

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Roma Amundson, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Deb Schorr
Bill Avery
Todd Wiltgen

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on March 11, 2015.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 5, 2015 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Staff Meeting. Avery, Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

2 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Severe Weather Drill on March 25th

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Kissel, Joe Kohout, and Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates (Legislative Consultants)

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update, legislative bills of interest report, and a current priority bill listing, noting the following (Exhibits A-C):

- Legislative Bill (LB) LB 610 (Change motor fuel excise taxes) was advanced yesterday by the Revenue Committee.
- LB 633 (Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties) is set for hearing next Wednesday before the Appropriations Committee. The bill would appropriate \$20,000,000 for aid to counties and \$20,000,000 for aid to incorporated municipalities from the General Fund for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016. The funds could only be used for public infrastructure projects.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize Pam Dingman, County Engineer, to testify on behalf of Lancaster County in support of Legislative Bill (LB) 633. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Kohout said they continue to monitor bills related to elimination of unfunded mandates, explaining there will be hesitancy to advance any bills until more is known about the budget picture. He said there are \$121,000,000 in requests for the \$41,000,000 the Legislature has available to spend on items not in the budget. One of the requests is from the Nebraska Supreme Court for \$25,000,000 to implement the 2013-2014 Legislative Session's LB 561. That legislation changed provisions and transferred responsibilities regarding the juvenile justice system. He said the Nebraska Supreme Court indicated in their budget hearing earlier in the week that funds did not transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) when the responsibility for certain youth was transferred from HHS to the Office of Probation Administration which is under the Nebraska Supreme Court. Questions were raised regarding why this population is not qualifying for Medicaid which was supposed to be part of the LB 464 "clean-up." **NOTE:** 2013-2014 Legislative Session's LB 464 changed provisions relating to the juvenile justice system, arraignment, court jurisdiction, services for juveniles and families, and truancy. Kohout said the Chief Justice indicated he will ask for repeal of LB 561 if the funds are not appropriated.

- LB 472 (Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act) was advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee to General File with a committee amendment that rewrites the section regarding composition of the Task Force.

Kohout said an advocacy day is still planned for March 19th and asked that Commissioners planning to attend notify him or Jonathan Bradford.

- Amend Mental Health Commitment Act/Funding for Community-Based Sex Offender Treatment

Kohout said he and Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, are working on a letter/testimony requesting funding for sex offender treatment in the community that can be presented at the Appropriations Committee at their hearing next Tuesday on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) budget.

- LB 374 (Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund)

Hudkins suggested Pam Dingman, County Engineer, testify in a neutral position at the hearing this afternoon before the Appropriations Committee and provide information on the amount of recreation roads there are in Lancaster County.

There was consensus to allow Dingman to use her discretion on whether to testify on the bill.

- LB 188 (Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit)

Kohout said the Judiciary Committee advanced the bill to General File with an amendment attached. He suggested a review to make sure there is no negative impact.

- LB 132 (Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures)

Kohout said the bill was advanced by the Government Committee to General File with a committee amendment attached and suggested review for potential impact.

Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, appeared and discussed LB 482 (Change provisions relating to juveniles). She said the bill was advanced by the Judiciary Committee and is a committee priority bill. Schindler said it does open up additional risks within the courthouse and it may be appropriate to shift resources to the Sheriff's Office since they provide court security. She said it also needs to be clarified that staff secure facilities with delayed egress can continue to hold status offenders. Kohout said he believes that can be clarified in the floor questioning.

Schindler said she is also monitoring LB 341 (Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody) noting YSC bills private insurance for

youth held in the facility that have coverage. She said Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, is looking at insurance options. In response to a question from Schorr, Kohout said it is difficult to get an answer on whether Medicaid expansion would cover individuals while they are incarcerated.

4 605 BUILDING REMODEL UPDATE - Greg Newport, The Clark Enersen Partners; Don Killeen, County Property Manager

Greg Newport, The Clark Enersen Partners, gave an overview of space planning for the 605 Building, noting they met with all of the departments that are proposed to occupy the building (Exhibit D). He said Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, has indicated a grant that department is seeking may increase their space needs significantly. Adult Probation and the County Attorney's Office have also had growth in office space needs from earlier projections. Newport said the areas shown as the County Attorney's criminal/civil function and space for a future tenant will be shell space until additional courts are needed, particularly in the Justice and Law Enforcement Center, which would require the County Attorney's Office to move. Don Killeen, County Property Manager, said the next courtroom will likely be for Juvenile Court and projected that will occur in the next three to four years. In terms of the third floor, Newport said a structural engineer in his firm's Kansas City office has figured out a way to infill the openings in the third floor without having columns extend through the building. He said the cost of the infill and putting a roof over the middle (outdoor space) area is estimated at \$2,000,000 to \$2,250,000. Newport said the estimate is only for a shell and does not include mechanical and electrical costs or finishes. It does include cutting new window openings around the exterior of the building and demolition of the interior concrete block wall. He said fully completing the space would likely be in the \$4,000,000 range.

In response to a question from Schorr, Killeen said the cost for the plan with columns extending through the building was in the same range but it would affect the other floors and the parking layout on the ground (garage) level.

In response to a question from Avery, Newport said their structural engineer has assured them the infill will be safe for a basic office load. It will be a four inch concrete deck on top of steel framing, which is much lighter than the concrete structure that currently exists. He added there will be a gain of approximately 9,000 square feet of usable space. Killeen said police evidence storage can remain in its current location in the K Street Building rather than moving it into the space on the third floor. It had originally been proposed for that space because it was felt its light weight load would work well in that space.

Newport said his firm is also studying the mechanical system for the building and indicated plans to meet with the District Energy Corporation (DEC) to do go through an energy analysis of the building.

Hudkins exited the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Newport said the demolition project is currently out for bids, noting demolition is scheduled to take five to six months. Killeen said demolition can't begin until Phase I construction (prisoner transport) is completed. Demolition is tentatively scheduled to be completed by January, 2016.

Schorr asked whether this plan will take all County functions out of Trabert Hall. Killeen said it does. Avery asked what will happen to that building. Killeen said it will likely be sold.

Hudkins returned to the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Mental Health Licensure Renewal Application for Community Transition Program (CTP) at the Heather

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Grant Application for Lancaster County Department of Corrections from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund in the Amount of \$7,000

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD)

Amundson indicated plans to meet with Dave Taladay, Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) Executive Director, on Wednesday and will report back on that discussion.

C. Request from Richard Hedrick to Sit on the Wind Energy Committee

Eagan said the committee membership has been decided. There was consensus to send a letter of response indicating the meetings of the Committee, which was formed by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department, are open to the public and to attach a copy of the membership list.

D. Appointment of Commissioner Wiltgen as Nebraska Association of County Officials' (NACO's) Designated Member of Nebraska Geographic Information System (GIS) Council

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5 PENDING LITIGATION - Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager; Kari Wiegert, Risk Management Specialist

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:27 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation. Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Avery exited the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and Hudkins exited the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Avery and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

6 TIME AND ATTENDANCE SYSTEM UPDATE - Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director; Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office

Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director, gave an update on the time and attendance project, noting investigation of automating the time and attendance process began 2012. He said the software license was purchased in 2013 through Empower, the County's payroll system vendor, but setup was delayed because of the migration to the State's mainframe.

Hudkins returned to the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

McDaniel said staff from Human Resources, Payroll and Information Services (IS) have been working on the implementation process and investigating what time collection devices departments want to use. Options include time clocks, biometric scanning, logging in and out on a computer, etc. He said the intent is to provide consistency in how payroll is captured, pursuant to the rules and labor contracts.

Wiltgen asked whether there is a uniform standard now. McDaniel said there are expectations but departments administer it in different manners. He said the goal is to get to consistency and that is a difficult process to achieve without an electronic time and attendance system.

Amundson inquired about the cost to implement. Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office, said the County has spent \$20,000 so far on the software. He said the next cost will involve how the time is captured.

Schorr asked when there will be a request for proposal (RFP) for the time collection devices, noting she has already received questions from elected officials and department directors about how to include the cost in their budget requests. McDaniel said it was stated at the onset of the project that each department would make their own determination as what type of device or application they wished to use. He said the Purchasing Department feels the devices should be bid but Empower has already contracted with third party clocks that are already configured to their software. McDaniel said once it is determined how many departments want to use clocks they can explore whether they can be purchased directly through Empower and whether there would be a volume discount.

Thorpe noted the Youth Services Center (YSC) already has a time and attendance system in place. McDaniel said that system is already interfaced with the Tesseract Payroll System. He said it is his understanding that YSC will migrate to the new system to be uniform. Thorpe then inquired about the Corrections Department. McDaniel said Corrections does not have a system at this time.

Hudkins asked Genuchi whether he visited with his counterparts in other counties to see if the current method is the "usual and custom" method of collecting the data or if there are better systems available. Genuchi said he has not, explaining since the system is integrated with Empower they did not look at outside systems. He said the current system works but this would be a definite improvement in terms of recordkeeping. McDaniel said it is not uncommon to move to an electronic time and attendance system. He cited the State of Nebraska as an example, particularly in agencies that have 24-hour coverage areas.

McDaniel said they have disseminated information to departments about clocks. He said one of the questions directors and elected officials have asked is whether participation is mandatory. McDaniel said the answer is yes. He said departments will not have to use clocks but they will need a mechanism to edit and input times into the system.

Schorr expressed concern about the budgetary impact. Genuchi estimated time clocks to cost \$43,000 to \$78,000 for the first year, based on 20 clocks (the lowest priced clock is \$1,630). McDaniel said clocks will not be needed for every location. As an example, he said two or three clocks could be purchased for this building to be utilized by all of the departments in the building. Thorpe said she anticipates there will be a lot of corrections at the end of the time period, at least in the beginning.

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Items A and B were moved forward on the agenda.

8 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDDD)

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

- B. Keno Advisory Board

Item was dropped from the agenda.

- C. Request from Richard Hedrick to Sit on the Wind Energy Committee
- D. Appointment of Commissioner Wiltgen as Nebraska Association of County Officials' (NACO's) Designated Member of Nebraska Geographic Information System (GIS) Council

Items C and D were moved forward on the agenda.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Severe Weather Drill on March 25th

There was general consensus to: 1) Form a planning committee that will have assistance from Emergency Management and Property Management; 2) Send a memorandum to all county departments asking them to appoint a representative to serve on the committee; and 3) Coordinate response efforts with the City.

10 PENDING

There were no pending items.

11 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Officials Committee - Amundson/Hudkins

Hudkins said they reviewed and acted on revisions to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

B. Region V Governing Board - Wiltgen

Region V Services

Wiltgen said Region V Services is planning to build a new headquarters that will be better located to provide services to clients. He said it was pointed out that Lancaster County is the only county that does not contribute to funding of services.

Region V Systems

Wiltgen said he decided to hold off on presenting a letter to the Region V Governing Board from the Board requesting restoration of \$120,883 in funding to the Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center (see March 5, 2015 Staff Meeting minutes) because there were changes to contracts. He said there was a \$95,000 increase in CenterPointe's contract utilization. Lutheran Family Services (LFS) had a reduction in units of service and \$372,653 was returned to Region V. Wiltgen said he reviewed all of the contracts and determined that Region V reduced \$162,000 in service units from Region V providers' contracts and is using those funds for administration. Region V also included \$170,000 for the mental health transition. He said he has worked with Eagan to revise the letter to reflect those numbers.

There was consensus to send the revised letter to Dennis Byars, Region V Governing Board Chair, with a copy to each member of the Region V Governing Board.

Eagan suggested an outside professional analysis of the Region V Systems' administrative staff.

C. Public Building Commission (PBC) Chair's Meeting with Mayor - Hudkins

Hudkins said they discussed the offer by the B & J Partnership to sell the property behind the 233 Building to the Public Building Commission (PBC) for additional parking. He said the PBC determined it wasn't needed at this time. Hudkins said he indicated Emergency Management could be moved to the Benesh Building and Information Services (IS) moved to the third floor of the County-City Building if a development project that would involve the 233 Building is brought forward.

