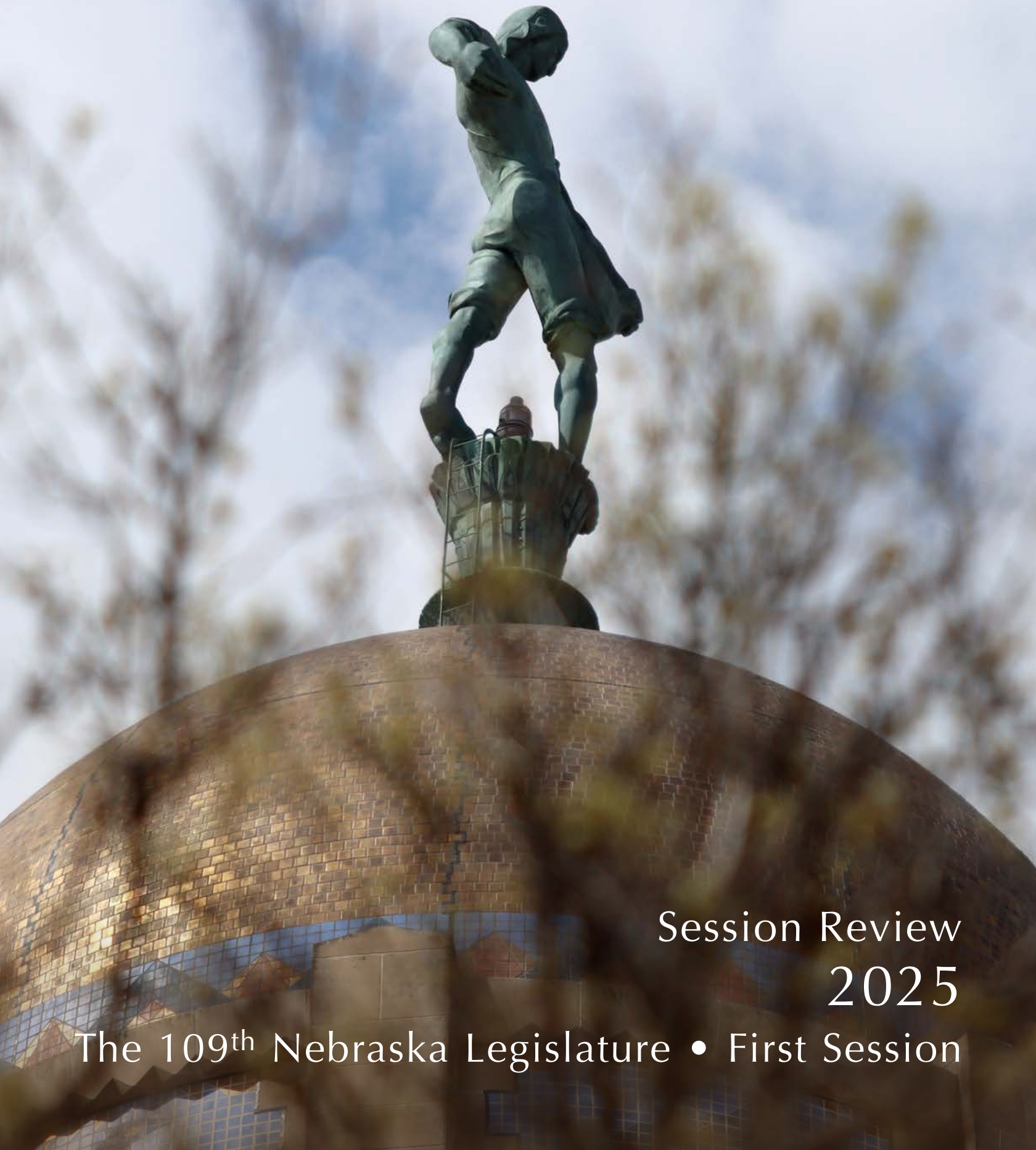


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# AGRICULTURE



Sen. Barry DeKay, chairperson of the Agriculture Committee

**T**he Agriculture Committee advanced measures this session to prohibit the distribution and sale of cultivated-protein food products, revise the Nebraska Pure Food Act and update restrictions on foreign land ownership in Nebraska.

## Food safety

Lawmakers passed LB246, introduced by Niobrara Sen. Barry DeKay at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, which prohibits the production, import, distribution, promotion, display or sale of cultivated-protein food products in Nebraska.

The bill defines cultivated-protein foods, in part, as “having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing cells.”

Under the measure, lab-grown meat is considered an adulterated food product and prohibited from manufacture

or sale in Nebraska.

In addition to existing remedies against the sale and distribution of adulterated foods available to the state Department of Agriculture under the Pure Food Act, LB246 provides that the commercial production and sale of cultured food products is a violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and subject to enforcement actions brought by the state attorney general.

The measure passed on a 38-11 vote.

Also introduced by DeKay, LB245 aligns the Nebraska Pure Food Act with the 2022 federal Food Code. Among other technical changes, the bill:

- revises the definition of a food establishment to remove operations that deliver only;
- changes the definition of single-event food vendors from those operating at only one annual event lasting no more than two days to one lasting no more than four days; and
- specifies that third-party commercial food services used by institutional entities to provide food service to residents and patrons are subject to permit and fee requirements even if the institutional entity is exempt.

The measure also includes a revised fee schedule for food safety and other inspections conducted by the state Department of Agriculture, which will be in effect for annual fees that are due Aug. 1.

The bill contains provisions of DeKay’s LB394, which incorporate the latest National Conference on Weights and Measures publications as standards enforced under the Weights and Measures Act. The provisions also adjust license and inspection fees that support the department’s weights and measures inspection program.

Senators voted 38-7 to approve LB245, which took effect immediately.

## Other measures

DeKay’s LB7, passed 47-0, clarifies that Native American tribes are not considered foreign governments under Nebraska law and therefore are exempt from restrictions under the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act. Additionally, foreign corporations are defined to expressly exclude business entities formed under the laws of any U.S. state, territory or Native American tribe.

The measure also makes two clarifications relating to an exemption under current law if real estate holdings of a foreign entity have been vetted by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S.

Finally, LB7 requires the attorney general to promptly

notify the governor and the Legislature of any court-ordered land divestments under the act.

A measure that would amend the Livestock Brand Act advanced to the last round of debate but was not scheduled for a final vote this session.

As originally introduced by Sumner Sen. Teresa Ibach, LB646 would create a new category of feedlots within Nebraska's brand inspection area that would be exempt from brand inspection regulations under the act.



Sen. Teresa Ibach

The bill was amended on select file to remove the original provisions and instead would:

- increase the physical and electronic inspection fee cap to \$1.50 per head;
- exempt cattle shipped to or from a qualified dairy from brand inspection regulation;
- amend the registration fee and annual renewal fee for a registered feedlot to 50 cents multiplied by the maximum livestock capacity of the registered feedlot; and
- replace the charge for actual mileage expenses incurred by the Brand Committee to perform inspections with a surcharge, established by the committee, of up to \$20 per location.

LB646 remains on final reading. ■

# APPROPRIATIONS



Sen. Robert Clements, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee

Lawmakers approved the state’s two-year \$11 billion budget package this session. The package closed a more than \$600 million projected shortfall and represents a 1% increase in state expenditures over the next two fiscal years.

Among the measures passed was LB261, introduced by Speaker John Arch of La Vista at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, which is the mainline budget bill. The measure contains funding for state operations and aid programs and includes provisions of the following bills:

- LB55, sponsored by Adams Sen. Myron Dorn, which appropriates \$1.5 million from the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Fund to the state Department of Health and Human Services for reimbursement to certain mental health providers;
- LB173, introduced by Sen. Jason Prokop of Lincoln,



Sen. John Arch



Sen. Myron Dorn

which appropriates an additional \$5 million in general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to aid community colleges for dual enrollment purposes;

- LB505, sponsored by Prokop, which appropriates \$10 million in TANF funds in FY2025-26 for grants to nonprofits to provide food assistance;
- LB580, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, which reappropriates funds in the Lead Service Line Cash Fund for grants to metropolitan utilities districts for lead service line replacements;
- LB581, also sponsored by Cavanaugh, which appropriates \$500,000 in FY2025-26 from the Health Care Cash Fund for grants to a nonprofit entity for construction costs related to a new facility; and
- LB621, introduced by Sen. Robert Dover of Norfolk, which appropriates \$500,000 in FY2026-27 from the Health Care Cash Fund to DHHS for expanded health care access to the Nebraska Medicine Midtown Health Center.



Sen. Jason Prokop



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh



Sen. Robert Dover

LB261 passed on a vote of 37-11 and took effect immediately. Also approved was LB264, which provides for fund transfers, changes provisions governing the administration and use of funds and repeals previous expansions to aid and incentive programs.

LB264, passed on a 35-13 vote, includes \$216 million in transfers to the state’s General Fund from state agency cash funds and \$147 million from the Cash Reserve Fund. The bill leaves approximately \$680 million in the state’s so-called “rainy day fund.”

Additional bills approved as part of the budget package include:

- LB260, which adjusts appropriations in the current fiscal year, on a 41-7 vote;
- LB262, which appropriates funds for the \$12,000 annual salaries of state senators, on a 40-9 vote;
- LB263, which appropriates funds for salaries of constitutional officers, on a 42-7 vote; and
- LB534, which provides for payment of claims against the state, on a 49-0 vote.

All of the measures took effect immediately. ■

# BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE



Sen. Mike Jacobson, chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

Measures meant to protect children online, create an HMO assessment program, improve pharmacy benefit manager regulations and provide immunity for certain cyber security breaches were among proposals considered by lawmakers this session.

Senators passed a bill meant to protect children’s private information online and provide parental tools to monitor their safety.

LB504, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Carolyn Bosn at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, creates the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act. Under the act, a covered online service is required to protect user data of known minors and provide options to limit certain design features.

A covered online service is defined as one that has minors as more than 2% of its total users, which operates in Nebraska and meets certain revenue or data volume thresholds. The bill does



Sen. Carolyn Bosn

not apply to government entities.

Among other provisions, the bill requires a covered online service to provide covered minors with “easy-to-use” tools that prevent other individuals from viewing a minor’s personal data and limit covered design features – including infinite scroll, rewards or incentives, push alerts and appearance-altering filters.

Covered online services are required to establish default settings at a level that provides the highest protection available for the safety of minors and are allowed to collect and use only the minimum amount of a minor’s personal data necessary to provide their online service.

Use of notifications and push alerts to a covered minor are prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays during the school year.

Parents will be provided with the ability to view, manage and control a child’s privacy and account settings and restrict their ability to make in-app purchases and other financial transactions.

Violations of the act will constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Beginning July 1, 2026, a covered service could receive a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000 per violation.

Senators passed LB504 on a vote of 42-7.

## Insurance and pharmacies

Lawmakers approved a measure intended to increase Medicaid provider reimbursement rates without the use of general fund dollars.

Modeled on a proposal approved by the Legislature last year to levy an assessment on all Nebraska hospitals, LB527, sponsored by North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson, will use a similar mechanism to levy an assessment on the state’s health maintenance organizations.

Under the bill, the state Department of Health and Human Services is required to submit a state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by Aug. 1.

If approved, the state plan amendment will authorize collection of a tax of up to 6% on all non-Medicare premiums written in Nebraska under an HMO certificate of authority, to be collected by the state Department of Insurance beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

Revenue generated by the tax will be remitted to a newly created Medicaid Access and Quality Fund. DHHS will use the fund to leverage federal matching dollars to enhance Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health services, with an emphasis on evaluation and management, labor and delivery and

rural health services.

The fund also will be used to pay a monthly per-member fee of at least \$75 to qualified primary care providers who meet criteria to serve as a primary care medical home for target populations. Any remaining funds will be used within the state's Medicaid and CHIP programs.

LB527 passed on a vote of 47-0 and took effect immediately.

A bill meant to protect certain hospitals and other health care facilities in Nebraska that purchase drugs at discount prices through a federal program passed this session.

LB168, as introduced by Sen. Brian Hardin of Gering, prohibits drug manufacturers from directly or indirectly denying, restricting or prohibiting acquisition of a 340B Community Benefits Program drug by any location that is authorized to receive it.



Sen. Brian Hardin

Unless required by federal law, the bill also prohibits any manufacturer, agent or affiliate from requiring any data submission as a condition for allowing the acquisition of a 340B drug.

The Nebraska attorney general or any county attorney may institute action on behalf of the state to prevent violations of the bill's provisions.

The measure passed on a vote of 42-5 and took effect immediately.

LB198, sponsored by Elkhorn Sen. Tony Sorrentino and passed 49-0, makes a number of changes to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act.



Sen. Tony Sorrentino

Under the bill, PBMs are prohibited from imposing stricter terms on unaffiliated specialty pharmacies than on their own affiliated entities. The measure also makes a number of changes to the regulation of clinician-administered drugs.

Among those changes is a requirement that specialty pharmacies that ship clinician-administered drugs adhere to federal shipping laws, provide 24/7 pharmacist and nurse access, allow refill requests post-utilization review and comply with federal tracking and tracing requirements.

LB198 also prohibits health plans, carriers and PBMs from transferring prescriptions without consent, preventing individuals from choosing network pharmacies and mandating exclusive use of mail-order or affiliated pharmacies for payment and reimbursement, among other provisions.

Finally, beginning Jan. 1, 2026, new PBM health plan contracts cannot include spread pricing — a practice in which a PBM charges a health plan more for a medication

than it pays to the pharmacy — unless it's an extension of a preexisting spread pricing contract. A full prohibition on spread pricing takes effect Jan. 1, 2029.

Lawmakers also approved a bill intended to ensure that children with life-threatening allergies are safe in school and licensed child care environments.

LB457, introduced by Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln, requires the state Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the state Department of Education, to develop statewide guidelines for prevention, individualized health plans, emergency response and communication regarding anaphylaxis.



Sen. Eliot Bostar

Under the bill, school districts and licensed child care facilities that include children with known allergies must adopt and publish a policy on anaphylaxis by July 1, 2026.

LB457 also requires any individual or group sickness and accident insurance policy that provides reimbursement for prescription medically necessary epinephrine injectors to limit to no more than \$60 the total amount that a covered individual is required to pay for a two-pack of injectors, regardless of the amount or type of epinephrine injector needed.

Lawmakers passed the measure on a vote of 47-1.

## Omnibus bill

LB474, introduced by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee at the request of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance, makes a number of changes related to interest, loans and debt under the department's jurisdiction, effective Oct. 1.

Among other provisions, the bill eliminates the Nebraska Installment Loan Act after merging certain provisions of it with the Nebraska Installment Sales Act and creating a new Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act.

Loans made by financial institutions that are serviced by or purchased by a licensee will not be subject to the interest rate limitations of the new Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act.

The bill includes provisions of three other measures heard by the committee this session.

Under the provisions of LB232, sponsored by Sen. Bob Hallstrom of Syracuse, life insurance policies issued or delivered on or after Jan. 1, 2026, are required to send notice electronically



Sen. Bob Hallstrom

or by mail to the last known address of the policy owner and any assignee on record at least 15 days prior to policy termination or lapse due to nonpayment of any premium.

An assignee will have the same legal standing as the policy owner with respect to the provision.

LB278, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern, amends state law that places restrictions on health insurance policies and contracts between preferred providers and insurers by preventing such policies and contracts from excluding a provider solely because the provider holds a visiting faculty permit.



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

Finally, the amended provisions of LB473, sponsored by the committee, update and modernize the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

LB474 passed on a 49-0 vote.

## Other measures

Lawmakers approved a bill that limits a private entity from being liable in a class action resulting from a cybersecurity event in certain circumstances.

Under LB241, introduced by Hallstrom, private entities that experience a data breach are not liable in a class action unless the cybersecurity event was caused by the entity's "willful, wanton or gross negligence."

The bill defines a cybersecurity event as one that leads to unauthorized access to, disruption or misuse of nonpublic information, such as Social Security or driver's license numbers or financial account information, security codes or passwords.

Qualifying private entities under the bill include corporations, religious or charitable organizations, associations, businesses and nonprofits.

LB241 passed on a vote of 36-10.

A bill that makes operators of controllable electronic records, such as cryptocurrency, subject to regulation under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act also passed this session.

LB609, sponsored by Bostar, requires controllable electronic records kiosks to be licensed and submit quarterly reports to the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance.

Among other provisions, the bill also requires operators to:

- provide risk, fee and exchange rate disclosures;
- create and implement anti-fraud measures;
- offer refunds for fraudulent transactions;
- provide consumer warnings; and
- abide by certain transaction limits.

LB609 also adds controllable electronic records as a type of property that may be seized in criminal investigations. Lawmakers passed the measure on a 48-0 vote. ■

# BUSINESS & LABOR



Sen. Kathleen Kauth, chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee

Lawmakers considered several proposals this session relating to paid sick leave, the state's minimum wage and other employment benefits and hiring practices.

## Wages and benefits

Lawmakers approved a measure intended to clarify provisions of a ballot initiative passed by Nebraska voters that guarantees paid sick leave.

The successful ballot initiative, passed last November, provides eligible Nebraska employees the right to earn and use paid sick leave for family health needs based on the size of their employer – up to 40 hours annually for employers with fewer than 20 employees and 56 hours for businesses with more than 20 employees.

LB415, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Beau Ballard, exempts individual owner-operators, independent contractors and individuals who work fewer than 80 hours annually from the provisions



Sen. Beau Ballard

of the initiative, known as the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

Under the bill, employers with paid leave policies that equal or exceed the amount of paid sick leave required by the initiative are not required to provide any additional paid sick leave.

The measure also clarifies that employers are not required to pay out employees for unused paid sick time when they leave their place of employment. Employees who are rehired within 12 months will have their unused sick time reinstated.

The bill also includes provisions of LB698, sponsored by Sen. Paul Strommen of Sidney. Those provisions exempt several groups from the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, including temporary and seasonal agricultural employees, workers under age 16 and businesses with 10 or fewer employees.



Sen. Paul Strommen

The provisions also removed protections for workers who face retaliation from their employer for using paid sick leave and the ability for employees to seek restitution for earned sick leave that was not granted.

Finally, LB415 includes two additional bills heard by the Business and Labor Committee this session. The provisions of LB402, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern, classify gambling winnings as earnings under the Employment Security Act and allow the state Department of Labor to collect the overpayment of unemployment benefits of an individual who failed to report their gambling winnings.



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

Provisions of LB435, sponsored by Sen. Dave Wordekemper of Fremont, change requirements for obtaining an elevator mechanic's license and establish requirements for obtaining an elevator contractor license under the Conveyance Safety Act.



Sen. Dave Wordekemper

LB415 passed on a vote of 33-16 and takes effect Oct. 1.

Senators also passed a measure this session that codifies ride-share and delivery drivers as independent contractors in state law.

LB229, introduced by Syracuse Sen. Bob Hallstrom and passed 33-15, adds workers who use technical applications for marketplace network platforms, such as Uber, Lyft and DoorDash, to an existing list of workers who are clas-



Sen. Bob Hallstrom

sified as independent contractors and are excluded from the state’s Employment Security Law.

A marketplace network platform is defined as an entity that accepts requests from the public for its service only through its digital network or mobile application and does not specify set hours of operation for contractors or prohibit contractors from engaging in other employment.

Lawmakers considered a bill that would limit scheduled increases to the state’s minimum wage and establish a separate, lower minimum wage for young Nebraskans.

Nebraskans voted at the November 2022 general election to increase the state minimum wage incrementally to \$15 an hour by Jan. 1, 2026. Once the minimum wage, which currently is \$13.50 an hour, reaches \$15 it is set to adjust annually based on the Midwest Consumer Price Index to account for cost-of-living increases.

The amended provisions of LB258, sponsored by Sen. Jane Raybould of Lincoln, instead would increase the state minimum wage by 1.75% annually.

The bill also would establish a youth minimum wage of \$13.50 an hour for employees ages 14 and 15 and adjust the 90-day training wage for new employees under age 20 to \$13.50 an hour through Dec. 31, 2026. The training wage then would increase by 1.5% annually.

The youth minimum wage, which would not apply to emancipated youth, also would increase by 1.5% every fifth year beginning Jan. 1, 2030.

LB258 failed to pass on a vote of 31-17. Laws that would alter voter-approved initiative measures require a two-thirds majority, or 33 votes, for final approval.

A motion was filed to reconsider that vote, which was successful, but LB258 was not scheduled for a second final reading vote.

A bill that would provide public benefits to work-authorized immigrants in Nebraska was advanced to general file by the Business and Labor Committee but not scheduled for debate.

LB299, originally sponsored by Sumner Sen. Teresa Ibach and later by Omaha Sen. Margo Juarez, would grant access to public employment and retirement benefits — including unemployment insurance benefits, deferred compensation and educational financial aid — to all work-eligible Nebraskans regardless of immigration status. The bill also would extend eligible benefits to a qualified employee’s family members and dependents.



Sen. Jane Raybould



Sen. Margo Juarez

The committee also advanced a bill that seeks to provide workers’ compensation benefits to firefighters who develop certain cancers.

LB400, introduced by Wordekemper, would amend the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act to include cancer experienced by firefighters as a result of exposure to known carcinogens in the course of their employment.

The bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that cancer experienced by an active duty firefighter arose out of the course of their employment. Firefighters who retire after Jan. 1, 2026, would be eligible for medical benefits only.

LB400 was placed on general file but was not scheduled for debate this session.

## Hiring practices

Senators approved a bill to expand a hiring preference for Nebraska veterans.

LB144, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Victor Rountree and passed on a 47-0 vote, expands an existing hiring preference to include spouses of active-duty service members, including National Guard and reserves, and spouses of veterans who were killed in the line of duty or died as a result of their service.



Sen. Victor Rountree

If two or more veteran-preference eligible candidates are being considered for the same position, the preference will be applied equally to all candidates. Preference also is extended beyond a veteran’s initial employment to include reassignments and transfers to a new position.

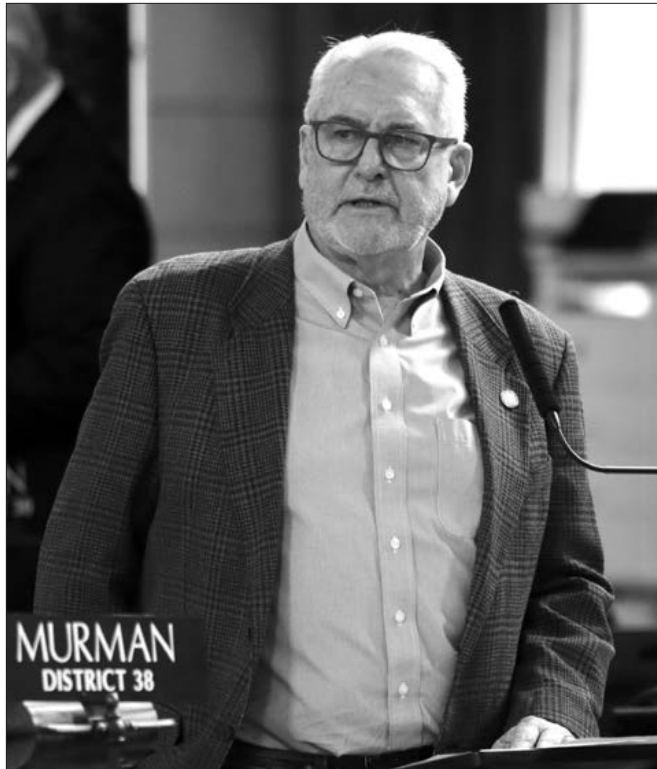
The committee also considered a bill that would require Nebraska businesses to verify the employment authorization status of their workers.

LB532, introduced by Sen. Kathleen Kauth of Omaha, would require businesses with at least 25 employees to use the federal E-Verify system to confirm the work eligibility of new employees, beginning Jan. 1, 2026. The bill would not apply to state or local government or other political subdivisions.

The measure would require the state Department of Labor to develop and administer a statewide auditing program to inspect for compliance with the bill’s provisions. Violations would result in civil penalties and possible suspension of an employer’s license.

LB532 was advanced to general file with a pending committee amendment that would align the measure with existing E-Verify requirements for political subdivisions. The bill was not scheduled for debate this session. ■

# EDUCATION



Sen. Dave Murman, chairperson of the Education Committee

Nebraska lawmakers passed bills this session to limit student cellphone use, increase parental access to certain educational materials and establish a school finance commission.

LB140, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, requires school boards to adopt policies prohibiting student cellphone use during class time by the 2025-26 school year.



Sen. Rita Sanders

Under the bill, students may use electronic communication devices when:

- required by a student's Individualized Education Program and 504 plan;
- authorized by a school board for educational purposes during instructional time;
- an emergency or perceived threat of danger exists;
- necessary to manage a student's health care; and
- determined appropriate by the school board or otherwise allowed by an appropriate school employee.

