

Property tax relief, prisons and water policy top governor's priority list

Gov. Pete Ricketts revealed his upcoming budgetary and legislative priorities in his State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 13. Top priorities outlined by the governor include property tax relief, construction of a new state penitentiary and a new water reservoir system.

"Through the years, the guiding light of my administration has remained the same: to grow Nebraska," Ricketts said. "And, despite weathering floods, fires and a global pandemic, we have done just that."

By the end of fiscal year 2023, he said, Nebraska is anticipated to have an estimated \$1.5 billion in its Cash Reserve Fund.

"This is the people's money, and we must support tax relief that puts

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Gov. Pete Ricketts delivers his State of the State address Jan. 13.

Tax credit scholarship proposal stalls on first round

Senators rejected a second attempt to advance a bill from general file that would create a tax credit scholarship program for Nebraska private school students after a failed cloture motion Jan. 12.

LB364, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, fell four votes short of a successful first-round cloture motion last session. It returned to the agenda this year after Linehan designated it as her priority bill for the 2022 session.

She said the proposal would give up to 1,500 children the opportunity to attend a private school that better meets their needs, a choice not available to many low-income Nebraska families.

"If you can afford it, you have [school] choice," Linehan said. "But if you can't, you do not."

The bill would allow individuals, passthrough entities,

estates, trusts and corporations to claim a nonrefundable income tax credit of up to 50 percent of their state income tax liability on contributions they make to nonprofit organizations that grant scholarships to students to attend private school.

Only Nebraska residents would be eligible for the scholarships, which could be used to pay tuition and fees at a qualifying privately operated elementary or secondary school in Nebraska.

Students would be eligible for the scholarships if, among other requirements, they are a dependent member of a household with a gross income that does not exceed the eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

As introduced, LB364 would allow the state Depart-

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this money back into the pockets of the people," Ricketts said.

Accelerating the phase-in of Social Security tax exemptions to five years, instead of the current ten-year period, would allow older Nebraskans to keep more of their hard-earned money, he said. Additionally, Ricketts said, the state individual tax rate should be reduced by one percent over the next five years.

Citing public safety concerns, the governor proposed spending \$16.9 million to enhance the state crime lab and an additional \$47.7 million toward expansion of the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, in addition to funding a new state penitentiary.

"The existing state penitentiary was built over 150 years ago. Its walls are crumbling and its infrastructure has aged beyond simple repair. A modern facility will give our inmates a better quality of life," Ricketts said.

The governor also recommended \$500 million be spent on construc-

tion of a canal and reservoir system from the South Platte River to protect quality drinking water, keep electric generating costs manageable and ensure farm and ranch production.

"If we fail to secure our supply from the South Platte River, we could expect to lose 90 percent of the water that currently comes to us from Colorado," he said. "We must act to preserve, protect, manage and steward our water supply for our future Nebraskans."

Ricketts' proposed budget also includes an additional \$200 million for water projects presented by the Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Committee, also known as STAR WARS, which he said would secure access to water and advance state tourism.

Finally, the governor proposed a number of one-time initiatives for allocating Nebraska's \$1.04 billion share of federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Among his priorities are securing funds for low-income children who

have experienced learning loss due to the pandemic and funding behavioral health and nursing incentives.

"I look forward to the challenge, opportunity and honor of working with you," Ricketts said. "Remember, Nebraska is what America is supposed to be." ■

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ment of Revenue to grant \$10 million in credits in 2022. After that, if at least 90 percent of the credits in any given year are claimed, the annual limit would increase by 25 percent.

A pending Revenue Committee amendment instead would limit the total amount of credits available each year to \$5 million and omit the mechanism allowing credits to increase each year.

The amendment also includes the amended provisions of LB531, introduced by Albion Sen. Tom Briese.

Under his proposal, taxpayers who make a qualifying financial contribution to certain child care and early childhood education programs in Nebraska could apply for a nonrefundable income tax credit equal to a portion of the contribution.

Sen. Justin Wayne of Omaha supported LB364, saying the achievement gap for Black students in the Omaha Public Schools district persists despite increases in school funding.