D. Meeting with Mayor - Amundson/Hudkins

Amundson said they stressed the need for improvements at the intersection of North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue, suggesting it should be a higher priority than the City's plans to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Coddington Avenue and Van Dorn Street.

E. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Hudkins/Amundson

Hudkins said they discussed space planning for the 605 Building.

Amundson said the PBC decided not to allow any marriage ceremonies to take place in the County-City Building until a policy for use of the building is developed. The PBC also denied a request from Adult Drug Court alumni to hold a "garage sale" in the parking lot behind the 9th & J Street Building.

F. Board of Health - Amundson

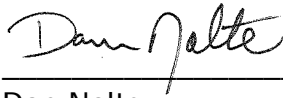
Amundson said there was an update on the People's Health Center, noting 34% of the individuals they serve are uninsured and 39% have Medicaid coverage. The Health Department indicated it is looking at the possibility of having a permanent hazardous waste site. She said there also was a report on strengths and weaknesses identified as a result of the February 11th tornado tabletop exercise. Another tabletop exercise will be held in November in preparation for the Navy's Blue Angels squadron performing at an air show in Lincoln in 2016.

12 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

13 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. Wiltgen, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Gordon Kissel
Joseph D. Kohout
Jonathan G. Bradford

DATE: March 12, 2015

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

Please accept this as the seventh of your weekly reports for the 2015 Legislative Session. Today is day 44. The Legislature continues to convene in the mornings – typically at 9am – and adjourn at noon for committee hearings in the afternoon. Today is the last day for senators to declare their personal priority bills. The Speaker's list of priority bills will be disclosed on Monday. We have attached the list of priorities that have been disclosed.

Below, please find legislation of particular note to Lancaster County

2015 Lancaster County Legislative Priorities:

1. **Property Tax Relief:** The Board has identified several potential options under this priority.

RESTORE STATE AID TO COUNTIES:

LB 609 – Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act
Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion
Hearing Date: March 9, 2015
Transportation & Telecommunication

LB 609 creates a mechanism for priority of bridge repairs in Nebraska which includes a process whereby projects are prioritized by a commission including

some county commissioners. Engineer Dingman has expressed a concern about the design-build as well as the level of bureaucracy that the bill will provide.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this measure was Monday before the Transportation and Telecommunication Committee. Engineer Dingman testified in opposition to the bill. Senator Smith indicated that he plans to hold the bill for discussions in the interim.

LB 610 – Change motor vehicle excise taxes.

Introduced by Sen. Jim Smith, Papillion

Hearing Date: March 6, 2015

Revenue

Increases the gas tax by \$.015 over the course of a period of time to a total of \$.06.

POSITION: SUPPORT The hearing on this measure occurred last Friday. There was a significant amount of support for the measure. Engineer Dingman testified on behalf of Lancaster County in support.

LB 626 – Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution.

Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln

Hearing Date: March 9, 2015

Transportation & Telecommunication

Is intended to increase the registration fee for vehicles and move an amount into a Bridge Bank which will be used to repair bridges throughout Nebraska.

POSITION: The hearing on this measure was on Monday before the Transportation and Telecommunication Committee. Similar to LB609, Senator Campbell offered the bill to the committee to have the committee potentially use the bill for a roads package.

LB 633 – Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties.

Introduced by Sen. John Stinner, Gering

Hearing Date: March 18, 2015

Appropriations

LB 633 appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects for one year.

POSITION: The hearing on this measure has been scheduled for next Wednesday. I would recommend we take a position of support on this measure.

OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF THE INHERITANCE TAX:

No legislation was introduced this year that would eliminate the inheritance tax

ELIMINATE UNFUNDED MANDATES:

I would note for each of the bills under this section, we are working with Senator Mello to identify the amount of money available to address these.

LB 105 - Change Provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries

Introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier, Syracuse

Hearing Date: February 12, 2015

Government

LB 105 would change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with the deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries when it relates to the state. State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on Thursday February 12th, 2015. Mr. Eagan testified on behalf of Lancaster County. Those in support included NACO. No one appeared in opposition. The committee did advance the measure during an executive session this week.

LB 427 – Provide for payment of probation office cost by the state

Introduced by Sen. Mike Groene, North Platte

Hearing Date: February 29, 2015

Government

This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid. As Prior to July 1, 2015, counties providing space for probation services, may negotiate lease arrangements. Upon the close of business of June 30, 2015, the county shall no longer provide office and facilities to probation

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Those appearing in support included Joe Hewgley from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Larry Dix with NACO, Mike Kelley representing the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Kerry Eagan representing this board. There was no opposition to the bill.

LB 341 – Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody.

Introduced by Sen. Sara Howard, Omaha

Hearing Date: March 9, 2015
Banking
DOUGLAS COUNTY PRIORITY

LB 341 states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law.

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT

RAISE COUNTY FEES:

LB 88 – Raise marriage license fees
Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln
Hearing Date: 1/21/2015
Judiciary

As introduced and advanced by the Committee, the bill would raise marriage license fees to \$50 from \$15 and certified copies from \$6 to \$16. An amendment was adopted on General File that capped the fee at \$25,

POSITION: SUPPORT. This bill was advanced on a near-unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee including three Lancaster County Senators – Senators Coash, Morfeld & Pansing Brooks. Dan Nolte did a great job testifying on behalf of Lancaster County. Senator Chambers began to filibuster the bill. An amendment had been agreed-to by Senators Campbell and Bill Kintner of Papillion that would change the language in the bill so that the county board can set the rate in a range between \$30 and \$50 and certified copies be \$16. However concerns were raised on this methodology due to consistency across the state. Senators Campbell and Chambers agreed to an amendment on LB88 that would raise fees to \$25. The amendment was adopted the bill advanced to Select File. The bill was debated last week on Select File. After conversations on the floor and after concerns were raised about continued debate and potential loss of votes, an agreement was reached to amend the bill to reflect a \$9.00 fee for certified copy. The bill advanced to final reading. The bill was presented to the Governor on March 6, 2015. We are awaiting the signature of the Governor.

SUPPORT ADEQUATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LB561:

We continue to monitor all efforts in this area.

2. Support Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act:

LB 472 – Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act.
Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln
Hearing Date: 2/25/15
Health and Human Services

LB 472 sets out to redesign Nebraska's Medicaid program with a specific plan. LB 472 creates the Medicaid Redesign Task force to review the Medicaid program and provide recommendations. LB 472 allows DHHS to work with the federal government to create a coverage plan. An estimated 1.8 billion in funds would be returned to Nebraska's economy from now until 2020. The Governor and DHHS would design and implement a Nebraska plan. The bill would ask that enrollees to contribute 2% of their income, unless active in a wellness program.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on February 25, 2015. Commissioner Schorr testified in support on behalf of Lancaster County. The bill advanced to General File with a committee amendment that rewrites a section regarding composition of the Task Force.

3. **Address Lancaster County Obligations under the 300,000 population threshold.** As mentioned previously, this legislation was drafted at our request last week for potential introduction. Once the bill was drafted it became very clear that a significant number of sections were opened up. There was a concern raised about the diversity of sections that were being opened up as well as the fact that it may implicate some of Douglas County's thresholds. In discussion with staff, it was determined to take some time to go through the draft and spend some analyzing the multitude of sections opened up. Senator Hansen has requested interim study language to prepare the same in the coming weeks. We received some preliminary thoughts from Senator Hansen's office but are waiting on revisiting that language.
4. **Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent:** LB61 was heard before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee last Thursday. Mr. Eagan testified on behalf of Lancaster County. Those joining in support included Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson on behalf of Douglas County, Dick Clark with the Platte Institute, Colby Mach with LIBA, Larry Dix with NACO and Fred Uhe with Sarpy County. Those opposed included Acting CEO of HHS Dr. Joseph Acierno. LB61 would be similar to the the other unfunded mandate bills.
5. **Amend Mental Health Commitment Act / Funding for Community Based Sex Offender Treatment.** After discussion regarding the size of this request as drafted - \$7.5 Million - it was determined that Lancaster County should make a request of the Appropriations Committee at their hearing. The thought is that the complete picture of the LR424 task force recommendation - the prison review - are not complete and this could be a part of that broader conversation. The HHS budget has been set for hearing before the Appropriations Committee on March 16 & 17. Also, we would note that the budget for Behavioral Health is up on Tuesday. We would recommend a letter of support. Also, the following bill is of note on this issue as well:

LB 592 – Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders

Introduced by Sen. Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: 2/20/15

Judiciary

LB 592 is one of six legislative bills introduced this session to address issues raised by the Interim Study report 424. LB 592 adds “personality disorder” to the definition of a mentally ill. The bill creates a clear separation of independence between the Department of Corrections and Pardons board when determining the treatment of inmates. Department of Corrections shall be responsible for an inmate while in confinement and Pardons board shall address the re-entry back to the general public. LB 592 adds a clean-up measure to the Sex Registry by adding “personality disorder” to the definition of mentally ill. The hearing on this bill was February 20, 2015.

6. Monitor Adult Corrections Reform. We will continue to monitor introductions for legislation that affects adult corrections reform. One bill has been set for hearing today on this issue as well:

LB 119 – Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: 2/12/15

Judiciary

The Nebraska Criminal Code at Neb. Rev. Stat §28-105 sets out penalties for the various classes of felonies which range from Class IV, with the least severe penalty, to Class I, with the most severe. Class IV and Class IIIA felonies have maximum penalties of 5 years imprisonment with no minimum sentences or fines. Section (2)(a) of §28-105 requires sentences of imprisonment of one year or more for convictions of Class IV and Class IIIa felonies be served in a State prison facility and sentences of less than one year be served in the county jail.

All sentences of imprisonment for classified felonies and sentences of more than 1 year and any lesser sentence shall be served concurrently or consecutively with such sentences. Sentence of 1 year or less may be served in a county jail.

Quoting from the fiscal note, “In the past 12 months Lancaster County has sent 268 felony 3,3A and 4 offenders to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. We are assuming the upper sentence level of these inmates is not included in this impact statement. Knowing inmates are credited for time served in a pre-trial capacity, and accrue good time, we feel we would add 59 inmates per day to our average daily population. By using an average cost of \$94.00 per day the impact to our FY15, would be approximately \$2,000,000. With this potentially growing population, we would be concerned our bed capacity would be limited in the following years. The County would be hard pressed to find available bed space for pre-trial offenders.”

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this bill was on February 12th, 2015 before the Judicial Committee. Mike Thurber testified in opposition on behalf of Lancaster Co. No one appeared in support.

7. Retirement Adjustment. LB126 signed by the governor on February 26, 2015.

HEARINGS BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING:

LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom
Hearing Date: 3/12/15
Appropriations Committee
Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

The bill would cap the amount in the State Recreation Road Fund at \$15 Million and move the amount greater than that to Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund.

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Appropriations

LB 633 appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects for one year.

POSITION: The hearing on this measure has been scheduled for next Wednesday. I would recommend we take a position of support on this measure.

Other Legislation:

1. **LB 398 – Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax**
Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: 3/5/15
Revenue

This bill sets forth that beginning January 1, 2017, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax. Property owned and used for agricultural and horticultural societies, educational, religious, etc.

2. **LB 476 – Provide duties for county assessors and Property Tax Administrator relating to tax – exempt real property.**
Introduced by Sen. Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: 3/5/15
Revenue

On or before December 1 each year, the county assessor will compile a list of parcel of real property in the county exempt from the property tax, and determine the estimated market value. The Property Tax Administrator shall prepare a report based off of the list. The report is due to the Clerk of Legislature before December 31, of each year.

