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# AGRICULTURE



Sen. Steve Halloran, chairperson of the Agriculture Committee

The Agriculture Committee advanced measures this session that expand a riparian weed control program, update the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act and improve the state's ability to plan for and respond to emergency catastrophic livestock mortality events.

LB805, introduced by Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango and passed on a vote of 39-1, includes several measures heard by the committee this session.

The bill expands a grant program intended to control noxious weeds and invasive plant species in Nebraska's rivers.

Currently, eligible projects must be related to vegetation management within a streambank or within 100 feet of the banks of a channel of any natural stream. Under Hughes's proposal, management activities may extend to a natural stream's floodplain.

The bill includes provisions of two other proposals introduced by Hughes, including LB712, which makes several



Sen. Dan Hughes

changes to the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.

The act, which authorizes county boards to control black-tailed prairie dogs on property within the county, requires landowners to manage prairie dog colonies on their property to prevent the animals from expanding to adjacent property if a neighboring landowner objects to the expansion.

Under LB805, an adjacent landowner may waive their objection to the expansion of a prairie dog colony onto their property. The proposal also repeals provisions under which landowners who are responsible for an unmanaged prairie dog colony could be found guilty of an infraction and fined up to \$1,500.

Currently, a county's failure to publish general notice of a prairie dog management plan — or to serve a landowner with individual notice of a plan — does not exempt a landowner from the law's requirements.

LB805 repeals that provision but retains a landowner's duty to manage prairie dog colonies on their property. The bill further clarifies that counties must serve individual notices by certified mail.

The provisions of LB802 update the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act, which authorizes a 0.4 percent excise tax on wheat sold through commercial channels in Nebraska.

The measure repeals the requirement that growers pay the checkoff when wheat is pledged or mortgaged as security for a federal price support program loan. Under the bill's provisions, the tax will be collected only by the first purchaser when the wheat is sold, and will not be collected if wheat is sold as seed.

First purchasers must maintain a record of all settlements in which they did not collect the excise tax and report the number of bushels of wheat for which they did collect it.

The provisions also authorize the Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board to acquire ownership rights to any wheat variety and to develop, produce, market or sell seed for any wheat variety it owns.

LB848, introduced by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran and passed 44-0, adds express authority for the state Department of Agriculture to support the development and execution of catastrophic livestock mortality disposal plans at the state level and assist county or other local emergency management organizations.

Current law assigns a duty to livestock owners to properly dispose of dead animals in a timely manner. LB848 allows the department director to authorize transport to a disposal site designated by a local authority in the event of an emergency that results in large-scale livestock deaths or necessitates wide-scale depopulation. ■



# APPROPRIATIONS



Sen. John Stinner, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee

Lawmakers allocated more than a billion dollars in federal pandemic relief this session and made adjustments to the state's two-year budget.

## ARPA funds

LB1014, introduced by Speaker Mike Hilgers of Lincoln at the request of Gov. Pete Ricketts, allocates \$1.4 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds for fiscal year 2021-22 and FY2022-23.

Funds were allocated to Nebraska to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and will be used to support COVID-19 mitigation efforts, respond to negative economic impacts, replace lost revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers and fund water, sewer and broadband infrastructure projects.

The Appropriations Committee considered 130 proposals related to the use of the pandemic recovery funds. Among the measures included in LB1014 are provisions of the following:



Sen. Mike Hilgers

- LB755, sponsored by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, which allocates \$10 million to the state Department of Agriculture for the Independent Processor Assistance Program;



Sen. Tom Brandt



Sen. Adam Morfeld

- LB 867, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, which allocates \$500,000 to the state Department of Health and Human Services for HIV Surveillance and Prevention Programs;

- LB1025, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, which appropriates \$150 million for a grant program in qualified census tracts within a metropolitan class city;



Sen. Justin Wayne

- LB1066, sponsored by Gering Sen. John Stinner, which appropriates \$28 million to DHHS and the University of Nebraska for behavioral health care services;

- LB1087, sponsored by Stinner, which appropriates \$15 million to community colleges for dual enrollment programs;

- LB1089, sponsored by Stinner, which appropriates \$55 million to the state DHHS for licensed and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities;



Sen. Bruce Bostelman

- LB1100, sponsored by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostelman, which appropriates \$1 million to the state Department of Economic Development for use by a political subdivision that owns or operates a nuclear plant in the state to conduct a feasibility study;

- LB1172, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann, which appropriates \$55 million for rate increases for certain providers of



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

developmental disabilities services;



Sen. Wendy DeBoer

- LB1201, sponsored by Bennington Sen. Wendy DeBoer, which appropriates \$20 million to DHHS for grants to nonprofit organizations providing food

assistance;

- LB1203, sponsored by Albion Sen. Tom Briese, which appropriates \$4 million to DHHS to contract with a statewide nonprofit to increase child care capacity in areas of need by providing grants to start or expand programs for children from birth through age five; and
- LB1255, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar, which appropriates \$150,000 to the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to update the Assessing Climate Change report released in 2014.



Sen. Tom Briese



Sen. Eliot Bostar

Administrative expenditures are capped at 15 percent for any agency, board or commission that receives ARPA dollars from the state through the bill. In addition, funds appropriated through LB1014 cannot be used by or for a joint public agency.

The measure passed on a 40-4 vote and took effect immediately.

Among the other proposals for use of the state's ARPA funds considered by the committee were two bills that focused on equity concerns.

LB1183, sponsored by Grand Island Sen. Raymond Aguilar, would have used \$20 million for capital construction grants to the state's seven federally qualified health centers for costs associated with projects to expand health care access to Nebraskans most impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.



Sen. Raymond Aguilar

Under LB1267, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, the state would have appropriated \$2.5 million in ARPA funds in FY2022-23 to the following five state commissions to hire health equity liaisons:



Sen. Tony Vargas

- Commission on Indian Affairs;
- Commission on Latino-Americans;
- Commission on African American Affairs;
- Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and
- Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Neither bill advanced from committee.

## State budget adjustments

Lawmakers also adjusted the state budget through passage of three bills introduced by Hilgers at the request of the governor.

LB1011 makes adjustments to appropriations for state operations, agency and school aid and construction programs in the current and next fiscal year.

The bill contains general fund appropriations for a number of proposals introduced this year, including:

- LB703, sponsored by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, which appropriates \$25 million toward construction of an agricultural facility at the University of Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln, contingent upon \$25 million in matching funds from private sources;



Sen. Matt Williams

- LB762, sponsored by Adams Sen. Myron Dorn, which appropriates \$13.5 million for a 15 percent rate increase for Medicaid providers;



Sen. Myron Dorn

- LB893, sponsored by Stinner, which appropriates \$26.4 million for developmental disability provider rate increases;
- LB989, sponsored by Stinner, which appropriates \$26 million to the state Department of Health and Human Services to increase Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement rates;

- LB1023, sponsored by Hilgers, which appropriates \$120 million for a variety of water recreation projects; and

- LB1164, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, which appropriates \$13.2 million for a 15 percent increase in reimbursement rates for child welfare providers.



Sen. Anna Wishart

Lawmakers passed the bill on a 38-4 vote and it took effect immediately.

LB1012 authorizes and provides for certain fund transfers, creates funds and changes and eliminates provisions regarding a fund.

The bill includes the provisions of several proposals including:

- LB759, sponsored by Dorn, which changes a limitation relating to microloans under the Business Innovation Act;

- LB766, sponsored by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, which transfers \$15 million from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for pancreatic cancer research, contingent upon matching funds;



Sen. Mark Kolterman

- LB911, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell, which increases the 211 Information and Referral Network grant amount from \$300,000 to \$955,000 annually and transfers interest on the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the 211 Cash Fund for FY2022-23;



Sen. Mike McDonnell

- LB1074, sponsored by Bostelman, which creates the Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund and provides for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; and

- LB1114, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney, which changes provisions of the Business Innovation Act relating to purposes, funding preferences and the small business investment program.



Sen. Terrell McKinney

The measure passed 34-6 and took effect immediately. Finally, LB1013 changes provisions related to the state's Cash Reserve Fund. The bill uses more than \$500 million from the cash reserve for a variety of transfers outlined in bills passed this session, including:

- \$80 million to the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund in LB1023, sponsored by Hilgers;
- \$53.5 million to the Perkins County Canal Project Fund in LB1015, also sponsored by Hilgers;
- \$50 million to the Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund in LB1074, sponsored by Bostelman;

- \$50 million to the Nebraska Rural Projects Fund in LB788, sponsored by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer;



Sen. Rita Sanders

- \$30 million to the Military Base Development and Support Fund in LB1233, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders; and



Sen. Tom Brewer

- \$30 million to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund in LB1071, sponsored by Williams.

LB1013 also sets aside \$175 million to be released to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund for a potential new state penitentiary but does not appropriate those funds.

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

Gov. Pete Ricketts subsequently vetoed approximately \$100 million in line items from the three main budget bills. Sen. John Stinner, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, filed motions to override all but one of those vetoes.

Among the provisions vetoed in LB1011 were \$51.8 million in provider rate increases in four programs within the state Department of Health and Human Services: behavioral health, child welfare, developmental disability aid and Medicaid.

The override motion, adopted 42-3, also restored the \$4.15 million cash fund appropriation in LB1011 and a \$4.15 million transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund in LB1013 to complete the MoPac Trail between Lincoln and Omaha.

The committee did not attempt to restore the elimination of a \$14 million transfer from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund in LB1011.

Lawmakers also voted 42-3 to override the governor's veto of a \$15 million transfer from the Prison Overcrowding Contingency Fund to the Vocational and Life Skills Programming Fund in LB1012.

Finally, senators voted 41-5 to restore a \$20 million transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Middle-Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund in LB1013.

## Other measures

The state will provide funding for a new facility to train rural health care providers under a bill given final approval this session.

LB792, introduced by Kearney Sen. John Lowe, originally would have appropriated funds to renovate the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney. Those provisions, which instead were included in the budget package, were removed and replaced with certain provisions of Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann's LB721.



Sen. John Lowe

The bill appropriates a total of \$24.5 million in general funds over the next three fiscal years for operating expenses at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex in Kearney. The complex, funded in LB1014, is being built on the University of Nebraska Kearney campus

to create new programming in allied health professions, medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health.

LB792 passed on a 45-0 vote.

Lawmakers also passed a bill aimed at helping a Nebraska community address its electrical system challenges.

LB977, introduced by Sterling Sen. Julie Slama, transfers \$15 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund



Sen. Julie Slama

and expands eligibility to include grants to second class cities – those with a population between 801 and 5,000 residents – that partner with public power utilities to expand electrical system capacities and enhance redundancy and resilience.

Eligible grantees are required to secure a minimum commitment of half of a project’s total cost before state dollars will be released.

LB977 passed on a 42-0 vote and took effect immediately. ■



# BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE



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

Pharmacy benefit managers, clinician-administered medication and expanded Medicare eligibility topped the list of issues heard by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and addressed by the Legislature this session.

LB767, introduced by Sen. Mark Kolterman of Seward, establishes licensure and regulation standards for pharmacy benefit managers – companies that manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of health insurers – by the state Department of Insurance.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

Among other provisions, the bill:

- establishes an audit process for pharmacies;
- allows the DOI director to audit a PBM and assess penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation;
- prohibits a PBM from charging any fee, chargeback or other adjustment to any pharmacy participating in the federal 340B drug discount program;
- requires PBMs to update the maximum allowable

cost price list at least every seven days;

- prohibits PBMs from excluding a pharmacy from participating in the PBM's network if the pharmacy holds a specialty pharmacy accreditation; and
- prohibits a PBM from restricting certain actions by a pharmacist, including disclosing to a client the risks of treatment, informing a client of alternative treatments that may be available, describing the process used to authorize or deny a service or benefit and disclosing the financial incentives used by a health carrier.

LB767 passed on a vote of 48-0 and takes effect Jan. 1, 2023.

Lawmakers also approved an omnibus bill that makes a number of changes to laws governing insurance.

LB863, introduced by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, mandates the filing of group capital calculation and liquidity stress test results with the Nebraska Department of Insurance by insurers subject to the registration requirements of the Insurance Holding Company System Act.

The bill, passed 46-0, includes provisions of six additional measures:

- LB728, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, which creates a state administered statutory framework for the sale of travel insurance and subjects individuals who sell travel insurance to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act;
- LB737, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar, which creates the Primary Care Investment Council to analyze, among other data, spending and investment on primary care services in comparison to health outcomes in Nebraska and nationally;
- LB739, also introduced by Bostar, which lowers the health insurance coverage age for a colorectal cancer screening from 50 to 45;
- LB955, introduced by Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil, which prohibits the denial or reduction of coverage for life, disability or long-term care insurance or the charge of an additional premium for living organ donors in Nebraska;



Sen. Brett Lindstrom



Sen. Eliot Bostar



Sen. Dave Murman



- LB957, introduced by Sen. Michael Flood of Norfolk, which requires that all Nebraska domestic insurers regulated by the state establish standards, requirements and limitations for the investment of insurers; and



Sen. Michael Flood

- LB1042, introduced by Bostar, which provides guidance to insurance companies regarding gifts and other related activities.

LB943, introduced by Bostar, would have prohibited certain health insurance coverage restrictions on medication that is administered by a clinician. The bill advanced

out of committee but was not scheduled for general file debate this session.

Two other bills did not advance from committee.

LB1127, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, would have adopted the



Sen. Anna Wishart

Regulatory Sandbox Act and LB1190, introduced by Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop, would have allowed certain individuals



Sen. Steve Lathrop

younger than 65 to enroll in supplemental Medicare insurance. ■

# BUSINESS & LABOR



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

Senators passed several measures this session to expand business opportunities and increased compensation provided to the families of first responders who die in the line of duty.

## Business innovation

LB450, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney, requires the state Department of Economic Development to design an innovation hub, or “iHub,” designation for certain areas in Nebraska.

The bill defines an iHub as a partnership between private nonprofit corporations and at least three partners to stimulate economic development. Partners can include postsecondary educational institutions, financial institutions, nonprofit economic development organizations and inland port authorities, among others.

An iHub must be located within an economic redevelopment area – in which the average unemployment rate



Sen. Terrell McKinney

is at least 150 percent of the state average and the poverty rate is 20 percent or more for the area’s federal census tract – or an enterprise zone. An enterprise zone is an area where the population has decreased by 10 percent or the average unemployment rate is at least 200 percent of the state average or the poverty rate exceeds 20 percent for the federal census tract.

Among other tasks, DED will provide technical assistance and guidance to entrepreneurs and facilitate partnerships between the member organizations. iHub applications must be submitted to DED by June 1, 2023.

Provisions of Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist’s LB1215 are included in the bill. Those provisions state legislative intent to appropriate \$5 million annually to a newly created small business assistance program. The program allows certain individuals who want to start a business in Nebraska to apply for a \$25,000 grant from DED.



Sen. Suzanne Geist

The program also authorizes grants of up to \$12,500 for certain small businesses in existence less than five years. Senators passed LB450 on a 45-0 vote.

LB598, introduced in 2021 by Lincoln Sen. Anna Wishart, codifies an existing pandemic relief grant program within the state Department of Economic Development under the Business Innovation Act and makes it available in the future to eligible businesses in the event of a natural disaster, pandemic or other emergency declared by the governor.



Sen. Anna Wishart

To qualify for a grant under the bill, a business must be physically located in Nebraska and have annual revenue of less than \$1 million. An eligible business also must demonstrate a significant loss of gross revenue – at least 50 percent over a period of one month or more from the amount of gross revenue received over the same period in the prior year.

Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds remain. Individual business awards are capped at \$12,000.

The bill includes provisions of Wishart’s LB1163 that increase a series of annual caps under the Business Innovation Act. The provisions increase the cap from \$2 million to \$3 million for the microloan program and from \$4 million to \$6 million for the following grant programs:

- small business planning;
- financial assistance to small businesses;
- innovation in value-added agriculture; and
- financial assistance to businesses that use the facili-

ties of a public or private college in Nebraska for applied research and development of new products or use intellectual property generated at a public or private college or university in Nebraska.

Also included are provisions of LB1116, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, which increase from \$4 million to \$5 million the annual cap under the Business Innovation Act for the financial assistance program for creating prototypes.



Sen. Justin Wayne

The provisions also reduce the matching amount to 25 percent for businesses in an economic redevelopment area in a metropolitan class city. Omaha is the state's only metropolitan class city.

LB598 passed on a 45-0 vote and took effect immediately.

## Other measures

In 2021, senators passed a bill that provides a one-time death benefit of \$50,000 to the family of a paid or volunteer law enforcement officer, firefighter, correctional officer or government or nonprofit EMS ambulance squad member. The compensation increases each year to an amount equal to the previous year's compensation increased by the percentage of the consumer price index.

LB717, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld, increases the monetary compensation to \$250,000 for deaths occurring in 2022. The benefit will increase in future years in the same manner as the previous legislation.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

The bill passed on a vote of 34-6.

The Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act, passed by the Legislature in 2017, provides grants for the construction of workforce housing in counties with fewer than 100,000 people. Grants are available to nonprofit development organizations in eligible communities.

LB1069, introduced by Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams, extends the grant program – which had been set to expire at the end of this fiscal year – through FY2026-27. The

maximum allowable cost to construct an owner-occupied housing unit is increased from \$275,000 to \$325,000 and for rental housing units from \$200,000 to \$250,000.



Sen. Matt Williams

The bill removes the current \$2 million cap that a nonprofit development organization can receive under the program and replaces it with an amount set by the director of the state Department of Economic Development.

Additionally, LB1069 reduces the required local matching grant from a one-to-one match to 50 percent. Projects that receive funds from the National Housing Trust Fund are ineligible for the program.

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

Lawmakers also approved two bills that pay and deny claims against the state.

If an individual sues the state of Nebraska, he or she files a claim with the state claims board. Approved claims exceeding \$50,000 must be reviewed by the Legislature.

LB1083, introduced by the Business and Labor Committee, provides for payment of approximately \$900,000 in claims against the state and agency write-offs of approximately \$9.1 million in uncollectible debts. The bill passed 46-0 and took effect immediately.

LB1084, also introduced by the committee, denies two claims against the state totaling \$13,627. The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Finally, LB815, introduced by McKinney, would have required public accommodation spaces that already have a publicly accessible bathroom to install at least one diaper changing station in the women's and men's bathrooms and in a gender-neutral or family bathroom. Signage indicating the location of a diaper changing station also would have been required under the bill.

An exemption could have been granted by a local permitting entity or building inspector if the installation of a diaper changing station would not be feasible or would result in failure to comply with building regulations.

The bill advanced from committee but was not scheduled for debate. ■



# EDUCATION



Sen. Lynne Walz, chairperson of the Education Committee

Measures intended to attract and retain teachers, improve student access to mental and behavioral health services and prepare students for technology-related jobs were among those advanced by the Education Committee this session.

## Teacher certification, loan assistance

Lawmakers voted 46-0 to pass a bill intended to address a shortage of teachers in Nebraska schools.

LB1218, introduced by the committee, provides an additional \$1,000 in loan forgiveness to qualifying student teachers under the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program.

The bill also allows a teacher from another state to demonstrate eligibility for a Nebraska teaching certificate or permit if they possess a similar certificate or permit in that state.

Additionally, the State Board of Education now must authorize the issuance of a permit or certificate to an applicant who has been offered employment to teach, administer or provide special services by a public, private, denominational or parochial school in Nebraska.

Under the bill's provisions, the board may not require a statewide examination as an entrance requirement related to basic skills competency when approving Nebraska teacher education programs.

LB1218 also contains provisions of LB945, introduced by Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, which authorize the state Department of Education to provide qualifying teachers \$5,000 per year in loan repayment assistance for up to five years.