“We can’t keep doing what we’re currently doing,” he said. “Let’s try something else.”

A pending Wayne amendment would end the credits after 10 years, which he said is enough time to determine whether the scholarships have a positive effect on students who receive them.

Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney said he had changed his mind about LB364 since last year and now supports it. He said private schools could offer an alternative to North Omaha public schools that are failing some students.

Sen. Megan Hunt of Omaha opposed the bill, saying it would not address problems, including poverty

and housing insecurity, that lead to the achievement gap.

She said the proposal would use public funds to indirectly benefit private schools that are allowed to discriminate against students and teachers based on their gender identity, sexual orientation and other factors.

Hunt introduced an amendment last session that would prohibit a scholarship granting organization from discriminating against students on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or special education status. It failed Jan. 12 on a vote of 17-26.

Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln also opposed LB364, saying it would divert state tax dollars that could be used to improve underperforming public schools.

He offered an amendment that would require schools that enroll students who receive tax credit scholarships to comply with the same budget-

ary requirements that apply to public school districts.

“If we’re going to be providing ... this type of incentive,” Morfeld said, “then these institutions should have to play by the same rules and have the same level of transparency as any other institution that receives this type of public benefit.”

Several senators questioned why the proposed credit should provide donors a greater, dollar-for-dollar tax benefit than other charitable donations, which qualify for a tax deduction that is calculated using a donor’s income tax rate.

After eight hours of debate on general file, Linehan filed a motion to invoke cloture, which would end debate and force a vote on LB364 and any pending amendments.

The motion failed on a vote of 28-14. Thirty-three votes were needed. A failed cloture motion results in debate on a proposal ceasing for the day. The bill is unlikely to be placed on the agenda again this session. ■



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan said the scholarships would allow Nebraskans to find the right educational fit for their families.

GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS



Convention of the states effort advances

A resolution to authorize Nebraska to participate in a convention of the states advanced from general file Jan. 10.

LR14, introduced by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran, would be Nebraska's application for a convention of the states authorized under the U.S. Constitution.



Sen. Steve Halloran

If 34 states commit to a convention, states could propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that would limit the size and authority of the federal government, consider fiscal restraints and consider term limits for members of Congress.

Halloran said 15 state legislatures have called for such a convention. He said the nation's nearly \$30 trillion debt is evidence that the federal government is acting irresponsibly.

"The federal government needs an intervention," Halloran said. "The federal debt is spiraling out of control. America is now reaching a tipping point."

Albion Sen. Tom Briese supported the resolution, saying he favors constraints on federal spending and term limits for members of Congress.

"If you believe as I do, you have to ask yourself, how else are you going to get this done?" he said.

Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld said the resolution could lead to a "run-away convention" that could go beyond LR14's intended scope. He added that a group met in America's infancy to revise the Articles of

Confederation, but instead scrapped them entirely and adopted the U.S. Constitution.

"The only precedent we have, colleagues, is our current constitution, which went far outside the bounds of the original call," Morfeld said.

Sen. Carol Blood of Bellevue also opposed LR14. She said several states have rescinded their applications for a convention of the states in recent years.

"Our constitution is not the problem," she said. "The problem is big money in campaigns."

Morfeld offered an amendment that would prohibit a convention of the states from proposing any amendments to restrict, disempower or eliminate gun rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Halloran called the amendment a "poison pill," because all state applications must be identical, and urged senators to vote against it.

The Morfeld amendment failed on a vote of 12-22. LR14 then advanced to select file on a 32-10 vote.

REVENUE



Bill to cut inheritance tax rates, increase exemptions advanced

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 11 to a bill that would cut Nebraska's inheritance tax rates while increasing the amount of property value that is exempt from the tax.

As introduced by Elmwood Sen. Robert Clements last session, LB310 would have cut rates in half over



Sen. Robert Clements

three years while increasing the exempted amounts.

Clements said Nebraska is one of only six states with an inheritance tax, making it a "bad place to die." LB310 would drive economic growth by keeping more retirees in the state, he said.

