

A photograph of the Nebraska State Capitol building, a tall, light-colored stone structure with a prominent central tower topped by a dome and a statue. The building is set against a blue sky with wispy white clouds. In the foreground, there is a green lawn and a paved area with a few cars.

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# AGRICULTURE



Sen. Lydia Brasch, chairperson of the Agriculture Committee

The Agriculture Committee considered bills this session clarifying the definition of hybrid seed corn, repealing the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act and supporting industrial hemp research.

Introduced by Sen. Joni Albrecht of Thurston, LB276 clarifies the definition of hybrid seed corn and its related process of cross fertilization. Hybrid seed corn is limited to seed of the first generation of a cross involving two, three or four different inbred lines of corn or their combinations.



Sen. Joni Albrecht

Under the bill, the district court in the county where a violation occurs has jurisdiction to grant a restraining order or a temporary, permanent or mandatory injunction against anyone who sells or represents corn seed as a hybrid variety that does not meet identity standards. That is in addition to an existing criminal penalty for such a violation.

The bill requires the director of the state Department of Agriculture – when he or she has reasonable belief that a violation is occurring – to report it to the attorney

general or the county attorney in which the violation is occurring. The attorney general or county attorney then could pursue legal action.

The bill passed 49-0.

The committee also advanced legislation that updates the state Department of Agriculture's authority to regulate those who provide eggs for human consumption.

LB134, introduced by Sen. Lydia Brasch of Bancroft, repeals the Graded Egg Act and transfers authority for regulating egg-handling operations to the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

The bill authorizes the department to establish standards, grades and weight classes for eggs and requires those who sell or package eggs to comply with any applicable regulations under the Pure Food Act.

Senators voted 48-0 to pass the bill.

A bill that would repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act also was advanced by the committee. The act, passed by the Legislature in 2012, authorizes county boards to adopt and carry out coordinated management programs to control black-tailed prairie dog colonies.

Though not part of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act, a related area of current law authorizes the director of the state Department of Agriculture to cooperate with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to manage and control nuisance wildlife, including black-tailed prairie dogs and other commensal field rodents. LB449, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, would remove black-tailed prairie dogs from that authorization.



Sen. Ernie Chambers

The committee advanced the bill to general file with an amendment that retains only the repeal of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act. LB449 was not scheduled for debate this session.

A bill meant to protect Nebraska apiaries from encroachment by out-of-state beekeeping operations was held in committee.

Under LB499, sponsored by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, Nebraska apiaries could voluntarily register the location of their hives with the state Department of Agriculture. An owner or operator of an out-of-state commercial beekeeping operation would be barred from locating any hives within three miles of any registered Nebraska apiary or hive.



Sen. Tom Brewer

Registered beekeepers could report a violation of the quarantine to the department, which would investigate. ■

# APPROPRIATIONS



Sen. John Stinner, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee

Senators began the session by passing a measure that made cuts to the budget for the current fiscal year. The reductions were a first step to offset a projected revenue shortfall of nearly \$1 billion over the biennium.

LB22, introduced by Speaker Jim Scheer at the request of Gov. Pete Ricketts, adjusted the state budget ending June 30, 2017. The bill made across-the-board cuts to amounts previously appropriated to state agencies, with some exceptions, lowered prior year re-appropriations and made other specific reductions and increases.



Sen. Jim Scheer

Among other provisions, the bill also:

- reduced by more than \$4 million a proposed cut to the state Supreme Court budget;
- allowed the University of Nebraska to retain approximately \$5.2 million in unspent funds; and
- added \$3.5 million to the state Department of Health and Human Services to offset the loss of federal funds for certain developmental disability providers.

The bill passed 42-3 on Feb. 13 and took effect immediately.

The Appropriations Committee package approved later this session contained several bills comprising the \$8.9 billion state budget for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

LB327 was the mainline budget bill. Among other provisions, the bill increased the following baseline appropriations over the biennium:

- \$62.4 million for the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA);
- \$35.6 million for Medicaid;
- \$15.4 million for staffing, programs and equipment for the state Department of Correctional Services; and
- \$11.4 million for the courts in relation to the Justice Reinvestment Act.

Among other reductions, the bill cut \$24.7 million from state agencies, \$13 million from the university system and \$9 million in foster care contracts with private providers of kinship placements for state wards.

LB327 passed 36-12.

Also included in the budget package were:

- LB328, which provides salaries for Nebraska state senators, passed 44-2;
- LB329, which provides salaries for state constitutional officers, passed 45-2;
- LB330, which appropriates funds for capital construction and property acquisition, passed 41-6;
- LB331, which creates funds and makes fund transfers, passed 36-12;
- LB332, which makes transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund, passed 35-10;
- LB149, which contains adjustments to the state budget for the current fiscal year, passed 37-9; and
- LB179, which provides for payment of claims against the state, passed 44-1.

The governor returned the budget package with \$56.5 million in line-item vetoes, including general funds that lawmakers had approved in the mainline budget bill for Medicaid, child welfare, behavioral health and developmental disability providers. The governor's veto amounted to a 3 percent cut in provider rates in those four categories.

The committee offered override motions on two line-item vetoes, including one that would have restored \$32.4 million in provider rate cuts. The motion failed on a vote of 27-21. Thirty votes were required for adoption.

The other committee motion would have restored \$300,000 vetoed from probation services within the Nebraska Supreme Court's budget. The motion failed 23-25.

A number of additional motions were offered and with-

drawn, including motions to override vetoes of:

- \$5.8 million for the University of Nebraska;
- \$1.3 million for child welfare provider funding;
- \$716,00 for juvenile justice transportation funding; and
- \$26,800 in general funds for the state’s specialized court system.

Following a vote on a second motion to override the veto of child welfare funding, which failed 19-23, all of the governor’s line-item vetoes were sustained.

Among other vetoes was a \$6.5 million reduction to the Highway Cash Fund appropriation contained in LB327. Ricketts said the change – along with a \$15 million line-item reduction in transfers from the Roads Operations Cash Fund to the General Fund in LB331 – would prevent an increase in the state’s variable gas tax.

The governor line-item vetoed \$11 million in general funds appropriated in FY2018-19 in LB330 for the ongoing Capitol heating, ventilating and air conditioning system renovation project. Ricketts said the veto would not cancel or delay the project. However, action will be required in the 2018 legislative session to sustain the project schedule.

Also vetoed were provisions of LB416, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas and amended into the mainline budget bill, that would have provided \$250,000 for two bilingual investigators at the state Department of Labor.

No motions were offered to override those vetoes.

Several bills that would appropriate general fund dollars over the next two fiscal years had public hearings but remain in committee. Among them are:

- LB189, introduced by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, which would appropriate \$1 million to recruit and retain child welfare caseworkers;



Sen. Tony Vargas



Sen. Sara Howard

- LB206, introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist, which would appropriate \$13.4 million to increase provider rates for community-based developmental disability services;
- LB270, introduced by Omaha Sen. Rick Kolowski, which would appropriate \$1.5 million for the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program;
- LB242, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which would appropriate \$1.2 million to the University of Nebraska to develop clinical rotations within the state correctional system for behavioral health professionals;
- LB378, introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, which would appropriate \$5 million to house prison inmates in local jails for work release purposes;
- LB465, introduced by Syracuse Sen. Dan Watermeier, which would appropriate \$1 million for the Nebraska Information and Technology Initiative; and
- LB580, introduced by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell, which would appropriate \$1 million to expand statewide the work of the violence prevention office. ■



Sen. Bob Krist



Sen. Rick Kolowski



Sen. Kate Bolz



Sen. John McCollister



Sen. Dan Watermeier



Sen. Mike McDonnell

# BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE



Sen. Brett Lindstrom, chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

A comprehensive update of Nebraska's banking and securities laws was approved this session, along with changes to insurance regulation and commerce promotion.

Introduced by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, LB140 makes a number of changes to the laws that govern the state's banking industry.



Sen. Matt Williams

Among other provisions, the bill:

- allows a minor to open and maintain a safe deposit box;
- allows electronic filing of bank fidelity bonds with the state Department of Banking;
- requires banks that employ a mortgage loan originator to register that employee with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System;
- allows a bank to acquire the stock of another financial institution if the transaction is part of the

merger, consolidation or acquisition of assets of the other institution;

- authorizes an increase in the maximum number of a bank board of directors from 15 to 25 and require that a bank president be a member of the board;
- prohibits bank-affiliated individuals from being paid a higher rate of interest on deposits than paid by the bank for similar deposits and provides that a violation is a Class IV felony; and
- allows a bank, in a state of emergency, to open a temporary office to conduct business for up to 30 months, or allows a mobile branch to serve as a temporary emergency branch office.

The bill also repeals obsolete sections of the state's banking laws and includes provisions of three additional bills:

- LB196, introduced by Omaha Sen. Joni Craighead, which provides an annual update of statutory reference dates to align state financial institutions with their federal counterparts;
- LB454, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, which allows credit unions in Nebraska to opt out of licensing of its executive officers by the state Department of Banking and Finance; and
- LB341, also introduced by Lindstrom, which clarifies provisions relating to the license suspension or revocation of an executive officer who is acting in an unsafe or unauthorized manner or endangering the interests of stockholders or depositors.



Sen. Joni Craighead

LB140 passed on a 48-0 vote.

Senators also updated the state's laws regarding securities. LB148, sponsored by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher, is based on recommendations from a 2016 interim study and makes numerous changes to the Nebraska Securities Act.



Sen. Paul Schumacher

Current law excludes from the securities act individuals with no place of business in the state who effect transactions exclusively with other broker-dealers, specified types of financial institutions and other institutional buyers. LB148 adds credit unions to the list of entities to which sales can be made without triggering registration requirements.

Among numerous technical changes and updates, the bill also:

- updates references to federal securities acts and regulations;

- authorizes the director of the state Department of Banking and Finance to issue a notice of abandonment if an applicant for registration fails to respond to a notice within 100 days; and
- authorizes the department to deny, suspend or revoke the registration of a broker-dealer, issuer-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative if the director finds that such person meets any one of 12 listed criteria.

The bill also included provisions of Schumacher's LB187 that increase from \$250,000 to \$750,000 the cap on proceeds from all sales of securities by an issuer under a registration exemption for small offerings. The capped amount could be increased in the future and a security issued through an exempted transaction will not be considered a security for purposes of determining professional malpractice insurance premiums.

The bill passed on a 49-0 vote.

Also introduced by Schumacher and passed 41-4, LB72 prevents a city or village with a defined benefit retirement plan from filing for bankruptcy unless the plan's funded ratio reaches a certain percentage. The ratio will increase incrementally from approximately 52 percent for any petition filed between 2020 and 2023 to 90 percent after Jan. 1, 2038.

The bill allows a city or village without a pension plan to declare that its general obligation bonds would be equally and ratably secured by property taxes levied from year to year by the city or village. Those bonds would have a first lien on the property taxes levied.

The Legislature approved a bill that provides financial assistance to the state's bioscience industry.

LB641, introduced by Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln, creates the Bioscience Innovation Program under the Business Innovation Act. The bill creates a fund to provide financial assistance to bioscience-related businesses in the state.

Funding for the program will come from loan repay-



Sen. Adam Morfeld

ments to the Nebraska Progress Loan Fund as authorized by the federal Small Business Credit Initiative Act. The program will terminate after funds are exhausted.

The bill includes provisions of LB230, introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier of Syracuse, that create a task force to identify the state's economic development priorities. The task force will meet at least every three months when the Legislature is not in session.

Senators voted 31-5 to pass the bill.

A bill that prohibits insurance providers from excluding coverage for a service based solely on its deliverance through telehealth also was passed this session.

LB92, sponsored by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, requires health insurance companies to cover any service provided via telehealth if the service is covered for an in-person consultation. The bill also removes an existing Medicaid coverage restriction for children if a child has access to services within 30 miles of his or her place of residence.

The bill does not apply to policies that provide coverage for a specified disease or other limited-benefit coverage. LB92 passed 49-0.

Bills that would increase regulation of payday lenders and auto insurance requirements remain in committee.

LB194, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, would limit the amount of interest that could be charged on a delayed deposit loan – often called a payday loan – to 36 percent and would place additional restrictions on the industry.

LB643, introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist, would double the amount of liability insurance that Nebraska motorists would be required to carry on their automobiles. ■



Sen. Dan Watermeier



Sen. Mark Kolterman



Sen. Tony Vargas



Sen. Bob Krist

# BUSINESS & LABOR



Sen. Joni Albrecht, chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee

Lawmakers considered bills this session that were intended to encourage workforce development and adjust workers' compensation benefits.

## Workforce development

A bill intended to encourage housing development in rural areas was approved.

Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams introduced LB518, passed 49-0, which provides grant funds to rural communities in counties of fewer than 100,000 people to build workforce housing. Workforce housing is defined as an owner-occupied home that costs no more than \$275,000 to construct or a rental housing unit that cost no more than \$200,000 to construct.



Sen. Matt Williams

Grants will be available to nonprofit development organizations in eligible communities. The maximum amount awarded may not exceed \$1 million to any one organization over a two-year period and no more than \$2 million through

fiscal year 2020-21. Eligible applicants must provide one-to-one matching funds to be considered for a grant.

Priority will be given to communities that have demonstrated an ongoing need for housing through a housing study, a low unemployment rate, difficulty filling vacancies, a demonstrated commitment to growing their housing markets and potential projects that could be ready for occupancy within two years.

The bill establishes the Rural Workforce Investment Fund, which will be funded by a one-time transfer of \$7 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

LB639, introduced by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostelman, gives preference to active-duty service members when seeking employment with the state or its governmental subdivisions. Military veterans currently are eligible for such a preference.

Spouses of active-duty service members also are preference eligible during the service member's active-duty term and for the first 180 days immediately following the service member's discharge or separation from service.

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote.



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

## Workers' compensation

Senators heard several measures that would make adjustments to the administration of workers' compensation benefits.

Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz introduced LB244, which extends benefits to employees of the state Department of Correctional Services or Department of Health and Human Services who regularly and directly interact with high-risk individuals.



Sen. Kate Bolz

The bill would cover treatment for any mental injury or illness unaccompanied by physical injury, which currently is provided to first responders.

A high-risk individual is defined as someone in state custody with a history of violent or physically intimidating behavior, including a committed offender, regional center patient and a committed juvenile offender.

Provisions of LB244 were amended into LB444, a bill heard by the Judiciary Committee and passed on a 31-8 vote.

An employee filing a workers' compensation claim currently must submit to a medical exam by a physician chosen by the employer or its insurer. Under LB181, introduced by Grand Island Sen. Dan Quick, an employee who disputes



the initial medical findings could seek a second opinion from a physician of the employee's choice.

The employee would be reimbursed for the associated costs of the second examination by either the employer or its insurer.

Quick filed a motion to bracket the bill by unanimous consent until Jan. 10, 2018. The body obliged.

The bill remains on general file.



Sen. Dan Quick

## State claims

A bill authorizing payment of claims against the state of Nebraska also was passed.

If a person sues the state, he or she files with the state claims board. Approved claims exceeding \$50,000 must

be reviewed by the Legislature.

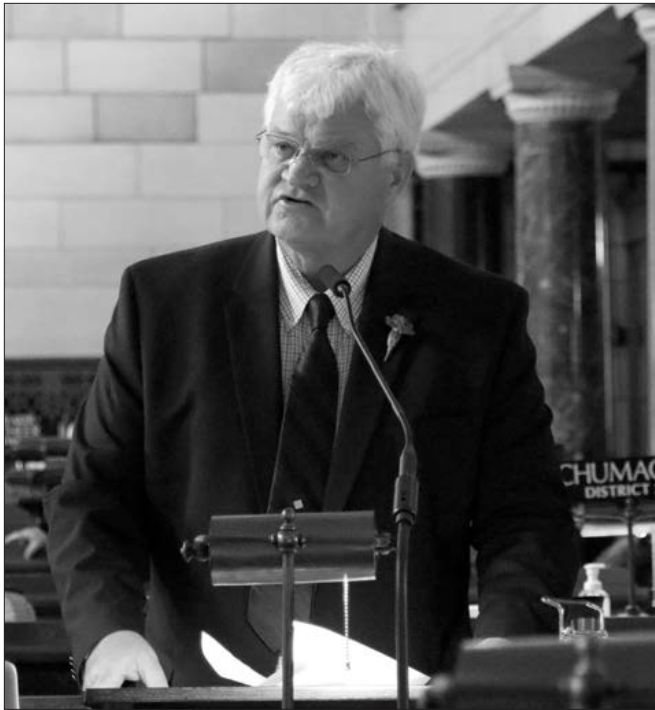
LB171, introduced by Business and Labor Committee chairperson Sen. Joni Albrecht of Thurston, approved \$2.6 million in tort claims and \$395,000 in miscellaneous claims, which cover the statutorily required publishing of legal notices in newspapers across the state regarding the death penalty ballot measure voted on in the 2016 general election.

Among the tort claims included in the bill is a \$2.1 million claim from a 2014 accident in Stanton County that left three people dead. The state Department of Roads was replacing and repairing stop signs and had omitted placing a stop sign at an intersection, resulting in the crash.

The bill also includes approximately \$937,000 in agency write-offs for FY2016-17. That amount includes \$792,000 in uncollectible debts from the state Department of Health and Human Services.

The bill was part of the budget package and passed 44-1. ■

# EDUCATION



Sen. Mike Groene, chairperson of the Education Committee

The Education Committee considered bills this session dealing with school funding, reading proficiency, charter schools, physical restraint of students and policies to accommodate pregnant and parenting students.

## School funding

The committee advanced a bill that would adjust the state's school funding formula to match budget projections.

LB409, introduced by Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte and passed 43-0, modifies two components of the formula the state uses to distribute money to school districts. It reduces the base limitation rate — the rate at which school budgets are allowed to grow from year to year — for school fiscal year 2017-18 and FY2018-19 from 2.5 percent to 1.5 percent.

It also increases the local effort rate, which accounts for a district's property tax capacity, from \$1.00 to approximately \$1.02.

Under the bill, net option funding is calculated by multiplying the net number of option students by 95.5 percent of the statewide average basic funding per student for those years. The bill also includes community achievement plan

aid for schools in the Omaha learning community, which lost funding after its common levy was eliminated.

The committee also advanced a bill that delays the deadline for certifying state aid, budget authority and applicable allowable reserve percentages for state aid to schools.

Under LB119, also sponsored by Groene, the deadline is delayed from March 1 to June 1 for 2017 only.

Senators voted 45-0 to pass the bill.

LB214, introduced by Sen. Steve Halloran of Hastings, would end the master teacher program, which assists teachers seeking a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards credential.

Teachers who apply for the program are eligible to receive an award amounting to 50 percent of the registration fees. They may apply to be reimbursed for the other half of the fees after completing the program. After fees are reimbursed, the remainder of the program's funding is used to pay a \$5,000 salary bonus to teachers who have the credential.

