

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

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

Commissioners Absent: Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Tory Carkoski, 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 April 22, 2015.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2015 AND APRIL 14, 2015 STAFF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the April 9, 2015 and April 14, 2015 Staff Meeting minutes. Avery, Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Girls State

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Hudkins, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

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 and legislative bills of interest report (Exhibits A and B). He noted the Appropriations Committee advanced the mainline budget package. The final committee amendments and supporting materials will be out Tuesday morning with debate slated to begin April 30.

With regard to 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), Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Lancaster County has been asked to join Sarpy and Douglas Counties in signing a letter expressing concerns about the bill. It was the consensus of the Board that it was premature to submit the letter until additional information is gathered.

Wiltgen inquired about the potential fiscal impact. Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, felt the extra jail days could cost the County an additional \$2,000,000. Joe Kelly, County Attorney, stated that while the Council of State Government (CSG) report showed very little impact on numbers statewide, it would be impossible to make a prediction at this time as it is difficult to know if more serious crimes will be reduced. Another component would be to have Probation monitor the serious offenders.

Amundson asked for clarification on whether the \$2,000,000 would come from property taxes. Kelly agreed. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, added that the total figure could be closer to \$3,000,000.

Avery questioned if the CSG report numbers are based on programs in other states. Kelly said they are similar to those in Texas, California and other places. He noted while he somewhat disagreed with the proposed numbers, he felt CSG does a good job at compiling accurate information but their projections include the sentencing mind set of the judiciary which can be very difficult to predict.

4 REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - Mike Lang, City of Lincoln Economic Development Coordinator

Lang provided information on the City's Economic Development Program.

5 ABANDONED CEMETERIES - Brent Meyer, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent

Brent Meyer, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent provided an overview of the six abandoned cemeteries maintained by Lancaster County (Exhibit C).

Meyer requested Amundson sign certificates for Boy Scout Troop 64 for their work on the Dietz Cemetery, noting one Eagle Scout badge was earned for repairing headstones and building fences.

In 2014, Meyer said the maximum maintenance cost ran about \$200 per year per cemetery, although, Neb.Rev.Stat. §12-805 allows counties to pay up to \$1,000 per cemetery. Maintenance can include such things as mowing, repair or construction of fences and weed spraying. Meyer said he would like to raise the annual amount for those under contract to \$300 and stated he could cover the additional cost in his budget. He added most mowing is done by neighbors and Lincoln Tree Service volunteers tree trimming and removal.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 9:54 AM.

6 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS - Mike Thurber, Corrections Director

Separate minutes.

The Chair resumed the meeting at 10:14 AM.

7 PENDING LITIGATION - Richard Grabow, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

ROLL CALL: Avery, Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. Wiltgen, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

8 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS LETTER - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Meyer requested permission to send the letter addressing Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 and the Year-End Expenditure Cut Off.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the letter. Avery, Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Girls State

Minette Genuchi, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, appeared and presented information regarding the event. Amundson and Avery agreed to meet with the participants (Exhibit D).

9 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. April 30, 2015 County Board Staff Meeting

It was decided that Commissioner Schorr would conduct the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

B. Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Request from Abbott Motocross Park (\$221,196.53)

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Avery seconded to refer the funding request to the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) for review and recommendation. Avery, Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

12 PENDING

There were no pending items.

13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said the new time and attendance system and electronic records management were discussed. The latter included a comparison between OnBase (used by the City) and HP TRIM (used by the County). He noted there would be more discussion on this topic at a future meeting.

B. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Hudkins

Hudkins said discussion focused on possible expansion of the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

C. Juvenile Justice Review Committee (JJRC) - Amundson

Amundson said the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the annual objectives of 25 different organizations.

D. Region V Systems Executive Meeting - Wiltgen

There was no meeting.

E. Region V Systems Governing Board - Wiltgen

Wiltgen stated they received updates on Otoe and Saunders counties.

F. Region V Services Governing Board - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said they approved adjustments to Mental Health provider contracts and discussed the Crisis Center.

G. Region V Services Executive Meeting - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said there was discussion on providing information to the public. Therefore, at Wiltgen's request, staff will be working with their attorneys to revise policies and procedures.

H. Public Building Commission (PBC) Chair Meeting with Mayor

The meeting was cancelled.

I. Meeting with the Mayor - Hudkins

Hudkins stated they discussed the need for road improvements at North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue and electronic records management.