Clements said the inheritance tax, which in Nebraska is collected by counties, can seem "arbitrary and excessive" and that heirs sometimes must sell part of their inheritance to pay the taxes owed.

"I think we can do better as a state than to treat families this way," he said.

A Revenue Committee amendment, adopted 40-4, replaced the bill. Under the amendment, immediate relatives would pay inheritance tax on the clear market value of property over \$100,000 received by each person, up from \$40,000. The tax rate would remain 1 percent.

The amendment also would decrease the rate from 13 to 11 percent for remote relatives and increase the exemption from amounts more than \$15,000 to amounts over \$40,000.

A third rate, currently 18 percent of the clear market value of beneficial interests over \$10,000, applies in all other cases. The amendment would reduce the rate to 15 percent and increase the exemption to amounts more than \$25,000.

Under the amendment, any interest in property passing to beneficiaries younger than 22 would not be subject to inheritance tax.

The changes would apply to estates of individuals who die on or after Jan. 1, 2022.

Clements said the amendment would reduce inheritance tax collections by 15 percent, compared to 50 percent in his original proposal.

Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn supported the amendment, saying it would make reasonable adjustments to

a “very unfair and very regressive” tax that, at current exemption amounts, affects Nebraskans who inherit only modest assets.

Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht also supported the proposal. She said counties could use a portion of the \$375 million in federal coronavirus relief funding they are slated to receive this year to offset lost inheritance tax revenue, which totaled approximately \$63 million in 2020, according to a Platte Institute study.

Albrecht said Iowa passed a bill last year phasing out its inheritance tax over four years, which will make

Nebraska the only state west of the Mississippi River with an inheritance tax. She introduced but later withdrew an amendment that would have eliminated Nebraska’s inheritance tax by 2028.

Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard supported Albrecht’s amendment, saying county boards would be able to budget for the gradual phasing out of inheritance tax revenue. He said the inheritance tax is a “double” tax because decedents already have paid property taxes on the homes and other real property that they pass to their heirs.

Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg opposed Albrecht’s amendment. He said American Rescue Plan Act funds must be spent by 2026, which means they could not offset lost inheritance tax revenue over the long term.

Adams Sen. Myron Dorn opposed the committee amendment and the bill. He said many counties would raise property taxes – their only other major revenue source – to pay for county services if the inheritance tax is reduced or eliminated.

Senators voted 41-4 to advance LB310 to select file. ■

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Current hearing schedules are available at: NebraskaLegislature.gov/calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Agriculture

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

Appointment: Ervin L. Portis - Climate Assessment Response Committee
 LB712 (Hughes) Change provisions of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act
 LB805 (Hughes) Change provisions relating to prioritization of applications and intent to appropriate funds under the Noxious Weed Control Act
 LB802 (Hughes) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB707 (Williams) Change provisions relating to banks, financial institutions, bank subsidiaries, and residential mortgage loans and adopt certain updates to federal law
 LB863 (Williams) Change provisions relating to the Insurance Holding Company System Act
 LB728 (Lindstrom) Adopt the Travel Insurance Act

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

LB758 (Brandt) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act

LB754 (Bostar) Extend the commercial air filter pilot program of the State Department of Education
 LB838 (Kolterman) Require the State Department of Education to create an aid program relating to the early childhood workforce

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 PM

LB714 (Geist) Change the distribution of fees for certain motor vehicle operators’ licenses and state identification cards
 LB720 (Albrecht) Adopt changes to federal law regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers
 LB749 (Friesen) Change an identification inspection provision under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act
 LB750 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to transfer-on-death motor vehicle certificates of title, the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator’s License Act, and the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act
 LB757 (Brandt) Change and eliminate distance restrictions for oversize loads under the Nebraska Rules of the Road

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB820 (M. Hansen) Change population

thresholds for cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class
 LB724 (M. Hansen) Change provisions relating to economic development programs under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act
 LB799 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions of the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act
 LB800 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to cities of the metropolitan class