Funding for the program in FY2016-17 was then eliminated by LB22, an Appropriations Committee bill that made cuts to the budget early in the session. Funds remaining from FY2015-16 will be distributed for registration awards and salary bonuses.

LB214 remains in committee.



Sen. Steve Halloran

## School policy

The committee advanced a bill that requires schools to adopt a policy to accommodate pregnant and parenting students.

Current law allows a mother to breast-feed her child in any public or private location where she otherwise is authorized to be. Introduced by Sen. Tony Vargas of Omaha, LB427 expands that provision to include mothers who attend public, private, denominational or parochial day schools. The bill requires those schools to provide private or appropriate facilities or accommodation for milk expression and storage for their students.



Sen. Tony Vargas

The bill includes provisions of LB428, also sponsored by Vargas, that require school districts to adopt a written policy providing standards and guidelines to accommodate absences related to pregnancy and child care for pregnant and parenting students by May 1, 2018. School policies are required to include the minimum standards contained in a model policy developed by the state Department of

Education.

At a minimum, the policy must provide for student absences due to pregnancy and allow students to return to school and participate in extracurricular activities after pregnancy. It also must provide alternative methods for keeping pregnant or parenting students in the classroom by allowing them to complete coursework at home or by providing online classes or visits from tutors.

The model policy must identify private, hygienic spaces where students could express breast milk during the school day. Finally, if schools do not have an in-school child care facility, the policy must establish a procedure for assisting student parents by identifying local child care providers.

LB427 passed 31-7.

A bill that provides a technical definition for dyslexia, which causes difficulty in acquiring and processing language, also was advanced by the committee this session.

Dyslexia had been included as a specific learning disability in state law but was not defined. LB645, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, defines dyslexia, in part, as a learning disability with a neurobiological origin that is characterized by difficulty with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.

Senators voted 46-0 to pass the bill.

LB62, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer and passed 39-5, repeals a law prohibiting public school teachers from wearing religious garments at school. School boards were required to suspend for one year any teacher in violation of the laws while termination of employment was required after a second violation.

The committee considered a bill that would require third-grade students who struggle with reading to repeat the grade and receive extra instruction.

Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, the bill's sponsor, filed a motion to place LB651 on general file, even though the committee had taken no action to advance it. This unusual maneuver requires a majority vote of the Legislature. Senators voted to adopt the motion 30-13.

LB651 would require school districts to offer an accelerated reading intervention program to students in kindergarten through third grade who are identified as having a

reading deficiency based on local or statewide assessments.

Under the bill, a student with a reading deficiency would receive an individual reading improvement plan developed by the teacher, principal, other school staff and the student's parents.

Beginning with school year 2019-20, if the student scores below grade level on the third-grade statewide reading assessment, the student would be retained in third grade unless he or she qualifies for an exemption.

Additionally, schools would be required to provide summer reading camps offering at least 70 hours of instruction to students scoring below grade level on the third-grade statewide reading assessment.

The bill remains on general file.

A bill that would authorize teachers to restrain violent students and remove unruly students from the classroom without facing legal action also remained on general file.

Introduced by Groene, LB595 would allow teachers and administrators to use physical force or restraint to subdue a student who becomes violent toward himself or herself, another student, a teacher or an administrator. A teacher or administrator also could restrain a student who is destroying school property.

The proposal also would allow a teacher to remove a student from class if the student's behavior has repeatedly interfered with the teacher's ability to communicate with students or with other students' ability to learn.

A student removed from a classroom for disruptive behavior could be placed into another classroom, in-school suspension or an alternative education program, but a principal could not return the student to the classroom from which he or she was removed without the teacher's consent.

## Omnibus bill

As introduced by the committee, LB512 was drafted to make several technical changes to education law. As amended, it includes the provisions of several other education-related bills.

LB457, introduced by Sen. Tom Briese of Albion, restricts a budget and levy limitation exemption for the funds a school district agrees to pay teachers and administrators in exchange for voluntary termination of employment.

As amended, it exempts from budget and levy limits the amounts levied to pay for 75 percent of the funds used for voluntary termination agreements for fiscal year 2018-19. That would decrease to 50 percent for FY2019-20 and 25



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks



Sen. Jim Scheer



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan



Sen. Tom Briese

percent for FY2020-21.

The bill also allows school districts already at their maximum levy to exempt from budget and levy limitations up to \$35,000 of payments for a teacher's voluntary termination agreement that is not part of a collective bargaining agreement.

Provisions of LB123, introduced by Pansing Brooks, authorize the Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education to assess a fee on for-profit post-secondary institutions in the state and direct the proceeds to a cash fund. The commission then may receive, evaluate and pay claims to students to recover lost tuition and fees resulting from the closure of a for-profit institution.

LB175, introduced by Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln, prohibits technology companies that contract with schools from using student data for targeted advertising or creating student profiles for non-educational purposes.

LB235, introduced by Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont, authorizes recipients of a grant under the Summer Food Service Program to spend a grant's full amount when starting or expanding a summer food program. As amended, the bill reduces the amount of money appropriated to the program from \$140,000 to \$100,000 per year.

LB398, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, requires that someone currently certified in first aid, CPR and drowning risk prevention be present at every swimming pool owned, rented, leased or otherwise used by a school district for practice, competition or other school function.

The bill passed 47-0.

## Charter and private schools

A bill that would authorize charter schools and two others that would increase state financial aid to students who attend private schools remained in committee.

LB630, introduced by Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill, would create an eight-member commission to grant and oversee charter school compacts. The bill also would

authorize school districts to grant and administer compacts for those schools to operate within their boundaries.

The commission could grant compacts for charter schools to operate within a school district that has at least one school performing at the lowest level established by the State Board of Education.

The schools, which would be open to all students through a lottery system, would be independent of any school board and managed by a board of trustees. Each charter school would receive state aid equal to the number of enrolled students multiplied by the statewide average basic funding per formula student.

Under LB608, sponsored by Linehan and held in committee, a student who resides in the attendance area of a public school with the lowest performance level established by the state Department of Education would qualify for a scholarship to enroll in a private school beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

For each student who participates in the program, school districts would be required to pay private schools either 75 percent of the expected revenue per student or the cost of tuition, books and uniforms, whichever is less. Once enrolled, the student may attend the school until graduation from high school or until he or she reaches the age of 21.

Each participating student would be counted in the enrollment figures for his or her resident school district when calculating aid under the state's school aid formula. A student's resident district would be responsible for transporting the student to the private school.

Introduced by Walz, LB490 would create a need-based grant program for eligible students who attend privately controlled, nonprofit postsecondary institutions in the state. Nebraska residents enrolled as full-time or part-time undergraduates at eligible institutions could receive the grants.

Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education would administer the program in conjunction with eligible institutions. The commission would determine criteria for the eligibility of award recipients and for setting the minimum and maximum size of the awards. It also would allocate the grants to the schools, which would distribute them to students. ■



Sen. Tyson Larson



Sen. Adam Morfeld



Sen. Lynne Walz



Sen. Justin Wayne

# EXECUTIVE BOARD



Sen. Dan Watermeier, chairperson of the Executive Board

The Executive Board this session advanced legislation creating a special committee to oversee the state Department of Correctional Services and a task force to research the public health effects of alcohol sales on the Whiteclay community.

LR127, introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Krist and adopted 28-11, creates a new Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee. The committee will continue to study the issues addressed by previous investigative committees and review the role of state agencies and their involvement in the justice system.



Sen. Bob Krist

The Executive Board will appoint six members of the Legislature to serve on the committee, with the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee serving as chairperson. The committee will brief the Judiciary and Appropriations committees in December 2017 and 2018 and issue a final report of recommendations to the Legislature before disbanding Jan. 19, 2019.

A special task force proposed to research the public health implications of alcohol sales on the unincorporated

village of Whiteclay also was approved.

LB407, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, will examine the impact of alcohol sales in Whiteclay and its surrounding communities and make recommendations to the Legislature on how to solve the economic and social issues. Members of the task force will collect, examine and analyze data on fetal alcohol syndrome rates, access to treatment services and the risk of alcoholism for children raised in the area.



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

The task force will include the chairperson of the Legislature's State-Tribal Relations Committee and the chairpersons of the Health and Human Services, Appropriations and Judiciary committees or their designees. An additional member of the State-Tribal Relations Committee also will serve on the task force.

The Legislature approved the task force 48-0.

Lawmakers also advanced a bill that expands the reporting requirements of the inspector general of the Nebraska correctional system.

Currently, the inspector general's office investigates allegations of possible misconduct, malfeasance, statute violations, injury and deaths that occur in the state's facilities. The findings are then published in the office's annual report.

LB539, also introduced by Krist, expands the reporting requirement to include all cases that result in death, serious injury, hospitalization or urgent medical treatment required by an employee acting in his or her official capacity.

The inspector general may release investigative findings if it is determined to be in the public's best interest. The bill also protects employees who provide information for such a report from negative employment consequences.

The bill passed 42-2.

The committee also advanced a bill that directs the state to donate 43 acres of excess land at the Norfolk Regional Center to Northeast Community College.

Introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer, LB376 requires the state Department of Administrative Services to seek authorization from the governor and the Legislature to donate the land, which will be used to develop a technology park.



Sen. Jim Scheer

If the community college sells the property within 10 years after the donation, all proceeds will be remitted to the state's General Fund.

The bill passed on a 43-0 vote and takes effect immediately. ■

# GENERAL AFFAIRS



Sen. Tyson Larson, chairperson of the General Affairs Committee

Various liquor, gaming and tobacco regulations were considered this session.

A bill containing numerous liquor law changes remains on select file. As introduced by O'Neill Sen. Tyson Larson, LB632 would make a number of changes to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, including several impacting craft brewers. A provision that would require all alcoholic beverages purchased for resale in the state to be “at rest” at a licensed wholesale warehouse prior to distribution was amended out of the bill during general file debate.

Among other provisions, the bill also would:

- create a definition for a bottle club;
- clarify that the “at rest” requirement for distribution does not apply to farm wineries;
- remove a proposed limit on off-site retail expansion for craft brewery licensees and a requirement that retail locations engage in production;
- increase from 32 to 64 ounces the container size under a limited bottling endorsement;
- require the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) to keep track of delinquent wine and spirit retailers;
- require a third-party shipper to report to the LCC when delivering out-of-state alcohol directly to a

purchaser in Nebraska; and

- expands to offenses other than compliance check violations the LCC authority to suspend a license for second and subsequent offenses.

In addition, LB632 would require a music licensing agency to register with the state and file an annual electronic copy of each performing rights agreement that provides for payment of royalties made available from the music licensing agency to any Nebraska proprietor.

The bill advanced to select file but was not scheduled for second-round debate.

Lawmakers voted to indefinitely postpone a bill that would make several changes to keno operations in Nebraska.

LB470, also introduced by Larson, would allow the use of an electronic keno ticket beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Current law requires a paper ticket. The bill also would reduce from 5 to 4 minutes the time required between keno games and permit the use of debit cards as a cash equivalent for wagers.

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers offered a motion to indefinitely postpone LB470 during general file debate, which was adopted 24-0, ending consideration of the bill for the session. A majority of those voting was required.

LB73, introduced by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe, would raise the legal age from 18 to 21 to purchase cigarettes, cigars, vapor products, alternative nicotine products and smokeless tobacco. The bill was considered by the General Affairs Committee but was not advanced. ■



Sen. Merv Riepe

# GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS



Sen. John Murante, chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

**E**lection law, state agency structure and oversight and an attempt at statewide regulation of firearms were among the issues addressed by lawmakers this session.

## Elections

Senators passed several measures related to election law, including a bill that changes how legislative vacancies are filled.

LB451, introduced by Gretna Sen. John Murante, creates a new graduated system of deadlines for filling legislative vacancies that occur in the second year of a term. If a vacancy is created:

- on or before Feb. 1, the appointee is subject to election in that year's primary and general elections;
- between Feb. 2 and May 1, the appointee is required to file a petition to appear on the general election ballot; or
- after May 1, the appointee will serve the remainder of the legislative term before being subject to election.

If a vacancy occurs on the University of Nebraska's Board of Regents during the first year of a term or before Feb. 1 of a general election year, the appointee will be subject to election. If the vacancy occurs after Feb. 1 of an election year, the appointee will serve the unexpired term. Additionally, the bill makes several technical changes to filing requirements and the delivery and return of early voting ballots.

The bill includes provisions of LB314, also introduced by Murante, which lengthen the time before an election during which a city must file a proposed economic development plan and increases the number of days prior to an election that an election notice must appear in the relevant newspaper.

The provisions also allow the secretary of state to use general funds for maintenance and security of the state's centralized, computerized voter registration list.

LB451 passed on a 48-0 vote.

A bill intended to ease ballot access for third-party political candidates passed this year.

Under current law, a candidate who is a registered voter of a particular political party may be placed on a primary election ballot in Nebraska if the party received at least 5 percent of the total votes cast in either of the two previous statewide elections.

LB34, introduced by Crete Sen. Laura Ebke and passed 48-0, automatically allows access to the primary election ballot if a party has at least 10,000 registered members as indicated by state voting records.



Sen. Laura Ebke

LB85, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood, prohibits any person with outstanding civil penalties issued by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NADC) from filing for election to public office.

A candidate with outstanding civil penalties can file for office if they have appealed the penalty and filed a surety bond in favor of the state, pending the appeal.



Sen. Carol Blood

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote.

An attempt to override Gov. Pete Ricketts' veto of a bill to immediately reinstate an individual's voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation fell short.

LB75, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, would have removed a current two-year waiting period required before former felons can vote. Senators passed the bill April 24 on a 27-13 vote.



Sen. Justin Wayne

In his April 27 veto letter, Gov. Pete Ricketts said that requiring convicted felons to wait before allowing them to vote provides an incentive to maintain a clean record and avoid subsequent convictions.

Wayne offered a motion to override the governor's veto, saying the waiting period is outdated and creates barriers to reintegration into society. Senators voted 23-23 on the override motion, sustaining the governor's veto. Thirty votes were required to override.

Senators also rejected a cloture motion during first-round debate on a measure that would ask Nebraskans to decide whether voters must show identification at the polls.

LR1CA, introduced by Murante, would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2018 general election ballot. If approved, the amendment would require voters in Nebraska to present an ID containing a photograph or digital image prior to casting a ballot.

The Legislature would be tasked with determining the specifics of the voter ID requirement through enabling legislation.

Murante offered a motion to invoke cloture, which would cease debate and force a vote on the measure. The cloture motion failed on a vote of 26-17. Thirty-three votes were needed.

## Government entities

A bill to consolidate veterans' services in Nebraska was given final approval this year.

LB340, introduced by Gretna Sen. John Murante on behalf of the governor, transfers all programs, services and duties of the state Department of Health and Human Services Division of Veterans' Homes to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs, effective July 1, 2017.

Division employees will be considered employees of the Department of Veterans' Affairs after the transition and retain their rights and service under the state personnel system.

LB340 passed on a 49-0 vote.

Senators also approved a proposal to restructure the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

LB222, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, expands the commission's membership from nine to 11 governor-appointed members. Four are required to have professional, volunteer or public-service experience related to the governance duties of the commission and seven must be affiliated with the tourism industry.



Sen. John Stinner

The bill also requires an annual review, clarifies grant guidelines, requires the commission to adopt written policies governing expenditure of appropriated funds and stipulates that contracts awarded by the commission follow rules established by the state Department of Administrative Services.

The bill passed 48-0.

LB151, also introduced by Stinner, requires entities subject to a comment or recommendation by the state auditor of public accounts to electronically submit a written report detailing any corrective action it has taken or plans to take in response. State colleges and the University of Nebraska are excluded from the requirement. Agencies must submit the report no more than six months after the comment or recommendation was issued.

The auditor of public accounts then will evaluate the report and submit findings to the governor and the appropriate legislative committee. The bill requires the auditor to deliver the report to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee so that it may be entered into the record during the committee's budget hearing process.

LB151 also prohibits the auditor of public accounts from revealing sealed or confidential court records contained in working papers.

The bill was amended to include provisions from four additional bills.

LB27, introduced by Murante, allows the state auditor's office to penalize governing bodies that do not provide the auditor with requested information regarding trade names under which the body operates and any interlocal agreements to which it is a party by Sept. 20 of each year. The auditor may assess a late fee of \$20 per day, up to a maximum penalty of \$2,000.

LB89, introduced by Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango, reduces the period of public notice that a governing body is required to provide before holding a hearing on its proposed budget statement from at least five days to at least four calendar days.

LB90, also sponsored by Hughes, requires a public entity under audit or examination by the auditor of public accounts to provide the auditor with accommodations at the location where the requested records are kept. The accommodations must include desks or tables and chairs, electrical outlets and internet access if it is available.

LB101, introduced by Stinner, prohibits state agencies from extending a contract for services for a period of more than 50 percent of the initial contract term.

Senators voted 49-0 to pass the bill.



Sen. Dan Hughes



Various state-established boards and commissions were modified or eliminated by a bill passed this session.

LB644, introduced by Murante, is the result of a statutorily-required review of all state boards and commissions that is designed to determine which of them are outdated or obsolete.

Boards and commissions eliminated include the: community gardens task force; advisory committee for value-added agricultural promotion and development; Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee; Perfusionist Committee; Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission; Intergovernmental Poverty Task Force; Health Advisory Board; Medicaid Reform Council; Aging Nebraskans Task Force; Nursing Home Advisory Council; and Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee.

The bill passed 48-0.

## Other measures

A law enforcement officer may apply to have his or her home address withheld from the public under a bill passed this session.

Introduced by Sen. Anna Wishart of Lincoln and passed 47-0, LB624 directs county assessors and registers of deeds to withhold from the public the residential address of a law enforcement officer who applies unless a member of the public requests the address in writing.



Sen. Anna Wishart

Officers are required to renew their applications every five years.

Lawmakers also passed a resolution to approve a gift from the Norfolk Veterans' Home Foundation for construction of a park.

LR251, introduced by Gretna Sen. John Murante, accepts the gift of \$300,000 in material, labor and in-kind services so that a World War II and Korean War Memorial may be added to the Flag Plaza at the entrance of the

Norfolk Veterans' Home.

The resolution was adopted on a 34-0 vote.

A bill that would override individual city and local ordinances, making firearm regulations consistent statewide, remains on select file after being debated this session.

LB68, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Mike Hilgers, would authorize the state to regulate the registration, possession, transportation, transfer and storage of firearms and ammunition. Cities and villages would retain the authority to enforce prohibitions on firearm discharge.



Sen. Mike Hilgers

As amended, the bill would allow a city of the metropolitan class to prohibit handgun possession in public places. Omaha currently is the only metropolitan-class city in Nebraska.

Exceptions to the prohibition would include safe transport in a vehicle, possession for instructional purposes and possession by concealed-carry permit holders and military members.

The open transportation of handguns and long guns within metropolitan class cities would be prohibited. The amended bill would require that openly transported firearms be unloaded and contained within an enclosed case or unloaded and broken down. There would be exceptions for open firearm transport by law enforcement, concealed-carry permit holders, military members and other lawful activity that does not endanger public safety and has received proper legal approval.