The measure passed 48-1 and took effect immediately.

## Committee package

Senators passed LB306, sponsored by the Education Committee, which authorizes the Nebraska State College System's Board of Trustees to enter into long-term leases or financing agreements for funding or refinancing student housing and activity centers.

The measure raises the base threshold for capital construction projects to \$5 million, covering new buildings, renovations and acquisitions funded with tax dollars. Capital expenditures for operations and maintenance will have a base threshold of \$200,000, applicable within 10 years of the project's completion or acquisition. Public funds may not be used beyond these limits for facilities not classified as capital construction projects.

Additionally, LB306 grants the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education authority to oversee the transition of data collection, grants, programs and related responsibilities from the U.S. Department of Education to Nebraska postsecondary governing boards or the commission itself.

The bill also clarifies that individuals who have obtained a GED or a high school diploma equivalent are eligible for the Door to College Scholarship, which provides financial assistance for undergraduate students in Nebraska who graduated from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center high school or an approved public, private or parochial high school after being discharged.

LB306 was amended to include provisions from three additional bills considered by the committee this session:

- LB378, introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Andersen, which requires both public and private postsecondary institutions to report biannually on any funding received from foreign adversarial entities, including contracts, gifts and grants;
- LB497, sponsored by Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil, which allows students enrolled in a private, denominational, parochial or nonaccredited school to participate in extracurricular activities in the closest district that offers the activity if the local district does not; and
- LB625, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, which requires the state Department of Administrative Services to create and maintain a public website outlining financial information about Nebraska school districts, including details on revenue sources and expenditures.



Sen. Bob Andersen



Sen. Robert Dover

LB306 passed on a vote of 41-8 and took effect immediately.

## Parental involvement

Lawmakers approved two measures this session expanding parental involvement in education.

LB428, introduced by Murman and approved 41-5, requires schools to give parents, guardians and educational decisionmakers 15 days' notice before conducting a survey that collects sensitive information from students, such as details about sex, religion, politics or medical information.

The notice will include the purpose of the survey, with whom survey results might be shared and how student privacy will be protected. Under the bill, parents also may request to review a copy of a survey and choose to exempt their child from participating.

Additionally, LB428 prohibits the inclusion of sexual questions in surveys administered to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Schools may continue conducting anonymous surveys on student vaping and drug use without following the additional steps outlined in the measure.

LB390, also sponsored by Murman and passed 34-14, requires school boards to adopt policies giving parents, guardians or educational decisionmakers access to school library information.

The policy must include creation of a catalog listing all available books in the district's library, organized by each school building. The catalog must be accessible to parents, guardians and educational decisionmakers of students who attend the school district, who may request notification – through an application, website or email – when their student checks out a book from the school library. Such notification will include the book's title, author and due date.

## Other measures

LB303, introduced by Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward, creates the School Finance Reform Commission to study Nebraska's school funding formula under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.

The commission will provide advisory recommendations and submit annual reports regarding issues related to TEEOSA to the Clerk of the Legislature.

The 18-member committee will include 12 members appointed by the governor, including five at-large members, four superintendents or school board members and representatives of a class V school, a class IV school and



Sen. Jana Hughes

postsecondary education with expertise in school finance.

The three nonvoting legislative members will include the chairperson or a designee of the Revenue and Education committees, with no more than two members from the same political party. The commission also will include the commissioner of education, the property tax administrator and a representative of the governor's office.

LB303 also provides that expenditures to pay for employer contributions to the School Employees Retirement System – to the extent such expenditures exceed the amount that would have been made at a contribution rate of 7.35% – may be included in the general fund budget of expenditures.

For school fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the amount of such expenditures from school fiscal year 2024-25 may be carried over and included in the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for those fiscal years.

The measure passed 48-0 and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also approved LB143, sponsored by Sen. Victor Rountree of Bellevue and passed 47-0. The bill requires school districts to include in their preliminary and advanced enrollment policies children of military families who have an Individualized Family Service Plan, an Individualized Education Program or who receive special education services.



Sen. Victor Rountree

LB213, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rick Holdcroft, was advanced to general file but not scheduled for debate.

The measure would require the State Board of Education to incorporate human embryology into Nebraska's science standards and mandate instruction across all grade levels. The curriculum would focus on the Carnegie Stages of Human Embryonic Development and include high-definition, 4D visuals of fetal organ development.

A pending committee amendment would make use of the Carnegie stages optional and remove the visual component.

Sponsored by Sen. Brian Hardin of Gering, LB538 also was advanced to general file but not debated this session.

The measure would prohibit discrimination based on antisemitism in schools and postsecondary institutions. It also would require the state education commissioner to appoint a Title IV coordinator at the Nebraska Department of Education to monitor and investigate complaints of discrimination, antisemitism and harassment.



Sen. Rick Holdcroft



Sen. Brian Hardin

Finally, a proposal from Omaha Sen. Christy Armendariz to expand option enrollment policies remains in committee. Among other changes, LB557 would provide funding to students denied option enrollment and allow students to apply to transfer between school districts at any time and as often as they choose. Current law limits students to three transfers. ■



Sen. Christy Armendariz

# EXECUTIVE BOARD



Sen. Ben Hansen, chairperson of the Executive Board

The Executive Board sent the possibility of extended legislative terms to voters for their consideration, created a new legislative oversight division and contemplated increasing senators' pay.

Nebraska voters will decide whether to amend the state constitution to extend term limits for members of the Legislature under a measure approved this session.

LR19CA, introduced by Sen. Robert Dover of Norfolk, will extend the current limit of two consecutive four-year terms for state senators to three consecutive four-year terms if approved by Nebraska voters at the 2026 statewide general election.



Sen. Robert Dover

Senators voted 39-10 to approve the measure. Thirty votes are required to pass a proposed constitutional amendment.

Lawmakers also approved creation of a new division within the Nebraska Legislature and reorganization of the institution's oversight functions.

Currently, there are five divisions that carry out the

institutional and administrative functions of the Nebraska Legislature, including the Office of the Public Counsel. That division includes the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System.

LB298, sponsored by Sen. John Arch of La Vista, creates the Division of Legislative Oversight and moves the Legislative Audit Office, OIG for child welfare and OIG for corrections under the new division.



Sen. John Arch

The bill also creates the Legislative Oversight Committee, which replaces the existing Performance Audit Committee. Members will consist of the speaker of the Legislature, chairperson of the Executive Board, chairpersons of the Appropriations, Health and Human Services and Judiciary committees and four state senators appointed by the Executive Board.

LB298 also makes a number of changes to how the inspectors general obtain information, including:

- updating and clarifying subpoena authority;
- removing mandatory direct computer access for IG staff;
- clarifying that information is to be provided to IGs in the most efficient, timely and least burdensome manner;
- clarifying that IGs will suspend an investigation at the request of a law enforcement agency;
- requiring that the IGs be notified as soon as practicable when a criminal investigation involving a death or serious injury required to be reported to the IG has commenced and concluded;
- providing that any confidential information or records shared with the Division of Legislative Oversight, Ombudsman's Office or the IGs remain confidential; and
- creating a process by which the executive and judicial branches may object to production or disclosure of legally privileged records, reports or documents and negotiate terms of production and disclosure.

The measure also includes the provisions of Adams Sen. Myron Dorn's LB228, which makes several technical changes to the Performance Audit Act.

LB298 passed on a 46-2 vote and took effect immediately.



Sen. Myron Dorn

Lawmakers debated a proposal this session to potentially increase pay for Nebraska state senators.

Sponsored by Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair, LR25CA would

place a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2026 general election ballot. Salaries for Nebraska lawmakers are set in the state constitution and cannot be changed without voter approval.

As introduced, the proposal would set the rate of pay for members of the Legislature at the state's minimum wage rate, beginning Jan. 6, 2027. It also would require that senators receive health insurance paid by the state with equivalent benefits to those offered by Medicaid in effect at the beginning of the term of the most recently elected members.

A pending committee amendment from the Executive

Board would strike the original provisions of the measure. Under the amendment, beginning Jan. 3, 2029, senators' compensation instead would be established by a nonpartisan, independent legislative compensation commission.

Current and former members of the Legislature or their spouses, current or former state or legislative employees, lobbyists, judges and elected officials would be excluded from serving on the commission.

At Hansen's request, LR25CA was passed over and was not scheduled for further debate this session. It remains on general file. ■

# GENERAL AFFAIRS

## Medical cannabis



Sen. Rick Holdcroft, chairperson of the General Affairs Committee

The General Affairs Committee advanced proposals this session relating to the regulation of alternative nicotine products, medical cannabis, microdistilleries and mobile sports betting.

LB9, sponsored by Seward Sen. Jana Hughes, amends the definition of alternative nicotine products to include nicotine analogues, or synthetic products that mimic the effects of nicotine.

The measure also updates provisions and procedures related to enforcement of the Tobacco Products Tax Act. Among other provisions, the bill clarifies that the state Department of Revenue is able to confiscate products that are not registered with the department under an existing vaping registry law.

The bill includes provisions of Hughes' LB125, which levies a 20% wholesale tax on alternative nicotine products beginning Jan. 1, 2026. Currently, such products are subject only to the state's 5.5-cent sales tax and any local sales taxes.

LB9 passed on a 34-10 vote.



Sen. Jana Hughes

A proposal seeking to regulate and tax medical cannabis in Nebraska after approval of two ballot initiatives last November stalled on the first round of debate following a failed cloture motion.

The successful ballot measures protect qualified individuals from legal penalties for possessing and using medical cannabis when recommended by a health care practitioner and create the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to oversee the industry.

The commission is required to establish criteria to accept or deny applications for registered cannabis establishments by July 1. Entities will be able to apply for licensure beginning Oct. 1.

LB677, as introduced by Blair Sen. Ben Hansen, would provide a regulatory framework for medical cannabis and establish licenses for cultivators, dispensaries, product manufacturers, transporters, testing facilities and "vertical" facilities — those that both cultivate and dispense products.



Sen. Ben Hansen

Under the proposal, health care practitioners would be authorized to issue a written recommendation for up to five ounces of medical cannabis for individuals with qualifying medical conditions. Individuals under age 18 would need approval from a legal parent or guardian with authority to make health care decisions.

The use or possession of cannabis on school grounds, at a child care facility or home day care, in a jail, adult or juvenile correctional facility or youth rehabilitation and treatment center and while operating a vehicle would be prohibited under the bill.

The measure also would enact a 4% sales tax on all medical cannabis products, with that revenue directed to the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund.

A pending committee amendment would replace the bill with a modified proposal. Under the amendment, the sales tax would increase to 5.5% and municipalities would be allowed to impose an additional 2% tax on dispensaries.

The committee amendment also would prohibit the consumption of medical cannabis by smoking and limit the amount of dried flower a patient may possess to two ounces. Additionally, the amendment would narrow the definition of "qualifying medical condition" to 15 conditions recommended by the Nebraska Medical Association.

After eight hours of debate, Hansen filed a motion to invoke cloture, which ceases discussion and forces a vote on the bill and any underlying amendments.

The motion failed on a 23-22 vote. Thirty-three votes were needed.

## Alcohol

LB113, introduced by Sen. Dan Quick of Grand Island and passed 33-13, increases the amount of alcohol that a holder of a microdistillery license may self-distribute to retail licensees in Nebraska from 500 gallons to 3,500 gallons.

The measure also increases the number of licensed premises and retail locations a craft brewery or microdistillery licensee is permitted to operate from five to eight physical locations.

LB113 contains a stipulation that if any section or part of a section of the measure is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the ruling will not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

Also included in the bill are the provisions of LB186, sponsored by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, which make a number of changes to existing law regarding entertainment district licenses.

Those provisions stipulate that alcohol consumption in an entertainment district commons area may occur only during the hours authorized for on-premise alcohol sales and while food service is available in the commons areas or from at least one holder of an entertainment district license.

The bill also creates a new, separate definition of commons areas for licenses of villages, first and second class cities and unincorporated portions of a county. The new definition for smaller communities does not require that an area be completely closed to vehicular traffic when used as a commons area and allows carrying of open alcohol while crossing a street or highway at a designated crosswalk.

The definition of commons area for primary and metropolitan class cities remains unchanged.

A bill that would require mandatory alcohol training for Nebraska servers failed to advance to the second round of debate.

LB178, introduced by Sen. Stan Clouse of Kearney, would require mandatory server training for any individual



Sen. Dan Quick



Sen. Robert Dover



Sen. Stan Clouse

involved in the sale, service or mixture of alcohol, including those who provide security for a licensed premises or are involved in verifying customers' ages for purchase or consumption of alcohol.

The required course would provide education on recognizing signs of intoxication, refusal of service to visibly intoxicated individuals and ID and age verification. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission would be responsible for creating the training and could establish a fee of not more than \$30 for the course.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, a retail licensee could not employ an individual who lacks the training certification.

Lawmakers voted 9-26 on advancement of LB178 to select file. Twenty-five votes were needed.

## Gaming

LB357, introduced by the General Affairs Committee, makes a number of changes to casino and racetrack enclosure regulations in Nebraska. The bill creates a new Racetrack Gaming Fund and consolidates two existing commission cash funds into it.

Among other changes, the measure also reduces the required number of annual commission meetings from eight to six, reduces the term for individual horse racing licenses from five years to three and provides for an application process for a \$10,000 three-year racetrack enclosure license.

LB357 passed on a 48-0 vote.

A proposal that would allow Nebraskans to place bets on sports with their mobile devices remains on select file. LR20CA, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar, would place a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2026 general election ballot for voter approval.

Under the proposed constitutional amendment, authorized gaming operators that conduct sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure could also allow an individual to place sports wagers by means of a mobile or electronic platform offered by or in partnership with the operator, as long as the individual is within Nebraska's borders when the bet is placed.

After approximately three hours of second-round debate, Bostar asked that the measure be passed over. It was not scheduled for further consideration this session. ■



Sen. Eliot Bostar

# GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS



Sen. Rita Sanders, chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Lawmakers considered efforts this session to define male and female in state law for access to school sports, update election laws and reinstate a winner-take-all system for allocating Nebraska's presidential electoral votes.

LB89, introduced by Omaha Sen. Kathleen Kauth at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, restricts participation in K-12 and postsecondary school sports to teams that correspond to a student's sex as defined in the bill.

Students will be required to provide confirmation of their sex through a document signed by a doctor or under the authority of a doctor in order to participate in a sport that is designated for a single sex. Female students may participate in sports designated for males if no female-only alternative exists. The act does not restrict participation in coed sports.



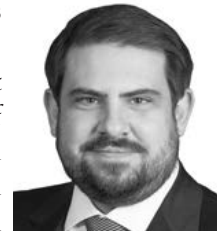
Sen. Kathleen Kauth

LB89 requires the governing body of each school that is subject to it to adopt a policy implementing the act. The measure will apply to private schools only if the school's students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport or the school is a member of an athletic association.

The bill passed on a vote of 33-16.

A measure that establishes registration and reporting requirements for certain foreign entities in Nebraska also passed this session.

LB644, introduced by Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln at the request of the governor, creates two new acts in state law: the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act.



Sen. Eliot Bostar

Under the bill, agents of foreign principals from adversary nations or terrorist organizations are required to file a detailed registration statement with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, including the nature of all activities, agreements and financial transactions.

State employees currently required to file financial interest statements will be required to deny foreign agent status under the measure, and businesses and nonprofits are required to indicate compliance with the act in filings with the Nebraska secretary of state.

The attorney general has authority to issue civil investigative demands of potential violations of the act and agents may face expulsion or dismissal from Nebraska postsecondary institutions if found to be in violation.

The bill also establishes the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act. Those provisions enhance penalties to the next higher classification for certain offenses — including assault, terroristic threats and stalking — if committed by an agent of a foreign principal under certain circumstances.

LB644 adds requirements for lobbyists and consultants working for Chinese military companies, with a civil penalty of \$100,000 per violation for noncompliance. Informants whose information leads to a violation finding under this provision would be paid \$50,000 from the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Cash Fund.

Finally, the bill requires companies bidding on public contracts to certify that they are not "scrutinized companies" under federal law and do not subcontract with such companies or provide products originating from them.

Lawmakers passed LB644 on a 37-11 vote.

## Elections

LB521, sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders, contains recommended updates to the Nebraska Election Act as suggested by the secretary of state's office.

Among other provisions, the bill specifies the form and contents for petitions for the establishment of a new political party and provides for notice to a voter from an election commissioner or county clerk satisfying a request to cancel their voter registration.

The measure includes provisions of three additional election proposals:

- LB19, sponsored by Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha, which allows primary and metropolitan class cities to change the timing of city elections;
- LB243, introduced by Sanders, which makes technical changes; and
- LB659, sponsored by Sen. Bob Andersen of Omaha, which requires an election commissioner or county clerk using a vote counting device to conduct at least three independent tests before counting begins.

LB521 passed on a 49-0 vote and took effect immediately.

Under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, the candidate or ballot question committee that pays for printed campaign materials is required to list a street address in the accompanying payment disclaimer.

LB32, introduced by Omaha Sen. Megan Hunt and passed 47-2, allows candidate committees to use a post office box instead. A street address still will be required to be on file with the NADC.

A bill that would limit when school bond elections may be held failed to advance from select file.

LB135, sponsored by Sen. Rick Holdcroft of Bellevue, would prohibit schools and educational service units from conducting special elections for a bond issue, property tax levy or exceeding a property tax levy limitation.

Under the bill as introduced, such questions could appear on ballots only during regularly scheduled elections or on traditional election dates. The



Sen. John Cavanaugh



Sen. Bob Andersen



Sen. Megan Hunt



Sen. Rick Holdcroft

measure was broadened on general file to also allow for bond elections in odd-numbered years on certain dates.

LB135 failed to advance to select file on a vote of 16-16. Twenty-five votes were needed.

An attempt to reinstate a winner-take-all system for allocating Nebraska's five presidential electoral votes failed to advance from the first round of debate.

Currently, the winner of Nebraska's statewide popular vote receives two Electoral College votes. Since 1992, the state's three congressional districts also award one electoral vote each based on the popular vote winner in each district.

LB3, introduced by Central City Sen. Loren Lippincott on behalf of the governor, would reinstate a winner-take-all system and award all five electoral votes to the winner of the statewide popular vote.

After four hours of general file debate, Lippincott offered a motion to invoke cloture, which ceases debate and forces a vote on the bill. The motion failed on a vote of 31-18. Thirty-three votes were needed.

LB3 was not scheduled for further debate and remains on general file.

A second proposal that would achieve the same aim through an amendment to the state constitution was considered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee but was not advanced.

If approved by the Legislature, LR24CA, sponsored by Sen. Myron Dorn of Adams, would place the question of reinstating winner-take-all on the 2026 general election ballot.

Also remaining in committee is LB604, introduced by David City Sen. Jared Storm, which would extend the timeframe within which a legal challenge to an initiative or referendum petition drive could be launched.



Sen. Loren Lippincott



Sen. Myron Dorn



Sen. Jared Storm

## Government reform

An omnibus bill related to purchasing, contracts and administrative procedures was approved this session.

LB660, sponsored by Andersen, creates the Secure Drone Purchasing Act. Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, state agencies or other entities using state funds may purchase only drones that meet certain requirements so as not to present

a threat to the state.

The bill requires the state Department of Transportation’s Division of Aeronautics, in consultation with the Nebraska State Patrol and other entities, to create and maintain a list of secure drones that meet the bill’s criteria and are authorized for purchase.

Also included in the measure are provisions of four additional bills. LB29, sponsored by Sen. Danielle Conrad of Lincoln, requires a review every five years of all existing and pending rules and regulations under the state’s Administrative Procedures Act.



Sen. Danielle Conrad

Provisions of LB445, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern, create the State Building Construction Alternatives Act. The provisions allow the State Building Division of the Department of Administrative Services to utilize a design-build contract or a construction manager-general contractor contract for state buildings.



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

LB662, sponsored by Andersen, requires state agencies receiving appropriations from the Legislature to prepare a federal funding inventory every even-numbered year and submit a report to the DAS director.

Finally, the provisions of LB664, introduced by Whiteman Sen. Tanya Storer, make a number of changes to the Administrative Procedures Act. The provisions require that agencies considering a new rule or regulation under the act accept comments or written materials from any person by electronic or mail submission and change venue rules regarding where an individual may file a challenge to the validity of a rule or regulation.



Sen. Tanya Storer

LB660 passed on a 49-0 vote and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers gave final approval to a bill that updates the structure and duties of the state’s Commission on African American Affairs. LB69, sponsored by Sen. Ashlei Spivey of Omaha, makes a number of changes to state law governing the commission, which was created by the Legislature in 2020.



Sen. Ashlei Spivey

Among other provisions, the bill requires that one of the commission’s quarterly meetings each calendar year be held in the city with the largest African American population in Nebraska, that one member of the commission

be an individual who identifies as an immigrant or new American and that one member be a young professional between ages 18 and 25.

Lawmakers passed the measure on a vote of 45-3.

LB346, introduced by La Vista Sen. John Arch at the request of the governor, modifies or eliminates 40 state-established boards, commissions, committees and councils.

Among the entities eliminated under the measure, which passed on a 49-0 vote, are the Nebraska Aquaculture Board, Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee, Climate Assessment Response Committee and Natural Gas Fuel Board.

Senators also approved a measure that makes several changes to laws governing professional landscape architects in Nebraska.

LB696, introduced by Sen. Jane Raybould of Lincoln and approved 47-2, amends the Professional Landscape Architects Act to align licensing requirements with a new national standard adopted in 2022.

Finally, LB472, sponsored by Amherst Sen. Dan McKeon, would create the Office of Regulatory Management within the executive branch, with a supervisor appointed by the governor.

Under the bill, each state agency, board and commission would conduct an internal review of all current regulatory requirements within six months of a measure’s passage. Subsequent reviews would be required every two years.

The bill remains in committee.



Sen. John Arch



Sen. Jane Raybould



Sen. Dan McKeon

## Veterans

Senators passed a measure that creates a team to gather and analyze data on deaths by suicide in Nebraska. Under LB414, introduced by Lincoln Sen. George Dungan and passed 46-0, the review team will be housed within the state Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Members will include representatives from the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System, Nebraska Local Outreach to Suicide Loss Survivors and the state Department of Health and Human Services. The team also will include a veteran and appointed members from the fields of education, health care, law enforcement,



Sen. George Dungan

mental health and social work.

A measure that updates eligibility for admission to Nebraska veterans' homes also passed.

LB419, sponsored by Sen. Dan Lonowski of Hastings, removes an existing requirement that an individual be at least 50 years old and "dependent on public charities" or in need of care available only at a state institution in order to be eligible to reside in a veterans' home.

The bill also allows veteran aid payments to be approved by a state service officer in addition to a local or county service officer and exempts applications for funeral expenses from a restriction that no claimant may originate more than one claim within a 30-day period.

LB419 passed on a vote of 47-0.



Sen. Dan Lonowski

## Other measures

LB266, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, prohibits any Nebraska municipality, county or other political subdivision from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that would have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property.

The bill does not apply to programs meant to increase affordable housing through land-use or inclusionary housing requirements or a program entered into voluntarily by a property owner.

LB266 passed on a 37-10 vote.

Under current law, a county assessor and register of deeds are required to withhold from the public the residential address of law enforcement officers, some members of the Nebraska National Guard and judges who live in the county and apply in writing.

LB166, sponsored by Seward Sen. Jana Hughes and passed 48-1, adds county treasurers to the list of local officials who are instructed to withhold qualifying residential information.

Included in the bill are provisions of Hughes' LB334. Those provisions specify that forms that include informa-



Sen. Robert Dover



Sen. Jana Hughes

tion about a judge's place of residence related to filing for retention in office with the Nebraska secretary of state are not public records and not subject to disclosure.

Lawmakers approved the increase of an array of fees charged by the State Fire Marshal this session.

LB434, sponsored by Sen. Dave Wordekemper of Fremont, increases fees on more than a dozen licenses, inspections and reviews undertaken by the fire marshal's office. For example, under the bill, a fireworks display permit will increase from \$10 to \$100, a retailer license from \$25 to \$100 and a distributor license from \$500 to \$1,000.

The bill also increases the fee for building plan reviews from not more than \$500 to not more than \$5,000 and the cap on fire alarm inspection fees from not more than \$100 to not more than \$200. It also changes the late submittal fee for remodeling or construction project reviews to a flat \$100 in addition to the plan review fee.

LB434 passed on a 47-2 vote and took effect immediately.

Nebraskans would no longer reset their clocks twice a year under two proposals that advanced to the final round of debate.

