Walz	C	Interim study to determine whether elementary and secondary students in Nebraska have adequate access to clean drinking water throughout the school day	
LR437	Friesen	C	Interim study to review the current model of collecting revenue to build and repair roads	
LR438	Friesen	C	Interim study to continue to monitor the activities of the Rural Broadband Task Force that was created by Laws 2018, LB994	
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LR440	Friesen	C	Interim study to examine existing laws, rules, and regulations related to excavation, in particular regarding underground facilities	
LR441	Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine issues related to paid family and medical leave	
LR445	Stinner	C	Interim study to update data and review the potential impact on the state behavioral health system by expanding access to prescribing psychologists	
LR446	Hughes	C	Interim study to review the rulemaking process, implementation, and impact of the most recent rule and policy changes considered or implemented by the Game and Parks Commission regarding Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala state recreation areas	
LR449	Vargas	C	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of systemic and institutional racism in Nebraska	
LR450	Vargas	C	Interim study to examine the Executive Order issued by the Governor regarding the law permitting the sales of alcohol for off-premises consumption, and whether the law should be amended to make the temporary waiver permanent	
LR452	Vargas	C	Interim study to examine career and technical education programs and opportunities	

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LR453	Geist	C	Interim study to examine barriers to obtaining state identification that may exist for inmates in county correctional facilities who are in the process of being released or who have recently been released	
LR454	Hansen, B.	C	Interim study to evaluate Nebraska law permitting a faculty or academic license for dentistry	
LR455	Wishart	C	Interim study to examine the burden on counties with regard to the costs paid for office space used by the Dept. of Health and Human Services for the administration of public health programs	
LR456	Walz	C	Interim study to examine the proposal by the Dept. of Health and Human Services for changes to Medicaid Section 1915(c) Waiver Appendix K in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how service providers and individuals with developmental disabilities have been impacted	
LR457	McCollister	C	Interim study to examine the Nebraska parole and pardons processes	
LR459	Vargas	C	Interim study to review the effects of COVID-19 on the safety of workers in Nebraska	
LR466	Pansing Brooks	P	Provide the Legislature affirm the United States Supreme Court decision in Bostock v. Clayton County which determined that an employer who fires an individual merely for being gay or transgender violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964	15
LR477	Revenue	C	Interim study to examine the definition and interpretation of cigarette by the Dept. of Revenue for purposes of taxation and the Master Settlement Agreement	



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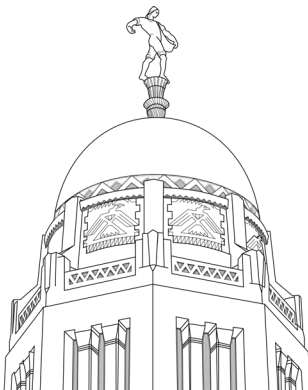
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