

Governor calls for tax reform, economic investment

Gov. Jim Pillen highlighted proposals to invest in workforce development, reform the state's tax system and increase government efficiency in his State of the State address Jan. 15.

The governor touted several proposals intended to attract and retain talent and grow the state's economy, including a "Grow the Good Life" incentive to provide a decade-long 10% tax cut to businesses who bring new, high-paying careers to Nebraska.

"Growing Nebraska's workforce is critical ... and we must support the businesses that recruit new Nebraskans to come here to set down roots," Pillen said. "We have to compete to win."

Pillen also called on legislators to make changes to the state's "broken" tax system by broadening the sales tax base in order to shift the revenue burden away from property owners.

He said tax reform, in combination with passing his budget adjustment proposal that cuts government spending and increases efficiency, would solve the state's \$471 million shortfall – which he called "a make-believe budget crisis."

"This Legislature has the opportunity to lead reform efforts and join me in [passing] a budget that delivers lasting and transformative tax relief to Nebraskans," he said.

The governor also encouraged lawmakers to support legislation to remove diversity, equity and inclusion programs and critical race theory from

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Facing expulsion vote, McKeon resigns from Legislature



Sen. Dan McKeon addresses the Legislature Jan. 13 to announce his resignation.

Amherst Sen. Dan McKeon announced his resignation on the floor of the Legislature Jan. 13, effective upon adjournment for the day. The announcement came shortly before debate was set to begin on his expulsion from the body amid workplace harassment allegations.

McKeon said he accepted responsibility and expressed regret that his words and actions "have led to this process and [this] moment."

"This decision is not made lightly but with respect for the institution, my colleagues and the responsibility that accompanies public service," he said. "I leave with humility, reflection and sincere hope that my departure allows this Legislature to move forward with unity, purpose and integrity."

McKeon's announcement preempted debate on LR282, a measure to expel him from the Legislature, which

was scheduled for a single round of debate Jan. 13.

The resolution, introduced by the Executive Board and advanced to the floor unanimously, cites a "pattern of behavior violating the Nebraska Legislature's workplace policies on harassment and decorum" by McKeon, including an incident at a work-related party for senators and staff.

During the event to celebrate the end of the 2025 legislative session, McKeon allegedly made a joke involving sexual innuendo and made inappropriate contact with a female legislative staffer's buttocks over her clothes, according to the Nebraska State Patrol.

The Executive Board also conducted an investigation into the allegations against McKeon, as required by the Legislature's workplace harassment

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the university system. Pillen said doing so would align state institutions of higher learning with “Nebraska values” while also attracting students.

“We must ... ensure that Nebraska’s public institutions of higher education remain places of hard research, learning and academic success,” he said.

Finally, Pillen encouraged favor-

able consideration of several pending legislative measures, including a proposed constitutional amendment to return Nebraska’s allocation of Electoral College votes to a winner-take-all system.

“I look forward to working alongside you ... to do the work of our state this session,” he said. ■



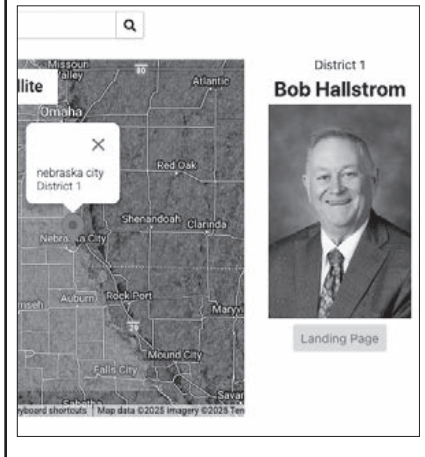
Gov. Jim Pillen addresses lawmakers Jan. 15.

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policy. The investigation found that McKeon violated the policy through comments containing sexual innuendo and unwelcome physical contact with the legislative employee.

LR282 also states that McKeon violated the Legislature’s workplace harassment policy by engaging in retaliatory conduct against the complainant and that he likely would not refrain from future violations of legislative policy.

At a hearing on the resolution Jan. 12, Executive Board chairperson Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair, spoke for the committee while introducing the measure. He called the accusations against McKeon a “weighty matter” and noted that consideration of LR282 by the full Legislature would represent lawmakers’ first ever vote to expel a sitting senator.

McKeon’s attorney, Perry Pirsch, addressed the committee on behalf of the senator. He said the resolution recommends expulsion based on a “contested narrative” regarding the incident at the 2025 work-related party and additional complaints that have not been disclosed to McKeon.

Pirsch said expelling McKeon on those grounds would deprive the residents of his legislative district of their chosen representative through a process “literally not much better than a witch hunt.”

He suggested that the Legislature had a number of possible responses to the accusations against McKeon short of expulsion, including formal censure, loss of committee assignments, restrictions on attendance at certain events, additional training and continued physical separation and no-contact requirements.

Tara Paulson, outside counsel

hired by the Executive Board to investigate the workplace harassment violation against McKeon, provided testimony on her findings.

Evidence gathered during her investigation substantiated that McKeon made a comment containing sexual innuendo and made unwelcome physical contact with the legislative employee at the May 2025 work-related event, Paulson said.

In addition, she found that McKeon attended another work-related event after agreeing not to attend gatherings at which legislative staff would be present and, by his own admission, texted a staffer regarding the complainant based on her decision to pursue the investigation process further.

Paulson noted that while McKeon’s actions did not rise to the level of actionable hostile workplace sexual harassment under state or federal law, they did constitute a violation of the Legislature’s workplace harassment policy.

In an executive session immediately following the hearing, the Executive Board voted 9-0 to advance LR282 to the full Legislature. Thirty-three votes would have been required for adoption. ■



Meyer returns to Legislature

Gov. Jim Pillen announced Jan. 14 the appointment of Fred Meyer of St. Paul to fill the Legislative District 41 seat left vacant by the resignation of former Amherst Sen. Dan McKeon.

A native of West Point, Meyer is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has been active in numerous community and agricultural organizations. He served for more than a decade on the Nebraska State Board of Education.



Sen. Fred Meyer

Meyer also previously served as a representative for District 41. He served for one regular legislative session and a special session after being appointed in 2023 to complete the last year of a term left vacant by the resignation of former Sen. Tom Briese of Albion.

During a press conference announcing the appointment, Pillen said Meyer would “be an asset from day one” given his previous experience as a member of the Legislature.