LB34, introduced by Hunt, would adopt permanent daylight saving time. The switch would take effect contingent on a change in federal law or policy allowing states to do so and would require adoption of the same policy by three adjacent states.

States currently are allowed under federal law to permanently adopt year-round standard time — as Arizona and Hawaii have done — but Congress would have to act to authorize states to change to year-round daylight saving time.

Conversely, LB302, sponsored by Glenvil Sen. Dave Murman, would eliminate observation of daylight saving time in Nebraska. Under the bill, the state would adopt the practice of permanent standard time upon adoption of the same policy by the neighboring states of Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Senators voted to advance both bills from select file. Neither measure was scheduled for a final vote, however, and they remain on final reading. ■



Sen. Dave Wordekemper



Sen. Dave Murman

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Sen. Brian Hardin, chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

The Health and Human Services Committee advanced measures this session to improve access to health care, broaden public benefit eligibility and reduce licensure burdens for health professionals.

## Medicaid

LB22, sponsored by Sen. George Dungan of Lincoln and passed 47-0, requires implementation of an evidence-based, ongoing home visiting program for postpartum mothers and infants younger than 6 months who are enrolled in Medicaid.

The state Department of Health and Human Services is required to submit a state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by Oct. 1 to implement the voluntary program. Associated costs that



Sen. George Dungan

are not covered by federal funds will be paid through the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. The use of state general funds to carry out the bill's provisions is prohibited.

The measure also includes provisions of Lincoln Sen. Jane Raybould's LB104. Those provisions define evidence-based home visiting programs and require DHHS to submit three annual reports, beginning Feb. 15, 2026, on the use of home visitation services in the state.



Sen. Jane Raybould

Lawmakers also approved a bill that establishes new requirements for behavioral health contract service providers, managed care organizations and Medicaid integrity audits.

LB380, introduced by Sen. John Fredrickson of Omaha, adds requirements for DHHS regarding behavioral health contract services and places restrictions on contractors through the state's managed care organizations.



Sen. John Fredrickson

The bill requires the DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care to define network adequacy and contractor compliance with federal and state laws for coverage of mental health and substance use disorders. Among other provisions, it also requires establishment of a monthly electronic communication system with all Medicaid providers and annual posting on the DHHS website of criteria that the division uses to assess network adequacy of each MCO.

Under the measure, managed care organizations are prohibited from limiting mental health and substance use disorder coverage more than other conditions and from revoking authorization for such services after a provider has rendered them, among other provisions.

The bill includes portions of LB381, also introduced by Fredrickson, which seek to improve transparency and oversight in Nebraska's Medicaid auditing system.

Among other requirements, the provisions require program integrity contractors to provide clear justification for an audit and provide an appeals process. The measure also prohibits recovery of overpayments before all appeals are exhausted except in cases involving a credible allegation of fraud, limits claim reviews to within three years from the date of payment and limits record requests to relevant documents proportional to the services being audited.

Also included are provisions of Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar's LB610, which allow DHHS to seek federal approval



Sen. Eliot Bostar

for implementation of the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act.

Senators voted 48-1 to pass LB380.

LB365, sponsored by Sen. Dan Quick of Grand Island, would expand Nebraska Medicaid coverage for self-measured blood pressure monitoring to include clinical support services. The measure was advanced to general file but not scheduled for debate this session.



Sen. Dan Quick

## Public benefits

Income eligibility guidelines for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Nebraska were expanded in 2021 from 130% of the federal poverty level to 165%. That expansion was scheduled to expire Oct. 1. LB192, sponsored by Quick and passed 41-8, eliminates the sunset date and retains the current income eligibility level.

The measure also includes provisions of LB656, introduced by Omaha Sen. Bob Andersen, which prohibit DHHS from seeking, applying for or renewing a work requirement waiver for SNAP benefits unless expressly required to do so by federal law. The bill also gives the department the discretion to require all eligible SNAP recipients to participate in the existing employment and training program.



Sen. Bob Andersen

Gov. Jim Pillen vetoed a bill to eliminate the state's lifetime ban on SNAP eligibility for individuals with certain drug-related convictions.

Currently, individuals with one or more felony convictions involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance or three or more felony convictions for possession or use are prohibited from receiving SNAP benefits.

An individual with one or two felony convictions for possession or use is eligible only if they participate in an approved substance abuse treatment program.

LB319, sponsored by Sen. Victor Rountree of Bellevue, would have removed the lifetime ban and allowed individuals with felony drug convictions to receive SNAP benefits if they otherwise qualified and had completed their sentence or were serving a term of parole, probation or post-release supervision.



Sen. Victor Rountree

The measure also would have modified the requirement to participate in a treatment program as a condition of

eligibility. Under the bill, an individual with three or more felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance would have been eligible only after participating in an approved treatment program while incarcerated or on probation or parole following their most recent conviction.

An exception from mandatory substance abuse treatment could have been granted on a case-by-case basis if a licensed health care practitioner determined such treatment was not required.

LB319 passed on a 32-17 vote.

In his veto letter, the governor said the bill contained "loopholes" that could allow "habitual offenders" to evade the substance abuse treatment requirement. An attempt to override the veto failed on a 24-24 vote. Thirty votes were needed.

The maximum amount of time a qualifying family could receive cash assistance under the Aid to Dependent Children Program would decrease under a bill considered by the committee.

LB379, as introduced by Andersen, would reduce the lifetime maximum that a family could qualify for the program from 60 months to 24 months. A pending committee amendment instead would decrease maximum program eligibility to 36 months.

The measure was placed on general file but not scheduled for debate this session.

## Children and families

A bill intended to provide support services to at-risk Omaha youth and their families was approved by lawmakers this session on a 27-21 vote.

LB48, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney, creates the five-year Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program to provide culturally relevant services to family and youth involved in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system.



Sen. Terrell McKinney

The bill requires DHHS to designate two centers within a metropolitan class city to provide 24/7 support services, including youth counseling, parenting support, job training, conflict resolution and substance abuse treatment. Omaha is the state's only metropolitan class city.

Senators also passed a bill to reform the use of Social Security benefits received by eligible Nebraska foster children.

Current Nebraska law allows DHHS to apply for Social Security benefits on behalf of eligible state wards and act as their representative payee. The department then is au-

thorized to use a portion of those funds to reimburse the state for the foster youth's care.

Among other reforms, LB275, sponsored by Sen. Megan Hunt of Omaha, requires the department to conserve at least 20% of all Social Security benefits in a separate trust fund, beginning when a foster child is 14 years old. The percentage will gradually increase as the child ages until reaching 50% for beneficiaries who are 18 and older.



Sen. Megan Hunt

The bill also allows an adult known to the foster child to serve as their Social Security representative payee and requires the department to use all available Title IV-E funding prior to the use of state general funds for a beneficiary's care.

LB275 passed on a 29-19 vote.

A bill that seeks to change how child care providers are reimbursed under the state's Child Care Subsidy Program remains on select file.

Under current Nebraska law, DHHS reimburses participating providers based on a child's attendance with funds from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant. LB13, introduced by Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, instead would require the department to reimburse child care subsidy providers based on a child's enrollment or authorized hours.



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh

## Licensure

LB84, sponsored by Rountree and approved on a 46-0 vote, adopts the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact. Under the compact, which is not yet in effect, a licensed school psychologist who wishes to move into a member state may use their existing license as evidence that they are qualified to receive licensure in the member state.

Under LB257, introduced by Quick and passed 46-3, DHHS is required to issue a license to a marriage and family therapist if that individual has a valid, independent and unrestricted license in another state or territory and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

The bill includes provisions of Hunt's LB274. Those provisions require that entities licensed under the Child Care Licensing Act in Nebraska maintain the required level of liability insurance for any time period during which a child is in the licensee's care.

Provisions of LB630, sponsored by Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair, also are included in the measure. Those provisions expand the scope of practice for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in Nebraska.



Sen. Ben Hansen

A bill that seeks to provide certified nurse-midwives with full practice authority was advanced to select file but not scheduled for further debate this session.

Currently, certified nurse-midwives who are authorized to practice in Nebraska may do so only in a hospital or birthing center and under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.

LB676, introduced by Hansen, would remove the requirement that a CNM have a practice agreement with a collaborating licensed practitioner. The bill also would eliminate location restrictions on where a CNM may perform authorized medical functions and update the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act to include certified nurse-midwives.

## Other measures

Under LB332, as introduced by Gering Sen. Brian Hardin, DHHS is required to provide Medicaid coverage for psychology services provided by qualified advanced-level practitioners who are supervised by a licensed psychologist.

The bill was amended to include provision of five additional bills heard by the committee this session:

- LB119, also sponsored by Hardin, which codifies the Rural Health Opportunity Program in state law;
- LB154, introduced by Hardin, which changes provisions related to hearing instrument specialists;
- LB515, sponsored by Quick, which provides requirements for certain prescription refills;
- LB555, introduced by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe, which creates the position of assistant funeral director under the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act; and



Sen. Merv Riepe



Sen. Paul Strommen

- LB697, sponsored by Sen. Paul Strommen of Sidney, which changes requirements relating to compounding and delegated dispensing permits under the Pharmacy Practice Act.

The bill passed on a vote of

49-0 and took effect immediately.

LB382, sponsored by Sen. Glen Meyer of Pender and approved on a 48-1 vote, expands permissible uses of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to include reimbursement for the cost of services provided by the eight Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging.

The bill appropriates \$2 million in fiscal year 2025-26 and FY2026-27 from the fund to be used for eligible activities under the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act, distributed equally to each of the agencies.

LB217, introduced by Fredrickson and passed 47-1, requires DHHS to develop suicide awareness and prevention training for child welfare staff, foster care providers and child-placing agency employees. All qualified staff are required to complete the training prior to any independent contact with youth and families and annually thereafter.

LB312, sponsored by Strommen and approved on a 46-1 vote, adds nurse anesthetists to the list of health professions that qualify for the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. The act requires participants to practice in a designated health profession shortage area in Nebraska for three years to qualify for the incentive.

Under the bill, a newly eligible nurse anesthetist may receive repayment for qualified educational debts up to \$15,000 annually for three years. The measure includes provisions of Riepe's LB553, which add dietician nutritionists as qualified health professionals who are eligible for the program.

Senators also passed LB376, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, which updates and eliminates certain reporting requirements, including several related to Medicaid, youth rehabilitation and treatment



Sen. Glen Meyer

centers, behavioral health services, newborn hearing tests, work and education programs, handgun purchase disqualifications, prenatal care and child welfare expenditures.

The bill also provides a sunset date of June 30, 2028, for a current requirement that Nebraska counties maintain offices and service facilities for the administration of public assistance programs at no cost to the department.

The measure was approved on a 47-1 vote.

Under current Nebraska law, hospitals must have a policy in place regarding the disposition of fetal remains following a miscarriage or stillbirth.

LB632, as introduced by Hansen, would require a health care facility that performs an "elective abortion" to dispose of the remains by burial, cremation or as directed by the State Board of Health. The bill does not include penalties for noncompliance.

Lawmakers advanced LB632 to select file but it was not scheduled for further debate.

Finally, LB512, sponsored by Sen. Rick Holdcroft of Bellevue, would create the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act to establish additional regulations for medications used to induce abortions through a chemical process rather than through surgery.



Sen. Rick Holdcroft

Under the bill as introduced, a physician would be required to verify a pregnancy through an in-person examination, determine if the patient has an ectopic pregnancy, document gestational age and perform Rh factor screening before providing abortion-inducing medication.

A pending committee amendment would remove all provisions relating to Rh factor testing and treatment.

LB512 was advanced to general file by the committee but was not scheduled for debate this session. ■

# JUDICIARY



Sen. Carolyn Bosn, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee

The Judiciary Committee considered a wide range of topics this session, including enhanced criminal penalties, reforms to Nebraska’s court system and stronger consumer protections.

## Penalties

An omnibus public safety bill that updates several traffic and criminal penalties was approved by senators this year.

LB530, introduced by Omaha Sen. Kathleen Kauth, raises speeding fines across all categories and clarifies that driving more than twice the posted speed limit constitutes prima facie evidence of reckless driving.

The bill also increases the penalty for motor vehicle homicide and requires drivers to exercise due care when approaching or passing “vulnerable road users,” including pedestrians, first responders, construction workers, bicyclists and motorcyclists.



Sen. Kathleen Kauth

The measure was amended to include provisions of:

- LB6, sponsored by Sen. Carolyn Bosn of Lincoln, which enhances penalties for providing an individual with fentanyl if that person is seriously injured or dies as a result;
- LB124, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rick Holdcroft, which updates the penalty for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child caused by driving under the influence from a Class IIIA to a Class IIA felony;
- LB395, sponsored by Sen. Barry DeKay of Niobrara, which allows law enforcement to inspect sealed records of individuals younger than 25 who apply for a gun permit or handgun purchase to check for prior domestic violence adjudications and requires courts to inform juveniles about firearm possession prohibitions after completing probation;
- LB404, introduced by Syracuse Sen. Bob Hallstrom, which allows the court to extend a probation term if the probation officer and the probationer jointly apply for it;



Sen. Rick Holdcroft



Sen. Barry DeKay



Sen. Bob Hallstrom



Sen. Merv Riepe

- LB556, sponsored by Sen. Merv Riepe of Ralston, which lowers the allowable age for youth detention from 13 to 11;
- LB600, introduced by Bennington Sen. Wendy DeBoer, which allows the Nebraska

Department of Transportation to reduce speed limits temporarily under conditions such as adverse weather, emergencies or traffic congestion and outlines rules for drivers encountering stopped vehicles; and



Sen. Wendy DeBoer



Sen. Eliot Bostar

- LB684, sponsored by Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln, which, among other changes, transfers juvenile probation functions from the Office of Probation Administration to a newly established executive branch

Juvenile Probation Agency.

Lawmakers passed LB530 on a 37-11 vote.

LB559, introduced by Bosn and passed 43-6, criminalizes the unauthorized use of skimmer devices, defined as an electronic or other device used to capture, record, store or transmit data from a financial transaction device or to capture or record an account holder’s personal identification code.

The bill also creates a “kingpin” statute that enhances penalties for individuals who lead a series of financial crimes involving two or more people and authorizes the forfeiture of assets obtained through such offenses.

Included in the measure are provisions of Bosn’s LB464. Those provisions establish the crime of organized retail theft, provide penalties and create the Financial Fraud Victims’ Reimbursement Fund, to be administered by the state attorney general’s office.

Lawmakers also passed a bill broadening legal immunity to those prescribing, dispensing, administering or purchasing medications that rapidly reverse an opioid overdose.

LB195, sponsored by Pender Sen. Glen Meyer, replaces the term naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, in state law with the broader language of “opioid overdose reversal medication.”

The change will allow similar generic and over-the-counter medications to be prescribed, dispensed, purchased and administered with legal immunity.

LB195 passed on a 47-0 vote.

Under current law, a person who assaults an officer, emergency responder, state correctional employee or health care professional faces enhanced penalties. LB322, sponsored by Sen. Stan Clouse of Kearney, would add a pharmacist engaged in their official duties to that list.

The measure would require posted signage at pharmacies stating that assaulting a pharmacist or striking them with bodily fluid is a serious crime and may be punishable as a felony. The bill also would make several technical changes to harmonize Nebraska’s assault statutes and update the definition of public safety officer.

LB322 was amended to include provisions of Lincoln Sen. Beau Ballard’s LB26, which would extend current assault protections for licensed health



Sen. Glen Meyer



Sen. Stan Clouse



Sen. Beau Ballard

care professionals to all hospital and clinic employees.

The measure advanced from first-round debate but was not scheduled for further consideration this session. It remains on select file.

## Courts

LB513, introduced by Bosn, increases Nebraska Supreme Court judges’ salaries by 1.5% over each of the next two fiscal years. Salaries will rise to \$228,431 on July 1, 2025, and to \$231,858 on July 1, 2026.

All Nebraska judges are paid using a statutory formula based on a percentage of the salary of the chief justice. The bill passed 38-11 and took effect immediately.

LB640, sponsored by the Judiciary Committee and passed 47-2, clarifies the calculation of “good time” for individuals serving city or county jail sentences. Under the bill, sentence reductions are based on the aggregate of the remaining term, including the sum of all consecutive sentences the person receives, whether received at the same time or at any time during their sentence or confinement.

Senators also approved an omnibus court measure sponsored by Bosn. LB150 clarifies that the mandatory minimum sentence for habitual criminals convicted of certain theft or controlled substance possession offenses is three years, with a maximum not to exceed 20 years.

The measure also delays statewide implementation of the veteran justice program until July 1, 2027.

LB150 was amended to include the provisions of:

- LB93, introduced by Lincoln Sen. George Dungan, which clarifies the right to discovery in criminal proceedings;
- LB136, sponsored by Holdcroft, which requires that a corporate employer be served only at the address of its registered agent, instead of an employee’s physical workplace, when a garnishment summons is issued for a debtor employed by the corporation;
- LB219, introduced by Dungan, which eliminates a current nine-month minimum post-release supervision requirement for Class III and IIIA felonies;
- LB329, sponsored by Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern, which replaces the definition of “school employee” in state statutes relating to sexual abuse with “school worker”;



Sen. George Dungan



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

- LB386, introduced by Sen. Tanya Storer of Whitman, which directs the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to seek and obtain federal funding for a pilot program to improve mental health resources in county jails or other facilities;



Sen. Tanya Storer

- LB412, sponsored by Hallstrom, which allows an individual who has reason to believe he is the biological father of a child to file a civil proceeding to determine paternity;

- LB539, introduced by Sen. Brian Hardin of Gering, which eliminates a requirement that the Nebraska State Patrol establish its own system for conducting criminal history record checks for firearm purchases;



Sen. Brian Hardin

- LB606, sponsored by Holdcroft, which eliminates obsolete references in state law to the Division of Parole Supervision; and

- LB694, introduced by Omaha Sen. Dunixi Guereca, which adds military and veteran status to the existing list of protected classes that cannot be discriminated against in employment, public accommodation, housing and certain government activities.



Sen. Dunixi Guereca

LB150 passed on a vote of 43-5 and took effect immediately.

Hallstrom sponsored LB80, passed on a 46-3 vote, which consolidates existing state laws regarding protective orders for domestic abuse, sexual assault and harassment into a single Protection Orders Act.

Under the bill, protection orders, depending on the evidence presented and the court’s discretion, may be issued initially for one year or two years and are renewable. Additionally, certified copies must be provided free of charge to petitioners and law enforcement, and petitioners may request that their contact information remain confidential.

LB80 also includes provisions of LB141, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Victor Rountree, which requires the state Department of Health and Human Services to notify military authorities and military family advocacy programs when a report of child abuse or neglect is received that involves a member of a



Sen. Victor Rountree

military family.

Also sponsored by Rountree and included in LB80 is LB267, which allows landlords to remove a tenant from a rental agreement if the tenant commits an act of domestic violence against another household member if a protection order or similar legal measure is in effect.

Additionally, the provisions require landlords to install new locks on housing units under certain circumstances if the tenant has obtained a protective or similar legal order.

LB388, introduced by DeBoer and passed 46-0, updates eligibility and election procedures for attorney members of Nebraska’s judicial nominating commissions, which help select judicial candidates by recommending names to the governor.

## Consumer Protections

LB383, introduced by Storer at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, creates the Parental Rights in Social Media Act. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, social media companies operating in Nebraska must utilize “reasonable age verification” processes to ensure anyone creating an account on their platform is at least 18 years old.

Under the bill, individuals under 18 may open an account with parental consent, as long as their parent verifies their age and submits a signed document confirming such consent.

LB383 also requires social media companies to provide methods for parents to monitor a minor’s account activity and include options for a parent to:

- view all posts the minor account holder makes under the social media platform account;
- view all responses and messages sent to or by the minor account holder;
- control the minor’s privacy and account settings; and
- monitor and limit the amount of time the minor account holder spends using the social media platform.

The Nebraska attorney general is responsible for enforcing the act, which allows for penalties of up to \$2,500 for each violation.

Also included in LB383 are provisions from Hardin’s LB172, which update and expand the definition of child pornography to include images generated by artificial intelligence or computers and criminalize the act of knowingly receiving child pornography.

LB383 passed on a vote of 46-3.

LB230, introduced by Hallstrom, adopts the Kratom Consumer Protection Act and requires kratom products sold in Nebraska to comply with federal and state manufacturing, packaging and labeling requirements.

Sale of kratom to individuals under 21 years old is prohibited under the bill, and e-commerce platforms must implement online age-verification systems.

Additionally, the bill prevents the manufacture or sale of kratom products targeted at children and requires specific labeling for all kratom products. The state Department of Revenue must establish and oversee a registry of kratom products approved for sale in Nebraska and make it available on the department's website.

The measure includes provisions of DeKay's LB184, which bars the sale of flavored and certain other nitrous oxide products. The bill's prohibition excludes nitrous oxide products used for industrial, dental, medical, automotive or food preparation purposes.

Provisions of Riepe's LB475 also are included in the measure, which add tianeptine, its salts and isomers to the list of Schedule II drugs under the state's Controlled Substances Act.

LB230 passed on a vote of 48-0 and took effect immediately.

Consideration of a proposal to ban the sale of hemp products containing more than 0.3% of any strain of THC ended during the final round of debate after senators passed over the bill without taking a vote.

LB316, introduced by Kauth, would classify any hemp products above the 0.3% THC limit as marijuana. The bill also would provide for a consumer "safe harbor" period and prevent prosecution for possessing illegal hemp until Dec. 31, to allow consumers to dispose of products legally.

Additionally, the measure would impose a 10% excise tax on the retail sale of cannabidiol products beginning Jan. 1, 2026, with all revenue generated directed to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund.

Kauth requested that LB316 be passed over. The bill was not scheduled for further debate and remains on final reading.

## Other measures

LB453, introduced by DeBoer and passed 49-0, updates background check procedures for guardians and conservators.

The bill requires nominees and applicants to undergo a background check conducted by the Nebraska State Patrol using the FBI's national system. Applicants must cover the cost of fingerprinting and the background check. The State Patrol must submit a report detailing the applicant's criminal history to the state court administrator.

Another proposal, LB704, introduced by Omaha Sen.

Terrell McKinney and passed 46-3, creates a process for reviewing and potentially modifying child support orders for noncustodial parents who will be incarcerated for more than 180 days.

Under the bill, the state Department of Health and Human Services must initiate a review within 15 days of receiving notice of the incarceration and complete it within 120 days.

If the department finds that a decrease in support is not warranted, it must offer the incarcerated parent a conference to review the decision within 30 days. A parent may waive their right to a conference to review a determination and conferences may be held in person or virtually.

LB133, introduced by Holdcroft, adds "animal control officer" to the definition of "law enforcement officer" in state animal control laws, allowing them to enforce local or state regulations if authorized by a city, village or county.

The bill also defines "animal control officer" in state law and allows both animal control and law enforcement officers to swear warrants, conduct investigations, issue citations and seize animals.

LB133 passed on a 42-7 vote and took effect immediately.

Another measure from Holdcroft that would allow certain individuals serving long-term prison sentences to apply for second chance relief remains on select file.

As introduced, LB215 would adopt the Clean Slate Act, which would allow individuals with nonviolent convictions to seal their records after a period of not reoffending. A general file amendment removed those provisions but retained provisions regarding the Second Chance Relief Program for Long-Term Inmates.

As amended, the measure would allow individuals serving long-term or life sentences to apply for relief if their offense occurred before age 26 and they have served at least 25 years. Those whose offense occurred at age 26 or older would become eligible after serving 30 years.

Lawmakers advanced LB215 from general file but it was not scheduled for second-round debate.

Finally, LB669, sponsored by Storer, would remove sections of state law regarding informed consent that have been ruled unconstitutional and blocked from taking effect. The bill also would require abortion providers to screen patients for signs of coercion, abuse and trafficking.

The measure was advanced to general file by the Judiciary Committee but was not scheduled for debate this session. ■



Sen. Terrell McKinney

# NATURAL RESOURCES



Sen. Tom Brandt, chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee

The Natural Resources Committee this session advanced measures that created a battery recycling program, raised the cap on state park entry fees and merged two state agencies tasked with managing Nebraska's water resources.

LB317, introduced by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, merges the state Department of Natural Resources with the state Department of Environment and Energy, which will be renamed the Department of Water, Energy and Environment. The agencies will merge July 1.

The director of the Department of Environment and Energy will lead the new agency. The Department of Natural Resources director will become the Chief Water Officer, who will head the new Division of Water and report directly to the DWEE director.

The Chief Water Officer will be appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

The bill passed on a vote of 34-12 and took effect immediately.

## Omnibus bill

LB36, introduced by Brandt and passed on a vote of 43-6, includes provisions of seven measures considered by the committee this session.