To qualify, an individual must be a Nebraska resident teaching full time at a public or private school or performing dual-credit instructional duties for public or private school students while employed full time at a public or private nonprofit college or university in Nebraska.

The total amount of loan repayment assistance may not exceed \$5 million in any fiscal year.



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan

## Mental and behavioral health

LB852, introduced by Omaha Sen. Jen Day and passed on a vote of 36-10, requires each school district to designate at least one employee in each school building to coordinate access to behavioral health services for students and families.

The bill requires the state Department of Education to provide each district with a registry of state and local behavioral health resources for students and families by geographic area. It also requires the registry to be updated at least annually and include both school-based services and those accessible outside of school.

Each district will report its designated behavioral health points of contact to the department before the beginning of each school year.

LB852 includes provisions of LB912, introduced by Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln. They require the department to create a mental health first aid training program for teachers and other school personnel employed by a school district or educational service unit participating in a State Board of Education grant program.

Teachers and other school personnel will learn how to safely de-escalate crisis situations, recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and refer a student to mental health services in the early stages of the development of a mental disorder.



Sen. Jen Day



Sen. Adam Morfeld

A proposal to require children to be screened for autism spectrum disorder remained in committee.

Under LB997, also sponsored by Day, a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, school nurse, school psychiatrist or other trained individual could conduct the screening using an evidence-based tool appropriate to the age of the child.

## Academic content standards

Nebraska students will receive computer science and technology education before graduating from high school under a bill the committee advanced this session.

LB1112, introduced by Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney and passed 33-11, requires each Nebraska school district to include computer science and technology education in the instructional program of its elementary and middle schools beginning with school year 2024-25.



Sen. Terrell McKinney

Additionally, it requires public school students to complete at least one five-credit high school course in computer science and technology prior to graduation beginning with school year 2026-27. Students may complete a one-semester high school course in computer science and technology to fulfill the requirement.

Districts may offer the course in a traditional classroom setting, a blended learning environment or an online-based or other technology-based format.

The State Board of Education will adopt measurable academic content standards for computer science and technology education under the mathematics, science or career and technical education standards.

Nebraska's social studies education standards will be updated to include content on the Holocaust under a bill passed on a vote of 40-1.

LB888, introduced by Day, requires the State Board of Education to adopt academic content standards for education on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide as recognized by the U.S. Congress or the United Nations as of Jan. 1, 2022.

A bill intended to prevent the State Board of Education from creating health education standards for Nebraska public schools did not advance from committee.

LB768, introduced by Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht, would have prohibited the board from developing, approving, distributing, adopting or promulgating academic content standards for subjects other than reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.



Sen. Joni Albrecht

## Other measures

Early childhood education programs are included in the Nebraska farm-to-school program under a bill passed on a 46-0 vote.

Lawmakers created the program in 2021 with passage of a bill sponsored by Sen. Tom Brandt of Plymouth that requires the state Department of Education to administer a program to help provide locally grown and minimally processed food to elementary and secondary school students in Nebraska.



Sen. Tom Brandt

LB758, introduced by Brandt this session, expands the law to include early childhood education programs licensed under the state's Child Care Licensing Act.

An existing state scholarship program for postsecondary students enrolled in programs that lead to jobs in certain high-demand fields was codified in state law.

Under LB902, introduced by Sen. Raymond Aguilar of Grand Island and passed 48-0, students who achieve a minimum score on a standard college admission test and enroll in an eligible program of study at the University of Nebraska, Nebraska state colleges, community colleges or private postsecondary institutions will receive a Nebraska Career Scholarship.



Sen. Raymond Aguilar

The amount of each scholarship varies from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year depending on the institution and will be renewed automatically each year if the recipient remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which it was awarded.

To qualify for a scholarship, a student must be a first-time freshman or a transfer student. Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, room and board.

Beginning in academic year 2024-25, the state Department of Economic Development, in collaboration with each institution's governing body, will designate eligible programs of study based on periodic reviews of Nebraska's workforce needs.

Finally, each institution's governing body must submit an annual report on scholarship recipients and eligible programs of study to the Legislature and the governor.

A proposal to modify Nebraska's school funding formula and direct additional state aid to public schools was held on general file.

Under LB890, introduced by Fremont Sen. Lynne

Walz, each district would have received education stabilization base aid paid from a new trust fund. The bill also would have increased the allocation of state income taxes to school districts from the current 2.23 percent to 20 percent in 2023-24.

Additionally, LB890 would have decreased the local effort rate – a component of the school funding formula that uses property valuation to determine how much a district can contribute in property taxes to fund a school.

After several hours of debate over three days, Speaker Mike Hilgers of Lincoln placed a hold on LB890 at Walz’s request.

A proposed update to a state law requiring public schools to develop and adopt policies on parental involvement advanced from committee with amendments but was not scheduled for debate.

Under LB1158, as introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rita

Sanders, a policy would have included how the district would provide parents and guardians access to digital and learning materials and training materials for teachers, administrators and staff as well as procedures for the review and approval of such materials and activities, among other information.



Sen. Rita Sanders

The bill also would have required each school district to make all district and school policies accessible by a prominent link on the school’s website and make a reasonable effort to make any learning materials available for public inspection upon request.

If the commissioner of education determined that a school district failed to comply with the bill’s requirements, the commissioner would have been required to direct that the district’s state aid be withheld. ■



# EXECUTIVE BOARD



Sen. Dan Hughes, chairperson of the Executive Board

Expanded access to legislative activity, an end to nonpartisan elections to the state Legislature and creation of an investigative committee were among the proposals considered this session by the Executive Board.

Nebraskans would have had expanded access to video of legislative proceedings under a bill advanced to general file by the committee.

Nebraska Public Media currently broadcasts and live-streams video coverage of legislative committee hearings and floor debate. LB777, as introduced by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer, would have required the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission to develop and maintain a publicly acces-



Sen. Tom Brewer

sible, indexed digital archive of that coverage, beginning in January 2023.

The archive would not have been considered the official record of legislative proceedings and archival video from previous years would have been added as available.

A committee amendment instead would have required the Executive Board to create and maintain the archive. NETC would have been required to provide the closed captioning for live video coverage of legislative floor debate and hearings. Historical video coverage would have been added only for previously captured video that could be closed captioned.

The bill was advanced to general file but was not scheduled for debate this session.

A measure to consider repeal of a constitutional requirement that members of the Legislature be elected on nonpartisan ballots was considered by the Executive Board but did not advance from committee.

The Nebraska Constitution currently requires that state senators be nominated and elected on ballots that do not list their political party affiliation. If approved by the Legislature, LR282CA, sponsored by Sterling Sen. Julie Slama, would have placed a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2022 general election ballot to remove that provision.



Sen. Julie Slama

The Executive Board also considered a proposal that would have required the Legislature to appoint a special committee to study and investigate operations at the AltEn ethanol plant in Mead.

The now-closed ethanol production plant used treated seed as raw material, leaving behind toxic byproducts – known as wet cake – that may have contaminated the water, soil and air surrounding the facility.

Under LR159, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood, the proposed committee would have consisted of nine members of the Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board. The committee would have been authorized to hold hearings and issue subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses and production of accounts, documents and testimony.



Sen. Carol Blood

LR159 did not advance from committee. ■

# GENERAL AFFAIRS



Sen. Tom Briese, chairperson of the General Affairs Committee

Casino gaming regulations and the distribution rights of craft breweries topped the list of issues considered by the General Affairs Committee this session.

Lawmakers updated horse racetrack casinos regulation this session with LB876, introduced by Albion Sen. Tom Briese.

The bill changes several provisions of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, including increasing a number of penalties and raising the operator's license fee from \$1 million to \$5 million.

An existing racetrack may apply to move to another county in Nebraska that does not have a racetrack subject to State Racing and Gaming Commission approval.

The bill also prohibits issuance of new licenses until the commission conducts a statewide horse racing market analysis, a study of the potential casino gaming market and a socioeconomic impact study of horse racing and casino gaming statewide and in each county that has a licensed racetrack. The three studies must be completed

by Jan. 1, 2025.

Among other provisions, LB876 increases the duration of a horse racing license from one to five years and requires existing tracks to hold at least five racing days and 50 live races annually by Jan. 1, 2026, and 15 racing days and 120 races annually by Jan. 1, 2031.

The measure also includes provisions of Briese's LB877, which require the State Racing and Gaming Commission to meet at least eight days each year and requires racetracks to pay the commission an increasing percentage of proceeds. Beginning July 1, 2023, the amount will increase to 1 percent of the gross sum of parimutuel wagers placed at the track during the previous calendar year and rise to 2 percent annually on July 1, 2024.

LB876 passed on a 38-3 vote and took effect immediately.

Nebraska craft breweries were granted limited self-distribution rights under LB1236, sponsored by Kearney Sen. John Lowe. The bill allows a craft brewer to directly sell up to 250 barrels — equivalent to 82,500 12-ounce bottles or cans — of their own manufactured beer each calendar year if the licensee:



Sen. John Lowe

- self-distributes its beer only in a territory in which the licensee does not have a distribution agreement with a licensed wholesaler;
- uses only persons exclusively and solely employed by the licensee to distribute its beer in vehicles exclusively and solely owned or leased by the licensee; and
- complies with all relevant statutes, rules and regulations that apply to Nebraska beer wholesalers regarding beer distribution.

A craft brewery licensee may self-distribute beer brewed at its own licensed premises and cannot distribute beer produced by any other licensee.

The bill contains provisions of two other proposals introduced by Lowe.

LB899 creates a new special designated license for nonprofits that are exempt from federal income taxes. The provisions allow groups of nonprofits to use one application for up to six SDLs as long as each event is held at the same location.

LB900 allows Nebraska microdistilleries — entities that make their own whiskey, gin and other spirits — to operate up to five separate physical locations under one license.

Senators passed the measure on a 46-0 vote. ■

# GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS



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

**E**lection law updates, an evaluation of state procurement practices and Nebraska's participation in a convention of the states were addressed this session by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

## Elections

An election cleanup proposal was expanded into an omnibus election law bill this session.

LB843, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, makes several minor changes to current law. Among other provisions, the bill:

- prohibits electioneering within 200 feet of a ballot drop box;
- establishes a deadline of 8 p.m. Central time or 7 p.m. Mountain time on Election Day for receipt of mail-in ballots;
- allows voters who cannot sign their name to use either a symbol or a signature stamp;

- allows county election commissioners to appoint certain election officials who live outside of the county if that county conducts elections exclusively by mail;
- requires non-governmental organizations distributing voter registration forms or early ballot application forms to use those prescribed by the Nebraska secretary of state;
- expands the definition of voting system to include software or service used in the process of creating, casting and counting ballots;
- allows an election commissioner or county clerk to remove a voter from the voter registry if they receive information from the state Department of Motor Vehicles that the voter has moved out of state; and
- establishes procedures for removing a voter from a county's early ballot request list.

LB843 also includes provisions of the following bills:

- LB733, introduced by Omaha Sen. John Cavanaugh, which prohibits foreign nationals from contributing to ballot question campaigns. Contributions from domestic subsidiaries of foreign nationals are allowed under certain circumstances;



Sen. John Cavanaugh

- LB841, introduced by Brewer, which allows emergency response providers and others participating in a mutual aid agreement who are responding to an emergency declaration by the president or governor to simultaneously register to vote and request ballots for all elections in a calendar year;
- LB849, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar, which subjects election officials who neglect their duties or willfully engage in conduct prohibited under the state Election Act to a Class I misdemeanor charge;



Sen. Eliot Bostar

- LB858, introduced by Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood, which prohibits the funding of elections by any source other than appropriations from the federal government, the state of Nebraska and Nebraska political subdivisions. In-kind contributions of food and beverages for poll workers or the use of buildings as polling or election training sites are not prohibited. Private entities may donate funds intended to pay for election costs to the Nebraska



Sen. Robert Clements



secretary of state if those funds are appropriated by the Legislature. County clerks are prohibited from soliciting or accepting such grants or donations;

- LB861, introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, which provides an optional field on candidate filing forms for the candidate's email address;



Sen. John McCollister



Sen. Rita Sanders

- LB928, introduced by Sen. Rita Sanders of Bellevue, which requires televised political ads for certain statewide offices to be closed captioned and for a transcript of radio ads to be posted on a candidate's campaign website; and

- LB1263, introduced by Clements, which establishes statewide standards for ballot drop boxes. Drop boxes must be securely anchored, locked, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant and opened only by a county election commissioner, county clerk or election official designated by the commissioner or clerk. Boxes must be opened for accepting ballots no later than the sixth Friday before a statewide election or the fourth Friday before a special election and emptied each business day.

Senators passed LB843 on a 45-0 vote.

LR268CA, introduced by Albion Sen. Tom Briese, would have asked Nebraska voters to allow for the recall of state senators and statewide officeholders. Current law allows the recall of local elected officials.



Sen. Tom Briese

The proposed constitutional amendment would have put the question to voters at the 2022 general election. The resolution advanced from committee but was not scheduled for general file debate.

Several other election law measures were considered but did not advance from committee, including:

- LB930, introduced by Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt, which would have expanded the allowable uses of campaign funds to include child care expenses when an individual is involved in official duties;
- LB965, introduced by Bostar, which would have moved the observance of Arbor Day to coincide with the statewide general election day in even-numbered years;



Sen. Megan Hunt

- LB1121, introduced by Sen. Joni Albrecht of Thurston, which would have required the Nebraska secretary of state's office to inspect all vote counting machines; and



Sen. Joni Albrecht



Sen. Steve Erdman

- LB1123, sponsored by Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard, which would have prohibited county election officials in Nebraska from counting ballots before polls closed on Election Day.

## Other measures

Senators passed a resolution to authorize Nebraska's participation in a convention of the states this session.

LR14, introduced last year by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran, is Nebraska's application for a convention of the states authorized under the U.S. Constitution. If 34 states commit to a convention, states could propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution to impose fiscal restraints, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and impose term limits on members of Congress.



Sen. Steve Halloran

The application will be rescinded on Feb. 1, 2027.

LR14 passed on a 32-11 vote.

Senators also passed a bill requiring an evaluation of the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services' procurement practices.

LB1037, introduced by Sen. John Arch of La Vista, requires an outside consultant to review all DAS procedures with an emphasis on due diligence, cost evaluation, decision-making accountability and protest procedures.

The evaluation will include input from the Legislature's Executive Board and the chairpersons of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services committees.



Sen. John Arch

The bill also requires DAS to submit a report to the Legislature and governor by Nov. 15, and includes the provisions of LB1064, also introduced by Arch. The provisions establish a funding mechanism that allows the DAS Material Division to obtain an electronic procurement system.

LB1037 passed on a 46-0 vote took effect immediately.

LB283, introduced by Briese, would have adopted daylight saving time year-round in Nebraska if the bill's provisions were not in conflict with federal law and three states bordering Nebraska also adopt year-round daylight saving time. The bill advanced from general file this session but was not scheduled for second-round debate.

A proposed constitutional amendment to limit unfunded mandates also stalled this session.

LR263CA, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood, would have placed a question on the ballot in the 2022 general election asking voters if the state should be required to provide full reimbursement to political subdivisions for any new programs or increased levels of service, either through general fund appropriations or an increase in state distribution of revenue. The measure advanced to select file but was not debated further.



Sen. Carol Blood

LB709, introduced by Omaha Sen. John McCollister, would have amended the Occupational Board Reform Act

to provide specific factors to be considered by occupational boards when reviewing a preliminary application for an occupational license, governmental certification or other state-issued occupational credential.

A pending committee amendment would have altered the bill's language and added provisions of two additional measures. LB709 was debated on general file but no votes were taken on the proposal.

Finally, two bills considered by the committee were advanced to general file but were not scheduled for debate.

LB1205, introduced by Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha, would have created a fund for a proposed museum honoring former state senator Ernie Chambers and



Sen. Terrell McKinney

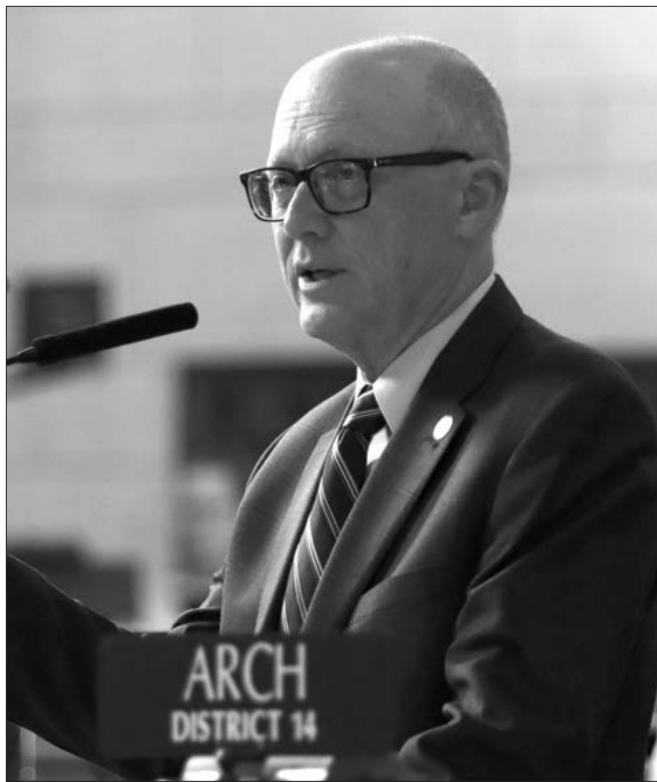
LB910, introduced by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell,



Sen. Mike McDonnell

would have restructured the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, also known as ServeNebraska, into a stand-alone state agency. ■

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Sen. John Arch, chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

Child welfare reform, licensure requirements and vaccine exemptions were among the measures considered by the Health and Human Services Committee this session.

## Children and families

LB1173, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, creates a work group to find ways to improve the state's child welfare system and ends privatization of child welfare services in Nebraska.

The group will include the directors of relevant divisions of the state Department of Health and Human Services, the state court administrator, the commissioner of education and representatives of the state's federally recognized Indian tribes. It will seek input from individuals with experience within the child welfare system, providers, law enforcement, county attorneys and others.

The group will submit its model framework to the Health and Human Services Committee by Dec. 1, 2023, and will terminate Dec. 31, 2023.

LB1173 also includes provisions of four other bills:

- LB491, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, which removes DHHS authority to contract with a lead agency for case management in the department's eastern service area of Douglas and Sarpy counties;



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh

- LB541, introduced by Fremont Sen. Lynne Walz, which requires the Division of Children and Family Services to implement statewide tiers for a specialized level of care for foster care reimbursement and to partner with the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care to develop a plan for treatment family care services by Oct. 1, 2022;



Sen. Lynne Walz

- LB854, introduced by Omaha Sen. Jen Day, which requires the Division of Children and Family Services to immediately notify the Division of Public Health of any reports DHHS receives of alleged out-of-home child abuse or neglect by a child care provider or staff member; and



Sen. Jen Day

- LB932, introduced by Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt, which requires DHHS to notify youth in foster care and their guardians ad litem that the state is collecting Social Security benefits on their behalf, beginning Jan. 1, 2023. It also requires DHHS to provide documentation of the receipt, use and conservation of any Social Security benefits received upon request from the child beneficiary or their representative and upon termination of the department's role as payee.



Sen. Megan Hunt

LB1173 passed 46-0 and took effect immediately.

LB741, introduced by Bennington Sen. Wendy DeBoer, allows the State Child Death Review Team to review stillbirths that occur after Jan. 1, 2023, to help identify preventable causes of stillbirths, defined as a death for which a fetal death



Sen. Wendy DeBoer



certificate was issued by the state. The team is not required to review all stillbirths but the bill allows it or any agency that derives its authority from DHHS to access and analyze stillbirth data.