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB845 (Slama) Adopt the Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act
 LB774 (Brewer) Adopt the First Freedom Act

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB741 (DeBoer) Provide for review of stillbirths under the Child and Maternal Death Review Act
 LB905 (Walz) Provide for perinatal mental health screenings
 LB901 (Pansing Brooks) Provide for cytomegalovirus public education and prevention

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Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 PM

LB732 (J. Cavanaugh) Prohibit use of deception by peace officers in questioning juveniles
LB810 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports
LB879 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for answers of no contest in adjudication hearings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code
LB883 (McKinney) Require confidentiality of prosecutions of minors tried as adults and change and provide requirements regarding custody and interrogation of a juvenile
LB946 (Wayne) Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to certain juveniles

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 PM

LB804 (Hughes) Change compensation of certain members of the Nebraska Power Review Board
LB809 (Moser) Change powers and duties of the Department of Environment and Energy and provisions relating to the use of certain funds relating to water
LB746 (Friesen) Eliminate the requirement that the Director of Natural Resources be a professional engineer
LB775 (Brewer) Prohibit land disposal of wind turbine blades and their component parts

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB825 (Lindstrom) Change provisions relating to the taxation of benefits received under the federal Social Security Act
LB723 (Briese) Change provisions relating to the calculation of tax credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act
LB688 (Blood) Adopt the Property Tax Reduction Act and eliminate credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act

Thursday, Jan. 20

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB734 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide a contribution limit for candidate

committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB733 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide requirements for contributions or expenditures by foreign nationals under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB786 (Groene) Change information required for a statement of financial interest under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB976 (Wishart) Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act
LB697 (Kolterman) Provide for licensure of rural emergency hospital services
LB855 (Day) Change requirements for coverage under the Medical Assistance Act

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 PM

LB773 (Brewer) Provide for carrying of concealed handgun without a permit and prohibit regulation of such carrying by cities, villages, and counties

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB986 (Briese) Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act
LB987 (Briese) Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act

Friday, Jan. 21

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 PM

Appointment: Jerry Lee Jensen - State Personnel Board
LB769 (Halloran) Require certain state employees to submit to fingerprinting and criminal history record checks

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 PM

LB704 (Williams) Change education requirements for licensure under the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act and eliminate certain provisions regarding caskets
LB705 (Williams) Change and eliminate provisions under the Barber Act
LB824 (B. Hansen) Include bathing as

an activity of daily living for health care credentialing provisions
LB753 (Arch) Require health care practitioners to provide notification regarding stem cell therapy

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 PM

LB694 (Blood) Provide a statute of limitations for exposure to certain chemicals, prescription drugs, or medical devices
LB763 (Dorn) Redefine terms relating to recreational liability to include private airstrips or runways and noncommercial aviation activities
LB833 (Pahls) Change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child
LB870 (M. Hansen) Provide for payment of attorney's fees from the State Self-Insured Indemnification Fund and the State Self-Insured Liability Fund
LB953 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to open burning permits and provide limitations on liability and nuisance relating to land-management burning

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 PM

LB693 (Blood) Change provisions relating to motor vehicle tax exemptions, motor vehicle fee exemptions, and property tax exemptions for certain veterans
LB776 (Brewer) Provide an income tax deduction for certain military pay
LB853 (Day) Provide a homestead exemption for certain disabled veterans

Monday, Jan. 24

Appropriations

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB1011 (Speaker Hilgers) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations
LB1012 (Speaker Hilgers) Provide for funds transfers, create funds, and change and eliminate provisions regarding a fund and reimbursement provisions
LB1013 (Speaker Hilgers) Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund

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

LB767 (Kolterman) Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act
LB826 (Lindstrom) Redefine a term under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act
LB706 (Williams) Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act

**Business & Labor
Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB717 (Morfeld) Change the amount of compensation under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act
LB780 (Gragert) Change provisions relating to child labor and employment certificates and approval requirements for short-time compensation plans
LB869 (M. Hansen) Change provisions relating to a leave of absence for an adoptive parent
LB931 (Hunt) Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits under the Employment Security Law