Meyer said he initially was hesitant to return to the Capitol but was convinced that he could contribute to a successful 2026 legislative session by being able to “hit the ground running.”

“Once you’re in the game, then you give it your all, which I promise to do [with] my fellow senators,” Meyer said. “I promise to work hard on the issues in front of us.”

Meyer was sworn in by Secretary of State Bob Evnen following the announcement and his term began immediately. Meyer will serve until a special election is held in November 2026 to choose a representative to fill the final two years of McKeon’s unexpired term. ■

GENERAL AFFAIRS

Vending machine lottery ticket sales advance

Nebraskans could purchase lottery tickets through vending machines under a bill given first-round approval Jan. 14.

LB60, sponsored by Grand Island Sen. Dan Quick, would remove a current prohibition in state law on the sale of lottery tickets through vending or dispensing devices. Calling the measure a “very modest and logical update,” Quick said that of the 45 states that conduct lotteries, only Nebraska and South Carolina currently do not allow vending machine sales.



Sen. Dan Quick

Such machines have barcode readers that prohibit sales to minors by requiring a valid Nebraska drivers’ license, Quick said. In addition, he said, the bill would speed up service at gas stations and convenience stores by freeing up cashiers from the time-consuming process of lottery ticket sales.

Bellevue Sen. Rick Holdcroft, chairperson of the General Affairs Committee, supported the measure, which he said the committee voted 8-0 to advance to the full Legislature mostly because it would promote customer convenience.

The bill also would raise approximately \$500,000 in additional revenue for organizations that receive a portion of lottery proceeds, he said, such as the Nebraska State Fair Support and Improvement Fund and the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.

Sen. Jane Raybould of Lincoln also spoke in support of LB60. She

said the nearly \$1.7 million in additional revenue that the proposal would generate over the next three fiscal years could help address the state’s financial outlook.

“This [amount] is substantial and it will help with our revenue shortfalls,” Raybould said.

Opposing the bill was Appropriations Committee chairperson Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood. He said any funds for property tax relief generated by LB60 would not offset the “social costs” associated with increased gaming.

For example, he said, casino proceeds are estimated to generate only about \$34 million of the nearly \$1.3 billion in property tax relief that the state is expected to provide this year — or 2.8%. Not enough, he said, to counterbalance increases in crime and other negative societal impacts caused by making gaming more accessible.

Lawmakers voted 32-10 to advance LB60 to select file.

GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Proposal to end unfunded state mandates stalls

A proposed constitutional amendment that would require the Nebraska Legislature to provide full reimbursement to political subdivisions for any new program or expansion of an existing program stalled on general file Jan. 16.

LR18CA, introduced by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, would require, beginning in 2026, that the state pay the full costs of new programs, or increased levels of service required under an existing

program, either through general fund appropriations or an increase in state distribution of revenue to the impacted political subdivision.

If approved by lawmakers, the proposal would be placed on the ballot for voter approval in the 2026 general election.

Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders, chairperson of the committee, said every mandate the state places on counties and cities, even in the service of valuable public policy, comes at a cost to those entities. The Legislature has studied the problem of unfunded mandates several times over the past 20 years, she said, but has failed to take meaningful action.

“LR18CA rests on a simple but important principle: when the Legislature assigns new responsibilities to local governments, it must also provide means to carry them out,” Sanders said.

Sen. Jane Raybould of Lincoln supported the measure, saying that as a former county commissioner and city council member, she experienced firsthand the challenges political subdivisions face in funding state mandates.

For example, she said, the 2011 decision by lawmakers to end county jail reimbursements cost Lancaster County \$5.8 million. Because the Legislature can easily pass unfunded mandates — or cut off funding for existing programs — a constitutional amendment is necessary, she said.

“What discipline, what guardrails, besides something like this would do that job for us?” Raybould said.

Whitman Sen. Tanya Storer agreed. Lawmakers would need to “tighten up” the measure’s language on the next round of debate, she said, but senators should take action to demonstrate their genuine concern about the impact of unfunded mandates.

Opposing the measure was Sen. Bob Hallstrom of Syracuse, who offered a “whole host of concerns” regarding

how the proposal would be implemented. He said it would be difficult to determine what qualifies as a “program” under the measure’s language and to determine how much a mandate would cost each political subdivision.

In addition, he said, the bar for making changes to the state constitution should be high and lawmakers could limit unfunded mandates through legislation instead.

Sen. John Arch of La Vista also opposed LR18CA, calling it an “unworkable” mechanism that would “tie the hands” of future Legislatures. He said defining a program’s cost often is a matter of perspective and that such determinations could be different for every city, county or school in Nebraska.

“What I see with something like this is ... a never-ending battle over the argument of what is the cost associated with [a program],” Arch said.

Also expressing concerns was Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern. The state currently provides \$1.2 billion in property tax relief, he said, which is an indirect funding mechanism for state mandates that bypasses political subdivisions.

“I believe we are paying for these unfunded mandates already through the property tax relief that we’re providing to taxpayers,” von Gillern said. “As a state, we’re already parting with almost 20% of our state budget in order to offset these costs for the localities.”

Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood offered an amendment that would allow the Legislature to increase the amount of a fee that a political subdivision is allowed to retain as another option for covering the cost of a state mandate.

Clements said he opposed LR18CA but wanted to improve the measure should it pass by providing an additional means of helping political subdivisions offset costs.

He later withdrew the amendment.

LR18CA failed to advance to select file on a 23-20 vote. Twenty-five votes were needed.



Bill to require school cardiac emergency plans advanced

Senators advanced a measure from first-round debate Jan. 16 that would require Nebraska school districts to develop a cardiac emergency response plan, on assurances from the introducer that the measure would be narrowed on select file.

LB463, as introduced last session by Lincoln Sen. Beau Ballard, would require districts to create a cardiac emergency response plan template under the School Safety and Security Reporting Act and provide plan grants from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.



Sen. Beau Ballard

Under the bill, each district would establish a template for use by schools to respond in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

Ballard said approximately 23,000 American children under age 18 experience cardiac arrest outside a hospital setting each year and about 40% of those episodes are sports related.

“[Cardiac arrest] is the leading cause of adolescent death in the United States,” Ballard said.