The measure, which passed on a 46-0 vote, also included provisions of four other bills:

- LB245, also introduced by DeBoer, which makes several changes to adoption law, including streamlining the notification and objection process for fathers and elimination of guardians ad litem;
- LB626, introduced by Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas, which separates the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team into the State Child Death Review Team and the State Maternal Death Review Team;
- LB901, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, which requires DHHS to create materials on cytomegalovirus transmission, birth defects caused by the disease and available preventative measures and treatments; and
- LB1009, introduced by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, which creates a nine-member Domestic Abuse Death Review Team appointed by the Nebraska attorney general. The team will investigate domestic abuse deaths to determine causes and contributing factors that led to an individual dying by homicide or suicide as the result of domestic violence.



Sen. Tony Vargas



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks



Sen. Tom Brandt

Children with developmental disabilities are eligible for expanded services under LB376, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh. The bill requires DHHS to apply for a three-year Medicaid waiver to start a family support program for developmental disability services.

The program, which will be implemented only if the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approve the state's waiver application or another funding mechanism is authorized, will:

- be administered by the DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities;
- not exceed 850 participants;
- allow families to self-direct services;
- cap long-term services and supports at \$10,000 per person;
- offer Medicaid eligibility for children with disabili-

ties by disregarding parental income; and

- adopt an intermediate care facility institutional level of care.

Also included are provisions of LB1004, introduced by the committee, which require DHHS to engage a nationally recognized and independent consultant to evaluate Nebraska's developmental disabilities system. The consultant must complete their report no later than Dec. 31, 2023.

LB376 passed on a 42-0 vote.

## Licensure and credentialing

Lawmakers considered a number of changes to licensure and credentialing rules for various health professions this session.

LB436, introduced by Blair Sen. Ben Hansen, expands the scope of practice for licensed athletic trainers in Nebraska to include:

- injury prevention and wellness promotion;
- examination, assessment and medical opinion;
- health care administration;
- therapeutic intervention or rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses;
- therapeutic modalities; and
- immediate emergency care including administration of emergency drugs prescribed by a physician.



Sen. Ben Hansen

Under the bill, passed 45-0, athletic trainers cannot use joint manipulation or joint cavitation or prescribe medications but may employ "dry needling."

LB752, introduced by Sen. John Arch of La Vista, authorizes respiratory therapists to engage in a broader range of allowable practices including the administration of all pharmacological, diagnostic and therapeutic agents for the treatment and diagnosis of cardiopulmonary disease for which the practitioner has been professionally trained or has obtained sufficient education or certification.

The bill also includes provisions of four other measures:

- LB15, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Carol Blood, which adopts the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact. Once in effect, the compact will allow licensed therapists to practice in other member states without having to obtain a separate license as is required currently;
- LB374, introduced by DeBoer, which creates the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council. The 17-member council will



Sen. Carol Blood

examine the needs of individuals living with dementia, services available for those individuals and their caregivers and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet those needs;

- LB554, introduced by Blood, which adopts the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact which, when it becomes operative, will allow a licensed independent mental health practitioner with a certification in professional counseling to work in another state that is a member of the compact without having to obtain a new license in that state; and
- LB753, introduced by Arch, which requires Nebraska health care providers to obtain informed written consent prior to administering stem cell therapy. Patients are required to confirm that their health care provider has explained the treatment, that the treatment has not received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and that the patient understands that the treatment hasn't received such approval.

Lawmakers passed LB752 on a 46-0 vote.

LB905, introduced by Walz, allows the state Board of Medicine and Surgery to develop educational material, policies and procedures to address perinatal and postnatal mental health disorders.

The bill, passed 44-0, also allows licensed health care professionals and advanced practice registered nurses to educate pregnant women about perinatal and postnatal mental health and to offer pregnant women and new mothers a mental health screening questionnaire.

LB716, introduced by Hunt, would have allowed advanced practice registered nurses, certified nurse midwives and physician assistants to perform abortions. It did not advance from committee.

## Pandemic measures

LB906, introduced by Blair Sen. Ben Hansen, requires the state Department of Health and Human Services to create and publish a form on its website to be filled out by employees seeking an exemption from an employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccination based either on a health care practitioner's recommendation or the individual's sincerely held religious belief, practice or observance.

The bill applies to entities with one or more employees, including state agencies and other political subdivisions. The federal government, any corporation wholly owned by the federal government, Indian tribes and bona fide private membership clubs, other than labor organizations that are exempt from federal taxation, are exempt from the bill's provisions.

Under LB906, employers may require unvaccinated em-

ployees to wear personal protective equipment or submit to COVID-19 testing at the employer's expense. Medicare-certified and Medicaid-certified providers or suppliers and federal contractors may require additional processes, documentation or accommodations as necessary to comply with federal law and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations.

The bill passed on a 37-5 vote and took effect immediately.

All local public health departments in Nebraska would have needed state approval before issuing directed health measures under LB859, introduced by Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood. The bill did not advance from committee.



Sen. Robert Clements

## Other measures

LB1068, sponsored by Gering Sen. John Stinner, updates a law passed by the Legislature in 2009 that funds efforts by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska to fill statewide behavioral health service needs, workforce education and professional training through established programs and practices.



Sen. John Stinner

The measure increases the number of residencies from two to 10 and provides up to 12 one-year, doctoral-level psychology internships, an increase from the current five. It also provides funds for up to 10 one-year mental health therapist internships or practicums in rural and underserved communities in Nebraska.

The bill, which passed 35-8 and took effect immediately, also included provisions of Blood's LB1048 which requires the University of Nebraska to continue a study of the environmental and health effects of the AltEn ethanol plant in Mead.

LB698, introduced by Sen. Mark Kolterman of Seward, requires DHHS to provide Medicaid coverage for prescribed continuous glucose monitors by Jan. 1, 2023.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

Lawmakers passed LB698 on a 46-0 vote.

LB121, introduced last session by Hunt, would have allowed individuals with felony drug convictions to receive SNAP benefits if they have completed their sentence or are on parole, probation or in post-release supervision. The bill advanced to select file and was debated this session but did not come up for a second-round vote. ■

# JUDICIARY



Sen. Steve Lathrop, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee

**L**awmakers considered an array of measures to expand prison and parole evaluations, provide reimbursement payments to county jails that hold inmates under certain conditions and expand protections to victims of sexual assault and sex trafficking.

A major prison reform proposal, an abortion “trigger” bill and repeal of the state’s concealed carry permit requirement all stalled during floor debate this session.

## Prison reform

A bill that would have enacted a series of measures intended to reduce Nebraska’s inmate population and lower recidivism rates was debated this session, but stalled on general file after a failed cloture motion.

LB920, introduced by Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop, included a number of provisions to address sentencing, reentry, release and supervision, including:

- requiring each judicial district to establish a problem-solving court;

- creating new lower-level drug and burglary offenses;
- creating three probation system pilot programs;
- limiting mandatory minimum terms for certain nonviolent felonies;
- limiting offenses that can be used for certain sentence enhancements;
- requiring courts to make certain findings before imposing consecutive sentences;
- providing for geriatric parole eligibility, a streamlined parole process and wider parole eligibility windows for some inmates; and
- creating a residential housing program for parolees who commit technical violations.

A Judiciary Committee amendment would have, among other provisions, increased the age requirement for geriatric parole eligibility from age 70 to 75 and increased the sentence length eligibility from 10 years to 15.

Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist offered an amendment during general file debate that would have removed provisions that made changes to criminal sentencing and penalties. It also would have removed a requirement that an individual previously have committed violent offenses to be sentenced as a habitual criminal.

Lathrop offered a cloture motion after eight hours of first-round debate. The motion — which ceases debate and forces a vote on the bill and any pending amendments — failed on a vote of 26-18, ending consideration of the bill. Thirty-three votes were needed.

LB896, also introduced by Lathrop, requires the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and the Division of Parole Supervision to use an independent contractor or a Nebraska academic institution to evaluate programs funded by the department.

Under the bill, nonclinical treatment and structured programs will be evaluated every eight years and clinical treatment programs will be evaluated every three years. Evaluations will rate program effectiveness in reducing recidivism rates and include recommendations regarding the availability, timeliness and therapeutic environment of programs.

If applicable, a cost-benefit analysis also will be included. Evaluation results will be sent to the inspector general of corrections and the evaluated entities.

The bill passed on a vote of 46-0.

Under current state law, an individual sentenced to serve more than one year for a felony conviction is required to serve the sentence in a state correctional facility. LB921, as introduced by Lathrop, would have required that all sentences for Class III, IIIA or IV felony convictions be served in a county jail.

Those provisions were removed and replaced with those

of LB1223, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, which require the state Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse a county jail if a person who is ordered committed to the department for competency restoration remains in jail. The rate of reimbursement is \$100 per day and will be adjusted for inflation annually beginning July 1, 2023.



Sen. Matt Hansen

The provisions also allocate beds at the Lincoln Regional Center and create the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee, which will contract with an independent consultant to determine the necessary capacity for inpatient mental health care in Nebraska.

The bill also includes provisions of LB952, introduced by Omaha Sen. John Cavanaugh, which require DHHS to provide Medicaid enrollment assistance to individuals prior to leaving incarceration beginning July 1, 2023.



Sen. John Cavanaugh

The bill passed 46-0.

## Law enforcement

Senators considered several bills this session to improve law enforcement recruitment and retention.

LB1241, introduced by Lathrop, makes a number of changes to the state's current law enforcement reciprocity program. Under the bill, a person seeking certification under the reciprocity process will not be allowed to exercise law enforcement authority until all requirements have been met, however they may serve as a non-certified conditional officer.

The bill redefines a training academy to include any facility operated by multiple law enforcement agencies that offers certification training and requires that a reciprocity test be offered at least once a month. The bill also removes a requirement that a law enforcement officer complete continuing education in the calendar year of their retirement.

The bill contains provisions of LB1270, introduced by Elmwood Sen. Robert Clements, which authorize a tiered system of retention payments and hiring bonuses for law enforcement officers.



Sen. Robert Clements

A law enforcement officer is not eligible for tier retention incentive payments if convicted of a felony or a Class I misdemeanor or

if their certification has been revoked. An officer found to have engaged in serious misconduct or who was allowed to resign instead of being terminated from employment also is ineligible.

The provisions state legislative intent to appropriate \$5 million each fiscal year to implement the grant program, which will take effect July 1, 2022, and terminate June 20, 2028.

The bill was approved on a vote of 46-0 and took effect immediately.

LB1271, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, stated legislative intent to appropriate \$1 million annually to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in an effort to recruit law enforcement officers from outside the state to relocate to Nebraska.



Sen. Brett Lindstrom

The bill did not advance out of committee.

## Courts

Improved access to the court system and increased efficiency were the focus of a number of proposals.

LB922, introduced by Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop, increases the number of judges in Douglas County's fourth district from 17 to 18.

The bill contains provisions of six additional measures:

- LB830, introduced by Bennington Sen. Wendy DeBoer, which ties the maximum level of medical cash support for children to child support guidelines set by the state supreme court;
- LB870, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, which amends the State Self-Insured Indemnification Fund and the State Self-Insured Liability Fund to allow payment of attorneys' fees by allowing fees associated with agency legal counsel or hired outside legal counsel to be paid from revolving funds;
- LB903, introduced by Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln, which creates a new type of second-degree trespass that criminalizes flying a drone over the property of another individual with the intent to observe the person without their consent in a place of solitude or seclusion;
- LB990, sponsored by Blair Sen.



Sen. Wendy DeBoer



Sen. Eliot Bostar



Ben Hansen, which creates the offense of criminal impersonation by stolen valor for an individual who pretends to be an active member or veteran of the U.S. military with the intent to deceive or harm another or who fraudulently represents themselves as the recipient of a military honor or award;



Sen. Ben Hansen

- LB1059, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Michael Flood, which adds the Judicial Resources Commission to the list of entities excluded from the definition of public bodies under the Open Meetings Act and removes the commission from the list of public bodies that may, with certain limitations, conduct virtual meetings; and
- LB1171, sponsored by Sen. Rita Sanders of Bellevue, which establishes the clerk of the district court as the jury commissioner in all counties.



Sen. Michael Flood



Sen. Rita Sanders

Lawmakers passed LB922 on a 43-1 vote.

A bill that would have allowed Nebraska judges to authorize the use of video, electronic or telephonic technology for certain hearings did not advance from committee.

Current state law allows for use of virtual conferencing when all parties give consent. Under LB1053, introduced by Lathrop, a judge who finds good reason could have used their discretion to authorize the use of virtual conferencing for civil, juvenile and some pre-trial motion hearings, as long as the hearing allowed for public access and for an accurate record to be preserved.

## Abortion

A bill that would have banned all abortions in Nebraska if states are given full regulatory authority over the procedure stalled on general file after an unsuccessful cloture motion.

LB933, introduced by Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht, would have become operative contingent upon one of the three national “triggering” events: if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, Congress enacts a law giving states complete authority to regulate abortion or the U.S. Con-



Sen. Joni Albrecht

stitution is amended to give states that authority.

The bill would have prohibited both medical and chemical abortions starting at fertilization with no exception for cases of rape or incest. A physician who knowingly violated the bill’s provisions would have been subject to a Class IIA felony charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment.

A physician charged under the bill’s provisions could have claimed an affirmative defense that the procedure was necessary to prevent a woman’s death. A woman who attempts or has an abortion would not have been liable under the bill. Medical treatment provided by a licensed physician that results in accidental death or injury of an unborn fetus also would not have been a violation.

Albrecht filed a cloture motion after eight hours of debate that failed 31-15. Thirty-three votes were needed.

Two other abortion bills were heard this session but were not advanced from committee.

LB781, introduced by Sterling Sen. Julie Slama, would have prohibited knowingly performing an abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detectable, except in cases of a medical emergency.



Sen. Julie Slama

LB1086, introduced by Geist, would have established a safety protocol to prohibit anyone but a physician from providing an abortion-inducing drug. The bill also would have prohibited an abortion-inducing drug from being mailed or otherwise delivered.



Sen. Suzanne Geist

A woman upon whom an abortion is attempted, induced or performed would not have been subject to prosecution under either LB781 or LB1086.

## Sexual assault crimes

LB1246, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, requires attorneys and criminal justice agencies to withhold the personal identifying information of an alleged victim of sexual assault or sex trafficking from the public record until charges are filed.



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks

Relevant information can be shared between criminal justice agencies, attorneys and victim advocacy agencies under certain circumstances. Criminal justice agencies also may share identifying information about an alleged victim with an educational entity, such as a Title IX coordinator.

LB1246 includes a provision of LB204, originally sponsored by Slama, which requires convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders under the state's Sex Offender Registry Act beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

The bill passed on a 47-0 vote.

Under LB519, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Adam Morfeld and passed 37-7, immunity from arrest and prosecution will be granted to an individual who normally would be subject to a drug or alcohol offense if he or she is the victim of or a witness to a sexual assault and reports it to law enforcement or requests emergency medical assistance.



Sen. Adam Morfeld

Evidence of such an offense obtained or discovered as a result of a reported crime or requested medical service will not be used as long as the individual cooperates with law enforcement.

The bill also allows the court to waive the notice requirement for an individual seeking to legally change their name if the petitioner can show that doing so would endanger them.

LB833, introduced by Omaha Sen. Rich Pahls, would have removed the existing time limitation on a civil action taken against a private third party in cases of sexual assault of a child. Provisions of the bill would not have applied to cases already time barred under the statute of limitations.



Sen. Rich Pahls

The bill was advanced to general file but was not scheduled for debate.

## Other measures

A bill that would have allowed Nebraskans to carry a concealed handgun without a permit stalled on select file after an unsuccessful cloture motion.

Current state law requires that an individual pass a background check, submit a \$100 permit fee and complete a safe firing and handling gun course to obtain a concealed carry permit.

LB773, introduced by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer, would have waived those requirements and allowed an individual who otherwise would not be prohibited from possessing or carrying a gun in Nebraska to conceal carry a firearm without a permit. Registration and training courses still would be offered but would no



Sen. Tom Brewer

longer be required.

After four hours of second-round debate, Brewer filed a cloture motion, which failed on a vote of 31-9. Thirty-three votes were needed.

In 2010, the Legislature passed a bill requiring school districts to report truancy cases to a county attorney when a student has been absent at least 20 days in a year, whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

Under LB568, introduced last session by Pansing Brooks, excessive absenteeism no longer would have been an independent basis for a juvenile court action. It could, however, still have been considered as a factor in other juvenile cases.

The bill, which also would have replaced official references to "truancy" with "excessive absenteeism," stalled on select file after a cloture motion failed 26-18.

LB496, as introduced by Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann last session, would have required an adult charged with a felony crime of violence or burglary to provide a DNA sample to law enforcement at the time of booking or to the court during a first appearance.



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

The bill was amended during first-round debate in 2021. As amended, samples obtained under the provisions of LB496 would not have been tested or placed into the state's database until a judicial determination of probable cause had been made or a hearing to determine probable cause had been waived.

If the charge against an individual were dismissed, the DNA sample would have been destroyed immediately and notice sent to the individual. In addition, the provisions of LB496 would not have applied to juveniles.

The bill advanced to final reading this session following a successful cloture motion but was not scheduled for a final vote.

Owners of modern farm machinery would have had the same access as authorized dealers to the software, tools, technical manuals and parts needed to make repairs under LB543, introduced last session by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt. The bill would have required original equipment manufacturers to make available, on fair and reasonable terms, the documentation, parts and tools needed to diagnose, maintain or repair electronics-enabled agricultural equipment to independent mechanics or the equipment's owner.



Sen. Tom Brandt

LB543 was debated on general file this session but no votes were taken on the bill.

Under current law, a person who assaults an officer, emergency responder, state correctional employee or health care professional faces enhanced penalties. LB661, introduced during the 2021 session by Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell, would have added public transportation drivers to that list of public safety workers.



Sen. Mike McDonnell

The bill was discussed on general file this session but the Legislature moved to the next item on the agenda without voting on the bill's advancement.

LB1213, as introduced by Thurston Sen. Joni Albrecht, would have prohibited a school, school district or the Nebraska Library Commission from providing K-12 students with online or digital resources considered to be obscene or harmful as defined in state law. In addition, those entities would have been required to implement technology protections to filter and block inappropriate content from minors and establish and verify an online account for every K-12 student.

The committee advanced the bill to general file with amendments to create a complaint process but it was not scheduled for debate. ■

# NATURAL RESOURCES



Sen. Bruce Bostelman, chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee

The Natural Resources committee advanced bills this session authorizing construction of a South Platte River canal and several water recreation and tourism projects across the state, including a proposed lake between Omaha and Lincoln.

## Water recreation projects

LB1023, introduced by Sen. Mike Hilgers of Lincoln, authorizes the state Game and Parks Commission to oversee the construction of marinas at Lake McConaughy and Lewis and Clark Lake and an event center and lodge at Niobrara State Park.

It also authorizes the state Department of Natural Resources to build and manage a lake in eastern Nebraska within the Platte River's floodplain.

The department may purchase, sell or lease land and enter into contracts for construction and management



Sen. Mike Hilgers

services related to the lake. It also could enter into agreements with natural resources districts.

The bill requires the department to give preference to contract proposals from a certain nonprofit corporation and those that provide for a public-private partnership.

The nonprofit's board will include at least four directors who are appointed by the governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature. It also will include a member of the Legislature and a representative of the state Game and Parks Commission, both of whom will be nonvoting members.

LB1023 requires the department to ensure that the public has complete access to the lake. The land selected for the lake will be owned by the state, and the bill prohibits any private entity from designating any portion of the lake for exclusively private use.