The amended provisions of LB309, sponsored by Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward, create the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act. The act requires battery manufacturers to pay for the collection and recycling of portable and medium format batteries at the end of their useful life.



Sen. Jana Hughes

Beginning in 2028, producers and retailers may not sell any covered battery or battery containing product unless they are a member of a battery stewardship organization approved by the state Department of Water, Energy and Environment. Each BSO is required to submit a battery stewardship plan to the department by Jan. 1, 2027.

Among several other requirements, a BSO must provide for free and convenient statewide collection opportunities for all covered batteries and provide a certain number of collection sites within three years after a plan's approval.

Finally, the measure creates civil penalties for violating the act and prohibits individuals from improperly disposing of a covered battery.

The provisions of LB344, introduced by Brandt, modify groundwater allocations for municipalities in fully or over-appropriated areas.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, any new or expanded commercial or industrial user served by a municipal water source that uses more than 25 million gallons of water annually is subject to the controls of an integrated management plan, rule or order and is required to provide a mitigation report to the applicable natural resources district.

Integrated management plans, rules or orders within fully or overappropriated areas may require municipalities to report annual water use and consumption.

The amended provisions of LB459, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Danielle Conrad, create the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse.



Sen. Danielle Conrad

The clearinghouse is required to establish an information hub for home weatherization project funding. It also will assist in coordinating efforts by state and local agencies to optimize the execution of those projects.

The provisions of LB480, introduced by Sen. Barry DeKay of Niobrara, authorize the state Game and Parks

Commission to carry out additional projects at Lake McConaughy, the Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area and Niobrara State Park under the Water Recreation Enhancement Act.

The provisions of LB562, sponsored by Brandt, increase the maximum fees that the commission may charge for an annual resident motor vehicle park entry permit from \$35 to \$50 and a temporary permit from \$7 to \$10.

The maximum fees for nonresident annual and temporary permits are twice the corresponding resident permit fees.

Brandt's measure also allows the commission to issue two permits rather than one for hunting mountain sheep in an auction that is open to Nebraska residents and nonresidents. The number of additional permits may not exceed the number of those awarded to residents in an initial random drawing.

Additionally, the bill increases the maximum cost for an aquatic invasive species stamp for nonresident motorboat owners from \$15 to \$30.

LB36 also allows a Nebraska resident or nonresident who is the partner, officer, shareholder or beneficiary designated as the qualifying landowner by a partnership, corporation or trust to qualify for a limited permit to hunt elk.

The amended provisions of LB590, introduced by Columbus Sen. Mike Moser, authorize the state Department of Transportation to establish a mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program to offset the environmental effects of transportation projects, including impacts to threatened or endangered species.

The measure requires any state agency or other entity that owns a mitigation bank acquired to restore, enhance, preserve or create habitat or wetlands to pay a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the county.

The provisions of LB595, sponsored by Sen. Jason Prokop of Lincoln, create the Research Excellence Cash Fund. It will support research-based investments in data, data collection and ongoing research critical to the state's economy, including the Nebraska Mesonet system, a statewide network of weather monitoring stations.

The fund, administered by the University of Nebraska, will consist of money from gifts, grants or bequests as well as transfers authorized by the Legislature.



Sen. Barry DeKay



Sen. Mike Moser



Sen. Jason Prokop

## Other measures

The committee advanced a bill intended to modernize the licensing and regulation of professional geologists working in Nebraska.

LB38, sponsored by North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson and passed 48-0, updates administrative practices and terms in the Geologists Regulation Act.

Among other changes, the bill:

- reduces the minimum number of years of geologic work experience required for licensure from five to four;
- allows individuals who practice any combination of certain geology-related activities for at least 15 years to apply for licensure; and
- requires that one member of the state Board of Geologists is a professional geologist who also is a faculty member of a geology or related geosciences department of a Nebraska college or university.

The committee also advanced a measure aimed at safeguarding electric infrastructure near sensitive military installations in Nebraska.

Electric suppliers must provide written notice to the Nebraska Power Review Board before beginning construction of or acquiring certain electric generation facilities or transmission lines located within a 10-mile radius of a military installation. Previously, the notice certified that the infrastructure contains no materials, electronics or other components manufactured by a foreign adversary as determined by federal regulations.

LB43, introduced by DeKay, ensures that the requirement applies only to "electronic-related" equipment and components in electric infrastructure located near Offutt Air Force Base and ballistic missile silos in western Nebraska.

The bill requires an electric supplier, in consultation with its vendors, to submit a one-time written notice to the board certifying that the applicable facilities are continually in compliance with the bill's requirements. A supplier must submit further notice any time a facility no longer is in compliance.

Finally, the measure allows a supplier to use the otherwise prohibited equipment or components if the board preapproves their use under certain conditions.

Similar requirements apply to owners of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities.

Lawmakers voted 48-0 to pass LB43. The bill took effect immediately.

LB247, also sponsored by DeKay, increases a fee on



Sen. Mike Jacobson

landfill operators from \$1.25 to \$2.34 per ton of solid waste, six cubic yards of uncompacted solid waste or three cubic yards of compacted solid waste.

The bill directs 65% of the fees to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund, with the remainder going to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund.

Under the bill, the solid waste fund – which is used to cover the costs of responding to spills or other environmental emergencies – also may be used to provide cost share, operation and maintenance for remediation of federal superfund sites.

In addition to the fee increase, LB247 repeals a provision allowing the Legislature to direct transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund to the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund.

The bill passed on a vote of 44-2 and took effect immediately.

The committee took no action on a proposed constitutional amendment under which Nebraskans would have the right to a “clean and healthy environment,” including pure water, clean air and a safe climate.

If approved by the Legislature, LR22CA, introduced by Sen. George Dungan of Lincoln, would place the question on the November 2026 general election ballot.

The amendment would require the state and each of its political subdivisions to serve as trustee of Nebraska’s natural resources and conserve, protect and maintain those resources for the benefit of all. ■



Sen. George Dungan

# NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS



Sen. Beau Ballard, chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee

Senators approved several measures this session that make changes to various retirement systems.

LB645, introduced by Sen. Beau Ballard of Lincoln at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, requires different contribution levels to the School Employees Retirement System from school plan participants, employers and the state, contingent on the funded ratio of the actuarial value of assets in the previous year.

Beginning July 1, 2025, state contribution rates will be set at three different funding levels. If the plan is:

- less than 96% actuarially funded, the state's contribution rate will drop to an amount equal to 2% of the compensation of all members of the retirement system;
- between 96% and 100% actuarially funded, the state's contribution will be 0.7% of total compensation; and
- 100% or greater actuarially funded, the state will cease making contributions.

The employee contribution rate also will be set at dif-

ferent funding levels. If the plan is:

- less than 96% actuarially funded, the rate will be 9.75% of employee compensation;
- between 96% and 98% funded, the contribution rate will drop to 8.75%;
- between 98% and 100% funded, the contribution rate will be 8%; and
- 100% or greater actuarially funded, the rate will be set at 7.25%.

Employer contributions will continue to be coupled with employee contributions, which currently is 101% of employee contributions.

The measure also includes provisions of Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar's LB76, which makes changes to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System. Beginning July 1, 2027, the provisions will increase survivor benefits under the plan from 75% of a plan member's benefit to 100% of a plan member's benefit.



Sen. Eliot Bostar

LB645 passed on a 45-2 vote and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also approved a measure intended to refine changes approved last session to the retirement contribution rates for certain Nebraska firefighters.

Nebraska law classifies cities based on population. First class cities are those with a population between 5,001 and 100,000.

LB108, sponsored by Sen. Mike Jacobson of North Platte, corrects a provision in a bill passed last session that changed contribution rates for firefighters and municipalities in first class cities.

Under the bill, beginning March 1, 2025, firefighters in an absolute coverage group – those who contribute to both the firefighter retirement system and Social Security – contribute 6.5% of their salary if they are employed by a city with more than 60,000 residents that is located in a county with a population of more than 100,000.

A qualifying city contributes a sum equal to 13% of such firefighter's salary to the retirement system. LB108 passed on a vote of 48-0 and took effect immediately.

Retirement contribution rates for certain Nebraska police officers will change under a bill passed this session.

Under LB179, introduced by Kearney Sen. Stan Clouse, the retirement contribution rate for police officers in first class cities will increase from the current 7% of their monthly salary to



Sen. Mike Jacobson



Sen. Stan Clouse

9%, beginning Oct. 1.

The bill will result in a corresponding increase from 7% to 9% in the contribution rate that first class cities pay into the plan.

Included in the measure are provisions of Omaha Sen. Margo Juarez's LB461. Those provisions allow firefighters in first class cities the option of receiving the value of their retirement benefits in one or more partial payments in any amount and frequency of their choosing, beginning Oct. 1.



Sen. Margo Juarez

Lawmakers passed LB179 on a 47-0 vote.

The Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee introduced a measure that makes a number of changes to the state's various retirement systems.

Among other changes, LB295 provides a process for the Public Employees Retirement Board to waive repayment of retirement benefits if the board determines that those benefits were the result of an inadvertent overpayment and repayment would cause a significant hardship. The bill also:

- updates eligible types of identification documents under the retirement systems statutes;
- includes the Class V School Employees Retirement System in the definition of statewide public retire-

- ment system under the Spousal Pension Rights Act;
- includes leave of absence pay in the definition of compensation under the School Employees Retirement Act;
- provides that lump-sum payments to multiple beneficiaries under the School Employees Retirement Act can be made independently of each other;
- clarifies the definition of early retirement under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act;
- provides that employees deemed full-time under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act remain full-time employees once they are deemed as such;
- extends from 60 days to 90 days the deadline for beneficiaries to elect a lump-sum distribution under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act; and
- ensures that school employees who are members of the retirement system under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act receive leave with pay to attend preretirement planning programs sponsored by the PERB.

The measure, which passed 46-0 and took effect immediately, includes provisions of LB420, also sponsored by the committee. Those provisions strike existing language in state law requiring that state contributions to the judges' retirement fund be done by administrative transfer to the state treasurer. ■

# REVENUE



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern, chairperson of the Revenue Committee

The Revenue Committee this session advanced bills to roll back recently enacted tax incentives, add guardrails to a program intended to incentivize retail development and raise the documentary stamp tax to provide housing assistance to sex trafficking and domestic violence survivors.

## Incentive programs

LB650, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, eliminates, scales back or postpones certain tax credits and exemptions to help balance the state budget.

Among other changes, the bill:

- decreases the annual limit on livestock modernization or expansion credits under the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act;
- decreases tax credits for qualified shortline railroad maintenance expenditures from \$1 million to \$500,000 per year;
- decreases annual credits for biodiesel retailers from

\$1.5 million to \$1 million beginning with fiscal year 2025-26; and

- eliminates a food donation tax credit.

LB650 also creates the Community Development Assistance Act. Under the program, individuals and businesses may apply for a tax credit for contributions they make to certain programs offered by community betterment organizations. Up to \$350,000 in credits may be approved annually beginning with tax year 2026.

As amended, LB650 also includes provisions of five other bills considered by the committee this session:

- LB270, sponsored by Sen. Victor Rountree of Bellevue, allows an individual certified by a municipality to notify the Auditor of Public Accounts of suspected irregularities or discrepancies in local option sales and use tax records;



Sen. Victor Rountree



Sen. Eliot Bostar

- LB458, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar, updates notice and other requirements related to the tax sale certificate process;

- LB494, sponsored by Sen. Myron Dorn of Adams,



Sen. Myron Dorn

clarifies current law requiring transfers to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund and the Cash Reserve Fund based on state General Fund net receipts;

- LB495, introduced by Blair Sen. Ben Hansen, removes Nebraska community colleges from the list of political subdivisions that must participate in a joint public hearing before increasing their property tax request by more than a certain percentage; and



Sen. Ben Hansen

- LB547, sponsored by Rountree, updates the definitions of disabled veteran and blind veteran for purposes of state tax exemptions on motor vehicles and mobile homes.

LB650 passed on a vote of 40-7 and took effect immediately.

Senators also approved a bill intended to create additional investment in affordable housing and child care programs in Nebraska.

Individuals, businesses and other entities subject to state income tax may apply for a nonrefundable credit of up to \$100,000 for contributions they make to eligible child care programs.

Under LB182, introduced by Bostar and passed 46-2, insurance companies and financial institutions also qualify for the credit and may use it to offset premium and related retaliatory taxes and franchise taxes.

Additionally, the bill makes certain nonprofit corporations eligible for Nebraska affordable housing tax credits and allows a taxpayer without an ownership interest in a qualified project to transfer, sell or assign the credits to another taxpayer.

The committee also advanced a measure intended to bolster a program that helps Nebraskans pay for disability-related expenses.

LB391, sponsored by Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil and passed on a vote of 45-3, creates the Give to Enable Support Act and an associated cash fund. Under the new program, the state treasurer will use private contributions to open Enable Savings Plan accounts for qualifying applicants who do not already have one.



Sen. Dave Murman

The tax-advantaged accounts, authorized by the Legislature in 2015, may be used to pay for beneficiaries' qualifying disability-related expenses, including education, housing, transportation and personal support services.

Under LB391, the treasurer will determine the minimum amount to place in each new account and may approve as many applications as funding allows each year.

Contributions may be deducted from federal adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes, within certain limits.

Correctional and youth detention officers will qualify for a tuition waiver under another bill passed by lawmakers.

Under the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act, law enforcement officers, professional firefighters and their legal dependents are entitled to a full tuition waiver at a Nebraska state university, state college or community college if they meet certain requirements.

Under LB608, introduced by Bostar and passed 36-12, civilian firefighters at Offutt Air Force Base and individuals who are disabled as a result of injury or illness that resulted from or is connected to employment as a first responder — as well as their qualifying children — now qualify for a waiver.

Beginning July 1, 2027, correctional and youth detention officers, disabled individuals who served in those

roles and their qualifying children also qualify for a limited version of the waiver for attendance at the University of Nebraska only.

The bill requires the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to reimburse the university for 50% of the tuition waivers granted in the preceding year to those individuals. If state appropriations are not enough to pay all submitted claims, the commission will prorate the university's total reimbursement.

A measure intended to encourage certain defense contractors to locate their highly skilled workers in Nebraska passed on a vote of 44-4.

The committee introduced LB649 as a shell bill. It was amended to include a proposal sponsored by Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders that creates a wage credit for companies that employ qualifying workers "exclusively dedicated to supporting military defense efforts" in Nebraska.

If its application is approved by the state tax commissioner, a company will receive a wage credit equal to 5% of the total compensation paid to all qualified employees during the year. The credit may be used to reduce income tax withholding or payor tax liability.

If a company fails to maintain the required employment and wage levels, all or a portion of its credits will be recaptured or disallowed. The measure requires the state Department of Revenue to submit an annual report on the program to the Legislature.

The incentive is available beginning July 1, 2027. Total credits are capped at \$40 million over 10 years.

## Omnibus bill

Lawmakers approved a committee omnibus bill that includes a measure under which Nebraska educational savings plan trust accounts may be used to pay for private K-12 education.

The committee introduced LB647 as a shell bill. It was amended to include provisions of seven other bills considered by the committee this session.

Under the amended provisions of LB131, sponsored by Sen. Tony Sorrentino of Elkhorn, Nebraska educational savings plan trust accounts may be used to pay for private elementary and secondary school tuition, not to exceed \$10,000 per beneficiary per taxable year, beginning Jan. 1, 2029.



Sen. Tony Sorrentino

The amended provisions of LB242, introduced by Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe, update a measure passed during last year's special session that limits increases in city and

county property tax request authority.

Among other updates, the measure:

- modifies the property tax request authority calculation to ensure that it accounts for a political subdivision's growth;
- provides a one-time mechanism allowing cities and counties to carry forward unused restricted funds authority; and
- removes a revenue cap on local occupation taxes.



Sen. Merv Riepe

The amended provisions of LB314, also sponsored by Sorrentino, allow a political subdivision and nonprofit corporation to apply for temporary approval for state assistance under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act if each has adopted a resolution authorizing either co-applicant to pursue financing or bonds to acquire, construct, improve or equip an eligible sports arena facility.

The approval becomes permanent if a building permit for the facility is issued within 24 months of the temporary approval. If a permit is not issued within that period, the temporary approval becomes void.

The amended provisions of LB401, introduced by von Gillern, clarify a provision allowing Nebraskans to pay their state income taxes through a passthrough entity such as an LLC.

The measure also requires notices of deficiency to include a written statement detailing the facts, circumstances and reasons the state tax commissioner used to determine that a taxpayer did not report the correct amount of tax on an income tax return.

The amended provisions of LB566, introduced by Sen. Dan Quick of Grand Island, extend the sunset date on an income tax credit for the purchase of a home in an extremely blighted area from Jan. 1, 2026, to Jan. 1, 2032.



Sen. Dan Quick

Under the amended provisions of LB628, sponsored by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, a taxpayer who encumbers their property with a perpetual recreational trail easement may apply for a property tax exemption for the portion of the property that has been encumbered with the easement.



Sen. Robert Dover

The provisions of LB709, introduced by Bostar, create a refundable state income tax credit equal to 10% of the federal adoption expenses tax credit allowed to a taxpayer in the same taxable year.

The bill passed on a vote of 35-13 and took effect immediately.

## Sales and use tax

The committee also advanced a bill to update the Good Life Transformational Projects Act. Passed by the Legislature in 2023, the act authorizes the state Department of Economic Development to create "good life districts" in which transactions are subject to a state sales tax rate of 2.75%, half the current rate of 5.5%.

LB707, sponsored by von Gillern, repeals the current rate reduction Oct. 1 and instead imposes a state sales tax rate that is 50% of the current rate on transactions by good life district applicants or retailers that physically occur in a district. Sales of motor vehicles, motorboats, ATVs and certain other vehicles are excluded.

A good life district applicant or retailer will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the state sales tax paid on development costs for a new business, an additional good life district retailer or a relocated good life district retailer, within certain limits.

Once a city has established an economic development program for its good life district, the state tax commissioner is required to allocate 50% of the state sales taxes from qualifying transactions to the city. The allocated taxes will be a local source of revenue for the program.

The bill also:

- limits the amount of allocated state sales taxes that may be generated by existing retailers;
- requires good life district applicants to provide evidence of a project's financial viability;
- allows for the creation of up to six project areas within a good life district;
- eliminates a city's ability to adopt a local option sales tax to fund district development;
- accounts for the relocation of existing businesses to a good life district; and
- defines new-to-market retailers as those that did not exist within 40 miles of a district prior to its creation.

LB707 passed 49-0 and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also passed a bill intended to help municipalities better track and predict local option sales tax receipts.

The state tax commissioner is required to provide a municipality that has adopted a local option sales tax with a list of the names and addresses of local retailers that have collected the tax. Previously, the municipality could request the information annually.

Under LB613, introduced by Sen. Bob Andersen of Omaha and passed 45-3, a municipality may make the request three times per year and also ask for certain additional information as long as it does not include data

on the specific revenue, expenses or operations of any particular business.

The bill also allows a municipality to request from the state Department of Revenue a list of businesses that have applied to receive tax incentives under certain programs. That request may be made annually.

A proposal to impose state sales and use tax on certain services to fund additional property tax relief remains on general file after a failed cloture motion.

LB170, as introduced by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, would impose sales tax on soft drinks and candy. Brandt introduced an amendment that would replace the bill with a narrowed version of his LB169, which would impose the 5.5% state sales and use tax on nearly two dozen currently exempt services.

The new sales tax revenue would be used to provide an additional \$100 million in property tax relief per year under the School District Property Tax Relief Act. Enacted by lawmakers during last year's special session, the program distributes funds to counties, which then credit taxpayers against the amount of property taxes owed to school districts.

The pending amendment would tax 18 "discretionary" services — including dry cleaning, swimming pool maintenance and golf lessons — increase the excise tax on cigarettes from 64 cents to \$1.36 per package and impose sales tax on soft drinks and energy drinks.

Also included in the amendment are the provisions of LB712, sponsored by Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward, which would increase the excise tax on vaping devices to 40% of the wholesale price.

After eight hours of debate, Brandt filed a motion to invoke cloture, which ends debate and forces a vote on the bill and any pending amendments.

The motion failed on a vote of 30-15. Thirty-three votes were needed.

## Other measures

Senators approved a bill meant to address an unintended consequence of a recent change in the way community colleges are funded.

Owners of private renewable energy generation facilities pay a nameplate capacity tax in lieu of personal property



Sen. Bob Andersen



Sen. Tom Brandt



Sen. Jana Hughes

taxes on equipment used to generate electricity. Counties where the infrastructure is located distribute the revenue to local political subdivisions based on the amount of property taxes they levy.

In 2023, lawmakers eliminated most of community colleges' property tax levy authority and replaced the lost revenue with state funding. In doing so, however, they inadvertently reduced nameplate capacity tax revenue to community colleges.

LB50, introduced by Niobrara Sen. Barry DeKay and passed 45-3, requires counties to allocate 5% of nameplate capacity tax revenue to the community college area in which the renewable energy generation facility is located before distributing the rest to other political subdivisions.

A measure increasing taxes on Nebraska real estate transactions to help meet the immediate housing needs of sex trafficking and domestic violence survivors also passed this session.

LB78, sponsored by Bostar and passed on a vote of 49-0, increases the documentary stamp tax on the transfer of real estate from \$2.25 to \$2.32 for each \$1,000 in value and directs the additional proceeds to a new fund administered by the state Department of Health and Human Services.

The department will use the funding to provide housing-related assistance, including rental and utility payments, for survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking based on a formula it will create. The department may contract with qualifying nonprofit organizations to provide the assistance.

Included in the bill are the provisions of LB159, introduced by Sen. Dunixi Guereca of Omaha, under which Nebraska courts may consider a defendant's status as a survivor of sex trafficking, domestic violence or abuse when determining sentences.

A bill intended to aid the development of a proposed convention center in Lincoln also received approval from lawmakers.

LB116, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Beau Ballard and passed 43-2, updates the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, which turns back a portion of state sales tax revenue collected by convention centers, associated hotels and nearby retailers to political subdivisions to help finance the facilities.

Among other changes, the bill clari-



Sen. Barry DeKay



Sen. Dunixi Guereca



Sen. Beau Ballard

fies that the area used to determine associated hotels and nearby retailers is one or more contiguous or noncontiguous areas within the territorial boundaries of the political subdivision that applies for assistance.

The measure also expands authorized uses of a fund that counties use to make grants to expand and improve facilities at existing visitor attractions, build new visitor attractions and carry out certain other projects. Under LB116, counties also must use the fund to maintain visitor attractions and facilities.

Also approved was a bill intended to help additional rural fire protection districts qualify for state financial aid.

The Mutual Finance Assistance Act, funded by state insurance premium tax proceeds, provides aid to mutual finance organizations and rural or suburban fire protection districts for equipment, operations and training.

For an MFO or district to qualify for assistance, a certain percentage of the population of any county included in the MFO or district must reside outside the limits of any first, primary or metropolitan class city in the county.

LB399, introduced by Sen. Dave Wordekemper of Fremont and passed on a vote of 49-0, decreases the threshold from 80% to 60%.

The committee also advanced a measure intended to manage the impact of cryptocurrency mining operations on Nebraska's electrical grid.

LB526, introduced by North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson at the request of the governor, allows public power suppliers to impose requirements on certain cryptocurrency mining operations for the cost of infrastructure upgrades needed to serve them.

Under the bill, passed 49-0, a public power supplier may require direct payment or a letter of credit from a cryptocurrency mining operation or impose terms and



Sen. Dave Wordekemper



Sen. Mike Jacobson

conditions on an operation as long as the requirements are fair, reasonable and not unduly discriminatory.

The bill requires a public power supplier to conduct a load study before imposing any requirement. A supplier also must list the number and annual energy usage of cryptocurrency mining operations under its jurisdiction on its website.

Anyone intending to install a cryptocurrency mining operation is responsible for notifying the local public power supplier. Additionally, an operation must allow a supplier to interrupt its electric service according to the supplier's established rate schedules and policies.

The requirements go into effect Oct. 1 and apply to operations of 1 megawatt in size or greater.

A proposal to cut county inheritance taxes while also distributing replacement revenue to counties remains on select file after a failed cloture motion.

LB468, sponsored by Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood, would cut the rates paid by remote relatives — including uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews — and non-related beneficiaries while also increasing the applicable exemption amounts.



Sen. Robert Clements

As amended on general file, the bill also would increase the exemption amount for immediate relatives, who pay a 1% rate.

To replace the lost revenue, the measure would increase the nameplate capacity tax paid by owners of renewable energy generation facilities and allow counties to retain a higher percentage of state motor vehicle taxes, among several other changes.

LB468 also would increase fees to cover more of what it costs counties to issue marriage licenses, inspect vehicles and provide other services.