Emergency medical response teams in rural parts of Nebraska often must travel long distances to reach schools, he said, and LB463 would “bridge the

gap” until EMS arrival by ensuring access to automated external defibrillators and training in AED use.

At minimum, plans would be required to include:

- establishment and training of a school cardiac emergency response team;
- placement of AEDs on school grounds in unlocked locations that allow retrieval and use in fewer than three minutes;
- annual practice drills by faculty and students;
- coordination with local EMS providers; and
- annual review and evaluation of the plan by the school board and school district.

The state Department of Health and Human Services would be required to provide training for all public and nonprofit school cardiac emergency response team members. In addition, the state Department of Education would be required to develop a program to provide grants to school districts for costs associated with the plan.

Lincoln Sen. George Dungan said he supported the proposal but had concerns regarding its funding source. He said DHHS has indicated that the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund currently is over-committed and would not be receiving additional money this year.

The fund captures excess profits beyond what the state’s three Medicaid managed care organizations are allowed to retain.

Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward expressed concern that the bill as written would be an unfunded mandate for local schools. For example, she said, the provision that all schools be able to deploy an AED within three minutes would be problematic for schools with practice fields that are far from their main campus.

Ballard said discussions were ongoing with stakeholders to possibly change the requirement to five minutes rather than three on the next round of debate. In addition, he said, a pending select file amendment would create a new cash fund that could receive federal grants or private dollars to fund grants to schools.

North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson opposed the bill and said he “didn’t see any reason to move it forward” given the other important work ahead of the Legislature. If schools have a “driving need” for cardiac response plans, he said, they should find a way to pay for them without tax dollars.

“Mandating them to do this regardless of [whether] there’s funding there is wrongheaded and not something the Legislature should be doing,” Jacobson said. “It’s the opposite of what we should be doing.”

Lawmakers voted 25-15 to advance LB463 to select file. Twenty-five votes were needed.

REVENUE

Excise tax on remote cigar sales advanced

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 14 to a bill intended to close a gap in the state’s tobacco tax policies.

The state excise tax on cigars, cheroots and stogies currently is 20% of the purchase price paid by the first owner or the price at which the first owner who made the products sells them to others.

Fremont Sen. Dave Wordekemper, sponsor of LB212, said the proposal is meant to help Nebraska cigar shops compete with online retailers, which currently are not required to collect the tax.

As introduced last session, LB212 would have capped the tax at 50 cents per item. However, Wordekemper said, the original proposal would have reduced state revenue.



Sen. Dave Wordekemper

A Revenue Committee amendment, adopted 43-0, replaced the bill. It instead would require remote retail sellers to collect and remit the 20% excise tax on products sold directly to Nebraska consumers.

Wordekemper introduced an amendment to the committee amendment to more clearly define which remote retail sales would be subject to the tax collection requirement. It also would ensure that the requirement applies only to “covered tobacco products” — like cigars and pipe tobacco — but not snuff, chewing tobacco or electronic nicotine delivery systems.

The amendment also would require remote retailers of covered tobacco products to apply for a license from the state tax commissioner.

License holders that meet certain sales thresholds would be subject to the tax collection requirement. They also would be required to submit monthly tax returns and keep accurate sales records.

The new requirements would take effect Jan. 1, 2027.

Wordekemper said the modified proposal would ensure consistent application of Nebraska’s tobacco tax policies, modernize state law to account for e-commerce and provide clear rules for remote retailers.

“This new approach levels the playing field for our local businesses without sacrificing state revenue,” he said.

After adopting Wordekemper’s amendment on a vote of 41-0, sena-

tors voted 44-0 to advance LB212 to select file.

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Heavy commercial electric vehicle fee increase clears first round

A bill that would triple the registration fee paid by owners of heavy commercial EVs advanced from general file Jan. 14.

The standard state registration fee for alternative-fuel vehicles like electric cars currently is \$150, although electric motorcycles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are subject to a reduced fee of \$75.

LB207, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern last session, would require owners of commercially registered alternative fuel vehicles with a gross weight of more than 7,500 pounds to pay a fee that is three times the standard fee, or \$450.



Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

Because heavy commercial EVs do not use gasoline, von Gillern said, they do not generate the fuel taxes used for roadway maintenance. He said heavy commercial EVs should cost more to register than traditional passenger EVs because they weigh more and drive more miles on Nebraska’s roads.

Under a Transportation and Telecommunications Committee amendment, adopted 43-0, the \$450 fee would not apply to large commercial trucks that operate across state lines.

LB207 advanced to select file on a vote of 43-0. ■

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB953	von Gillern	Change provisions related to eligible activities for and requirements for assistance from the Site and Building Development Fund
LB954	von Gillern	Provide for the recalculation of certain base-year employees under the Nebraska Advantage Act
LB955	Hardin	Provide for practice agreements between pharmacists and physician assistants
LB956	J. Cavanaugh	Provide for the collection of postsecondary institution compensation data
LB957	J. Cavanaugh	Provide a cause of action against certain adults for allowing a minor to possess a handgun and create an offense of leaving a loaded firearm in a location accessible to a minor
LB958	M. Cavanaugh	Provide a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to 1915(c) waivers and define nursing facility level of care under the Medical Assistance Act
LB959	Riepe	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to create a youth afterschool credential and an adult eligibility passport under the Child Care Licensing Act
LB960	McKinney	Provide a requirement to include nonvoting student members on school boards
LB961	McKinney	Adopt the Collateral Sanction Relief Act
LB962	McKinney	Adopt the Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act
LB963	McKinney	Prohibit agreements by state agencies relating to immigration enforcement without legislative approval and change provisions relating to the use of state prisons
LB964	Bostar	Adopt the Nebraska Public Property Disclosure Act
LB965	Bostar	Prohibit sexual abuse of a probationer or problem solving court participant; prohibit sexual abuse by a conservator, guardian, guardian ad litem, or child welfare service provider; provide for administration of naloxone by probation employees; and change conduct constituting the offense of incest
LB966	M. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act
LB967	Jacobson	Provide requirements for electronic notice of annual meetings by mutual insurance holding companies
LB968	Prokop	Appropriate funds to the Military Department for grants for equipment for emergency events
LB969	Hallstrom	Establish a database of financial information from counties and municipalities
LB970	Guereca	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment to include a program of early literacy promotion and intervention in well-child visits under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services program
LB971	Guereca	Require insurance coverage for rescue and maintenance asthma inhalers
LB972	Fredrickson	Change provisions relating to parking spaces for handicapped or disabled persons, the State Boat Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB973	Raybould	Provide for free parking for state employees
LB974	Conrad	Provide for an excise tax on individual incomes and create the Tax Equity Cash Fund
LB975	Conrad	Adopt the Private Attorney Retention Sunshine Act
LB976	Andersen	Change provisions relating to sanitary and improvement districts
LB977	Storer	Provide requirements under the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to motorists encountering certain animals being led, herded, or driven on or along highways
LB978	Storer	Provide for civil actions for conduct relating to obscene material, child sexual abuse material, and child sexual exploitation devices
LB979	Brandt	Change provisions of the Game Law and the State Boat Act
LB980	Bosn	Change provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act relating to waivers of jury trials and summonses and provide for summary judgment and expedited proceedings
LB981	Urban Affairs	Provide powers to cities of the metropolitan class to regulate housing authorities and change provisions of the Nebraska Housing Agency Act
LB982	DeBoer	Appropriate funds to the Public Service Commission for the Broadband Bridge Program
LB983	DeBoer	Change civil procedure provisions relating to third-party practice and deposition subpoenas
LB984	DeBoer	Require both parties to be eighteen years of age or older for a marriage license
LB985	DeBoer	Provide a limitation on the number of individuals for which a guardian or conservator may accept appointment
LB986	Bostar	Allow expenditure of campaign funds for security services and systems under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

