

Bill to provide work comp for firefighter cancer diagnoses passed over

After approximately five hours of general file debate, a bill that would provide workers' compensation benefits to firefighters who develop certain cancers was passed over Jan. 23 at the request of the introducer.

LB400, sponsored by Fremont Sen. Dave 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.

As introduced last session, the bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that cancer experienced by a firefighter arose out of the course



Sen. Dave Wordekemper asked for more time to find a compromise on LB400.

of employment. The measure would apply to professional and volunteer firefighters who have served for at least five years.

Retired firefighters would be eligible for medical benefits only and must be diagnosed within 60 months of retiring.

Wordekemper said the International Agency for Research on Cancer recently classified firefighting as a Group 1 carcinogen, meaning the profession itself is carcinogenic to humans and carries the highest level of cancer risk.

Twenty-eight states have passed similar legislation providing all firefighters with a rebuttable presumption for occupational cancer, he said, but

Nebraska presumes that cancer is duty related only if a firefighter dies as a result of the disease.

"We already know from science that wearing contaminated gear and running into burning buildings filled with carcinogens causes cancer,"

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Chief justice notes successes, challenges

In his State of the Judiciary address Jan. 22, Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Funke praised lawmakers for funding the judicial branch during the last legislative session despite ongoing budget pressures.

"Last year's budget process placed enormous pressure on this body," he said. "You looked closely at the State's expenditures, you weighed the impact of the work being accomplished and you saw the importance of funding the judicial branch."

Funke also expressed gratitude to Nebraska judges for

their dedication, noting that many leave higher-paying private practice to serve the public while managing heavy caseloads and emotionally charged matters.

"Doing this work comes with grave responsibilities and frequently intense criticism, yet our judges remain steadfast and committed to the rule of law and the protection of our democracy," he said.

The chief justice noted a decline in judicial applications in recent years, calling it a challenge the legislative, judicial

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and executive branches must address together.

Speaking to recidivism, Funke said Nebraska’s overall rate stands at an “exceptional” 19%, with more than 80% of probationers successfully completing supervision. In addition, the judicial branch served nearly 2,400 juveniles daily last year, he said, while maintaining an all-time low juvenile recidivism rate of 17%.

Nebraska’s 35 problem-solving courts – including drug, mental health, veteran, reentry, juvenile and family courts – continue to offer cost-effective alternatives to incarceration, Funke said, with a 24% recidivism rate among participants. He said budget constraints are limiting the courts’ capacity, however, and he urged lawmakers to

provide additional resources.

“Currently, our budget will not allow for the needed increase, and

suitable problem-solving court candidates are being turned away,” Funke said. “Many of those turned away will languish in county jails or end up in our state’s already overcrowded prisons.”

Looking ahead to 2027, Funke said the judicial branch is working to replace its outdated JUSTICE case management system to streamline operations and improve electronic capabilities, data accuracy and communication.

First launched in 1994, the in-house system has saved taxpayers millions of dollars, he said. The modernization is expected to cost tens of millions, Funke said, and may require legislative appropriations in fiscal year 2027 if other funding options are exhausted. ■



Chief Justice Funke addresses lawmakers Jan. 22.

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Wordekemper said. “I ask that we give firefighters ... the proper protections they deserve.”

A pending Business and Labor Committee amendment would replace LB400 with a modified version of the original proposal.

The amendment would establish a rebuttable presumption only if two conditions are met: if a cancer was shown to be medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances, and if the firefighter’s previous physical examinations showed no evidence of cancer.

Kearney Sen. Stan Clouse offered an amendment to the committee amendment, adopted on a 25-20 vote, to address concerns about the inclusion of volunteer firefighters in LB400.

Under the amendment, a volunteer firefighter would be eligible for benefits under the Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act only after serving for 10 years, during which time they must have actively participated in a minimum of 40% of the department’s drills and 25% of the emergency calls received by the department. The amendment also would change the bill’s operative date to Jan. 1, 2027.

Clouse said the changes would ensure that volunteer firefighters who are active and exposed to high levels of carcinogens are provided the same rebuttable presumption for occupational cancer.

“Cancer doesn’t discriminate between paid and volunteer fire departments,” he said.

Sen. George Dungan of Lincoln supported the bill and both amendments, saying municipalities and

employers, not the firefighters who are battling cancer, should bear the burden of rebutting workers’ compensation claims. Individuals should not have to fight to afford treatment while also fighting for their lives, he said.

“We’re talking about people who have put their lives on the line ... and they get cancer as a part of their job,” Dungan said. “I think we owe it to the individuals in that profession to give them this rebuttable presumption.”

Also speaking in support of LB400 and the amendments, Lincoln Sen. Danielle Conrad said a rebuttable presumption simply establishes a baseline for a legal argument while allowing the other party to disprove the claim by a preponderance of evidence.

Such presumptions are not uncommon in state law, she said, noting that Nebraska has provided a rebuttable presumption to police officers and firefighters for death and disability benefits as a result of hypertension and heart or respiratory defect and disease for over 50 years.

“It hasn’t bankrupted the municipalities ... [or] clogged the courts,” Conrad said. “It’s a longstanding presumption that we have had on the books that works well to actually acknowledge the unique, inherent risks associated with the task of ... serving as a first responder.”

Sen. Mike Jacobson of North Platte spoke in opposition to the bill, which he called the “mother of unfunded mandates.” He said the measure could increase costs for municipalities significantly and expressed concern that funds needed to pay cancer benefits would be supplemented by raising property taxes.

“If you look at rebuttable presumptions, you’ve basically opened up the flood gates [so] that anyone who gets cancer ... will file for this benefit,” Jacobson said. “Where are we supposed to get that money?”

Syracuse Sen. Bob Hallstrom filed a series of procedural motions in opposition to LB400, saying the measure’s rebuttable presumption under the Workers’ Compensation Act does not exist for any other profession.

The cornerstone of the state’s workers’ compensation system has always placed the burden on the employee to prove that a condition occurred in the course of their employment, he said.

“I think we’re disrupting the workers’ compensation system,” Hallstrom said.

At Wordekemper’s request, LB400 was passed over to provide time for additional negotiations.

“After meeting with the opposition, we’ve come to an agreement to sit down and see if we can work out our differences,” he said.

The Legislature moved to the next item on the agenda without voting on the bill or the committee amendment. ■



BANKING, COMMERCE & INSURANCE

Changes to CPA licensure considered

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee heard testimony Jan. 20 on a measure intended to increase licensure access to those seeking to become certified public accountants in Nebraska.

North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson, sponsor of LB718, said the measure would expand and modernize pathways to licensure while maintaining strong professional standards and public safeguards.



Sen. Mike Jacobson

“We want our students to stay in Nebraska, test in Nebraska and start their careers in Nebraska,” Jacobson said.

Currently, to sit for the CPA exam in Nebraska, one must have completed 150 semester-hours of postsecondary academic credit, earned a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university and demonstrated professional competency.

Jacobson said the 150 credit-hour requirement essentially is 30 credits beyond what is required to earn a bachelor’s degree and is a barrier to entry for the profession.

LB718 instead would create three distinct licensure pathways in the state:

- a master’s degree plus one year of experience;
- a bachelor’s degree plus 30 additional credit hours and one year of experience;
- a bachelor’s degree plus two years of professional experience.

The measure also would clarify

that passing the exam is not the same as being credentialed as a CPA, align Nebraska law with the Uniform Accountancy Act and provide a distinction between administrative lapses and ethical violations.

“This protects the professional reputation of our accountants by ensuring that a simple failure to review a permit isn’t categorized alongside serious misconduct like fraud,” Jacobson said.

Jodi Eckhout, licensed CPA and chair of the Nebraska Society of CPAs, testified in favor of the proposal. Seventy-five percent of today’s CPAs will retire in the next 15 years, she said, and the growing shortage of professionals requires a way to make the licensure process more accessible.

For more than 20 years there’s been only one path into the profession in Nebraska, Eckhout said, which has become a barrier to many students due to tuition costs and delayed entry into the workforce.

Under the bill, every CPA in Nebraska, regardless of pathway, still must complete the same core accounting coursework, pass the same national exam and demonstrate real-world competence under the supervision of a licensed CPA,” she said.

Andrew Blossom, vice chair of the Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy, also supported the bill on behalf of the board. He said that as a member of the state agency that regulates CPAs in Nebraska, he served on the licensure task force that developed LB718.