After four hours of second-round debate, Clements filed a motion to invoke cloture. The motion failed on a vote of 31-11. ■

# TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Sen. Mike Moser, chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

Measures that increase driver record fees, modify the common carrier licensing process and allow the issuance of one license plate for each registered motor vehicle rather than two were among those considered by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee this session.

## DMV updates, license plate requirements

Lawmakers approved a committee omnibus bill that aligns Nebraska's transportation statutes with federal regulations.

Introduced by Sen. Mike Moser of Columbus, LB398 ensures that the state complies with the most recent federal laws and regulations that govern the state Department of Motor Vehicles and Nebraska State Patrol.

Among other changes, the bill increases civil penalties for commercial driver's license violations, updates medical certification requirements for CDL holders and requires

the department to post certain information to the Commercial Driver License Information System.

As amended, the measure includes provisions of six other bills heard by the committee this session:

- LB114, sponsored by Moser, increases fees for certain driver and motor vehicle record searches;



Sen. Rick Holdcroft

- LB134, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rick Holdcroft, requires the department to create six license plate designs intended to honor veterans and military service members;

- LB175, sponsored by Sen. Bob Hallstrom of Syracuse, requires a railroad's successor in interest to provide at least one adequate crossing for a person who owns land on both sides of a right-of-way;



Sen. Bob Hallstrom



Sen. Tom Brandt

- LB343, introduced by Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, decreases the organizational license plate fee from \$70 to \$40, the same as the alternate license plate fee;

- LB563, also sponsored by Brandt, requires the department to issue permanent license plates for commercial fertilizer trailers; and

- LB568, introduced by Omaha Sen. John Fredrickson, requires the department to issue Arbor Day license plates, with associated fees directed to a new environmental grant fund administered by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.



Sen. John Fredrickson

LB398 passed on a vote of 45-4 and took effect immediately.

LB97, sponsored by Fredrickson and passed 46-0, includes several technical updates requested by the DMV to improve processes and align Nebraska with federal regulations.

Among other changes, the bill exempts fertilizer trailers from titling requirements, prohibits modification of license plates, defines or redefines amphibious vehicles, junk vehicles and minibikes and adds telephone numbers and email addresses to the list of sensitive personal information under the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act.

LB97 includes provisions of LB225, sponsored by

Omaha Sen. Dunixi Guereca, eliminating a requirement that individuals notarize applications for duplicate certificates of title.

The amended provisions of LB279, introduced by Sen. R. Brad von Gillern



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

of Elkhorn, require the department to issue one license plate rather than two for every registered motor vehicle or trailer beginning with the 2029 license plate issuance cycle. The measure requires license plates to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.



Sen. Dunixi Guereca

Under the provisions of LB543, sponsored by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, the department may deliver license plates or registration certificates to an applicant or applicable county treasurer by U.S. mail or an alternative shipping service beginning with the next license plate issuance cycle.



Sen. Robert Dover

The department may charge a postage and handling fee to cover the cost of the specific items mailed. Drivers who present proof of registration may operate the applicable motor vehicle for 30 days without a mailed license plate displayed.

The measure also allows owners to register a motor vehicle or trailer for a period of two or three years, in addition to the annual registration period, beginning in 2029. All fees and taxes for each year of a multiyear registration will be paid at the time of renewal.

LB97 took effect immediately.

## Common carrier, telecommunications regulations

LB311, introduced by Sen. Wendy DeBoer of Bennington, clarifies that governing entities, including state agencies and municipalities, may not require telecommunications companies to provide broadband internet service at certain speeds or set other conditions regulated by the federal government.



Sen. Wendy DeBoer

The measure also includes provisions of five other bills considered by the committee this session.

Under the amended provisions of LB4, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Carolyn Bosn, companies that offer local exchange telecommunications services may apply to the Nebraska Public Service Commission to deregulate one

of the carrier's exchanges.

A deregulated carrier is not required to fulfill the obligations of a carrier of last resort, which must provide voice communication service upon request to all residential and single-line business customers within a defined area.



Sen. Carolyn Bosn

Additionally, a deregulated carrier is not required to file an earnings report with the commission or comply with restrictions on rates or with standards or reporting requirements related to quality of service.

The bill prohibits the commission from providing a deregulated carrier with support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund, which telecommunications companies use to maintain and upgrade their networks.

The amended provisions of LB191, also introduced by Bosn, add broadband, communications and wireless infrastructure facilities to the list of infrastructure protected under the Nebraska One-Call Notification System Act.

Also included are the provisions of LB227, sponsored by DeBoer, which update the common carrier licensing process.

Under the measure, applicants no longer must make a case to the PSC that a market exists for their services, and they may be licensed as long as an incumbent carrier cannot show that the applicant's entry would cause serious harm to the market.

The provisions of LB347, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Jason Prokop, eliminate a requirement that common carriers receive PSC authorization before issuing certain securities.



Sen. Jason Prokop

Sponsored by Sen. Tanya Storer of Whitman, the provisions of LB666 allow competitive broadband providers to request that the PSC transfer NUSF support from the former incumbent local exchange carrier to the competitive provider under the Rural Communications Sustainability Act. Previously, only the incumbent local exchange carrier could request the transfer.



Sen. Tanya Storer

Senators voted 49-0 to pass LB311, which took effect immediately.

## Other measures

The committee advanced a bill intended to give the state Department of Transportation greater flexibility when soliciting bids and constructing buildings.

LB323, introduced by Moser and passed on a vote of

49-0, requires the department to provide notice of its solicitation for bids for certain road and bridge project contracts both in a county newspaper, as is currently required, and on an official webpage.

The bill also requires the department to seek the Legislature's consent to construct a building with an estimated cost greater than an adjusted limit for capital construction projects set in state law. Previously, the department could not construct a building costing more than \$100,000 without legislative approval.

A bill intended to avoid wastage of raw milk produced at Nebraska dairy farms also advanced from committee.

LB561, sponsored by Brandt, allows the department to issue a permit authorizing an applicant to operate overweight vehicles carrying raw milk from a dairy farm to a processing facility.

The bill requires the department to create a map indicating bridges that overweight raw-milk vehicles are prohibited from using. The department must review and update the map at least once a year and publish the most recent version on its website. Overweight raw-milk vehicles are required to carry a copy of the map.

The owner of an overweight raw-milk vehicle that enters a prohibited bridge structure and damages it is liable for

all costs associated with repairing the damage.

LB561 passed on a vote of 49-0 and took effect immediately.

Lawmakers also approved a measure that gives motor vehicle manufacturers and Nebraska new car and trucker dealers an agreed upon method to address warranty disputes.

Previously, manufacturers were required to provide "reasonable" compensation to dealers for diagnostic work as well as repair service, parts and labor. Time allowances for the performance of warranty work had to be "reasonable and adequate."

LB667, introduced by Storer, strikes instances of "reasonable" from the law and instead requires that time allowances be adequate for a qualified technician to perform the work or service.

The bill prohibits franchisors from unreasonably denying a franchisee's request for a modification of a time allowance for a specific warranty repair or for an additional time allowance for diagnostic or repair work on a specific vehicle covered under warranty.

The proposal also excludes nonwarranty service and certain basic maintenance parts, including tires, from rate calculations.

LB667 passed 49-0. ■

# URBAN AFFAIRS



Sen. Terrell McKinney, chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee

Measures aimed at increasing access to affordable housing and requiring the Omaha Housing Authority to address bed bug infestations were among those advanced by the Urban Affairs Committee this session.

## Housing

The construction of rent-to-own housing units in urban areas will qualify for state assistance under a bill approved by lawmakers.

Under LB288, introduced by the committee and passed on a vote of 43-6, the construction of rent-to-own housing and the development of upper-story housing for occupation by a rent-to-own tenant are eligible for grants under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act.

A rent-to-own housing unit must be a tenant's primary residence, and the tenant may not own a home or other residential real estate. A rent-to-own housing lease must provide that at least \$50 of the tenant's monthly rent be set aside in an account maintained by the property owner.

When the lease ends, the owner is required to distribute money in the account to the tenant to use for a down payment and closing costs on the purchase of a home. The tenant will have the option to purchase the rent-to-own unit at fair market value one year after the lease begins.

As amended, LB288 includes provisions of four other measures considered by the committee this session.

The provisions of LB450, sponsored by Sen. John Fredrickson of Omaha, update the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, under which municipalities may agree to provide financing for the installation of certain energy efficiency improvements in exchange for a property owner's agreement to pay an annual assessment.



Sen. John Fredrickson

Under the measure, grid resiliency improvements — including backup power generators, solar panels with battery storage and smart grid technology — also will qualify for the agreements.

The amended provisions of LB626, introduced by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, update the Community Development Law.

The provisions allow a municipality to approve redevelopment projects that use tax-increment financing in areas where less than 20% of the housing is affordable housing — which the bill defines as workforce housing, low-income housing or housing intended for households earning less than 150% of the applicable county's median income.



Sen. Robert Dover

The provisions of LB622, also introduced by Dover, change how the state Department of Economic Development disburses grants under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the department will disburse grant funds equal to 80% of housing development costs to the grant recipient upon approval and 20% upon the project's completion.

The amended provisions of LB531, sponsored by Sen. Kathleen Kauth of Omaha, prohibit the state Department of Economic Development from requiring any new construction project or rental conversion project that receives funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to comply with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code.



Sen. Kathleen Kauth

Under Kauth's measure, the department is not required to review building plans and specifications for compliance

with the code if they already have been reviewed by a county, city or village enforcing a local building code that includes the international code's requirements.

The governor vetoed a bill requiring the Omaha Housing Authority to address bed bug infestations.

LB287, introduced by the committee, would require a housing agency in a metropolitan class city to address bed bug infestations within a certain time frame, among other requirements. Omaha is the state's only metropolitan class city.

Included in the bill are the amended provisions of LB514, also sponsored by the committee. They would allow a metropolitan class city to require a housing authority to comply with any city rental inspection and registration ordinance, code enforcement and inspection of residential rental properties.

Also included are the amended provisions of LB321, introduced by Sen. Rita Sanders of Bellevue. They would allow sanitary and improvement districts to pay for improvements by collecting special assessments on property located outside the boundaries of the district to the extent the improvements benefit that property.



Sen. Rita Sanders

LB287 passed on a 34-15 vote.

In his veto letter, Gov. Jim Pillen said local governments already have the authority to enforce "basic sanitation and anti-infestation standards" within their communities and that OHA is subject to "rigorous" federal oversight.

Allowing an SID to impose taxes on property owners outside its jurisdiction would constitute taxation without representation, he added.

An attempt to override the veto failed on a vote of 24-24. Thirty votes were needed.

## Other measures

Another bill advanced by the committee allows first class cities to use general funds to pay for street improvements rather than levy a special assessment on adjacent properties.

First class cities, which have a population of 5,001 to

100,000, may create improvement districts for the purpose of paving, repaving or making certain other improvements to streets and alleys. Qualified cities had been required to levy a special assessment on adjacent properties to fund improvements in the district.

Under LB90, sponsored by Kearney Sen. Stan Clouse and passed 48-0, a city may levy a special assessment or fund the improvements at public cost.



Sen. Stan Clouse

The measure requires the mayor and city council to create an improvement district by ordinance. Additionally, it expands the law to allow first class cities to construct sidewalks, public ways and other public spaces – in addition to streets and alleys – in the districts.

A bill intended to provide greater flexibility in the siting of a proposed North Omaha business park passed on a vote of 31-18.

The Economic Recovery Act, passed by the Legislature in 2022 and updated in 2023, provided funding for pandemic recovery projects in North and South Omaha and other communities that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the act, the state Department of Economic Development has granted \$90 million to a nonprofit economic development organization for the development of a business park located within the boundaries of a metropolitan class city and within two miles of a major airport.

LB290, introduced by the committee, instead requires the project to be located within the boundaries of an inland port district in Omaha. Grant funds may not be used in the downtown or northern downtown areas of Omaha.

A bill intended to increase the number of skilled tradespeople in Nebraska did not advance from committee.

LB447, introduced by Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha, would add contract requirements for redevelopment plans or projects that use tax-increment financing in counties with a population of 60,000 or more. ■



Sen. John Cavanaugh

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LB1	Executive Board	S	Eliminate an incorrect reference in provisions of the medical cannabis initiative petition language adopted by the voters	
LB2	Executive Board	S	Repeal provisions that have terminated related to an advisory group, funds, a pilot study, emergency assistance, and a task force	
LB3	Lippincott	GF	Change provisions relating to selection of presidential electors	4, 13
LB4	Bosn	C (>311)	Adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act	6, 17, 19
LB5	Bosn	C	Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists	3
LB6	Bosn	IPP (>530)	Provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death	11, 17, 20, 21
LB7	DeKay	S	Change provisions relating to real estate and the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act	8, 13
LB8	Dungan	C	Change provisions relating to the tax credits under the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act	3
LB9	Hughes	S (+125)	Change provisions relating to cigarette taxes and the Tobacco Products Tax Act and provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues	11, 16
LB10	Hughes	S	Change requirements relating to wholesale drug distributors and dispensing of certain prescription drugs	
LB11	Hughes	C	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act	
LB12	Dungan	C	Change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child	12
LB13	Cavanaugh, M.	SF	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment relating to child care	9
LB13A	Cavanaugh, M.	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB14	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act	
LB15	Dungan	C	State intent regarding appropriations for interpreter services for the Supreme Court	
LB16	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Adopt the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act	
LB17	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Prohibit certain fees by residential landlords and require notices and disclosures of consumer reports	
LB18	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Require certain determinations prior to utility pole installations under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act	
LB19	Cavanaugh, J.	C (>521)	Change provisions relating to elections for cities of the metropolitan class	17, 18, 21
LB20	Cavanaugh, J.	S	Require the provision of electric service to customers that own an agricultural self-generation facility	
LB21	Cavanaugh, J.	S	Adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act	
LB22	Dungan	S (+104)	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidence-based nurse home-visitation services	3, 6, 10, 13
LB22A	Dungan	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB23	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Provide for grants for bike-sharing programs	
LB24	Cavanaugh, J.	C (>530)	Change provisions relating to probation and waiver of probation fees	
LB25	Ballard	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services for interoperable communication equipment	
LB26	Ballard	C (>322)	Include certain hospital and health clinic employees within statutes protecting health care professionals from assault	15
LB27	Ballard	C	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	
LB28	Conrad	C	Provide for an income tax adjustment for tip income	
LB29	Conrad	C (>660)	Create a review process for agency rules and regulations	16, 19
LB30	Conrad	C	Provide for an income tax adjustment for income received from overtime compensation	
LB31	Conrad	GF	Require school policies relating to the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school districts	8
LB32	Hunt	S	Change provisions relating to disclaimers on political advertisements	17, 19
LB33	Hunt	C	Remove nonalcoholic beer from regulation under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB34	Hunt	FR	Provide for year-round daylight saving time	4, 7, 10
LB35	Brandt	IPP (>43)	Change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions for privately developed renewable energy generation facilities	
LB36	Brandt	S (+309, 344, 459, 480, 562, 590, 595)	Adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act, provide for the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse and for mitigation of incidental taking of threatened or endangered species habitat, change provisions relating to the Water Recreation Enhancement Act, ground water allocation, and permits and stamps issued by the Game and Parks Commission, and create the Research Excellence Cash Fund	14, 19
LB36A	Brandt	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB37	Jacobson	C	Adopt the Railroad Safety Act	
LB38	Jacobson	S	Change provisions of the Geologists Regulation Act	4, 7
LB39	Jacobson	C	Change provisions relating to the board of directors of a bank	

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LB40	Jacobson	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act	
LB41	Riepe	S	Change provisions relating to blood tests for pregnant women	
LB41A	Riepe	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB42	Riepe	S	Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities	
LB43	DeKay	S (+35)	Change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations	4, 6, 7
LB44	McKinney	C	Change limitations period for actions for postconviction relief	17, 20
LB45	McKinney	C	Provide for grants for job programs for historically underserved youth	6
LB46	McKinney	C	Establish a Restaurant Meals Program under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	
LB47	McKinney	C	Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act and the Small Business Assistance Act	
LB48	McKinney	S	Establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program	10,13,18, 21
LB48A	McKinney	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB49	McKinney	C	Provide for a model ban and bar policy for school districts	
LB50	DeKay	S	Change provisions relating to the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax	17, 21
LB51	Ibach	S	Adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact	
LB52	Ibach	S	Provide additional offenses for which notification to crime victims is required	
LB53	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide criminal and civil immunity for pregnancy outcomes	
LB54	Dorn	C	State intent regarding appropriations for providers of developmental disability services	
LB55	Dorn	C (>261)	State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid rates for mental health providers	18
LB56	Dorn	C	Require medical facilities and mortuaries to comply with requests for blood draws relating to certain deceased persons	
LB57	Dorn	C (>261)	State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid assisted-living facilities	18
LB58	Sanders	S	Eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens	
LB59	Sanders	S	Provide for the disbursement of funds of a natural resources district by electronic payment systems	
LB60	Quick	GF	Eliminate the restriction on selling a lottery ticket through a vending or dispensing device under the State Lottery Act	
LB61	Storer	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a medicaid waiver amendment for memory care rates	3
LB62	Brandt	C	Appropriate funds for certain communications equipment	
LB63	Brandt	C	Redefine terms relating to sports wagering under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act	
LB64	Fredrickson	C	Change eligibility requirements for medicare supplement policies	
LB65	DeBoer	C	Exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court costs and fees and change provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code	
LB66	DeBoer	C	Adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act	
LB67	Raybould	C	Adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act	
LB68	Raybould	C	Provide insurance and medicaid coverage for certain contraceptives	8
LB69	Spivey	S	Change provisions relating to the Commission on African American Affairs	17, 19
LB70	DeBoer	C	Provide for adoption by a second adult person and change provisions relating to adoptions	
LB71	DeBoer	C	Change requirements for child care reimbursement rates	
LB72	Hallstrom	S	Change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	
LB73	DeKay	C	Change the number of hours of annual continuing education required for law enforcement officers	11
LB74	Hunt	C	Authorize certain expenditures under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB75	Hunt	C	Change provisions of the Wage and Hour Act relating to tipped employees and provide for complaints, prohibited actions, and liquidated damages	
LB76	Bostar	GF (>645)	Change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act	16, 17
LB77	Bostar	S (+253)	Adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act and provide for insurance and medicaid coverage of biomarker testing	
LB77A	Bostar	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB78	Bostar	S (+159)	Adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act, change provisions relating to sentencing juveniles, and change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax	3,11,19
LB78A	Bostar	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB79	Hallstrom	GF	Provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles	
LB80	Hallstrom	S (+141, 267)	Adopt the Protection Orders Act, require reporting of child abuse and neglect involving military families, provide for domestic violence victims to change rental agreements and request the changing of locks, and change provisions related to landlords and tenants	15, 19
LB80A	Hallstrom	S	Appropriation Bill	

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LB81	Hardin	C	Define a term and change tax credit provisions under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act	8
LB82	Rountree	C	Adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact	
LB83	Rountree	IPP (>148)	Adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact	
LB84	Rountree	S	Adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact	10, 14
LB85	DeBoer	S	Change requirements for collection of personal property of decedents' estates by affidavit	
LB86	Dorn	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources	
LB87	Dorn	C	Provide for a statewide support service provider program for deaf-blind persons	
LB88	Dorn	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development	
LB89	Kauth	S	Adopt the Stand With Women Act	5,16,19, 21
LB90	Clouse	S	Change provisions relating to improvement districts in cities of the first class	6, 16,18
LB91	DeKay	S	Change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages	
LB92	McKinney	C	Adopt the Residential Tenant Clean Slate Act	
LB93	Dungan	IPP (>150)	Change provisions relating to discovery of information contained in electronic devices and to expert witnesses in criminal cases	20, 21
LB94	McKinney	C	Adopt the Digital Skills Empowerment Act and change the use of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund	
LB95	Fredrickson	C	Provide for a pilot program under the federal Child Care Subsidy program	
LB96	Dungan	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file certain 1115 waivers	
LB97	Fredrickson	S (+225, 279, 543)	Change provisions relating to deferred judgments, the State Boat Act, the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, the Nebraska Rules of the Road, the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act, the Motor Carrier Services Division Distributive Fund, and the State Treasurer	10, 14
LB98	Moser	S	Redefine all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road	
LB99	Spivey	C	Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement	3
LB100	Spivey	C	Adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Act	
LB101	Dungan	C	Provide a right to trial by jury under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	
LB102	Spivey	IPP	Change requirements relating to the standard of need under the aid to dependent children program	
LB103	DeBoer	GF	Change Nebraska Evidence Rules to prohibit questions relating to past sexual behavior or sexual assaults in pretrial proceedings	
LB104	Raybould	IPP (>22)	Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act	10, 13
LB105	Hughes	S	Change procedures for voting or election precincts for public power districts	
LB106	Hughes	C	Change requirements for motor vehicle windows	
LB107	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide an income tax credit for renters and change provisions relating to a property tax credit	
LB108	Jacobson	S	Change contributions provisions under the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act	4, 7
LB109	Bostar	C (>198)	Prohibit certain provisions in insurance policies and health plans relating to clinician-administered drugs and change provisions relating to pharmacy benefit managers	
LB110	Hughes	GF	Provide requirements for pelvic examinations	
LB111	Quick	C	Prohibit certain actions of insurers relating to repairing motor vehicles and nonoriginal equipment manufacturer parts	
LB112	Quick	C	Change provisions relating to salvage branded certificates of title	
LB113	Quick	S (+186)	Change provisions relating to licensees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	9, 13,14
LB114	Moser	IPP (>398)	Change provisions relating to Department of Motor Vehicles fees	5, 14,19, 21
LB115	Ballard	C	Increase the income tax credit and change the qualification criteria under the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act	
LB116	Ballard	S	Change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act	5, 11
LB117	Holdcroft	C	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer utilities	
LB118	Hardin	S	Change supervising authority for a pharmacist	
LB119	Hardin	IPP (>332)	Provide requirements for the Rural Health Opportunity Program and provide tuition waivers	13, 19
LB120	Hardin	S	Provide an exception regarding release of a digital image under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	
LB121	Hardin	C	Prohibit land disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades and the component parts of solar panels and wind turbine blades	
LB122	Meyer	C	Require display of the state and national motto in schools	

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LB123	Sanders	S	Change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits, property tax request authority, and annual audits for certain political subdivisions	
LB124	Holdcroft	IPP (>530)	Change penalties for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child	17, 20, 21
LB125	Hughes	C (>9)	Provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues and include alternative nicotine products under the Tobacco Products Tax Act	11, 16
LB126	Holdcroft	S	Change provisions relating to redemption of bonds of political subdivisions	
LB127	McKeon	C	Provide for damages for defendants who are found not guilty or whose cases are dismissed or overturned	
LB128	McKeon	C	Change provisions relating to the investigation of railroad accidents	
LB129	McKeon	C	Prohibit restrictions on the provision of certain energy services	
LB130	Dungan	C	Change provisions relating to General Fund net receipts and transfers to the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB131	Sorrentino	C (>647)	Include elementary and secondary schools in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and change tax benefits	17, 18, 21
LB132	Kauth	C	Change provisions relating to admissibility of evidence of use of an occupant protection system or a three-point safety belt system	
LB133	Holdcroft	S	Provide authority for animal control officers to enforce state or local animal control laws and provide immunity	14, 19
LB134	Holdcroft	C (>398)	Change provisions relating to certain license plates issued to persons with military affiliation	14, 21
LB135	Holdcroft	SF	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to elections for certain purposes related to bonds and tax levies	3, 10, 12
LB136	Holdcroft	IPP (>150)	Change provisions relating to service of garnishment summons, continuing liens, and notices upon corporate garnishees	20, 21
LB137	Dungan	C	Prohibit certain restrictions on solar energy devices and pollinator gardens and provide a cause of action	
LB138	Riepe	C	Change provisions relating to pharmacy dispensing fees under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB139	Dungan	S	Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act	
LB140	Sanders	S	Require school policies relating to use of electronic communication devices by students	5, 9, 19
LB141	Rountree	C (>80)	Require reporting of child abuse and neglect involving military families to military authorities and military family advocacy programs	15
LB142	Hughes	C	Redefine a term under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB143	Rountree	S	Change provisions relating to student enrollment	8, 13
LB144	Rountree	S	Change provisions relating to veterans preferences for employment	4, 9, 13
LB145	Ibach	C	Require the Director of Agriculture to administer a grant program relating to noxious weeds and restate intent regarding appropriations for vegetation management	
LB146	Ibach	C	State intent regarding appropriations for dental services under the Medical Assistance Act	
LB147	Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions	
LB148	Hansen	S (+83)	Adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact and change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act	
LB148A	Hansen	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB149	Hansen	C	Eliminate the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade	11
LB150	Bosn	S (+93, 136, 219, 271, 329, 386, 412, 539, 606, 694)	Adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act, provide for a pilot program related to mental health, prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status, and change and eliminate provisions relating to garnishment, liens, post-release supervision, sexual abuse by school workers, criminal mischief, discovery in criminal cases, habitual sentencing enhancements, veterans justice programs, paternity proceedings, handgun purchase requirements, correctional system overcrowding emergencies, the Division of Parole Services, the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act, and the Sex Offender Commitment Act	20, 21
LB150A	Bosn	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB151	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Adopt the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act and provide income tax adjustments	
LB152	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Create a homestead exemption	20
LB153	Guereca	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage	
LB154	Hardin	C (>332)	Change provisions relating to hearing instrument specialists	13, 19
LB155	Hardin	C	Allow the use of deadly force without retreating when lawfully present in a motor vehicle	
LB156	Conrad	C	Allow tort claims under the State Tort Claims Act and Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act for sexual assaults of children in school settings	12