Finally, it would require that firearms transported within a vehicle be unloaded and locked up, either in a trunk or a container other than a glove compartment or console. Concealed-carry permit holders and military members also would be excluded from this requirement.

After six hours of debate spanning two days, Hilgers filed a motion to invoke cloture, or cease debate and vote on the bill. The motion succeeded 33-8. Senators then voted 32-12 to advance the bill but it was not scheduled for select file debate. ■

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Sen. Merv Riepe, chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

**B**udget concerns related to the provision of public benefits, reduction of licensure requirements and regulation of prescription drugs were the top health and human services issues addressed by lawmakers this session.

## Public benefits

LB333, introduced by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe as part of the governor's budget modification package, originally would have eliminated the state's short-term disability program. Those provisions were amended out on general file.

Instead, the bill includes provisions of LB495, introduced by Riepe, which clarify funding priorities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are eligible for services through the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Medicaid and community-based services waiver.

The bill updates definitions for developmental and intellectual disabilities and pauses for two years a state entitlement program for high school graduates with developmental disabilities.

Also included are provisions of Riepe's LB417, which

require DHHS to develop and implement a quality management and improvement plan for services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The provisions also sunset the existing Quality Review Teams and add representatives to the state Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities.

LB333 passed on a vote of 48-0.

Also introduced by Riepe as part of the governor's budget modification package was a bill, passed 42-0, that delays rate changes for child care subsidy providers.

The Child Care and Development Fund Market Rate Survey is required by the federal government. Current state law requires DHHS to adjust the rates paid to child care subsidy providers every other year based on the survey.

LB335 eliminates implementation of any rate changes in 2017. For the next two fiscal years the provider rate cannot fall below the 50th percentile, or the rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Currently, the rate that child care subsidy providers receive must be between 60 and 75 percent of the market rate.

The rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, must be at least the 60th percentile of the last three quarters of the prior fiscal year or the rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016.

Senators passed a bill that allows public and nonprofit ground emergency medical transporters to be reimbursed by Medicaid at an enhanced rate.

LB578, introduced by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell, establishes a Ground Emergency Transport Program in Nebraska to allow eligible providers to receive supplemental Medicaid reimbursement for ground emergency medical transport services, if a state plan amendment is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



Sen. Mike McDonnell

The bill requires DHHS to design and implement an intergovernmental transfer program relating to Medicaid managed care to increase capitation payments in order to increase reimbursement to eligible providers.

The program applies to providers owned or operated by the state or a city, county, rural or suburban fire district, hospital district, federally recognized Indian tribe or other unit of government. Participation by local government entities is voluntary.

DHHS is required to submit a state plan amendment by Jan. 1, 2018, to provide for a supplemental reimbursement rate and to submit necessary materials to the federal government annually.

The bill passed on a 41-0 vote.

LB605, introduced by Riepe, allows the DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care the flexibility to modify provider rates as needed to comply with federal regulations.

The bill revises provisions of the Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Reimbursement Protection Fund by allowing Nebraska to fully maximize federal matching funds available for the state's provider tax.

LB605 passed on a 47-0 vote.

A proposed eligibility change in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, failed to advance from general file this session.

LB358, sponsored by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, would increase the SNAP gross income eligibility limit from 130 to 158 percent of the federal poverty limit. The bill failed to advance to select file on a vote of 24-19, one vote short of the number required.



Sen. John McCollister

## Licensure and credentialing

Lawmakers considered several proposals this session intended to reduce barriers to employment by changing licensure regulations for various health-related occupations.

Introduced by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood, LB88 allows military spouses to obtain temporary licensure in Nebraska in a variety of health professions under the Uniform Credentialing Act.



Sen. Carol Blood

The bill includes provisions from four other measures:

- LB61, introduced by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, which authorizes Nebraska to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact;
- LB425, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, which updates provisions for licensure and practice requirements within the current Nurse Practitioner Practice Act;
- LB283, introduced by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe, which allows licensed practical nurses to provide intravenous therapy and eliminates the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified Practice Act; and



Sen. Mark Kolterman



Sen. Sue Crawford

- LB342, introduced by Bayard Sen. Steve Erdman, which amends portions of the state's Nurse Practice Act to allow Nebraska to join the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact when it takes effect – either on Dec. 31, 2018, or when 26 states have joined.



Sen. Steve Erdman

The bill removes a requirement that nurses educated in a foreign country pass a specific examination or hold a certificate from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools. Instead, an applicant will be required to pass a board-approved examination and provide satisfactory evaluation from a board-approved foreign credentials evaluation service.

It also removes a requirement that a licensed audiologist obtain a second, specialist license in order to sell hearing instruments.

LB88 passed on a 49-0 vote and takes effect immediately.

Nebraska dental assistants have the option of becoming licensed under a bill passed this session.

Introduced by Kolterman, LB18 creates a new category of licensed dental assistant. Licensure is optional under the bill. The bill also creates the position of expanded function dental assistant and provides the option for credentialing in expanded duties for licensed dental assistants, dental hygienists and public health hygienists.

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote and becomes operative Jan. 1, 2018.

LB19, also introduced by Kolterman, removes a requirement that an individual receive a letter of referral from a medical practitioner before seeking services from a licensed acupuncturist. Instead, a licensed acupuncturist is required to refer a patient to an appropriate practitioner if his or her symptoms are beyond the training, experience or competence of the acupuncturist.

LB19 passed on a 46-0 vote.

## Pharmacy practice

Senators approved several measures related to prescription drug monitoring and regulation this session.

LB223, sponsored by Heartwell Sen. John Kuehn, makes technical and procedural changes to laws governing the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) system, established in 2016 to enable prescribers and pharmacies to check for suspected abuse.

The bill requires individuals to



Sen. John Kuehn

be trained before accessing the PDMP and strengthens provisions requiring that information transmitted meet Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards.

Members of a patient care team may access the PDMP on behalf of a prescriber, if he or she is a licensed or registered health care professional credentialed in Nebraska. Veterinarians are required to report dispensed controlled substances under the bill beginning July 1, 2018.

LB223 passed 47-0 and takes effect immediately.

Pharmacists are allowed to substitute biological products with FDA-approved interchangeable biologics under a bill passed this session.

Biologics include viruses, therapeutic serums, toxins, antitoxins, vaccines, blood components and allergenic products used to treat or cure human diseases. An FDA-approved interchangeable biological product is one that the FDA has determined to be therapeutically equivalent to a prescribed product.

Under LB481, introduced by Kuehn, a pharmacist who receives a prescription for a biological product and chooses to dispense an interchangeable biological for the prescribed product must advise the patient or the patient's caregiver that drug product selection has occurred.

The bill also requires DHHS to maintain a link on its website to the current list of all biological products that the FDA has determined to be interchangeable biological products.

LB481 passed on a 47-0 vote.

State law regulating pharmacy practice in Nebraska was updated this session.

LB166, introduced by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, amends and updates the Pharmacy Practice Act and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Among other provisions, the bill:

- requires that a pharmacist intern be supervised at all times;
- allows a hospital to provide the unused portion of a drug to a patient upon discharge under certain circumstances;
- allows more than one drug to be placed in a container in certain circumstances;
- specifies that 60 days be the quantity of drug indicated for a long-term care facility resident;
- extends the time available to fill the remainder of a partially dispensed controlled substance prescription from 72 hours to 30 days after the prescription date;
- authorizes a pharmacist to enter into a practice agreement with a qualified licensed health care

practitioner to provide pharmaceutical care independently; and

- requires that a registered pharmacy in which controlled substances are stored or dispensed complete a controlled-substances inventory when there is a change in the pharmacist in charge.

The bill also clarifies that a Schedule II controlled substance may be dispensed in an emergency situation in which a prescribing practitioner determines that no appropriate alternative treatment is available, immediate administration of the controlled substance is necessary and it is not possible to provide a signed prescription for the dispenser.

LB166 passed on a 49-0 vote and takes effect immediately.

## Children's issues

Lawmakers made several changes to the state's child welfare system with the passage of LB225, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford. The bill extends an alternative response pilot program and authorizes its use statewide.

Alternative response allows DHHS to provide services to families that meet certain screening requirements and are the subject of a child abuse or neglect investigation where the risk to the child is considered minimal.

The bill expands Nebraska's alternative response pilot to a statewide program and extends the authorized use of alternative response until Dec. 31, 2020. The bill also requires that the mandatory evaluation of the program be presented to the Nebraska Children's Commission by Nov. 15, 2018.

The bill includes three additional child-welfare related measures:

- LB297, sponsored by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, creates the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group as a pilot project;
- LB298, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Roy Baker, renames the Normalcy Task Force as the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee under the Nebraska Children's Commission and adds a juvenile facility representative to the committee; and
- LB336, sponsored by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe, allows DHHS to charge a maximum \$3 fee to conduct a central registry check.

The bill passed 48-0.



Sen. Roy Baker

LB91, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann and passed 48-0, updates the definition of inherited or congenital infant or childhood-onset diseases and defines pharmaceutically manufactured foods as those that are chemically synthesized or processed for the treatment of inborn errors in metabolism.



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

The bill includes provisions of Hilkemann's LB401, which adds X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD), mucopolysaccharidosis type 1 (MPS-1) and Pompe disease to the list of diseases screened for by the state's screening program.

The bill also raises the maximum fee that can be charged by DHHS to administer the newborn screening program. The fee, currently capped at \$10, may be raised to \$20 under the bill.

## Other bills

LB323, sponsored by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act and creates an advisory council that will meet at least twice a year.

The bill requires DHHS to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program. Information will be made available on the department's website on or before June 30, 2018.

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote.

Under LB506, introduced by Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht, a physician who diagnoses a lethal fetal anomaly may provide information regarding perinatal hospice services, which the bill defines as comprehensive support from the time of diagnosis through the death of an infant and the postpartum period.



Sen. Joni Albrecht

A lethal fetal anomaly is defined as a condition diagnosed before birth that will – with reasonable certainty – result in the death of an unborn child within three months of birth.

Under the bill, DHHS is required to provide an information support sheet of available programs and services, which also will be posted on the department website.

The bill also contains provisions of LB287, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, that allow the DHHS Child and Maternal Death Review Team to enter into written agreements to provide secure electronic storage of information and records collected by the review team.



Sen. Anna Wishart

LB506 passed on a 49-0 vote.

Lawmakers also passed a bill that prohibits insurance providers from excluding coverage for a service based solely on its deliverance through telehealth.

LB92, sponsored by Kolterman, requires health insurance companies to cover any service provided via telehealth if the service is covered for an in-person consultation. The bill also removes an existing Medicaid coverage restriction for children if a child has access to services within 30 miles of his or her place of residence.

The bill does not apply to policies that provide coverage for a specified disease or other limited-benefit coverage. LB92 passed 49-0.

LB195, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Joni Craighead, requires all health care facilities that perform mammography to include in the mammography report the patient's individual breast tissue classification based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology.



Sen. Joni Craighead

The bill passed 48-0.

A requirement for offering onsite flu shots in Nebraska also was expanded this session. Current law requires all hospitals, intermediate care facilities and nursing and skilled nursing facilities to offer onsite influenza and pneumococcal disease vaccinations to residents and inpatients prior to discharge.

LB267, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, expands the influenza vaccination requirement to all nursing and skilled nursing facility employees. Facilities are not required to offer vaccines if contraindicated in an individual case or if there is a national vaccine shortage.



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote. ■

# JUDICIARY



Sen. Laura Ebke, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee

Updating criminal penalties and modernizing court procedures were among the judiciary-related priorities for lawmakers this session.

## Penalties

Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks introduced LB289, which increases penalties for a number of crimes, including pandering and human trafficking for labor or sexual exploitation, and adds solicitation to the definition of sex trafficking.

The penalties for pandering or trafficking of an adult increase from a Class III to a Class II felony, punishable by 1 to 50 years in prison.

The bill imposes even stronger penalties for sex trafficking offenses involving a minor. Previously a Class II felony, sex trafficking or solicitation of a minor now is categorized as a Class IB felony, punishable by 20 years to life imprisonment.



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

Provisions of three additional bills dealing with sexual assault and domestic violence are included in LB289.

The first is LB191, also introduced by Pansing Brooks, which prohibits the withdrawal of a petition for a protection order except upon order of the court. A victim of domestic abuse can file a petition and affidavit to renew a protection order up to 30 days before the expiration of the previous order to ensure there is no gap in protection. A renewed order will be effective for a period of one year, commencing on the first day following expiration of the previous order.

Provisions of LB178, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, allow a victim of sexual assault to file for civil protection orders against the perpetrator. The order will prohibit a perpetrator from contacting or communicating with the victim.



Sen. Kate Bolz

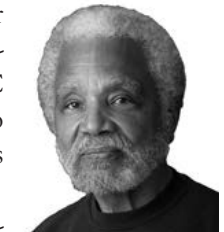
Provisions of LB188, introduced by Omaha Sen. Sara Howard, allow for the parent of a child conceived as a result of a sexual assault to petition for termination of parental rights of the perpetrator.



Sen. Sara Howard

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote.

Senators debated LB447, introduced by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, which would eliminate the mandatory minimum sentences for Class IC and Class ID felonies. Currently, a person convicted of a Class IC felony is subject to a sentence of five to 50 years in prison and three to 50 years for a Class ID felony.



Sen. Ernie Chambers

Those serving a mandatory minimum sentence are ineligible for the state Department of Correctional Services' "good time" program, which automatically reduces sentences by 50 percent.

Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan introduced an amendment that replaced the bill. The amendment instead would eliminate mandatory minimum sentences only for Class IC and ID drug offenses, specifically for manufacturing between 28 and 139 grams of cocaine, heroin or methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan

The bill remains on select file.

Following the 2016 passage of a bill providing legal immunity in cases of alcohol overdose, lawmakers provided similar immunity to those witnessing drug overdoses.

Under LB487, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, a person experiencing a drug overdose and those present will receive legal immunity if they seek medical assistance and remain on the scene until assistance or police arrives. The bill does not apply to any other drug-related offense such as the manufacturing or distribution of drugs.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

The bill contains provisions of several bills, including LB296, originally introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, which provides civil immunity to any physician, health care professional or pharmacist who prescribes or dispenses non-patient-specific medication for response to life-threatening asthma or anaphylaxis to a school, educational service unit or early childhood education program.



Sen. John McCollister

Provisions added from LB293, originally introduced by O'Neill Sen. Tyson Larson, add a synthetic opioid known as U-47700 as a Schedule I drug under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to mirror federal regulations.



Sen. Tyson Larson

Finally, provisions added from LB167, originally introduced by Crete Sen. Laura Ebke, make cannabidiol a Schedule V controlled substance.

The bill passed on a 34-5 vote.

Lawmakers passed a bill that changes how violations of juvenile probation terms are addressed.

Omaha Sen. Bob Krist introduced LB8, passed 45-0, which authorizes the Office of Probation Administration to develop a statewide matrix of immediate, certain and consistent sanctions for violations of court orders.



Sen. Bob Krist

A probation violation will be considered resolved upon a juvenile's successful completion of the sanction. Failure to complete a sanction could result in repetition or increased duration of the sanction, or an entirely new sanction. The bill allows for detention of an individual if he or she is deemed a safety risk.

## Courts

The Legislature passed several bills this session to ensure citizens' fair treatment before the court system.

Krist introduced LB10, passed 43-3, which adds one juvenile court judge in counties with populations of at

least 400,000 people. Douglas County currently is the only county to qualify.

LB647, introduced by Pansing Brooks, increases by 1 percent the salary of Nebraska Supreme Court justices, effective July 1. The raise will result in an annual salary of \$173,694 annually. An additional 1.5 percent raise will take effect Jan. 1, 2019, increasing the justices' salary to \$176,299.

The salaries of lower-court judges are tied to those of the Supreme Court justices and will increase by the same percentages.

The bill passed on a 42-1 vote.

LB259, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, allows county court judges to determine competency without filing a separate civil motion in district court. It also allows city attorneys to question a defendant's competency.



Sen. Matt Hansen

The bill includes provisions of three related bills.

Those from LB145, also introduced by Hansen, require a court to determine a defendant's ability to pay a fine before imposing a jail sentence for nonpayment. If the defendant is found to be unable to pay, that court can authorize an installment payment plan or community service as an alternative to payment of the fine.

LB526, introduced by Morfeld, prohibits the detention of a debtor unless he or she is found to be willfully in contempt of court. Court appointed counsel will be required for indigent debtors in the event of a contempt hearing that could result in imprisonment.

Also introduced by Morfeld and incorporated into the bill is LB395, which requires judges to consider a defendant's ability to pay as a factor in setting bond.

LB259 passed on a 41-3 vote.

LB300, introduced by Krist, eliminates the statute of limitations for any civil action brought against a perpetrator who sexually assaults a child. Under the bill, civil action against any person or entity other than the individual perpetrator can be brought only within 12 years of the victim's 21st birthday.

The bill was passed on a 46-0 vote.

Pansing Brooks introduced LB158, which would require that legal counsel be appointed each time a juvenile court petition is filed. The juvenile and his or her parent or guardian would be informed of the right to retain such counsel as needed.

The bill also would require any legal counsel representing a juvenile to continue representation through post-dispositional proceedings unless the juvenile requests new counsel.

The bill remains on general file.

## Weapons

LB478, introduced by North Platte Sen. Mike Groene, excludes possession of archery equipment and knives used for butchering, harvesting or otherwise processing game, fish or furs from the list of deadly weapons currently prohibited for convicted felons.

Possession of a knife requires that a person hold a state-issued recreational license.

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote.

Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher introduced LB558, passed 46-0, which clarifies that the intended use of a knife with a blade longer than 3.5 inches should be considered when charging a person with possession of a deadly weapon.



Sen. Mike Groene



Sen. Paul Schumacher

## Other bills

LB268, introduced by Schumacher, itemizes which assets are eligible for recovery by the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These include securities, bank accounts, intellectual property rights, contractual or lease rights and other similar types of assets.

Under the bill, a person applying for Medicaid assistance will be required to disclose all interest in real estate, trusts, corporations, limited liability corporations or other entities, as well as any income derived from them. Failure to disclose such interests will result in any received assistance being declared illegally obtained and subject to recovery by the state.

DHHS can bring an action to recover unlawfully obtained medical assistance against the estate of a Medicaid recipient within five years after his or her death and that of any remaining spouse.

If an applicant for assistance retains an interest in an asset that has been transferred to a relative for less than a commercially reasonable price, the income derived from the asset transfer also will be subject to recovery.

The bill passed on a 37-11 vote.

Pansing Brooks introduced LB122, passed 48-0, which prohibits caregivers from arbitrarily denying visitation to family members of individuals under in-home or nursing home care.

If a family member is denied visitation, he or she can petition the court to compel visitation unless the court finds that visitation is not in the individual's best interests or the individual communicates a desire to not have visita-

tion with the petitioner.

The bill applies to a patient's spouse, adult child, adult grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin or domestic partner.