Twenty-two states already have passed similar legislation, Blossom said, and the measure would strengthen the profession and align Nebraska CPA licensure with the rest of the nation.

No one testified in opposition to the proposal and the committee took no immediate action on the measure.

EDUCATION

Option enrollment measure scaled back, exception for suspension of young students added

A bill aimed at expanding option enrollment for students with Individualized Education Programs received first-round approval Jan. 23 after being significantly scaled back and amended to restore schools’ ability to suspend pre-K through second grade students in certain circumstances.

Under LB653, sponsored by Glenvil Sen. Dave Murman, option school districts not in a learning community would be required to automatically accept siblings of currently enrolled students.



Sen. Dave Murman

As introduced last session, the bill also would require districts to:

- notify parents when a requested school is full but another building has space;
- alert applicants within 10 business days if an application is incomplete and subject to rejection;
- cap denied option enrollment applications from students with IEPs at 16% per school year; and
- allow districts to apply by Oct. 15 for Education Future Fund reimbursement if they accept a high-cost IEP option enrollment student.

An Education Committee amendment would have added provisions of five additional bills.

Murman said many original LB653

provisions already were enacted or no longer needed. As a result, he offered an amendment that would replace the committee amendment and remove all option enrollment rules except the sibling acceptance requirement for districts not in a learning community.

“Parents shouldn’t have to worry that their next child can’t attend the same school as their siblings,” Murman said. “We should keep siblings and families together [and] I think this is a reasonable ask of our schools.”

The amendment also includes provisions from Murman’s LB430, which would revise a 2023 law banning suspension or expulsion of pre-K through second grade students by allowing an exception for students who engage in physical violence that harms others.

Additionally, schools would be required to provide parents written notice when a child is suspended outlining available resources, steps taken to address the behavior and strategies to keep the student in school.

Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward supported LB653 and the Murman amendment, saying students are becoming increasingly violent at younger ages, creating challenges for small school districts with limited staff and resources.

Additionally, she said, the proposal is a better alternative than a bill introduced by the Education Committee this year, LB1053, which would outright repeal the suspension ban without the additional requirements included in Murman’s amendment.

“I think it’s better for the kids, family, the schools – all the way around – versus just a straight up repeal,” Hughes said.

Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney, who sponsored the 2023 suspension ban, offered a motion to indefinitely postpone LB653. He said the ban was intended to address racial disparities and reduce the school-to-prison pipe-

line, particularly for Black, Latino and Native American students.

Districts have failed to implement alternatives to suspension allowed under current law, he said, and instead are pushing to reinstate punitive measures.

Sen. Ashlei Spivey of Omaha supported McKinney’s motion, saying lawmakers should prioritize additional services and address underlying issues, such as student trauma, before resorting to suspension.

“We have to ensure that we are not passing more punitive policy consequences that don’t address those core root issues,” she said.

Also supporting the motion was Lincoln Sen. George Dungan, who said removing the suspension ban could disproportionately affect young students with developmental disabilities who may be perceived as violent.

McKinney later withdrew his motion and said he would work with Murman to attempt to find a compromise on the suspension portion of the bill before the next round of debate.

Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt said that while he supports reinstating the suspension provisions, he opposes requiring districts to automatically accept siblings of option enrollment students, citing capacity and staffing concerns.

After voting 33-8 to adopt Murman’s amendment, lawmakers adopted the committee amendment 34-3.

Senators then advanced LB653 to select file on a 30-6 vote.

NEST program expansion proposed

A measure that would expand eligible uses of Nebraska educational savings plan trust accounts was considered Jan. 20 by the Education Committee.

LB748, introduced by Elkhorn Sen. Tony Sorrentino, would align Nebraska law with federal changes

to 529 plans enacted in July 2025 as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.



Sen. Tony Sorrentino

Under the bill, families could use NEST accounts for education-related expenses beyond K-12 and postsecondary tuition, including books, tutoring and online instructional materials. The measure also would increase the annual withdrawal cap from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and expand eligible uses to qualified postsecondary credentialing programs, such as career and technical certifications.

The proposal also would grant the State Treasurer’s Office authority to enter agreements with recognized postsecondary credentialing programs, excluding those related to investment of program funds, and to make payments directly to those programs on behalf of beneficiaries.

Sorrentino said LB748 would ensure Nebraska’s NEST program remains competitive with other states and aligned with federal regulations.

Additionally, he said the measure would expand postsecondary options for Nebraskans who may not wish to pursue traditional two- or four-year degrees, such as obtaining commercial driver’s licenses or studying a trade.

“This expansion benefits blue collar workers, military members and middle class families, not just traditional four-year college students,” Sorrentino said.

State Treasurer Joey Spellerberg testified in support of the proposal, saying it would provide necessary updates to Nebraska’s 529 program while allowing students to pursue a wider range of career paths.

Also testifying in support of LB748 was Jay Steinacher, who oversees Union

Bank and Trust's 529 savings plans. Federal law already allows 529 funds to be used for qualified postsecondary credentialing programs, he said, but because those changes have not been implemented at the state level, Nebraska is at a competitive disadvantage.

"If we want Nebraska's 529 program to remain strong, modern and competitive, we need to align with national best practices," Steinacher said. "Expanding qualified expenses to include credentialing is fundamentally about giving Nebraska families the flexibility they need to support the education and career pathways that best fit their children's goals."

Tim Royers, president of the Nebraska State Education Association, opposed the measure. There is no pressing need to raise the annual withdrawal cap to \$20,000, he said, and doing so primarily would benefit the state's wealthiest families.

Additionally, Royers said, federal regulations reflecting the recent changes have yet to be written and may take several years to be implemented in Nebraska.

"Let's just put a pause button on this," Royers said. "Let's wait and see what the federal regulations are and develop those practices in the state accordingly."

The committee took no immediate action on LB748.



Veteran benefit assistance rules proposed

A bill that would create rules governing individuals who advise, assist or consult on veteran benefit matters

for compensation was considered Jan. 21 by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

LB767, sponsored by Sen. Rick Holdcroft of Bellevue, would create the Certified Help Options in Claims Expertise for Veterans Act. He said the measure is intended to provide state enforcement of new consumer protections related to people who prepare veteran benefit claims for compensation.



Sen. Rick Holdcroft

Under the bill, veterans would be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that they have chosen to forego free services available to them through a Veterans Service Office and have a written, signed agreement with an agent.

Holdcroft said there are fewer than 200 Veterans Service Officers in the state to assist the approximately 120,000 Nebraska veterans who may need help filing for benefits. That equates to approximately 600 veterans for each VSO, he said.

"Veterans Service Officers do wonderful work," Holdcroft said, "but simply can't be expected to keep up with the demands of their comrades."

Among other provisions, paid agents would be required to be recognized for such purpose by the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and would be prohibited from:

- charging an initial or nonrefundable fee;
- guaranteeing a successful outcome;
- charging interest on any payment plans agreed to by the parties;
- using international data centers to process a client's personal information; or

- gaining direct access to a client's personal medical, financial or government benefit accounts.

Compensation would be contingent upon an increase in benefits awarded and could not exceed five times the amount of the monthly increase in benefits awarded based on the claim.

Violations would be considered a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act and subject to remedies and penalties.

Peter O'Rourke, president of the National Association for Veterans Rights and former acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in favor of LB767.

Veterans and their families must navigate a complex system in order to obtain benefits, he said, and protections are needed to make sure that they are not taken advantage of by those assisting them.

"[Without] these safeguards in this bill, they could fall victim to misleading and exploitative actors," O'Rourke said.

Also testifying in support was John Blomstrom, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran from Keya Paha County.

Veterans deserve choices not mandates, Blomstrom said, and should be able to hire someone to help them pursue benefits. He said the VA system is "overwhelmed and slow" and even VSOs with the best intentions cannot meet the demand.

"LB767 gets it right," Blomstrom said. "It protects veterans from bad actors without taking away their freedom to choose how they navigate an already difficult VA disability system."

More than a dozen veterans, VSOs and veterans organizations opposed the measure, including Ken Yount. Speaking on behalf of Nebraska's federal and state recognized veterans organizations, he said the measure

would empower “middle men” who often exploit veterans.

Yount said VSOs are trained, subject to VA oversight and held to strict standards of conduct. They also must pass federal examinations, undergo background checks, participate in mandated continuing education and operate under transparent disciplinary systems, he said.

“In contrast, the non-accredited organizations and individuals have no VA training, no oversight and no accountability if misconduct occurs,” Yount said.