POSITION: NO POSITION. Scott Gaines has raised a concern about this legislation as there may be a sizable cost associated with performing this responsibility.

3. **LB 542 – Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies**
Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of
Hearing Date: 3/6/15
Revenue

The purpose of Legislative Bill 542 is to provide a sale and use tax exemption outlined in state statute 77-2704.15 for a “county agricultural society”.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this measure was on last Friday. Testifiers included Amy Dickerson, Steve Kruger, Alan Wood and Commissioner Amundson. The committee seems very open to the bill.

4. **LB 13 – Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions**
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/26/15
Judiciary

LB 13 states 10% of the annual GF appropriation to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be set aside for the development of a common data system at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, to assess the effectiveness of community-based Juvenile Services Aid program.

In conversations with Senator Krist, he has indicated that he intends this to be a one-time ear mark not an ongoing one. Further, the Appropriations Committee has included \$7.5 million in funding for 2015-16 and \$10 million in funding for 2016-17.

POSITION: NEUTRAL. The bill advanced with the attached amendment.

5. **LB 15 – Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem**
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/26/15
Judiciary

LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court. GAL is allowed to review and receive records/court plans prepared by the DHHS pertaining to the juvenile. GAL shall meet with the juvenile, upon the juvenile’s request. LB 15 was introduced as a response to the guardian ad-litem contracting situation in Douglas County. After conversations with Senator Krist, he is

going to amend the bill this afternoon to include (a) a requirement that the Supreme Court adapt a court rule on GALs; (b) to clarify how these contracts work/their transparency; (c) provisions that are currently contained in LB 265.

POSITION: NEUTRAL. The bill was advanced to General File with the attached amendments. Joe Nigro testified in support on behalf of the county.

6. **LB 309 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund**
Introduced by Sen. Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Appropriations

In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

In addition to other appropriations for FY2015-16 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative December 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

7. **LB 364 – Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations**
Introduced by Sen. Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Appropriations

FY2015-16 the State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and (2) FY2016-17 the State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Appropriation of (1) \$60,000,000 for FY2015-16 and (2) \$60,000,000 for FY2016-17 from the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue, Program 132, to carry out the purposes of the property tax credit program.

8. **LB 387 – Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund**
Introduced by Sen. David Schnoor of Fremont
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Appropriations

The State Treasurer shall transfer sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

9. **LB 442 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund**
Introduced by Sen Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Appropriations

In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015.

In addition to other appropriations for FY2015-16 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services December 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

10. LB 265 – Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare
Introduced by Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Judiciary

LB 265 states a guardian ad-litem(GAL) will make a reasonable effort to become familiar with the needs of a juvenile by consultation with juvenile in his or her respective placement within 2 weeks of appointment and every 3 (was 6) months thereafter. GAL shall provide a written report, not limited to number of visits and make recommendations. LB 265 states the Foster Care Review board may participate in proceedings of the juvenile. LB 265 defines Trial Home visits as from the placement from foster care to the home of the legal guardian. LB 265 establishes a pilot project to determine whether policy outcomes meet the well-being outcomes for a juvenile and child-welfare involved in out of home placement.

11. LB 391 – Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles
Introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: 2/27/15
Revenue

LB 391 adds language in 77-2703(1)(I)(iii) to read:

The county treasurer shall deduct and withhold for the use of the county general fund, from all amounts required to be collected under this subsection, the collection fee permitted to be deducted by any retailer collecting the sales tax plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars remitted each month.

POSITION: SUPPORT. This bill comes out of the unfunded mandate study of last interim. The hearing on this measure occurred on February 27, 2015. Joe provided the letter to the committee. Concerns were raised by Senator Smith at the hearing about the impact on roads funding.

12. LB 564 – Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads
Introduced by Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: 3/3/15
Transportation and Telecommunications

The bill would limit mowing to one side of the road.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this measure occurred on March 3, 2015.

13. LB 499 – Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services
Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: 3/4/15
Health and Human Services

LB 499 states DHHS will reestablish the provision of behavioral and mental health services throughout Nebraska. Departments of Corrections, Probation Administration, and Juvenile Services will assist

POSITION: NO POSITION. This is a placeholder bill for legislation that may come from the LR434 recommendations. This measure was heard in committee on March 4, 2015.

14. LB 293 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
Introduced by Sen. David Schnoor of Scribner
Hearing Date: 2/19/15
Revenue

Lowers agricultural and horticultural land valuations from 75% to 65% of actual.

15. LB 350 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
Introduced by Sen. Lydia Brasch of Bancroft
Hearing Date: 2/19/15
Revenue

Lowers agricultural and horticultural land valuations from 75% to 65% of actual.

16. LB 384 - Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land
Introduced by Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/19/15
Revenue

The bill would allow for a reclassification of up to 30 acres per quarter section of cropland as range or pasture for purposes of property taxes.

17. LB 605 – Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee

Introduced by Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/20/15
Judiciary

LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session. We were asked by Commissioner Hudkins to convey County Attorney Joe Kelly's concern to Senator Mello. That was done as requested. Questions were raised during the hearing regarding both the County Attorney's suggested amendments and additional county aid. Senator Mello in follow-up conversations, is committed to the county aid we discussed at the 2/19/15 meeting. It is our understanding that the bill was discussed in the executive session on Tuesday but that the committee did not advance it.

18. **LB 606 – Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed**

Introduced by Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: 2/20/15
Judiciary

LB 606 would establish a full-time program of investigation and performance review to provide increased accountability and oversight of the Nebraska correctional system. The office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System is created within the office of the Public Counsel for the purpose of conducting investigations, audits, inspections and other reviews of corrections. LB 606 states that the Governor shall declare a correctional system overcrowding emergency when the population is determined to be over 140% of capacity by certification of the director.

19. **LB 273 – Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices**
Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids
Hearing Date: 2/25/15
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Bill is to authorize voters to vote regarding partisan or nonpartisan ballots for nominations and election of county officers in certain counties. Summary of new language:

- (1) All county officers elected shall be nominated and elected on a partisan ballot.
- (2) County boards with a population of twenty thousand or fewer inhabitants may adopt a resolution requiring the submission of the question to the voters. Registered voters of a county with a population of ten thousand or fewer may file petition with county clerk requesting the question be put to the voters. The question shall be put to the voters at the first statewide general election after the adoption of the resolution.
- (3) If the vote on the question is in favor of the nomination and election of all officers elected on a nonpartisan ballot, shall be nominated and elected at all subsequent elections.

LB 273 removes language in several sections including at 32-325, that states that the county surveyor shall be elected on the partisan ballot and 32-326 that states that the county engineer shall be elected on the partisan ballot. As a result, the

20. **LB188 - Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit.**
Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date: 1/23/2015
Judiciary

This is Senator Watermeier's bill that states that a passenger in a fleeing vehicle shall not be considered to be an innocent third party if the passenger (a) enters with knowledge the driver is under the influence (b) fails to take steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle (c) promotes or provokes the driver to flee (d) are themselves subject to arrest or (e) is engaged in illegal activity that would itself give rise to arrest.

POSITION: SUPPORT. LB188 was heard by the Judiciary Committee on January 23, 2015 and was opposed by several groups including the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. The bill was advanced to General File with an amendment attached. I have included it with this report.

21. **LB142 - Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding.**
Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala
Hearing Date: 1/21/2015
Natural Resource

To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species. These species have proven destructive to the ecosystems and usability of surface waters in surrounding states, and steps must be taken to prevent their establishment in Nebraska. The Aquatic Invasive Species Program will be funded with a fee of between five and ten dollars, every three years that is paid with motorboat registration and/or renewal. Non-Nebraska boats shall be eligible for a yearly stamp at a cost of between ten and fifteen dollars. These funds are to be allocated for use in monitoring, testing, decontamination, and mitigation of aquatic invasive species in Nebraska surface waters.

POSITION: Monitor. This bill advanced from the Natural Resources Committee with an amendment - AM45 which creates the Aquatic Invasive Species fund at the Department. The bill was approved by the Governor on March 5, 2015.

22. **LB66 - Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability.**
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Heading Date: 1/21/2015

As we read this bill, it would require the following disclosure on bond documents:

- (a) The amount of any unfunded pension obligations of the school district, city, village, or county
- (b) The actual amount of the valuation of the real estate subject to taxation in the school district, city, village, or county,
- (c) the actual amount of the valuation of the real estate in the school district, city, village, or county that will not be available for payment of the bonds because of tax increment financing, and
- (d) A statement substantially as follows: It is uncertain if the bonds being issued would have priority over the pension obligations of (insert name of school district, city, village, or county) if it declares bankruptcy.

It also provides for pretty stringent liabilities in the case of non-disclosure including the governing board members in their personal capacities.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this bill was held on January 21, 2015 and bond counsel for the city of Lincoln testified and stated that Lancaster County opposed the bill in his testimony. There was significant opposition and no support for the measure other than the introducer.

23. LB 132 – Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures.

Introduced by Sen. Laura Ebke, Crete

Hearing Date: 1/29/15

Government

LB 132 links Joint Public Agency bond issuance procedures to taxing powers. It requires Joint Public Agencies follow the bond issuance procedures a participating public agency would be required to follow to bond the particular revenue stream.

POSITION: OPPOSE. This bill was heard by the Government Committee on January 29, 2015. Mr. Eagan noted potential concerns with this bill that could affect the JPA. The supporters of the bill included LIBA and the Platte Institute. Those in opposition included bond counsel for the City of Lincoln and Lynn Rex representing the League. The bill was advanced to General File on March 6, 2015 with a committee amendment attached.

OTHER LEGISLATION OF NOTE RAISED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:

LB482 - Change provisions relating to juveniles

Introduced by Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: 2/25/15

Judiciary

Restraints shall not be used on a juvenile during a juvenile court proceeding and removed prior to the juvenile's appearance before the juvenile court. Unless there is cause to show the need of restraints in the court proceeding. If there is a determination that restraints

are needed, juvenile court shall provide the juvenile, the juvenile's attorney, or the juvenile's parent or guardian an opportunity to be heard before ordering the use of restraints.

POSITION: NO POSITION: Sheli Schindler has raised an issue with this legislation. Senator Krist has indicated that he introduced this legislation to conform to best practices.

1. **LB 266 – Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances**

Introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford, Bellevue

Hearing Date: 2/3/15

Urban Affairs

Municipalities currently have the authority to regulate nuisances within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. LB 266 amends various nuisance statutes to clarify this existing authority.

POSITION: NO POSITION: An amendment was worked out prior to the hearing to work out concerns raised by the League. An amendment was offered to the Committee during the hearing that would exempt out counties of greater than 100,000 – citing joint planning boards and commissions – and providing for a notice to County Boards of development in the ETJ of a city. The bill was sent to the Governor.

2. **LB 543 – Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under Medicaid**

Introduced by Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 6, 2015

Health and Human Services

PRIORITY FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY

LB 543 establishes criteria and requirements for certification for community paramedics. To be eligible for certification, an individual must be a licensed paramedic and completed a paramedic education program from a board approved university or college.

POSITION: NO POSITION. This is a priority for Douglas County. There was significant opposition leveled at the hearing including most of the home-based healthcare organizations in the state.

3. **LB 106 - Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning**

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Hearing Date: February 12, 2015

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

NACO PRIORITY

This bill creates a mechanism for livestock operation siting and allows for certain officials to be on the board.

4. **LB 98 - State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control**
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date:
Appropriations Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Support with caveat around Health Care Cash funding levels

The bill would appropriate \$7 Million in both years of the biennium for tobacco use cessation.

5. **LB 118 - Provide for licensure of cigar shops**
Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill
Hearing Date: January 26, 2015
General Affairs Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Oppose

The bill re-creates an exemption for cigar bars. The bill has passed.

6. **LB 148 - Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care**
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: January 30, 2015
Health & Human Services Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Support

This bill carries former foster youth on Medicaid until the age of 26.