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

Amundson gave a brief overview of Phase 1A of the 605 Building remodel.

K. Board of Health - Amundson

Amundson provided results from the Clean Community Report and the objective to help communities reduce litter.

L. Lancaster County Fairgrounds Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said the meeting was routine in nature.

M. Wind Turbine Meeting - Amundson

Amundson encouraged others to attend either the April 30 or May 7 meeting.

N. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said he was unable to attend. Ann Post, Director of Policy and Research, Lincoln Independent Business Association, said they discussed primarily City issues.

O. Parks and Recreation Futures Meeting - Hudkins


Hudkins said the meeting included a discussion with the Woods Park Foundation on the reconstruction of the tennis court bubbles.

14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

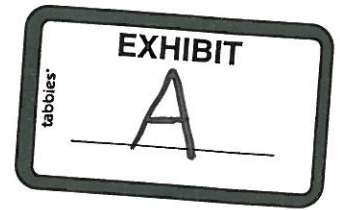
15 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. Avery, Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: April 23, 2015

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

Please accept this as the tenth of your weekly reports for the 2015 Legislative Session. Today is day 69. On Wednesday, the Appropriations Committee advanced the mainline budget package. The budget documents will be available on Tuesday morning.

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 Senator 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.

Lancaster County to limit the legislation to only cover rent which will limit the fiscal impact to approximately \$4 million.

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

Introduced by Senator 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. The hearing on this bill was on March 9, 2015. Douglas County Board Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, Mr. Mark Foxall, Director of Corrections for Douglas County and Elaine Menzel, NACO all testified in support. No opponent testimony and Eric Dunning for Blue Cross Blue Shield testified in a neutral capacity. The bill is still in committee.

RAISE COUNTY FEES:

LB 88 – Raise marriage license fees

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 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. The Governor signed the bill on March 12, 2015.

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 Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015
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. The debate on this measure occurred last Wednesday and after 3 hours of debate, the Legislature bracketed LB 472. By way of reminder, the only record vote was on adoption of the committee amendment. Those members of the Lancaster County delegation voting in support were: Baker, Bolz, Campbell, Haar, Hansen, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks. Those who voted not to adopt the committee amendment were: Coash, Ebke. The bill will not come up again this year.

- 3. Address Lancaster County Obligations under the 300,000 population threshold.** As mentioned previously, this legislation was drafted at our request 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 introduced LR 196, which we have attached, on April 20, 2015.

4. **Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent:** LB61 was heard before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. 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. This bill, like the other unfunded mandate bills, are currently held in Government Committee.
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.

Deputy Administrator Gwen Thorpe testified on behalf of Lancaster County and asked the committee to appropriate \$250,000 to fund Counseling Affiliates. Too, Joe Nigro has visited directly with members of the Appropriations Committee to fund not only this \$250,000 but also \$100,000 for a pilot mental health court in Lancaster County. It is our understanding that the committee re-appropriated \$2.5 million for FY 2015 - 2016 and appropriated \$2.5 million in General Funds for 2016 - 2017 into behavioral health aid. It is our understanding that they did not include the \$250,000 to fund Counselling Associates. We will see the fiscal report Tuesday. 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 Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 20, 2015
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. While the bill was not advanced on its own, the provisions of this bill have been included as part of the Committee Amendment to LB 598. That amendment has been forwarded to Mr. Eagan.

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 Judiciary 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.

Other Legislation:

1. **LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund**
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom
Hearing Date: March 12, 2015
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.

POSITION: Engineer Dingman testified in support of this legislation last Thursday. The bill is held in Committee.

2. LB 398 – Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 5, 2015
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. The fiscal impact that NACO submitted was \$217,700,000 statewide. The TEOSSA impact is \$67,000,000.

3. LB 476 – Provide duties for county assessors and Property Tax Administrator relating to tax – exempt real property.
Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: March 5, 2015
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.

4. LB 542 – Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 6, 2015
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 bill was advanced unanimously by the Revenue Committee last Wednesday. We are currently examining potential vehicles to amend LB542 including LB 419, Senator Mello’s legislation to provide a sales and use tax exemption for zoos and aquariums. This bill advanced to Select File this week. Senator Harr has requested that Senator Mello examine his bill as a possible vehicle for LB 542. Senator Mello is continuing his review of LB 542 for possible inclusion.