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LB157	Conrad	C	Adopt the Child Tax Credit Act	
LB158	Wordekemper	C	Provide requirements for health carriers or pharmacy benefit managers regarding out-of-pocket maximums and cost-sharing requirements	
LB159	Guereca	IPP (>78)	Provide for sentencing consideration of a defendant's status as a victim of abuse or trafficking	10, 11, 19
LB160	Riepe	S	Change examination requirements for a license under the Barber Act	
LB161	Juarez	C	Redefine formula students under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB162	Juarez	C	Adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act	4
LB163	Spivey	C	Create the Office of Climate Action	
LB164	Spivey	C	Adopt the Urban Development Incentive Act	
LB165	Hunt	C	Authorize syringe services programs in municipalities and counties and provide exceptions to penalties related to drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	
LB166	Hughes	S (+334)	Require the county treasurer to maintain confidentiality of certain persons' residential addresses and change procedures for judicial officeholders to file for retention elections	17, 19
LB167	Clouse	S	Change the sunset date for the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act	
LB168	Hardin	S	Adopt the 340B Contract Pharmacy Protection Act	9, 13
LB169	Brandt	GF	Eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and impose sales and use tax on certain services	10, 20
LB169A	Brandt	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB170	Brandt	GF	Eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks	10, 20
LB170A	Brandt	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB171	Brandt	C	Change provisions relating to individual and corporate income tax rates	10
LB172	Hardin	C (>383)	Prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography	14, 19
LB173	Prokop	C (>261)	Appropriate funds for aid to community colleges and state intent	18
LB174	Prokop	C	Change provisions relating to garnishment of wages for medical debt	
LB175	Hallstrom	IPP (>398)	Provide duties for the successor in interest of a railroad	14, 21
LB176	Hughes	C	Require resolutions of project support from political subdivisions under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act	
LB177	Clouse	S	Change provisions relating to certain licenses issued under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act	
LB177A	Clouse	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB178	Clouse	GF	Require mandatory server training under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	9
LB179	Clouse	S (+461)	Change retirement contribution rates under the Police Officers Retirement Act and optional benefit forms under the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act	8, 10, 13
LB180	Clouse	S	Change requirements for public lettings and biddings and provide an exception for the Department of Natural Resources under the State Procurement Act	
LB181	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide for benefits under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act for young adults not lawfully present in the United States	6
LB182	Bostar	S	Change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act and the Child Care Tax Credit Act	4, 7
LB183	DeKay	S	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act	
LB184	DeKay	IPP (>230)	Prohibit certain sales of nitrous oxide and equipment to use nitrous oxide and provide penalties	11, 19
LB185	Dover	S	Provide for electronic delivery of notices and documents under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act	
LB186	Dover	IPP (>113)	Change provisions relating to entertainment districts under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	13, 14
LB187	Dover	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act	
LB188	Dover	C	State intent to appropriate for medicaid nursing facility rates	
LB189	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act	
LB190	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide duties for the Legislative Performance Audit Committee	
LB191	Bosn	IPP (>311)	Change provisions relating to unlawful interference with telecommunications under the One-Call Notification System Act	17, 19
LB192	Quick	S (+656)	Change and eliminate provisions regarding eligibility for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and eliminate requirements for an evaluation and a report	13, 19, 21
LB193	Andersen	GF	Change provisions relating to the Committee on Pacific Conflict	
LB194	Sorrentino	S	Change provisions relating to a documentary stamp tax exemption	
LB195	Meyer	S	Provide immunity for administration of naloxone, nalmeffene, or other federally approved opioid overdose reversal medications	3, 8, 13
LB196	Storm	S	Authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal	

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LB197	Storm	S	Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations under the Employment Security Law	
LB198	Sorrentino	S (+109)	Change provisions of the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act	17, 19
LB199	Sorrentino	C	Change the statute of limitations for personal injury actions, include administrative proceedings within the Nonrecourse Civil Litigation Act, require disclosures by consumers under such act, and provide for discipline against civil litigation funding companies	5
LB200	Sorrentino	C	Provide for exemptions under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	
LB201	Kauth	C	Provide for a fee under Nebraska Money Transmitters Act	
LB202	Kauth	GF	Exempt certain activities from disciplinary action under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act	
LB203	Kauth	GF	Change powers and duties of health directors in certain local public health departments	
LB204	Kauth	C	Adopt the Biometric Autonomy Liberty Law	
LB205	Bosn	C	Provide requirements for admissibility of evidence relating to medical expenses, require disclosures by plaintiffs seeking damages for such expenses, and provide a cap on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions against commercial motor vehicle carriers	
LB206	von Gillern	C	Provide enhanced penalties for certain offenses committed in a disaster area during an emergency period	
LB207	von Gillern	GF	Provide a registration fee under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for certain commercially registered alternative fuel vehicles	
LB208	von Gillern	S	Change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a sales tax database, and certain income tax credits	
LB209	von Gillern	S	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and a property tax exemption for certain facilities	
LB210	Riepe	C	Provide for fees and assessments for participation and use of the prescription drug monitoring program and the designated health information exchange	
LB211	Riepe	C	Change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority under the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act	
LB212	Wordekemper	GF	Change tax provisions relating to cigars, cheroots, and stogies	
LB213	Holdcroft	GF	Require the State Board of Education to adopt academic content standards on human embryology under the science education standards	8
LB214	Holdcroft	C	Provide for the use of newborn safety devices and procedures relating to surrendered newborn infants	
LB215	Holdcroft	SF	Require the establishment of a program to provide second chance relief for eligible committed offenders	16
LB215A	Holdcroft	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB216	Holdcroft	C	Eliminate elected clerks of the district court, provide for consolidation of duties of court clerks and clerk magistrates, and change certain county employees to state employees	
LB217	Fredrickson	S	Require suicide awareness and prevention training for employees of child-placing agencies and child welfare workers	18, 21
LB218	Fredrickson	C	Change provisions relating to voter registration	
LB219	Dungan	C (>150)	Remove a requirement for a minimum term of post-release supervision for Class III and IIIA felonies	20, 21
LB220	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide for developmental and intellectual disability impact notes for legislation	
LB221	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Provide a procedure to fill unfilled gubernatorial appointments	
LB222	McKinney	C	Change duties of peace officers, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and certain officers of the Nebraska State Patrol relating to stopping and detaining the operator of a vehicle	
LB223	Guereca	C	Prohibit discrimination based on lawful source of income under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act	4
LB224	Guereca	GF	Require paid maternity leave for state employees	
LB225	Guereca	C (>97)	Change application requirements for duplicate certificates of title under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act	10, 14
LB226	Juarez	C	Provide for setting aside convictions and expunging records for convictions and adjudications for concealed weapon offenses, provide a private cause of action for violations of the Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act, waive sovereign immunity, and provide for retroactivity	
LB227	DeBoer	C (>311)	Change provisions relating to authorization to operate for certain motor carriers	17, 19
LB228	Dorn	IPP (>298)	Change provisions of the Legislative Performance Audit Act	20, 21
LB229	Hallstrom	S	Exclude marketplace network contractors working for marketplace network platforms from the Employment Security Law	5, 7, 10

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LB230	Hallstrom	S (+184, 475)	Adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, regulate nitrous oxide, and change the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	8, 11, 19
LB230A	Hallstrom	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB231	Hallstrom	S	Adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act	
LB232	Hallstrom	IPP (>474)	Provide requirements for life insurance policies	14, 19
LB233	Conrad	C	Require coverage for in vitro fertilization for state employees under the Nebraska State Insurance Program	7
LB234	Conrad	C	Redefine economic redevelopment area under the Urban Redevelopment Act	
LB235	Conrad	C	Change deadlines for trials for actions for possession and execution of writs of restitution under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	
LB236	Conrad	C	Allow claims involving child abuse or sexual assault of a child under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	
LB237	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Permit counties to conduct elections by mail	11
LB238	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act and eliminate obsolete provisions regarding an advisory group	17
LB239	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Change requirements relating to developmental disabilities funding priorities and eliminate a sunset date	
LB240	Jacobson	S	Change certain notice provisions under the Community Development Law	
LB241	Hallstrom	S	Provide immunity from liability for cybersecurity events	6, 10
LB242	Riepe	C (>647)	Change the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Act and change provisions relating to budget limitations, municipal occupation taxes, and property tax statements	9, 17, 21
LB243	Sanders	C (>521)	Change provisions relating to sidewalk assessments by county governments	17, 18, 21
LB244	Sanders	C	Restate findings under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB245	DeKay	S (+394)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act and the Weights and Measures Act	10, 16
LB246	DeKay	S	Prohibit cultivated-protein food products under the Nebraska Pure Food Act and provide a deceptive trade practice	7, 13, 19
LB247	DeKay	S	Change provisions relating to fees and distribution of proceeds under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and uses of and transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund	7, 10
LB248	Sanders	S	Exempt certain programs from child care licensing requirements	
LB249	Sanders	C	Provide for military impact funding and change provisions relating to local formula resources under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB250	Jacobson	S	Change provisions relating to qualifications of the board of directors of a bank	
LB251	Jacobson	S	Adopt changes to federal law regarding banking and finance and change provisions regarding loan limits, branch banking, failing financial institutions, credit unions, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts	
LB252	Bostar	C	Prohibit disadvantaging insurance and Medicaid coverage for nonopioid drugs	
LB253	Bostar	GF (>77)	Provide for insurance and medicaid coverage of biomarker testing	
LB254	Hallstrom	C	State legislative intent to transfer funds for workforce housing	
LB255	Quick	C	Provide for use of the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund for problem solving courts	
LB256	Quick	C	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact	
LB257	Quick	S (+274, 630)	Change licensure and scope of practice provisions regarding marriage and family therapy and occupational therapy and licensure requirements under the Child Care Licensing Act	13, 16, 19
LB258	Raybould	FR	Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act	8, 13, 17, 19, 20
LB259	Lippincott	C	Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act	
LB260	Speaker Arch	S	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	18, 19
LB261	Speaker Arch	S (+55, 57, 173, 284, 348, 452, 505, 580, 581, 621, 627)	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, and appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	7, 18, 19
LB262	Speaker Arch	S	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	18, 19
LB263	Speaker Arch	S	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	18, 19
LB264	Speaker Arch	S (+348, 451)	Provide, change, and eliminate transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and various other funds and change, terminate, and eliminate various statutory programs	18, 19
LB265	Sorrentino	S (+536)	Adopt the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act, transfer, change, and eliminate funds, change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate, and eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board	

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LB266	Dover	S	Prohibit political subdivisions from enacting ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property	4, 10, 13, 15
LB267	Rountree	C (>80)	Provide for removal from a rental agreement of a cotenant or occupant who has committed domestic violence, require landlords to change locks, and provide landlords with related powers and duties	
LB268	Rountree	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a provider rate increase for developmental disability services	
LB269	Rountree	C	Change provisions relating to the state database of sales and use tax rates for local jurisdictions	
LB270	Rountree	C (>650)	Provide for a review by the Auditor of Public Accounts for suspected sales and use tax reporting irregularities and discrepancies	14, 17
LB271	Storer	C (>150)	Provide a penalty for the offense of interference with railroad infrastructure, equipment, and personnel	
LB272	Dungan	C	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses	4
LB273	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to a power of attorney for health care	
LB274	Hunt	IPP (>257)	Change requirements under the Child Care Licensing Act for liability insurance coverage and inspections and investigations	19
LB275	Hunt	S	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to screen state wards for social security benefit eligibility	16, 21
LB275A	Hunt	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB276	McKinney	C	Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act, require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists, ban no-knock warrants, and change requirements on law enforcement officer records	
LB277	McKinney	C	Change provisions relating to grand juries in cases of death during apprehension or custody	
LB278	von Gillern	IPP (>474)	Change requirements for certain insurance policies and contracts	14, 19
LB279	von Gillern	IPP (>97)	Allow operation of registered motor vehicles with either one or two license plates	14
LB280	von Gillern	C	Require audits of authorized gaming operators and provide powers and duties for the Auditor of Public Accounts	6
LB281	Quick	C	Change provisions relating to the Board of Nursing and eliminate the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	
LB282	Prokop	C	Provide for reimbursement for teachers for school supplies	
LB283	Spivey	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement express lane eligibility	10, 18
LB284	Guereca	C (>261)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB285	Lonowski	C	Prohibit the sale of flavored vape products	8
LB286	Urban Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to application deadlines under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act and the Nebraska Rural Projects Act	
LB287	Urban Affairs	V (+321, 514)	Provide for regulation of housing authorities by ordinance, change provisions relating to sanitary and improvement districts, and provide requirements relating to bed bugs under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act	11, 14, 19, 20, 21
LB288	Urban Affairs	S (+450, 531, 622, 626)	Change provisions of the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, the Community Development Law, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act, and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act	16, 21
LB288A	McKinney	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB289	Urban Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to cities, villages, and boards of adjustment and redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	
LB290	Urban Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to grant funding for a business park under the Economic Recovery Act	8, 21
LB291	Urban Affairs	C	Adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act	
LB292	Urban Affairs	GF	Provide for a grant to study prefabricated housing	
LB292A	McKinney	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB293	Ballard	S	Change provisions of the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act	
LB293A	Ballard	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB294	Storer	S	Change provisions relating to grants from the County Visitors Improvement Fund	
LB295	Neb. Retirement Systems	S (+420)	Change provisions relating to the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the State Employees Retirement Act, the Spousal Pension Rights Act, and the Public Employees Retirement Board	10, 16
LB296	Arch	S	Require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system and employ registrars relating to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and change provisions relating to graduation requirements and the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund	
LB296A	Arch	S	Appropriation Bill	

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LB297	Ibach	S	Change provisions relating to the combined tax rate under the Employment Security Law Provide for the Division of Legislative Oversight, the Director of Legislative Oversight, and the Legislative Oversight Committee and change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, and the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System	20, 21
LB298	Arch	S (+228)		
LB298A	Arch	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB299	Juarez	GF	Allow eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits relating to employment	6
LB300	Murman	GF	Change provisions relating to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation	8
LB301	Ibach	C	Allow eligible aliens to receive law enforcement officer training and certification and authorize such aliens and their dependents to receive public benefits relating to employment as a law enforcement officer	
LB302	Murman	FR	Eliminate daylight saving time	4, 7, 10
LB303	Hughes	S	Create the School Financing Review Commission and change provisions relating to budget authority under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	6, 20, 21
LB304	DeBoer	C	Eliminate a sunset date for the federal Child Care Subsidy program	5
LB305	Ibach	GF	Adopt the Preceptorship Tax Credit Act	
LB306	Education	S (+378, 497, 625)	Change provisions relating to admission to elementary and secondary schools, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act, and the Door to College Scholarship Act and require a database of financial information regarding school districts and reporting regarding funding from foreign adversarial sources	21
LB306A	Murman	IPP	Appropriation Bill	
LB307	Ibach	C	State intent regarding appropriations for tuition waivers	
LB308	Ibach	C	Adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act	
LB309	Hughes	C (>36)	Adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act	14, 19
LB310	Hansen	C	Provide an exemption from newborn screening for certain diseases or conditions	
LB311	DeBoer	S (+4, 191, 227, 347, 666)	Adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act, restrict actions of governmental actors relating to telecommunications, and change provisions relating to regulation of telecommunications	17, 19
LB312	Strommen	S (+553)	Include nurse anesthesia practice and dietitian nutrition practice under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	8, 10, 13
LB313	Ibach	C (>455)	Change provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act relating to subrogation of third-party claims and the distribution of proceeds in the settlement of third-party claims	
LB314	Sorrentino	GF (>647)	Change provisions of the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	18, 21
LB315	Sorrentino	C	Provide a sunset date for required biennial reports of and occupation taxes on domestic and foreign corporations	
LB316	Kauth	FR	Prohibit conduct relating to hemp other than cannabidiol products and change provisions of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act	4, 17, 21
LB316A	Kauth	FR	Appropriation Bill	
LB317	Brandt	S	Merge the Department of Natural Resources with the Department of Environment and Energy and change the name to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, create the position of Chief Water Officer, and provide, change, and eliminate powers and duties relating to water, conservation, state game refuges, and low-level radioactive waste disposal	6, 13, 16, 17
LB318	Rountree	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment under the Medical Assistance Act for incarcerated youth	
LB319	Rountree	V	Change eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	9, 14, 17, 19, 20
LB320	Sanders	GF	Require that hotels and similar public lodging establishments place posters relating to human trafficking in such establishments and provide for training on human trafficking to employees of such establishments	
LB321	Sanders	C (>287)	Change provisions relating to the board of trustees for sanitary and improvement districts	11, 19, 20, 21
LB322	Clouse	SF (+26)	Prohibit assault on a pharmacist and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals	15
LB323	Moser	S	Change requirements for certain road and building construction projects for the Department of Transportation	13, 19
LB324	Moser	C	Change protest procedures relating to creation of a proposed business improvement district or modification of an existing business improvement district under the Business Improvement District Act	
LB325	Jacobson	S	Change provisions relating to qualifications and requirements for the board of directors of an insurance corporation	

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BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LB326	Jacobson	S	Change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies and eliminate the provisions of the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act	
LB327	Holdcroft	C	Require the state to pay expenses for probation services	
LB328	Holdcroft	C	Change provisions relating to the disbursement of the documentary stamp tax	
LB329	von Gillern	C (>150)	Change provisions relating to sexual abuse by a school employee	20, 21
LB330	Juarez	C	Change provisions relating to the sales tax rate and create the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund	
LB331	Hardin	W	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act and terminate tax provisions	
LB332	Hardin	S (+119, 154, 515, 555, 697)	Provide for assistant funeral directors, change scope of practice and regulatory provisions regarding funeral directing and embalming, hearing instrument specialists, and audiologists, change membership provisions for the Board of Pharmacy, change provisions regarding delegated dispensing permits and prescription refills, provide medicaid coverage for psychology services, and establish the Rural Health Opportunity Program	13, 19
LB333	Hardin	W	Change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to hazardous materials endorsements	
LB334	Hughes	C (>166)	Provide for confidentiality of certain candidate filing form information for judges filing for retention	17, 19
LB335	Conrad	S	Redefine child under the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act	
LB336	Conrad	C	Create the Task Force on Supported Employment	11
LB337	Wordekemper	C	Change provisions relating to the regulation and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles	4
LB338	Wordekemper	C	Prohibit the use of genetic information for life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term care insurance	
LB339	Hallstrom	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report regarding the federal Child Care Subsidy program	
LB340	Hallstrom	C	Adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act and the Asbestos Claims Priorities and Over-Naming Reform Act	
LB341	Hallstrom	S	Adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act	
LB342	Brandt	C	Adopt the Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Act and provide a gambling exception for conducting or participating in fantasy contests	
LB343	Brandt	C (>398)	Change the fee for specialty license plates	14, 21
LB344	Brandt	IPP (>36)	Change provisions relating to ground water allocation	14, 19
LB345	Government, Military & Veterans' Affairs	GF	Change salaries of constitutional officers	
LB346	Arch	S	Provide for termination of boards, commissions, committees, councils, funds, groups, panels, and task forces and change and eliminate funds and powers and duties of departments and agencies	6, 16, 19, 21
LB347	Prokop	IPP (>311)	Eliminate conditions on the issuance of securities by common carriers	17, 19
LB348	Prokop	C (>261, 264)	Appropriate funds for domestic violence services	
LB349	Prokop	C	Change provisions relating to applications, notices, filings, exemptions, and violations regarding the construction or acquisition of certain electric energy storage resources by electric suppliers	
LB350	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Change provisions relating to commitment for restoration of competency to stand trial or for sentencing and require filing of certain documents with the court or appropriate tribal official under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and the Sex Offender Commitment Act	
LB351	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Change requirements for priority of admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill	
LB352	Ballard	C	Change provisions relating to reports on student achievement and discipline required under the Quality Education Accountability Act	
LB353	Lonowski	GF	Allow public school employees to join or terminate membership in a labor organization	
LB354	Clouse	C	Prohibit cities of the first class from receiving state aid from the Municipal Equalization Fund	
LB355	Andersen	S	Change provisions relating to census data used for certain tax and economic development programs	
LB356	General Affairs	C	Eliminate legislative confirmation of the appointment of members of the Nebraska Arts Council	
LB357	General Affairs	S	Change provisions relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, racetrack enclosures, and racing and gaming funds	4, 5, 9
LB358	Guereca	C	Require the Department of Correctional Services to provide committed offenders with access to their individual files	

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LB359	Cavanaugh, M.	C	State intent regarding appropriations for reimbursement rates for child welfare service providers	
LB360	Conrad	C	Provide restrictions on the regulation of political signs by homeowners associations	
LB361	Conrad	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act to provide for jury trials and prohibit discrimination for exercise of rights under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	10
LB362	DeBoer	S	Transfer and eliminate provisions of the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act and change provisions of the 911 Service System Act	
LB363	Ibach	C	Adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act	
LB364	Quick	S	Change provisions relating to legislative approval of an indication of intent to incorporate land into the state park system	16, 19
LB365	Quick	GF	Require coverage of self-measure blood pressure monitoring services under the Medical Assistance Act	8
LB366	Riepe	C	Create the Legislative Economic Analysis Unit and the Chief Economist	
LB367	Hunt	C	Prohibit conversion therapy and provide for disciplinary sanctions and a deceptive trade practice	12
LB368	Hunt	C	Establish the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights	
LB369	Hunt	C	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care	
LB370	Hunt	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Student-Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Rights Act	
LB371	DeBoer	S	Provide liability for computer-generated images under the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act	
LB372	McKeon	S	Eliminate provisions relating to grain inspections, the Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, and labeling requirements for honey	
LB373	Hansen	S	Change provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads	
LB374	Hansen	C	Adopt the Licensed Midwives Practice Act	5
LB375	Ibach	C	Adopt the Grocer Reinvestment Option Act	
LB376	Health & Human Services	S	Change and eliminate programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, eliminate various reporting requirements, and change and eliminate powers and duties of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Director of Motor Vehicles	11, 19, 21
LB377	Natural Resources	S	Change term limits for the Game and Parks Commission	
LB378	Andersen	IPP (>306)	Require that each public or private two-year or four-year college or university provide a report to the Attorney General relating to certain funding from a foreign source	4, 21
LB379	Andersen	GF	Change the maximum time limit for receipt of cash assistance under the Welfare Reform Act	8
LB380	Fredrickson	S (+381, 610)	Change provisions regarding program integrity, ground emergency medical transport, and mental health and substance use disorder services under the Medical Assistance Act and provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care	13, 21
LB380A	Fredrickson	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB381	Fredrickson	C (>380)	Change requirements relating to program integrity audits under the Medical Assistance Act	8, 13, 21
LB382	Meyer	S	Provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to reimburse designated area agencies on aging and state intent regarding appropriations	7, 13, 18, 21
LB382A	Meyer	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB383	Storer	S (+172)	Adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act, rename the Child Pornography Prevention Act, and prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography	5, 14, 19
LB384	Storer	GF	Require a majority of the elected members of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act	
LB385	Storer	S	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act	
LB386	Storer	C (>150)	Adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act, provide for videoconferencing of hearings under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and the Sex Offender Commitment Act, provide for detention of certain persons at mental health beds in jails, and change provisions relating to hearings and rights of confrontation	20, 21
LB387	Bosn	C	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act	
LB388	DeBoer	S	Change provisions relating to judicial nominating commissions	13, 16
LB389	Murman	C	Eliminate the levy authority of educational service units and provide state funding to educational service units	
LB390	Murman	S	Require each school board to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information	10, 14
LB391	Murman	S	Adopt the Give to Enable Scholarship Act and provide for certain income tax adjustments	18, 21