It also prohibits the department's director and employees from having a financial interest, either personally or through an immediate family member, in any purchase, sale or lease of real property relating to the construction or development of the lake or in any lake-related contract.

A similar prohibition applies to members and employees of the commission.

LB1023 passed on a vote of 38-6 and took effect immediately.

## Canal project

A measure passed 42-4 requires the state to build a canal to divert South Platte River water from Colorado to reservoirs in Nebraska under the terms of a 1923 compact.

LB1015, introduced by Hilgers on behalf of Gov. Pete Ricketts, authorizes the state Department of Natural Resources to develop, construct, manage and operate the Perkins County Canal Project.

It also authorizes the department to use eminent domain to acquire land and resolve any legal disputes that arise as a result of the project.

The bill prohibits the department's director, employees and their immediate family members from having a direct or indirect financial interest in any entity that is party to a contract or from having a financial interest in the ownership or lease of any property relating to the development, construction, management or operation of the project.

The conflict-of-interest provision also applies to members of the Legislature and elected officials in the executive branch of state government. The provision relating to executive branch officials applies while those officials are in office and for two years after they leave office.



## Omnibus bill

A bill passed on a vote of 46-0 includes provisions of several measures heard by the committee this session.

LB809, introduced by Sen. Mike Moser of Columbus, authorizes the state Department of Environment and Energy to use the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund to buy or refinance the debt obligation of any municipality for a public water supply system if the debt was incurred and construction began after July 1, 1993.



Sen. Mike Moser

The bill also allows the department to provide grants and loan forgiveness to certain public water systems and municipalities for drinking water and wastewater treatment projects, including certain lead service line replacement projects.

The bill includes the provisions of LB803, introduced by Venango Sen. Dan Hughes, which expand who is considered an immediate family member to include grandchildren for purposes of limited hunting permits issued to qualifying landowners and increases from four to eight the number of permits in the three days immediately preceding the opening day of firearm deer hunting season.



Sen. Dan Hughes

Also included are the provisions of LB924, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, which allow first class cities to apply for grants to cover the cost of deconstructing abandoned buildings.



Sen. Tom Brewer

Finally, provisions of LB978, also introduced by Hughes, authorize the state Department of Environment and Energy to assume authority for regulating the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. under section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act.

## Other measures

Lawmakers voted 45-0 to approve a measure raising the limit on total compensation for Nebraska's representative on a Southwest Power Pool committee.

The SPP is a regional transmission organization that manages the electric grid and power market for a 14-state region in the central U.S.

LB804, introduced by Hughes, increases the compensation cap for Nebraska's designated representative on the SPP's Regional State Committee from \$20,000 to \$35,000 per year.

It also increases the limit on aggregate board member pay for activities related to the SPP from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per year.

Senators also approved a bill intended to help farmers adopt practices that protect Nebraska's soil and water.

Under LB925, introduced by Sen. Tim Gragert of Creighton and passed 42-5, the state Department of Natural Resources will provide technical and legal assistance to a nonprofit, voluntary learning community led by agricultural producers to foster skills and share knowledge related to healthy soil management.



Sen. Tim Gragert

The department will hire a facilitator and may lease private land for the purpose of establishing demonstration and research farms. The department also will submit an annual report to the governor and the Legislature's Agriculture and Natural Resources committees from 2022 through 2027.

Nebraska could seek to be selected as a regional clean hydrogen hub under another bill advanced by the committee this session.

LB1099, introduced by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostelman, creates a work group whose members will be appointed by the governor.

The group will include representatives from manufacturing or industry, agriculture, transportation and energy. It also may include a representative of a clean hydrogen manufacturer.

The group's purpose is to draft a proposal which may be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy seeking Nebraska's selection as one of four regional clean hydrogen hubs authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Congress passed last year.

The bill authorizes the state Department of Economic Development to contract with private consultants to create the proposal. LB1099 passed on a vote of 47-0 and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also passed a measure intended to give a state agency the ability to respond more quickly to the release of pollution.

LB1102, introduced by Bostelman and passed 46-0, creates the Nebraska Environmental Response Act.

It authorizes the director of the state Department of Environment and Energy to issue an order requiring a person responsible for releasing a pollutant to clean it up or take action to do so if that person fails or refuses to act.

If the state responds to a release, the responsible person is liable to the state for cleanup costs, which become a lien

on any real property owned by the person and subject to or affected by the cleanup.

The director may cause an administrative order to be served upon those the director has reason to believe have violated the act. An order may assess a penalty of up to \$5,000 per day per violation.

The director may allow another person, entity or responsible person to remediate site conditions voluntarily under the Remedial Action Plan Monitoring Act instead

of issuing a cleanup order.

LB1102 also authorizes the director to issue a cease and desist order if the director finds that a person has performed any act that presents or may present “substantial” harm to the environment.

Finally, the bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$300,000 from the state general fund to a new cash fund that the department will use to pay cleanup costs and collect recovered funds. ■

# NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS



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

Lawmakers approved a measure this session that makes several changes to laws covering administration of Nebraska's state, county and school retirement programs.

LB700, introduced by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, eliminates obsolete language, changes job requirements for the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems director and attorney and changes duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board regarding retirement education programs that must be offered to members of all retirement systems under the PERB's jurisdiction.

The bill reduces from four to three the number of paid workdays that county and state plan members receive to attend in-person or live webinar trainings, which are offered during regular work hours. It also eliminates mandated early retirement incentive reporting to the PERB and the Omaha School Employees Retirement System.

The bill includes provisions of LB1043, also introduced by Kolterman, which codify current retirement plan membership practices and rules for certified teachers covered

by the State Code Agency Teachers Association contract who previously or subsequently are employed by a school district, educational service unit or any other state agency.

Finally, the bill eliminates an option that allowed a state school official employed by the Nebraska Department of Education to elect to remain in, or become a member of, the school plan or the state plan. The measure instead establishes specific rules for such officials.

Lawmakers passed LB700 on a 45-0 vote and it took effect immediately. ■

# REVENUE



Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, chairperson of the Revenue Committee

**A**mong the proposals advanced by the Revenue Committee this session is a package of bills that cut individual and corporate income tax rates, speed up the phaseout of state taxation of Social Security income and expand a program intended to offset property taxes used to fund education.

## Income tax cuts, property tax relief

LB873, as introduced by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson, would have eliminated community colleges' general fund levy authority. As amended, it instead contains several major tax proposals heard by the committee this session.

The amended provisions of LB939, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, will cut Nebraska's top individual income tax rate in several steps from the current 6.84 percent to 5.84 percent by tax year 2027.

LB873 also includes the amended provisions of LB938, sponsored by Linehan, which continue the phased-in reduc-



Sen. Curt Friesen

tion of the state's top corporate income tax rate approved by the Legislature last year. The bill will cut the rate from the current 7.5 percent to 5.84 percent by 2027.

Also included are the provisions of LB825, introduced by Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha. His proposal will exempt all Social Security income from state income taxation, to the extent that it is included in federal adjusted gross income, by tax year 2025.



Sen. Brett Lindstrom

The bill also includes the provisions of LB723, introduced by Albion Sen. Tom Briese. The proposal is intended to ensure that a refundable state income tax credit does not fall below its current amount of \$548 million. The credit, created in 2020 under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act, is based on property taxes paid to schools.



Sen. Tom Briese

Under LB873, the credit amount will increase to \$560.7 million for tax year 2023 and then increase by an allowable growth percentage of up to 5 percent beginning in tax year 2024.

Finally, the bill creates a similar refundable tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act based on the amount of property taxes paid to a community college.

For calendar year 2022, \$50 million in credits are available. The total then will increase annually, reaching \$195 million in taxable years that begin during calendar year 2026. After that, the total will increase by the allowable growth percentage.

LB873 passed on a vote of 43-0.

## Sales and use tax

The Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act turns back 70 percent of the state sales tax collected by onsite retailers and nearby hotels to political subdivisions to help pay off bonds used to build convention and meeting center facilities.

Under LB927, introduced by Sen. Rich Pahls of Omaha and passed on a vote of 38-2, political subdivisions also may use state turnback tax assistance to acquire, construct, improve and equip nearby parking facilities.

This includes any parking lot, garage or other parking structure that is located within 600 yards of a convention and meeting center facility but is not directly connected to it.



Sen. Rich Pahls



Up to \$150 million may be appropriated to a single convention center project under LB927, an increase from \$75 million under existing law.

The bill also contains a provision under which a municipality is eligible for a grant under the Community and Civic Center Financing Act only if it partners with a certified creative district and is not otherwise prohibited from receiving a grant. The provision applies between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

Grant applications must include a notification of approval from the Nebraska Arts Council. A grant may not be less than \$100,000 or more than \$250,000.

LB927 contains the provisions of LB818, introduced by Linehan, which allow state assistance under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act to be used for parking facilities within 700 yards of a sports arena facility.

The bill also increases the total amount of state assistance for a sports arena facility from \$50 million to \$100 million and repeals a current provision that prohibits state assistance from being paid out for more than 20 years after the issuance of the first bond for the facility.

The Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act requires a portion of turnback revenue appropriated to a metropolitan class city to be distributed equally to areas with a high concentration of poverty for certain purposes. Omaha is the state's only metropolitan class city.

LB927 does not change those purposes but specifies that 55 percent of the funds be used to showcase important historical aspects of those areas and assist with the reduction of street and gang violence. The remaining 45 percent must be used to assist small business and entrepreneurship growth.

Also included in LB927 are provisions of LB1250, introduced by Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair. They update a law passed last year that requires certain political subdivisions to participate in a joint public hearing before increasing their property tax request by more than a certain amount. Counties must notify affected taxpayers of the hearing by postcard.



Sen. Ben Hansen

Among other changes, LB927 requires the county clerk or his or her designee to organize the hearing. It clarifies that the cost of creating and mailing the postcards must be divided proportionately among participating political subdivisions based on the total number of parcels in each.

Senators also approved a bill containing several state sales and use tax proposals considered by the committee this session.

The current collection fee for merchants — the amount

they are allowed to retain when remitting the taxes — is equal to 2.5 percent of the first \$3,000, or \$75, in sales or use tax collected each month.

LB984, introduced by Columbus Sen. Mike Moser and passed 45-0, increases the fee to 3 percent of the first \$5,000 remitted each month, or \$150, beginning Oct. 1, 2022.



Sen. Mike Moser



Sen. Terrell McKinney

The bill also includes the provisions of LB881, introduced by Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha, which exempt feminine hygiene products from state sales and use tax and require detention facilities to supply them to female prisoners free of charge.

Also included are provisions of LB941, introduced by Sterling Sen. Julie Slama, which prohibit imposition of state sales and use tax on the gross receipts from the sale, lease or rental of net wrap — plastic wrap used in the baling of hay — purchased for use in commercial agriculture.



Sen. Julie Slama

## Tax credits and incentive programs

Businesses that employ felons may apply for a state income tax credit under a proposal passed by lawmakers on a vote of 47-0.

Under LB917, introduced by Sen. Justin Wayne of Omaha, a business is eligible for a nonrefundable state income tax credit equal to 10 percent of the wages paid to an individual who has been convicted of a felony.



Sen. Justin Wayne

The credit applies to wages paid during the first 12 months of the individual's employment.

The state Department of Revenue may approve up to \$5 million in credits each year beginning in tax year 2023, and the total credit per employee may not exceed \$20,000.

Senators also approved a measure updating Nebraska's main business tax incentive program.

LB1150, introduced by the Legislative Performance Audit Committee, contains several proposals related to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, passed in 2020, and other state tax incentive programs.

Under the bill's provisions, ImagiNE Nebraska Act applications must include the most recent taxable valuations and levy rates for all qualified locations. They also must

include a program schedule for job training activities and the city and state where recruited employees lived if tax credits are used for those purposes.

The provisions of LB817, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, make several technical changes requested by the state Department of Revenue, including allowing the department to obtain employees' Social Security numbers to confirm the number of new employees at a qualified location.

The provisions of LB502, introduced by Sen. Michael Flood of Norfolk, allow certain businesses receiving tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act to use a direct pay permit, as is allowed under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act. The measure applies only to certain data center projects.



Sen. Michael Flood

The provisions of LB985, sponsored by Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman, change the definition of base year — which is used to measure employment growth for tax incentive purposes — under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act.



Sen. Mark Kolterman

Under that measure, if an applicant increased the number of equivalent employees at a qualified location in 2020 or 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the base year will be 2019. The provision applies to applications made in 2021 or 2022.

The provisions of Flood's LB1094 also update the ImagiNE Nebraska Act. Under that proposal, the time worked by employees in their Nebraska residence is considered spent at a qualified location if the employee works at both locations.

Also included in LB1150 are the provisions of LB457, introduced by Sen. John McCollister of Omaha, which require the department to notify each metropolitan and primary class city of the total amount of local option sales tax refunds that are estimated to be paid to taxpayers during the following calendar year under certain tax incentive programs.



Sen. John McCollister

LB1150 passed on a vote of 44-1 and took effect immediately.

Additional tax incentives are available for certain livestock modernization or expansion projects and other qualifying rural Nebraska businesses under another bill advanced by the committee this session.

LB1261, introduced by Glenvil Sen. Dave Murman, increases the amount of tax credits available each year

under the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act from \$1 million to \$10 million beginning in 2022.

The bill also extends the deadline for applications under the act from Dec. 31, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2027, and increases the maximum credit amount available for certain livestock modernization or expansion projects from \$150,000 per application to \$500,000.



Sen. Dave Murman

LB1261 includes provisions of LB596, introduced by Sen. Joni Albrecht of Thurston, under which retailers who sell and dispense ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a percentage of at least 15 percent by volume of ethanol are eligible for a refundable state income tax credit.



Sen. Joni Albrecht

The bill passed on a vote of 46-0 and took effect immediately.

A bill that would have created a tax credit scholarship program for Nebraska private school students stalled on general file after a failed cloture motion.

LB364, introduced by 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.

The bill would have allowed individuals, passthrough entities, estates, trusts and corporations to claim a non-refundable 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 have been eligible for the scholarships, which could have been used to pay tuition and fees at a qualifying privately operated elementary or secondary school in Nebraska.

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

The motion failed on a vote of 28-14, ending further consideration of the bill.

## Property tax

Veterans with a partial disability from a service-connected injury would have qualified for a homestead exemption under a bill considered this session.

Current law provides an exemption for qualifying veterans who are drawing compensation from the U.S.

Department of Veterans Affairs because of a 100 percent service-connected disability.

Under LB853, introduced by Sen. Jen Day of Omaha and as amended on general file, qualifying veterans who are at least 50 percent but less than 100 percent disabled due to a service-connected disability also would have qualified.

As amended, LB853 includes the provisions of LB1080, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders. That proposal would have allowed veterans with a 100 percent service-connected temporary disability to qualify for a homestead exemption.

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

A proposal to limit annual increases in the amount of property taxes collected by public school districts stalled on the first round of debate after a failed cloture motion.

Under LB986, introduced by Sen. Tom Briese of Albion, a district's property tax request — the amount of taxes requested to be raised through its levy — could not have exceeded its property tax request authority, which the state Department of Education would have calculated annually.

After eight hours of general file debate over several days, Briese filed a motion to invoke cloture, which failed on a vote of 28-21, ending further consideration of the bill.

## Other measures

LB310, introduced by Elmwood Sen. Robert Clements and passed 37-1, cuts inheritance tax rates on beneficiaries and increases the amount of property value that is exempt from the tax. The measure applies to estates of individuals who die on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Under the bill, immediate relatives will pay inheritance tax on the clear market value of property over \$100,000 received by each person, up from \$40,000. The tax rate remains 1 percent.

LB310 also decreases the rate from 13 to 11 percent for remote relatives and increases the exemption from amounts more than \$15,000 to amounts over \$40,000. A third rate that applies to all other beneficiaries decreases from 18 to 15 percent, and the applicable exemption amount increases from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Under LB310, any interest in property passing to ben-



Sen. Jen Day



Sen. Rita Sanders



Sen. Robert Clements

eficiaries younger than 22 is not subject to inheritance tax.

The proposal includes the provisions of LB377, introduced by Sen. Wendy DeBoer of Bennington, which expand the definition of relatives for purposes of the inheritance tax to include certain step relatives.

Nebraska educational savings plan trust accounts may be used to repay student loans under a bill advanced by the committee this session.

Under LB864, introduced by Creighton Sen. Tim Gragert and passed 47-0, accounts may be used to pay the principal and interest on the qualified education loan of a beneficiary or the beneficiary's sibling. The bill caps aggregate total payments at \$10,000 per person.

Under LB1273, introduced by Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln and passed 47-0, a retired individual who was employed full time as a certified law enforcement officer for at least 20 years and who is at least 60 at the end of the taxable year may reduce their federal adjusted gross income by the amount of health insurance premiums they paid during the taxable year.

The change goes into effect in tax year 2023.

The bill includes the provisions of LB1272, sponsored by Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran, which increase a current tuition waiver for eligible law enforcement officers from 30 percent to 100 percent. The waiver applies to resident tuition charged by any state university, college or community college.

Voters will decide whether to allow Nebraska's commercial service airports to enter into certain revenue-sharing contracts with airlines under a measure approved by lawmakers on a vote of 47-0.

LR283CA, also introduced by Bostar, will place a proposed amendment to the state constitution on the November 2022 general election ballot.

If approved by voters, the measure will allow any city, county or other political subdivision that owns or operates an airport to expend its revenues to encourage or develop new or expanded regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service.

The committee also advanced a proposed constitutional amendment that would replace Nebraska's tax system with



Sen. Wendy DeBoer



Sen. Tim Gragert



Sen. Eliot Bostar



Sen. Steve Halloran

retail consumption and excise taxes, but it failed to advance from the first round of debate.

If passed by the Legislature, LR264CA, introduced by Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard, would have placed the question on the November 2022 general election ballot. The change would have gone into effect Jan. 1, 2024, if approved by voters.



Sen. Steve Erdman

The measure failed to advance to select file on a vote of 19-14. Twenty-five votes were needed.

A proposal to create a fund that Nebraska’s governor could have used to attract and retain “high-impact” business

projects or facilities stalled on select file after Speaker Mike Hilgers of Lincoln requested that lawmakers pass over it.

Under LB729, introduced by Omaha Sen. Brett Lindstrom, the governor would have been authorized to approve payments from the fund based on an analysis of an applicant’s business activity by the state Department of Economic Development and upon the director’s recommendation that doing so would be a net economic benefit to the state.

After approximately one hour of second-round debate, lawmakers moved to the next item on the agenda without voting on LB729. The bill was not scheduled for further debate. ■



# TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS



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

Lawmakers approved measures this session to expand broadband access throughout the state, provide for public-private partnerships and change laws regarding the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

## Telecommunications

The Broadband Bridge Act, enacted in 2021, is a program that facilitates and funds the development of broadband networks in unserved and underserved areas of Nebraska. The Public Service Commission is responsible for administering grants to providers, cooperatives and political subdivisions to fund qualifying broadband development projects.

LB1144, introduced by Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen, updates the act by reducing matching grants for projects located in high-cost areas from 50 percent of project costs to 25 percent.

Under the bill, grant recipients must commit to maintaining a minimum 100 Mbps of download and upload speeds

for all locations for which they have received grant funding and agree to offer broadband in the project area for 15 years.

In addition, if good cause is shown, the PSC may give a provider up to 90 days to submit a challenge to an application. If the PSC denies an application based on a challenge and the challenger does not provide service in the proposed project area within 18 months, the commission will impose a civil penalty for each day going forward that service is not provided.