5. **LB 13 – Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions**
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 26, 2015
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. We previously reported that 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 an amendment we provided with last week's report which embodied changes suggested by multiple groups including Lancaster County. The language from LB13, as amended, was amended into LB265 via an amendment offered by Senator Krist - AMI014.

6. **LB 15 – Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem**
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 26, 2015
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. The committee advanced the measure with an amendment which included (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 amendments provided in last week's report. Joe Nigro testified in support on behalf of the county. The bill advanced to Select File after adoption of the committee amendment. Joe Nigro, representatives of Legal Aid and Joe Kohout met with Senator Krist to develop an agreement that would eliminate any financial impact to Lancaster County. That amendment was adopted on March 30, 2015. On Tuesday, Senator Krist attached AM1067 to the bill. Joe Nigro submitted a fiscal note demonstrating AM 1067 had no fiscal impact to the county.

I would note that for items 7 – 10 under this section that the Appropriations Committee has included almost \$ 60 million into additional Property Tax Credit Cash Fund.

7. **LB 309 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund**

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
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

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8. LB 364 – Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
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.

9. LB 387 – Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

Introduced by Senator David Schnoor of Fremont
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
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.

10. LB 442 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
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.

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11. **LB 265 – Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare**
Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
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. LB265 was debated on Tuesday of last week and advanced to Select File.

12. **LB 391 – Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles**
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
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.

13. **LB 564 – Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads**
Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 3, 2015
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.
The bill has not advanced from committee.

14. **LB 499 – Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services**
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 4, 2015
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.

I would note that these items 15 & 16 remain a high priority for Governor Ricketts, and the administration continues to work these measures. In fact, during consideration of LB 419 & LB 414, Senator Brasch raised the concept of amending the provision of either LB 293 or 350 into one of those bills. Senator Chambers raised significant concern on both of these. Too, there does not appear to be much support for these measures inside of the Revenue Committee.

15. **LB 293 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**
Introduced by Senator David Schnoor of Scribner
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015
Revenue

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

16. **LB 350 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**
Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015
Revenue

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

17. **LB 384 - Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land**
Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015
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.

18. **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 Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 20, 2015
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. The bill was officially advanced to General File last week. A copy of the amendment was forwarded to Mr. Eagan for his review. The debate on LB 605 was very centered on two areas – first, the penalty changes that were embodied in LB 605 and second, the data that was presented to affect the prison population.

19. **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 Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 20, 2015
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. We understand that the provisions of LB606 have been amended into LB598, which is a Legislative Performance Audit Committee priority bill. This bill was advanced to Select File on April 13, 2015 after 30 minutes of debate.

20. **LB 273 – Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices**
Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015
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.

21. LB188 - Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit.

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Hearing Date: January 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 that was included in our report four weeks ago.

22. LB142 - Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding.

Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala

Hearing Date: January 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.

23. LB66 - Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability.

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Heading Date: January 21, 2015

Judiciary

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.

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

Introduced by Sen. Laura Ebke, Crete

Hearing Date: January 29, 2015

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. We included a copy of the amendment with a previous report. The bill has been declared to be a Government Committee priority bill.

AM 582 to LB 132 addresses technical issues, but keeps the original content of the bill. AM 582 clarified electorate language relating to a vote on a bond issue. JPA shall have only those powers of taxation as one or more of participating public agencies as provided by agreement proposing creation of JPA. The JPA shall not levy a local option sales tax. A levy in property tax cannot exceed the limit agreed upon, if agreement limits the levy authority of overlapping participating public agencies to same amount. Levy authority of a JPA shall be allocated by city or county. If a participating agency is a municipality agreement, an agreement can allow for any occupation or wheel tax. Prior to the issuance of bonds and pledge of property tax levy authority to a JPA, the question shall be put forth to the registered voters of the participating public agency. If voters exist in an overlap area of public agencies, the voter shall on vote once.

On Wednesday of last week, we met (along with Mr. Eagan) with Senator Ebke along with representatives of LIBA, the city of Lincoln and Senator Murante and Senator Morfeld's offices to bring up our two concerns about LB 132 – those about exemption under 23 – 120 and refinancing. While they have accepted our group's recommendations on the refinancing language, Senator Ebke has not agreed to the language allowing the use of the broader power of JPAs. We continue to work with her.

OTHER LEGISLATION OF NOTE RAISED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:

LB482 - Change provisions relating to juveniles
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015
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. Senator Krist has indicated that he introduced this legislation to conform to best practices. During debate on this measure on Tuesday he made reference to Lancaster County's Staff secure facility.