7. **LB 332 - Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project**
Introduced by Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell
Hearing Date:
Appropriations Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting - Support

This bill appropriates \$600,000 in each year of the biennium to a drug disposal program.

8. **Appropriation for Public Health Aid – HHS Budget**
The Department of Health – along with others – is seeking a \$5.2 Million Appropriation. This would mean \$700,000 to Lincoln/Lancaster in both years of the biennium.

9. **LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund**
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom
Hearing Date: 3/12/15
Appropriations Committee

Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

The bill would cap the amount in the State Recreation Road Fund at \$15 Million and move the amount greater than that to Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund.

10. LB 564 - Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads

Introduced by Senator Brent Lindstrom of Omaha

Hearing Date: March 3, 2015

Transportation & Telecommunications Committee

Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

The bill would limit mowing to one side of the road.

This concludes our report for this week. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

AMENDMENTS TO LB472

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike original section 5 and insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 5. (1) The Medicaid Redesign Task Force is created.

3 (2) The task force shall consist of eleven voting members,
4 including:

5 (a) The Governor or his or her designee;

6 (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and
7 Human Services;

8 (c) The Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of
9 Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the department;

10 (d) The Director of Public Health of the Division of Public Health
11 of the department;

12 (e) The Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral
13 Health of the department;

14 (f) The Director of Insurance; and

15 (g) Five persons, appointed by the Governor, with expertise in
16 health care delivery, health insurance, health care workforce, health
17 education, and health care consumer advocacy who shall each serve a term
18 of three years and may be reappointed.

19 (3) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the
20 Legislature, the chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance
21 Committee of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Health and Human
22 Services Committee of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Executive
23 Board of the Legislative Council, and a member of the Health and Human
24 Services Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairperson of the
25 committee shall be ex officio nonvoting members of the task force.

AMENDMENTS TO LB13

Introduced by Judiciary.

1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2014, is amended to read:

4 43-2404.02 (1) There is created a separate and distinct budgetary
5 program within the commission to be known as the Community-based Juvenile
6 Services Aid Program. Funding acquired from participation in the federal
7 act, state General Funds, and funding acquired from other sources which
8 may be used for purposes consistent with the Juvenile Services Act and
9 the federal act shall be used to aid in the establishment and provision
10 of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the
11 juvenile justice system.

12 (2)(a) Ten percent of the annual General Fund appropriation to the
13 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, excluding administrative
14 budget funds, shall be set aside for the development of a common data set
15 and evaluation of the effectiveness of the Community-based Juvenile
16 Services Aid Program. The intent in creating this common data set is to
17 allow for evaluation of the use of the funds and the effectiveness of the
18 programs or outcomes in the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
19 Program.

20 (b) The common data set shall be developed and maintained by the
21 commission and shall serve as a primary data collection site for any
22 intervention funded with Community-based Juvenile Services Aid designed
23 to serve juveniles and deter involvement in the formal juvenile justice
24 system. The commission shall work with agencies and programs to enhance
25 existing data sets. To ensure that the data set permits evaluation of
26 recidivism and other measures, the commission shall work with the Office
27 of Probation Administration, juvenile diversion programs, law

1 enforcement, the courts, and others to compile data that demonstrates
2 whether a youth has moved deeper into the juvenile justice system. The
3 University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, shall assist
4 with the development of common definitions, variables, and training
5 required for data collection and reporting into the common data set by
6 juvenile justice programs. The common data set maintained by the
7 commission shall be provided to the University of Nebraska at Omaha,
8 Juvenile Justice Institute, to assess the effectiveness of the Community-
9 based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

10 (c) Providing the commission access to records and information for,
11 as well as the commission granting access to records and information
12 from, the common data set is not a violation of confidentiality
13 provisions under any law, rule, or regulation if done in good faith for
14 purposes of evaluation. Records and documents, regardless of physical
15 form, that are obtained or produced or presented to the commission for
16 the common data set are not public records.

17 (d) The ten percent of the annual General Fund appropriation to the
18 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, excluding administrative
19 budget funds, shall be appropriated as follows: In the year 2016, seven
20 percent shall go to the commission for development of the common data set
21 and three percent shall go to the University of Nebraska at Omaha,
22 Juvenile Justice Institute, for evaluation. In the year 2017, six percent
23 shall go to the commission for development and maintenance of the common
24 data set and four percent shall go to the University of Nebraska at
25 Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, for evaluation. Every year thereafter,
26 beginning in the year 2018, five percent shall go to the commission for
27 development and maintenance of the common data set and five percent shall
28 go to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute,
29 for evaluation.

30 (e 2) The remaining funds in the annual General Fund appropriation
31 to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be apportioned

1 as aid in accordance with a formula established in rules and regulations
2 adopted and promulgated by the commission. The formula shall be based on
3 the total number of residents per county and federally recognized or
4 state-recognized Indian tribe who are twelve years of age through
5 eighteen years of age and other relevant factors as determined by the
6 commission. The commission may require a local match of up to forty
7 percent from the county, multiple counties, federally recognized or
8 state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes, or any combination of the three
9 which is receiving aid under such program. Any local expenditures for
10 community-based programs for juveniles may be applied toward such match
11 requirement.

12 (3)(a) In distributing funds provided under the Community-based
13 Juvenile Services Aid Program, aid recipients shall prioritize programs
14 and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system,
15 reduce the population of juveniles in juvenile detention and secure
16 confinement, and assist in transitioning juveniles from out-of-home
17 placements.

18 (b) Funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
19 Program shall be used exclusively to assist the aid recipient in the
20 implementation and operation of programs or the provision of services
21 identified in the aid recipient's comprehensive juvenile services plan,
22 including programs for local planning and service coordination;
23 screening, assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to
24 detention; family support services; treatment services; truancy
25 prevention and intervention programs; pilot projects approved by the
26 commission; payment of transportation costs to and from placements,
27 evaluations, or services; personnel when the personnel are aligned with
28 evidence-based treatment principles, programs, or practices; contracting
29 with other state agencies or private organizations that provide evidence-
30 based treatment or programs; preexisting programs that are aligned with
31 evidence-based practices or best practices; and other services that will

1 positively impact juveniles and families in the juvenile justice system.

2 (c) Funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
3 Program shall not be used for the following: Construction of secure
4 detention facilities, secure youth treatment facilities, or secure youth
5 confinement facilities; capital construction or the lease or acquisition
6 of facilities; programs, services, treatments, evaluations, or other
7 preadjudication services that are not based on or grounded in evidence-
8 based practices, principles, and research, except that the commission may
9 approve pilot projects that authorize the use of such aid; or office
10 equipment, office supplies, or office space.

11 (d) Any aid not distributed to counties under this subsection shall
12 be retained by the commission to be distributed on a competitive basis
13 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program for a county,
14 multiple counties, federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe
15 or tribes, or any combination of the three demonstrating additional need
16 in the funding areas identified in this subsection.

17 (e) If a county, multiple counties, or a federally recognized or
18 state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes is denied aid under this section
19 or receives no aid under this section, the entity may request an appeal
20 pursuant to the appeal process in rules and regulations adopted and
21 promulgated by the commission. The commission shall establish appeal and
22 hearing procedures by December 15, 2014. The commission shall make appeal
23 and hearing procedures available on its web site.

24 (4)(a) Any recipient of aid under the Community-based Juvenile
25 Services Aid Program shall electronically file an annual report as
26 required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the
27 commission. Any program funded through Community-based Juvenile Services
28 Aid that served juveniles shall report data on the individual youth
29 served. Any program that is not directly serving youth shall include
30 program-level data. In either case, data collected shall include, but not
31 be limited to, the following: The The report shall include, but not be

1 ~~limited to, the type of juvenile service, how the service met the goals~~
2 ~~of the comprehensive juvenile services plan, demographic information on~~
3 ~~the total number of juveniles served, program outcomes ~~success rates,~~ the~~
4 ~~total number of juveniles served, and the number of juveniles who~~
5 ~~completed the program or intervention sent to secure juvenile detention~~
6 ~~or residential treatment and secure confinement, and a listing of the~~
7 ~~expenditures for detention, residential treatment, and nonresidential~~
8 ~~treatment.~~

9 (b) Any recipient of aid under the Community-based Juvenile Services
10 Aid Program shall be assisted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha,
11 Juvenile Justice Institute, in reporting in the common data set, as set
12 forth in the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the
13 commission. Community-based aid utilization and evaluation data shall be
14 stored and maintained by the commission.

15 (c) Evaluation of the use of funds and the evidence of the
16 effectiveness of the programs shall be completed by the University of
17 Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, specifically:

18 (i) The varying rates of recidivism, as defined by rules and
19 regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission, and other measures
20 for juveniles participating in community-based programs; and

21 (ii) Whether juveniles are sent to staff secure or secure juvenile
22 detention after participating in a program funded by the Community-based
23 Juvenile Services Aid Program.

24 (5) The commission shall report annually to the Governor and the
25 Legislature on the distribution and use of funds for aid appropriated
26 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. The report shall
27 include, but not be limited to, an aggregate report of the use of the
28 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program funds, including the types
29 of juvenile services and programs that were funded, demographic
30 information on the total number of juveniles served, program success
31 rates, the total number of juveniles sent to secure juvenile detention or

1 residential treatment and secure confinement, and a listing of the
2 expenditures of all counties and federally recognized or state-recognized
3 Indian tribes for detention, residential treatment, and secure
4 confinement. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted
5 electronically.

6 (6) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
7 for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program in consultation
8 with the Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program,
9 the Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, the Office of Probation
10 Administration, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, and the
11 University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute. The rules
12 and regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (a) The required elements of a comprehensive juvenile services plan
14 and planning process;

15 (b) The Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program formula,
16 review process, match requirements, and fund distribution. The
17 distribution process shall ensure a conflict of interest policy;

18 (c) A distribution process for funds retained under subsection (3)
19 of this section;

20 (d) A plan for evaluating the effectiveness of plans and programs
21 receiving funding;

22 (e) A reporting process for aid recipients; ~~and~~

23 (f) A reporting process for the commission to the Governor and
24 Legislature. The report shall be made electronically to the Governor and
25 the Legislature; and -

26 (g) Requirements regarding the use of the common data set.

AMENDMENTS TO LB15

Introduced by Judiciary.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 43-272, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 43-272 (1) When any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before
6 a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her
7 parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of
8 such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire
9 to retain counsel. The court shall inform such juvenile and his or her
10 parent or guardian of such juvenile's right to counsel at county expense
11 if none of them is able to afford counsel. If the juvenile or his or her
12 parent or guardian desires to have counsel appointed for such juvenile,
13 or the parent or guardian of such juvenile cannot be located, and the
14 court ascertains that none of such persons are able to afford an
15 attorney, the court shall forthwith appoint an attorney to represent such
16 juvenile for all proceedings before the juvenile court, except that if an
17 attorney is appointed to represent such juvenile and the court later
18 determines that a parent of such juvenile is able to afford an attorney,
19 the court shall order such parent or juvenile to pay for services of the
20 attorney to be collected in the same manner as provided by section
21 43-290. If the parent willfully refuses to pay any such sum, the court
22 may commit him or her for contempt, and execution may issue at the
23 request of the appointed attorney or the county attorney or by the court
24 without a request.

25 (2) The court, on its own motion or upon application of a party to
26 the proceedings, shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the juvenile: (a)
27 If the juvenile has no parent or guardian of his or her person or if the

1 parent or guardian of the juvenile cannot be located or cannot be brought
2 before the court; (b) if the parent or guardian of the juvenile is
3 excused from participation in all or any part of the proceedings; (c) if
4 the parent is a juvenile or an incompetent; (d) if the parent is
5 indifferent to the interests of the juvenile; or (e) in any proceeding
6 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (3)(a) of section 43-247.