Judy Walters, Department Commander of the Nebraska American Legion, also opposed the measure on behalf of the organization. She said every county in the state has at least one VSO who is dedicated to helping fellow veterans obtain their benefits free of charge.

“No veteran should have to pay to get assistance from Nebraska,” she said.

The committee took no immediate action on LB767.

Bill would expand municipal election district boundaries

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee heard testimony Jan. 22 on a measure that would expand voting district boundaries in municipal elections to include extraterritorial zoning jurisdictions.

An ETJ is the area adjacent to a municipality within which cities may apply zoning and building codes and other regulations that impact land use and development. In Nebraska, the area is three miles outside the city limits for metropolitan and primary class cities, two miles for first class cities and one mile for second class cities and villages.

LB951, sponsored by Sen. Beau Ballard of Lincoln, would require ETJs to

be included in the district boundaries for municipal elections beginning Jan. 1, 2027.

Ballard said the inability of ETJ residents to vote in city elections amounts to a “form of taxation without representation.” Current law subjects landowners to “indirect” taxation, he said, in the form of permitting and inspection fees, without allowing them to vote for the elected representatives who set those policies.

“LB951 will restore fairness, accountability and participation in the democratic process for thousands of Nebraskans,” Ballard said.

Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen testified in support of the proposal, saying the “fundamental interest of property owners” should be “paramount” when deciding who has the right to choose elected officials.

“This bill will correct what I consider to be an anomaly in that principle in our state,” Evnen said.

Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, testified in favor on behalf of the Secretary of State’s Office, but noted practical concerns with the measure.

For example, he said, many small villages in Nebraska have not redrawn their municipal voting districts in decades. He suggested that the bill’s implementation date be extended to accommodate that task.

Also testifying in favor was Luke Wenz of the Platte Institute. He said participation in the political process strengthens legitimacy and trust.

“If a government exercises power upon you, that government should also be accountable to you,” Wenz said.

Mike Rezac, a custom home builder and land developer, also supported LB951. His current residential devel-



Sen. Beau Ballard

opment is outside the Lincoln city limits but within an ETJ, he said, so the city has “complete authority” over street design, sidewalks, lighting, storm drainage, easements and even tree size and placement.

“Every major decision is controlled by the city,” Rezac said. “When disagreement occurs, there is no independent body to appeal to, no elected officials representing the residents or the property owners affected by these decisions.”

Opposing the measure was Omaha City Attorney Matt Kuhse. Zoning and building regulations are a small part of what cities do, he said, and extending voting rights for city elections to people who don’t live within the city would give them a voice in many matters that don’t impact them.

Kuhse said LB951 would allow ETJ residents who don’t pay city taxes an equal say on bond issues, police and firefighter budgets and more. In addition, he said, the bill raises practical concerns because many ETJs overlap with each other in fast-growing areas of the state like the Omaha metro, creating jurisdictional questions.

Also testifying in opposition was Gretna Mayor Mike Evans, who said nearly 2,700 more people live in the ETJ that surrounds the Gretna city limits than within it and extending municipal voting rights to those residents could lead to “representation without taxation.”

“The people in this ETJ can effectively tell our citizens what to do, how much taxes they pay, and regulate our community without any form of tax payment,” Evans said.

David Cary, director of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Development Services Department, also opposed LB951. ETJs allow cities to plan for thoughtful, efficient growth in ways that best serve both

residents of the city and the outlying areas, he said.

ETJ residents have existing means of participating in the political processes that govern them, he said, and can testify at planning committee public hearings and at city council meetings.

The committee took no immediate action on LB951.

Measure would lower voting age to 16

A proposed amendment to the Nebraska Constitution that would lower the state’s voting age to 16 was considered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Jan. 22.

Currently in Nebraska, a citizen who reaches age 18 on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and has resided within the state, county and voting precinct for the required term is eligible to be an elector for the calendar year in which they have attained age 18.

If approved by lawmakers, LR-284CA, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney, would put the question of lowering the voting age to 16 on the 2026 general election ballot.



Sen. Terrell McKinney

McKinney said age 16 is when young people begin to make the transition to adulthood and become engaged in activities regulated by lawmakers, such as driving, working and paying taxes. Because of that, he said, several countries allow 16-year-olds to vote, including the U.K., Germany and Greece.

“The purpose of this resolution is to give Nebraskans the option to expand our voting base to younger voters,” McKinney said. “This could

increase civic engagement, strengthen civic education and promote lifelong participation in the voting process.”

Lincoln Southeast High School junior Holly Bowen testified in favor of the proposal. Bowen said she will turn 18 in December, just missing the opportunity to participate in the 2026 general election.

As a result, Bowen said, she cannot help choose the individuals who will make policy decisions over the next four years that will greatly impact her life.

“The teens of Nebraska are subject to a government they did not ask for,” she said. “We drive these streets, we work for this community, we attend these schools and we want our voice to be heard.”

Nora Wessel of NEw Voices, a youth-led Nebraska civic engagement organization, also spoke in favor of the measure. She said the proposed amendment would “align civic responsibility with civic power.”

Research shows that becoming involved in civic life at a young age increases the chances that an individual will stay involved in voting throughout their life, she said.

“We believe that democracy is strongest when all voices are included, especially those of young people who are directly affected by decisions made at every level of government,” Wessel said.

Civic Nebraska public policy director Kieran Kissler also testified in support. In countries and communities where similar measures have passed, she said, voter turnout is greater among 16- and 17-year-olds than among those 18 to 21.

No one testified in opposition to LR284CA and the committee took no immediate action on it.



Adult and child protective services registry changes advance

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 20 to a bill that would establish an appeals process for individuals before their names are added to either of two state registries dealing with abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults and children.

Current Nebraska law requires the state Department of Health and Human Services to keep records of individuals whom the department or courts have found responsible for abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult in what is known as the central registry.

The registry includes both the Adult Protective Services Central Registry and Central Registry of Child Protection Cases.

LB668, sponsored by Sen. Tanya Storer of Whitman, would prohibit an individual from being entered on the registry prior to being notified of the right to contest the determination.



Sen. Tanya Storer

The bill would require notification by certified mail at least 14 calendar days prior to a person’s entry on the central registry, offering them an opportunity for appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

The measure also would increase the fee cap from \$3 to \$5 per request to check the registry.

Storer said the measure would ensure that the process of adding someone’s name to the state’s central registry is just.

“LB668 strengthens due process protections for the accused and allows DHHS the opportunity to review its decision regarding placing an individual on that registry,” she said.

As introduced, the bill also would allow DHHS to use contracted case management for prevention cases. A prevention case is defined as one in which:

- at least one juvenile in the home is a candidate for foster care;
- ongoing child welfare services are not required to maintain the child’s safety; and
- the family is voluntarily engaging with services through community resources.

Currently, case management must be provided by a DHHS employee.

Storer offered an amendment to remove the provision allowing contracted case management for prevention cases.

The amendment instead further clarifies what qualifies as a prevention case. It also would allow DHHS to provide families with information about community resources to assist them in situations that are alleged in a report but that an investigation finds do not require further action by the department.

Storer said the amendment is aimed at family situations that don’t rise to the level of DHHS involvement, but in which families could benefit from being connected to community services that already exist, such as parenting programs and mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment.

“The underlying intent here with allowing caseworkers to make those referrals is about prevention,” Storer said.

Gering Sen. Brian Hardin supported the bill and the amendment. He said the measure would allow more Nebraska families to access local services without formal entry into the

child welfare system.

Following the 36-0 adoption of the Storer amendment, lawmakers advanced LB668 to select file 43-0.

Respiratory therapist interstate compact proposed

Members of the Health and Human Services Committee heard testimony Jan. 22 on a bill that seeks to add Nebraska to an interstate compact for respiratory therapists.

LB735, introduced by Sen. Victor Rountree of Bellevue, would adopt the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact. The compact would become active when enacted by seven states.



Sen. Victor Rountree

Under the compact, a licensed respiratory therapist who wishes to move into a member state could use their existing license as evidence that they are qualified to receive licensure in the member state.

Rountree said five states currently are members of the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, with eight more considering legislation to become members.

He said the compact would be especially beneficial for military spouses who frequently relocate.

“LB735 provides an opportunity to grow our respiratory care therapist workforce in Nebraska and ensure that patients who need assessment, treatment and management of conditions affecting their heart and lungs can access this medical care,” Rountree said.