Elmwood Sen. Robert Clements introduced an amendment on select file that would have excluded domestic partners from protection under the bill. He later withdrew the amendment.



Sen. Robert Clements

LB444, introduced by Fremont Sen. Lynne Walz, prohibits cities and counties from canceling existing health insurance coverage for any law enforcement officer who suffers serious bodily injury as a result of an assault while in his or her official capacity. The bill also covers injured sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, firefighters and mental health care providers.



Sen. Lynne Walz

Cities and counties are now obligated to provide health insurance while first responders remain employed with the agency and return to work within one year of the original injury.

The bill includes provisions of LB244, originally introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which extends workers' compensation benefits to employees of the state Department of Correctional Services and DHHS who regularly and directly interact with high-risk individuals.



Sen. Kate Bolz

A high-risk individual includes a person in state custody with a history of violent or physically intimidating behavior, including a committed offender, regional center patient and a committed juvenile offender.

The bill passed on a 31-8 vote.

Omaha Sen. Burke Harr introduced LB492, passed 47-0, which allows an operator of a self-storage facility to impose a lien on all of an occupant's personal property located at the facility to recover delinquent rent, late fees and other charges related to the preservation, sale or disposition of the personal property.



Sen. Burke Harr

Under the bill, self-storage rental agreements must include language notifying a renter of the lien and its enforcement if a renter is found to be in default for more than 45 days. The facility operator is required to give written notice to the renter of default and allow the renter an additional 45 days to pay all delinquent charges.



If the charges are not satisfied within that time frame, the facility operator may conduct a commercially reasonable sale of the personal property.

Two bills that were debated extensively in previous sessions also failed to advance from general file.

Introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, LB173 would prohibit employers, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against employees or applicants based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

The bill would apply to employers having 15 or more employees, the state of Nebraska, governmental agencies and political subdivisions.

And LB622, a bill that would approve certain forms of cannabis for medical use, was introduced by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart. Cannabis is a plant that produces tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), a chemical compound known to have a variety of psychological and physiological effects on the human body.



Sen. Anna Wishart

Both LB173 and LB622 remain on general file. ■

# NATURAL RESOURCES



Sen. Dan Hughes, chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee

**B**ills dealing with renewable energy projects, wildlife management and water supply augmentation projects were among those considered by the Natural Resources Committee this session.

## Water

A bill clarifying the qualifications for a program that provides financial assistance to cities to build safe drinking water projects was passed 49-0.

The previously enacted Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act authorized the state Department of Environmental Quality to provide grants and make and forgive loans to political subdivisions that operate public water systems for safe drinking water projects.

LB182, introduced by Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango, clarifies that the department may provide loans, grants and loan forgiveness to a political subdivision if its public water system serves a population of 10,000 or less.

A bill intended to provide oversight of projects that help Nebraska meet its obligations under a multi-state agreement on water usage in the Republican River Basin

was held in committee.

North Platte Sen. Mike Groene, sponsor of LB218, said the bill is aimed at providing oversight of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (N-CORPE) project, an interlocal agency created in 2012 by four of the state's natural resources districts.



Sen. Mike Groene

The project pumps groundwater into the Republican and Platte rivers to meet streamflow requirements under a multistate compact, which allocates the use of surface water between Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska.

Before pumping water, any future entity would be required to hold a public hearing on the need for the pumping, the governmental use of groundwater and the expected amount and duration of the pumping. After adopting a resolution on those points, the entity could buy land impacted by the pumping for fair market value and install wells and pumps.

Every five years after pumping begins, the entity would be required to hold a public hearing to review the pumping's effect on nearby landowners, the water table and other factors. After the first five years of pumping, the entity would be required to sell all or part of the land but would retain the irrigation water rights and easements to maintain the wells.

## Wildlife

Nebraska will work with other states to enforce wildlife management laws under a bill introduced by the committee and passed 49-0.

LB566 authorizes the state Game and Parks Commission to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact on behalf of the state. Under the compact, an officer may issue a citation for the violation of wildlife management laws to any person who lives in a participating state.

The bill includes provisions from LB635, a bill introduced by Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard that increases penalties for violating certain game management laws in Nebraska.

The hunting of elk out of season is now a Class II misdemeanor, and the fine is increased from at least \$500 to at least \$1,000 for each violation. Any person who illegally takes game or has such game in his or her possession is now guilty of a Class III misdemeanor and will be fined at least \$50 for each animal. Additionally, the fine for shooting at wildlife from a highway or roadway increased from at least \$100 to at least \$500.



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

## Energy

Two bills related to wind energy development in Nebraska were held in committee.

LB504, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, would create a task force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the siting of wind energy projects in the Sandhills.

The bill would place a two-year moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects and the placement of turbines in the Sandhills beginning in 2018.

LB392, sponsored by Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill, would require the state Department of Agriculture to create a process, including criteria and standards, that would recognize and assist counties' efforts to create, maintain or expand wind energy development. Counties meeting the criteria could



Sen. Tom Brewer



Sen. Tyson Larson

apply to a receive a "wind-energy friendly" designation.

Criteria would include the diversity of a county's energy development activities, a formal expression of interest by a county board in developing wind energy production or an assurance that the county intends to work with other governmental entities in developing wind projects.

A bill that would allow Nebraska communities to apply for a state grant to build solar energy projects also was held in committee.

LB610, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Rick Kolowski, would allow public power districts, nonprofit organizations or political subdivisions to apply for grants from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to help pay for community solar projects.

The grants would cover up to 25 percent of a project's cost.

A community solar project would be defined as a solar electric generation facility that has an agreement to sell its electricity to an electric utility or political subdivision and allows subscribers to receive bill credits in proportion to the amount of energy they generate. ■



Sen. Rick Kolowski

# NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS



Sen. Mark Kolterman, chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee

Lawmakers changed numerous provisions within the state's various retirement plans with passage of an Omnibus bill this session.

LB415, introduced by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, changes the Rule of 85 for new hires. Beginning July 1, 2018, the minimum retirement age for school employees is 60. Under the rule, an employee may retire at age 60 if their age plus years of creditable service equal 85 or higher.

Also included in the bill are provisions of six additional measures introduced by Kolterman that make changes to the various state retirement plans, including:

- LB31, which makes changes in the school employees retirement plan related to creditable service and eliminates a school employer's ability to purchase service for individual school employees;
- LB32, which changes the frequency and method of calculation of county prior service annuity payments in the County Employees Retirement Act;
- LB110, which eliminates the obligation of political subdivisions to file annual reports on defined contribution plans after Dec. 31, 2017, and deletes the requirement for the Public Employees Retirement Board to design and provide the annual reporting form;

- LB278, which clarifies the definition of disability in the county, state and school plans;
- LB413, which makes technical and clean-up changes to the judges and state patrol retirement plans; and
- LB532, which makes changes regarding military service in the county, state, school, judges and state patrol plans.

Also included are provisions of LB219, introduced by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee, which updates mortality tables and inserts new language on interest rates in the county, state, judges, school and state patrol plans in response to changes in actuarial assumptions.

The bill passed 48-0 and takes effect immediately.

LB412, a bill introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz that would require the state investment officer to review Nebraska's investments in fossil fuel companies, was considered this year and remains in committee. ■



Sen. Kate Bolz

# REVENUE



Sen. Jim Smith, chairperson of the Revenue Committee

The Revenue Committee advanced bills this session that would require online retailers to collect sales taxes on Nebraska transactions, create a tax credit for private school scholarship donations and provide more state aid to schools that rely on property taxes for a large portion of their funding.

A proposal that would cut the state's top income and corporate tax rates if projected state revenue growth meets certain targets and change the way agricultural land is assessed remains on general file.

As introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion, LB461 proposed a technical change to state tax law. A pending committee amendment would replace the bill and incorporate provisions from several other bills, including:

- LB337, introduced by Smith on behalf of Gov. Pete Ricketts, which would use revenue growth rates to trigger income tax cuts;
- LB452, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, which would change income tax rates and personal exemption amounts; and



Sen. Brett Lindstrom

- LB338, introduced by Bancroft Sen. Lydia Brasch also on behalf of the governor, which would change the state's method for valuing agricultural and horticultural land to an income-based approach.



Sen. Lydia Brasch

Nebraska's top individual income tax rate would be reduced from 6.84 percent to 5.99 percent in increments of roughly 0.1 percent per year if projected state revenue growth exceeds 3.5 percent of the prior year's actual revenue.

The bill would reduce the state's top corporate income tax rate from 7.81 percent to 7.59 percent in 2019 and then by 0.2 percent per year if projected state revenue growth exceeds 4 percent of the prior year's actual revenue. Cuts would continue until the rate reaches 5.99 percent.

To help pay for the cuts, the bill would phase out income tax credits for some high earners. LB461 also would suspend two tax credit programs: the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act and the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act.

LB461 would give tax credits to low-income earners and increase the earned income tax credit from the current 10 percent to 11 percent in 2019 and 12 percent in 2020.

The bill also calls for agricultural and horticultural land to be assessed using an income-based approach instead of the current market value approach beginning in 2018. A new committee led by the state tax commissioner would establish capitalization rates for each class of agricultural or horticultural land and the bill would cap annual growth in statewide aggregate agricultural value at 3.5 percent.

After six hours of debate on general file, Smith filed a motion to invoke cloture, or cease debate and vote on the bill. The motion failed 27-9. Thirty-three votes were needed.

## Tax credits and exemptions

The committee advanced a bill that allows businesses that make large capital investments in Nebraska to carry over unused tax credits for a much longer period.

LB161, introduced by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson, extends the tax credit carry-over period for companies that file a Tier 6 application under the Nebraska Advantage Act from one year to 16 years after the end of the entitlement period. The change applies to all Tier 6 project applications filed before,



Sen. Curt Friesen

on or after the bill's effective date.

The bill passed on a 44-2 vote.

A bill that would allow private donations to fund scholarships for students who attend private schools in Nebraska was advanced by the committee and remains on general file.

LB295, introduced by Smith, would create a nonrefundable tax credit for those who donate money to nonprofit organizations that grant scholarships to students to attend a private elementary or secondary school in Nebraska.

Only students from a household with an income less than twice the required level of the federal reduced-price lunch program would be eligible to receive scholarships.

The committee also advanced a bill intended to increase the amount of financial information on state tax incentive programs that is available to the public.

As introduced by Sen. John McCollister of Omaha, LB565 would require the state treasurer to add tax incentive program data to a website it maintains showing how the state spends tax dollars. Data on seven existing programs, including the Nebraska Advantage Act, and any future tax incentive programs meant to recruit or retain businesses in the state would be included.

The bill remains on general file.



Sen. John McCollister

## Sales taxes

A proposal to repeal a tax exemption for food sold at political events was approved this session.

Introduced by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer and passed 44-0, LB63 eliminates a sales and use tax exemption for food sold at political events held by ballot question committees, independent committees and political party committees.

A bill that would require some online retailers to collect state sales taxes on Nebraska transactions remains on select file.

As introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier of Syracuse, LB44 would require an online retailer without a physical presence in the state to collect and remit state sales taxes.

A Watermeier amendment is pending on select file that would give online retailers the option to voluntarily collect and remit state sales taxes if their revenue exceeds \$100,000 a year or they make 200 or more separate transactions in the state that year.



Sen. Jim Scheer



Sen. Dan Watermeier

If the seller opts not to collect the tax, it would be required to notify Nebraska purchasers that tax is due and that the state requires them to file a sales or use tax return on their purchases. Each failure to notify would result in a \$5 penalty.

A bill intended to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on Native American reservations in the state also remains on select file.

Under LB291, introduced by Sen. Tyson Larson of O'Neill, a qualified business could exclude from its income tax liability any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone. As amended, the bill would allow businesses to exclude from sales and use taxes the first \$250,000 in purchases of goods or services for use within a special economic impact zone each year.



Sen. Tyson Larson

It would establish each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone, as well as any trust land of an Indian tribe that lies within a federally designated service area. A business that engages in Class III gaming activity, derives more than 5 percent of its income from the sale of agricultural grain or relocates from one part of the state to a special economic impact zone would not be eligible for the incentives.

## Property taxes

A bill that would direct additional state aid to schools that rely on property taxes for more than 55 percent of their general fund revenue remains on general file.

As introduced by Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte, LB640 would decrease the maximum levy for school districts and use money in a property tax credit fund — which is funded by state income and sales taxes — to increase state aid to districts that lose money as a result.



Sen. Mike Groene

A pending Revenue Committee amendment would replace the bill, reducing the maximum levy for school districts from \$1.05 per \$100 of taxable valuation of property in a district to 98.7 cents per \$100 beginning in fiscal year 2018-19.

A school district could qualify for property tax relief aid if its property tax receipts exceed 55 percent of its total revenue. A school district that receives property tax relief aid would decrease the amount of property taxes it collects by the same amount.

For years in which a temporary reduction in aid is in

place, a district could levy up to an additional 3 cents above the maximum levy after a public hearing and approval by two-thirds of the district's board.

## Levy authority

Introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue, LB253 authorizes cities and counties to enter into agreements to plan, build, manage, operate and finance sewerage disposal systems. The bill also authorizes counties to use an existing 3.5-cent levy authority under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act to secure bonds to pay for a new system.



Sen. Sue Crawford

Senators voted 46-0 to pass the bill.

A bill that would extend levy authority for certain natural resources districts (NRDs) remains on general file.

Introduced by Friesen, LB98 would extend the three-cent levy authority for NRDs located in fully or over-appropriated river basins from fiscal year 2017-18 to FY2025-26. The levy may be used only for ground water management and integrated management programs under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act.

After approximately four hours of debate on general file, Friesen filed a motion to invoke cloture, or cease debate and vote on the bill. The motion failed 31-9. Thirty-three votes were needed.

## Other bills

The committee amended a bill dealing with homestead exemptions to include the provisions of several other tax-related bills.

LB217, introduced by Omaha Sen. Burke Harr, gives a property owner 30 days after a county assessor receives approval from a county board to remove or reduce a homestead exemption from the tax rolls to pay taxes owed without accruing interest. It also clarifies current law regarding the ownership and transfer of affordable housing tax credits.



Sen. Burke Harr

Passed 47-0, LB217 was amended to include provisions of the following seven bills.

LB228, also introduced by Harr, requires the owner of a rent-restricted housing project to file an electronic statement containing income and expense data for the prior year and other information. It also requires the state Department of Revenue to forward those statements to the county assessor of each county in which a rent-restricted housing project is located.

Smith introduced LB233, which makes several technical changes to current tax law. It updates statute related to raffles and lotteries; clarifies the method of claiming a tax credit for employers that hire former recipients under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; and allows for the electronic filing of a report with the Property Tax Administrator regarding unused homestead exemption tax credits, among other changes.

LB387, introduced by Lindstrom, makes several changes to programs administered by the state Department of Economic Development. It requires the department to make its best efforts to allocate at least 30 percent of funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to each congressional district.

LB49, introduced by Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus, requires the state tax commissioner to submit a report to the Legislature within 60 days of the enactment of an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code. The report will describe the changes and their impact on state revenue and on various classes of taxpayers. The requirement does not apply if the amendment's impact on state revenue for that year is less than \$5 million.



Sen. Paul Schumacher

LB238, introduced by Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard, requires a county assessor to file a tax levy certification to a governing body or board by mail, electronically or by placing the certification on the county assessor's website.



Sen. Steve Erdman

LB288, also sponsored by Harr, makes technical changes to law governing tax sale certificates.

Provisions of Harr's LB251 also were incorporated. These require a parcel of land primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes to be assessed without regard to whether the parcel is platted and subdivided into separate lots. ■

# TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS



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

Updating procedures for drivers, expediting new road construction and merging two state agencies were among the transportation bills considered by the Legislature this session.

Under LB339, introduced by Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen, the state Department of Aeronautics will merge with the state Department of Roads, effective July 1. The combined agencies will be renamed the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

The newly formed department will be administered by the director-state engineer for the state Department of Transportation. This position will be filled by the current director-state engineer for the state Department of Roads.

Any person hired to serve as the director of the aeronautics division within the department will require legislative confirmation.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Lincoln Sen. Mike Hilgers introduced LB271, passed 48-0, which authorizes the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) to assume responsibility to conduct environmental, social and economic reviews for proposed

transportation projects from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The reviews currently are conducted at the federal level under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In exchange for assuming total responsibility for the review process, the NDOR will sign a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, which provides the state's consent to federal jurisdiction in any case concerning compliance with and enforcement of federal guidelines established under NEPA.

LB584, introduced by Friesen, prohibits counties and townships from mowing ditches before July 1 each year.

The bill does not prohibit private landowners from mowing roadside vegetation on road shoulders, intersections or entrances. Landowners will be required to mow roads and drainage ditches at least twice annually, in July and September of each year.

The bill passed on a 48-0 vote.

Kearney Sen. John Lowe introduced LB346, passed 47-0, which eliminates the requirement for a person to obtain a motor vehicle, motorcycle or trailer salesperson license from the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

Senators also passed a bill that requires the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to design and make available license plates with a "choose life" theme.

"Choose life" license plates were authorized under LB46, introduced by Syracuse Sen. Dan Watermeier, and will be available Jan. 1, 2018, for an additional \$5 for an alphanumeric plate or \$40 for a personalized message plate.

The state Department of Health and Human Services' Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program will receive 75 percent of the registration fee and \$5 of the application fee.

The bill passed on a 35-5 vote.

Watermeier also introduced LB45, passed 46-1, which extends eligibility for military honor license plates to people who serve or have served on reserve duty. Active duty service people and honorably discharged veterans currently are eligible to purchase the license plates.

Reservists serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and Army are eligible under LB45.



Sen. Mike Hilgers



Sen. John Lowe



Sen. Dan Watermeier



The bill contains provisions of LB419, introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, that further extend eligibility to current and former commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



Sen. John McCollister

A bill aligning population thresholds for annexation was sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford. LB74 provides for a review of proposed subdivision plats and approval of planned unit developments for counties with a population between 100,000 and 250,000.



Sen. Sue Crawford

Currently, Sarpy County is the only Nebraska county that falls within the population range covered by the bill.

The bill also clarifies that population thresholds will be determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

LB74 passed on a 45-3 vote.

Lawmakers passed an omnibus bill that contained provisions of several transportation-related bills.

LB263, introduced by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, requires the DMV to create an electronic dealer services system. The system will allow dealers to provide titling and registration services following the sale of a vehicle, in addition to collecting title and registration fees, sales taxes and motor vehicle taxes. Any car dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system can charge a service fee of up to \$50.

The bill also allows the owner of a motor vehicle that is more than 30 years old to apply for issuance of a title when no major component parts have been replaced and the DMV shows no record of a previously issued title. A title can be issued following presentation of a notarized bill of sale, completion of a title inspection and payment of a \$25 fee.