NEW BILLS

Bill Introducer One-line description

LB987	Lonowski	Adopt the Vision Benefit Plan Act
LB988	G. Meyer	Change provisions of the Community Development Law
LR297 ^{CA}	M. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to change provisions related to amending, repealing, modifying, or impairing a law enacted by initiative petition
LR298 ^{CA}	Brandt	Constitutional amendment to create requirements for the use of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund

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LB989	Sanders	Appropriate funds to the Military Department for the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program
LB990	Dover	Rename the School District Property Tax Relief Act as the Live Here Thrive Here Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund as the Live Here Thrive Here Credit Fund and change the distribution of property tax credits under the act
LB991	Dover	Provide for stop-signal-arm camera systems on school buses and authorize the use of such systems for enforcement of certain violations under the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB992	Dover	State intent regarding appropriations
LB993	McKinney	Provide a cause of action for deprivation of constitutional rights by a law enforcement officer, eliminate the defense of qualified immunity as prescribed, and change provisions of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act
LB994	McKinney	Change provisions of Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act relating to good time and parole eligibility
LB995	Rountree	Require appointment of counsel for juveniles and provide duties for juvenile courts
LB996	Rountree	Prohibit the use of shackling or restraints on juveniles
LB997	Andersen	Change provisions relating to emergency contracts in the State Procurement Act
LB998	Andersen	Change provisions relating to the state income tax deduction for members of the Nebraska National Guard
LB999	Spivey	Adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Commission Act
LB1000	Prokop	Change penalties for violations of domestic abuse and sexual assault protection orders
LB1001	General Affairs	Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed racetrack enclosures, licenses and wagering on horseracing, assistance to problem gamblers, the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling, the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue, keno at licensed racetrack enclosures, and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
LB1002	M. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to filings under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB1003	G. Meyer	Adopt the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act and provide a deceptive trade practice
LB1004	Clouse	Change the regulation of nonalcoholic beer under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB1005	Clouse	Provide for the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between sunset and sunrise under the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB1006	Guereca	Adopt the Protecting Consumers and Jobs from Predatory Pricing Act
LB1007	Dungan	Prohibit a landlord from keeping a security deposit when a rental agreement is not signed and prohibit nondisclosure terms in rental agreements
LB1008	Brandt	Change provisions relating to the amount of relief granted under the School District Property Tax Relief Act
LB1009	Dungan	Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB1010	Brandt	Provide for eminent domain of electrical energy storage property, storage of electric energy under the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act, and energy storage resources and change application, notice, filing, exemption, and violation provisions relating to electric suppliers
LB1011	Dungan	Change provisions relating to compensation for temporary disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB1012	Hansen	Provide for a lien for professional services rendered by a physical therapist
LB1013	Hansen	Change and eliminate provisions relating to names of state institutions and requirements relating to gender at youth rehabilitation and treatment centers
LB1014	Spivey	Change provisions relating to notice under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Act and require the Secretary of State to create a web page and charge a fee for electronic publication of notices under the act

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1015	Ibach	Redefine a term and change provisions relating to the combined tax and the state unemployment insurance tax rate under the Employment Security Law and change provisions relating to the Business Innovation Act
LB1016	Raybould	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a demonstration project waiver for traditional healing services
LB1017	Raybould	Provide a limit on contributions made to a candidate committee under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB1018	Raybould	Change provisions relating to prohibited expenditures by committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB1019	Dorn	Provide immunity from prosecution for trespass for county assessors
LB1020	Bostar	Provide for and change offenses involving mobile tracking devices, stalking, unlawful intrusion, operation of unmanned aircraft systems, and swatting and eliminate the requirement that courts impose probation for Class IV felonies
LB1021	Ibach	Change provisions related to penalties, proceeds, and distributed revenue of the nameplate capacity tax
LB1022	Murman	Eliminate the human relations training requirement for obtaining certificates and permits for teaching, providing special services, or education administration
LB1023	Murman	Eliminate the sales and use tax exemption for zoo and aquarium admissions
LB1024	Murman	Require school districts and the State Board of Education to provide for instruction on the history of communism
LB1025	Bosn	Provide for an excise tax on certain social media platform businesses
LB1026	Storm	Prohibit retirement, shutdown, cessation of operation, and alteration of operation of certain energy generation facilities
LB1027	Storm	Eliminate certain exemptions applicable to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and change requirements for the construction of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities
LB1028	Juarez	Provide requirements for nutrient management plans and the application of livestock waste or litter
LB1029	Conrad	Redefine terms relating to reportable funding from a foreign adversarial source for colleges and universities
LB1030	Dorn	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development for state aid to development districts
LB1031	Dorn	Require appropriations from the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Fund and state intent regarding medicaid rates for mental health providers
LR299CA	McKinney	Constitutional amendment to create the Nebraska Board of Commutation and transfer powers of the Board of Pardons
LR300	Spivey	Create the Nebraska Economic Development Task Force.
LR301	Kauth	Interim study to examine whether socially or medically changing the behavioral or physical characteristics of a child in opposition to the characteristics associated with the child's sex registered at birth constitutes child abuse under the Nebraska Criminal Code.
LR302	Lonowski	Recognize Ken Lonowski for his many years of public service and his lifelong contributions to our country and state.