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

Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 3, 2015
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 signed by the Governor on March 5, 2015.

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

Introduced by Senator 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. This bill ran into serious opposition when debate began on this measure last Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Ultimately there was compromise on the bill and moved to Select File.

4. LB 98 - State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: March 16, 2015
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 and was signed by the Governor.

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: March 16, 2015
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.

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

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 196

Introduced by Hansen, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study current state statutes governing population thresholds for Nebraska counties. The study should specifically examine the public policy ramifications of increasing various statutory population thresholds for counties having three hundred thousand or more inhabitants. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The policy decisions which resulted in exemptions from certain population thresholds for counties;

(2) The policy considerations for classifying counties based on population;

(3) The projected population of Nebraska counties at the time of the upcoming 2020 United States Census; and

(4) Whether legislation is needed to update current state statutes governing population thresholds for counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

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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; AM514 Adopted; Select File w/ER52; Krist AM1005 Filed; AM1005 Adopted; Krist AM1067 Filed; Final Reading w/ST17; Returned to Select File; AM1067 Adopted; Final Reading Second 4/7; Krist FA46 Filed;	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.		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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	General File w/AM29			
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; Passed on Final Reading	43-0-6; Approved		
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		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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		
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/ER5; Shumacher AM67 Filed; AM67 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 49-0-0			Support

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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; Approved		[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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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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	General File w/AM415	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]

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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; Groene AM1018 Filed; Watermeier AM997 Filed; Davis AM1034 Filed; Watermeier AM1029 Filed; AM1018 Withdrawn; AM997 Withdrawn; AM1034 Withdrawn; AM1029 Withdrawn; Watermeier AM1099 Filed; AM1099 Adopted; AM643 Withdrawn; Final Reading 4/15	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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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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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB113	Larson	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		

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; Approved			
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	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015	General File w/AM582; AM582 Adopted; Select File w/ER75	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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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB139	Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/27/2015	General File w/AM119; AM119 Adopted; Schumacher AM893 Filed; AM893 Adopted; Select File w/ER51; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Approved			
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	

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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; Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5; Approved	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
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

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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
LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472; AM472 Adopted; Select File w/ER82;			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		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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
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

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
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				

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	General File w/AM752			[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; FA29 withdrawn; Harr AM843 Filed; AM843 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST15; Krist FA37 Filed; Pansing Brooks AM1045 Filed; Returned to Select File; AM1070 Adopted; Final Reading Second 4/7;	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

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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.		
LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015	General File w/AM824	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		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB265	Campbell	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare	Judiciary	2/27/2015	General File w/AM878; AM878 Adopted; Krist AM1014 Filed; AM1014 Adopted; Select File w/ER61; Final Reading w/ST26	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
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

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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
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

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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%.		
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

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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		
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	Speaker Had	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	Speaker Had	Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM598; AM598 Adopted; Select File w/ER63; Final Reading 4/14;			
LB350	Brasch	Brasch	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		This bill decreases valuations by 10% from 75% to 65%		

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LB356	Harr	Revenue	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File w/AM803; Harr AM867 Filed; AM803 Adopted; AM867 Withdrawn; Harr AM930 Filed; AM930 Adopted; Select File w/ER54; Harr AM977 Filed; AM977 Adopted; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final reading 45-0-4; Approved	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
LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015	General File w/AM1147	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

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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
LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/2015		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(l)(iii) to read: <u>plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars</u>		

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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]
LB414	Harr	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015	General File; Chambers MO84 Indefinitely Postpone Filed; Select File 4/10	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		

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LB415	Pansing Brooks	Speaker Had	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	General File w/AM200; AM200 Adopted; Select File w/ER65; Final Reading 4/15;			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				
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]

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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	General File w/AM676; AM676 Los; McCoy MO85 Indefinitely Postpone Filed; Chambers MO87 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO85 Prevails	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	

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LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM691; AM691 Adopted; Select File w/ER64; Final Reading 4/14			
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File 4/16			
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]	

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LB500	Howard	Speaker Hadley	Require application for medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015	General File w/AM650; AM650 Adopted; Select File3/26; Schilz AM1041 Filed; AM1041 Adopted; Final Reading 4/14;	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		
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	Speaker Hadley	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	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>		