Provisions of 10 additional bills are contained within LB263, including:

- LB54, introduced by Columbus Sen. Paul Schumacher, which excludes the owner of a vehicle equipped with a keyless ignition from the duty to lock and remove a key from the ignition before leaving a vehicle unattended on a highway;



Sen. Paul Schumacher

- LB70, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, which allows for judicial discretion to forego the current one-year revocation of operating privileges in cases of a first offense of driving with a revoked driver license;



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

- LB143, introduced by Friesen, which requires that the vehicle registration for a vehicle with a public power district license plate be kept at the principle place of business of the public power district;

- LB164, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, which amends several technical DMV provisions relating to commercial driver license disqualification, motor vehicle accident reports and motor vehicle records administration;



Sen. Suzanne Geist

- LB294, introduced by Papillion Sen. Jim Smith, which allows the DMV to enter into an agreement of mutual recognition of operator licenses with foreign countries;



Sen. Jim Smith

- LB355, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Kate Bolz, which authorizes the DMV to create "Native American Cultural Awareness and History" license plates;



Sen. Kate Bolz

- LB418, introduced by Albion Sen. Tom Briese, which updates state statute with federal regulations adopted within the last year;



Sen. Tom Briese

- LB459, introduced by Smith, which expands the responsibilities of the state fire marshal in carrying out the One-Call Notification Act;
- LB460, also introduced by Smith, which authorizes the state Department of Health and Human Services or any organization or agent contracted by the department to contract for non-medical emergency transportation with a contract carrier authorized by the Public Service Commission (PSC); and
- LB483, introduced by Hilgers, which provides to the PSC an exemption from the Nebraska Administrative Procedures Act for purposes of granting or

denying a petition for intervention.

The bill passed on a 49-0 vote.

Finally, senators considered a proposal to repeal a current state law that requires motorcycle and moped riders to wear a protective helmet.

Lowe introduced LB368, which would give riders 21 and older the option to wear no helmet but would require that eye protection be used. The bill also would prohibit

children younger than six years of age from riding a motorcycle or moped.

After six hours of debate spanning several days, Lowe offered a motion to invoke cloture — or cease debate and force a vote on the bill. The motion failed on a vote of 32-12, one vote short of the number required.

The bill remains on general file. ■

# URBAN AFFAIRS



Sen. Justin Wayne, chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee

**E**conomic development, building codes, population thresholds and tax increment financing were among the urban issues taken up by senators this session.

A new economic development tool aimed at riverfront areas was given final approval.

LB97, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Sue Crawford, adopts the Riverfront Development District Act. Under the bill, cities may create a riverfront development district and appoint an authority of five or more members to oversee and manage the district. Two or more cities with a contiguous riverfront could create a joint authority to manage a district.



Sen. Sue Crawford

Among other provisions, an authority — in conjunction with a city — could:

- install pedestrian shopping malls or plazas and other facilities;
- construct, install and maintain boardwalks, barges, docks and wharves;
- develop, manage and coordinate public activities and events within the district;
- fix, charge and collect rents and fees;

- invest in instruments, obligations, securities or property; and
- issue limited obligation bonds secured by a pledge of any revenue of the authority or by mortgage of property owned by the authority.

A city is required to set a cap on bonding and could limit an authority's power by ordinance. In addition, an occupation tax or special assessment could not be imposed on the same property by both a riverfront development district and a business improvement district if the districts overlap.

The bill passed on a 43-0 vote.

Lawmakers passed a bill giving property owners in certain cities more time to repay special assessments levied for infrastructure projects.

Cities can create improvement districts to finance public infrastructure projects such as streets, alleys, storm sewers and sidewalks. Financing provided by the city at the beginning of a project then is repaid through a special assessment levied upon property owners located within the improvement district.

Currently, special assessments of more than \$5,000 must be paid within 10 years. LB159, introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, authorizes cities of the metropolitan class to extend the repayment period up to 20 years. The first installment payment is due 50 days after the initial levy date, with subsequent payments due after one year and annually after that.



Sen. John McCollister

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

A bill intended to align the state building code with state agency regulations also was passed by the Legislature.

LB590, introduced by Crawford, brings the state building code occupancy classifications for in-home day cares into alignment with state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations. The bill also clarifies that state agencies may adopt and enforce regulations that conflict with the building code when authorized by state law to do so.

The bill raises the number of occupants for a care facility to 12, which conforms with current DHHS regulations for in-home child care providers.

LB590 passed 47-0 and takes effect immediately.

Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha, LB9 creates a task force that will develop minimum standards for radon-resistant new construction in Nebraska. The standards will be designed so they can be enforced by a county, city or village as part of its local building code.



Sen. Bob Krist

The task force will provide its recommendations to the governor and the Legislature's Health and Human Services and Urban Affairs committees by April 15, 2018. The task force will disband May 1, 2018.

Lawmakers voted 35-4 to pass the bill.

Also approved were two bills dealing with city and county population thresholds.

LB74, sponsored by Crawford, aligns population thresholds for annexation, review of proposed subdivision plats and approval of planned unit developments by municipalities located within counties with a population between 100,000 and 250,000.

Currently, Sarpy County is the only Nebraska county that falls within the population range covered by the bill.

LB74 also clarifies that population thresholds will be determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The bill passed on a 45-3 vote.

Under LB113, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, all municipalities will notify the Nebraska secretary of state when a population threshold is crossed. Currently, some classifications of municipalities are required to provide notification to the governor.

The bill clarifies that all municipal population thresholds are met based on either the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the U.S. Census Bureau. The bill also provides a mechanism for a primary class city to become a city of the metropolitan class when it reaches a population of 300,000 or more.

LB113 passed 48-0.



Sen. Matt Hansen

LB496, introduced by Gering Sen. John Stinner, would allow certain cities and villages to use tax increment financing (TIF) to support the construction of workforce housing. The bill stalled during the second round of debate.

Stinner filed a cloture motion to cease discussion and vote on the bill during select file debate, which failed on a 32-9 vote. Thirty-three votes were needed. The bill remains on select file.

Three measures were advanced to general file by the Urban Affairs Committee but not scheduled for debate this session.

LR16CA, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne and advanced 6-0, would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2018 general election ballot. The amendment would authorize the Legislature to extend the maximum repayment period for TIF indebtedness from 15 to 20 years if more than half of the property in a project area is designated as extremely blighted.

Also introduced by Wayne and advanced on a 7-0 vote, LB614 would remove one of the caps on an economic development program available to cities under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act.

And LB256, sponsored by Albion Sen. Tom Briese and advanced 7-0, would allow a municipality to adopt an ordinance authorizing it to identify and register vacant properties, collect fees to compensate for the public costs of property vacancy, plan for rehabilitation and encourage occupancy of vacant properties. ■



Sen. John Stinner



Sen. Tom Briese

# 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 2017 Unicameral Update

BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LB1	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions under the Ethanol Development Act	
LB2	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions relating to a dairy industry report	
LB3	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions that terminated July 31, 2011	
LB4	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions that terminated June 30, 2014	
LB5	Exec Board	S	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions that terminated December 31, 2014	
LB6	Krist	IPP (>207)	Provide for release of a summarized report by the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	
LB7	Krist	C	Provide for suspension of medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in public institutions	
LB8	Krist	S	Change and eliminate provisions relating to juvenile detention and probation and provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives	3, 8, 12
LB9	Krist	S	Adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act	12, 17
LB10	Krist	S	Increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed	8, 11, 20
LB10A	Krist	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB11	Krist	S	Change provisions relating to transfer of juvenile cases and appeal of such transfers	
LB12	Krist	C	Change homestead exemption requirements relating to income statements and certifications of status	
LB13	Krist	W	Change provisions regarding state office space and the use of the State Capitol and its environs	
LB14	Krist	C	Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation	12
LB15	Craighead	C	Adopt the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act	3
LB16	Craighead	S (+549)	Change provisions relating to licensing, trust accounts, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act	
LB17	Craighead	GF	Change and eliminate provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act	
LB18	Kolterman	S	Change licensure and scope of practice for dental assistants and dental hygienists	3, 8, 12
LB18A	Kolterman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB19	Kolterman	S	Change requirements for the practice of acupuncture	3, 8, 12
LB20	Kolterman	S	Change provisions relating to homestead exemption certifications	
LB21	Riepe	C	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle insurance coverage for loaned vehicles	
LB22	Speaker Scheer	S	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations	5, 7
LB23	Speaker Scheer	C	Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds	
LB24	Speaker Scheer	C	Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB25	Murante	GF	Change provisions for presidential electors	10
LB26	Murante	C	Change service requirements for harassment protection orders	
LB27	Murante	C (>151)	Change requirements for state agency contracts and powers and duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts as prescribed	13, 17
LB28	Kolterman	W	Increase amount of funds offered by the state investment officer to financial institutions as deposits under the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act	
LB29	Kolterman	S	Eliminate the Class V School Employees Retirement Cash Fund	
LB30	Kolterman	C	Provide for a cash balance benefit plan by cities of the metropolitan and primary classes for certain police officers or firefighters as prescribed	
LB31	Kolterman	IPP (>415)	Change school retirement plan provisions relating to service credits	18, 19, 20
LB32	Kolterman	IPP (>415)	Eliminate a duty of the Public Employees Retirement Board and change provisions relating to prior service retirement benefit payments for county employees	18, 19, 20
LB33	Ebke	C	Change fees relating to vital statistics	
LB34	Ebke	S	Change filing requirements for partisan candidates	13, 17
LB35	Harr	S	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act	
LB36	Harr	C	Provide for review by state agencies of occupational credentials and provide for a critical assessment document	3
LB37	Harr	C	Adopt the Uniform Wage Garnishment Act	
LB38	Harr	IPP (>535)	Authorize electronic or digital signatures for instruments submitted to register of deeds	
LB39	Harr	GF	Prohibit the sale and trade of ivory	
LB40	Hilkemann	IPP	Prohibit use of an interactive wireless communication device by a school bus operator as prescribed	
LB41	Hilkemann	C	Change child passenger restraint system enforcement from a secondary to a primary offense	
LB42	Hilkemann	C	Change occupant protection system provisions for children and adopt certain federal safety provisions	

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LB43	Hilkemann	C	Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	
LB44	Watermeier	SF	Adopt the Remote Seller Sales Tax Collection Act	4, 15, 18
LB44A	Watermeier	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB45	Watermeier	S (+419)	Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates	4, 9
LB46	Watermeier	S	Provide for Choose Life License Plates	9, 14
LB46A	Watermeier	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB47	Watermeier	C	Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons	
LB48	Schumacher	C	Provide an income tax adjustment relating to certain gains on the sale of real estate	
LB49	Schumacher	C (>217)	Provide for the treatment of certain amendments to the Internal Revenue Code	13, 17
LB50	Schumacher	C	Provide reporting duties relating to behavioral health entities	
LB51	Schumacher	GF	Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes	
LB52	Schumacher	C	Adopt the Modern Tax Act	
LB53	Schumacher	C	Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals	
LB54	Schumacher	C (>263)	Change provisions relating to unattended motor vehicles	13, 17
LB55	Schumacher	C (>584)	Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds	
LB56	Morfeld	S	Change provisions relating to issuance of a permit under the Public Accountancy Act	
LB57	Morfeld	S	Adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act and change provisions relating to perjury	
LB58	Craighead	C	Change provisions relating to participation in extracurricular activities	
LB59	Murante	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion	
LB60	Lindstrom	C	Change Parenting Act provisions relating to limitation or denial of custody or access to a child	6
LB61	Kolterman	IPP (>88)	Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	3, 12, 17
LB62	Scheer	S	Eliminate prohibition on teachers wearing religious garb	3, 8, 12
LB63	Scheer	S	Change a sales and use tax exemption relating to political events	16, 18
LB64	Hansen	C	Adopt the Adrenal Insufficiency Diagnosis Information and Support Act	
LB65	Hansen	C	Provide income tax credits for caregivers	
LB66	Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act	
LB67	Brasch	C	Adopt the Fair Repair Act	
LB68	Hilgers	SF	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed and create firearm offenses	6, 14, 15
LB69	Pansing Brooks	C	Increase the earned income tax credit	5
LB70	Pansing Brooks	C (>263)	Change provisions relating to operator's license revocation	7, 13, 17
LB71	Pansing Brooks	C	Change appropriations relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program	
LB72	Schumacher	S	Change provisions relating to cities and villages filing for bankruptcy	15, 20
LB73	Riepe	C	Prohibit the sale or transfer to or use by persons under twenty-one years of age of tobacco, vapor products, and alternative nicotine products	7
LB74	Crawford	S	Change population thresholds relating to annexation, suburban development, and planned unit development by a city or village	3, 7, 9
LB75	Wayne	V	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony	9, 13, 17, 19
LB76	Wayne	C	Require notice for Secretary of State regarding completion of felony sentence for purposes of voting rights	
LB77	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to access to sales and use tax information by municipalities	
LB78	Crawford	GF	Change provisions relating to relinquishment or abandonment of any portion of a state highway system	
LB79	Blood	IPP	Adopt the Small Business Retirement Marketplace Act	
LB80	Blood	S	Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act	4, 9
LB81	Blood	GF	Change the application fee for handgun certificates	5
LB82	Blood	C	Require the Department of Motor Vehicles to include certain traffic stop safety information in the Nebraska Driver's Manual	9
LB83	Blood	GF	Allow physician medical directors to display emergency vehicle lights	
LB84	Blood	C	Provide for admissibility in any civil action of evidence of damages as a result of driving under the influence	5
LB85	Blood	S	Provide a requirement for persons seeking appointive or elective office as prescribed and to provide a duty for the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission	3, 8, 12

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LB85A	Blood	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB86	Blood	S	Change provisions relating to opening bids	
LB87	Blood	IPP	Redefine a qualified facility and authorize local distribution utilities to waive certain requirements relating to net metering	
LB88	Blood	S (+61, 283, 342, 343, 425)	Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the Nurse Licensure Compact and change and eliminate other provisions relating to the regulation of health professionals	12, 14, 17
LB89	Hughes	IPP (>151)	Change published notice of hearing requirements under the Nebraska Budget Act as prescribed	13, 17
LB90	Hughes	C (>151)	Require public entity to provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination	13, 17
LB91	Hilkemann	S (+401)	Change provisions relating to infant health screenings	5, 13, 17
LB91A	Hilkemann	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB92	Kolterman	S (+282)	Require health carriers to provide coverage for telehealth services and change telehealth provisions relating to children's behavioral health	10, 14, 17
LB93	Hansen	GF	Adopt the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act	3
LB94	Kolterman	S	Increase amount of funds offered by the state investment officer to financial institutions as deposits under the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act	
LB95	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to the Community Development Law and tax-increment financing	
LB96	Crawford	GF	Provide an eligible activity for assistance from the Site and Building Development Fund as prescribed	
LB97	Crawford	S	Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act	7, 14, 18
LB98	Friesen	GF	Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts	5, 18
LB99	Stinner	S	Change provisions relating to the conversion of unincorporated entities, corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability partnerships into other business entities	
LB100	Stinner	GF	Change provisions relating to removal of firearm-related disabilities under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act	
LB101	Stinner	GF	Change duration requirements for certain state agency contracts	13, 17
LB102	Hilkemann	C	Change a penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants	3
LB103	Murante	C	Change provisions relating to accelerated or differentiated curriculum and require establishment of focus groups	4
LB104	Bolz	C	Provide for a surrogate to make health care decisions	
LB105	Brasch	GF	Change provisions relating to personal property exemptions in cases of forced sale on execution or attachment	3
LB106	Brasch	W	Change provisions relating to parental rights of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault	
LB107	Crawford	C	Prohibit sexual assault of a patient, client, or student as prescribed	6
LB108	Crawford	C	Require guidelines to ensure safety of minor or dependent whose parent or guardian is arrested	
LB109	Blood	C	Provide for a temporary teaching certificate or permit for military spouses	
LB110	Kolterman	IPP (>415)	Change duties and requirements relating to certain retirement plan reporting and change duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Public Employees Retirement Board	18, 19, 20
LB111	Hansen	C	Provide for nonpartisan election of county officers	11
LB112	Hansen	C	Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without reregistering to vote provisionally	
LB113	Hansen	S	Change population threshold provisions relating to municipalities and eliminate obsolete provisions	3, 7, 12
LB114	Craighead	C	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle lighting requirements	
LB115	Harr	C	Direct the Nebraska Tourism Commission to provide for certain uses of a fund	
LB116	Harr	C	Redefine automobile liability policy and change coverage provisions	
LB117	Hilkemann	GF	Adopt the Investigational Drug Use Act	4
LB118	Hilkemann	C	Adopt the Education Savings Account Act and provide income tax adjustments	
LB119	Groene	S	Change dates related to certifications and distributions of state aid to schools	5, 7
LB120	Schumacher	C	Provide for Medical Assistance Act coverage for family planning services as prescribed	11
LB121	Brewer	C	Change provisions relating to the taxation of military benefits	6
LB122	Pansing Brooks	S	Provide for family member visitation petitions	13, 17
LB123	Pansing Brooks	C (>512)	Provide for reimbursement when certain postsecondary institutions terminate operations	4, 13, 20
LB124	Baker	GF	Increase the probationary period of community college staff	
LB125	Brasch	W	Change application and fee requirements for feedlots and dairies registered under the Livestock Brand Act	

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LB126	Groene	C	Change sunset dates under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act and the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB127	Groene	GF	Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act	
LB128	Groene	C	Change eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	
LB129	Morfeld	C	Increase the earned income tax credit	5
LB130	Urban Affairs	GF	Change municipal annexation provisions relating to certain districts	
LB131	Urban Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to urban growth districts and urban growth bonds and refunding bonds	
LB132	Urban Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to improvement districts and extraterritorial zoning jurisdictions	
LB133	Urban Affairs	S	Change and eliminate provisions regarding cities of the second class and villages	
LB134	Brasch	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act and eliminate the Nebraska Graded Egg Act	4, 9
LB135	Lowe	GF	Change and eliminate Department of Agriculture provisions relating to publicity, publications, and personnel	
LB136	Ebke	C	Change provisions relating to garnishment proceedings	
LB137	Lindstrom	S	Adopt the Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act	
LB138	Lindstrom	S	Provide for transfer of business interests under uniform transfer-on-death security registration	
LB139	Crawford	C	Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers	11
LB140	Williams	S (+196, 341, 454)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Banking Act, Department of Banking and Finance powers and duties, and other financial institution regulation	4, 8, 11, 12
LB141	Williams	C	Adopt the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act	
LB142	Williams	S	Redefine effective financing statement and change provisions relating to the master lien list with respect to farm product security interests	
LB143	Friesen	C (>263)	Provide a duty to carry exception for public power district motor vehicle or trailer registration certificates	13, 17
LB144	Friesen	C	Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools	
LB145	Hansen	IPP (>259)	Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service	11, 19
LB146	Hansen	GF	Provide for set-asides of convictions for infractions	
LB147	Hansen	C	Change workers' compensation provisions relating to waiting time, termination of compensation, and attorney's fees	
LB148	Schumacher	S (+187)	Change provisions of the Securities Act of Nebraska	12, 17
LB149	Stinner	S	Provide, change, and eliminate appropriations	17, 18, 19
LB150	Stinner	C	Provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB151	Stinner	S (+27, 89, 90)	Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities	3, 13, 17
LB152	Craighead	S	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents	
LB153	Kuehn	C	Prohibit certain officeholders and public employees from being a lobbyist	
LB154	Geist	S	Exempt completion certification for dam or reservoir from filing fee	
LB155	Brasch	C	Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation	12
LB156	Friesen	C	Eliminate a termination date under the 911 Service System Act	
LB157	Friesen	GF	Change the prepaid wireless surcharge determination and duties of sellers and the Department of Revenue under the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act	
LB158	Pansing Brooks	GF	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles	4, 15
LB159	McCollister	S	Change provisions relating to when special assessments are payable for cities of the metropolitan class	4, 16, 18
LB160	McCollister	GF	Expand the definition of victim as relates to crime victims' rights	
LB161	Friesen	S	Change a carryover period under the Nebraska Advantage Act	4, 13, 17
LB162	Krist	C	Change provisions relating to criminal mischief and change and provide additional penalties for bribing or tampering with witnesses, informants, or jurors	
LB163	Vargas	C	Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties	11
LB164	Geist	IPP (>263)	Change provisions relating to trailers, commercial motor vehicle disqualification provisions, accident reports, and motor vehicle records disclosure and authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to keep and sell certain registration and certificate of title records	13, 17
LB165	Brewer	C	Require employer identification numbers and use of the federal immigration verification system	
LB166	Kolterman	S	Change provisions of Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act	4, 13, 17
LB167	Ebke	IPP (>487)	Include cannabidiol as a Schedule V controlled substance	4, 13, 17