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LB1032	DeBoer	Provide for recognition and enforcement of tribal customary adoptions under the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act and related laws
LB1033	Spivey	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to make crisis assistance payments under the low-income home energy assistance program
LB1034	Dungan	Prohibit school staff from allowing federal immigration enforcement officers to access schools without a judicial warrant
LB1035	M. Cavanaugh	Change and provide limitations on the rating system an insurer can file under the Property Casualty Insurance Rate and Form Act
LB1036	Dungan	Change Nebraska Evidence Rules to provide for consideration of evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts as prescribed

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1037	Raybould	Change provisions relating to negotiations and agreements between the Governor and federally recognized Indian Tribes relating to the collection and dissemination of any cigarette tax or certain other tobacco products tax collected on sales of such products made or sold on a federal recognized Indian tribe's Indian country
LB1038	Hughes	Change provisions relating to school funding and property taxes
LB1039	Dungan	Prohibit school resource officers and security guards from using corporal punishment
LB1040	Kauth	Change provisions of the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act relating to grounds for civil commitment and inpatient treatment and allow for interested parties to file petitions
LB1041	Rountree	Provide requirements for cities, villages, and counties relating to accessory dwelling units
LB1042	Rountree	Change provisions of the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act relating to stacking of coverage
LB1043	G. Meyer	Include prescription antidepressants, antipsychotics, and anticonvulsants on the preferred drug list under the Medical Assistance Act
LB1044	Prokop	Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act
LB1045	McKinney	Adopt the Nebraska Public Housing Preservation Trust Act
LB1046	McKinney	Require school policies relating to name, image, and likeness rights for high school students
LB1047	Holdcroft	Authorize music bingo under the Nebraska Bingo Act and change provisions relating to special event bingo and prizes that can be awarded under the act
LB1048	Arch	Change and eliminate reporting requirements for certain government agencies and preparation of the state executive budget and eliminate the Small Business Advisory Council, the Suggestion Award Board, and the state employee suggestion system
LB1049	Ibach	Require the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare economic impact reports for regulatory actions
LB1050	Murman	Amend the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act to limit advancement to grade four
LB1051	Education	Change a definition relating to the University of Nebraska
LB1052	Education	Change terminology relating to the Student Discipline Act
LB1053	Education	Eliminate the prohibition regarding suspending a student that is in prekindergarten through second grade
LB1054	DeBoer	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education for grants for cybersecurity products and services
LB1055	DeBoer	Provide training requirements for an adult protective services official under the Adult Protective Services Act
LB1056	Conrad	Change provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB1057	Ballard	Redefine adult day service under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act
LB1058	Hallstrom	Provide for an additional grant under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act and state intent relating to funding
LB1059	Bosn	Prohibit certain conduct relating to mobile tracking devices and change penalties for stalking
LB1060	Murman	Adopt the Child Placement Services Preservation Act
LB1061	Murman	Change residence requirements relating to tuition and fees at state postsecondary educational institutions
LB1062	Bostar	Change provisions relating to the Insurance Producers Licensing Act and the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act
LB1063	Bostar	Change provisions relating to applicants and licensees under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act and prohibit money transmission by foreign adversary persons
LB1064	Bostar	Adopt the Large Load Customer Regulation Act
LB1065	Executive Board	Change provisions regarding the publication and distribution of the Constitution of Nebraska
LB1066	Fredrickson	Require members of the Legislature to complete a civics assessment
LB1067	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund, and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund
LB1068	Storm	Change requirements for petition circulators and sponsors under the Election Act
LB1069	Dover	Require emergency care providers to submit claims to third-party payors
LB1070	Dover	Change appropriations to the Department of Economic Development
LR303CA	M. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to provide for paid family medical leave

NEW BILLS

January 15, 2026

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1071	Speaker Arch	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027
LB1072	Speaker Arch	Provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to fees, funds, fund transfers, agency powers and duties, and various statutory programs
LB1073	Bosn	Require commercial motor vehicle driver training to include antitrafficking training
LB1074	Sanders	Change provisions relating to unclaimed property proceeds and funds and a statute of limitations
LB1075	Sanders	Provide requirements for certain village warrants, change various provisions of the Election Act, and change election provisions for exceeding a school district's property tax authority
LB1076	Brandt	Change penalty provisions relating to the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act
LB1077	Brandt	Change provisions relating to workers' compensation insurance policies and deductibles
LB1078	Dungan	Adopt the Fair Online Pricing Act
LB1079	von Gillern	Change provisions relating to the habitual criminal enhancement for theft offenses
LB1080	DeBoer	Provide for use of unsworn declarations in civil proceedings, change related criminal provisions, and change provisions of the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act
LB1081	G. Meyer	Require state agencies and political subdivisions to purchase flags made in the United States
LB1082	Storer	Provide a duty for telecommunications companies under the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act
LB1083	Storer	Adopt the Transparency in Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Act, create a fund, and change provisions relating to records which may be withheld from the public
LB1084	Storer	Change provisions relating to persons taken into emergency protective custody
LB1085	Clouse	Change provisions relating to retail, bottle club, craft brewery, and microdistillery licenses, Nebraska Liquor Control Commission powers and duties, and penalties for violations under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB1086	Dover	Change eligibility requirements for community college gap assistance
LB1087	Arch	Create the Nebraska-Ireland Commission
LB1088	Raybould	Require persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence or subject to domestic abuse protection orders to surrender firearms for a period of time
LB1089	Hughes	Change enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act
LB1090	Murman	Provide requirements for petition circulators and provide a penalty
LB1091	Bostar	Provide requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services for long-term care clients with special needs under the medical assistance program
LB1092	Bostar	Provide for Back the Blue License Plates and Iconic-Design License Plates
LB1093	Ballard	Redefine excavation under the One-Call Notification System Act
LB1094	Ballard	Adopt the By-Right Housing Development Act and the Permitting Approval Timeliness Act
LB1095	Andersen	Change provisions relating to the duties of the Nebraska Investment Council, the state investment officer, and the State Treasurer
LB1096	Bostar	Adopt the Preventing Lethal Agricultural and National Threats Act and the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act, authorize the withholding of records relating to critical water infrastructure, and provide civil and criminal penalties