7 A guardian ad litem shall have the duty to protect the interests of
8 the juvenile for whom he or she has been appointed guardian, and shall be
9 deemed a parent of the juvenile as to those proceedings with respect to
10 which his or her guardianship extends.

11 (3) The court shall appoint an attorney as guardian ad litem. A
12 guardian ad litem shall act as his or her own counsel and as counsel for
13 the juvenile, unless there are special reasons in a particular case why
14 the guardian ad litem or the juvenile or both should have separate
15 counsel. In such cases the guardian ad litem shall have the right to
16 counsel, except that the guardian ad litem shall be entitled to appointed
17 counsel without regard to his or her financial ability to retain counsel.
18 Whether such appointed counsel shall be provided at the cost of the
19 county shall be determined as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

20 (4) By July 1, 2015, the Supreme Court shall formally promulgate the
21 Guidelines for Guardians ad Litem for Juveniles in Juvenile Court
22 Proceedings adopted by the Supreme Court on July 18, 2007, into the rules
23 of the Supreme Court.

24 Sec. 2. Section 43-272.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
25 2014, is amended to read:

26 43-272.01 (1) A guardian ad litem as provided for in subsections (2)
27 and (3) of section 43-272 shall be appointed when a child is removed from
28 his or her surroundings pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of section
29 43-248, subsection (2) of section 43-250, or section 43-251. If removal
30 has not occurred, a guardian ad litem shall be appointed at the
31 commencement of all cases brought under subdivision (3)(a) or (7) of

1 section 43-247 and section 28-707.

2 (2) In the course of discharging duties as guardian ad litem, the
3 person so appointed shall consider, but not be limited to, the criteria
4 provided in this subsection. The guardian ad litem:

5 (a) Is appointed to stand in lieu of a parent for a protected
6 juvenile who is the subject of a juvenile court petition, shall be
7 present at all hearings before the court in such matter unless expressly
8 excused by the court, and may enter into such stipulations and agreements
9 concerning adjudication and disposition deemed by him or her to be in the
10 juvenile's best interests;

11 (b) Is not appointed to defend the parents or other custodian of the
12 protected juvenile but shall defend the legal and social interests of
13 such juvenile. Social interests shall be defined generally as the usual
14 and reasonable expectations of society for the appropriate parental
15 custody and protection and quality of life for juveniles without regard
16 to the socioeconomic status of the parents or other custodians of the
17 juvenile;

18 (c) May at any time after the filing of the petition move the court
19 of jurisdiction to provide medical or psychological treatment or
20 evaluation as set out in section 43-258. The guardian ad litem shall have
21 access to all reports resulting from any examination ordered under
22 section 43-258, and such reports shall be used for evaluating the status
23 of the protected juvenile;

24 (d) Shall make every reasonable effort to become familiar with the
25 needs of the protected juvenile which (i) shall include consultation with
26 the juvenile in his or her respective placement within two weeks after
27 the appointment and once every three ~~six~~ months thereafter and inquiry of
28 the most current caseworker, foster parent, or other custodian, unless
29 the court approves other forms of consultation, and (ii) may include
30 inquiry of others directly involved with the juvenile or who may have
31 information or knowledge about the circumstances which brought the

1 juvenile court action or related cases and the development of the
2 juvenile, including biological parents, physicians, psychologists,
3 teachers, and clergy members;

4 (e) May present evidence and witnesses and cross-examine witnesses
5 at all evidentiary hearings. In any proceeding under this section
6 relating to a child of school age, certified copies of school records
7 relating to attendance and academic progress of such child are admissible
8 in evidence;

9 (f) Shall be responsible for making written reports and
10 recommendations to the court at every dispositional, review, or
11 permanency planning hearing regarding the temporary and permanent
12 placement of the protected juvenile, the type and number of contacts with
13 the juvenile, the type and number of contacts with other relevant
14 stakeholders, and any further relevant information on a form prepared by
15 the Supreme Court. A copy of the written reports and recommendations to
16 the court shall also be submitted to the Foster Care Review Office for
17 any juvenile in foster care placement as defined in section 43-1301 and
18 ~~shall submit a written report to the court at every dispositional or~~
19 ~~review hearing,~~ or in the alternative, the court may provide the guardian
20 ad litem with a checklist that shall be completed and presented to the
21 court at every dispositional or review hearing;

22 (g) Shall consider such other information as is warranted by the
23 nature and circumstances of a particular case; and

24 (h) May file a petition in the juvenile court on behalf of the
25 juvenile, including a supplemental petition as provided in section
26 43-291.

27 (3) Nothing in this section shall operate to limit the discretion of
28 the juvenile court in protecting the best interests of a juvenile who is
29 the subject of a juvenile court petition.

30 (4) For purposes of subdivision (2)(d) of this section, the court
31 may order the expense of such consultation, if any, to be paid by the

1 county in which the juvenile court action is brought or the court may,
2 after notice and hearing, assess the cost of such consultation, if any,
3 in whole or in part to the parents of the juvenile. The ability of the
4 parents to pay and the amount of the payment shall be determined by the
5 court by appropriate examination.

6 (5) The guardian ad litem may be compensated on a per-case
7 appointment system or pursuant to a system of multi-case contracts.
8 Regardless of the method of compensation, billing hours and expenses for
9 court-appointed guardian ad litem services shall be submitted to the
10 court for approval and shall be recorded on a written, itemized billing
11 statement signed by the attorney responsible for the case. Billing hours
12 and expenses for guardian ad litem services rendered under a contract for
13 such services shall be submitted to the entity with whom the guardian ad
14 litem contracts in the form and manner prescribed by such entity for
15 approval. Case time for guardian ad litem services shall be scrupulously
16 accounted for by the attorney responsible for the case. Additionally, in
17 the case of a multi-lawyer firm or organization retained for guardian ad
18 litem services, the name of the attorney or attorneys assigned to each
19 guardian ad litem case shall be recorded.

20 (6) For purposes of subdivision (2)(d) of this section and this
21 subsection:

22 (a) Consultation with the juvenile means meeting in person with the
23 juvenile unless prohibited or made impracticable by exceptional
24 circumstances; and

25 (b) Exceptional circumstances includes, but is not limited to,
26 situations in which an unreasonable geographical distance is involved
27 between the location of the guardian ad litem and the juvenile. When such
28 exceptional circumstances exist, the guardian ad litem shall attempt
29 consultation with the juvenile by other reasonable means, including, but
30 not limited to, telephonic or other suitable electronic means, if the
31 juvenile is of sufficient age and capacity to participate in such means

1 of communication and there are no other barriers preventing such
2 communication. When consultation by telephonic or other suitable
3 electronic means is not feasible, the guardian ad litem shall seek
4 direction from the court as to any other acceptable method by which to
5 accomplish consultation with the juvenile.

6 Sec. 3. Original section 43-272, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska, and section 43-272.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2014, are repealed.

9 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
10 passed and approved according to law.

AMENDMENTS TO LB188

Introduced by Judiciary.

1 1. On page 3, line 24; and page 5, line 26, after "into" insert "or
2 onto".

3 2. On page 3, line 31; and page 6, line 2, strike "subject to arrest
4 or".

5 3. On page 4, lines 2 and 3; and page 6, lines 4 and 5, strike "Is
6 engaged in any illegal activity which would itself give rise to an
7 arrest" and insert "Has engaged in conduct chargeable as, or amounting
8 to, a felony while in or on, or prior to entry into or onto, the fleeing
9 vehicle".

AMENDMENTS TO LB132

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 13-2507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 13-2507 (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, a A joint
6 public agency shall have only those powers of taxation as one or more of
7 the participating public agencies has and only as specifically provided
8 in the agreement proposing creation of the joint public agency, except
9 that a joint public agency shall not levy a local option sales tax.
10 Participating public agencies may agree to allow the joint public agency
11 to levy a property tax rate not to exceed a limit as provided in the
12 agreement if the agreement also limits the levy authority of the
13 overlapping participating public agencies collectively to the same
14 amount. The levy authority of a joint public agency shall be allocated by
15 the city or county as provided in section 77-3443, and the agreement may
16 require allocation of levy authority by the city or county.

17 (2) If one or more of the participating public agencies is a
18 municipality, the agreement may allow any occupation or wheel tax to be
19 extended over the area encompassed by the joint public agency at a rate
20 uniform to that of the city or village for the purpose of providing
21 revenue to finance the services to be provided by the joint public
22 agency. The tax shall not be extended until the procedures governing
23 enactment by the municipality are followed by the joint public agency,
24 including any requirement for a public vote.

25 (3) If the agreement calls for the allocation of property tax levy
26 authority to the joint public agency, the amount of the allocation to the
27 joint public agency and from each participating public agency shall be

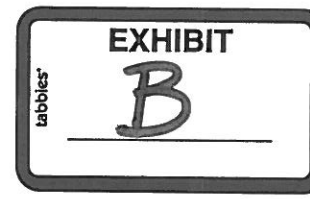
1 reported to the Property Tax Administrator.

2 (4)(a) Prior to the issuance of bonds and the pledge of property tax
3 levy authority allocated to a joint public agency to pay the principal of
4 and interest on bonds to be issued by the joint public agency, the joint
5 public agency shall hold an election to present the question of issuing
6 such bonds and levying such tax to the registered voters of the
7 participating public agency which allocated such property tax levy
8 authority. Such election shall be held at a special election called for
9 such purpose or an election held in conjunction with a statewide or local
10 primary or general election.

11 (b) If a ballot question is required to be submitted to the
12 registered voters of more than one participating public agency pursuant
13 to subdivision (a) of this subsection and if the participating public
14 agencies have overlapping jurisdiction of any geographic area, the
15 registered voters residing in the geographic area subject to overlapping
16 jurisdiction shall only be entitled to one vote on the ballot question.

17 Sec. 2. Original section 13-2507, Reissue Revised Statutes of
18 Nebraska, is repealed.

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB13	Krist		Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM466	LB 13 states 100% of the annual GF appropriation to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be set aside for the development of a common data system at the University of Nebraska at Omaha	Monitor	Monitor
LB15	Krist	Krist	Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM514	LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court	[DC Priority]	Monitor
LB16	Krist		Adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/22/2015		LB 16 provides quality jobs to people with disabilities by implementing the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act.		
LB25	Krist		Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM605			Monitor
LB30	McCoy		Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				

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LB37	Krist		Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health and Human Services	1/21/2015	General File w/AM140; AM140 Adopted; Select File w/ER41; Krist AM470 Filed; AM470 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST13			
LB43	Coash		Provide for standby guardians and recovery of assets under the Nebraska Probate Code	Judiciary	1/21/2015	General File w/AM72; AM72 Adopted; Select File 2/5; Final Reading 2/17; Passed on Final Reading 48-0-1; Approved			
LB53	Scheer		Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/2015	General File 3/2; Scheer AM762 Filed;	LB 53 states as of January 1, 2017, a request for one license plate can be made for any passenger car. With a request for a single license plate and license decal, there is a one hundred dollar fee payable to the county treasurer		

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LB61	Bolz		Change funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		LB61 would seek to repeal a provision in statute that currently requires counties to pay for rental costs or provide space to the Department of Health and Human Services for services that were provided by counties prior to those responsibilities being transferred to the	[LC Priority] Support	Support
LB65	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015	General File; Select File w/ERS; Shumacher AM67 Filed; AM67 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 49-0-0			Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB88	Campbell		Change fees relating to marriage licenses	Judiciary	1/21/2015	General File 1/27; Kintner AM110 Filed; Kintner AM131 Filed; Kintner AM155 Filed; AM155 Withdrawn; AM131 Withdrawn; Kintner AM185 Filed; AM185 Adopted; Select File 2/5; Bloomfield AM184 Filed; AM184 Withdrawn; Bloomfield FA13 Filed; FA13 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading 42-4-3		[LC Priority] Support	[NACO Priority]
LB94	Smith		Provide for issuance of printed motor vehicle certificate of title for nonresidents as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/20; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved			