The proposal also includes provisions of four additional bills:

- LB761, introduced by Adams Sen. Myron Dorn, which provides up to \$2 million in annual grant funding to provide precision agriculture connectivity of at least 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload speed to accelerate rural economic development and provide high-speed internet connectivity to farm sites in unserved areas of the state;
- LB914, introduced by Brainard Sen. Bruce Bostelman, which allows the PSC to create and maintain a Nebraska location fabric broadband access map;
- LB1214, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, which requires the PSC's weighted application scoring system to include the ability to offer rates in a project area comparable to rates offered by the applicant outside the project area; and
- LB1234, introduced by Friesen, which provides for an expedited wire-crossing permit process for telecommunications companies wishing to cross railroad rights of way.



Sen. Myron Dorn



Sen. Bruce Bostelman



Sen. Suzanne Geist

The bill passed on a 46-0 vote and took effect immediately.

A new process to review complaints that allege violations of the state's One-Call Notification System Act would have been established under LB344, introduced by Friesen. As amended on general file, the bill would have established the state fire marshal as the entity responsible for investigating alleged violations of the one-call system. Currently, the state attorney general handles all such complaints.

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

## Roads

LB1016, introduced by Fremont Sen. Lynne Walz, allows the state Department of Transportation to enter into certain public-private partnerships for construction or financing of capital projects or procurement of services under the Transportation Innovation Act.



Sen. Lynne Walz

Eligible projects may include the accelerated completion of improvements and expansion projects on the Nebraska segments of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, highway resurfacing and the accelerated completion of the state expressway system.

A contractor may utilize the progressive design-build method – a public-private contracting method for purposes of project delivery – in addition to the design-build or construction manager general contractor method.

Under LB1016, progressive design-build contracts must include consideration of a builder's history of costs and expenses when bidding and completing projects, regardless of the process used.

The bill passed 44-0.

A bill intended to speed work on the Nebraska Expressway System failed to advance from committee.

LB1274, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Michael Flood, stated legislative intent to appropriate funds to the NDOT to plan, design and purchase rights of way for portions of U.S. Highway 81, including stretches from York to Columbus and Norfolk to the South Dakota border, as well as Nebraska Highway 20 from U.S. Highway 81 to the Iowa border.



Sen. Michael Flood

## Licensing and administration

Senators passed a bill this session that makes a number of changes to laws regarding the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Among other provisions, LB750, introduced by Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen, makes the following changes:

- authorizes former military vehicles to tow designated trailers;
- allows motorboats and UTV/ATVs to have a transfer-on-death designation on the certificate of title;
- removes a notary requirement for vehicle major component part bills of sale;
- allows previously salvaged titles to be issued initially if a vehicle has been properly inspected; and
- reduces from eight to four hours the driver improvement course requirement for individuals younger than 21.

The bill also includes provisions of six additional measures:

- LB714, sponsored by Geist, which requires that \$3 from each Class O operator's license and state identification card issued and valid for five years be deposited in the DMV Cash Fund and used to open and operate an additional operator's license center in Lancaster County;
- LB913, sponsored by Bostelman, which changes provisions regarding highway and road construction related to extreme weather events;
- LB1022, sponsored by Friesen, which modifies the distribution of fees for the 24/7 sobriety program permit established in 2021 so that the portion of the fee distributed to the county is distributed to the county that issued the permit, not the county of residence of the individual receiving the permit;
- LB1145, also sponsored by Friesen, which stipulates that a law enforcement agency is not prohibited from disclosing the age of an operator included in any motor vehicle accident report;
- LB1259, sponsored by Geist, which increases the issuance fee for new license plates and renewal tabs from not more than \$3.50 to not more than \$4.25 per plate, starting Jan. 1, 2023; and
- LB1266, sponsored by Hastings



Sen. Steve Halloran

Sen. Steve Halloran, which stipulates that individuals 65 or older may receive free or reduced rates from regulated common carriers. LB750 passed on a 46-0 vote and took effect immediately. ■

# URBAN AFFAIRS



Sen. Justin Wayne, chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee

Funding for pandemic recovery projects across Nebraska, municipal law updates and expedited review changes for tax increment financing were among the topics taken up by lawmakers this session.

## Pandemic recovery

A bill originally introduced to focus on COVID-19 recovery efforts in North Omaha was broadened to become a statewide measure and passed this session.

LB1024, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, allocates \$250 million of the federal American Rescue Plan Act funds provided to Nebraska to the new Economic Recovery and Incentive Division within the state Department of Economic Development, which the bill established to administer grant funding for recovery efforts from the coronavirus pandemic.

Priority for grant funding will be given to projects located within qualified census tracts in metropolitan class cities. Omaha is the state's only metropolitan class city. A federally qualified census tract is one in which 50 percent or more of households have an income less than 60 per-

cent of the area median gross income or a poverty rate of at least 25 percent.

LB1024 also transfers \$55 million from the state's Cash Reserve Fund and places it, along with \$80 million of the ARPA funds, into the newly created Economic Recovery Contingency Fund.

The bill creates the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature to review proposals for distribution of those funds. Contingency fund dollars will not be distributed until DED has submitted a coordinated plan to the legislative committee.

The remaining funds will be distributed in fiscal year 2022-23. A newly created Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant Program will provide funding to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts.

No less than \$90 million in grants under the Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant Program will go to qualified census tracts in North and South Omaha. Up to \$10 million can be distributed to qualified census tracts in Lincoln and up to \$10 million in qualified census tracts outside Lincoln and Omaha.

In addition to the census tract grants, the bill directs up to \$60 million for development of an airport business park in Omaha, up to \$30 million to innovation hubs located within two miles of the same airport and up to \$20 million to prepare land parcels for affordable housing in Omaha.

Among other provisions, the bill also distributes funds from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to qualified projects in each of the state's congressional districts, with no more than \$35 million for projects in CD2, at least \$40 million in CD1 and at least \$40 million to second class cities and villages in CD3.

The bill includes provisions of Wayne's LB915, which stipulate that any nonprofit that has received middle-income workforce housing grants is not eligible for additional funding until they have spent at least 50 percent of previous grant funds.

Senators passed LB1024 on a 45-1 vote and it took effect immediately.

Gov. Pete Ricketts vetoed a bill that would have required the state to apply for a second round of federal emergency rental assistance.

LB1073, as introduced by Wayne, originally would have created a state Department of Housing and Urban Development. The bill was gutted on general file by an amendment offered by the Urban Affairs Committee to make way for an emergency rental assistance proposal from Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen.

Under the federal program, individuals who were impacted by the pandemic are eligible for up to 12 months of

back rent and three months of future rent — up to \$20,000 — which is paid directly to their landlords. The federal government has extended the program but the governor has refused to apply for the additional funds.

The bill passed on a 26-15 vote and subsequently was vetoed by the governor. In his veto message, Ricketts said the state has sufficient funds remaining from the first round of assistance. A motion to override the veto, offered by Wayne, fell one vote short. The veto was sustained on a vote of 29-16.

## Other measures

LB800, introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, makes grammatical and technical changes and replaces outdated language in state law regarding metropolitan class cities.

The bill includes provisions of seven other measures:

- LB555, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Matt Hansen, which requires that reports filed under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act include the percentage of residential areas a city has declared substandard and blighted or extremely blighted;
- LB724, also introduced by Hansen, which authorizes funds generated under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act to be used to develop and implement affordable housing action plans and authorizes first and second class cities and villages to include grants, loans and construction funds as part of an affordable housing action plan;
- LB727, introduced by Hansen, which eliminates unnecessary language in state law regarding sanitary and improvement district elections;
- LB799, introduced by the committee, which updates and clarifies reporting requirements under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act;
- LB842, introduced by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer, which authorizes tribal governments to apply for grants under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act;
- LB1176, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar, which amends the Affordable Housing Tax



Sen. Matt Hansen



Sen. Tom Brewer



Sen. Eliot Bostar

Credit Act to clarify that only individuals who became partners or members of a partnership, limited liability corporation or subchapter S corporation, or who acquired shares of stock prior to Feb. 15 of the year in which a tax return is filed for the credit, are eligible to claim it; and

- LB1189, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Michael Flood, which transfers all funds, property, property rights, legal obligations, taxes or assessments owned by or owed to a sanitary drainage district that lies solely within the zoning jurisdiction of a city to that city, or a riverfront development authority created by the city, if the sanitary drainage district is discontinued.



Sen. Michael Flood

LB800 passed on a 48-0 vote and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also approved a bill this session that changes the expedited review of “micro” tax increment financing projects.

Under a segment of the state’s community development law, Nebraska municipalities are able to designate areas as substandard and blighted, allowing them to be redeveloped. The increased property taxes generated by the improvements are used to pay for the financing of TIF projects.

A bill passed by the Legislature in 2020 created an expedited review process for certain TIF projects located in counties with populations under 100,000. The decision to allow an expedited review process rests with the governing body of a municipality.

LB1065, which was originally introduced by former North Platte Sen. Mike Groene, was taken up by Wayne following Groene’s resignation. The bill makes the following changes to the existing expedited review process:

- increases the maximum TIF project period from 10 years to 15;
- requires existing structures to have been within the corporate limits of a municipality for at least 60 years; and
- allows the redevelopment of vacant lots that have been platted and within the corporate limits of a city for at least 60 years.

The bill also increases the maximum assessed value of property within a redevelopment project that receives an expedited review from \$250,000 to \$350,000 for a single-family residential structure and from \$1 million to \$1.5 million for a multi-family or commercial structure.

Senators passed LB1065 on a 46-1 vote. ■



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LB15	Blood	C (>752)	Adopt the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact	9, 15
LB121	Hunt	SF	Change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits	12
LB204	Slama	GF(>1246)	Change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act	9, 15
LB245	DeBoer	GF (>741)	Change provisions relating to adoptions	12, 15
LB263	Briese	C	Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction	14
LB283	Briese	SF	Provide for year-round daylight saving time	11
LB310	Clements	S (+377)	Change inheritance tax rates, inheritance tax exemption amounts, and individuals who are considered relatives of a decedent	2, 3, 6
LB344	Friesen	SF	Change provisions relating to the State Fire Marshal and the One-Call Notification System Act	10
LB364	Linehan	GF	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits	2
LB374	DeBoer	GF (>752)	Adopt the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act	9, 15
LB376	M. Cavanaugh	S (+1004)	Require application for and implementation of federal approval for services and supports for children with developmental disabilities and their families and require evaluations and reports	5, 15
LB377	DeBoer	GF (>310)	Change inheritance tax provisions	3
LB432	Revenue	S	Adopt the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act, change restricted funds provisions, provide a tax credit and an income tax exemption, change the corporate income tax rate, extend the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act application period, and redefine a term relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust	4
LB436	B. Hansen	S	Change provisions of the Athletic Training Practice Act	9, 15
LB444	M. Hansen	GF	Change provisions relating to credit against jail terms	14
LB446	M. Hansen	GF	Adopt the Nebraska Housing Index and Financing Investment System Act	6
LB450	McKinney	S (+1215)	Adopt the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act and the Small Business Assistance Act	4, 9, 15
LB450A	McKinney	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB457	McCollister	C (>1150)	Change provisions relating to deductions for certain sales and use tax refunds	14, 15
LB491	M. Cavanaugh	C (>1173)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to lead agencies, pilot projects, and service areas for certain social services	8, 10, 15
LB496	Hilkemann	FR	Change provisions relating to postconviction relief and require collection of DNA samples from persons arrested for crimes of violence or burglary	3
LB502	Flood	GF(>1150)	Change sales tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act	14, 15
LB519	Morfeld	S	Provide immunity from arrest and prosecution for certain drug and alcohol offenses for witnesses and victims of sexual assaults	10, 15
LB541	Walz	GF(>1173)	Provide for reimbursement for certain foster care services	8, 10, 15
LB543	Brandt	GF	Adopt the Agricultural Equipment Right-To-Repair Act	14
LB554	Blood	C (>752)	Adopt the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact	9, 15
LB555	M. Hansen	GF (>800)	Change reporting requirements under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act	10, 15
LB568	Pansing Brooks	SF	Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the Commission Grant Program, and compulsory education	5
LB596	Albrecht	GF(>1261)	Adopt the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act	14, 15
LB596A	Albrecht	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB598	Wishart	S (+1116, 1163)	Adopt the Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Act and change provisions of the Business Innovation Act	10, 15
LB626	Vargas	GF (>741)	Change provisions of the Child and Maternal Death Review Act	9
LB650	Flood	S	Adopt the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act	5
LB660	McDonnell	GF (>964)	Change collective-bargaining provisions relating to the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges	
LB661	McDonnell	GF	Prohibit assault on a public transportation driver and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals	14
LB685	Executive Board	S	Eliminate obsolete provisions appropriating funds to the State Department of Education for FY2017-18 and FY2018-19	
LB686	Hughes	S	Change composition of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council	
LB687	Blood	C	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	
LB688	Blood	C	Adopt the Property Tax Reduction Act and eliminate credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act	4
LB689	Blood	C	Change provisions relating to fees in the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act	
LB690	Blood	C	Redefine basic skills competency for purposes of teachers' and administrators' certificates or permits	5
LB691	Blood	S	Include kidnapping victims under the Address Confidentiality Act	
LB692	Blood	C	Prohibit causing sexual contact when a condom has been removed without consent	

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LB693	Blood	C	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle tax exemptions, motor vehicle fee exemptions, and property tax exemptions for certain veterans	
LB694	Blood	C	Provide a statute of limitations for exposure to certain chemicals, prescription drugs, or medical devices	
LB695	Blood	GF	Prohibit conditional use permits and zoning exceptions for delinquent property taxpayers	4
LB696	Blood	C	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for school employee retention payments	12
LB697	Kolterman	S	Provide for licensure of rural emergency hospital services	
LB697A	Kolterman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB698	Kolterman	S	Require coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices under the Medical Assistance Act	9, 15
LB698A	Kolterman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB699	Kolterman	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for grants to improve technology infrastructure	
LB700	Kolterman	S (+1043)	Change provisions relating to public retirement systems	5, 6, 8
LB701	Williams	C	Change certain deadlines under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act	
LB702	Williams	C	Change provisions relating to the availability of tax credits under the School Readiness Tax Credit Act	
LB703	Williams	C (>1011)	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an agricultural innovation facility	7
LB704	Williams	S	Change education requirements for licensure under the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act and eliminate certain provisions regarding caskets	
LB705	Williams	S	Change and eliminate provisions under the Barber Act	
LB706	Williams	C (>707)	Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act	
LB707	Williams	S (+706, 738, 811, 826, 846, 894, 973, 993, 1017)	Adopt the LIBOR Transition Act and certain updates to federal law, recognize Juneteenth National Independence Day as a bank holiday, and change provisions relating to accountants, banks, financial institutions, bank subsidiaries, digital-asset depositories, residential mortgage loans, real estate appraisers, auctioneers, public funds, trusts, and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority	
LB708	Hughes	S	Eliminate the requirement to copyright reissue and supplement volumes of the Nebraska Revised Statutes	
LB709	McCollister	GF	Change requirements relating to preliminary applications under the Occupational Board Reform Act	14
LB710	McCollister	C	Change provisions relating to federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility	
LB711	Hughes	C	Change provisions relating to the sale of educational land	
LB712	Hughes	GF (>805)	Change provisions of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act	3, 9, 15
LB713	Flood	C	Prohibit the use of tax-increment financing for certain purposes	6
LB714	Geist	GF (>750)	Change the distribution of fees for certain motor vehicle operator's licenses and state identification cards	10, 15
LB715	Hunt	C	Eliminate the prohibition regarding publicly funded insurance coverage for abortion and repeal the Mandate Opt-Out and Insurance Coverage Clarification Act	
LB716	Hunt	C	Allow qualified practitioners to perform abortions	8
LB717	Morfeld	S (+1040)	Change the amount of compensation under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act	4, 8, 15
LB718	Morfeld	C	Provide requirements for cost-sharing and coverage relating to health care benefits and pharmacy benefit managers	
LB719	Morfeld	C	Change provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act relating to physicians, compensation, and benefits and require cost-of-living adjustments and payment for interpreter services	
LB720	Albrecht	GF (>750)	Adopt changes to federal law regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers	
LB721	Hilkemann	C (>792)	Appropriate funds for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex	7, 13, 15
LB722	Hilkemann	C (>1011)	Transfer and appropriate funds for lead-based paint hazard control	
LB723	Briese	SF (>873)	Change provisions relating to the calculation of tax credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act	3, 4, 13, 14
LB724	M. Hansen	GF (>800)	Change provisions relating to economic development programs under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	3, 10, 15
LB725	M. Hansen	C	Authorize guidelines for approval of certain redevelopment projects under the Community Development Law	
LB726	M. Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to sanitary and improvement districts	
LB727	M. Hansen	GF (>800)	Change provisions relating to the board of trustees of a sanitary and improvement district	10, 15
LB728	Lindstrom	C (>863)	Adopt the Travel Insurance Act	9, 15

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LB729	Lindstrom	SF	Adopt the Quick Action Closing Fund Act	14, 15
LB730	Lindstrom	GF	Adopt the Growing Our Workforce Investment Now Act and provide tax credits	
LB730A	Lindstrom	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB731	J. Cavanaugh	C	Provide requirements under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act	
LB732	J. Cavanaugh	C	Prohibit use of deception by peace officers in questioning juveniles	3
LB733	J. Cavanaugh.	GF (>843)	Provide requirements for contributions or expenditures by foreign nationals under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	14, 15
LB734	J. Cavanaugh	C	Provide a contribution limit for candidate committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB735	Bostar	C	Change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds	
LB736	Bostar	IPP	Redefine E-85 for grants for ethanol infrastructure projects	
LB737	Bostar	C (>863)	Adopt the Primary Care Investment Act	9, 15
LB738	Bostar	C (>707)	Adopt the LIBOR Transition Act for contracts, securities, and instruments	
LB739	Bostar	C (>863)	Change provisions relating to insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings	4, 9, 15
LB740	DeBoer	C	Provide an income tax deduction for rent paid on dwellings	
LB741	DeBoer	S (+245, 626, 901, 1009)	Adopt the Domestic Abuse Death Review Act, change provisions of and provide for review of stillbirths under the Child and Maternal Death Review Act, change provisions regarding adoption, and provide for cytomegalovirus public education and prevention	9, 12, 15
LB741A	DeBoer	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB742	Erdman	S	Provide for minutes to be kept in an electronic record under the Open Meetings Act	
LB743	Erdman	C	Change provisions relating to when closed sessions may be held under the Open Meetings Act	
LB744	Erdman	GF	Change provisions relating to identification and inspection of livestock	
LB745	M. Cavanaugh	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to marriage	
LB746	Friesen	IPP	Eliminate the requirement that the Director of Natural Resources be a professional engineer	
LB747	Friesen	C	Eliminate the requirement that the Director of Aeronautics be confirmed by the Legislature	
LB748	Friesen	GF	Change forfeiture provisions under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act as prescribed	
LB749	Friesen	S	Change an identification inspection provision under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act	
LB750	Friesen	S (+714, 720, 913, 1022, 1145, 1259, 1266)	Change provisions relating to transportation	10, 15
LB750A	Friesen	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB751	Arch	C	Change a funding limitation for the Economic Opportunity Program	
LB752	Arch	S (+15, 374, 554, 753)	Adopt the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act, the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact, and the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact, require notifications regarding stem cell therapy, and redefine respiratory care under the Respiratory Care Practice Act	9, 15
LB752A	Arch	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB753	Arch	C (>752)	Require health care practitioners to provide notification regarding stem cell therapy	3, 9, 15
LB754	Bostar	S	Extend the commercial air filter pilot program of the State Department of Education	
LB755	Brandt	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds for the Independent Processor Assistance Program	6
LB756	Brandt	C	Change provisions relating to properties contaminated by methamphetamine	
LB757	Brandt	W	Change and eliminate distance restrictions for oversize loads under the Nebraska Rules of the Road	
LB758	Brandt	S	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act	3, 6, 9
LB759	Dorn	C (>1012)	Change a limitation relating to microloans under the Business Innovation Act	11
LB760	Dorn	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to licensed emergency medical services programs	
LB761	Dorn	IPP(>1144)	Adopt the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds	7, 13, 15
LB762	Dorn	C (>1011)	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for behavioral health services	5, 11
LB763	Dorn	C	Redefine terms relating to recreational liability to include private airstrips or runways and noncommercial aviation activities	
LB764	Aguilar	GF	Redefine the term gross proceeds for purposes of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act	
LB765	Aguilar	GF	Change provisions relating to authorized uses for a County Visitors Improvement Fund	
LB766	Kolterman	C (>1011)	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for pancreatic cancer research	7
LB767	Kolterman	S	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act	5, 10