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LB168	Ebke	C	Change provisions relating to rights of subrogation of medical payments with respect to automobile liability policies	
LB169	Wayne	C	Exempt social security benefits and retirement income from income taxation	
LB170	Albrecht	C	Deny claims made against the state	
LB171	Albrecht	S	Provide for payment of claims against the state	12, 17, 18, 19
LB172	Albrecht	S	Change the Employment Security Law	
LB173	Morfeld	GF	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity	8, 14
LB174	Morfeld	C	Adopt the Apprenticeship Training Program Tax Credit Act	
LB175	Morfeld	C (>512)	Adopt the Student Online Personal Protection Act	13, 20
LB176	Bostelman	S	Eliminate obsolete provisions related to milldams	
LB177	Bostelman	GF	Change provisions relating to apportionable and fleet vehicles, motor fuel tax collections and enforcement, and powers and duties of the Director of Motor Vehicles	
LB178	Bolz	IPP (>289)	Provide for sexual assault protection order	8, 13, 18, 20
LB179	Bolz	C	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence	
LB180	Bolz	S	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court	
LB180A	Bolz	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB181	Quick	GF	Provide for reimbursement to employees for certain medical examinations under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	4, 10
LB182	Hughes	S	Change powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Quality under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act	13, 17
LB183	Hughes	C	Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers	11
LB184	Lindstrom	S	Change provisions relating to loan brokerage agreements, disclosure documents, and rights to cancel	
LB185	Lindstrom	S	Provide procedure and notice requirements and powers and duties for the Department of Banking and Finance with respect to certain abandoned license applications	
LB186	Lindstrom	S	Change provisions relating to licensee surety bonds under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act	
LB187	Schumacher	IPP (>148)	Increase a dollar threshold for transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act of Nebraska, provide for an annual adjustment to such amount, and provide for the effect of exempt sales on malpractice premiums	12, 17
LB188	Howard	IPP (>289)	Change provisions relating to paternity of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault	8, 13, 18, 20
LB189	Howard	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for recruitment and retention of caseworkers	11
LB190	Kintner	IPP	Provide limit on tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies	
LB191	Pansing Brooks	IPP (>289)	Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders	13, 18, 20
LB192	Pansing Brooks	GF	Change and modernize provisions relating to the qualifying and summoning of jurors	
LB193	Pansing Brooks	GF	Change provisions relating to courts	
LB194	Vargas	C	Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act	8, 10, 17
LB195	Craighead	S	Require notification following mammography as prescribed	
LB196	Craighead	IPP (>140)	Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions	11, 12
LB197	Kolowski	C	Provide for electronic application for an early voting ballot	
LB198	McCollister	GF	Terminate the Crimes Against Children Fund	
LB199	McCollister	C	Eliminate certain state aid to counties for law enforcement and jail operations	
LB200	Lowe	S	Change provisions relating to county engineers, county surveyors, and county highway superintendents in certain counties as prescribed	
LB201	Lowe	C	Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants	
LB202	Lowe	C	Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant	
LB203	Kuehn	S (+273, 301)	Change provisions relating to maximum annual unemployment benefits and disqualification for benefits and authorize electronic notice	
LB204	Hilgers	S	Change provisions relating to appeals to the Supreme Court, service on employees of the state, and summary judgment	
LB205	Krist	C	Designate funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for state aid	
LB206	Krist	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for developmental disability services	11

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LB207	Krist	S (+6)	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	
LB208	Lindstrom	C	Change provisions relating to broker trust accounts under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act	
LB209	Watermeier	S	Amend the Administrative Procedure Act by redefining a term and changing provisions relating to an index	
LB210	Watermeier	S	Change provisions relating to performance audit standards and the distribution of reports under the Legislative Performance Audit Act	
LB211	Hansen	GF	Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities	
LB212	Hansen	C	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act	
LB213	Hansen	C	Add an unfair claims settlement practice under the Unfair Insurance Claims Settlement Practices Act	
LB214	Halloran	C	Terminate the Master Teacher Program	5
LB215	Harr	C	Adopt the Nebraska E-15 Tax Credit Act	5
LB216	Harr	C	Adopt the Redistricting Act	5
LB217	Harr	S (+49, 228, 233, 238, 251, 288, 387)	Change revenue, taxation, economic development, and tax incentive provisions	13, 17
LB218	Groene	C	Provide for installation of ground water pumps by public entities	7
LB219	Retirement	IPP (>415)	Change retirement system provisions relating to authorized benefit elections and actuarial assumptions	18, 19, 20
LB220	Harr	GF	Adopt the Insured Homeowners Protection Act	
LB221	Stinner	C	Change the transfer from a fund	
LB222	Stinner	S	Change membership and provide, change, and eliminate powers and duties of the Nebraska Tourism Commission	6, 13, 14, 17
LB223	Kuehn	S	Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring	12, 16, 18
LB224	Crawford	C	Change asset limitation provisions relating to public assistance	
LB225	Crawford	S (+297, 298, 336)	Change provisions of the Child Protection and Family Safety Act, the Nebraska Juvenile Code, the Foster Care Review Act, and the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act as prescribed	12, 14, 17
LB225A	Crawford	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB226	Wishart	C	Provide for purchase of motor vehicles and insurance by certain juveniles, change foster care transition proposal provisions, and provide immunity from liability for caregivers	
LB227	Wishart	C	Create the Brain Injury Council and Brain Injury Trust Fund	
LB228	Harr	C (>217)	Change provisions relating to rent-restricted housing projects	17
LB229	Williams	GF	Change provisions relating to garnishment	3
LB230	Watermeier	IPP (>641)	Create the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee	14, 17
LB231	Kolterman	S	Authorize disciplinary action under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act for failing to maintain a license in good standing	
LB232	Kolterman	C	Provide a property tax exemption for property leased to the state or a governmental subdivision	
LB233	Smith	GF (>217)	Change revenue and taxation provisions	13, 17
LB233A	Smith	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB234	Smith	S	Update references to the Internal Revenue Code	
LB235	Walz	C (>512)	Clarify grant requirements for the Summer Food Service Program	4, 13, 15, 20
LB236	Erdman	C	Change provisions relating to the inclusion of multiple lots in one parcel	
LB237	Erdman	C	Change filing requirements of official bonds for school districts	
LB238	Erdman	C (>217)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to certifying taxable values	13, 17
LB239	Baker	S	Change provisions relating to trust funds under the Burial Pre-Need Sale Act	
LB240	Baker	C	Provide for videoconferencing and telephone conferences for school board meetings	
LB241	Craighead	S	Provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement under the Privacy of Insurance Consumer Information Act	
LB242	Bolz	C	Appropriate funds for the recruitment of students who study to become behavioral health professionals	9
LB243	Bolz	GF	Require reporting of certain information concerning assaults that occur in state institutions	
LB244	Bolz	IPP (>444)	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness for workers' compensation	9, 15, 17
LB245	Bolz	C	Provide for a corrections-related emergency and overtime as prescribed	7
LB246	Morfeld	GF	Provide a budget exception for expanded learning opportunity programs	

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LB247	Morfeld	C	Provide for school district levy and bonding authority for cybersecurity	
LB248	Harr	GF	Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act	15
LB249	Harr	C	Expand business inventory property tax exemption	
LB250	Harr	C	Change provisions relating to probationers' rights	
LB251	Harr	C (>217)	Redefine agricultural or horticultural purposes for revenue and taxation purposes	17
LB252	Crawford	C	Change independent expenditure reporting requirements and require electioneering reporting	
LB253	Crawford	S	Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and authorize a use for a sewer tax levy	8, 18
LB254	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to making and serving alcoholic liquor by nonlicensed persons as prescribed	
LB255	Crawford	S	Adopt the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registration Act	
LB255A	Crawford	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB256	Briese	GF	Adopt the Vacant Property Registration Act	5
LB257	Craighead	S	Provide for a statute of limitations for claims relating to real estate brokerage services	
LB258	Hansen	GF	Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state identification card or driver's license before discharge	
LB259	Hansen	S (+145, 395, 526)	Adopt and change competency and financial ability provisions relating to court proceedings as prescribed	16, 19
LB259A	Hansen	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB260	Hansen	C	Provide for a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program and state intent regarding appropriations	
LB261	Hansen	C	Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act	
LB262	Groene	C	Change provisions relating to undeveloped vacant land under the Community Development Law	
LB263	Transportation & Telecommunications	S (+54, 70, 143, 164, 294, 355, 418, 459, 460, 483)	Change provisions relating to motor vehicles, the Public Service Commission, motor carriers, and the statewide one-call notification center	6, 13, 15, 17
LB263A	Friesen	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB264	Albrecht	S	Change provisions relating to qualifications of boiler inspectors	
LB265	Friesen	C	Provide for a minimum amount of state aid based on the number of students in a local system	6
LB266	Friesen	C	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	
LB267	Linehan	S	Change provisions relating to onsite vaccinations at health care facilities	13, 17
LB268	Schumacher	S	Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement	16, 20
LB268A	Schumacher	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB269	Watermeier	C	Require motion picture theaters to provide open captioning	4
LB270	Kolowski	C	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education	10
LB271	Hilgers	S	Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity	12, 17
LB272	Vargas	C	Change procedures for tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	
LB273	Halloran	IPP (>203)	Require rounding a certain dollar amount in the Employment Security Law to the nearest whole dollar amount	
LB274	Halloran	S	Change provisions of the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act and eliminate the Nebraska Rangeland Grasshopper Control Act	
LB275	Hughes	GF	Provide duties for law enforcement officers and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles	
LB276	Albrecht	S	Change provisions relating to hybrid seed corn and provide enforcement powers and judicial remedies	13, 17
LB277	Wayne	C	Change population requirements for election precincts	
LB278	Kolterman	IPP (>415)	Redefine disability and change disability retirement application and medical examination provisions for various retirement acts	15, 18, 19, 20
LB279	Hilkemann	C	Require lap-shoulder belts on school buses as prescribed	
LB280	Crawford	S	Change provisions relating to the Address Confidentiality Act	
LB281	Quick	C	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society	
LB282	Riepe	IPP (>92)	Change telehealth provisions relating to children's behavioral health	14
LB283	Riepe	IPP (>88)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed practical nurses	5, 12, 17

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LB284	Riepe	C	Change criminal history record information checks under the Child Care Licensing Act	3
LB285	Linehan	GF	Change and eliminate provisions relating to human immunodeficiency virus testing	
LB286	Craighead	C	Adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act and change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act	
LB287	Wishart	IPP (>506)	Provide duties for the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team	14, 17
LB288	Harr	C (>217)	Change provisions relating to service of notice when applying for a tax deed and the laws governing tax sale certificates	13, 17
LB289	Pansing Brooks	S (+178, 188, 191)	Change and provide provisions relating to sex offenses and domestic violence protection orders, provide for sexual assault protection orders, and change provisions relating to paternity of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault	13, 18, 20
LB289A	Pansing Brooks	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB290	Vargas	C	Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits	
LB291	Larson	SF	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act and change the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act and the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as prescribed	14
LB292	Larson	C	Authorize series limited liability companies under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act	
LB293	Larson	IPP (>487)	Include U-47700 as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	13, 17
LB294	Smith	C (>263)	Provide for a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country for mutual recognition of motor vehicle operator licenses	13, 17
LB295	Smith	GF	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits	4
LB296	McCollister	IPP (>487)	Change immunity provisions with respect to asthma and allergic reactions	13, 17
LB297	McCollister	IPP (>225)	Create Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project	12, 17
LB298	Baker	IPP (>225)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force	12, 17
LB299	Ebke	C	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations	
LB300	Krist	S	Change the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child	13, 14, 17, 18
LB301	Albrecht	IPP (>203)	Provide for electronic notices of determinations of claims under the Employment Security Law	
LB302	Crawford	C	State intent to appropriate funds for psychiatric and behavioral health medicine fellowships	
LB303	Crawford	C	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to fund behavioral health internships	
LB304	Crawford	GF	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act	
LB305	Crawford	C	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act	6
LB306	Lindstrom	S	Change provisions relating to the scope of coverage of and notice required under the Portable Electronics Insurance Act	
LB307	Brasch	S	Provide for mediation, child abuse prevention, and civil legal services fees in certain proceedings	
LB308	Brasch	C	Change provisions relating to the committee on Americanism	
LB309	Brasch	C	Eliminate Daylight Saving Time	
LB310	Friesen	GF	Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits	
LB311	Morfeld	C	Eliminate an eligibility provision relating to nutrition assistance benefits as prescribed	7
LB312	Briese	C	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions	
LB313	Briese	C	Change the sales tax rate and the earned income tax credit and provide property tax credits	
LB314	Murante	C (>451)	Change state and municipal election provisions to conform to prior legislation	17, 18, 19
LB315	Murante	S	Change provisions relating to the sale of real property by a city of the second class or village	
LB316	Murante	C	Change election provisions relating to technology and funding	
LB317	Hughes	S	Provide for a relevel or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed	
LB318	Hughes	S	Authorize telephone conferencing for meetings of the Nebraska Brand Committee	
LB319	Halloran	C	Provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB320	Lowe	S	Change provisions relating to bidding and purchases, conflicts of interest in the materiel division, and facilities construction and administration	
LB321	Lowe	GF	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school	
LB322	Craighead	C	Change the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act	

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LB323	Kolterman	S	Adopt the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act	13, 14, 18
LB324	Kolterman	C	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Fairness and Transparency Act	
LB325	Harr	C	Exempt certain purchases of energy star qualified products from sales and use taxes	
LB326	Kolowski	C	Provide additional budget and tax levy authority for certain school districts	
LB327	Speaker Scheer	S	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019	17, 18, 19, 20
LB328	Speaker Scheer	S	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	17, 18, 19
LB329	Speaker Scheer	S	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	17, 18, 19
LB330	Speaker Scheer	S	Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	17, 18, 19, 20
LB331	Speaker Scheer	S (+522)	Create funds, provide for transfers, change provisions governing funds, and change the reserve requirement	17, 18, 19, 20
LB332	Speaker Scheer	S	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions	17, 18, 19
LB333	Riepe	S (+417, 495)	Change provisions relating to custody, services, and assistance for persons with developmental disabilities	4, 20
LB333A	Riepe	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB334	Riepe	IPP	Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families	4
LB335	Riepe	S	Change provisions relating to a child care market rate survey	4, 12, 19
LB336	Riepe	IPP (>225)	Provide a fee for registry checks under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act	4, 12, 17
LB337	Smith	C	Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes	6
LB338	Brasch	C	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act	6
LB339	Friesen	S	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation	5, 13, 14, 17
LB340	Murante	S	Transfer powers and duties from Division of Veterans' Homes of Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Veterans' Affairs	7, 12, 17, 18
LB341	Lindstrom	IPP (>140)	Change provisions relating to executive bank officer license revocation and suspension	11, 12
LB342	Erdman	IPP (>88)	Adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact and provide for temporary nursing license for military spouses	7, 12, 17
LB343	Riepe	C (>88)	Change credentialing and regulation of cosmetology, nail technology, audiology, massage therapy, and barbers	
LB344	Albrecht	C	Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers	
LB345	Craighead	GF	Eliminate an experience requirement for abstracters	
LB346	Lowe	S	Eliminate the requirement for a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or trailer salesperson license	14, 18
LB347	Geist	GF	Change provisions relating to school bus permits and qualifications	5
LB348	Larson	IPP	Eliminate licensing, an excise tax, and other provisions of the Nebraska Potato Development Act	
LB349	Hilkemann	GF	Change provisions relating to the maintenance and administration of the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund	
LB350	McCollister	GF	Provide for setting aside certain misdemeanor and felony convictions	
LB351	McCollister	GF	Change provisions relating to veteran designations on operators' licenses and state identification cards	
LB351A	McCollister	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB352	Vargas	IPP	Adopt the Wind, Solar, and Fuel Cell Business Financing Act	
LB353	Baker	C	Change claim, award, and judgment payment provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	
LB354	Kolowski	C	Adopt the Wage Disclosure Act	
LB355	Bolz	GF (>263)	Provide for Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates	17
LB356	Bolz	GF	Create the Civic Engagement Cash Fund and state intent relating to fund transfers	
LB356A	Bolz	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB357	Bolz	C	Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs	
LB358	McCollister	GF	Change income eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	7, 15
LB359	Kolterman	C	Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession	
LB360	Kolterman	C	Adopt the Surgical Technologist Registry Act	
LB361	Kolowski	C	Exempt sales of clothing and footwear from sales and use taxes as prescribed	
LB362	Riepe	C	Adopt the Health Savings Account Act and provide an income tax deduction	
LB363	Hansen	GF	Change the Conveyance Safety Act	
LB364	Walz	C	Change and eliminate licensure, regulation, and penalty provisions under the Professional Landscape Architects Act	