Heather Nichols testified in support of the measure on behalf of the Nebraska Society of Respiratory Care. She said becoming a member of the interstate compact would benefit respiratory therapists who transport

and care for patients in multiple states.

“Many of our licensees live on our state borders and go between each state, which means they have to carry multiple licenses,” Nichols said. “Improving access to respiratory care practitioners ... improves our care of our patients.”

Marcy Wyrens, chairperson for the Board of Respiratory Care, also testified in support of LB735.

Nebraska hospitals rely on travel respiratory therapists to support patient care, she said, and implementation of an interstate compact would make it easier to attract these providers to the state.

“The bill allows [respiratory therapists] to move more freely amongst the states to care for patients,” Wyrens said.

No one testified in opposition to LB735 and the committee took no immediate action on the bill.

Bill would require training in domestic abuse counseling

A bill that would require mental health practitioners in Nebraska to complete continuing education in domestic abuse counseling was heard by the Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 21.

LB825, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Beau Ballard, would require mental health practitioners licensed under the Mental Health Practice Act to complete a minimum of two hours



Sen. Beau Ballard

of continuing education in domestic abuse counseling every two years.

The bill would require such training be conducted by an individual who has a minimum of three years of experience working with offenders or victims of domestic abuse and has

completed an additional 40 hours of domestic abuse related training.

Individuals who apply for a provisional mental health practitioner license also would be required to complete three hours of domestic abuse training, including training on:

- appropriate screening tools;
- indicators of high lethality or risk;
- documentation standards;
- appropriate referrals;
- advocacy and systems navigation;
- impacts on children;
- ethical practice; and
- trauma-informed and victim-centered care and safety planning.

Ballard said he introduced the measure to address growing rates of domestic violence related homicides in the state. The bill seeks to ensure that all mental health practitioners have the baseline training necessary to respond appropriately to complex and dangerous cases, he said.

“[LB825] comes out of a very real and troubling issue we are seeing in Nebraska,” Ballard said. “This bill is about safety, competency and prevention.”

Amy Cirian testified in support of the proposal on behalf of the Nebraska Domestic Abuse Death Review Team and the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office.

She said the review team recommended implementing domestic violence counseling continuing education requirements for mental health professionals in their 2025 annual report.

Mental health practitioners and social workers often are among the first – and sometimes only – professionals to have sustained contact with individuals experiencing or perpetrating domestic violence, Cirian said.

“[In 2025] Nebraska experienced 30 domestic abuse-related victim deaths, including 11 murder-suicides,” she said. “Requiring domestic violence training is a reasonable, responsible and neces-

sary step to strengthen our profession and better protect Nebraskans.”

Sarah Kirkwood, a licensed independent mental health practitioner, also spoke in support of LB825. She said improper training could lead clinicians to unintentionally misinterpret harmful behaviors and miss opportunities to connect survivors with resources and community support.

The recurring pattern of control and violence can be reinforced instead of stopped without proper training, Kirkwood said, which is why measures that prioritize clinical training and workforce support are critical to improving care and ensuring safety.

“When there is limited knowledge and training in this area, therapists can be used as another weapon against victims by unknowingly continuing emotional or mental abuse,” Kirkwood said. “By investing in training, we can empower clinicians to provide trauma-informed, safe and effective care for survivors of domestic violence.”

Maureen Brase of Lincoln also testified in support. Brase said she was not able to understand the patterns and dynamics of her own abuse until finding a mental health provider with training in domestic violence counseling.

No one testified in opposition to LB825 and the committee took no immediate action on the bill.

JUDICIARY



Study of missing Black women and children proposed

A bill aimed at improving the reporting and investigation of missing Black women and children in Nebraska was considered Jan. 21 by

the Judiciary Committee.

Under LB751, introduced by Omaha Sen. Ashlei Spivey, the Nebraska State Patrol would be required to conduct a study to determine ways to expand criminal justice resources for reporting and identifying missing Black women and children.



Sen. Ashlei Spivey

The patrol would collaborate with state and federal agencies, including the Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs and the U.S. Department of Justice, to assess the scope of the issue, identify barriers and improve information sharing and coordination.

An electronic report detailing the study’s findings – including data, analysis, identified barriers and possible future legislation – would be due to the Legislature’s Executive Board by June 1, 2027.

Nebraska averages about 700 reports of missing Black women and children each year, Spivey said, and Black women and children make up over 36% of missing persons cases nationwide.

She said LB751 is largely modeled after a bill passed by former Sen. Tom Brewer in 2019 that commissioned a study to increase investigative resources for missing Native American women and children. The study produced actionable measures the State Patrol could implement, Spivey said, including the development of a standard operating procedure for handling missing persons cases.

“LB751 really just ensures that we have better practices and can be informed about the issue in front of us,” Spivey said.

Representing the Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs,

Eboni Caridine testified in support of the bill. Significant research gaps exist regarding missing Black women and children, she said, which the measure could help address.

“LB751 affirms dignity through action,” Caridine said. “By dedicating time, resources and research, Nebraska acknowledges Black women and children deserve the same urgency and care as any other missing person.”

Joy Kathurima also testified in support on behalf of I Be Black Girl. The bill is not intended to be a criticism of law enforcement, she said, but rather an investment in public safety.

“The state has made a commitment to protecting women and children, and this bill is a step toward living up to that commitment,” Kathurima said.

Chris Maas testified in opposition to LB751, saying the bill raised concerns for him about broader failures within the judicial system.

The committee took no immediate action on the proposal.

Peer support confidentiality protections considered for public safety personnel

Three measures aimed at protecting the confidentiality of communications between certified peer support team members and public safety personnel were heard by the Judiciary Committee Jan. 22.

Taken together, the three proposals would establish legal protections for peer support counseling involving law enforcement officers, first responders and other emergency services employees.

Under all three bills, communications made during peer support sessions, which pair trained colleagues with shared experience with public safety personnel in need of help, could not be used in disciplinary or legal proceedings.

Fremont Sen. Dave Wordekemper, a former firefighter and sponsor of LB755, said he understands both the trauma



Sen. Dave Wordekemper

first responders face and the expectation that they continue responding to calls regardless of how they feel.

Those experiences can be isolating, Wordekemper said, and the most effective support often comes from another first responder with shared experience. Some officers and first responders avoid peer support counseling, however, out of concern that what they share could later be used against them, he said.

“We need to [encourage] peer support and ensure strong protections are in place so this practice can grow,” Wordekemper said.

LB804, as introduced by Sen. Dan Lonowski of Hastings, would include protections for peer support communications for members of the Nebraska National Guard. He offered an amendment at the hearing to remove them from the bill’s provisions, however, citing federal jurisdiction.



Sen. Dan Lonowski

Whitman Sen. Tanya Storer, introducer of LB816, said peer support programs have emerged as one of the most effective wellness resources available.



Sen. Tanya Storer

“LB816 will encourage law enforcement to seek help early, reduce the isolation that leads to burnout and crises, and strengthen the workforce that keeps our communities

safe,” Storer said.

Storer also said she, Lonowski and Wordekemper are working together to combine their three bills into a single proposal.

Deb Hoffman testified in support of LB816 on behalf of the Nebraska State Patrol, citing a 2023 study that found peer support was rated by law enforcement as the most effective wellness resource offered by agencies.

Hoffman said 88 of Nebraska’s 93 counties have a shortage of mental health providers, including 29 counties with no practicing mental health professionals. Peer support programs could help bridge that service gap, she said, particularly in rural areas of the state.

Lucas Bolton, representing the State Troopers Association of Nebraska, testified in support of all three measures. Peer support counseling can be effective, he said, but only if law enforcement and first responders can count on their communications being protected.

“Without privilege, peer support is essentially worthless in accomplishing what it was designed to do,” Bolton said. “Peer support only works when the people who need it most can trust it.”

Kevin Erickson, a former military member and law enforcement officer pursuing a doctorate in criminal justice, also testified in support of the three bills. Erickson said several states, including neighboring Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, have enacted similar confidentiality protections.

“A clear peer support system that balances structure with flexibility acts as a true intervention tool rather than a last resort,” Erickson said.

No one testified in opposition and the committee took no immediate action on the proposals.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Local regulation of swimming pools considered

The state no longer would set minimum safety requirements for public swimming pools under a bill heard Jan. 21 by the Natural Resources Committee.

Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, sponsor of LB760, said the bill would transfer the authority to permit, license and inspect swimming pools, mobile home parks and recreation



Sen. Tom Brandt

camps from the state Department of Water, Energy and Environment to county, city or village governments with jurisdiction over those facilities.

The bill would eliminate a requirement that the department prepare minimum sanitary and safety requirements for the operation of swimming pools and bather preparation facilities and instead authorize local governments to adopt their own requirements.

The department no longer would approve permits for the operation of a swimming pool or be required to inspect them at least once annually. It would be required to maintain a list of acceptable pool operator competency courses.

LB760 also would authorize local governments to adopt minimum health and safety requirements for recreation camps as well as minimum requirements for the establishment, operation and maintenance of mobile home parks.

Department director Jesse Bradley testified in support of the bill, saying local governments could more “ef-

ficiently and responsively” regulate the facilities. He said the department would provide inspection forms and other resources to local authorities to help ease the transition.

Jeremy Eschliman gave neutral testimony on LB760 on behalf of the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors. He said Nebraska relies on local health departments to coordinate environmental services in communities of varying sizes across multi-county regions.

However, the bill does not authorize local health departments to carry out the specified programs and could require them to receive approval from dozens of municipalities in their region, Eschliman said.

“This creates inconsistency for regulated entities,” he said, “increasing administrative burden and ultimately [making] it harder to maintain uniform public health and safety protections.”

Also testifying in a neutral capacity was Brock Hanisch of the Nebraska Environmental Health Association. He said LB760 raises concerns by proposing to replace statewide regulations for public swimming pools and spas with a discretionary local approach.

The current swimming pool requirements, along with operator training and routine inspections, help identify and correct hazards before they result in illness or injury, Hanisch said.

“Maintaining statewide minimum standards for swimming pools and spas provides a consistent baseline of protection for all Nebraskans, supports local implementation and helps ensure the public health safeguards remain in place regardless of where a facility is located,” he said.

No one testified in opposition to the bill and the committee took no immediate action on it.

Fee updates proposed for water and waste programs

Livestock producers would pay for a greater share of their state environmental oversight costs under a bill heard by the Natural Resources Committee Jan. 21.

Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt, sponsor of LB761, said the bill would raise user fees for several programs overseen by the state Department of Water, Energy and Environment in an effort to reduce those programs’ reliance on state general funds.

The bill would require the department to ensure that livestock waste control facility permit fees are adequate to meet 40% of the program’s costs instead of the current 20%. It also would increase the fee to register a water well from \$40 to \$200.

Additionally, LB761 would authorize the department to collect a fee from hazardous waste generators and assess fees to administer programs under the federal Clean Water Act, including the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Department director Jesse Bradley testified in support of the bill, saying it would save the agency approximately \$1.7 million in state general funds annually.

He said the well registration and livestock waste control facility permitting fees have not been increased in roughly two decades and that the proposed fees are comparable to those charged by neighboring states.

Lash Chaffin testified in opposition to LB761 on behalf of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. He said cities are concerned that the bill would not cap permitting fees the department could charge under the NPDES program, which regulates municipal wastewater treatment and stormwater runoff.

Seth Mitchell gave neutral testimony on LB761 on behalf of the Nebraska Pork Producers Association and several other agricultural organizations. Livestock producers recognize the importance of environmental monitoring and oversight, he said, but they have “sticker shock” at the prospect of doubling their share of program costs in a single step.

“We support a fee structure that is reasonable, equitable, transparent, predictable and competitive with other states,” Mitchell said.

The committee took no immediate action on the bill.

REVENUE

Property tax hearing attendance rule amended, advanced

Lawmakers gave first-round approval Jan. 20 to a bill intended to increase accountability for local governments seeking to raise property taxes.

The Property Tax Request Act, passed by the Legislature in 2021, requires counties, cities and school districts to participate in a joint public hearing before increasing their property tax request by more than an allowable growth percentage. Affected taxpayers are notified of the hearings via pink postcards.

Under current law, at least one elected official — or a designated representative — from each participating political subdivision must attend the hearing.

LB384, as introduced by Sen. Tanya Storer of Whitman last year, would require a



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majority of the elected members of the governing body of each participating political subdivision to attend.

Storer said a county could meet the current requirement by sending a clerk or treasurer to a hearing rather than a commissioner. She said LB384 would ensure that officials who are directly responsible for adopting a political subdivision’s budget and setting its tax rate are present.

“If you are going to vote to raise the taxes beyond the limit,” Storer said, “you need to be able to show up and hear what the constituents have to say about that.”

A Revenue Committee amendment, adopted 44-0, instead would require the attendance of one voting member of each governing body.

Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern, committee chairperson, supported LB384 and the amendment. Changing the requirement from a majority of board members to one would help avoid scheduling conflicts and overcrowding while still promoting accountability, he said.

Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln introduced an amendment, adopted 39-1, that would require the county assessor of the county hosting the hearing to attend.

“Since your ... property taxes are a function of the rate and your valuation,” he said, “I think it’s important to have the parties that are establishing both the rate and your valuation present.”

Senators voted 46-0 to advance LB384 to select file.

Back-to-school sales tax holiday proposals considered

Nebraskans would receive a temporary tax break on back-to-school purchases under two measures heard Jan. 22 by the Revenue Committee.

LB848, introduced by Omaha Sen. John Cavanaugh, and LB865, sponsored by Sen. Jason Prokop of Lincoln, would exempt sales of clothing and shoes costing \$100 or less, as well as certain school supplies, from state sales and use taxes as long as the items are for personal use.



Sen. John Cavanaugh



Sen. Jason Prokop

Cavanaugh’s bill would provide an additional benefit by exempting purchases from local sales and use taxes.

Both lawmakers said the proposals would provide targeted tax relief to Nebraska families at a time when prices of everyday goods remain high.

“That relief is especially important during [the] back-to-school season, when families are often required to make large, unavoidable purchases all at once,” Prokop said.

Prices for key baby and child care items increased by approximately 24% in 2025, he added, with prices for educational books and school supplies up by more than 9%.

LB848 would exempt retail sales of school supplies of up to \$50 per purchase. LB865 would exempt school supplies of up to \$100 per item.

Unlike LB865, Cavanaugh’s proposal would exempt sales of personal computers of up to \$1,500, software of up to \$350 and graphing calculators of up to \$150.

LB865 would exempt child care items like baby monitors, cribs and strollers with a sales price of \$100 or less.

Neither bill would exempt sales of cell phones, sports equipment or certain accessories like watches, jewelry

and handbags.

Under LB848, the annual sales tax holiday would begin on the first Friday in August and end at midnight on the following Sunday. Prokop's holiday would start on the last Friday in July.

The state Department of Revenue estimates that each proposal would reduce state general fund revenue by \$4 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2027-28.

Rich Otto testified in support of both bills on behalf of the Nebraska Retail Federation. He said the measures would encourage Nebraskans to do their back-to-school shopping at local retailers rather than those in Iowa or Missouri, which have annual sales tax holidays.

Council Bluffs retailers have reported that Iowa's sales tax holiday, which is held on the first Friday and Saturday in August, is their busiest shopping period other than Black Friday, Otto said.

Charles Carder, owner of a Lincoln preschool and child care center, testified in support of LB865. He said Prokop's proposal would help families on tight budgets afford to buy developmental and safety equipment for their homes as well as replace worn child care items.

"LB865 will boost the economy for our community while also providing some budgetary relief for these families," Carder said.

No one testified in opposition to either bill and the committee took no immediate action on them.

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Alternative license plate proposals considered

New alternative license plates would honor women veterans and support University of Nebraska museums under bills heard Jan. 20 by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

LB738, introduced by Omaha Sen. Victor Rountree, would require the state Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue Honoring Women Veterans license plates.

"It is important that we honor the hard work, dedication and the sacrifices that women veterans in our state have made," he said. "I have served with so many strong women during my time in the Air Force, and each and every one of them is worthy of recognition."

The bill would require the state Department of Veterans' Affairs to use the associated fees to fund events focused on women veterans.

Desiree Wineland, Military Women's Memorial ambassador for Nebraska, testified in support of LB738. Although women have served in the armed forces for decades, she said, their service is not always recognized after returning to civilian life.

The proposed license plate would publicly affirm women veterans' contributions to national defense and acknowledge their sacrifices, Wine-

land said.

Under LB769, sponsored by Sen. Barry DeKay of Niobrara, the department would issue University of Nebraska State Museum License Plates beginning in 2027.