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LB767A	Kolterman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB768	Albrecht	C	Change provisions relating to establishment of academic content standards for school districts	7
LB769	Halloran	S	Require certain state employees to submit to fingerprinting and criminal history record checks	
LB770	Day	C	Change membership of the Board of Dentistry	
LB771	Day	C	Change provisions in the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to electric bicycles	
LB772	Day	C	Prohibit certain providers of health care and medical services from taking certain debt collection actions against victims of sexual assault, domestic assault, and child abuse	
LB773	Brewer	SF	Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit and prohibit regulation of such carrying by cities, villages, and counties	3, 10, 15
LB774	Brewer	C	Adopt the First Freedom Act	3
LB775	Brewer	IPP	Prohibit land disposal of wind turbine blades and their component parts	
LB776	Brewer	GF	Provide an income tax deduction for certain military pay	
LB776A	Brewer	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB777	Brewer	GF	Require the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission to develop and maintain a digital archive of Nebraska Legislature video coverage	6
LB777A	Brewer	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB778	Brewer	C	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act	
LB779	Gragert	S	Change provisions regarding the tuition assistance program for the Nebraska National Guard	
LB780	Gragert	S (+974)	Change provisions relating to child labor and employment certificates and approval requirements for short-time compensation plans and provide for applicability of the Employment Security Law and the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act to transit authorities	8
LB781	Slama	C	Adopt the Heartbeat Act	
LB782	Vargas	C (>1011)	Change appropriations for Health Aid to the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB783	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for the beef processing industry	
LB784	Groene	C	Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption for hospitals	
LB785	Erdman	C	Change provisions relating to early voting	4
LB786	Erdman	S	Change information required for a statement of financial interest under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB787	Erdman	GF	Redefine a term and change applicability provisions under the Nebraska Budget Act	
LB788	Brewer	C (>1011)	Change appropriations intent language and matching fund provisions under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act	6, 11, 12
LB789	Groene	C	Change provisions relating to urban housing programs	
LB790	Groene	W	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to redevelopment plans receiving an expedited review	
LB791	Lowe	S	Change a population requirement relating to county surveyors, engineers, and highway superintendents	
LB792	Lowe	S (+721)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex	11, 12, 13, 15
LB793	McCollister	C	Provide for ranked-choice voting for certain city and village offices	
LB794	McCollister	C	Provide for nonpartisan election of the State Treasurer and Auditor of Public Accounts	
LB795	Flood	S	Change provisions relating to the release or modification of certain restrictions under the Nebraska Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act	
LB796	Urban Affairs	C	Change certain reporting requirements under the Community Development Law	
LB797	Urban Affairs	C	Provide for the removal of certain blighted designations under the Community Development Law	
LB798	Urban Affairs	C	Change provisions relating to extremely blighted areas under the Community Development Law	
LB799	Urban Affairs	GF (>800)	Change provisions of the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act	10, 15
LB800	Urban Affairs	S (+555, 724, 727, 799, 842, 1176, 1189)	Change provisions relating to cities of the metropolitan class, sanitary and improvement districts, sanitary drainage districts, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the Civic and Community Center Financing Act, the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, and the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act	10, 15
LB801	Hughes	C	Redefine qualified location under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act	5
LB802	Hughes	GF (>805)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act	3, 9, 15
LB803	Hughes	IPP (>809)	Redefine immediate family for purposes of obtaining limited permits for deer, antelope, wild turkey, or elk	10, 15
LB804	Hughes	S	Change compensation of certain members of the Nebraska Power Review Board	9, 15
LB804A	Hughes	S	Appropriation Bill	



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LB805	Hughes	S (+712, 802)	Change provisions of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act, the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act, and the Noxious Weed Control Act	9, 15
LB805A	Hughes	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB806	Bostelman	GF	Change provisions relating to drainage of land by the landowner	
LB807	Brandt	S	Change provisions relating to county historical associations	
LB808	Morfeld	S	Change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules	
LB809	Moser	S (+803, 924, 978)	Change provisions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the Game Law, the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act, and the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act	10, 15
LB809A	Hughes	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB810	J. Cavanaugh	GF	Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports	
LB811	Dorn	GF (>707)	Change provisions relating to auctioneers of real estate	
LB812	Hilkemann	C	Provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians	
LB813	Hilkemann	C (>1011)	State intent regarding funding for development and improvements along the national rail-trail route	
LB814	McKinney	C	Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills	
LB815	McKinney	GF	Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act	9
LB816	McKinney	C	Require collection of certain data upon commitment to the Department of Correctional Services	
LB817	Linehan	C (>1150)	Change the ImagiNE Nebraska Act and certain tax reporting requirements	14, 15
LB818	Linehan	C (>927)	Change authorized uses of state assistance and certain limitations under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	13, 15
LB819	Linehan	C	Eliminate provisions relating to a tax study	
LB820	M. Hansen	S	Change population thresholds for cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class	
LB821	M. Hansen	C	Adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act	8
LB822	M. Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to reinstatement fees for motor vehicle operators' licenses	
LB823	B. Hansen	GF	Prohibit state agencies from imposing annual filing and reporting requirements on charitable organizations	
LB824	B. Hansen	S	Include bathing as an activity of daily living for health care credentialing provisions	
LB825	Lindstrom	SF (>873)	Change provisions relating to the taxation of benefits received under the federal Social Security Act	3, 4, 12, 13, 14
LB826	Lindstrom	C (>707)	Redefine a term under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act	
LB827	Lindstrom	C	Provide income tax deductions for the cost of certain property and for certain research or experimental expenditures	
LB828	Briese	C	Prohibit manipulation of elections under the Election Act and provide a penalty	
LB829	DeBoer	S	Change provisions relating to offenses against animals	
LB830	DeBoer	GF (>922)	Change provisions relating to cash medical support for child support	14, 15
LB831	M. Cavanaugh	C	Provide for caregiver diversion programs and conditional release of pregnant and postpartum inmates	
LB832	M. Cavanaugh	C	Change individual income tax brackets and rates	
LB833	Pahls	GF	Change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child	3
LB834	Hunt	C	Redefine a term under the Wage and Hour Act	
LB835	Hunt	W	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust	
LB836	Hunt	C	Require the review of substandard and blighted area designations and extremely blighted area designations	
LB837	Hunt	C	Require the Director of Environment and Energy to provide certain Nebraska Energy Code information to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature	
LB838	Kolterman	C	Require the State Department of Education to create an aid program relating to the early childhood workforce	3
LB839	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	GF	Change provisions relating to truth and deception examinations and repeal the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act	
LB840	Brewer	S	Change provisions relating to publication and rates for legal notices	
LB841	Brewer	C (>843)	Provide for applications to register to vote and obtain ballots for Nebraska National Guard members and certain emergency response providers	14, 15
LB842	Brewer	GF (>800)	Authorize grants of assistance to tribal governments under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act	10, 15

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LB843	Brewer	S (+733, 841, 849, 858, 861, 928, 1263)	Change provisions relating to elections	14, 15
LB844	McCollister	C	Provide requirements for filling a vacancy in the Legislature	
LB845	Slama	C	Adopt the Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act	
LB846	Slama	C (>707)	Change provisions relating to an annual audit under the Nebraska Banking Act	
LB847	Wishart	S	Redefine political subdivision under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act	
LB848	Halloran	S	Change provisions of the Animal Health and Disease Control Act relating to catastrophic livestock mortality	8, 15
LB848A	Halloran	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB849	Bostar	C (>843)	Provide a penalty for violations relating to recall elections	14, 15
LB850	Bostar	GF	Change provisions relating to the cancellation and extinguishment of certain delinquent property taxes	
LB851	Wishart	S	Change enforcement procedures and redefine terms related to certain crimes involving animals	
LB852	Day	S (+912)	Require behavioral health points of contact for school districts, provide for mental health first aid training, and change education innovation grants	8, 13, 15
LB853	Day	SF(+1080)	Provide and change provisions related to homestead exemptions	13
LB854	Day	C (>1173)	Require notice to the Department of Health and Human Services in certain cases of alleged out-of-home child abuse or neglect	8, 10, 15
LB855	Day	S	Change requirements for coverage under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB856	Day	S	Provide for partnering organizations under the Aging and Disability Resource Center Act	
LB857	Day	C	Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and the Children's Health Insurance Program	6
LB858	Clements	C (>843)	Restrict funding for elections under the Election Act	4, 14, 15
LB859	Clements	C	Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures	9
LB860	Pahls	C	Change the valuation of certain real property for property tax purposes	
LB861	McCollister	C (>843)	Require an email address on candidate filing forms under the Election Act	14, 15
LB862	McCollister	C	Require coverage under the Medical Assistance Act for treatments for end-stage renal disease	
LB863	Williams	S (+728, 737, 739, 955, 957, 1042)	Adopt the Travel Insurance Act and the Primary Care Investment Act and change provisions relating to premium rebates, insurance coverage, the Insurance Holding Company System Act, and the Insurers Investment Act	9, 15
LB864	Gragert	S	Authorize qualified education loan payments under the Nebraska educational savings plan trust	9, 15
LB865	DeBoer	C (>1011)	Change provisions relating to reimbursement for child care and state intent to appropriate federal funds	
LB866	Brandt	GF	Change inspection fees under the State Electrical Act	
LB867	Morfeld	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for Health Aid	12, 13
LB868	Morfeld	GF	Change provisions relating to a classification system administered by the State Department of Education	
LB869	M. Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to a leave of absence for an adoptive parent	4
LB870	M. Hansen	GF (>922)	Provide for payment of attorney's fees from the State Self-Insured Indemnification Fund and the State Self-Insured Liability Fund	14, 15
LB871	M. Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to meatpacking employees and employers and the Non-English-Speaking Workers Protection Act	
LB872	Brewer	GF	Authorize the wearing of tribal regalia by certain students	
LB873	Friesen	S (+723, 825, 939)	Change provisions relating to corporate and individual income taxes, taxation of social security benefits, and property tax credits	13, 14
LB874	Friesen	C	Provide restrictions on fees under the State Aeronautics Act	
LB875	Friesen	C	Rename the Director-State Engineer for the Department of Transportation as the Director of Transportation for the Department of Transportation	
LB876	Briese	S (+877)	Change provisions relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission, wagering on and conduct of horseraces, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, taxation of gaming activities, and public records	4, 13, 15
LB877	Briese	C (>876)	Change provisions relating to horseracing and the State Racing and Gaming Commission	4, 13, 15
LB878	J. Cavanaugh	C	Provide for automatic review of bail and conditions of release for misdemeanors or violations of city or village ordinances	
LB879	J. Cavanaugh	GF	Provide for answers of no contest in adjudication hearings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	
LB880	McKinney	C	Provide requirements for commissaries in detention facilities and adult correctional facilities	

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LB881	McKinney	C (>984)	Provide a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products and require detention facilities to provide feminine hygiene products to prisoners free of charge	14, 15
LB882	McKinney	C	Change requirements regarding law enforcement records and require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists	
LB883	McKinney	C	Require confidentiality of prosecutions of minors tried as adults and change and provide requirements regarding custody and interrogation of a juvenile	
LB884	M. Cavanaugh	C	Provide notice to private residential owners under the One-Call Notification System Act	4
LB885	M. Cavanaugh	C	Require implicit bias training for certain applicants and credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act	
LB886	M. Cavanaugh	C	Provide requirements relating to pregnant prisoners and detainees	
LB887	Slama	S	Change provisions relating to state colleges and the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and eliminate certain provisions relating to morals and prohibiting religious tests	
LB888	Day	S	Require the State Board of Education to adopt standards for education on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide	9, 14, 15
LB889	Halloran	GF	Change provisions of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act	
LB890	Walz	GF	Change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	4, 6
LB891	Lindstrom	C	Change the distribution of sales tax revenue, school levy limitations, and other tax and school provisions	4, 6
LB892	Walz	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act	
LB893	Stinner	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds for provider rate increases for developmental disability services	5, 11
LB894	Stinner	C (>707)	Change provisions relating to accounting firm ownership	
LB895	Walz	C	Provide restrictions on prior authorizations by managed care organizations under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB896	Lathrop	S	Change and provide requirements for program evaluation under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act	4, 9, 15
LB896A	Lathrop	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB897	Lathrop	C	Provide, change, eliminate, and transfer provisions regarding the offices of Inspector General of Child Welfare and Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System	
LB898	Lowe	C	Redefine ready-to-drink cocktail for purposes of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB899	Lowe	C (>1236)	Change provisions relating to special designated licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission	9, 15
LB900	Lowe	C (>1236)	Change provisions relating to microdistilleries to allow up to five physical locations	5, 9, 15
LB901	Pansing Brooks	GF (>741)	Provide for cytomegalovirus public education and prevention	12, 15
LB902	Aguilar	S	Adopt the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act	13, 15
LB902A	Aguilar	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB903	Bostar	C (>922)	Change provisions relating to criminal privacy violations and prohibit spying by unmanned aircraft	14, 15
LB904	Dorn	C	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Holland Computer Center facility	7
LB905	Walz	S	Provide for perinatal mental health screenings	3, 11, 15
LB906	B. Hansen	S	Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services	4, 6, 7, 8
LB907	DeBoer	GF	Adopt the Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act and change provisions relating to court jurisdiction	
LB908	McDonnell	S	Provide additional requirements for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act	
LB909	McDonnell	C	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process	
LB910	McDonnell	GF	Adopt the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Act	7
LB910A	McDonnell	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB911	McDonnell	C (>1012)	Change the grant amount for the 211 Information and C Network	11, 12
LB912	Morfeld	GF (>852)	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds	13, 15
LB913	Bostelman	IPP (>750)	Changes provisions relating to construction of highways and roads	10, 15
LB914	Bostelman	IPP(>1144)	Require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a broadband map and data repository	6, 13, 15
LB915	Wayne	GF(>1024)	Provide a requirement for grant eligibility under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act	12, 13
LB916	Wayne	C	Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act	

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LB917	Wayne	S	Provide an income tax credit for certain wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony	7, 9, 12, 14, 15
LB917A	Wayne	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB918	Wayne	C	Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications	
LB919	Lindstrom	GF	Redefine terms under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	
LB920	Lathrop	GF	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	4, 11, 14
LB920A	Lathrop	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB921	Lathrop	S (+952, 1223)	Provide for reimbursement for lodging of certain defendants, require medicaid enrollment assistance for inmates, change priority for admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill and require minimum numbers of beds at the Lincoln Regional Center, and create the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee	14, 15
LB921A	Lathrop	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB922	Lathrop	S (+830, 870, 903, 990, 1059, 1171)	Change provisions relating to judges, jury commissioners, child support, and the Risk Management Program, prohibit criminal trespass by electronic device and criminal impersonation by stolen valor, and exempt the Judicial Resources Commission from the Open Meetings Act	14, 15
LB922A	Lathrop	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB923	J. Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions relating to the game of keno and provide for the sale of digital-on-premises tickets	4
LB924	Brewer	IPP (>809)	Include cities of the first class as grant recipients under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act	10, 15
LB925	Gragert	S	Adopt the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act and state intent regarding appropriations	4, 8, 15
LB925A	Gragert	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB926	Pahls	IPP	Provide an income tax credit for rent paid on dwellings	
LB927	Pahls	S (+818, 1250)	Change provisions relating to the Civic and Community Center Financing Act, the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, the Property Tax Request Act, and the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	13, 15
LB928	Sanders	C (>843)	Provide for closed-captioning or transcripts of certain campaign advertisements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	14, 15
LB929	Wishart	C	Require submission of a medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage	4
LB930	Hunt	C	Authorize certain expenditures under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	7
LB931	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits under the Employment Security Law	
LB932	Hunt	GF (>1173)	Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children for social security benefit eligibility	10, 15
LB933	Albrecht	GF	Adopt the Nebraska Human Life Protection Act	8, 12, 14
LB934	J. Cavanaugh	C	Make certain license plate and registration decal provisions secondary violations and change penalties	
LB935	Bostar	C	Adopt the County Minimum Wage Option Act	7
LB936	Bostar	C	Change provisions relating to the taxation of nonresident income	
LB937	Geist	GF (>1150A)	Appropriate funds to the Legislative Council for economic modeling software	
LB938	Linehan	C (>939)	Change corporate income tax rates	4, 8, 14
LB939	Linehan	SF (+938, >873)	Change corporate and individual income tax rates	4, 8, 13, 14
LB939A	Linehan	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB940	M. Hansen	C	Appropriate federal funds for housing	
LB941	Slama	C (>984)	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for net wrap	14, 15
LB942	Slama	C	Change powers, duties, and training requirements for noncertified conditional officers and law enforcement reserve officers and provide for notice of expiration of certification as a qualified firearm instructor	
LB943	Bostar	GF	Prohibit certain provisions in a health plan in relation to clinician-administered drugs	7
LB944	McCollister	C	Change the sales tax rate imposed on the furnishing of electricity service	
LB945	Linehan	C (>1218)	Adopt the Teach in Nebraska Today Act, provide for student loan repayment assistance, and appropriate General Funds	5, 14, 15
LB946	Wayne	C	Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to certain juveniles	
LB947	Wayne	C	End child support payments upon the death of a custodial parent	