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LB365	Blood	GF	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees	
LB366	Halloran	GF	Change and eliminate provisions relating to parole administration	
LB367	Krist	C	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters	
LB368	Lowe	GF	Change helmet provisions, change passenger age limits, and require eye protection for operators of motorcycles and mopeds	6, 11
LB369	Lowe	C	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	
LB370	Lowe	C	Eliminate requirement to obtain certificate or complete background check to receive or transfer a handgun	
LB371	Crawford	S	Eliminate condemnation authority of the State Fire Marshal	
LB372	Crawford	C	Provide protections for employees with family care responsibilities under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	6
LB373	Schumacher	C	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions	12
LB374	Schumacher	C	Provide an income tax credit for corporate income taxes paid and change sunset dates under the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB375	Schumacher	S	Change provisions of the Credit Union Act	
LB376	Scheer	S	Donate property to the Northeast Community College Area	5, 13, 17
LB377	Education	GF	Change provisions relating to classification of school districts	
LB378	McCollister	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services	10
LB379	Harr	C	Create the Willa Cather Historical Building Cash Fund and provide for a transfer of funds	
LB380	Harr	C	Change income tax rates, itemized deductions, and standard deductions	
LB381	Harr	C	Change provisions relating to jury sequestration	
LB382	Erdman	S	Change provisions relating to budget limitations for counties	
LB383	Quick	S	Change membership provisions for certain municipal community redevelopment authorities, citizen advisory review committees, and planning commissions	
LB384	Lindstrom	GF	Change the rate of interest to be charged on installment loans under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act	
LB385	Lindstrom	C	Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act	9
LB386	Lindstrom	C	Change time period a licensee under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act may hold a check	
LB387	Lindstrom	C (>217)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to various tax credit programs and economic development activities	13, 17
LB388	Lindstrom	C	Authorize remote electronic notarial acts	
LB389	Friesen	C	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act	
LB390	Albrecht	C	Change provisions relating to flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds	
LB391	Watermeier	C	Provide requirements for use of injections and surgical procedures by optometrists	
LB392	Larson	C	Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act	6
LB393	Larson	C	Provide for regulation of kickboxing	
LB394	Morfeld	GF	Change provisions relating to possession of a deadly weapon by person subject to a domestic violence protection order	13, 18
LB395	Morfeld	IPP (>259)	Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail	19
LB396	Morfeld	C	Change residency provisions relating to postsecondary educational institutions	
LB397	Wayne	C	Require application of the Nebraska Evidence Rules at parental termination hearings	12
LB398	Wayne	C (>512)	Provide requirements for public school districts relating to swimming activities	13, 20
LB399	Wayne	GF	Change provisions relating to housing commissions	
LB400	Hilkemann	GF	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle fees and taxes	
LB401	Hilkemann	GF (>91)	Change provisions relating to metabolic screening	5, 17
LB402	Hilkemann	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act	
LB403	Stinner	W	Change registration application, examination, and fee requirements under the Abstracters Act and provide for a duplicate certificate of authority	
LB404	Groene	IPP	Require a train crew of at least two individuals	5
LB405	Baker	C	Change provisions relating to DNA samples, DNA records, and thumbprints under the DNA Identification Information Act	
LB406	Kolterman	S	Change provisions relating to notices of cancellation, nonrenewal, or nonpayment of premiums for insurance policies	
LB407	Pansing Brooks	S	Create and provide duties for the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force	5, 10, 17
LB408	Lowe	C	Provide for a drug formulary under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	10
LB409	Groene	S	Change the base limitation, local effort rate, and net option funding for school districts and the learning community transition aid calculation	16, 18

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LB410	Smith	C	Change boundaries and number of public service commissioner districts and provide for the appointment and election of new commissioners as prescribed	
LB411	Bolz	GF	Change Nebraska Juvenile Code provisions relating to placement of siblings	
LB412	Bolz	C	Provide duties for the state investment officer relating to investment in energy-related companies or funds	8
LB413	Kolterman	IPP (>415)	Change a retirement application timeframe for judges and Nebraska State Patrol officers as prescribed and change supplemental lump-sum cost-of-living adjustments under the Judges Retirement Act	18, 19, 20
LB414	Kolterman	C	Provide an employer contribution and a state contribution for judges' retirement as prescribed and change provisions relating to distribution and remittance of court fees	
LB415	Kolterman	S (+31, 32, 110, 219, 278, 413, 532)	Change provisions relating to certain retirement plans as prescribed	18, 19, 20
LB415A	Kolterman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB416	Vargas	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Labor and make changes to uses of the Employment Security Administration Fund	8
LB417	Riepe	S (>333)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare	13, 17, 20
LB418	Briese	IPP (>263)	Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers	13, 17
LB419	McCollister	W (>45)	Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates	4
LB420	McCollister	GF	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act	11
LB421	Murante	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB422	Murante	C	Change provisions of the Election Act	
LB423	Murante	C	Change provisions relating to counties	
LB424	Ebke	C	Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services	
LB425	Crawford	IPP (>88)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act	12, 17
LB426	Murante	C	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies	
LB427	Vargas	S (+428)	Authorize schools and the State Department of Education to adopt policies relating to pregnant and parenting students, authorize training regarding such policies, and authorize breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents	14, 18
LB428	Vargas	GF (>427)	Require schools and the State Department of Education to adopt policies relating to pregnant and parenting students	5, 14
LB429	Wishart	IPP	Provide for virtual net metering	
LB430	Smith	S	Change powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services under the Radiation Control Act	
LB431	Erdman	C	Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act	
LB432	Erdman	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to allowances for delinquent taxes and anticipated litigation	
LB433	Ebke	C	Require a criminal history record information check for employees who have direct access to federal tax information	
LB434	Ebke	C	Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings	
LB435	Ebke	C	Change provisions relating to escape	
LB436	Ebke	C	Change the definition of employer to exclude franchisors for purposes of certain labor statutes	
LB437	Craighead	C	Change requirements for independent instrumentalities under the Taxpayer Transparency Act	
LB438	Howard	C	Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds	11
LB439	Wishart	GF	Change licensure and regulation provisions for assisted-living facilities	
LB440	Wishart	C	Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed	
LB441	Morfeld	C	Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act	10
LB442	Bolz	C	Create the Medical Assistance Managed Care Organization Oversight Committee	5
LB443	Bolz	C	Adopt the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit Act	
LB444	Walz	S (+244)	Prohibit cities and counties from canceling health insurance coverage for injured first responders as prescribed and include under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act frontline state employees with respect to personal injuries	13, 15, 17
LB445	Chambers	IPP	Prohibit lobbyist-provided meals and beverages for legislators during session in the State Capitol	

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LB446	Chambers	C	Eliminate the death penalty and change and eliminate provisions relating to sentencing	
LB447	Chambers	SF	Change penalty provisions relating to criminal conspiracy and certain drug-related offenses	6, 10
LB447A	Chambers	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB448	Chambers	C	Eliminate provisions relating to the hunting of mountain lions	
LB449	Chambers	GF	Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act	7
LB450	Chambers	C	Adopt the Patient Choice at End of Life Act	11
LB451	Murante	S (+314)	Change various provisions relating to elections as prescribed	17, 18, 19
LB452	Lindstrom	C	Impose sales tax on services and change income tax rates and personal exemption amounts	7
LB453	Lindstrom	C	Change provisions relating to income tax adjustments for social security benefits	
LB454	Lindstrom	IPP (>140)	Allow credit unions to opt out of licensing loan officers	11, 12
LB455	Quick	S	Update references to the National Electrical Code	
LB456	Briese	C	Provide for supportive services for disabled parents in family and dependency matters	
LB457	Briese	C (>512)	Change exceptions to school district levy and budget exceptions for voluntary termination agreements	13, 18, 20
LB458	Harr	S	Change provisions relating to the County Purchasing Act	
LB459	Smith	C (>263)	Change provisions relating to governance of the statewide one-call notification center and provide for the establishment of best practices	13, 17
LB460	Smith	C (>263)	Change provisions regulating the transportation of clients of the Department of Health and Human Services and other authorized agencies as prescribed	13, 17
LB461	Smith	GF	Correct references to a federal act in a revenue statute	16, 18
LB462	Smith	C	Correct provisions relating to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement	
LB463	Watermeier	S	Change a provision relating to appointment to certain cemetery boards	
LB464	Watermeier	S	Provide notice to and duties for the Secretary of State regarding adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule or regulation	
LB465	Watermeier	C	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education	10
LB466	Brasch	C	Change credentialing and regulation of nurse-midwives	
LB467	Krist	C	Change provisions relating to certain tax incentive programs	
LB468	Krist	C	Change revenue and taxation provisions	7
LB469	Larson	GF	Adopt the Fantasy Contests Act	
LB469A	Larson	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB470	Larson	IPP	Change provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act relating to the manner of play of keno, use of electronic tickets, and authorized methods of payment	8
LB471	Kolowski	C	Provide for enforcement of the prohibition against using a handheld wireless communication device as a primary action	9
LB472	Bostelman	GF	Change provisions relating to signs and advertising on highways	
LB473	Walz	C	Require rest periods for employees	
LB474	Baker	C	Require insurance coverage for synchronizing prescription medications	
LB475	Schumacher	C	Change the application deadline under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	9
LB476	Hilgers	S	Change provisions relating to domestication of foreign corporations and the effect on original incorporation dates	
LB477	McCullister	C	Prohibit certain unlawful acts as prescribed relating to the Weights and Measures Act	
LB478	Groene	S	Provide for possession of archery equipment and knives for recreational purposes	13, 14, 18
LB479	Groene	GF	Change public hearing provisions and redefine a term under the Nebraska Budget Act	
LB480	McCullister	GF	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	
LB481	Kuehn	S	Provide for drug product selection for interchangeable biological products	15, 18
LB482	Smith	GF	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act	
LB483	Hilgers	IPP (>263)	Provide a rules of procedure exemption for the Public Service Commission	13, 17
LB484	Kolowski	C	Create the School Financing Review Commission	10
LB485	Pansing Brooks	C	Create Chief Standing Bear and Indigenous Leaders' Day	12
LB486	Kolterman	GF	Change continuing education requirements for insurance licensees	
LB487	Morfeld	S (+167, 293, 296)	Provide and change immunity provisions relating to naloxone and asthma and allergic reactions and change provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	13, 17
LB488	Groene	IPP	Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act	
LB489	Groene	C	Redefine development project under the Community Development Law	
LB490	Walz	GF	Adopt the College Choice Grant Program Act	9
LB491	McCullister	C	Create the offense of fraudulent misrepresentation of a service animal and provide penalties	11
LB492	Harr	S	Adopt the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act and authorize certain liens	16, 19
LB493	Krist	C	Appropriate funds to maintain the Network of Care	



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LB494	Briese	GF	Provide for withholding public records relating to energy infrastructure	
LB495	Riepe	C (>333)	Change provisions relating to developmental disabilities	20
LB496	Stinner	SF	Define and redefine terms under the Community Development Law	19, 20
LB497	Brewer	GF	Change references to a federal form relating to veterans	
LB498	Brewer	C	Change provisions relating to transfer of homestead exemptions	
LB499	Brewer	C	Provide for voluntary registration and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Nebraska Apiary Act as prescribed	7
LB500	Brewer	C	Authorize the carrying of concealed handguns by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers	9
LB501	Brewer	C	Change prohibition on locations where permit holder may carry a concealed weapon	
LB502	Brewer	C	Adopt the Permitless Concealed Carry Act	
LB503	Brewer	C	Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements	
LB504	Brewer	C	Provide for a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects and for a task force study as prescribed	9
LB505	Brewer	C	Adopt the Refugee Resettlement Notification Act	
LB506	Albrecht	S (+287)	Adopt the Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act and provide duties for the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team	6, 13, 14, 17
LB507	Albrecht	C	Eliminate the Farm Labor Contractors Act	
LB508	Hilgers	S	Change population threshold for the county civil service system and change provisions relating to personnel policy boards and boards of county commissioners	
LB509	Ebke	S	Change and eliminate provisions relating to subpoenas, witness fees, and compulsory process as prescribed	
LB509A	Ebke	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB510	Ebke	C	Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions	
LB511	Education	C	Change provisions for payment of educational costs for state wards and students in residential settings	
LB512	Education	S (+123, 175, 235, 398, 457)	Change provisions related to education	13, 16, 18, 20
LB512A	Groene	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB513	Hilkemann	C	Appropriate funds to provide a base rate increase for certain hospital services as prescribed	
LB514	Bolz	C	State intent to appropriate funds for a Justice Reinvestment Initiative Coordinator	
LB515	Bolz	GF	Create the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Grant Program	
LB516	Pansing Brooks	GF	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities	
LB517	Pansing Brooks	S	Change provisions regarding transfer of property upon death	
LB518	Williams	S	Adopt the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act and transfer funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	7, 12, 17
LB518A	Williams	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB519	Hansen	S	Change Employment Security Law provisions relating to employers' experience and reimbursement accounts	
LB520	Hansen	C	Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit	10
LB521	Walz	C	Change provisions related to early childhood education in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB522	Walz	C (>331)	Change Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund provisions	
LB523	Walz	C	Change provisions relating to financial assistance from the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund	
LB524	Walz	C	Appropriate funds to supplement financial assistance from the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund	
LB525	Morfeld	C	Change distribution provisions related to the Education Innovation Fund	
LB526	Morfeld	IPP (>259)	Change provisions relating to debtor's rights, garnishment, attachment, and other debt collection procedures	16, 19
LB527	Morfeld	C	Provide for subpoena of records in certain cases	
LB528	Harr	C	Change provisions relating to the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act	
LB529	Harr	C	Authorize county courts sitting as probate courts in cases of guardianship to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases	
LB530	Harr	IPP	Change requirements for providing information to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and provide for withholding appropriations	
LB531	Harr	C	Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	

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LB532	Kolterman	C (>415)	Change provisions relating to a military service credit for certain retirement plans as prescribed	18, 19, 20
LB533	Vargas	IPP	Require liability insurance for and restrict locations of underground enhanced recovery injection wells and wastewater disposal wells	9
LB534	Vargas	C	Provide for a housing coordinator within the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB535	Hughes	S (+38)	Change requirements for instruments and statements filed with the register of deeds	
LB536	Hughes	C	Clarify disbursement provisions for natural resources districts	
LB537	Hughes	C	Provide for drug screening for applicants and recipients of cash assistance	
LB538	Wishart	C	Appropriate funds for Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance	
LB539	Krist	S	Change the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act	13, 17
LB540	Stinner	C	Provide for a temporary aid adjustment factor in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB541	Quick	GF	Change provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act relating to gross proceeds restrictions, special permits, and prize percentages	
LB542	Kuehn	C	Provide for liens and recovery of debt incurred under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB543	Watermeier	C	Change provisions relating to applications and reporting requirements under the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB544	Watermeier	C	Provide for elimination of the office of clerk of the district court as prescribed	
LB545	Watermeier	C	Provide for fund transfers relating to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	
LB546	Watermeier	C	Change the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB547	Watermeier	IPP	State legislative findings and change provisions relating to eminent domain and review by the Nebraska Power Review Board	8
LB548	Lindstrom	C	Provide for the consolidation of the Class V school employees' retirement system and the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska	
LB549	Lindstrom	IPP (>16)	Eliminate requirement under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act that broker trust accounts be non-interest-bearing	
LB550	Lindstrom	C	Change provisions relating to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool	
LB551	Walz	C	Change qualifications for certain real property appraiser credentials	
LB552	Walz	C	Provide for the Children's Connection program	
LB553	Lowe	C	Provide for a nonelection of coverage under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	9
LB554	Smith	C	Provide for a financial transparency web site for schools, school districts, and educational service units	
LB555	Smith	C	Change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act	
LB556	Halloran	GF	Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender	
LB557	Harr	C	Adopt the Great Opportunities Nebraska Act	10
LB558	Schumacher	S	Define the term knife for certain provisions of the criminal code	9, 16, 18
LB559	Schumacher	C	Prohibit the collection of interchange fees on specified taxes and fees relating to electronic payment transactions	
LB560	Schumacher	C	Change restrictive housing and inmate discipline provisions	12
LB561	Schumacher	C	Create the Taxpayer Investment Program	
LB562	McCollister	GF	Require a monthly report from the Department of Correctional Services as prescribed	
LB563	McCollister	C	Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate certain sales tax exemptions	
LB564	McCollister	C	Adopt the Nebraska Main Street Fairness Act	4
LB565	McCollister	GF	Require the posting of tax incentive information under the Taxpayer Transparency Act	11
LB566	Natural Resources	S (+635)	Adopt the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and change other penalties and fines under the Game Law	12, 17
LB567	Bolz	C	Change funding for county public assistance offices	
LB568	Erdman	C	Change provisions related to temporary teaching certificates	
LB569	Friesen	C	Establish the Community College Task Force and sunset community college levies	
LB570	Friesen	C	Provide a property tax exemption for all tangible personal property	
LB571	Friesen	C	Change state aid for education relating to allocated income tax funds	
LB572	Friesen	C	Provide termination dates for the Property Tax Credit Act and the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and change application deadlines under the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB573	Friesen	C	Change local competition determinations and rate list filing requirements under the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act and provide for a nonregulated activity	
LB574	Kintner	IPP	Change provisions relating to intimidation by telephone call and provide for intimidation by electronic message	

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LB575	Kolowski	C	Provide funding for schools offering certain programs and courses as prescribed	
LB576	Brewer	C	Limit increases in property tax bills	10
LB577	Hilgers	C	Create offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush	9
LB578	McDonnell	S	Adopt the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act	11, 16, 20
LB578A	McDonnell	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB579	McDonnell	C	Provide for termination of city occupation taxes subject to a vote and require vote on tax rate changes	
LB580	McDonnell	C	Appropriate funds for the Office of Violence Prevention	9
LB581	McDonnell	C	Require lobbyists to disclose conflicts of interest to principals and provide for cancellation of contracts	
LB582	McDonnell	C	Authorize membership in a credit union by geographic boundary	
LB583	Kuehn	W	Remove the authority of veterinarians to dispense controlled substances	
LB584	Friesen	S (+55)	Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds along roads	5, 16, 19
LB585	Linehan	C	Change provisions relating to dangerous dogs, seizure of animals, and animal control authorities	
LB586	Linehan	C	Change requirements for the prescription drug monitoring system	
LB587	Crawford	C	Change provisions relating to school permits	9
LB588	Crawford	C	Exempt reflexology from licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act	
LB589	Crawford	GF	Provide for depositions of a child victim or child witness	9
LB590	Crawford	S	Change state building code provisions	6, 12, 17
LB591	Crawford	C	Provide for enforcement of building codes under the Contractor Registration Act	
LB592	Crawford	C	Change the tax incentives available under the Nebraska Advantage Act	
LB593	Hughes	C	Create the offense of criminal trespass to vehicles	12
LB594	Groene	C	Require a limited liability company seeking a tax benefit to file an amended certificate of organization	
LB595	Groene	GF	Provide for the use of physical force or physical restraint or removal from a class in response to student behavior	6, 17
LB596	Groene	GF	Exempt equine massage therapy from credentialing and regulation under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act	
LB597	Groene	IPP	Provide for application process through county assessor and Tax Commissioner prior to using tax-increment financing	
LB598	Groene	C	Require consideration of certain factors by the Commission of Industrial Relations when establishing wage rights	
LB599	Groene	C	Exempt certain improvements on land from taxes as prescribed	
LB600	Agriculture	S	Change various provisions of the Livestock Brand Act relating to the Nebraska Brand Committee	
LB601	Erdman	C	Change distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide duties for Department of Revenue	
LB602	Erdman	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land	
LB603	Riepe	C	Require a high-deductible plan for state employees' health insurance	
LB604	Riepe	C	Adopt the Nebraska Right to Shop Act and place duties on insurance carriers	
LB605	Riepe	S	Change rate provisions relating to the ICF/DD Reimbursement Protection Fund	15, 18
LB606	Riepe	C	Adopt the Volunteer Care Act and change provisions governing remedies for injuries or damages	
LB607	Kintner	IPP	Provide a homestead exemption for certain first responders	
LB608	Linehan	C	Adopt the Parental Choice Scholarship Program	7
LB609	Linehan	C	Provide fee schedules under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB610	Kolowski	C	Adopt the Community Solar Energy Economic Development Act	8
LB611	Stinner	GF	Require state agencies to provide a federal funding inventory	
LB612	Wayne	C	Require direct access to 911 emergency service from certain telephone systems using Internet protocol-enabled services	
LB613	Wayne	C	Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act	
LB614	Wayne	GF	Eliminate a restriction relating to appropriations under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	7
LB615	Wayne	C	Provide for expungement of criminal history record information in cases of arrests based upon mistaken identity	11
LB616	Wayne	C	Adopt the Startup Nebraska Program Act and provide an exemption from income, sales, and use taxes	