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LB98	Bolz		State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control	Appropriations	3/16/2015		Include in the appropriation to Agency No. 25 and Program No 30, for FY 2015-16, \$7 million Cash Funds and for FY 2016-17, \$7 million Cash Funds use for tobacco use prevention control from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	Support	[NACO Priority]
LB105	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015		State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state	Support	[NACO Priority]
LB106	Watermeier	Watermeier	Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	Watermeier AM698; Watermeier AM643 Filed; General File w/AM521	LB 106 creates the Livestock Operating Siting and Expansion Act and to be implemented by the creation of the Livestock Operation Siting Review Board		Neutral

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB111	Larson		Require identification to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/23/2015	Larson AM107 Filed; Larson AM268 Filed; Larson AM219 Filed; Murante AM273 Filed; Murante AM270 Filed; Larson AM269 Filed; Schilz AM267 Filed; Murante AM271 Filed; Larson AM272 Filed; Chambers MO30 Filed; Chambers MO32 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO32 Prevails			

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LB113	Larson		Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services	Judiciary	2/18/2015	General File w/AM508	An inmate who request medical treatment will make a copayment of not less than \$10.00 when receiving non-emergency service. The visit shall be deducted from the inmate account as part of copayment. If the account has insufficient funds at the time of the non-emergency treatment, fifty percent of any future deposit shall be withheld until copayment amount owed is paid in full		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB118	Larson		Provide for licensure of cigar shops		1/26/2015	General File w/AM97; AM97 Adopted; Larson AM221 Filed; AM221 Adopted; Select File w/ER14; Schumacher AM343 Filed; AM221 Withdrawn; AM343 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST3; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-3-1; Approved		Oppose	
LB119	Schumacher		Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served	Judiciary	2/12/2015		All sentences of imprisonment for classified felonies and sentences of more than 1 year and any lesser sentence shall be served concurrently or consecutively with such sentences. Sentence of 1 year or less may be served in a county jail		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB120	Schumacher		Provide for seizure of license plates of certain uninsured motor vehicles or trailers as prescribed	Judiciary	1/28/2015		LB120 would authorize law enforcement to seize license plates from a vehicle if at the time the vehicle is pulled over and the driver is unable to produce proof of insurance. The citation issued would serve as a temporary plate for 10 days. If the vehicle was not insured at the time of the stop, in addition to other penalties and fees, the owner of the vehicle would pay \$50 to get the vehicle plates back. The result is that the vehicle remains conspicuous and more likely to be reticketed if it remains uninsured	[LC Priority] Support	

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB122	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Bloomfield AM407 Filed; AM407 Adopted; Final Reading 2/23; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3;			
LB126	Nordquist		Change a combined contribution retirement benefit rate as prescribed	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/20/2015	General File w/AM12; AM12 Adopted; Select File w/ER1; Final Reading; Passed on Final Reading 49-0; Approved			

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB131	Craighead		Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	Urban Affairs	1/27/2015	General File w/AM405	This bill provides financial guidance to Sanitary and Improvement Districts (SIDs) once the intent of their annexation by an adjacent qualifying city is made. This bill changes the restrictions on SIDs to enter into or extend contracts once they have been notified that a city is proposing the annex of the SID. After such, notification, the SID will need to seek the approval of the City before entering into any contracts.		Support
LB132	Ebke		Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015	General File w/AM582	links Joint Public Agency bond issuance procedures to taxing powers. It requires Joint Public Agencies follow the bond issuance procedures a participating public agency would be required to follow to bond the particular revenue stream	Oppose	
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			Monitor	

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LB139	Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/27/2015	General File			
LB142	Schilz		Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	Natural Resources	1/21/2015	General File w/AM45; AM45 Adopted; Select File w/ER20; Schilz AM255 Filed; AM255 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST8; Passed on Final Reading w/E-Clause 46-1-2; Approved	To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species	Monitor	
LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/2015	General File w/AM142; AM142 Adopted; Select File w/ER42; Final Reading 3/10	LB 146 establishes a voluntary process for funeral homes to work with veteran service organizations to locate, identify and inter unclaimed cremated remains of veterans and their dependents for the purposes of burial in a veteran cemetery		Monitor

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB148	Crawford		Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care	Health and Human Services			Under Section 2004 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), foster youth who age out of the foster care system in Nebraska without reunification with their families or adoption are eligible for Medicaid coverage until age 26. This mirrors the provision in the PPACA allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plan until age 26	Monitor	Monitor
LB158	McCollister		Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation	Business and Labor	3/2/2015		No compensation shall be allowed if, at the time of or in the course of entering into employment or at the time of receiving notice of the removal of conditions from a conditional offer of employment		Monitor
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/2015			Support	Support

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LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472			Oppose
LB186	Bolz		Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	Revenue	1/29/2015		This bill allows for a resident or partial-year resident of Nebraska who owns or rents his primary residence to apply for a refundable income tax credit. The applicant must have resided at the property he or she is requesting for consideration for at least six months		
LB188	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	1/23/2015	General File w/AM374	The bill states that a passenger in a fleeing vehicle shall not be considered to be an innocent third party if the passenger (a) enters with knowledge the driver is under the influence (b) fails to take steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle (c) promotes or provokes the driver to flee (d) are themselves subject to arrest or (e) is engaged in illegal activity that would itself give rise to arrest	Support	Oppose

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LB202	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/26/2015				
LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB210	Ebke		Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments	Revenue	2/12/2015		<i>Relating to low income housing</i>		Monitor
LB212	Chambers		Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed	Judiciary	2/25/2015		Restraints shall not be used on a juvenile during a juvenile court proceeding and removed prior to the juvenile's appearance before the juvenile court. Unless there is cause to show the need of restraints in the court proceeding		Oppose
LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015				

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB224	Harr		Provide and change restrictions relating to electioneering	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2015		LB 224 would require the placement of flags on the day of any election to indicate the area within 200 feet of a polling place unless that area is across a public thoroughfare or private property. It would also require the designation of an approximately ten feet by five feet yard- sign zone within the 200 foot area which would allow for any person to display a campaign sign in the zone beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. on the day of the election		
LB230	Mello		Change provisions relating to partition actions	Revenue	2/19/2015				[NACO Priority]
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/2015				
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations					

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB241	Stinner		Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots	General Affairs	1/26/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved			
LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/2015				
LB245	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to DNA testing of biological material	Judiciary	1/30/2015	General File w/AM197; AM197 Adopted; Select File w/ER46; Harr FA29 Filed; Harr AM827 Filed;	This bill allows the court to order DNA testing, pursuant to a motion filed, that the biological material was not previously tested; material was tested, but current technology may provide more accurate findings		
LB250	Larson		Eliminate time restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1/26/2015				Monitor
LB253	Morfeld	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015	General File w/AM278			
LB256	Bloomfield		Change the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales tax revenue	Revenue	2/20/2015		LB 256 would raise the state sales and use tax from the current five and one-half percent to six percent as of October 1, 2015.		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB259	Gloor		Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015		To exempt the first \$25,000 worth of personal property value for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor		Monitor
LB260	Gloor		Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors	Revenue	1/23/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 46-0-3; Approved	To expand the time frame to three years from date of certified valuation for errors regarding valuation to be corrected by the Property Tax Administrator or to recertify said valuation within three years of distribution of the tax to a county		
LB265	Campbell	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare	Judiciary	2/27/2015		LB 265 states a guardian ad-litem(GAL) will make a reasonable effort to become familiar with the needs of a juvenile by consultation with juvenile in his or her respective placement within 2 weeks of appointment and every 3 (was 6) months thereafter		Monitor

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LB266	Crawford		Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM122; AM122 Adopted; Select File w/ER30; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved	Municipalities currently have the authority to regulate nuisances within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. LB 266 amends various nuisance statutes to clarify this existing authority		Monitor
LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015		to clarify that SID special assessments also survive the tax deed method so that SID special assessments are treated the same no matter which method a tax certificate holder uses to exercise his or rights to the property purchased at a tax sale		
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			Oppose

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LB288	Ebke		Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Business and Labor	3/9/2015		Any collective-bargaining agreement involving a public employer entered into, renewed, or extended on or after the effective date of this act shall not contain provisions requiring or allowing the deduction of dues		Support
LB290	Coash		Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender	Judiciary	2/12/2015	General File 2/20			
LB293	Schnoor		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		LB 293 would reduce the value of agricultural and horticultural land for taxation purposes. The rate would be reduced down to 65%, currently the range is between 69% to 75%.		

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LB295	Scheer		Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM323	requires that cities of all classes and villages receive approval from county boards, with jurisdiction over an extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, before they are able to enforce ordinances, bylaws, rule, regulations, and resolutions within said extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction unless otherwise provided by law		Support
LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			Monitor
LB309	Davis		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund		

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LB319	Smith		Change provisions relating to elections conducted by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 319 states all registered voters of the political subdivision or a district or ward of the political subdivision are eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters		
LB325	Davis		Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File 3/10	Makes changes to the provisions dealing with rural and suburban fire protection districts	[DC Priority]	
LB331	Nordquist		Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	Revenue	2/11/2015				
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations	3/16/2015			Support	Support
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/2015				

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LB337	Harr		Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act	Natural Resources	2/5/2015		Several changes are proposed to change the use of the Act to include energy demand reduction projects. Those eligible for funding would include any natural person, political subdivisions, corporations or other businesses that receive energy service from an eligible entity at a building that receives no greater than a one thousand kilowatt demand. Funding for the program is increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000		Oppose
LB340	Brasch		Provide signage requirements and duties for the Nebraska State Patrol under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	Judiciary	3/20/2015		The Nebraska State Patrol will design a standardized sign for use by any person, entity, or employer in control of property prohibiting a permit holder from carrying a concealed handgun in or on the place or premises		

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LB341	Howard		Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	Banking Commerce & Insurance	3/9/2015		states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law		Oppose
LB344	Kolowski		Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources	3/6/2015		LB 344 gives Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) the power and authority to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing all or part of the cost of non-revenue-producing water projects authorized by law		Oppse

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LB345	Kolowski		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	2/12/2015		The bill creates the Property Tax Relief Act to provide property tax relief for property taxes levied against homesteads. Homestead is to mean residence or mobile home and the land surrounding it		
LB347	Krist		Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	2/26/2015				
LB350	Brasch		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		This bill decreases valuations by 10% from 75% to 65%		
LB356	Harr		Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File w/AM803	provide safe, decent and affordable rent-restricted housing in Nebraska. LB 356 prescribes standards and methods for the determination of value of real property at uniform and proportionate values		Neutral
LB357	Smith	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/2015				Oppose

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LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015		LB 359 increases a state fee collected by local subdivisions assessed upon licensure of cats and dogs		
LB376	Hansen		Provide that public charitable corporations are subject to the Deferred Building Renewal Act	Executive Board	2/17/2015		The purpose of LB 376 is to allow for Public Charitable Corporations to request funding under the Deferred Building Renewal Act		Monitor
LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose
LB384	Lindstrom		Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		<i>Land owner with 160 acres of crop land may have 30 acres to 160 acres valued as pasture if planted to perennial cover</i>		
LB387	Schnoor		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		The State Treasurer shall transfer sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015		Oppose

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LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/2015		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(I)(iii) to read: <u>plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars</u>		
LB398	Harr		Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	Revenue	3/5/2015		This bill sets forth that beginning January 1, 2017, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax. Property owned and used for agricultural and horticultural societies, educational, religious, etc		
LB406	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property as prescribed	Judiciary	2/19/2015		An action would not be taken against an individual for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property, if that person has been in actual possession for twenty years		[NACO Priority]