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LB948	Wayne	C	Require insurers to reveal certain liability coverage limits to injured parties	
LB949	Friesen	C	Change provisions relating to property tax statements	
LB950	DeBoer	C	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for academic medical research and development	7
LB951	J. Cavanaugh	IPP	Increase the earned income tax credit	
LB952	J. Cavanaugh	C (>921)	Provide medicaid enrollment assistance to inmates prior to release from incarceration	14, 15
LB953	J. Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions relating to open burning permits and provide limitations on liability and nuisance relating to land-management burning	
LB954	Wayne	C	Preempt certain county and municipality resolutions or ordinances relating to electronic smoking devices under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act	7
LB955	Murman	C (>863)	Prohibit certain insurance practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor	9, 15
LB956	Murman	C	Change provisions relating to confidential public health information	
LB957	Flood	C (>863)	Change provisions of the Insurers Investment Act	9, 15
LB958	Groene	C	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	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the statewide designated health information exchange	
LB960	Vargas	C	Eliminate certain basic skill and content test requirements for eligibility for teaching certificates	5
LB961	Vargas	C	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center	7
LB962	Vargas	C	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to construct a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Teaching, Research, and Inquiry-based Learning Center	7
LB963	Murman	C	Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act	
LB964	Bostar	S (+660)	Change provisions regarding reimbursement of expenses for the Nebraska State Patrol and collective bargaining for certain employees of the University of Nebraska	
LB965	Bostar	C	Change the day the state observes Arbor Day	8
LB966	Lathrop	GF	Adopt the Discretionary Clause Prohibition Act relating to insurance	
LB967	Lathrop	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB968	Dorn	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for affordable housing and job training	
LB969	Dorn	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy to improve reliability and resiliency of the electric grid	
LB970	Halloran	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Agriculture for catastrophic livestock mortality and disposal events	
LB971	McDonnell	S	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	C	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation	
LB973	M. Hansen	C (>707)	Redefine terms and change powers under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act	
LB974	Wayne	GF (>780)	Provide for applicability of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and the Employment Security Law to transit authorities	
LB975	Wayne	C	Provide a requirement for state officials and state employees testifying before the Legislature	
LB976	Wishart	C	Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act	
LB977	Slama	S	Provide for grants from the Site and Building Development Fund for expanding electrical system capacities and a transfer to the fund from the Cash Reserve Fund	13, 15
LB977A	Slama	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB978	Hughes	IPP (>809)	Provide powers and duties relating to the treatment of dredged and fill material under the Environmental Protection Act	10, 15
LB979	McCollister	C	Adopt the Remanufacturing Pilot Project Act and provide income tax credits	
LB980	McKinney	C	Provide for release for medical treatment, change provisions relating to medical parole, and provide for parole eligibility for persons serving sentences of life imprisonment	4
LB981	Hilkemann	GF	Revive the Trail Development Assistance Act and state intent to transfer funds	
LB982	Hilkemann	C	Adopt the Education Savings Account Act and provide income tax adjustments	
LB983	Moser	S	Change provisions relating to industrial development powers of counties, cities, and villages	
LB984	Moser	S (+881, 941)	Change sales and use tax collection fees, provide a sales and use tax exemption for net wrap and feminine hygiene products, and require detention facilities to provide feminine hygiene products to female prisoners free of charge	8, 14, 15
LB984A	Moser	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB985	Kolterman	C (>1150)	Redefine base year under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act	14, 15
LB986	Briese	GF	Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act	3, 6
LB987	Briese	C	Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act	3

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LB988	Stinner	GF	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a medicaid rate study for assisted-living services	
LB989	Stinner	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds for medicaid nursing facility rates	5, 11
LB990	B. Hansen	C (>922)	Create the offense of stolen valor and provide a penalty	9, 14, 15
LB991	Morfeld	GF	Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for high-speed commuter rail	4, 12
LB992	Morfeld	C	Appropriate funds to the Public Employees Retirement Board for a change to the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	
LB993	Bostar	C (>707)	Provide for a limitation on digital asset and cryptocurrency custody services	
LB994	Lathrop	C	Change provisions relating to sale of catalytic converters to secondary metals recyclers and change a penalty	9
LB995	Linehan	C	Limit the total amount reimbursed by the state for homestead exemptions	
LB996	Dorn	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for assisted-living facilities	
LB997	Day	C	Change school entrance requirements	6
LB998	Wayne	S	Change provisions of the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act	
LB999	Wayne	C	Require the Department of Transportation to apply for federal infrastructure funding and construct a bridge	
LB1000	B. Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to child abuse and neglect under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act and the Nebraska Juvenile Code	9
LB1001	Erdman	C	Limit the school term for school districts and educational service units	
LB1002	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for low-income home energy assistance	
LB1003	McDonnell	C	Include parole officers in the protective service bargaining unit under the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act	
LB1004	Health & Human Services	GF (>376)	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for an evaluation of the developmental disabilities system	4, 5, 15
LB1005	DeBoer	C	Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds	
LB1006	Murman	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for construction of new dairy processing plants	
LB1007	Murman	S	Change provisions relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	
LB1008	Albrecht	C	Prohibit a county, city, or village from restricting energy utility service	
LB1009	Brandt	GF (>741)	Adopt the Domestic Abuse Death Review Act	12, 15
LB1010	Geist	GF	Require information to be included in the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System and accessible to law enforcement	
LB1010A	Geist	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB1011	Speaker Hilgers	VO (+703, 722, 762, 766, 782, 788, 813, 865, 893, 989,1049, 1071,1111, 1164,1197, 1232,1233, 1252)	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	4, 11, 12, 13, 14
LB1012	Speaker Hilgers	VO (+759, 911,1074, 1090,1114)	Provide for funds transfers, create funds, and change and eliminate provisions regarding funds and reimbursement provisions	4, 11, 12, 13, 14
LB1013	Speaker Hilgers	VO	Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund	4, 11, 12, 13, 14

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LB1014	Speaker Hilgers	S (+755, 760, 867, 968, 996, 1025, 1066, 1075, 1081, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1100, 1138, 1142, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1167, 1172, 1195, 1201, 1203, 1254, 1255, 1269)	Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	4, 11, 12, 13, 14
LB1015	Speaker Hilgers	S	Adopt the Perkins County Canal Project Act	6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15
LB1016	Walz	S	Provide for public-private partnerships and progressive design-build under the Transportation Innovation Act	5, 13, 15
LB1017	Slama	C (>707)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code	
LB1018	McKinney	C	Set a minimum wage for employees of a Class V school district	
LB1019	McKinney	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program	
LB1020	Brewer	C	Change homestead exemption provisions relating to application requirements for certain veterans	
LB1021	Friesen	IPP(>1144)	Provide for regulation of certain telecommunications companies by the Public Service Commission	
LB1022	Friesen	IPP (>750)	Change provisions relating to fees under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	10, 15
LB1023	Hilgers	S	Adopt the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Act and the Water Recreation Enhancement Act and change provisions relating to the Statewide Tourism And Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Special Committee of the Legislature	6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15
LB1024	Wayne	S (+915, 1253, 1277)	Adopt the Economic Recovery Act, create the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division and Housing Division of the Department of Economic Development, change provisions of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act, provide for grants, state intent regarding appropriations, and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
LB1024A	Wayne	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1025	Wayne	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for the North Omaha Recovery Grant Program	12
LB1026	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Adopt the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Modification Act	
LB1027	Hunt	C	Provide for grants to schools that discontinue use of American Indian mascots	
LB1028	Hunt	C	Change provisions of the Wage and Hour Act relating to tipped employees and provide for complaints, prohibited actions, and liquidated damages	
LB1029	Hunt	C	Prohibit harassment by certain employers and provide an unlawful employment practice for a covered entity under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	
LB1030	Friesen	C	Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	
LB1031	McCollister	C	Provide requirements on contracts for telecommunications services for jails	
LB1032	McDonnell	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development for industrial site development	
LB1033	Arch	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for the Economic Opportunity Program and to the Department of Economic Development for various programs	
LB1034	Pahls	C	Provide for designation of progress schools and progress plans and state intent to appropriate federal funds	
LB1035	Lathrop	C	Change provisions relating to non-probation-based programs or services	
LB1036	Lathrop	C	Provide for problem-solving court referees	
LB1037	Arch	S (+1064)	Require the Department of Administrative Services to contract for an evaluation of the state's procurement practices and change provisions relating to the materiel division of the department	6, 8, 15
LB1037A	Arch	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1038	M. Hansen	C	Prohibit a cleaning and damage charge requirement in a rental agreement	
LB1039	McDonnell	C	Provide for state reimbursement of certain annual costs under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act	

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LB1040	McDonnell	GF (>717)	Redefine a term under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act	
LB1041	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for loans for development of affordable housing units	
LB1042	Bostar	C (>863)	Change provisions relating to insurance and rebates	9, 15
LB1043	Kolterman	C (>700)	Change retirement provisions for certain school employees	5, 6, 8
LB1044	Hilkemann	C	Adopt the Care Team Innovation Grant Pilot Project Act and state intent regarding federal funds	
LB1045	Bostelman	GF	Change qualifications of certain public power district board members	
LB1046	Bostelman	IPP	Change provisions relating to selection of the board of directors and chief executive officer of certain public power districts	
LB1047	Bostelman	C	Change requirements regarding annual load and capability reports filed with the Nebraska Power Review Board	
LB1048	Blood	C (>1068)	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to evaluate the chemicals released and pollution caused by ethanol production facilities	13, 15
LB1049	Kolterman	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for the Office of Public Guardian	
LB1050	Flood	C	Prohibit public postsecondary institutions from discriminating against student organizations based on viewpoints, beliefs, and missions	7
LB1051	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Provide for setting aside convictions and expunging records for convictions and adjudications for concealed weapon offenses	10
LB1052	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program	
LB1053	Lathrop	C	Authorize courts to conduct proceedings using virtual conferencing	7
LB1054	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to modernize academic research laboratories and equipment for the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha	7
LB1055	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for premium pay to front-line nurses	8
LB1056	Brewer	W	Provide for regulation of industrial wind turbines by counties	
LB1057	Brewer	S	Change provisions relating to Class III school districts	
LB1058	Brewer	C	Provide requirements for public power suppliers relating to base-load units	
LB1059	Flood	C (>922)	Exempt the Judicial Resources Commission from the Open Meetings Act	14, 15
LB1060	Briese	C	Change provisions relating to certain findings and the validity of certain agreements under the Community Development Law	
LB1061	Albrecht	C	Change provisions relating to the board of directors of an insurance corporation	
LB1062	Albrecht	C	Change provisions relating to compensation for total disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB1063	Morfeld	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Labor to increase the number of apprentices and provide premium pay	
LB1064	Arch	C (>1037)	Change powers and duties of the materiel division and provisions relating to the Materiel Division Revolving Fund	8, 15
LB1065	Wayne	S	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to declarations of substandard and blighted areas and redevelopment plans receiving an expedited review	9, 15
LB1066	Stinner	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services and the University of Nebraska for behavioral health care services	12, 14
LB1067	Stinner	C(>1068A)	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for the Behavioral Health Education Center	
LB1068	Stinner	S (+1048)	Change provisions of the Behavioral Health Workforce Act and require an assessment by the University of Nebraska regarding environmental and human health effects of ethanol production	13, 15
LB1068A	Stinner	S (+1067)	Appropriation Bill	
LB1069	Williams	S	Change provisions of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act and the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act	7, 13, 15
LB1070	Williams	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for infrastructure related to rural workforce housing	
LB1071	Williams	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds for the workforce housing grant program	11, 12
LB1072	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a financial success program	
LB1073	Wayne	FR	Require the Governor to apply for emergency rental assistance under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	10, 12, 13, 14
LB1074	Bostelman	C (>1012)	Create the Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	11, 12



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LB1075	Stinner	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for technology that will support statewide pediatric mental health services	
LB1076	Stinner	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to develop software to streamline coordination of care for children with medically complex conditions	
LB1077	B. Hansen	C	Prohibit public schools, public postsecondary institutions, and governmental entities from training or teaching certain concepts relating to race and sex and provide for withholding of state funds	8
LB1078	B. Hansen	C	Prohibit possession of personal electronic devices by students in public school classrooms	
LB1079	B. Hansen	C	State intent to appropriate federal funds for disbursement to Nebraska residents as prepaid debit cards	
LB1080	Sanders	G (>853)	Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties	13
LB1081	Bostar	IPP(>1014)	Provide for a grant program for the design, construction, and implementation of water transport infrastructure under the Department of Natural Resources and state intent to appropriate federal funds	
LB1082	Gragert	S	Require the Game and Parks Commission to provide certain organ and tissue donation information on applications for certain hunting and fishing permits	
LB1083	Business & Labor	S	Provide for payment of claims against the state	11, 14
LB1084	Business & Labor	S	Deny claims against the state	14
LB1085	Pansing Brooks	C	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for career and technical educational student organizations	
LB1086	Geist	C	Adopt the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act	8
LB1087	Stinner	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds for Aid to Community Colleges for dual enrollment	9
LB1088	Stinner	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund	
LB1089	Stinner	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for licensed and medicaid-certified nursing facilities	12, 14
LB1090	Dorn	C (>1012)	Change award limits under the Business Innovation Act	
LB1091	Dorn	GF(>1014)	Adopt the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds	6
LB1092	Flood	S	Authorize risk-loss trusts for Nebraska state colleges	
LB1093	Flood	C	Adopt the Enhancement Project Financing Assistance Act and provide for the use of certain sales tax revenue	
LB1094	Flood	C (>1150)	Change provisions for determining the number of new employees under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act	14, 15
LB1095	Halloran	IPP	Change provisions of the Animal Health and Disease Control Act	
LB1096	Halloran	C	Provide for participation in trusts and investment pools by certain governmental entities	
LB1097	Halloran	C	Change sales tax provisions relating to motor vehicle towing	
LB1098	Halloran	C	Change provisions relating to the State Fire Marshal, the Boiler Inspection Act, and the Conveyance Safety Act	
LB1099	Bostelman	S	Create the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group	9, 10
LB1100	Bostelman	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a feasibility study relating to nuclear reactors	7
LB1101	Bostelman	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund and the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act	
LB1102	Bostelman	S	Adopt the Nebraska Environmental Response Act and change provisions relating to enforcement of environmental protection requirements	5, 10, 15
LB1102A	Bostelman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1103	Brandt	C	Change provisions of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act	
LB1104	Day	GF	Change provisions of the Emergency Management Act	
LB1105	Day	C	Provide for Autism Awareness Plates	
LB1106	Day	C	Change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act	
LB1107	Day	C	Change provisions relating to provider reimbursement for an absent child under the federal Child Care Subsidy program	
LB1108	Day	C	Provide certain sanitary and improvement districts the power to regulate the discharge of fireworks	
LB1109	Murman	C	Provide for the issuance of a liquor license to the spouse of a law enforcement officer	
LB1110	Slama	C	Change provisions relating to the regulation and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles	
LB1111	McKinney	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for community corrections	
LB1112	McKinney	S	Adopt the Computer Science and Technology Education Act and provide and change graduation requirements and academic content standards	10, 15

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LB1112A	McKinney	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1113	McKinney	C	Provide for a pilot program to transfer funds under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds	6
LB1114	McKinney	C (>1012)	Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act relating to purposes, funding preferences, and the small business investment program	11
LB1115	McKinney	C	Require the development of certain property in order for the property to retain its property tax exemption	
LB1116	Wayne	GF (>598)	Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act relating to a financial assistance program for creating prototypes	15
LB1117	Wayne	C	Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Community Development Assistance Act	
LB1118	Wayne	C	Provide for election of airport authority board in a city of the metropolitan class	
LB1119	Wayne	C	Change powers of an airport authority created by a city of the metropolitan class	
LB1120	Wayne	C	Disqualify entities receiving federal funds from a high-population county or city of the metropolitan class from receiving such funds from the state	
LB1121	Albrecht	C	Require inspection of vote counting devices under the Election Act	9
LB1122	Erdman	GF	Change provisions relating to the Land Surveyors Regulation Act	
LB1123	Erdman	C	Change procedures for counting ballots under the Election Act	9
LB1124	Erdman	S	Change provisions relating to small estate affidavits under the Nebraska Probate Code	
LB1125	Aguilar	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for new construction of industrial rail yards	
LB1126	M. Cavanaugh	W	Eliminate family copayments under the child care subsidy program	
LB1127	Wishart	C	Adopt the Regulatory Sandbox Act	7
LB1128	DeBoer	C	Adopt the Student Loan Repayment Assistance for Teachers Act	5
LB1129	Morfeld	C	Provide free contraceptives for women as prescribed	8
LB1130	Morfeld	S	Change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act	
LB1130A	Morfeld	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB1131	Morfeld	C	State intent to appropriate federal funds for bonus payments for teachers, child care workers, and health care workers	
LB1132	Morfeld	C	Change provisions relating to insurance under the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act	
LB1133	Morfeld	C	Include health care workers within provisions concerning compensability of mental injuries and mental illness under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB1134	Morfeld	C	Prohibit use of public resources by a board member or employee of an electric cooperative corporation under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB1135	Murman	C	Change provisions relating to conservation or preservation easements and property tax exemptions relating to such easements	6
LB1136	Hunt	C	Adopt the Senior Care LGBTQ Discrimination Prevention Act	7
LB1137	Hunt	S	Rename and change provisions of the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act	
LB1138	Vargas	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for local public health departments	
LB1139	M. Hansen	C	Prohibit certain corporations from making contributions or expenditures or providing personal services under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB1140	M. Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to withholding of wages for health and human services agencies and associations	
LB1141	Vargas	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Commission on Public Advocacy for legal representation for indigent clients	
LB1142	Vargas	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority to support the development of affordable housing units	
LB1143	Linehan	C	Require approval by the voters of a school district or educational service unit for the issuance of certain bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act	
LB1144	Friesen	S (+761, 914,1021, 1214,1234)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act and the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act, provide and change powers and duties of the Public Service Commission, and adopt the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Act	13, 15
LB1144A	Friesen	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1145	Friesen	IPP (>750)	Change provisions relating to public information on motor vehicle accident reports	10, 15
LB1146	Friesen	C	Change provisions relating to the Interlocal Cooperation Act	
LB1147	Friesen	S	Redefine terms under the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles	
LB1148	Friesen	S	Provide for the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board to employ a hearing officer	

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LB1149	Friesen	C	Change registration fees for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel	8
LB1150	Legislative Performance Audit	S (+457, 502, 817, 985, 1094)	Change provisions relating to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Advantage Act, tax reporting requirements, and sales and use tax refund deductions	14, 15
LB1150A	Geist	S (+937)	Appropriation Bill	
LB1151	McCollister	C	Create the Nebraska Capitol Maintenance, Preservation, Restoration, and Enhancement Fund and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	5
LB1152	McCollister	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Administrative Services for repair and restoration of the State Capitol	
LB1153	McCollister	C	Change the number of members and qualifications for certain members of the State Electrical Board	14
LB1154	McKinney	C	Change provisions relating to good time, parole eligibility, and service of a sentence of incarceration outside of a department facility and require eighty percent of eligible committed offenders to be placed in community corrections or transitional housing	
LB1155	J. Cavanaugh	C	Provide for a pretrial risk assessment and services pilot program	5
LB1156	McDonnell	C	Increase appropriations to the Department of Economic Development for a grant to development districts	
LB1157	Linehan	C	Require the State Department of Education to submit reports on federal funds	
LB1158	Sanders	GF	Change provisions relating to parental involvement in and access to learning materials in schools and provide for withholding of funding from school districts	7
LB1159	Wishart	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a model system of care	
LB1160	Wishart	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for reverse osmosis systems	
LB1161	Wishart	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for programs and interpreters that provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing	
LB1162	Wishart	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to support in-person interpreting in rural areas and legal communication access	
LB1163	Wishart	GF (>598)	Change award limitations under the Business Innovation Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds	15
LB1164	Wishart	C (>1011)	State intent regarding an increase in reimbursement rates for Child Welfare Aid	5, 11
LB1165	Sanders	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act	
LB1166	Sanders	C	Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act	
LB1167	Flood	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for internships and expanding and retaining Nebraska's workforce	
LB1168	Linehan	C	Provide an income tax deduction for the costs of medical care	
LB1169	Linehan	IPP	Require the State Department of Education to create a loan forgiveness grant program	
LB1170	Sanders	C	Require schools to allow certain youth organizations to provide information, services, and activities	
LB1171	Sanders	C (>922)	Provide for the clerk of the district court to serve as the ex officio jury commissioner in all counties and change provisions relating to compensation	14, 15
LB1172	Hilkemann	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds for rate increases for certain providers of developmental disabilities services	12, 14
LB1173	Health & Human Services	S (+491, 541, 854, 932)	Create a work group and strategic leadership group for child welfare system reform, provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services, require reports of child abuse or neglect, and change and eliminate provisions regarding lead agencies and a pilot project for child welfare system reform	8, 10, 15
LB1173A	Arch	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1174	Wayne	C	Require state entities to report to the Legislature regarding operations and require a hearing by a legislative standing committee	
LB1175	Wayne	C	Prohibit a health insurer from removing a provider as an in-network provider under certain circumstances	
LB1176	Bostar	GF (>800)	Change the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act	15
LB1177	Bostar	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a pilot program for frontline first responders	
LB1178	McCollister	S	Provide for the withholding of the residential address of a judge from the public in county records	
LB1179	Groene	C	Adopt the Classroom Safety Intervention and Behavioral Awareness Training Act	
LB1180	Friesen	C	Change individual income tax brackets	