Sen. Barry DeKay

DeKay said the department would create no more than three license plate designs reflecting support for sites managed by the university: Ashfall Fossil Beds near Royal, Morrill Hall in Lincoln and Trailside Museum at Fort Robinson State Park.

The bill would require the Board of Regents to use fees generated by the new license plates to support research, public education and outreach at the museums.

Chloe Sweet, board member of a nonprofit that supports the State Museum, testified in support of LB769, saying the three sites have inspired and educated generations of Nebraskans.

"The commissioning of license plates would highlight the decades of work to promote the discovery of natural history and world cultures in Nebraska," she said.

Dr. Susan Weller, University of Nebraska State Museum director, gave neutral testimony on the bill. She said the proposed license plates, which could feature unique fossils found at each site, would help foster an appreciation for science and the natural world and benefit surrounding communities by attracting more tourists.

No one spoke in opposition to the measures and the committee took no immediate action on them. ■



Sen. Victor Rountree

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1124	Sorrentino	Increase the cigarette tax and state intent and change provisions relating to the distribution of cigarette tax proceeds
LB1125	Sorrentino	Require legislative approval of certain University contracts and restrict ownership of certain facilities
LB1126	Moser	Adopt the Infrastructure Development Investment Program Act and change provisions relating to the construction and repair of roads, the Transportation Innovation Act, the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB1127	Dover	Provide for hangtag permits for motor vehicles under the Game Law
LB1128	Dover	Change provisions relating to entertainment district licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB1129	Dover	Change provisions of the Community Development Law
LB1130	Jacobson	Adopt the Community Improvement District Act
LB1131	Bostar	Adopt the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Service Providers Tax Credit Act and eliminate personal property tax and sales and use tax exemptions relating to data centers
LB1132	Fredrickson	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for coverage of long-acting injectable and extended-release medications for certain individuals
LB1133	Kauth	Provide for payment of claims against the state
LB1134	Kauth	Change and provide limitations on updates to state and local building codes, electrical codes, and energy codes
LB1135	Urban Affairs	Change provisions of the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act
LB1136	Dungan	Require political subdivisions to identify authorized recipients of tort claims filed under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
LB1137	Ballard	Change provisions relating to residential contracts, notice of cancelations, prohibited acts, and post-loss assignment of rights or benefits under the Insured Homeowners Protection Act, licenses, contracts, prohibited acts, and fees under the public Adjusters Licensing Act, and penalties relating to fraudulent insurance acts
LB1138	Hallstrom	Adopt the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act
LB1139	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to liens arising from child and spousal support orders
LB1140	Spivey	Provide for distribution of appropriations to the State Department of Education for a pilot program in a city of the metropolitan class
LB1141	Spivey	Create the Nebraska Youth Pre-Apprentice Conservation Program, provide powers and duties to the Game and Parks Commission, and transfer funds from the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund
LB1142	Hardin	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Visitors Development Act
LB1143	Hardin	Change provisions relating to nursing facility rates and establish a money follows the person program under the Medical Assistance Act
LB1144	Hardin	Redefine a term and provide requirements for entities issuing health plans under the Medical Assistance Act
LB1145	Lonowski	Change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act
LB1146	Conrad	Change provisions relating to reports by a school district relating to absences of a child from school
LB1147	Conrad	Require the Auditor of Public Accounts to investigate impoundment of funds by the Governor and submit a quarterly report
LB1148	Hunt	Provide for recognition and enforcement of parentage of children conceived by assisted reproduction
LB1149	Hunt	Require disclosure of proposed state agency contracts with private entities that have contracts with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
LB1150	Hunt	Prohibit the approval of certain applications under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act
LB1151	Clouse	Provide for a regional craft brewery license under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB1152	Ballard	Adopt the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act
LB1153	Conrad	Change provisions relating to recovery under the Consumer Protection Act, provide a termination date for the State Settlement Cash Fund and for distribution of money in the fund, and change provisions relating to the State Settlement Trust Fund

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LB1154	Riepe	Change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority under the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act
LB1155	Dorn	Change provisions relating to legislative oversight
LB1156	Spivey	Adopt the Disinvested Community Development Incentive Tax Credit Act
LB1157	Hansen	Provide payment method requirements for health insurers, health insurer vendors, and care management organizations
LB1158	Dungan	Change provisions relating to certain motor carriers
LB1159	Lonowski	Require the naming of a person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame
LB1160	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to civil procedure, decedents' estates, trusts, and inheritance taxes
LB1161	Juarez	Change provisions relating to the age of majority
LB1162	Ballard	Change powers and duties of the Public Service Commission relating to railroad safety
LB1163	Fredrickson	Change provisions relating to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act
LB1164	Lonowski	Adopt the Prior Learning Act
LB1165	von Gillern	Change provisions relating to the Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, and the Site and Building Development Act and create a grant program to help employers retain or attract employees
LR307	Wordekemper	Recognize the month of January 2026 as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month in Nebraska
LR308	Lonowski	Congratulate the Hastings St. Cecilia High School softball team on winning the 2025 Class C state championship
LR309	Lonowski	Congratulate the Minden High School girls golf team on winning the 2025 Class C state championship
LR310	Jacobson	Interim study to examine the organizational structure of the Nebraska Tourism Commission

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LB1166	Juarez	Change applicability of the employee contribution rate under the School Employees Retirement Act
LB1167	Dorn	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Economic Development
LB1168	Wordekemper	Authorize the issuance of conduit revenue bonds under the Community Development Law
LB1169	Wordekemper	Prohibit assault on a court operations officer
LB1170	Wordekemper	Change provisions relating to filing and appealing claims against the state
LB1171	Moser	Provide for certain claims relating to sewer systems under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
LB1172	Holdcroft	Provide requirements for electric suppliers relating to dispatchable electricity capacity
LB1173	Kauth	Provide for an annual filing fee for certain employers under the Employment Security Law, rename the Contractor and Professional Employer Organization Registration Cash Fund, and change permitted uses of such fund
LB1174	Kauth	Change provisions related to reports of condition under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act and provide for a remittance transfer tax
LB1175	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to civil actions under the Parental Rights in Social Media Act
LB1176	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road and the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act
LB1177	DeBoer	Create the Child Care Cash Fund
LB1178	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to certain judicial hearings and duties of guardians under the Nebraska Probate Code
LB1179	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature, the Transportation Committee of the Legislature, and the Telecommunications and Technology Committee of the Legislature
LB1180	DeBoer	Provide for licenses to engage in intrastate medicaid nonemergency medical transportation services and provide that certain rates charged by certain motor carriers are not subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission
LB1181	Bosn	Change provisions relating to the rights of victims of certain crimes
LB1182	Lippincott	Provide for a base salary for certified teachers and state intent relating to changes to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and a new form of block grant funding