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LB414	Harr	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015		Every society organized or licensed is a charitable and benevolent institution, with all funds and property being exempt from all and every state, county, district, municipal and school tax		
LB415	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	General File w/AM200			Support
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/2015				
LB420	Crawford		Require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate in a sanitary and improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/10/2015	General File 2/18	LB 420 would require a salesperson or real estate broker or owner to have acknowledgement from purchaser he or she understands property lies within an SID		Monitor
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015				

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LB427	Groene		Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid		
LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/2015	General File w/AM733		[LC Priority] Support	[NACO Priority]
LB432	Baker		Change provisions relating to access to and copying of public records	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs		Baker MO7 Withdraw Bill Filed; Bill Withdrawn	Makes changes including allowing the custodian of the records to provide the requested materials in an electronic format	Monitor	Oppose
LB442	Bolz		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		Appropriation for FY 2015-16 for 20,000,000 to the property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Second appropriation of same amount for FY 2016-17.		
LB460	Nordquist		Provide for licensure of charter bus and limousine services and pedal-pub vehicles for the consumption of alcohol	General Affairs	2/2/2015	General File w/AM396	This bill would create a licensure process for "party buses" as well as pedal vehicles where you can consume alcohol		Monitor
LB472	Campbell	Health and H	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	Health and Human Services	2/25/2015		This year's Medicaid expansion effort also includes a redesign of Medicaid.	Support	

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LB476	Davis		Provide duties for county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator relating to tax-exempt real property	Revenue	3/5/2015		On or before December 1 each year, the county assessor will compile a list of parcel of real property in the county exempt from the property tax, and determine the estimated market value		Monitor
LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/2015	General File w/AM485	Removes: all counties, townships, cities, and villages of Nebraska that may erect or aid in the erection of statues, monuments, or other memorials commemorating the services of the members of the Armed Forces of the Civil, Spanish – American, or World Wars or the Korean or Vietnam conflict to be located upon the public lands or within the public buildings within such county, township, city or village	Monitor	
LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015				

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LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015				
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				
LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015				Support
LB499	Krist		Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015		This bill is a shell bill that will be utilized by Senator Krist if needed to address the recommendations of either the LR434 Investigative Committee or the CSG Report. He suggested that LB500 is also part of this equation.	[DC Priority]	
LB500	Howard		Require application for medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015		On or before July 1, 2015, the department shall submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services		

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LB502	Krist		State intent to establish a family court pilot project	Judiciary	2/26/2015		Legislature declares family courts programs to be working and that the Supreme Court shall establish a pilot project of family court in Douglas County		
LB514	Craighead		Change provisions relating to registering to vote and voting early at the same time	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015	General File 2/23	Legislative Bill 514 amends Nebraska Revised Statute 32-942 by adding an option for voters who wish to register to vote and vote early on the same day		
LB518	Riepe		Provide for changes to the medical assistance program	Health and Human Services	3/18/2015		LB 518 establishes the Nebraska Health Savings Account Plan to provide state funds for eligible recipients		

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LB539	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/6/2015	General File w/AM487; Crawford AM653 Filed;	LB 539 states that the Auditor of Public accounts shall have access to any and all information and records, confidential or otherwise, including privileged communications, unless otherwise denied such access by federal law or explicitly named and denied access by state law		
LB543	Harr		Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under medicaid	Health and Human Services	2/6/2015		LB 543 establishes criteria and requirements for certification for community paramedics. To be eligible for certification, an individual must be a licensed paramedic and completed a paramedic education program from a board approved university or college		
LB544	Harr		Adopt the Community Gardens Act	Agriculture	2/24/2015	General File w/AM697			

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LB549	Campbell		Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	2/20/2015		LB549 creates the Health Care Transformation Act to encourage collaboration among all health care system stakeholders in the state to create a 15 year vision to include the Building Blocks of Health Care		Oppose
LB556	Kolowski		Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent	Business and Labor			, at the option of the employee, make the exclusive remedy protection for the employer inapplicable in cases where the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court has made a determination that the injury is due to the willful negligence of the employer		
LB560	Williams		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	Appropriations	3/3/2015		Appropriation of \$25,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2015-16 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for building projects at the Nebraska Innovation Campus		Support

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LB561	Stinner	Stinner	Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	General File 2/23			
LB564	Lindstrom		Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015		LB 564 states that roadside mowing be done on a scheduled rotational basis with no more than one-third of the county property mowed within a one year		Support
LB567	Johnson		Permit transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2/11/2015		LB 567 seeks to establish legislative intent of the law and to clarify the section		Support
LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2015	General File w/AM398	LB 570 states that between sunrise and sunset, a city, county, or village may implement standards for golf car vehicles for use. This includes that if an operator is found guilty of a violation and having no limited liability insurance would be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor		Support
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015		<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>		

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LB575	Murante		Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting, write-in candidates, and filling vacancies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015				Oppose
LB577	Murante		Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015	General File w/AM189			Monitor
LB578	Murante		Change provisions relating to elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 578 states that any judge or clerk of election, precinct or district inspector or temp election worker may choose not to be paid for the hours he or she works		
LB579	Murante		Change traffic accident reporting requirements as prescribed and authorize a fee for a copy of a peace officer report	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/17/2015				Monitor
LB587	McCollister		Change the motor vehicle tax schedules	Revenue	3/18/2015		Changes the motor vehicle tax schedule for motor vehicles other than passenger cars; automobiles and motorcycles. Operative date of January 1, 2016		
LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose

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LB590	Friesen		Change provisions relating to a taxable value certified under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	2/2/2015		LB 590 states when the county assessor provides the total taxable value by a school district in the county for the current assessment year, the county assessor is to include the assessed valuation of any taxable real property having it's property taxes divided, rather than property's redevelopment project valuation		
LB592	Bolz		Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders	Judiciary	2/20/2015		LB 592 in one of six legislative bills introduced this session to address issues raised by the Interim Study report 424. LB 592 adds "personality disorder" to the definition of a mentally ill		

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LB593	Nordquist		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to study current health data systems	Appropriations	3/3/2015		LB 593 Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund FY 2015-2016, to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to fund the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a current study of Nebraska health data systems		[NACO Priority]
LB602	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change collection provisions relating to judges retirement fees	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM308	LB 602 adds that Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee goes from \$6 to \$8 and shall be taxed as costs in pretrial diversion in a criminal cause of action or traffic misdemeanor or infraction in such courts beginning October 1, 2015		Monitor
LB603	Bloomfield		Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				Support
LB604	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to reimbursement to political subdivisions under the Governor's Emergency Program	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs		Bloomfield MO26 Withdraw Bill Filed; Bill Withdrawn			Support

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LB605	Mello		Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee	Judiciary	2/20/2015		LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session		
LB606	Mello		Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed	Judiciary	2/20/2015				
LB609	Smith		Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/2015		The bill creates a mechanism for priority of bridge repairs in Nebraska and to have broad representation in the prioritization. This is a high priority bill for many of the road users, contractors and others		Support

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LB610	Smith		Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015		This bill would increase the motor vehicle fuel excise tax by \$.015 over the course of a few years. The funding would go in part to cities, counties and the state. The state portion would go towards LB609 which creates a bridge bank and allows for the prioritization of bridge repair and replacement		
LB615	Kintner		Provide a property tax exemption for homesteads of certain persons	Revenue	2/12/2015		LB615 would require the frozen assessed value to be adjusted after any substantial improvements by the owner to the homestead		
LB623	Nordquist		Provide for issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses and state ID cards to persons with lawful status	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015				Support
LB626	Campbell		Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/2015		Is intended to increase the registration fee for vehicles and move an amount into a Bridge Bank		

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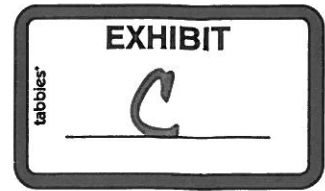
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LB630	Krist		Provide duties for the Nebraska State Patrol regarding criminal history record information checks	Judiciary	2/5/2015		LB states upon request for a criminal history record, the Nebraska State Patrol undertakes a search for criminal history record information of applicant to include fingerprint's of the applicant to the FBI for a national criminal history check		Monitor
LB631	Scheer		Change medicaid provisions relating to acceptance of and assent to federal law	Health and Human Services	3/18/2015		LB 631 states that the state shall accept the provisions of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, public law 111-148		Monitor
LB633	Stinner		Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties	Appropriations	3/18/2015		Appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects		Support
LB639	Garrett		Provide authority for the Department of Roads to issue permits to control roadside vegetation as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015		Department may require permits for the control of vegetation in the vicinity of advertising signs, displays or devices placed		

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LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015				
LB649	Kintner	McCoy	Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015		LB 649 states that all votes taken by public officials in the course of their public duties shall be considered public record.		
LB651	Bloomfield		Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	Judiciary	2/5/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/2015				

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LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015		This bill raises the salary for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court in Nebraska by 2.25% on July 1, 2015 and by 2.40% on July 1, 2016		



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<u>Priority</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Primary Introducer</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Description</u>
Senator Baker	LB311	Baker	Select File	Change provisions relating to public school district construction
Senator Bloomfield	LB31	Bloomfield	General File	Eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements
Senator Campbell	LB39	Campbell	General File	Change provisions relating to aid to dependent children
Senator Chambers	LB218	Chambers	Referral	Change a penalty from death to life imprisonment without parole, eliminate a homicide report, and change provisions relating to murder in the first degree and restitution
Senator Craighead	LB251	Craighead	General File	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads
Senator Garrett	LB113	Garrett	Referral	Adopt the Cannabis Compassion and Care Act
Senator Gloor	LB89	Gloor	General File	Provide, change, and eliminate anesthesia and sedation permit provisions under the Dentistry Practice Act
Senator Groene	LB307	Groene	General File	Eliminate a restriction on paying petition circulators based on number of signatures
Senator Haar	LB417	Haar	Referral	Change and eliminate provisions relating to certified renewable export facilities as prescribed
Senator Hadley	LB498	Hadley	General File	Change sales and use tax provisions relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles
Senator Harr	LB111	Harr	Referral	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies
Senator Johnson	LB181	Johnson	General File	Change provisions relating to the Grain Dealer Act
Senator Kintner	LB411	Kintner	Referral	Permit school districts to opt out of a learning community as prescribed
Senator Kolterman	LB212	Kolterman	Referral	Adopt the College Choice Grant Program Act
Senator Krist	LB15	Krist	General File	Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem
Senator Lindstrom	LB409	Lindstrom	Referral	Provide powers and duties to the Department of Environmental Quality relating to the development of a state plan for regulating carbon dioxide emissions
Senator McCoy	LB699	McCoy	Referral	Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed
Senator Mello	LB119	Mello	General File	Exempt sales and purchases by zoos and aquariums from sales and use tax
Senator Morfeld	LB261	Morfeld	Referral	Provide for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training, or experience
Senator Pansing Brooks	LB880	Morfeld	General File	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity
Senator Scheer	LB291	Scheer	Referral	Adopt the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act and change and adopt provisions relating to service of process, sexual assault, crimes relating to morals, human trafficking, search warrants, juveniles, intercepted communications, and forfeiture of assets
Senator Seiler	LB175	Chambers	General File	Change habitual criminal provisions
Senator Smith	LB117	Smith	Referral	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund
Senator Stinner	LB514	Stinner	General File	Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts
Senator Watermeier	LB106	Watermeier	General File	Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning

Committee Priority Bills

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Primary Introducer</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Committee	Bill Number	Author	Action	Description
Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee	LB139	Johnson	General File	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act
Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee	LB348	Frist	Referral	Change provisions relating to automatic teller machines and point-of-sale terminals
Business and Labor Committee	LB417	Mojba	General File	Change provisions relating to pregnancy under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act
Business and Labor Committee	LB180	Hart	Referral	Change provisions relating to computing compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
Executive Board	LB113	Schimмель	Referral	Constitutional amendment to limit service of members of the Legislature to two 6-year terms
General Affairs Committee	LB330	Larson	General File	Change provisions relating to alcoholic liquor
Health and Human Services Committee	LB320	Boez	General File	Adopt the Aging and Disability Resource Center Act
Health and Human Services Committee	LB172	Campbell	General File	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act
Judiciary Committee	LB268	Campbell	Referral	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare
Judiciary Committee	LB182	Kist	Referral	Change provisions relating to juveniles
Legislative Performance Audit Committee	LB115	Legislative Performance Audit Committee	General File	Require audits of tax incentive programs under the Legislative Performance Audit Act and change tax incentive sunset dates
Legislative Performance Audit Committee	LB598	Schimмель	Referral	Change and provide requirements regarding treatment and segregation of mentally ill inmates
Natural Resources Committee	LB111	Schulz	Referral	Change provisions relating to the Public Entities Mandated Project Charges Act
Natural Resources Committee	LB112	Mello	General File	Provide for the evaluation of permits issued to political subdivisions by the Department of Environmental Quality regarding water quality
Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	LB193	Nordquist	Referral	Change benefit and contribution provisions relating to judges retirement
Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	LB118	Nordquist	Referral	Make current and new Class V school employees members of the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska
Revenue Committee	LB356	Hart	General File	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects
Revenue Committee	LB282	Giboi	General File	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act
State-Tribal Relations Committee	LB386	Casal	Referral	Change provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act
Urban Affairs Committee	LB152	Urban Affairs Committee	General File	Authorize cities and villages to borrow from state-chartered or federally chartered financial institutions as prescribed
Urban Affairs Committee	LB331	McClellan	General File	Provide authority to sanitary and improvement districts to contract for solid waste collection services

Speaker Priority Bills

No Speaker priority bills found.