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LB391A	Murman	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB392	Clements	C	Appropriate funds for the Legislative Council	
LB393	Clements	C	Eliminate obsolete transfers relating to the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB394	DeKay	C (>245)	Change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act	10, 16
LB395	DeKay	C (>530)	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender and sealed records	17, 20, 21
LB396	DeKay	S	Change provisions relating to the form and filing of public power district budgets and audits with the Nebraska Power Review Board	
LB397	Moser	GF	Eliminate provisions relating to workplace safety committees and a workplace safety program and terminate a fund	
LB398	Moser	S (+114, 134, 175, 343, 563, 568)	Adopt updates to federal law relating to motor vehicles and motor carriers, provide for Arbor Day license plates and certain trailer license plates, change fees and fee distribution provisions for license plates and records requests related to motor vehicles and motor vehicle operators, change provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses and CLP-commercial learner's permits, and provide duties for successors in interest of certain railroad property	14, 19, 21
LB399	Wordekemper	S	Change provisions relating to property tax rates and qualifications for certain distributions under the Mutual Finance Assistance Act	7, 16, 19
LB400	Wordekemper	GF	Provide for compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for cancers experienced by firefighters	10
LB401	von Gillern	IPP (>647)	Change provisions relating to income taxes imposed on partnerships and small business corporations and notices of deficiency determinations, deficiencies, and denials of claims for refunds	17, 21
LB402	von Gillern	C (>415)	Include collections relating to overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law as collectible under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act and change the statute of limitations for recovery of unemployment overpayment debt	12
LB403	Spivey	C	Create the Office of Grants and provide duties	
LB404	Hallstrom	IPP (>530)	Authorize the court to extend the term of probation on joint application of the probation officer and the probationer	17, 20, 21
LB405	General Affairs	C	Change provisions relating to entertainment district licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB406	General Affairs	C	Change provisions relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission	
LB407	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Provide for criminal proceedings against juveniles charged with felonies following unsuccessful juvenile court proceedings and provide for inadmissibility of certain statements	
LB408	Dungan	C	Adopt the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act	21
LB409	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Change provisions relating to the membership of the Nebraska Power Review Board	
LB410	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Require insurance coverage of prosthetics and orthotics	
LB411	Dungan	C	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act	
LB412	Hallstrom	IPP (>150)	Change provisions relating to interventions in paternity proceedings	20, 21
LB413	Clouse	C	Change provisions relating to the setting of rates by certain power districts	
LB414	Dungan	S	Establish a suicide mortality review team for the Department of Veterans' Affairs	9, 13, 16
LB415	Ballard	S (+402, 435, 698)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and the Conveyance Safety Act and provide for offset of debt owed due to the overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law against gambling winnings under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act and against future benefits under the Employment Security Law	12, 19, 21
LB416	Dungan	C	Change provisions relating to releases, covenants not to sue, or similar agreements on joint and several liability	
LB417	Bostar	GF	Provide for administration of the Nebraska Promise Program by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, adopt the College Promise Act, and change provisions relating to the Quality Education Accountability Act	
LB418	Lonowski	W	Allow a nonlicensed funeral director and embalmer to officiate at a funeral ceremony	
LB419	Lonowski	S	Change provisions relating to admission to veterans homes and veterans aid	10, 16, 18
LB420	Neb. Retirement Systems	IPP (>295)	Change provisions relating to the Public Employees Retirement Board	10, 16
LB421	Clouse	C	Allow an authorized gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and change the distribution of taxes collected from sports wagering	
LB422	Storer	S	Change provisions of the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act	
LB423	Armendariz	C	Eliminate a grant program relating to internships for job training	
LB424	Andersen	C	Limit increases in property tax bills	

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LB425	Andersen	C	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses	4
LB426	Andersen	GF	Authorize an American flag education program and change provisions relating to the distribution of lottery funds used for education	
LB427	Andersen	C	Require the State Treasurer to establish an educational savings account for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school	8
LB428	Murman	S	Change provisions relating to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools	8, 14, 16
LB429	Murman	C	Provide requirements and restrictions for school boards relating to professional employees' organizations	
LB430	Murman	C	Provide an additional exception to the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade and change provisions relating to short-term and long-term suspension under the Student Discipline Act	11
LB431	Lippincott	C	Prohibit kratom as a controlled substance	
LB432	Lippincott	C	Provide for carrying out the death penalty by nitrogen hypoxia	
LB433	Sorrentino	C	Exempt deputy directors and agency attorneys from the State Personnel System and change membership provisions under the State Employees Retirement Act	
LB434	Wordekemper	S	Change fees for fireworks display permits, fireworks sales licenses, fire alarm inspector certification, late submittal of remodel or construction plans, fire safety inspections, fire protection system contractor certificates, heating oil tank registration, and underground storage tank installation permits and registration	9, 16, 18, 21
LB435	Wordekemper	C (>415)	Change provisions of the Conveyance Safety Act	12
LB436	Health & Human Services	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act	
LB437	Riepe	GF	Repeal the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act	
LB438	Spivey	C	Allow an authorized gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and change the distribution of taxes collected from sports wagering	
LB439	Spivey	C	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	
LB440	Spivey	C	Adopt the Education Leave and Support Act	10, 21
LB441	Spivey	GF	Authorize virtual inspections for certain building permits and require certain inspection records be made available to the public under the Building Construction Act	
LB442	Spivey	C	Establish a state child care subsidy program	
LB443	von Gillern	C	Create the offense of unlawful squatting and provide a penalty	9
LB444	Dungan	C	Require certain minimum uninsured and underinsured insurance coverage for certain motor carriers	
LB445	von Gillern	C (>660)	Adopt the State Building Construction Alternatives Act and change and eliminate provisions regarding planning, bidding, construction, and procurement of art for state buildings	16, 19
LB446	Guereca	C	Change provisions relating to release of health data and statistical research information	
LB447	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Provide certain requirements for redevelopment contracts under the Community Development Law	7
LB448	Dungan	C	Provide for postconviction relief for a claim of actual innocence, change provisions relating to time limitations, required disclosures, and procedural defaults, and name the Postconviction Relief Act	
LB449	Fredrickson	C	Change provisions relating to the priority of projects and requirements of the state highway system plan	
LB450	Fredrickson	C (>288)	Change provisions relating to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act	21
LB451	Prokop	C (>264)	Change provisions relating to the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund and the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund	18
LB452	Prokop	C (>261)	State intent regarding appropriation of federal funds	18
LB453	DeBoer	S	Change requirements for background checks for guardians and conservators	14, 19
LB454	Quick	S	Change provisions relating to regional behavioral health authorities and the Behavioral Health Services Fund	
LB455	Hallstrom	GF (+313)	Provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB456	Hallstrom	C	Provide for a patient's waiver for the release of employee hospital and medical records under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB457	Bostar	S	Require anaphylaxis policies for school districts and licensed child care facilities and provide a limit on the amount an insured is required to pay by an insurance policy or benefit plan for epinephrine injectors	10, 14

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LB458	Bostar	C (>650)	Change provisions relating to tax sale certificates, real property sold for delinquent taxes, certain tax-related foreclosure actions, and land banks and adopt the Permitting Approval Timeliness Act and the By-Right Housing Development Act	14, 17
LB459	Conrad	C (>36)	Establish the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse within the Department of Environment and Energy	14, 19
LB460	Juarez	C	Create the Nebraska Council on Economic Education Cash Fund and provide for a transfer from the State Settlement Cash Fund	
LB461	Juarez	IPP (>179)	Change provisions of the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act	10, 13
LB462	McKinney	C	Change reporting requirements relating to child abuse or neglect, parental rights, and juvenile court jurisdiction	
LB463	Ballard	GF	Require school districts to develop a cardiac emergency response plan under the School Safety and Security Reporting Act and provide for grants for such plans from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund	
LB464	Bosn	C (>559)	Create the offense of organized retail crime and provide penalties under the Nebraska Criminal Code	15, 19
LB465	Bosn	C	Change provisions relating to annual fees and eliminate requirements for the use of a personal vehicle for transportation network companies	9
LB466	Bosn	C	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	
LB467	Riepe	C	Provide a duty to implement a prior authorization application programming interface under the Utilization Review Act	
LB468	Clements	SF	Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, change certain fee and tax provisions, and eliminate a sales tax exemption relating to data centers	5, 17, 19
LB468A	Clements	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB469	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Require the State Court Administrator to develop a form to be included by landlords in residential eviction notices concerning resources for tenants	
LB470	Bosn	S	Provide for attorneys to make unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn declarations	
LB471	McKeon	C	Prohibit certain restrictions by state agencies, state entities, counties, cities, and villages relating to the energy source of motor vehicles and prohibit certain actions of the Department of Environment and Energy related to vehicle emission standards	
LB472	McKeon	C	Adopt the Regulatory Management Act	6
LB473	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	IPP (>474)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act	14, 19
LB474	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	S (+232, 278, 473)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to installment sales and installment loans and the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, rename the Nebraska Installment Sales Act, transfer provisions of and eliminate the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, and change provisions of the Medicaid Access and Quality Act	14, 19
LB475	Riepe	IPP (>230)	Classify tianeptine as a controlled substance	11, 19
LB476	Guereca	C	Provide exemptions under the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act	
LB477	Fredrickson	C	Change provisions of the Workplace Privacy Act	
LB478	General Affairs	S	Provide for an auction permit and a wholesalers shipping license and change other provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	
LB479	Moser	C	Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue	
LB480	DeKay	IPP (>36)	Change provisions relating to the Water Recreation Enhancement Act	14, 19
LB481	Ballard	C	Adopt the Foster Care Child Scholarships Act	6
LB482	Ballard	GF	Change provisions relating to attorney's fees in insurance cases	
LB483	Storm	C	Limit permissible forms of medical cannabis to pills or liquid tinctures and clarify provisions relating to medical cannabis	
LB484	Quick	C	Redefine agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax assessment	
LB485	Quick	C	Provide for confidentiality for train crew members involved with railroad fatalities and access to confidential information of train crew members and exempt train crew members from being required to display operator's licenses to law enforcement	
LB486	Quick	C	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement standards for reimbursement for certain service providers	
LB487	McKinney	C	Adopt the Restitution and Redress for Redlining Task Force Act	
LB488	Hallstrom	C	Require a peace officer to assume custody of a probationer or temporary custody of a juvenile upon request by a probation officer	
LB489	Brandt	C	Prohibit certain entities from operating, maintaining, constructing, or acquiring transmission lines and related facilities	
LB490	McKeon	S	Change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act	
LB491	DeKay	C	Change provisions regarding appropriations from the Museum Construction and Maintenance Fund	
LB492	Conrad	C	Change juvenile court jurisdiction relating to habitual truancy and provisions relating to compulsory school attendance	

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LB493	Conrad	C	Adopt the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act and eliminate provisions relating to actions involving public petition and participation	
LB494	Dorn	C (>650)	Change provisions relating to the School District Property Tax Relief Act and transfers of General Fund net receipts to the Cash Reserve Fund and the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund	14, 17
LB495	Hansen	C (>650)	Change provisions relating to community colleges under the Property Tax Request Act	14, 17
LB496	Murman	C	Provide requirements under the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to motorists encountering certain animals being led or driven on highways	
LB497	Murman	C (>306)	Provide for admission of and participation in extracurricular activities by certain students that are not residents of the school district	21
LB498	Murman	C	Change provisions relating to foundation aid and certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB499	DeBoer	S	Change membership provisions relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee	
LB500	DeBoer	C	Create the School Financing Review Commission	
LB501	Meyer	S	Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage	
LB502	Meyer	C	Provide a penalty under the Farm Labor Contractors Act	
LB503	Bosn	C	Authorize the designation of American energy friendly counties and change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and the nameplate capacity tax	7
LB504	Bosn	S	Adopt the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act	5, 8, 14, 21
LB504A	Bosn	SF	Appropriation Bill	
LB505	Prokop	C (>261)	State intent regarding appropriations for food assistance	18
LB506	Hunt	C	Adopt the Landlord and Tenant Radon Awareness Act	
LB507	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to school transportation expenses for children with disabilities	
LB508	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to the deployment of the Nebraska National Guard and require the Governor to review current deployments	
LB509	Sorrentino	C	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide for income tax credits	5
LB510	Holdcroft	C	Change provisions relating to the sales tax rate, the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, and the Good Life District Economic Development Act	
LB511	Holdcroft	C	Create the offense of commercial sexual exploitation, require registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act for certain solicitation and trafficking offenses, provide for a grant program for law enforcement, and require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct education and awareness campaigns	
LB512	Holdcroft	GF	Adopt the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act	6
LB513	Bosn	S	Change judges' salaries	18, 21
LB513A	Bosn	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB514	Urban Affairs	C (>287)	Provide powers for cities of the metropolitan class to regulate housing authorities by ordinance	11, 19, 20, 21
LB515	Quick	C (>332)	Provide requirements for certain prescription refills	13, 19
LB516	Quick	C	Eliminate provisions relating to counties maintaining office space for the Department of Health and Human Services	
LB517	Juarez	C	Provide requirements for the state school security director regarding protective door assemblies and other school entry systems	
LB518	Juarez	GF	Change requirements for a report by the Department of Correctional Services and Board of Parole	
LB519	Juarez	S	Require independent confirmatory testing of potential items of contraband or drugs in prisons	
LB520	Juarez	C	Provide requirements for bed and breakfast establishments regarding food, beverages, and fire safety	
LB521	Sanders	S (+19, 243, 659)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Election Act and elections in cities of the metropolitan class and in cities of the primary class	17, 18, 21
LB522	Guereca	C	Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins and provide for cost-of-living adjustments under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB523	Juarez	C	Adopt the Student Teacher Compensation Act	10
LB524	Juarez	C	Authorize paraeducator grants under the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act and change eligible uses of the Education Future Fund	
LB525	Jacobson	C	Adopt the Agricultural Data Privacy Act	
LB526	Jacobson	S	Provide powers and duties for public power districts related to cryptocurrency mining operations	6, 13, 19
LB527	Jacobson	S	Adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act and change provisions relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited health service organizations, and insurance companies	5, 6, 13

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LB527A	Jacobson	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB528	Jacobson	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to grants from the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund	
LB529	Jacobson	S	Redefine state agency under the State Procurement Act	
LB530	Kauth	S (+6, 24, 124, 395, 404, 556, 600, 684)	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child, tampering with an electronic monitoring device, controlled substances violations, adult and juvenile probation, detention of juveniles, motorists passing stopped vehicles or vulnerable road users, and speed limits	17, 20, 21
LB530A	Bosn	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB531	Kauth	IPP (>288)	Provide an exception to the requirement that buildings constructed with state funds comply with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code	21
LB532	Kauth	GF	Require employers to use E-Verify, prohibit knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien, and provide for discipline against employers' licenses	9
LB533	Kauth	C	Provide requirements relating to clinician-administered drugs under the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act	
LB534	Kauth	S	Provide for payment of claims against the state	18, 19
LB535	Kauth	C	Prohibit assault on a frontline behavioral health provider or health care worker and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals	
LB536	Sorrentino	GF (>265)	Adopt the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act	
LB537	Sorrentino	C	Provide requirements for workforce development grants under the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund	
LB538	Hardin	GF	Require school boards and postsecondary educational institutions to adopt a policy and provide training relating to discrimination and antisemitism and provide for Title VI coordinators	5
LB538A	Hardin	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB539	Hardin	IPP (>150)	Change and eliminate provisions relating to handgun purchase requirements	20, 21
LB540	Holdcroft	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Apiary Act and create the Nebraska Apiary Advisory Board	
LB541	Holdcroft	C	Eliminate online voter registration, restrict voter registration by mail, require grounds for early voting, require hand counts of ballots, and change provisions relating to voter registration and voting	9
LB542	Dover	C	Change and eliminate payment provisions for road construction costs relating to utility facilities	
LB543	Dover	C (>97)	Provide for the delivery of license plates and change provisions relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles' fees	5, 10, 14
LB544	Dover	C	Disqualify certain individuals from receiving benefits under the Employment Security Law	
LB545	Rountree	C	Provide immunity from liability for distribution of donated menstrual products	
LB546	Rountree	C	Change provisions relating to proclamations for disasters, emergencies, and civil defense emergencies made by the Governor	
LB547	Rountree	C (>650)	Redefine disabled veteran for purposes of motor vehicle and property tax exemptions	14, 17
LB548	Lippincott	GF	Provide for political subdivisions that own or operate natural gas systems to contract with industrial consumers of natural gas	
LB549	Lippincott	C	Allow a school board to employ a chaplain, including in a volunteer capacity, at a school	
LB550	Lippincott	C	Require school districts to adopt a policy that excuses students to attend a course for religious instruction	9, 21
LB551	Lippincott	C	Prohibit tenure at certain postsecondary educational institutions and require a written policy regarding terms and conditions of employment	
LB552	Lippincott	C	Prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions from having a diversity, equity, and inclusion office and taking certain actions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion	
LB553	Riepe	C (>312)	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	10, 13
LB554	Riepe	C	Create the Nebraska Health Professions Commission	
LB555	Riepe	C (>332)	Provide for assistant funeral directors under the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act	13, 19
LB556	Riepe	C (>530)	Change jurisdiction of juvenile courts and adult criminal courts and change provisions relating to detention and hearings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	10, 17, 20, 21
LB557	Armendariz	C	Change provisions relating to the enrollment option program, provide funding to students denied option enrollment, and eliminate provisions relating to open enrollment option students and diversity plans	8
LB558	von Gillern	S	Create the Infrastructure Review Task Force for the state highway system	
LB559	Bosn	S (+464)	Provide for offenses relating to skimmer devices and criminal enterprises involving financial offenses	15, 19
LB560	Dungan	S	Change provisions relating to innovative tourism grants	16, 19

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LB561	Brandt	S	Provide restrictions and change provisions related to operation of vehicles carrying raw milk	16, 19
LB562	Brandt	IPP (>36)	Change provisions relating to permits and stamps issued by the Game and Parks Commission	14, 19
LB563	Brandt	C (>398)	Provide for permanent trailer license plates for commercial fertilizer trailers	14, 21
LB564	Brandt	C	Change provisions relating to fund transfers to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund and the amount of tax relief granted under the School District Property Tax Relief Act	
LB565	Quick	C	Provide and change requirements relating to agency guidance documents	
LB566	Quick	IPP (>647)	Eliminate a sunset date relating to an income tax credit for the purchase of certain residential property	10, 17, 21
LB567	Quick	C	Authorize school policies relating to community engagement	
LB568	Fredrickson	IPP (>398)	Provide for Arbor Day Plates and the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund and change provisions relating to license plates	14, 21
LB569	Health & Human Services	C	Change duties of the Board of Emergency Medical Services	
LB570	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Provide for scholarships for nursing students	
LB571	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Require cost-of-living adjustments for retirees for any public power district that operates a defined benefit plan	
LB572	Hughes	C	Authorize a school district to exceed its budget authority for stipends paid to a student teacher and change the applicability of the School District Property Tax Limitation Act	
LB573	Guereca	C	Adopt the Meat and Poultry Workers and Contractors Protection Act	
LB574	Rountree	W	Provide rights for firefighters	
LB575	Hallstrom	C	Change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits	
LB576	Dorn	C	Change provisions of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act relating to surcharges and public hearings	
LB577	Dorn	W	Change licensure requirements for remote dispensing pharmacies and verification requirements for pharmacists	
LB578	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Change provisions relating to compensation and employment of jail and prison inmates and disbursements of such funds and require payment of the minimum wage for inmates and government employees	
LB579	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Prohibit charging a fee for public records requests by members of the Legislature	
LB580	Cavanaugh, M.	C (>261)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy	11, 18
LB581	Cavanaugh, M.	C (>261)	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services	18
LB582	Spivey	C	Change provisions under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act relating to the amount of tax imposed on cash devices and how such collected taxes are remitted and change the revenue submitted to the Nebraska Tourism Commission Promotional Cash Fund	
LB583	Spivey	C	Change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Child Care Grant Fund, child care grants, the Military Installation Development and Support Fund, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund, and the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund	
LB584	Spivey	C	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person younger than eighteen years of age	
LB585	Spivey	C	Change provisions relating to distribution of aid under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program	
LB586	Spivey	C	Provide assistance for voters who are unable to vote in person and who are residents of or housed in certain facilities	
LB587	Spivey	C	Change provisions relating to tenants' remedies under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act	7
LB588	Conrad	C	Require the maximum level of monthly assistance to be tied to the annual inflation factor for aid to dependent children	
LB589	Conrad	C	Change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services and require school districts to provide special education staff with professional leave	6
LB590	Moser	IPP (>36)	Provide for a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee program relating to the incidental taking of threatened or endangered species habitat	14, 19
LB591	Ballard	C	Change provisions relating to when licenses are required and provide powers to certain licensees relating to affiliates under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act	
LB592	Ballard	S	Change provisions relating to the achieving a better life experience program	
LB593	Moser	S	Update references relating to automotive spark-ignition engine fuel	
LB594	Prokop	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the use of handheld wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle	8

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BILL	INTRODUCER	STATUS	ONLINE DESCRIPTION	ISSUES
LB595	Prokop	IPP (>36)	Create the Research Excellence Cash Fund	9, 14, 19
LB596	Sanders	C	Change requirements for legal publications and notices required by law	
LB597	DeBoer	C	Change provisions relating to foundation aid, local effort rate yield, adjusted valuations of property, and certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB598	DeBoer	C	Provide funding to school districts to cover extraordinary increases in limited English proficiency student expenditures, change provisions relating to the elementary site allowance and certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and reimbursement for special education programs and support services, and change eligible uses of the Education Future Fund	
LB599	DeBoer	C	Require the State Board of Education to adopt a policy relating to cybersecurity	
LB600	DeBoer	C (>530)	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road and the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act	17, 20, 21
LB601	DeBoer	C	Clarify provisions relating to motions for a new trial in a criminal case	
LB602	Juarez	C	Adopt the Data Elimination and Limiting Extensive Tracking and Exchange Act	
LB603	Ballard	C	Change provisions relating to care management units under the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act	
LB604	Storm	C	Change provisions regarding initiative and referendum petitions	7
LB605	Raybould	W	Require each school board to adopt a policy relating to transgender student participation in extracurricular activities sponsored by a school or an athletics or activities association	
LB606	Holdcroft	IPP (>150)	Eliminate the Division of Parole Supervision and the position of Director of Supervision and Services, transfer powers and duties to the Department of Correctional Services, and change provisions relating to correctional system overcrowding emergencies	20, 21
LB607	Bostar	C	Adopt the Environmental Stewardship of Batteries Act, the Extended Producer Responsibility Data Collection Act, and the Minimum Recycled Content Act, and change provisions relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, the Environmental Protection Act, and the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund	
LB608	Bostar	S	Change insurance provisions relating to firefighters and include correctional officers, youth detention officers, certain disabled persons, and their children in the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act	16, 21
LB608A	Bostar	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB609	Bostar	S	Adopt the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act, require notice of potential fraud for purchasers of gift certificates and gift cards, and change provisions relating to search warrants	6, 9
LB609A	Bostar	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB610	Bostar	IPP (>380)	Change provisions relating to supplemental reimbursement for ground emergency medical transport under the Medical Assistance Act	13, 21
LB611	Urban Affairs	C	Adopt updates to building and energy codes	
LB612	Andersen	C	Require the state to pay fifty percent of the operational costs of county courts	
LB613	Andersen	S	Change provisions relating to the disclosure of tax information to municipalities	13, 21
LB613A	Andersen	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB614	Andersen	S	Provide for exemptions from regulatory authority of cities of the first and second class and villages for certain farm buildings	
LB615	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Prohibit distributing deepfakes under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB616	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Provide for enforcement of red light violations using automatic license plate reader systems	
LB617	Kauth	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	
LB618	Kauth	C	Deny claims against the state	
LB619	Ballard	C	Provide for cities of the primary class and certain counties to receive grants relating to certain highways	9
LB620	Guereca	C	Adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Act and authorize certain civil actions relating to real property	
LB621	Dover	C (>261)	State legislative intent regarding appropriations and provide for transfers from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	18
LB622	Dover	IPP (>288)	Provide for the Statewide Housing Assistance Program and change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, recipients of assistance, and selection of recipients under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act and the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax	21
LB623	Dover	C	State intent regarding appropriations	
LB624	Dover	C	Appropriate funds to the State Treasurer for education scholarships	
LB625	Dover	IPP (>306)	Provide for the establishment of a database of financial information from all school districts in the state	21