**Education
Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB872 (Brewer) Authorize the wearing of tribal regalia by certain students
LB868 (Morfeld) Change provisions relating to a classification system administered by the State Department of Education

**Executive Board
Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.**

LB686 (Hughes) Change composition of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council
LB708 (Hughes) Eliminate the requirement to copyright reissue and supplement volumes of the Nebraska Revised Statutes

**General Affairs
Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB876 (Briese) Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and authorize gaming operator and racetrack licenses
LB877 (Briese) Change provisions relating to horseracing and the State

Racing and Gaming Commission
LB923 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to the game of keno and provide for the sale of digital-on-premises tickets
LB764 (Aguilar) Redefine the term gross proceeds for purposes of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act

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

LB771 (Day) Change provisions in the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to electric bicycles
LB934 (J. Cavanaugh) Make certain license plate and registration decal provisions secondary violations and change penalties
LB731 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide requirements under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act
LB747 (Friesen) Eliminate the requirement that the Director of Aeronautics be confirmed by the Legislature
LB874 (Friesen) Provide restrictions on fees under the State Aeronautics Act
LB913 (Bostelman) Changes provisions relating to construction of highways and roads

Tuesday, Jan. 25

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

LB739 (Bostar) Change provisions relating to insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings
LB846 (Slama) Change provisions relating to an annual audit under the Nebraska Banking Act
LB894 (Stinner) Change provisions relating to accounting firm ownership

**Education
Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB890 (Walz) Change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

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

LB822 (M. Hansen) Change provisions relating to reinstatement fees for motor vehicle operators' licenses
LB884 (M. Cavanaugh) Provide notice to private residential owners under the One-Call Notification System Act
LB911 (McDonnell) Change the grant

amount for the 211 Information and Referral Network

**Wednesday, Jan. 26
Revenue**

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.
LB891 (Lindstrom) Change the distribution of sales tax revenue, school levy limitations, and other tax and school provisions ■

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB907	DeBoer	Adopt the Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act and change provisions relating to court jurisdiction
LB908	McDonnell	Provide additional requirements for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act
LB909	McDonnell	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process
LB910	McDonnell	Adopt the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Act
LB911	McDonnell	Change the grant amount for the 211 Information and Referral Network
LB912	Morfeld	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds
LB913	Bostelman	Changes provisions relating to construction of highways and roads
LB914	Bostelman	Require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a broadband map and data repository
LB915	Wayne	Provide a requirement for grant eligibility under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
LB916	Wayne	Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act
LB917	Wayne	Provide an income tax deduction for certain wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony
LB918	Wayne	Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications
LB919	Lindstrom	Redefine terms under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB920	Lathrop	Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force
LB921	Lathrop	Change where sentences of imprisonment are served
LB922	Lathrop	Increase the number of district court judges in the fourth judicial district
LB923	J. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to the game of keno and provide for the sale of digital-on-premises tickets
LB924	Brewer	Include cities of the first class as grant recipients under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act
LB925	Gragert	Adopt the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act and state intent regarding appropriations
LB926	Pahls	Provide an income tax credit for rent paid on dwellings
LB927	Pahls	Change provisions relating to the use of state assistance and a limitation on state assistance under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB928	Sanders	Provide for closed-captioning or transcripts of certain campaign advertisements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB929	Wishart	Require submission of a medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage
LB930	Hunt	Authorize certain expenditures under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB931	Hunt	Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits under the Employment Security Law
LB932	Hunt	Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children for social security benefit eligibility
LB933	Albrecht	Adopt the Nebraska Human Life Protection Act
LB934	J. Cavanaugh	Make certain license plate and registration decal provisions secondary violations and change penalties
LB935	Bostar	Adopt the County Minimum Wage Option Act
LB936	Bostar	Change provisions relating to the taxation of nonresident income
LB937	Geist	Appropriate funds to the Legislative Council for economic modeling software
LB938	Linehan	Change corporate income tax rates
LB939	Linehan	Change individual income tax rates
LB940	M. Hansen	Appropriate federal funds for housing
LB941	Slama	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for net wrap
LB942	Slama	Change powers, duties, and training requirements for noncertified conditional officers and reserve officers and provide for notice of expiration of certification as a qualified firearm instructor
LB943	Bostar	Prohibit certain provisions in a health plan in relation to clinician-administered drugs
LB944	McCollister	Change the sales tax rate imposed on the furnishing of electricity service
LB945	Linehan	Adopt the Teach in Nebraska Today Act and provide for adjustment to income for income tax purposes for student loan repayment assistance
LB946	Wayne	Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to certain juveniles
LB947	Wayne	End child support payments upon the death of a custodial parent