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LB1097	Conrad	Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act
LB1098	Juarez	Adopt the State Rail Plan Act
LB1099	Hansen	Provide for Husker Red License Plates
LB1100	Sorrentino	Modernize language in a civil procedure statute
LB1101	Neb. Retirement Systems	Change the amount of the state contribution to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges
LB1102	Ballard	Provide requirements for monthly payments of retirement allowances and change when certain cost-of-living adjustments occur under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1103	Bostar	Change the mandatory retirement age and provisions relating to deferred retirement option plans under the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act
LB1104	Dover	Provide for certain determinations relating to the avoidance of motor vehicle taxes and fees under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act
LB1105	Dover	State intent regarding appropriations
LB1106	Prokop	Provide for transfers of funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Patient Safety Cash Fund
LB1107	G. Meyer	Change provisions of the Rural Road Improvement District Act
LB1108	Clouse	Change provisions related to contracts entered into by and bidding requirements and exceptions for joint entities and public power districts
LB1109	von Gillern	Eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and a renewable energy tax credit and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act and the Imagine Nebraska Act
LB1110	von Gillern	Change provisions related to the distribution of certain tax revenue, confidentiality of shared information, contracts between the Tax Commissioner and collection agencies, and the collection and enforcement of delinquent income tax claims and provide for fees
LB1111	M. Cavanaugh	Require an annual data center load report to the Nebraska Power Review Board, provide powers and duties for public power suppliers, allow and require regulation of data centers, and change provisions relating to regulation of cryptocurrency mining operations
LB1112	McKinney	Adopt the Statewide Standardized Grading System Act
LB1113	Urban Affairs	Change provisions relating to certain notices under the Community Development Law
LB1114	Urban Affairs	Change provisions related to eligibility of redevelopment plans for expedited review under the Community Development Law
LB1115	Storer	Exempt microbreweries from certain distribution agreement requirements between beer suppliers and wholesalers
LB1116	Ibach	Change provisions relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB1117	Ibach	Change provisions relating to tuition waivers and provide for reimbursement to postsecondary institutions
LB1118	Bosn	Classify certain actions by a social media platform as deceptive trade practices under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act
LB1119	Bosn	Change provisions relating to the collection and use of personal data and provide additional duties and prohibitions for a covered online service under the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act
LB1120	Hansen	Authorize a progressive jackpot form of lottery and raffle under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act
LB1121	Ballard	Adopt the Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act, change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act, and change provisions relating to recreational vehicles
LB1122	Bostar	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB1123	Bostar	Provide requirements relating to Brady-Giglio lists, protections for certain officers, and duties for prosecuting agencies and public safety agencies, and change the penalty for impersonating a peace officer
LR305CA	Lippincott	Constitutional amendment to authorize the recall of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and members of the Legislature
LR306	McKinney	Express condolences to the family, friends, and community of Todd Meneely



2026 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES



AGRICULTURE

Chairperson: Sen. Barry DeKay

Members: Sens. Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach (VC), Kauth, F. Meyer, Raybould and Storm

Meets: Tuesday — Room 1023



APPROPRIATIONS

Chairperson: Sen. Robert Clements

Members: Sens. Armendariz (VC), M. Cavanaugh, Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey and Strommen

Meets: Monday and Tuesday — Room 1524
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — Room 1003



BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE

Chairperson: Sen. Mike Jacobson

Members: Sens. Bostar, Dungan, Hallstrom (VC), Hardin, Riepe, von Gillern and Wordekemper

Meets: Monday and Tuesday — Room 1507



BUSINESS & LABOR

Chairperson: Sen. Kathleen Kauth

Members: Sens. Hansen, Ibach, McKinney, F. Meyer, Raybould and Sorrentino (VC)

Meets: Monday — Room 1200



EDUCATION

Chairperson: Sen. Dave Murman

Members: Sens. Conrad, Hughes (VC), Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, G. Meyer and Sanders

Meets: Monday and Tuesday — Room 1525



GENERAL AFFAIRS

Chairperson: Sen. Rick Holdcroft

Members: Sens. Andersen, J. Cavanaugh (VC), Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree and Storm

Meets: Monday — Room 1023



GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chairperson: Sen. Rita Sanders

Members: Sens. Andersen (VC), J. Cavanaugh, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, F. Meyer and Wordekemper

Meets: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — Room 1507



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Chairperson: Sen. Brian Hardin

Members: Sens. Ballard, Fredrickson (VC), Hansen, G. Meyer, Quick and Riepe

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JUDICIARY

Chairperson: Sen. Carolyn Bosn

Members: Sens. DeBoer (VC), Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree, Storer and Storm

Meets: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — Room 1525



NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairperson: Sen. Tom Brandt

Members: Sens. Clouse, Conrad, DeKay (VC), Hughes, Juarez, Moser and Raybould

Meets: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — Room 1023



NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Chairperson: Sen. Beau Ballard

Members: Sens. Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez and Sorrentino (VC)

Meets: At the call of the chairperson — Room 1525



REVENUE

Chairperson: Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

Members: Sens. Bostar, Dungan, Ibach, Jacobson (VC), Kauth, Murman and Sorrentino

Meets: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — Room 1524



TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson: Sen. Mike Moser

Members: Sens. Ballard (VC), Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca and Storer

Meets: Monday and Tuesday — Room 1510



URBAN AFFAIRS

Chairperson: Sen. Terrell McKinney

Members: Sens. Andersen, J. Cavanaugh, Clouse (VC), Quick, Rountree and Sorrentino

Meets: Tuesday — Room 1200



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairperson: Sen. Ben Hansen

Members: Sens. Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Ibach (VC), Jacobson, McKinney and Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

Meets: At the call of the chairperson — Room 1524



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Chairperson: Sen. Christy Armendariz

Members: Sens. Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, J. Cavanaugh, Fredrickson, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Moser, Murman, Sanders and Spivey

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Tuesday, Jan. 20

Agriculture

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

LB794 (DeKay) Change powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and eliminate provisions relating to the Healthy Soils Task Force and obsolete fund transfers

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Maureen Larsen - Dept. of Economic Development

LB719 (Jacobson) Redefine a term under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act