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LB626	Dover	C (>288)	Authorize redevelopment projects involving affordable housing under the Community Development Law	8, 21
LB627	Dover	C (>261)	Provide for a capital construction project for the University of Nebraska	18
LB628	Dover	IPP (>647)	Adopt the Recreational Trail Easement Property Tax Exemption Act and change provisions relating to the filing of statements of recorded easements and property tax exemptions	17, 18, 21
LB629	Hardin	C	Adopt the County Initiative and Referendum Act	
LB630	Hansen	IPP (>257)	Provide and change scope of practice requirements under the Occupational Therapy Practice Act	13
LB631	Hansen	C	State intent relating to funding for the School Emergency Response Mapping Fund	
LB632	Hansen	SF	Require a health care facility to dispose of the remains of aborted unborn children	9, 15
LB633	Hansen	C	Change provisions relating to applications rejected under the enrollment option program and create the Nebraska Option Enrollment Tuition Account Program	
LB634	Hansen	C	Adopt the Legislative Sunset Review Act and eliminate the Legislature's Planning Committee	
LB635	Hansen	S	Authorize the regulation of professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur muay thai, and amateur kickboxing by the State Athletic Commissioner	
LB636	Ibach	C	Change provisions relating to fees allowed for sheriffs and provide for reimbursement to counties for medical services for jail inmates	
LB637	Ballard	C	Adopt the Destination Nebraska Act and provide for certain taxing authority	
LB638	Ibach	C	Change provisions of the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act	
LB639	Clouse	C	Require dental plan carriers to meet a minimum dental loss ratio and provide a report	
LB640	Judiciary	S	Change calculation of a sentence reduction for good behavior during confinement in a jail	17, 19
LB641	Bostar	S	Change provisions relating to medicaid estate recovery	
LB642	Bostar	C	Adopt the Artificial Intelligence Consumer Protection Act	
LB643	Prokop	C	Prohibit income tax deductions relating to interest or taxes paid on or maintenance of certain properties and provide exemptions to prohibited deductions	
LB644	Bostar	S	Adopt the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act, provide requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act for conduct relating to certain foreign entities, change provisions of the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act, and regulate storage and remote access of genetic sequencing data	18, 19, 21
LB644A	Bostar	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB645	Ballard	S (+76)	Change provisions relating to school retirement systems and the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System	10, 15, 16, 17
LB645A	Ballard	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB646	Ibach	FR	Provide an exemption from brand inspections and change fees under the Livestock Brand Act	13, 20, 21
LB647	Revenue	S (+131, 242, 314, 401, 566, 628, 709)	Adopt the Recreational Trail Easement Property Tax Exemption Act and the Adoption Tax Credit Act and change provisions relating to budget limitations, property tax request authority, municipal occupation taxes, real property assessments, the Property Tax Request Act, income tax credits, taxation of business entities, the School District Property Tax Relief Act, and the Nebraska educational savings plan trust	17, 18, 21
LB647A	von Gillern	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB648	Revenue	C	Change the sales and use tax rate	
LB649	Revenue	S	Adopt the Defense Efforts Workforce Act	12, 15, 17, 21
LB650	von Gillern	S (+270, 458, 494, 495, 547)	Adopt the Community Development Assistance Act and change provisions relating to land banks, property tax exemptions, real property sold for delinquent taxes, sales tax provisions, and certain tax credits	11, 14, 16, 17
LB651	Conrad	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act and provide for regulation of medical cannabis	9
LB652	Hansen	C	Terminate the Board of Educational Lands and Funds	
LB653	Murman	GF	Change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs, support services, and the enrollment option program, provide reimbursement for certain students under the enrollment option program, and change the authorized uses of the Education Future Fund	
LB654	Murman	C	Appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture	
LB655	Murman	C	Provide for medical conscience-based objections	
LB656	Andersen	GF (>192)	Change work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	19
LB657	Andersen	C	Create the offense of assault on a sports official and provide a penalty under the Nebraska Criminal Code	6
LB658	Andersen	GF	Provide labeling and advertising requirements for manufactured-protein food products	
LB659	Andersen	C (>521)	Change provisions relating to vote counting devices under the Election Act	17, 18, 21

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LB660	Andersen	S (+29, 445, 662, 664)	Adopt the State Building Construction Alternatives Act and the Secure Drone Purchasing Act, require agencies to submit a federal funding inventory, and change provisions relating to agency rules and regulations, state buildings, and works of art for state buildings	16, 19
LB661	Andersen	C	Change provisions relating to the duties of the Nebraska Investment Council, the state investment officer, and the State Treasurer	
LB662	Andersen	C (>660)	Provide for a federal funding inventory from each state agency and restrict maintenance-of-effort requirements	16, 19
LB663	Storer	GF	Provide for required education for members of county planning commissions and county boards and change provisions relating to conditional use or special exception determinations by county planning commissions and county boards	
LB664	Storer	C (>660)	Change the Administrative Procedure Act to require agencies to allow for public comment and submissions on proposed rules and regulations and change permissible venue for civil actions challenging rules and regulations	19
LB665	Storer	C	Prohibit the use of certain electronic identification devices under the Animal Health and Disease Control Act	
LB666	Storer	IPP (>311)	Change provisions relating to duties of the Public Service Commission under the Rural Communications Sustainability Act	17, 19
LB667	Storer	S	Change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act	14, 19
LB668	Storer	GF	Change provisions relating to the Adult Protective Services Central Registry, the central registry of child protection cases, and child welfare case managers	
LB669	Storer	GF	Change requirements for voluntary and informed consent and civil actions relating to abortion	9
LB670	Murman	C	Require schools to adopt a safety plan and provide and change requirements related to training for staff of child care and schools	
LB671	Murman	C	Change and eliminate provisions relating to reports regarding the enrollment option program, programs for expelled students, educator evaluations, information related to dyslexia, the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program, high-need retention grants, property tax request documentation, and the College Pathway Program and eliminate obsolete provisions and provisions relating to the Junior Mathematics Prognosis Examination	
LB672	Raybould	C	Provide a contribution limit for candidate committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	
LB673	Raybould	C	Change provisions relating to the Perkins County Canal Project and provide for a transfer from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund	
LB674	Raybould	C	Change provisions relating to the Perkins County Canal Project and provide for transfers from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund	
LB675	Raybould	W	Provide requirements for the purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of school lands located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation	
LB676	Hansen	SF	Change and eliminate provisions relating to certified nurse midwives and provide for applicability of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act	16
LB677	Hansen	GF	Change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act and provide for regulation of medical cannabis	9, 20
LB677A	Hansen	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB678	Hardin	C	State intent regarding appropriations to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges	
LB679	Ballard	C	Change provisions relating to the sale of real property for delinquent taxes	
LB680	Education	C	Change provisions relating to educational service units	
LB681	Education	C	Change provisions relating to the definition of graduate degree program	
LB682	Education	C	Update terminology relating to individualized education programs for high school students	21
LB683	Raybould	C	Change provisions relating to duties of county assessors regarding notification of real property assessments and eliminate and change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act	
LB684	Bostar	C (>530)	Transfer juvenile probation functions to a new Juvenile Probation Agency in the executive branch	17, 20, 21
LB685	Lonowski	C	Require schools to install a secure master key box as prescribed, provide powers and duties to the state school security director, change provisions relating to a grant program for security-related infrastructure projects and the School Safety and Security Fund, and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund	
LB686	Lonowski	C	Prohibit government entities and officials from keeping certain lists relating to the ownership of firearms and prohibit using merchant category codes to distinguish firearm retailers	11
LB687	Lonowski	C	Adopt the Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination Act	
LB688	Lonowski	C	Prohibit advertising of electronic nicotine delivery systems	8

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LB689	Lonowski	C	Redefine terms under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act	
LB690	Lonowski	C	Change provisions relating to the regulation and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles	
LB691	Murman	C	Require school districts and private, denominational, and parochial schools to display the Ten Commandments in school buildings	
LB692	Murman	C	Change provisions relating to property tax request authority under the School District Property Tax Limitation Act	
LB693	McKeon	GF	Prohibit as a deceptive trade practice certain conduct relating to assistance or referrals in veterans benefits matters	
LB694	Guereca	GF (>150)	Prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status	20, 21
LB695	Dover	C	Require the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District to construct a dam and provide for flood control measures	
LB696	Raybould	S	Change, provide, and eliminate provisions of the Professional Landscape Architects Act	16, 19
LB697	Strommen	C (>332)	Change requirements relating to compounding and delegated dispensing permits under the Pharmacy Practice Act	13, 19
LB698	Strommen	C (>415)	Change provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act	5, 12, 19
LB699	Strommen	C	Change provisions relating to certain sales and use tax incentives under the Imagine Nebraska Act	
LB700	McKinney	C	Provide for confidentiality of prosecutions and adjudications of minors, extend jurisdiction under the Nebraska Juvenile Code, provide requirements for custodial interrogations of juveniles and young adults, prohibit use of certain statements, prohibit sending juveniles out of state, and provide for use and reimbursement of reporting centers	
LB701	Spivey	C	Provide for reimbursement of doula services by the Department of Health and Human Services	16
LB702	McKinney	C	Adopt the Neighborhood Empowerment Act	
LB703	McKinney	C	Provide for an exchange program for the Commission on African American Affairs	
LB704	McKinney	S	Change provisions relating to the review and modification of an incarcerated parent's child support order	17, 19
LB705	McKinney	C	Change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, provide for regulation of medical cannabis, and adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Justice Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act	
LB706	McKinney	C	Require adult protective services social workers to accompany law enforcement officers	12
LB707	von Gillern	S	Change provisions relating to the sales tax rate, the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, and the Good Life District Economic Development Act	18, 21
LB707A	von Gillern	S	Appropriation Bill	
LB708	Ibach	W	Change boundaries of certain community college areas	
LB709	Bostar	IPP (>647)	Adopt the Adoption Tax Credit Act	17, 21
LB710	Bostar	C	Increase the earned income tax credit	
LB711	Hunt	C	Change provisions relating to the new school adjustment under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	
LB712	Hughes	GF	Change the tax on sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems	20
LB712A	Hughes	GF	Appropriation Bill	
LB713	Ballard	C	Change provisions of the School Employees Retirement Act	
LB714	Clements	C	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle taxes and fees	
LB715	Bostar	C	Require insurance coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis medication	
LR5CA	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions relating to marriage and marriage licenses	
LR6CA	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Constitutional amendment to recognize marriage of couples regardless of gender and race and strike language regarding gender	
LR7CA	Dorn	C	Constitutional amendment to change legislative salaries to thirty thousand dollars annually	8
LR10CA	Hardin	W	Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items	
LR11CA	Hardin	W	Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes	
LR12CA	Kauth	C	Constitutional amendment to impose a limit on ad valorem taxes for real property, provide a new method of valuing real property for tax purposes, provide certain exceptions, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions	
LR13CA	Hallstrom	GF	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax	
LR14	Lippincott	C	Resolution to rescind a prior resolution and apply to Congress for a convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution	
LR15CA	McKinney	C	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the death penalty	4
LR16CA	Urban Affairs	C	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions	8

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LR17	Quick	P	Approve the indication of intent by the Game and Parks Commission to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system	
LR18CA	Government, Military & Veterans' Affairs	GF	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions	8
LR19CA	Dover	P	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms	8, 16, 18, 21
LR20CA	Bostar	SF	Constitutional amendment to permit an authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure to allow a sports wager to be placed by an individual located within the State of Nebraska at the time the individual places the sports wager by means of a mobile or electronic platform	10, 15, 16
LR21	Lippincott	C	Application to Congress for a convention of the states to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms members of the House and Senate may serve	
LR22CA	Dungan	C	Constitutional amendment to provide the right to a clean and healthy natural environment and that the state and political subdivisions serve as trustee of the natural resources of Nebraska	8
LR23CA	Sanders	C	Constitutional amendment to change the deadline to file initiative petitions	7
LR24CA	Dorn	GF	Constitutional amendment to provide for selection of presidential electors	4
LR25CA	Hansen	GF	Constitutional amendment to change the compensation of members of the Legislature and provide for health insurance	8
LR27CA	Hunt	C	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms	8
LR28CA	Hansen	C	Constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions creating the Board of Educational Lands and Funds	
LR29	Holdcroft	C	Provide that the new prison facility be named as the Arbor Correctional Center	
LR33	Conrad	C	Recommend that the Nebraska Congressional delegation take affirmative action to reform the present approach to daylight saving time	
LR40	Brandt		Call on the City of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission to place stop signs on the corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall	11
LR86	Rountree	C	Interim study to identify and examine the state of affordable and accessible housing in Nebraska	
LR96	Neb. Retirement Systems	C	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	
LR97	Neb. Retirement Systems	C	Interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions	
LR98	Neb. Retirement Systems	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	
LR108	Bosn	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee	
LR118	Strommen	C	Interim study to examine and formulate a standardized method of classifying and valuing property relating to biodiesel facilities	
LR123	Jacobson	C	Interim study to examine the collection, use, and protection of agricultural data in Nebraska	
LR124	Jacobson	C	Interim study to examine the role of a pharmacy benefit manager within the Nebraska health insurance industry and the impact on prescription drug prices	
LR126	von Gillern	C	Interim study to examine the impact of certain tax incentive programs currently in effect in Nebraska	
LR144	Kauth	C	Interim study to examine potential changes to Nebraska's teacher certification requirements to create an apprenticeship-based pathway for persons seeking to transition into teaching grades kindergarten through twelve	
LR145	Kauth	C	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygen therapy	
LR146	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine the intersection of tax increment financing and affordable housing within the State of Nebraska	
LR147	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine land banks under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act	
LR148	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee	
LR149	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to explore methods for providing hearing notices for municipalities	
LR150	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to examine the current powers of city councils for cities of the metropolitan class	
LR151	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to hear reports submitted pursuant to the Poverty Elimination Action Plan Act	
LR152	Storer	C	Interim study to examine the costs to persons and businesses in Nebraska associated with the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules or regulations	

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LR153	Storer	C	Interim study to gather information relating to electronic identification devices utilized as a method of identifying and managing animals for disease, surveillance, and control regulations	
LR155	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine the reports the Department of Correctional Services is required to submit to the Legislature	
LR156	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine issues regarding LB600, 2025, relating to speeding-related safety problems in highway work zones in Nebraska	
LR157	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine and monitor issues relating to broadband and broadband deployment in Nebraska	
LR158	Storer	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility of the State of Nebraska assuming the administration of the seventy-six mile stretch of the Niobrara River that has been designated as a national scenic river	
LR159	Brandt	C	Interim study to examine how the nameplate capacity tax affects the development, operation, and long-term viability of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located in Nebraska	
LR162	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine necessary reforms to Nebraska's criminal and prison systems in light of the Supreme Court decision in State ex rel. Hilgers v. Evnen	
LR163	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the impact of lead and other environmental pollutants on the health and well-being of Nebraska communities	
LR164	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine to what extent inmates between five and twenty-one years of age, under the care of the Department of Correctional Services, are being provided educational services	
LR165	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the concentration and impact of nonprofit organizations in historically marginalized communities, specifically North and South Omaha	
LR167	Moser	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee	
LR168	Ibach	C	Interim study of the purposes, uses, and utility of the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Species Assistance Fund and associated grants awarded pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act	
LR170	Rountree	C	Interim study to examine children's access to legal counsel in juvenile proceedings in Nebraska	
LR171	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the impact of the "cliff effect" on Nebraska families receiving public assistance	
LR172	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the accessibility of Nebraska's unicameral legislative process to the general public to determine to what extent systemic and logistical barriers impact such accessibility	
LR173	McKinney	C	Interim study to investigate the financial and structural barriers impeding Nebraskans from attaining homeownership	
LR174	DeBoer	C	Interim study to provide a comprehensive analysis of the standing committee system of the Legislature	
LR175	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to assaults in Nebraska	
LR176	DeBoer	C	Interim study to examine the establishment and recognition of tribal customary adoptions for Native American children in Nebraska	
LR178	DeKay	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee	
LR179	DeKay	C	Interim study to review occupational regulations under the Nebraska Livestock Dealer Licensing Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	
LR180	DeKay	C	Interim study to examine current and future availability and sustainability of nursing facility care for individuals in Nebraska	
LR185	Hallstrom	C	Interim study to consider whether Nebraska should adopt the Uniform Law Commission's 2017 Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act	
LR186	McKinney	C	Interim study to consider revisions to LB222, 2025, and to existing statutes or regulations to minimize the use of racial profiling or racial disparity in traffic stops	
LR187	Rountree	C	Interim study to examine the ability of the State of Nebraska to draw down Title IV-E funds for purposes of pre-petition legal services for parent and child legal representation as permitted under federal law	
LR188	Dorn	C	Interim study to examine the significance of the state financial partnership with the federal government in delivering health services to Nebraskans through the medicaid program	
LR189	Dorn	C	Interim study to examine the financing of public education through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act formula and develop recommendations for improving school funding in Nebraska	
LR190	Bosn	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to LB238, 2025, regarding meetings of local foster care review boards under the Foster Care Review Act	

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LR192	Sanders	C	Interim study to investigate public notice requirements in Nebraska, including those mandated under the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedure Act	
LR193	Sanders	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee	
LR194	Sanders	C	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for lobbyists in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	
LR195	Holdcroft	C	Interim study to review the impact of unfunded and underfunded mandates on counties and county governments	
LR196	Kauth	C	Interim study to study truancy in Nebraska schools	
LR197	Kauth	C	Interim study to examine violence in behavioral health settings	
LR198	Kauth	C	Interim study to examine the process of creating the Technology Committee of the Legislature as a new standing committee and combining the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature and the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature	
LR199	Jacobson	C	Interim study to examine the causes of recent increases in homeowner's insurance premiums	
LR200	Jacobson	C	Interim study to examine the impact of increasing insurance costs on Nebraska homeowners and businesses	
LR201	Hallstrom	C	Interim study to examine the rates, revenues, and uses of the documentary stamp tax	
LR202	Sorrentino	C	Interim study to explore a landscape analysis of the various higher education teacher preparation programs around the state	
LR203	Juarez	C	Interim study to evaluate the existing passenger rail infrastructure in Nebraska	
LR204	Juarez	C	Interim study to examine the causes of burnout in kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers and its impact on teachers and students	
LR205	Strommen	C	Interim study to examine barriers to and benefits of data sharing between the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of the Early Childhood Integrated Data System	
LR206	Strommen	C	Interim study to examine the initiative and referendum petition processes in the twenty-six states in which such a process exists	
LR207	Bosn	C	Interim study to examine Nebraska's protection order statutes	
LR208	Hardin	C	Interim study to examine the impact of mobile services on the delivery of health care services	
LR209	Hardin	C	Interim study to examine the funding sources of skilled nursing facilities throughout Nebraska	
LR210	Hardin	C	Interim study to examine and compare how health information exchanges work in other states	
LR211	Prokop	C	Interim study to examine the InternNE program	
LR212	Lippincott	C	Interim study to examine the organization of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature rulebook	
LR213	McKinney	C	Interim study to examine the connection between neighborhood-level investment and youth outcomes, including, but not limited to, educational attainment, youth violence, and long-term well being	
LR214	McKinney	C	Interim study to explore systemic and logistical barriers that prevent meaningful civic participation among residents in high-poverty and marginalized communities in Nebraska	
LR215	McKinney	C	Interim study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of developing a neighborhood-level data infrastructure framework for Nebraska, similar to the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership model	
LR216	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Interim study to examine the current caseload of child welfare social workers working in the various districts across the state	
LR217	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Interim study to examine the current fee structure for reports and filings submitted to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission	
LR218	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the public health and community impact of skilled gaming machines in Nebraska	
LR219	Fredrickson	C	Interim study to examine nonopioid pharmacological treatment options in medicaid	
LR220	Fredrickson	C	Interim study to examine the adequacy of funding and resources available to Level 3 Special Education Contractual Services for children	
LR221	Fredrickson	C	Interim study to examine the barriers to access to dental services for Nebraskans	
LR222	Urban Affairs	C	Interim study to investigate the prevalence of bed bugs in public housing located within cities of the metropolitan class	
LR223	Brandt	C	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee	

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LR225	Dungan	C	Interim study to examine the need for and implementation of a Green Amendment and the implications of adopting LR22CA, 2025	
LR226	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Interim study to examine the implementation of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act	
LR227	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Interim study to examine the recommendations presented to the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee	
LR228	Cavanaugh, J.	C	Interim study to examine and assess the adequacy of compensation for higher education faculty who primarily engage in classroom instruction within Nebraska's public institutions	
LR229	Clouse	C	Interim study to examine the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and potential changes to the act that would not include an unfunded mandate and would better serve the needs of Nebraska's paid and volunteer firefighters	
LR230	Lonowski	C	Interim study to examine options for allowing retired teachers to return to intermittent work at a school	
LR231	Riepe	C	Interim study to examine access to dental care and explore strategies to improve oral health in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska	
LR232	Riepe	C	Interim study to examine regulatory restrictions and opportunities in medical education in order to strengthen the medical workforce in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska	
LR233	Quick	C	Interim study to examine issues relating to state agency guidance documents, rules, and regulations	
LR234	Storm	C	Interim study to examine the impact of the net-zero plans and goals of public power utilities	
LR235	Wordekemper	C	Interim study to examine the approval process, personnel involved, and costs associated with controlled burn permits	
LR236	Wordekemper	C	Interim study to explore the impact of genetic testing and its utilization within the life insurance industry, the effects of such testing in other states, and the role of insurance companies in this context	
LR237	Wordekemper	C	Interim study to examine the data collection and reporting structure for emergency medical services data	
LR238	Holdcroft	C	Interim study to determine the quality of patient services at abortion clinics in Nebraska and the nature and quality of state oversight of those clinics	
LR239	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the status and impact of food access in urban qualified census tracts, with a focus on access to fresh, nutritious food	
LR240	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine how the Legislature can take a more coordinated, proactive, and intentional policy role in shaping economic development and innovation across Nebraska since the Covid-19 pandemic	
LR241	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine child care impacts on certified trade apprentice participation in Nebraska	
LR242	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the current structure, function, and authority of the Board of Parole	
LR243	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the job opportunities for people incarcerated within the Department of Correctional Services facilities	
LR244	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the state of housing for individuals returning home from incarceration in Omaha	
LR245	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility, accessibility, and potential benefits of licensed freestanding birth centers in Nebraska	
LR246	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the use of juvenile restrictive housing and room confinement in Nebraska	
LR247	Spivey	C	Interim study to examine the continued use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement in Nebraska's correctional facilities	
LR248	von Gillern	C	Interim study to examine State Capitol building improvements including lighting, workstations, and safety of building exits	
LR249	Cavanaugh, M.	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility and benefits of establishing a ways and means committee to enhance coordination and collaboration between the Revenue Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature	
LR250	Andersen	C	Interim study to examine whether power companies should be exempt from the Secure Drone Purchasing Act	
LR251	Guereca	C	Interim study to examine the adequacy and accessibility of transportation options for people with disabilities in Nebraska	
LR253	Hardin	C	Interim study to examine the county initiative and referendum process as proposed by LB629, 2025	

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LR254	Clements	C	Interim study to examine potential adjustments to the collection of motor vehicle tax, motor vehicle tax distribution schemes, motor vehicle fees, and other revenue sources due to the potential elimination of the Nebraska inheritance tax	
LR255	Andersen	C	Interim study to examine the fiscal, constitutional, and administrative implications of adopting LR12CA, 2025, which proposes reforms to Nebraska's property tax system	
LR256	Bostar	C	Interim study to examine the trend of increasing numbers of Nebraska voters who register as nonpartisan and how these voters are restricted from fully participating in partisan primary elections for some statewide, federal, and local offices	
LR257	Bostar	C	Interim study to examine foreign and domestic threats to Nebraska agriculture	
LR258	Armendariz	C	Interim study to examine a philanthropic endowment and location to host a week-long camp for certain children who live in low-income urban areas to learn about agriculture	
LR259	Armendariz	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility, benefits, and framework for establishing a high school agriculture student exchange program within Nebraska modeled after foreign student exchange programs	
LR260	Dover	C	Interim study to determine the return on investment per kilowatt hour for businesses that choose to locate and set up their businesses in Nebraska	
LR261	Ibach	C	Interim study to examine the fiscal impact of unfunded, statutorily mandated tuition and fee waivers on Nebraska's public university, state colleges, community colleges, and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	
LR279	Executive Board	C	Interim study to examine the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a new division within the Legislative Council that would perform the functions generally associated with a human resources department	
LR280	Agriculture	C	Interim study to examine the Livestock Brand Act and the role and mission of the Nebraska Brand Committee	
LR281	Business & Labor	C	Interim study to review occupational regulations for elevator mechanics and elevator contractors	

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