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LB1183	Lippincott	Change provisions relating to valuation of property
LB1184	Fredrickson	Adopt the Nebraska Tribal College Investment Act
LB1185	Bostar	Adopt the Conversational Artificial Intelligence Safety Act
LB1186	J. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Affordable American Energy and Jobs Act and change distribution provisions relating to the nameplate capacity tax
LB1187	DeKay	Change certain fees and surcharges under the Livestock Brand Act
LB1188	DeKay	Update a federal reference in the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act and prohibit ownership of real estate in adversary nations by the state and any political subdivision thereof
LB1189	Conrad	Create a pilot program to raise awareness of the earned income tax credit
LB1190	Conrad	Change authorized use of funds appropriated to the Department of Economic Development
LB1191	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to certain employment and investment requirements under the Nebraska Advantage Act
LB1192	Prokop	Redefine a term under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB1193	Prokop	Provide regulation of and requirements for energy storage resources and change provisions relating to property tax exemptions and the nameplate capacity tax
LB1194	Storer	Adopt the Real Food Act
LB1195	Storer	Eliminate requirements relating to female inmates of county jails
LB1196	Storer	Prohibit the use of state or local funds for low-earning outcome postsecondary education programs
LB1197	Storer	Change provisions relating to limited landowner hunting permits
LB1198	Prokop	Require paper tickets for certain large public events
LB1199	Ibach	Change provisions of the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Act and provide for a transfer from the State Settlement Cash Fund
LB1200	Guereca	Require industrial integrators to submit an annual disaster mitigation plan to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB1201	Guereca	Provide for a grant program related to classroom libraries and engagement materials
LB1202	Clouse	Change provisions relating to ignition interlock devices and ignition interlock permits
LB1203	Clouse	Provide for the treatment of uncashed checks issued by counties
LB1204	Clouse	Adopt the Nameplate Capacity Tax Facility Standards Act and change provisions relating to property tax exemptions and the nameplate capacity tax
LB1205	Clouse	Require the Department of Economic Development to award grants to microloan delivery organizations, microloan technical assistance organizations, or innovative hubs of no more than three million dollars per year under the small business investment program
LB1206	Juarez	Exempt income received by certificated teachers, paraeducators, and paraprofessionals from state income taxation
LB1207	Juarez	Require school districts to provide mental health leave for school employees
LB1208	Juarez	Provide a budget requirement under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB1209	Clements	Appropriate funds for the Legislative Council
LB1210	Clements	Eliminate an obsolete transfer relating to the Cash Reserve Fund
LB1211	Riepe	Provide requirements for automated medication systems operated by certain pharmacies under the Automated Medication Systems Act
LB1212	Riepe	Provide for licensure of internationally trained physicians under the Uniform Credentialing Act
LB1213	McKinney	Adopt the Case Management Licensure Act
LB1214	McKinney	Create a pilot program for neighborhood data collaboratives
LB1215	McKinney	Adopt the Political Subdivision Contracting Transparency Act
LB1216	McKinney	Provide for educational services for prisoners
LB1217	Hardin	Authorize schools to maintain epinephrine for emergency first aid
LB1218	Brandt	Change provisions of the County Bridge Match Program and provide for a transfer of funds from the Roads Operations Cash Fund
LB1219	Brandt	Limit the amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political subdivision
LB1220	Brandt	Change provisions relating to hunting, fur-harvesting and fishing
LB1221	Ballard	Provide definitions relating to community engagement and work requirements under the Medical Assistance Act
LB1222	Prokop	Require insurance coverage of acquired brain injury services and require insurance and medicaid coverage of certain testing and treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1223	Hunt	Change headlight requirements under the Nebraska Rules of the Road and prohibit the sale and distribution of certain motor vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act
LB1224	Hunt	Prohibit children from transferring to an exempt school during certain child abuse or neglect investigations and prohibit persons convicted of certain crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at such schools
LB1225	Raybould	Change provisions of Nebraska Juvenile Code relating to expedited appeals of motions to transfer to county or district court
LB1226	Andersen	Provide for issuance of a combination hunting and fishing permit and certain stamps to certain veterans
LB1227	Andersen	Change provisions relating to local energy codes and local electrical codes
LB1228	Holdcroft	Provide for a state docket fee and create funds for court purposes
LB1229	Strommen	Create the Rural Health Transformation Fund
LB1230	Strommen	Provide for mobile homes in the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act and change provisions relating to certificates of title for mobile homes
LB1231	Strommen	Transfer money from the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund to the Animal Damage Control Cash Fund and state legislative intent
LB1232	Strommen	Provide for mountain lion hunting permits
LB1233	Hansen	Adopt the Developmental Disabilities Provider Excessive Training and Cost Reduction Act
LB1234	Hansen	Adopt the Freestanding Birth Center Act and provide for insurance coverage
LB1235	General Affairs	Change and transfer provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act and provide for taxation
LB1236	Executive Board	Change provisions relating to publication, printing, and distribution of legislative journals, session laws, and statutes
LB1237	Executive Board	Prohibit bringing weapons or prohibited substances into the State Capitol
LB1238	Hughes	Change the cigarette tax and distribution of such tax and change taxes imposed under the Tobacco Products Tax Act
LB1239	DeKay	Change provisions relating to management of long-term care facilities
LB1240	Murman	Change provisions relating to state recovery under the achieving a better life experience program
LB1241	Murman	Provide requirements relating to applications for employment at a school
LB1242	Murman	Provide for the establishment and enforcement of child support for an unborn child
LB1243	Murman	Change school board policies and procedures relating to part-time enrollment
LB1244	Murman	Eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions, impose sales and use tax on certain services, and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act
LB1245	Dover	Provide for assigned parking for members of the Legislature and judges
LB1246	Dover	Provide duties for the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act
LB1247	Dover	Require postsecondary institution participation in the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System for the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act
LB1248	Dover	Change appropriations to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment
LB1249	Sorrentino	Redefine terms, change provisions relating to the carryover of paid sick time, and repeal obsolete provisions in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act
LB1250	Guereca	Authorize certain cities and villages to sell waterworks, sewer systems, and water systems
LB1251	Dover	Change provisions relating to liens of homeowners' associations and unit owners associations
LB1252	Murman	Provide for a retail delivery fee under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967
LB1253	Prokop	Change provisions relating to the laws that apply to certain tax sale certificates
LB1254	Prokop	Prohibit sale of electronic smoking devices without a child safety feature
LB1255	Prokop	Prohibit public power suppliers from exercising the power of eminent domain
LB1256	J. Cavanaugh	Redefine a term under the Emergency Management Act
LB1257	Hansen	Eliminate certain sales tax exemptions, impose sales and use taxes on certain services, change school district levy limitations, eliminate the School District Property Tax Relief Act, change provisions of the School District Property Tax Limitation Act, and provide additional foundation aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB1258	Hansen	Rename the Livestock Brand Act as the Livestock Protection Act, eliminate the Nebraska Brand Committee, and change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to livestock branding and livestock protection

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1259	Hansen	Adopt the Grid Modernization Act
LB1260	Clements	Change motor vehicle taxes, fees, and allocations, provide for a motor vehicle tax supplement, and change local system formula resources under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LR311CA	J. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to create a Commission on Redistricting and provide requirements drawing election districts
LR312CA	Clouse	Constitutional amendment to authorize cities and villages to incur indebtedness for residential development projects and pledge taxes for such indebtedness and to change provisions relating to redevelopment projects
LB1260	Clements	Change motor vehicle taxes, fees, and allocations, provide for a motor vehicle tax supplement, and change local system formula resources under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LR313	McKinney	Express sympathy to the family and friends of Daniel Goodwin Sr.
LR314	Strommen	Congratulate the Sidney High School football team on earning the 2025 Class C-1 state runner-up title
LR315	Strommen	Congratulate the Garden County High School football team on winning the 2025 Class D-6 state championship
LR316CA	M. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to provide for certain rights of persons with disabilities
LR317CA	Brandt	Constitutional amendment to limit the annual growth in the amount of property taxes levied by political subdivisions



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Monday, Jan. 26

Business & Labor Room 1200 - 1:30 p.m.

LB747 (Sorrentino) Change provisions relating to child labor, the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act, the Contractor Registration Act, and the Employee Classification Act

LB864 (Prokop) Transfer administration of student internships from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Labor

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.

**NOTE: LB870 & LB1061 will be a combined hearing*

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

**LB1061 (Murman) 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 - 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

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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

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

LB886 (Andersen) Change provisions relating to operation of motor vehicles by persons who are not citizens of the United States

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 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

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB1050 (Murman) Amend the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act to limit advancement to grade four

LB1053 (Education) Eliminate the prohibition regarding suspending a student that is in prekindergarten through second grade

LB893 (Storm) Provide for an interpersonal relations training course as an alternative to the human relations training requirement for substitute teachers

LB1022 (Murman) Eliminate the human relations training requirement for obtaining certificates and permits for teaching, providing special services, or education administration

LB1024 (Murman) Require school districts and the State Board of Education to provide for instruction on the history of communism

Transportation & Telecommunications

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: Mike Anderson, Dennis Butler, Blake H. Dillon, Clint Jones,

Steven J. Matus, Thomas R. McCaslin - Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Urban Affairs

Room 1200 - 1:30 p.m.