LB717 (Jacobson) Adopt changes to federal law regarding banking and finance, change provisions relating to control of certain banks and trust companies, digital asset depository institutions, interest rates on certain loans, installment loans, mortgage loan originators, and mortgage bankers, and change references to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act in the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act

LB718 (Jacobson) Change provisions relating to examination, permit issuance, and disciplinary actions regarding certified public accountants

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB748 (Sorrentino) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and allow for the use of trust funds for recognized postsecondary credential programs

LB841 (Rountree) Change provisions relating to special education services, parental consent, and hearings

LB924 (Andersen) Change authorized uses of learning community levies

LB937 (Education) Change provisions relating to option enrollment, reading, dyslexia, reporting, teacher apprenticeships, teacher recruitment and retention, and the College Pathway Program

LB940 (Murman) Prohibit certain color additives in school meals

Transportation & Telecommunications Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: Matthew B. O'Daniel, Chad J. Tessman - Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

LB771 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to dynamic pricing used by transportation network companies

LB738 (Rountree) Provide for Honoring Women Veterans license plates

LB769 (DeKay) Provide for University of Nebraska State Museum License Plates, provide duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the University of Nebraska, and create a fund

Urban Affairs

Room 1200 - 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE: LB800 & LB801 will be a combined hearing*

LB726 (Quick) Update references to the National Electrical Code in the State Electrical Act

LB798 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to the composition of the planning commission of a city of the second class or village and allow a city of the second class to elect council members by ward

**LB800 (Urban Affairs) Adopt updates to building and energy codes*

**LB801 (Urban Affairs) Adopt updates to building and energy codes*

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB767 (Holdcroft) Adopt the Certified Help Options in Claims Expertise for Veterans Act

LB786 (Sanders) Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, create a fund, provide for grants to certain needy service members, and provide duties to the Adjutant General

LB787 (Sanders) Change provisions relating to the Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs and eliminate provisions relating to veterans homes

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB720 (Quick) Create a temporary event license for body artists under the Uniform Credentialing Act

LB733 (Riepe) Change the name of the Division of Developmental Disabilities to the Division of Disability and Aging within the Department of Health and Human Services

LB892 (Hansen) Change requirements relating to licensure of massage therapy establishments

LB825 (Ballard) Require training on domestic abuse for mental health practitioners under the Uniform Credentialing Act

LB792 (Raybould) Eliminate an applicability provision of the Family Home Visitation Act

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: Christon MacTaggart, Kendra Bryant - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Appointments: Mark T. Langan, Janee Pannkuk - Neb. Board of Parole

LB751 (Spivey) Require a study to improve reporting and investigation of missing Black women and children

LB741 (McKinney) Change the membership of the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee and the Nebraska Children's Commission

LB753 (Rountree) Provide for recognition and enforcement of military protective orders under the Protection Orders Act

LB876 (Hallstrom) Adopt the Immediate Protection from Abuse Act and change notice requirements under the Protection Orders Act

LB818 (Storer) Change provisions relating to penalties for domestic assault and assault by strangulation or suffocation

LB789 (Bosn) Provide an exclusion from the hearsay rule for a statement offered against a party that wrongfully caused the declarant's unavailability

Natural Resources

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Douglas A. Zingula - Game & Parks Commission

Appointment: Garfield Coleman - Neb. Environmental Trust Board

LB759 (Brandt) Change provisions relating to water wells, the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment,

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the Perkins County Canal Project Act, and the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund
 LB760 (Brandt) Change and eliminate provisions of the Environmental Safety Act
 LB761 (Brandt) Create a fund and change provisions relating to water well fees, use of funds, and powers and duties of the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB834 (Kauth) Change provisions relating to county assessors, the Property Tax Administrator, real property assessments, taxes levied in counties, delinquent taxes owed to counties, remission of sales and use taxes, and mobile homes
 LB770 (DeKay) Authorize fees for the collection of certain taxes of reclamation districts and county agricultural societies and change the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax
 LB868 (DeKay) Provide an inheritance tax exemption relating to victims of homicide and change provisions relating to when certain inheritance taxes are due

Thursday, Jan. 22

**Government, Military & Veterans Affairs
 Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB951 (Ballard) Include extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction in municipal elections and districts
 LR283CA (DeKay) Constitutional amendment to state that only a United States citizen may be an elector
 LR284CA (McKinney) Constitutional amendment to change the voting age to sixteen years of age

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB735 (Rountree) Adopt the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact
 LB736 (Rountree) Adopt the Athletic Trainer Compact
 LB887 (Hallstrom) Change provisions relating to pharmacists and transfer of prescriptions and eliminate a report under the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act

LB721 (Quick) Change provisions relating to eligibility for grants under the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE: LB804, LB816 & LB755 will be a combined hearing*

*LB804 (Lonowski) Provide confidential peer support counseling for law enforcement officers, emergency services personnel, and Nebraska National Guard personnel
 *LB816 (Storer) Provide privileges and immunities relating to peer support services communications by public safety personnel
 *LB755 (Wordekemper) Adopt the Emergency Service Peer Support Act
 LB795 (DeKay) Designate bromazepam as a controlled substance under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and correct the spelling of certain controlled substances
 LB727 (Kauth) Authorize law enforcement agencies to obtain, maintain, and possess epinephrine autoinjectors for use by a law enforcement officer and require training
 LB817 (Storer) Enhance penalties for certain controlled substance offenses involving fentanyl
 LB877 (Hallstrom) Designate certain substances as controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
 LB831 (Hallstrom) Provide limitations and requirements for civil actions relating to exposure to ethylene oxide

Natural Resources

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Steve Mattoon - Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
 LB823 (Wordekemper) Change provisions relating to burning permits and the statewide open burning ban
 LB979 (Brandt) Change provisions of the Game Law and the State Boat Act

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

*NOTE: *LB848 & LB865 will be a combined hearing*

LB749 (Sorrentino) Change provisions relating to the calculation of tax levies for state aid to municipalities
 LB757 (von Gillern) Provide a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase of an aircraft to be leased between related companies
 LB900 (Lonowski) Change provisions relating to fees, commissions, and mileage of county sheriffs for distress warrants issued for the collection of taxes
 *LB848 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for exemption from sales tax for purchases of clothing, personal computers, and school supplies for a prescribed period
 *LB865 (Prokop) Provide for exemption from sales tax for purchases of child care supplies, clothing, footwear, and school supplies for a prescribed period