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB948	Wayne	Require insurers to reveal certain liability coverage limits to injured parties
LB949	Friesen	Change provisions relating to property tax statements
LB950	DeBoer	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for academic medical research and development
LB951	J. Cavanaugh	Increase the earned income tax credit
LB952	J. Cavanaugh	Provide medicaid enrollment assistance to inmates prior to release from incarceration
LB953	J. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to open burning permits and provide limitations on liability and nuisance relating to land-management burning
LB954	Wayne	Preempt certain county and municipality resolutions or ordinances relating to electronic smoking devices under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act
LB955	Murman	Prohibit certain insurance practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor
LB956	Murman	Change provisions relating to confidential public health information
LR272 ^{CA}	Pahls	Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to treat residential real property as a separate class for property tax purposes
LR273	Day	Congratulate the Gretna High School football team for winning the 2021 Class A state championship

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LB957	Flood	Change provisions of the Insurers Investment Act
LB958	Groene	Change the distribution of certain fee revenue collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles and require a report regarding the operator's license services system
LB959	McCollister	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the statewide designated health information exchange
LB960	Vargas	Eliminate certain basic skill and content test requirements for eligibility for teaching certificates
LB961	Vargas	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center
LB962	Vargas	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to construct a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Teaching, Research, and Inquiry-based Learning Center
LB963	Murman	Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act
LB964	Bostar	Provide for per diems and actual meal expenses for the Nebraska State Patrol
LB965	Bostar	Change the day the state observes Arbor Day
LB966	Lathrop	Adopt the Discretionary Clause Prohibition Act relating to insurance
LB967	Lathrop	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB968	Dorn	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for affordable housing and job training
LB969	Dorn	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy to improve reliability and resiliency of the electric grid
LB970	Halloran	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Agriculture for catastrophic livestock mortality and disposal events
LB971	McDonnell	Change the name of the Brain Injury Trust Fund Act to the Brain Injury Assistance Act and change certain provisions in the act
LB972	M. Hansen	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation
LB973	M. Hansen	Redefine terms and change powers under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act
LB974	Wayne	Provide for applicability of the Nebraska Worker's Compensation Act and the Employment Security Law to transit authorities
LB975	Wayne	Provide a requirement for state officials and state employees testifying before the Legislature
LB976	Wishart	Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act
LB977	Slama	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for expanding electrical system capabilities
LB978	Hughes	Provide powers and duties relating to the treatment of dredged and fill material under the Environmental Protection Act