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LB575	Murante	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting, write-in candidates, and filling vacancies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015	General File w/AM1276;			Oppose
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	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	Speaker Hadley	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	General File w/AM1010; AM1010 Adopted; Seiler AM1242 Filed; AM1242 Adopted; Select File w/ER81	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	Friesen	Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015	General File 3/11; Select File 4/2; Final Reading 4/15	This bill would increase the motor vehicle fuel excise tax by \$1.50 over the course of four 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	McCollister	Provide for issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses and state ID cards to persons with lawful status	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015	General File w/AM1203			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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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	Stinner AM880 Filed;	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	General File w/AM821; Chambers MO88 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO88 Prevails	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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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM885	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		

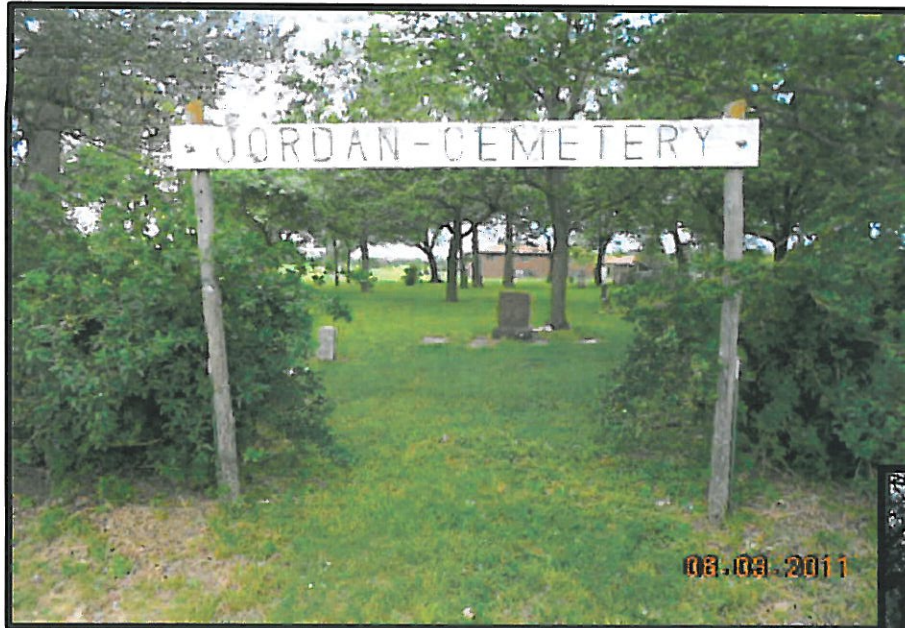
Maintenance of Abandon Cemeteries in Lancaster County

- Weed Control Department provides maintenance of 6 abandoned Pioneer cemeteries in Lancaster County.
 - **Nebraska Revised statute 12-808. Abandoned or neglected pioneer cemetery, defined.**
For purposes of sections [12-807](#) to [12-810](#) and [12-812](#), an abandoned or neglected pioneer cemetery shall be defined according to the following criteria:
 - (1) Such cemetery was founded or the land upon which such cemetery is situated was given, granted, donated, sold, or deeded to the founders of the cemetery prior to January 1, 1900;
 - (2) Such cemetery contains the grave or graves of a person or persons who were homesteaders, immigrants from a foreign nation, prairie farmers, pioneers, sodbusters, first generation Nebraskans, or Civil War veterans; and
 - (3) Such cemetery has been generally abandoned or neglected for a period of at least five consecutive years.
- This is an budgeted expense item. Currently the board allows up to \$200 per cemetery per year.
 - **Nebraska Revised statute 12-805. Abandoned or neglected cemeteries; care and maintenance.**
The county board shall expend money from the general fund of the county for the care and maintenance of each abandoned or neglected cemetery. Such amount shall not exceed one thousand dollars per cemetery in a calendar year. Such care and maintenance may include the repair or building of fences and annual spraying for the control of weeds and brush.
- Total cost in 2014 was \$1,000 for all cemeteries
- Evangelical, Jordan, Highland & Uphoff - we contract with neighbors to mow as needed for \$50.00 per mowing. (maximum \$200.00 per year)
- Dietz - we contract with the Boys Scout Troop 64 to mow. (maximum \$200.00 per year)
- Poor Farm is natural prairie. The only maintenance is spraying in the fall and a little tree maintenance.
- Lincoln Tree Service volunteers tree trimming & removal at all abandoned cemeteries.