Friday, Jan. 23

**Government, Military & Veterans Affairs
 Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.**

Appointment: Douglas Hohbein - State Fire Marshal
Appointment: J.L. Spray - Neb. Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Ashley Newmyer - DHHS: Division of Public Health
 LB845 (Health & Human Services) Eliminate, rename, and change provisions relating to committees and councils administered by the Department of Health and Human Services
 LB867 (Health & Human Services) Change and eliminate provisions relating to programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services
 LB832 (Hansen) Extend the prohibition of the addition of long-term care services and supports to the medicaid managed care program
 LB913 (Guereca) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to appoint a dementia services coordinator

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Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB863 (Prokop) Require the Department of Correctional Services to construct barriers around certain facilities near residential properties
- LB902 (Dungan) Adopt the Medical Standards for Incarcerated Individuals Act and provide powers and duties for the office of the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System
- LB961 (McKinney) Adopt the Collateral Sanction Relief Act
- LB994 (McKinney) Change provisions of the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act relating to good time and parole eligibility
- LB763 (Holdcroft) Exempt certain gatherings of members of the Board of Parole from the Open Meetings Act
- LB764 (Holdcroft) Provide for certain Department of Correctional Services employees to be law enforcement officers
- LB790 (Bosn) Change sanctions available for substance abuse violations of parole

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1524 - 12:00 p.m.

Appointment: Keith Olson - Neb. Investment Council

- LB820 (Nebraska Retirement Systems) Change retirement provisions relating to approved identification documents, participation in certain retirement systems, state contributions, ex officio members of the Nebraska Investment Council, contributions by school districts, and computation of tax withholdings, and change the title of the executive director of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems
- LB821 (Nebraska Retirement Systems) Eliminate certain verification requirements performed by the Public Employees Retirement Board and change duties of the board and the Nebraska Investment Council relating to retirement systems

Monday, Jan. 26

Business & Labor

Room 1200 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB864 (Prokop) Transfer administration of student internships from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Labor
- LB747 (Sorrentino) Change provisions relating to child labor, the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act, the Contractor Registration Act, and the Employee Classification Act
- LB1015 (Ibach) Redefine a term and change provisions relating to the combined tax and the state unemployment insurance tax rate under the Employment Security Law and change provisions relating to the Business Innovation Act
- LB921 (Ibach) Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act and change certain employer duties under the Non-English-Speaking Workers Protection Act
- LB847 (Kauth) Adopt the Nebraska Registered Apprenticeship Act and change provisions relating to the combined tax rate under the Employment Security Law

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB833 (Kauth) Change provisions relating to instructional priorities and degree programs at state colleges
- LB956 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for the collection of postsecondary institution compensation data
- LB870 (Andersen) Change residence requirements relating to tuition and fees at state postsecondary educational institutions
- LB745 (Juarez) Change provisions relating to the requirements for a diploma of high school equivalency

General Affairs

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

- Appointments:* Susan Lutz, Matthew Monheiser - Neb. Commission on Problem Gambling
- LB782 (Riepe) Change the percentage of the tax on gross proceeds submitted to the Department of Revenue under the Nebraska County and

City Lottery Act

- LB828 (DeKay) Redefine a term relating to gift enterprises
- LB1001 (General Affairs) Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed racetrack enclosures, licenses and wagering on horseracing, assistance to problem gamblers, the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling, the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue, keno at licensed racetrack enclosures, and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
- LB1047 (Holdcroft) Authorize music bingo under the Nebraska Bingo Act and change provisions relating to special event bingo and prizes that can be awarded under the act

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB781 (Ballard) Adopt updates to federal law relating to motor vehicles and motor carriers and change civil penalties against certain motor carriers
- LB886 (Andersen) Change provisions relating to operation of motor vehicles by persons who are not citizens of the United States
- LB922 (Brandt) Change certain fees under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act
- LB972 (Fredrickson) Change provisions relating to parking spaces for handicapped or disabled persons, the State Boat Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Agriculture

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB807 (Ibach) Change the administration of the Noxious Weed Control Act from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment and change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and the Water Resources Cash Fund
- LB947 (Agriculture) Change fees under the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act and the Pesticide Act, change

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provisions relating to the Weeds of the Great Plains book, and change, eliminate, and terminate certain funds
 LB948 (Agriculture) Rename and change provisions of the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act, eliminate the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Resources Act, terminate a fund, and eliminate provisions relating to certain associations and societies

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

LB836 (Jacobson) Change provisions relating to charges for the examination of financial institutions and the levying of assessments, fees, and costs on certain financial entities
 LB837 (Jacobson) Provide for rounding of certain cash transaction amounts
 LB838 (Jacobson) Change provisions relating to the financial exploitation of vulnerable or senior adults
 LB783 (Hallstrom) Adopt the Uniform Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act and provide an exemption to the documentary stamp tax

**Transportation & Telecommunications
 Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

Appointments: Blake H. Dillon, Steven J. Matus, Mike Anderson, Dennis Butler, Thomas R. McCaslin, Clint Jones - Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Wednesday, Jan. 28

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

Appointments: G. Randall Hansen, Kathleen Bauer - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Thursday, Jan. 29

**Health & Human Services
 Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

**NOTE: This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines*
 LB732 (Kauth) Change provisions relating to the ability of a health care practitioner to provide cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers under the Let Them Grow Act

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE: This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines*
 LB731 (Kauth) Adopt the Gender Transition Malpractice Accountability Act, provide an exemption to the time limitation to commence certain actions relating to professional negligence, require insurance coverage for certain treatments and procedures arising as a result of a gender-altering procedure, and change provisions relating to civil actions under the Let Them Grow Act

Friday, Jan. 30

**Nebraska Retirement Systems
 Room 1524 - 12:00 p.m.**

LB824 (Lonowski) Change provisions relating to termination of employment under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act
 LB743 (Juarez) Change provisions relating to optional benefit forms under the Police Officers Retirement Act
 LB822 (Nebraska Retirement Systems) Rename the Police Officers Retirement Act as the Cities of the First Class Police Officers Retirement Act and change provisions of such act ■



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January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 16 – Presidents' Day

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February 13
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Sen. Fred Meyer (left) speaks at the Jan. 14 press conference announcing his appointment by Gov. Jim Pillen (center).