Department	Area
Building Services	3,682 SF
Drug Testing	3,464 SF
Police Evidence Storage	1,817 SF
Sheriff's IT	1,017 SF
Net Usable Area	9,979 SF

NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE UNASSIGNED SPACE SHADED WHITE

DEPARTMENT LEGEND

- Building Services
- Drug Testing
- Police Evidence Storage
- Sheriff's IT



**Building 605 Renovation
Lower Floor Plan**



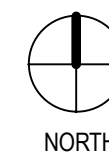


Department	Area
Adult Probation	12,024 SF
Building Services	3,963 SF
Community Corrections	7,539 SF
Future Tenant	2,288 SF
Net Usable Area	25,814 SF

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DEPARTMENT LEGEND

- Adult Probation
- Building Services
- Community Corrections
- Future Tenant



**Building 605 Renovation
First Floor Plan**



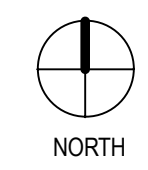


Department	Area
Building Services	1,080 SF
County Attorney - Child Support	5,994 SF
County Attorney - Criminal / Civil	20,291 SF
Court Holding	4,334 SF
Future Tenant	6,418 SF
Net Usable Area	38,117 SF

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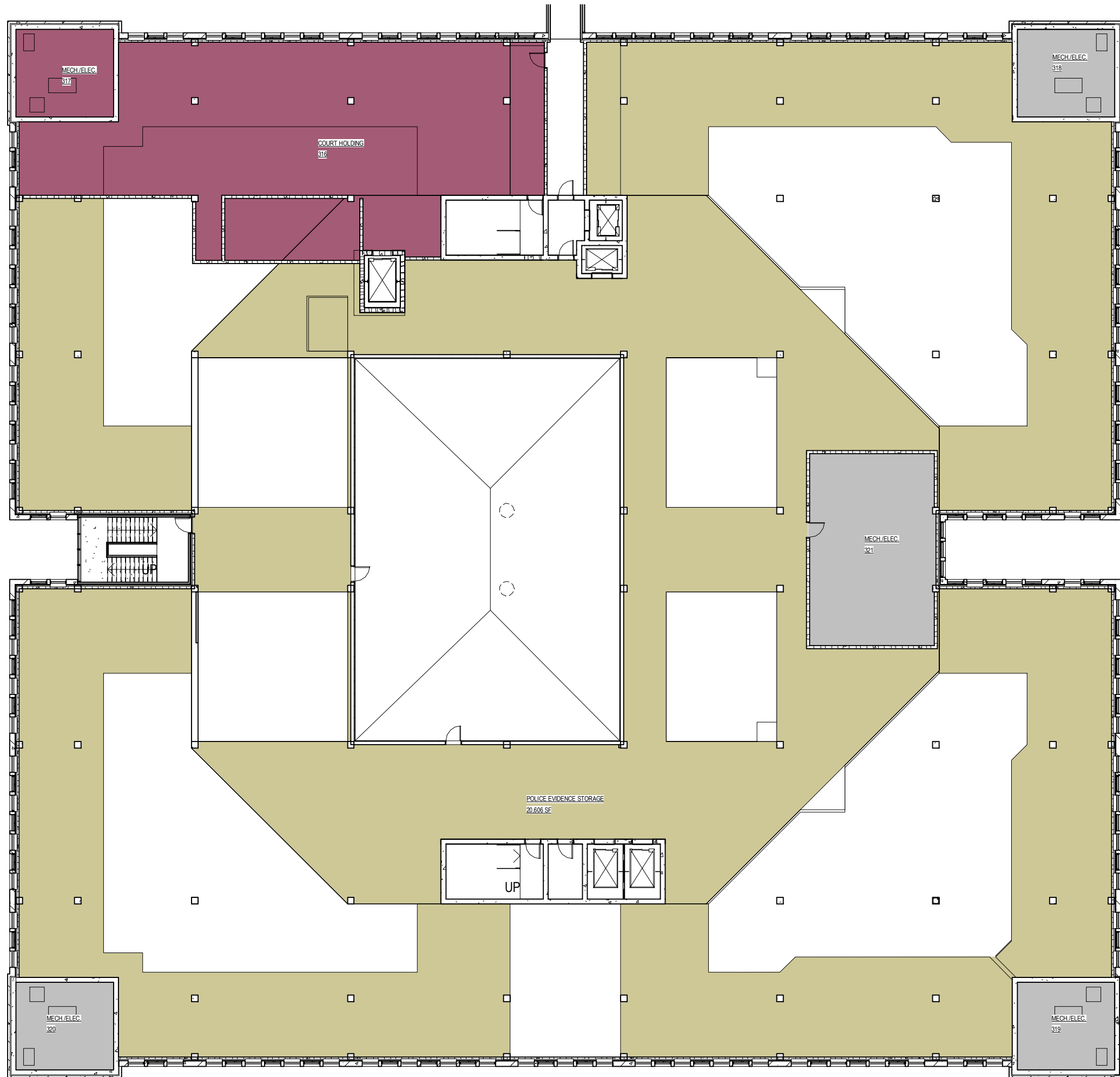
DEPARTMENT LEGEND

- Building Services
- County Attorney - Child Support
- County Attorney - Criminal / Civil
- Court Holding
- Future Tenant



**Building 605 Renovation
Second Floor Plan**





Name	Area
Building Services	
MECH./ELEC.	2,094 SF
	2,094 SF
Court Holding	
COURT HOLDING	3,660 SF
MECH./ELEC.	360 SF
	4,020 SF
Police Evidence Storage	
POLICE EVIDENCE STORAGE	20,606 SF
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Net Usable Area	26,720 SF

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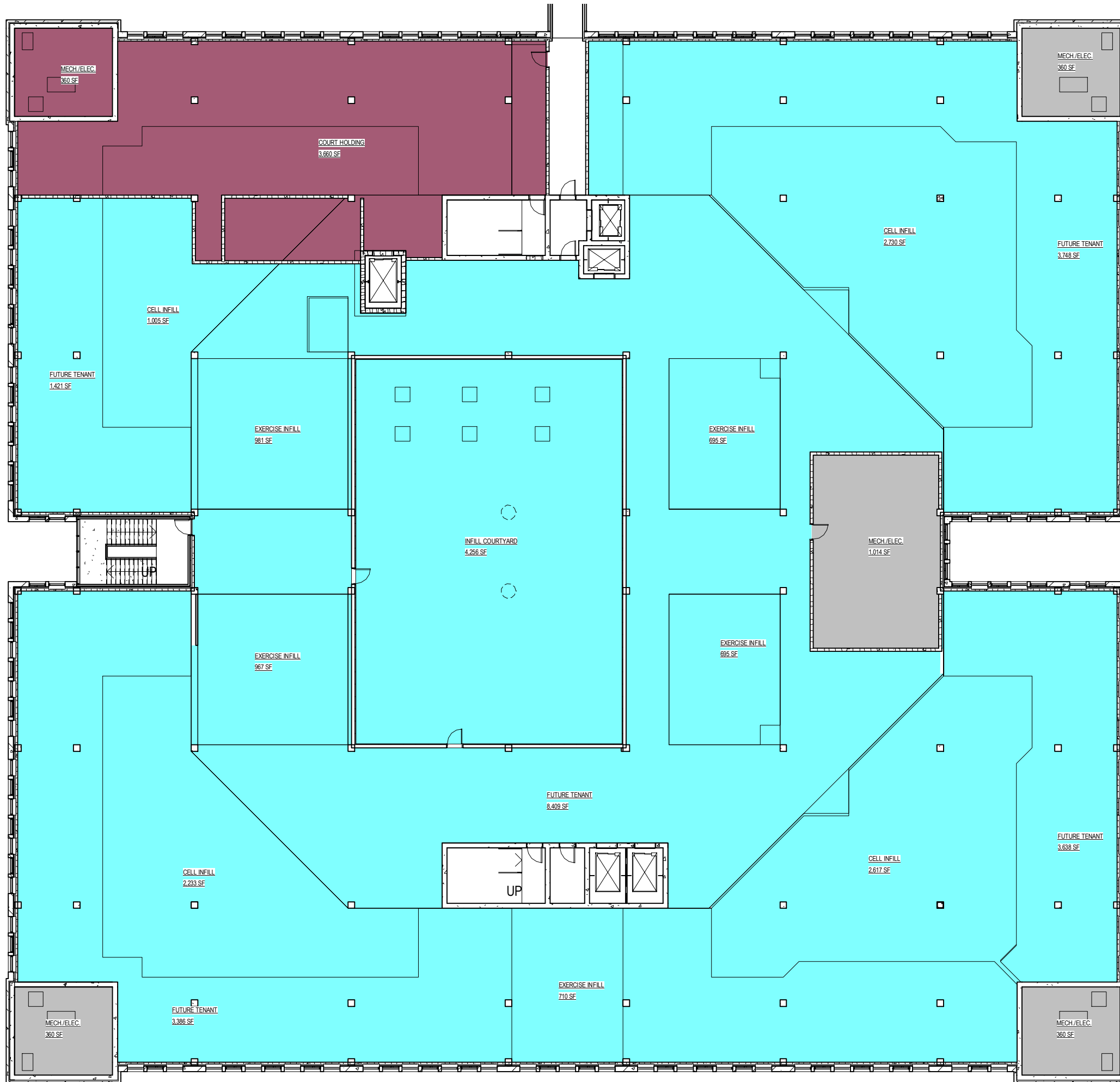
DEPARTMENT LEGEND

- Building Services
- Court Holding
- Police Evidence Storage



**Building 605 Rebuild
Third Floor Plan 'A'**





Name	Area
Building Services	
MECH./ELEC.	2,094 SF
2,094 SF	
Court Holding	
COURT HOLDING	3,660 SF
MECH./ELEC.	360 SF
4,020 SF	
Future Tenant	
CELL INFILL	8,584 SF
EXERCISE INFILL	4,049 SF
FUTURE TENANT	20,603 SF
INFILL COURTYARD	4,256 SF
37,493 SF	
Net Usable Area	43,606 SF

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DEPARTMENT LEGEND

- Building Services
- Court Holding
- Future Tenant



**Building 605 Rebuild
Third Floor Plan 'B'**