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LB1181	Lowe	C	Change provisions relating to required identification documents for registering to vote and voting and procedures for early voting	
LB1182	Pansing Brooks	C	Adopt the School Employees Pandemic Protection Act and state intent regarding federal funds	9
LB1183	Aguilar	C	State intent to appropriate federal funds for federally qualified health centers	8
LB1184	Geist	S	Change provisions relating to duties of the Attorney General to defend the Nebraska State Patrol	
LB1185	Morfeld	IPP	Change provisions relating to the powers of an electric cooperative corporation	
LB1186	Bostar	IPP	Rename and change provisions of the Oil Pipeline Reclamation Act	7
LB1187	Flood	C	Change provisions relating to controllable electronic records in the Uniform Commercial Code	
LB1188	Flood	C	Adopt the Uniform Personal Data Protection Act	
LB1189	Flood	GF (>800)	Change provisions relating to discontinuance of sanitary drainage districts	10, 15
LB1190	Lathrop	C	Change requirements for issuers of medicare supplement insurance policies or certificates relating to coverage of individuals under sixty-five years of age who are eligible for medicare by reason of disability	7
LB1191	Brewer	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Commission on Indian Affairs to improve tribal-owned community drinking water	9
LB1192	McDonnell	C	Provide for a temporary injunction upon filing for separation or divorce, a presumption of joint custody and parenting time, sanctions for misconduct by a party, and reports	
LB1193	McDonnell	GF	Provide limitations regarding federal funds appropriations relating to the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	
LB1194	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Public Service Commission for public safety answering points and cloud-based software services to process 911 emergency calls	
LB1195	McDonnell	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to award sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska	
LB1196	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for lead service line replacements for a utilities district	
LB1197	McDonnell	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services for grants to mentor justice-involved individuals	
LB1198	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education to provide grants to nonprofit organizations providing programming for mentorship, career exploration, and access to job readiness or postsecondary education	
LB1199	McDonnell	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Administrative Services for the Chief Information Officer to provide radios to volunteer departments	
LB1200	Halloran	C	Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Child Sexual Abuse Liability Act and exempt actions from the State Tort Claims Act and Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	6
LB1201	DeBoer	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to nonprofit organizations providing food assistance	12, 14
LB1202	Day	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a grant to any Nebraska-based soccer team or professional baseball team	
LB1203	Briese	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds for child care programs	13
LB1204	Briese	S	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB1205	McKinney	GF	Provide powers and duties for the Nebraska State Historical Society and provide for the development of the Ernie Chambers History-Arts-Humanities Museum	7
LB1206	Kolterman	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges for infrastructure, technology, and equipment	
LB1207	Friesen	C	Change taxation and school funding provisions	
LB1208	Friesen	C	Adopt the Broadband Pole Replacement Fund Act and appropriate federal funds	
LB1209	Linehan	C	Change sales tax provisions relating to purchasing agents	14
LB1210	Slama	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for small businesses located in cities of the second class and villages	7
LB1211	Linehan	C	Change provisions relating to option enrollment for students	
LB1212	Linehan	C	Change provisions relating to individualized education plans under the Special Education Act	
LB1213	Albrecht	GF	Provide requirements regarding access to digital and online resources provided by school districts, schools, and the Nebraska Library Commission for students	6
LB1214	Geist	IPP(>1144)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act	13, 15
LB1215	Geist	GF (>450)	Adopt the Small Business Assistance Act and provide for grants	9, 15
LB1216	M. Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians and conservators	
LB1217	Walz	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Administrative Services for incentive payments to eligible school employees	



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LB1218	Education	S (+945)	Adopt the Teach in Nebraska Today Act, provide for income tax adjustments, and change provisions relating to certification of school employees and student loan forgiveness	5, 14, 15
LB1218A	Walz	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1219	Sanders	C	Adopt the Extended Learning Opportunities Act	
LB1220	Morfeld	C	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for premium payments for teachers working in underserved communities	
LB1221	Morfeld	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19	
LB1222	M. Hansen	C	Change provisions of the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act and provide for certificates of title and liens for abandoned mobile homes	
LB1223	M. Hansen	C (>921)	Require reimbursement for lodging certain defendants in county jails and require state hospitals to maintain beds for certain patients	9, 14, 15
LB1224	Wayne	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for grants for new and upgraded tourism attractions	
LB1225	Wayne	C	Eliminate the franchise tax and require financial institutions to pay the corporate income tax	
LB1226	Wayne	C	Change provisions relating to land banks, service of notice, and the time periods for applying for a tax deed and for bringing certain tax-related foreclosure actions	
LB1227	Wayne	C	Allow land banks to receive federal funds under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act	
LB1228	Wayne	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Nebraska Tourism Commission for purposes of constructing a museum	
LB1229	Hilkemann	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to provide funds to a tax-exempt organization for certain sports and fitness programs, stipends for certain internships, and certain facility rental costs	
LB1230	Hilkemann	C	Provide for a statewide education program regarding cancer and state intent to appropriate funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	5
LB1231	Briese	C	Change provisions relating to the importation of alcoholic liquor into the state under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB1232	McDonnell	C (>1011)	Appropriate funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Department of Economic Development for a capital construction grant for the United States Strategic Command Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications public-private partnership facility	6, 11
LB1233	Sanders	C (>1011)	Rename and change provisions relating to the United States Space Command Headquarters Assistance Fund, change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund, and state legislative intent relating to development at Offutt Air Force Base	6, 11, 12
LB1234	Friesen	IPP (>1144)	Provide for an expedited method of authorizing telecommunications wires to cross railroad rights-of-way	7, 13, 15
LB1235	Lowe	C	Change provisions relating to craft breweries and allow for self-distribution of beer under certain circumstances under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB1236	Lowe	S (+899, 900)	Change provisions relating to craft breweries, microdistilleries, and special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	9, 15
LB1237	Brewer	C	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and the Nebraska Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act	
LB1238	Vargas	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for the South Omaha Recovery Grant Program	7
LB1239	Vargas	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to liquor and agreements between manufacturers and wholesalers and beer suppliers and beer wholesalers	
LB1240	Albrecht	C	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education to provide family-directed education recovery accounts for low-income children and families	
LB1241	Lathrop	S (+1270)	Change provisions relating to law enforcement officer training and certification and adopt the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act	8, 12, 15
LB1241A	Lathrop	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1242	Murman	C	Change the valuation of certain real property for purposes of property taxes levied by school districts	
LB1243	Murman	C	Change priorities relating to funding the medicaid home and community-based services waivers for persons with developmental disabilities	
LB1244	J. Cavanaugh	GF	Change provisions relating to limitations for a postconviction relief action	
LB1245	J. Cavanaugh	C	Change provisions and terminology relating to determinations of paternity and parentage, birth certificates, and related matters	
LB1246	Pansing Brooks	S (+204)	Require confidentiality for victims of sexual assault and sex trafficking in criminal proceedings prior to the filing of charges and change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act	5, 9, 15

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LB1247	Pansing Brooks	C	Provide for recognition of tribal mental health and dangerous sex offender commitment orders and for transportation of and commitment of persons civilly committed under tribal law	
LB1248	B. Hansen	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for a municipal water treatment plant	
LB1249	B. Hansen	C	Change provisions of the Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Act	
LB1250	B. Hansen	GF (>927)	Change provisions relating to joint public hearings and postcards under the Property Tax Request Act	13, 15
LB1251	B. Hansen	C	Adopt the Equal Opportunity Scholarship for Students with Special Needs Program Act and change provisions relating to the distribution of lottery funds	9
LB1252	Vargas	C (>1011)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for middle-income housing	11, 12
LB1253	Wayne	GF(>1024)	Require the Department of Economic Development to apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and provide requirements for use of the grant funds in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class	12
LB1254	B. Hansen	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for services relating to youth who have aged out of the foster care system	
LB1255	Bostar	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an updated climate change report	9
LB1256	McKinney	C	Change provisions relating to public libraries and require the election of library board members of a city of the metropolitan class	
LB1257	Bostar	C	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for grants for electric vehicle direct-current fast charging stations	
LB1258	Bostar	C	Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act	
LB1259	Geist	IPP (>750)	Change provisions relating to issuance of new license plates and license plate fees	5, 10, 15
LB1260	DeBoer	C	Change provisions relating to the Public Guardianship Act	
LB1261	Murman	S (+596)	Adopt the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act and change provisions of the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, and the Urban Redevelopment Act	9, 14, 15
LB1262	Murman	GF	Adopt the Recreation Area Assistance Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds	
LB1263	Clements	C (>843)	Provide for secure ballot drop-boxes under the Election Act	5, 14, 15
LB1264	McDonnell	C	Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes	8
LB1265	Halloran	C	Provide an income tax deduction for certain law enforcement officers	7
LB1266	Halloran	IPP (>750)	Change provisions relating to operations of common carriers	10, 15
LB1267	Vargas	C	Appropriate federal funds for health equity liaisons for various state commissions	8
LB1268	Bostar	C	Remove the prohibition that a lottery ticket cannot be sold through a vending or dispensing device under the State Lottery Act	9
LB1269	Murman	C (>1014)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for repayment of qualified educational debts owed by certain health professionals	
LB1270	Clements	GF(>1241)	Adopt the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act	6, 12, 15
LB1271	Lindstrom	C	Adopt the Law Enforcement Marketing Act	6
LB1272	Halloran	IPP(>1273)	Provide an income tax credit for law enforcement officers based on years of service and change provisions relating to a waiver of tuition	9, 15
LB1273	Bostar	S (+1272)	Provide an income tax deduction to retired law enforcement officers for health insurance premiums and change provisions relating to a waiver of tuition for law enforcement officers	9, 15
LB1273A	Bostar	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB1274	Flood	C	Require the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and purchase rights-of-way for U.S. Highway 81 and Nebraska Highway 20	5
LB1275	Wishart	C	Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act	
LB1276	McKinney	C	Provide for civil actions against law enforcement officers who commit misconduct and exempt such actions from the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act	
LB1277	Clements	C (>1024)	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to provide funds to a county agricultural society with facilities within a city of the primary class	
LR14	Halloran	P	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution	2, 3, 4
LR159	Blood	C	Request the Executive Board to appoint an AltEn LLC, Ethanol Plant Special Investigative and Oversight Committee	8
LR262	Blood	W	Provide the Legislature supports both the federal American Beef Labeling Act of 2021 and United States Senate Bill 949	

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LR263CA	Blood	SF	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed	4, 13
LR264CA	Erdman	GF	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes	5, 14
LR266	Day	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska's processes relating to investigation of reports of child abuse or neglect in licensed child care facilities	
LR268CA	Briese	GF	Constitutional amendment to provide for recall of the Governor or a member of the Legislature	5
LR269CA	Hunt	C	Constitutional amendment to create a Commission on Redistricting	
LR271	Brewer	GF	Name the building owned by this state, and located at 1526 K Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, as the First Nebraska Administrative Building, and name the building owned by this state and located at 521 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, as Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration Building	
LR272CA	Pahls	C	Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to treat residential real property as a separate class for property tax purposes	
LR276	Blood	C	Interim study to examine circumstances in which conditional use permits can be approved or revoked	
LR277	Blood	C	Interim study to determine what is needed to develop a plan to protect managed and native Nebraskan pollinators from current harmful practices	
LR278CA	Linehan	C	Constitutional amendment to eliminate the State Board of Education and provide for the Governor to appoint the Commissioner of Education	9
LR279	Pahls	C	Interim study to examine ways to further support the mission of the office of Public Counsel	
LR281CA	Murman	C	Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to treat commercial real property as a separate class for purposes of property taxes and to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property	
LR282CA	Slama	C	Constitutional amendment to eliminate the requirement to nominate and elect members of the Legislature in a nonpartisan manner	5
LR283CA	Bostar	P	Constitutional amendment to authorize any city, county, or other political subdivision that operates an airport to expend revenue for developing regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service at the airport	9, 15
LR294	Kolterman	C	Interim study to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	
LR295	Kolterman	C	Interim study to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions as required by section 13-2402	
LR305	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to the personnel policies of the Legislature	
LR307	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Special Ethics Investigative Committee of the Legislature	
LR311	Slama	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to workplace policies of the Legislature	
LR327	Vargas	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to severe maternal morbidity	
LR328	Aguilar	C	Interim study to determine whether rules and regulations guiding the inspection and permitting of mobile food units are being applied consistently between jurisdictions	
LR330	Linehan	C	Interim study to determine what percentage should be used to forecast revenue when preparing fiscal notes and determine if state agencies or political subdivisions should use the same percentage	
LR333	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine modernization of Nebraska's tax system with the goal of facilitating economic growth	
LR335	Education	C	Encourage postsecondary educational institutions to adopt the seventy percent attainment goal	
LR337	Briese	C	Interim study to examine laws relating to brand registration of alcoholic beverages of all types and varieties	
LR338	Briese	C	Interim study to examine all licenses issued by the State Racing and Gaming Commission	
LR339	Briese	C	Interim study to examine matters relating to cemeteries in Nebraska	
LR340	Briese	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee	
LR347	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine the statutes governing metropolitan utilities districts	
LR348	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to review the occupational regulations for master plumbers	
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LR351	Clements	C	Interim study to evaluate the feasibility of the construction, operation, and maintenance of public river port facilities on Nebraska waterways	
LR354	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine the educational experiences and outcomes of youth in foster care	
LR355	Bostelman	C	Interim study to examine and review Chapter 70 of the Nebraska Statutes relating to power districts and corporations	

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LR359	Walz	C	Interim study to examine whether section 79-458, which authorizes certain property holders to attach their property to a different school district through a freeholder petition, should be updated or eliminated	
LR360	Day	C	Interim study to examine eligibility, enrollment, application, renewal, and redetermination practices for the medical assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program under the Department of Health and Human Services	
LR361	Bostar	C	Interim study to examine insurance coverage for lung cancer screenings and make recommendations	
LR362	McDonnell	C	Interim study to determine the water quality and quantity benefits and costs of permeable surfacing	
LR363	Bostelman	C	Interim study to examine the reprocessing and recycling of spent nuclear fuel	
LR364	Wishart	C	Interim study to explore the establishment of an insurtech regulatory sandbox	
LR365	Wishart	C	Interim study to review the operations of the Department of Motor Vehicles	
LR366	Wishart	C	Interim study to examine at least three of the current certified community behavioral health clinics established through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's demonstration program	
LR367	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska	
LR368	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Interim study to identify deficiencies and inefficiencies in Nebraska public policy surrounding disability-related service provision	
LR370	Hughes	C	Interim study to examine the coordination and administration of boundary layers in Nebraska	
LR371	Williams	C	Interim study to review the requirements regarding occupational regulation as administered by the Department of Banking and Finance	
LR372	Williams	C	Interim study to examine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated	
LR373	Walz	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of developing a policy and implementing a statewide process for awarding college credit in specific programs of study across all public educational institutions for military education and training	
LR374	Walz	C	Interim study to create a select interim committee of the Legislature known as the State and Local School Aid Committee	
LR375	Lathrop	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee	
LR376	M. Hansen	C	Interim study to determine whether reports of the resistance of public agencies to fulfill public record requests are representative of a broad statewide issue or represent isolated incidents	
LR377	M. Hansen	C	Interim study to examine statutes relating to the incorporation of new municipalities	
LR378	Day	C	Interim study to examine the process for determining the rate of reimbursement for the child care subsidy program	
LR379	Day	C	Interim study to examine fentanyl distribution in Nebraska	
LR380	Day	C	Interim study to examine a potential limit on taxation of public and private pension income	
LR383	Erdman	C	Interim study to explore best practices for the implementation of a consumption tax in Nebraska	
LR384	M. Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to investigate laws and procedures pertaining to the use of emergency protective custody	
LR386	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Juvenile Code	
LR387	Day	C	Interim study to review the statutes relating to homestead exemptions	
LR388	Day	C	Interim study to examine the rating and combined rating system that the Department of Veterans' Affairs uses to determine compensation payments and access to other benefits	
LR389	Day	C	Interim study to examine how information on all Parkinson's disease cases can best be collected and reported to the Parkinson's Disease Registry	
LR390	Murman	C	Interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement model and processes for Nebraska's critical access hospitals	
LR392	Friesen	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee	
LR393	J. Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine the committee hearing procedures of the Legislature	
LR394	J. Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine potential changes to Nebraska's net metering policy	
LR395	J. Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to examine the judicial inefficiency and increased costs to the state arising from Nebraska's four separate statutory-based mechanisms for postconviction relief	
LR396	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Interim study to examine the funding needs of the Commission on Public Advocacy and to find a long-term funding solution	
LR397	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine the needs, workforce, and funding streams for mental health care across Nebraska	
LR398	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine issues related to the funding of emergency communications in Nebraska	



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LR401	Friesen	C	Interim study to review the administration of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act	
LR402	McCollister	C	Interim study to assess the ranking criteria and practices of the Nebraska Environmental Trust	
LR403	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the use of no-knock warrants	
LR404	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the racial and ethnic disproportionality within Nebraska's child welfare system	
LR405	Stinner	C	Interim study to examine the operation of the statewide financial systems by the Accounting Administrator of the accounting division of the Department of Administrative Services and ensure that internal controls are properly implemented	
LR406	Stinner	C	Interim study to examine the implementation of the office of Chief Information Officer's information technology consolidation initiative to ensure efficient use of Nebraska taxpayer resources	
LR407	Arch	C	Interim study to examine how Nebraska is utilizing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds	
LR408	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine ways to grow and diversify Nebraska's health care workforce	
LR409	Arch	C	Interim study to examine the Department of Health and Human Services' capacity and resources to treat individuals who have been committed to the department for treatment to restore competency to stand trial	
LR410	Arch	C	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	
LR411	Arch	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	
LR412	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine if statutory rights and protections relating to crime victims and survivors are adequate	
LR413	Dorn	C	Interim study to evaluate the potential transition to a statewide professional license for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technicians	
LR414	McDonnell	C	Interim study to examine programming, opportunities, and interventions for students attending an alternative school, class, or educational program in Nebraska	
LR415	Jacobson	C	Interim study to examine the lack of access to quality and affordable health insurance for Nebraska's early childhood workforce and potential solutions	
LR416	Lindstrom	C	Interim study to examine the risks and potential adverse economic consequences to the State of Nebraska and its residents from the transfer of business interests from one generation to the next	
LR417	B. Hansen	C	Interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement rates and processes for difficult to place patients in Nebraska's acute care hospitals	
LR418	Bostar	C	Interim study to examine the sales tax system in Nebraska with respect to exemptions provided to various industries	
LR419	Bostelman	C	Interim study to examine the existing federal rule process for nuclear generation license renewal applications	
LR420	Hansen, B.	C	Interim study to examine the education process and procedures for serving students with special needs	
LR421	Bostar	C	Interim study to examine property rights issues	
LR422	Wayne	C	Interim study to examine issues related to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act	
LR423	J. Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to determine whether the current arrangement of court appointment of attorneys is appropriate	
LR424	J. Cavanaugh	C	Interim study to research the topic of home equity theft	
LR425	Lathrop	C	Interim study to examine the operational and statutory needs of law enforcement departments of the University of Nebraska	
LR438	Health & Human Services	C	Interim study to identify policy changes for improving communication and sharing of case-specific information among state and local government agencies responsible for care, custody, treatment, and rehabilitation of youth	
LR463	Linehan	C	Interim study to examine the structure and administration of and compliance with certain taxes	

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