LB797 (Urban Affairs) Increase minimum bidding amount requirements for certain cities and villages

LB839 (Rountree) Change reporting requirements under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act

LB840 (Rountree) Provide requirements for multifamily housing projects under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act

LB842 (Rountree) Authorize certain municipal contracts and agreements relating to parking facilities

LB850 (J. Cavanaugh) Authorize the use of economic development programs for certain construction or rehabilitation of housing in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines

LB730 (Kauth) Require schools and state agencies to designate restrooms and locker rooms based on sex and require state agencies to define an individual's sex as either male or female for purposes of rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative actions, and adjudication of disputes

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB891 (Hansen) Change provisions of the Child Care Licensing Act relating to background checks, a complaint tracking system, and staff-to-child ratios

LB808 (Ibach) Create a child care licensing pilot program under the Child Care Licensing Act

LB903 (Storer) Provide for a referral for home visitation services

LB959 (Riepe) Require the Department

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of Health and Human Services to create a youth afterschool credential and an adult eligibility passport under the Child Care Licensing Act
 LB928 (von Gillern) Require notifications by the Department of Health and Human Services to fictive kin of a child who has been removed from the home
 LB936 (Ballard) Provide for the use of fluoroscopy by medical radiographers in collaboration with nurse practitioners under the Uniform Credentialing Act

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

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

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
 LB758 (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to nontestamentary transfers on death and provide a method for a beneficiary charitable organization to receive property or information
 LB889 (Clouse) Change a penalty in the State Electrical Act
 LB1090 (Murman) Provide requirements for petition circulators and provide a penalty
 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

Natural Resources

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: Scott B. McPheeters, Taylor Nelson, Jamie Bearup - Neb. Ethanol Board

LB916 (G. Meyer) Provide requirements for the transport of carbon dioxide and change provisions relating to eminent domain and the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act
 LB1076 (Brandt) Change penalty provi-

sions relating to the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act
 LB827 (DeKay) Provide for natural resources districts to create soil and water programs

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB814 (Brandt) Change provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
 LB1094 (Ballard) Adopt the By-Right Housing Development Act and the Permitting Approval Timeliness Act
 LB920 (Spivey) Change provisions relating to the advertisement, operation, use, and taxation of cash devices, the distribution of tax proceeds, and violations under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act and create the Nebraska Child Care Aid Fund

Thursday, Jan. 29

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB829 (Lonowski) Change provisions relating to audit examinations by the Auditor of Public Accounts
 LB869 (DeKay) Change provisions relating to notice requirements for property presumed abandoned
 LB1074 (Sanders) Change provisions relating to unclaimed property proceeds and funds and a statute of limitations

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: LB731 will operate under annotated committee guidelines*
 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

LB788 (Bosn) Change the administrator of the Financial Fraud Victims' Reimbursement Fund from the Attorney General to the Nebraska State Patrol

LB1178 (DeBoer) Change provisions relating to certain judicial hearings and duties of guardians under the Nebraska Probate Code

*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

Natural Resources

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointments: Scott Cassels, Scott Dicke - Game and Parks Commission
 LB1127 (Dover) Provide for hangtag permits for motor vehicles under the Game Law

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB756 (Wordekemper) Change a motor vehicle tax exemption and a property tax exemption relating to certain disabled veterans
 LB882 (Andersen) Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and surviving spouses
 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

Friday, Jan. 30

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

LB973 (Raybould) Provide for free park-

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ing for state employees
LB878 (Guereca) Require paid maternity leave for state employees
LB830 (Lonowski) Change and eliminate provisions relating to the payment of state salaries, the use of deferred maintenance funds, and county payments for state institutions

Health & Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB912 (Hardin) Adopt the Community Health Worker Training Endorsement Act
LB860 (Bostar) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to create a program to provide behavioral health care services to individuals under twenty-one years of age
LB722 (Quick) Provide for use of the Behavioral Health Services Fund for individuals with substance use disorder
LB866 (Ballard) Change distribution of the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund, create a fund, and provide for drug detection activities

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB1148 (Hunt) Provide for recognition and enforcement of parentage of children conceived by assisted reproduction
LB1199 (Ibach) Change provisions of the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Act and provide for a transfer from the State Settlement Cash Fund
LB1100 (Sorrentino) Modernize language in a civil procedure statute
LB1161 (Juarez) Change provisions relating to the age of majority
LB1228 (Holdcroft) Provide for a state docket fee and create funds for court purposes

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 re-

lating 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

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB954 (von Gillern) Provide for the recalculation of certain base-year employees under the Nebraska Advantage Act
LB778 (Dungan) Change grant eligibility provisions under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act
LB883 (Andersen) Change provisions relating to the Civic and Community Center Financing Act and the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program

Monday, Feb. 2

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB875 (Hallstrom) Amend the Equipment Business Regulation Act to change provisions relating to dealer agreements and the return of surplus repair parts
LB835 (Jacobson) Change and eliminate provisions relating to fees of the Secretary of State, notices of liens under the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act and the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act, the central filing system, effective financing statements, the master lien list, and filed records under the Uniform Commercial Code
LB950 (Bostar) Change provisions relating to uniform prior authorization forms, the designated health information exchange, and the Health Information Technology Board
LB1044 (Prokop) Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act

Business & Labor

Room 1200 - 1:30 p.m.

LB861 (Bostar) Require authorized building inspectors for inspections under the Building Construction Act and public access to certain building inspection records

LB744 (Juarez) Include public safety communications personnel in certain provisions relating to first responders in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and the Critical Incident Stress Management Act
LB819 (Hallstrom) Change provisions of the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
LR303CA (M. Cavanaugh) Constitutional amendment to provide for paid family medical leave
LB1173 (Kauth) Provide for an annual filing fee for certain employers under the Employment Security Law, rename the Contractor and Professional Employer Organization Registration Cash Fund, and change permitted uses of such fund

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Agriculture

Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

LB815 (Brandt) Provide for a tax on diesel fuels, change provisions relating to refunds for motor fuel taxes and the petroleum release remedial action fee, change and eliminate provisions of the Ethanol Development Act, and eliminate the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund
LB894 (DeKay) Change provisions relating to the Grain Dealer Act and the Grain Warehouse Act
LB895 (DeKay) Change applicability, license requirements, and fees under the Grain Warehouse Act

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

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
LB967 (Jacobson) Provide requirements for electronic notice of annual meetings by mutual insurance holding companies

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LB1138 (Hallstrom) Adopt the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act

LB1137 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to residential contracts, notice of cancelations, prohibited acts, and post-loss assignment of rights or benefits under the Insured Homeowners Protection Act, licenses, contracts, prohibited acts, and fees under the Public Adjusters Licensing Act, and penalties relating to fraudulent insurance acts

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB871 (Conrad) Increase and provide for inflation adjustments for amounts exempt from judicial enforcement and the homestead and exempt property allowances

LB809 (Dover) Prohibit political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances relating to landlords

LB880 (Guereca) Prohibit residential landlords from prohibiting or charging extra fees for tenants' payments made by automated clearinghouse transfer

LB1230 (Strommen) Provide for mobile homes in the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act and change provisions relating to certificates of title for mobile homes

LB1007 (Dungan) Prohibit a landlord from keeping a security deposit when a rental agreement is not signed and prohibit nondisclosure terms in rental agreements

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

Thursday, Feb. 5

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB1096 (Bostar) Adopt the Preventing Lethal Agricultural and National Threats Act and the Critical Infra-

structure Protection Act, authorize the withholding of records relating to critical water infrastructure, and provide civil and criminal penalties

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

LB1036 (Dungan) Change Nebraska Evidence Rules to provide for consideration of evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts as prescribed

LB1153 (Conrad) Change provisions relating to recovery under the Consumer Protection Act, provide a termination date for the State Settlement Cash Fund and for distribution of money in the fund, and change provisions relating to the State Settlement Trust Fund

LB1195 (Storer) Eliminate requirements relating to female inmates of county jails

Friday, Feb. 6

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB1000 (Prokop) Change penalties for violations of domestic abuse and sexual assault protection orders

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

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

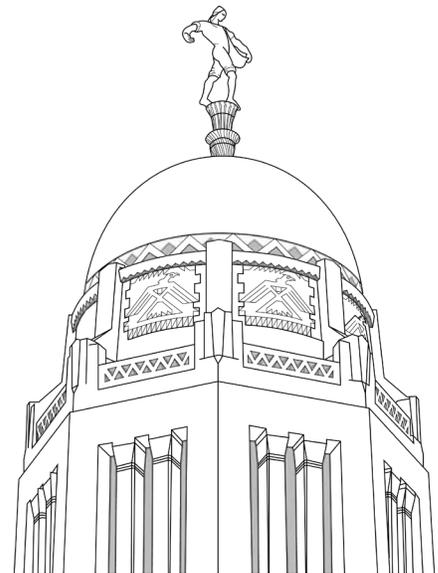
LB1059 (Bosn) Prohibit certain conduct relating to mobile tracking devices and change penalties for stalking

LB1181 (Bosn) Change provisions relating to the rights of victims of certain crimes

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

LB1166 (Juarez) Change applicability of the employee contribution rate under the School Employees Retirement Act

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 ■



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