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LB617	Wayne	C	Adopt the Industrial Hemp Act	8
LB618	Wayne	GF	Change provisions relating to the use of the Transportation Network Company Regulation Cash Fund	
LB619	Wayne	C	Permit certain counties to conduct elections by mail	
LB620	Wayne	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development	
LB621	Wayne	C	Appropriate funds to the Public Service Commission	
LB622	Wishart	GF	Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act	11, 16
LB623	Wishart	C	Change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to assault on an officer, certain employees, or a health care professional	9
LB624	Wishart	S	Provide procedure to withhold from the public law enforcement officers' residential addresses in county records	16, 19
LB625	Larson	S	Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act	
LB626	Larson	IPP	Adopt the Shared Community Solar Act	6
LB627	Larson	C	Provide for the operation of autonomous motor vehicles as prescribed	
LB628	Larson	GF	Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property	
LB629	Larson	GF	Exempt certain commercial driver's license holders from hazardous waste endorsement requirements	
LB630	Larson	C	Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act	11
LB631	Larson	C	Change the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act and authorize methods of payment for participation in certain gaming activities as prescribed	
LB632	Larson	SF	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and name the Music Licensing Agency Act	7, 19
LB632A	Larson	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB633	Kolowski	C	Authorize school districts to levy a tax and exceed budget authority for school security measures and student technology	
LB634	Wayne	GF	Include virtual school students in the state aid to schools formula	
LB635	Bostelman	C (>566)	Change certain violations and penalties under the Game Law	17
LB636	Bostelman	C	Prohibit interference with hunting, trapping, or fishing by intimidation using a telephone or other communication device	
LB637	Bostelman	C	Prohibit disclosure of information relating to firearm owners and concealed carry permitholders	
LB638	Bostelman	C	Provide enhanced criminal penalties based upon a person's employment as prescribed	9
LB639	Bostelman	S	Change when a preference is required for certain government employment relating to servicemembers and their spouses and veterans	13, 17
LB640	Groene	GF	Change provisions of the Property Tax Credit Act and provide school district property tax relief	16
LB641	Morfeld	S (+230)	Create a Bioscience Innovation Program and the Nebraska Economic Development Task Force	13, 14, 17
LB641A	Morfeld	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB642	Krist	W	Delay prescription drug monitoring requirements for veterinarians	
LB643	Krist	C	Change automobile liability insurance and financial responsibility requirements	9
LB644	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	S	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions governing boards, commissions, and similar entities	8, 18, 20
LB645	Pansing Brooks	S	Add dyslexia for purposes of special education	6, 16, 18
LB646	Pansing Brooks	C	Provide for an extreme weather preparedness task force and strategic action plan	
LB647	Pansing Brooks	S	Change judges' salaries	14, 20
LB647A	Pansing Brooks	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB648	Pansing Brooks	C	Create the New Machine Age Task Force	
LB649	Pansing Brooks	C	Prohibit additional services or populations under the medicaid managed care program	
LB650	Linehan	C	Change provisions for teaching certificates	
LB651	Linehan	GF	Adopt the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act	10, 19
LB652	Kolowski	C	Authorize the display of the Honor and Remember Flag	
LB653	Murante	C	Adopt the Redistricting Act	
LB654	Murante	C	Provide jurisdiction under the Automatic Dialing-Announcing Devices Act to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for certain telephone calls and messages as prescribed	
LB655	Murante	GF	Authorize state employees to volunteer at public schools and certain nonprofit organizations	6, 18
LB656	Baker	C	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated	10

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LB657	Wayne	IPP	Adopt the Retail Electricity Transparency Act	
LB658	Wayne	C	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings	
LB659	Wayne	W	Change and eliminate pipeline siting provisions and eminent domain provisions	
LB660	Wayne	IPP	Adopt the Nebraska Retail Electricity Choice Act and remove a restriction on the sale or delivery of retail electricity by a private electric supplier	7
LB661	Kuehn	GF	Provide for confidentiality of information relating to performing a lethal injection	6, 16
LB662	Linehan	C	Establish a grading system for schools and school districts	
LB663	Kuehn	C	Require a copy of a lobbying contract for lobbyist registration as prescribed	
LB664	Kuehn	C	Prohibit a political subdivision from using taxes or fees to employ a lobbyist	
LB665	Kuehn	C	Require a statement of activity regarding certain lobbying activity	
LB666	Lowe	GF	Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon	10
LB667	Hilkemann	W	Change and eliminate provisions on taxes and fees on horseracing	
LR1CA	Murante	GF	Constitutional amendment to require voter identification	9, 19
LR3	Harr	C	Create the Task Force on the Nebraska State Flag	
LR4	Blood	C	Interim study to explore if the development of a more comprehensive water quality study is needed	
LR6	Ebke	GF	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution	5, 15
LR11	Riepe	C	Interim study to assess the Nebraska medical assistance program and the options for health care reform for Nebraska	
LR15CA	Morfeld	C	Constitutional amendment prohibiting requiring a voter to present identification prior to voting	
LR16CA	Wayne	GF	Constitutional amendment to allow cities and villages to pledge taxes relating to a redevelopment project for up to twenty years if area is extremely blighted	9
LR17CA	Wayne	C	Constitutional amendment to eliminate requirements that property taxes be levied by valuation uniformly and proportionately	
LR18CA	Larson	GF	Constitutional amendment to change the age for eligibility for public office	
LR21	Krist	C	Provide for the expulsion of Senator Bill Kintner from the Nebraska Legislature, pursuant to Article III, Section 10, of the Nebraska Constitution	
LR25	Krist	C	Interim study to examine the requirements in the Rules of the Legislature for preparing and delivering fiscal notes	
LR26	Vargas	C	Oppose any federal action that would rescind Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	
LR27	Bolz	C	State legislative intent regarding refugees in Nebraska	
LR28	McDonnell	C	Interim study to research how the state and each of the counties handle, process, and test sexual assault evidence collection kits	
LR46	Larson	C	Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to develop a climate action plan	
LR60	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine issues related to the use of tax-increment financing	
LR71	Murante	C	Urge United States Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly to remove the designation of state election systems as critical infrastructure	
LR81	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine the adoption and enforcement of state fire codes	
LR84	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine the statutes governing some classes of municipalities	
LR85	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee	
LR91	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	
LR92	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine the requirement that the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions	
LR95	Craighead	C	Provide the Honor and Remember Flag is adopted as an official symbol of the State of Nebraska	
LR98	Wayne	C	Support the call to action of the My Brother's Keeper Initiative and Community Challenge to address opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color nationwide	
LR109	Larson	C	Interim study to examine the collection of annual assessments under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act	
LR113	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to pay for health care and related services	
LR114	Judiciary	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska's statutes relating to geriatric or compassionate release laws for elderly inmates	
LR122	McCollister	C	Interim study to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska	
LR124	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine contracting and procurement by cities of the metropolitan class	

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LR125	Hughes	C	Interim study to examine public power in Nebraska	
LR126	Hughes	C	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement project	
LR127	Krist	P	Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Nebraska Justice System Special Investigative Committee	20
LR129	Kolowski	C	Interim study to explore best practices for incorporating the study of the Holocaust and other genocides into primary and secondary curriculum	
LR130	Groene	C	Interim study to examine issues related to the use of substitute teachers	
LR131	Riepe	C	Interim study to examine the distribution and use of federal Title X Program state and federal appropriations	
LR132	Murante	C	Interim study to examine elections conducted by and on behalf of political subdivisions	
LR136	McCollister	C	Interim study to examine the effect of the Congressional passage of Joint Resolution, S.J. RES. 34, which disapproved the Federal Communications Commission final rules for Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services	
LR138	Crawford	C	Interim study to examine the tools, mechanisms, and funding sources available to municipalities to provide for condemnation or demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings	
LR139	Bolz	C	Interim study to analyze the best use of the state's child welfare resources in line with its goals	
LR140	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Family Finding pilot project	
LR141	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine best practices for promoting career education and training that can lead to job readiness for middle-skill positions	
LR142	Bolz	C	Interim study to review the progress of the aging and disability resource center projects and to consider the long-term role of the projects in Nebraska	
LR143	Kolowski	C	Interim study to examine pay equity issues	
LR144	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the effects of nonstandard and volatile job schedules on Nebraska businesses, workers, and families	
LR145	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the importance of Title IV-E Funds and the federal adoption assistance program	
LR146	Murante	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee	
LR147	Crawford	C	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of the Nebraska State Immunization Information System and to examine opportunities to increase the rate of immunizations reported to the system across the state	
LR148	Walz	C	Interim study to examine school meal programs in Nebraska	
LR149	Linehan	C	Interim study to examine the administrative structure and organization of school districts across the state	
LR150	Hughes	C	Interim study to examine the ratio of administration, faculty, and support staff to student enrollment within secondary education in Nebraska	
LR151	Pansing Brooks	C	Recognize the historic significance of the In re Gault decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, and acknowledge its importance to the juvenile justice system	
LR152	McDonnell		Designate September 15 through October 15, 2017, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the State of Nebraska	
LR153	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine the existence and practice of conversion therapy in Nebraska for minors	
LR154	Howard	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska's utilization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds	
LR155	Howard	C	Interim study to examine university campus policies and efforts aimed at reducing incidents of campus sexual violence and protecting the victims of such violence in Nebraska	
LR156	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the ongoing implementation of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 and related state law and policy	
LR157	Bolz	C	Interim study to examine the January 1, 2017, implementation of the managed care delivery system for the State of Nebraska and the impact on the state budget	
LR158	Williams	C	Interim study to examine whether the unclaimed property laws of Nebraska should be updated	
LR159	Hughes	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources	
LR160	Hughes	C	Interim study to examine the ability of municipalities in Nebraska to offer relocation incentives to attract new residents	

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LR161	Smith	C	Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, state individual income and corporate income taxes	
LR162	Smith	C	Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, state and local sales and use taxes and any other miscellaneous taxes	
LR163	Smith	C	Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, real and personal property taxes	
LR164	Quick	C	Interim study to examine the need for restoration, development, and capital improvement of sites that attract tourists to and within Nebraska	
LR166	Morfeld	C	Interim study to examine mental health education provided in Nebraska schools	
LR167	Morfeld	C	Interim study to examine ways to improve the coverage of hearing aid costs for Nebraska families	
LR168	Lowe	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of adopting a workers' compensation drug formulary	
LR169	Williams	C	Interim study to examine whether the birth defects registry laws of Nebraska should be updated	
LR170	Groene	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Education Committee	
LR171	Brewer	C	Interim study to examine ways to minimize conflict in the availability and utilization of bee forage resources	
LR172	Wishart	C	Interim study to review recruitment and retention efforts that are currently or could potentially be undertaken by the Dept. of Correctional Services	
LR173	Wishart	C	Interim study to review the work detail and work release efforts at the community corrections centers	
LR174	Friesen	C	Interim study to review the implementation of the 911 Service System Act	
LR175	Friesen	C	Interim study to conduct an examination of issues related to reforming the regulation of basic local exchange service rates charged by local exchange telecommunications carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission	
LR176	Friesen	C	Interim study to examine the provision of broadband telecommunication services within the state	
LR177	Friesen	C	Interim study to review issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee	
LR178	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine existing telehealth and telemedicine systems and capabilities in Nebraska and opportunities to expand usage	
LR179	Brasch	C	Interim study to examine the application of the Livestock Brand Act to dairy animals and dairy operations located within the mandatory brand inspection area	
LR180	Brasch	C	Interim study to examine opportunities for increased coordination between the Nebraska Brand Committee and the Dept. of Agriculture	
LR181	Ebke	C	Interim study to examine recommendations for procedures to be used for a convention of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution	
LR182	Murante	C	Interim study to examine the extent of voter fraud in Nebraska	
LR183	Albrecht	C	Interim study to review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to provision of workers' compensation services	
LR184	Walz	C	Interim study to examine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be amended	
LR185	Albrecht	C	Interim study to examine the Farm Labor Contractors Act	
LR186	Howard	C	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and how providers access prescription drug data	
LR187	Howard	C	Interim study to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the five primary service areas of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Dept. of Health and Human Services	
LR188	Howard	C	Interim study to review policies and procedures relating to sustainability, organization, and best practices for data collection by the Division of Public Health relating to public health, epidemiology, and syndromic surveillance	
LR189	Morfeld	C	Interim study to examine ways in which Nebraska could increase access to health insurance, including medicaid	
LR190	Kuehn	C	Interim study to examine the possibility of creating an ethics committee within the Legislature	
LR191	Ebke	C	Interim study to examine possible legislative reforms to Nebraska's mandatory minimum sentencing laws	
LR192	Hilgers	C	Interim study to examine the committee system of the Legislature	
LR193	Albrecht	C	Interim study to determine the impact of increased use of higher level ethanol blends and various policies to incentivize use of such blends	
LR194	Hilkemann	C	Interim study to examine the 407 process as it relates to scope of practice changes for health professions	

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LR195	Hilkemann	C	Interim study to examine the system of valuing automobiles for calculation of the motor vehicle tax	
LR196	Ebke	C	Interim study to track the progress of the Dept. of Correctional Services and to ensure the intentions set forth by the Legislature are being complied with and carried out	
LR197	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the utilization of wood generated from the emerald ash borer infestation	
LR198	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine the impact of incarceration on children in Nebraska	
LR199	Crawford	C	Interim study to conduct a review of staff structure, training processes, and roles and responsibilities as they relate to support staff of the standing committees of the Legislature and the Legislative Research Office	
LR200	Linehan	C	Interim study to examine issues related to dual enrollment and other courses that allow a student to obtain both high school and postsecondary education credit for such course	
LR201	Linehan	C	Interim study to review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to workers' compensation services in Nebraska	
LR202	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine bona fide severance of employment compliance requirements under the Internal Revenue Code as related to maintaining section 401 (a) qualified defined benefit retirement plans	
LR203	Friesen	C	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the relocation of utilities within the public right-of-way	
LR204	Larson	C	Interim study to examine the structure for license fees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LR205	Larson	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee	
LR206	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine the potential for counties to have additional authority to pass ordinances within county boundaries	
LR207	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine public health issues related to drugs, alcohol, and sexually transmitted diseases in Douglas County	
LR208	McCollister	C	Interim study to examine the cost of telephone calls made by people housed in county jails in Nebraska	
LR209	Stinner	C	Interim study to examine the volatility of Nebraska's revenue portfolio to determine a set of evidence-based savings targets for the Cash Reserve Fund	
LR210	Stinner	C	Interim study to examine fiscal distress among local political subdivisions in Nebraska and how the Legislature could establish an early warning system to identify and respond to such fiscal distress	
LR211	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine giving consumers a choice among electricity supply options and greater information concerning their service and billing options	
LR212	Morfeld	C	Interim study to identify K-12 and postsecondary education resources to meet industry needs in preparing students for employment in careers requiring knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and math with an emphasis on jobs in the biosciences sector	
LR213	Wishart	C	Interim study to examine state funding for Nebraska airports and specifically funding for airport capital improvement	
LR214	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine contracting and procurement by the Dept. of Roads	
LR215	Hilgers	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of a pilot project involving autonomous shuttles in a city of the primary class	
LR216	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine the policies, practices, and laws that govern the safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records	
LR217	Riepe	C	Interim study to examine the programs and majors offered by the University of Nebraska at the Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney campuses	
LR218	Riepe	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of consolidating the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha to create a single University of Nebraska institution in Omaha	
LR219	Hansen	C	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of section 29-901, which relates to the imposition of bail, and section 29-2206, which relates to the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs	
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LR221	Hansen	C	Interim study to examine possible reforms to Nebraska's sentencing laws to accommodate an option of deferred judgment probation	
LR222	Pansing Brooks	C	Interim study to examine dyslexia and reading literacy in Nebraska	
LR223	Blood	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska statutes governing the use of personally identifiable information	



# BILL STATUS



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**ISSUES:** coverage in issue # of the 2017 Unicameral Update

BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LR224	Blood	C	Interim study to examine cross-county assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes	
LR225	Harr	C	Interim study to assess the condition of property related to Willa Cather as described in section 82-129	
LR226	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an electrology license for Nebraska	
LR227	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a nail technology license for Nebraska	
LR228	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a massage therapy license for Nebraska	
LR229	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a barbering license for Nebraska	
LR230	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an esthetics license for Nebraska	
LR231	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a license to practice body art for Nebraska	
LR232	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a cosmetology license for Nebraska	
LR233	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to review the experiences of medicaid-eligible populations receiving long-term care services and support and identify the necessary practices and protocols for a managed care program	
LR234	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine reports submitted by the Division of Behavioral Health and behavioral health regions	
LR235	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the internal processes of the Dept. of Health and Human Services relating to the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts	
LR236	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to examine the workload studies used by the Dept. of Health and Human Services to understand current staffing needs	
LR237	Groene	C	Interim study to examine all aspects and the history of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement project	
LR238	Stinner	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of acquiring funding for behavioral and mental health internship programs at the doctoral level in rural Nebraska	
LR239	Kolowski	C	Interim study to examine issues related to solar energy development in Nebraska	
LR240	Brewer	C	Interim study to examine the issues raised by LB121, 2017, related to taxation of military benefits	
LR241	Vargas	C	Interim study to examine the distribution and use of funds from the Federal Title X program	
LR242	Kuehn	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of zero-based budgeting for state agencies	
LR243	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine issues related to eminent domain and property rights	
LR245	Brewer	C	Interim study to examine issues raised by LB504, 2017, related to placing a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects	
LR251	Murante		Approve the gift from the Norfolk Veterans' Home Foundation, Inc. to the Norfolk Veterans' Home Heroes Park Project	20
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