Jordan Cemetery

N 134th & Raymond Rd



Mowing cost in 2014 = \$200.00

Contracted to Steve Wedgie

Has 3 families that work to maintain Jordan. Also cleaned up tree piles on southern part in 2014.



Highland Precinct Cemetery

SW corner of SW 114th & W Sprague Rd.



Mowing cost in 2014 = \$200.00

Contracted to Troy Henning



Uphoff Cemetery

SE corner of SW 114th & W. Martell Rd



Mowing cost in 2014 = \$200.00

Contracted to Troy Henning



Evangelical Cemetery

Pioneers Blvd about 400 ft. west of S 120th



Mowing cost in 2014 = \$200.00

Contracted with Terry Briley to mow.



Dietz Cemetery

½ mile N. of Firth Rd. on S 68th St.

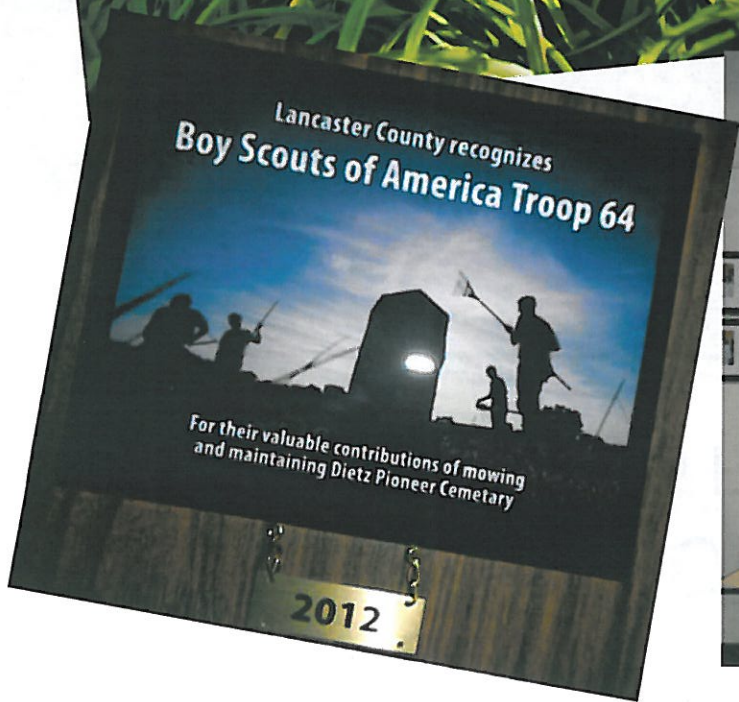


- Mowing cost in 2014 = \$200.00
- Contract with Boy Scout Troop 64
- Amazing turn around on this property.
- One Eagle Scout Badge has been earned here repairing headstones and building fence.



Dietz Cemetery

½ mile N. of Firth Rd. on S 68th St.



County Poor Farm Cemetery

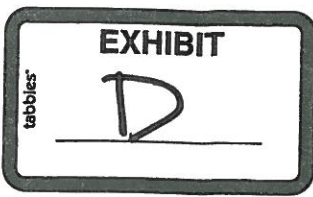
South side of Alvo Rd., ½ mile West of NW 27th



Mowing cost in 2014 = \$0.00

We have it sprayed in the fall for thistle.
Cost is minimal, usually less than \$75





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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CORNHUSKER GIRLS STATE 2015

We are very excited about the plans that are being made for the 2015 session of Cornhusker Girls State, which will be held May 31 – June 6 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus.

We are again looking forward to having various State, County and City agencies and departments be an integral part of our program by providing an opportunity for each Girls State citizen to visit the office that corresponds to her elected or appointed position in our mythical state.

The cooperation of your department in past years has been most appreciated and we hope it will be possible for Girls State citizens to visit your office again this year. In the past you or a member of your staff has met with the girls

Girls State will elect - **8 County Commissioners**

Office visits are scheduled on Thursday, June 4, 2015 from 2:45 to 3:45 PM. The visits occur following the inauguration of the Girls State Governor in the Capitol rotunda. We will attempt to have the girls to the City-County building as close to 2:45 as possible.

I am enclosing a post card for your convenience in responding to my request. An email reply is fine also. I would greatly appreciate receiving your reply no later than May 1 so that I can continue office visit preparations.

Thank you for your continued support of our program. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact me.

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