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB979	McCollister	Adopt the Remanufacturing Pilot Project Act and provide income tax credits
LB980	McKinney	Provide for release for medical treatment, change provisions relating to medical parole, and provide for parole eligibility for persons serving sentences of life imprisonment
LB981	Hilkemann	Revive the Trail Development Assistance Act and state intent to transfer funds
LB982	Hilkemann	Adopt the Education Savings Account Act and provide income tax adjustments
LB983	Moser	Change provisions relating to industrial development powers of counties, cities, and villages
LB984	Moser	Change sales and use tax collection fees
LB985	Kolterman	Redefine base year under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act
LB986	Briese	Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act
LB987	Briese	Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act
LB988	Stinner	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a medicaid rate study for assisted-living services
LB989	Stinner	Appropriate funds for medicaid nursing facility rates
LB990	B. Hansen	Create the offense of stolen valor and provide a penalty
LB991	Morfeld	Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for high-speed commuter rail
LB992	Morfeld	Appropriate funds to the Public Employees Retirement Board
LB993	Bostar	Provide for a limitation on digital asset and cryptocurrency custody services
LB994	Lathrop	Change provisions relating to sale of catalytic converters to secondary metals recyclers and change a penalty
LB995	Linehan	Limit the total amount reimbursed by the state for homestead exemptions
LB996	Dorn	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for assisted-living facilities
LB997	Day	Change school entrance requirements
LB998	Wayne	Change provisions of the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act
LB999	Wayne	Require Department of Transportation to apply for federal funds and construct a bridge
LB1000	B. Hansen	Change provisions relating to child abuse and neglect under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act and the Nebraska Juvenile Code
LB1001	Erdman	Limit the school term for school districts and educational service units
LB1002	McDonnell	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for low-income home energy assistance
LB1003	McDonnell	Include parole officers in the protective service bargaining unit under the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act
LB1004	Health & Human Services	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for an evaluation of the developmental disabilities system
LB1005	DeBoer	Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds
LB1006	Murman	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for construction of new dairy processing plants
LB1007	Murman	Change provisions relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
LB1008	Albrecht	Prohibit a county, city, or village from restricting energy utility service
LB1009	Brandt	Adopt the Domestic Abuse Death Review Act
LB1010	Geist	Require information to be included in the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System and accessible to law enforcement
LR274	Flood	Extend sympathy to the family of Darin Koepke and recognize his heroic actions to help save the lives of others

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LB1011	Speaker Hilgers	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations
LB1012	Speaker Hilgers	Provide for funds transfers, create funds, and change and eliminate provisions regarding a fund and reimbursement provisions
LB1013	Speaker Hilgers	Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund
LB1014	Speaker Hilgers	Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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LB1015	Speaker Hilgers	Adopt the Perkins County Canal Project Act
LB1016	Walz	Provide for public-private partnerships under the Transportation Innovation Act
LB1017	Slama	Change provisions relating to creditors' claims against settlors and powers of trustees under the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code
LB1018	McKinney	Set a minimum wage for employees of a Class V school district
LB1019	McKinney	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program
LB1020	Brewer	Change homestead exemption provisions relating to application requirements for certain veterans
LB1021	Friesen	Provide for regulation of certain telecommunications companies by the Public Service Commission
LB1022	Friesen	Change fee remittance provisions relating to 24/7 sobriety program permits under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act
LB1023	Hilgers	Adopt the Lake Development Act and the Water Recreation Enhancement Act
LB1024	Wayne	Adopt the North Omaha Recovery Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds
LB1025	Wayne	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for the North Omaha Recovery Grant Program
LB1026	J. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Modification Act
LB1027	Hunt	Provide for grants to schools that discontinue use of American Indian mascots
LB1028	Hunt	Change provisions of Wage and Hour Act relating to tipped employees and provide for complaints, prohibited actions, and liquidated damages
LB1029	Hunt	Prohibit harassment by certain employers and provide an unlawful employment practice for a covered entity under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act
LB1030	Friesen	Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax
LB1031	McCollister	Provide requirements on contracts for telecommunications services for jails
LB1032	McDonnell	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development for industrial site development
LB1033	Arch	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Economic Development
LB1034	Pahls	Provide for designation of progress schools and progress plans and state intent to appropriate federal funds
LB1035	Lathrop	Change provisions relating to non-probation-based programs or services
LB1036	Lathrop	Provide for problem-solving court referees
LB1037	Arch	Require the Department of Administrative Services to contract for an evaluation of the state's procurement practices
LB1038	M. Hansen	Prohibit a cleaning and damage charge requirement in a rental agreement
LB1039	McDonnell	Provide for state reimbursement of certain annual costs under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act
LB1040	McDonnell	Redefine a term under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act
LB1041	McDonnell	Appropriate federal funds to the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for loans for development of affordable housing units
LB1042	Bostar	Change provisions relating to insurance and rebates



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