

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Kelly Lundgren, 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 February 10, 2016.

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 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2016 STAFF MEETING.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the February 4, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Hudkins, Schorr, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

Wiltgen arrived at 8:36 a.m.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Joe Kohout, Jonathon Bradford and Ryan McDonald, Kissel/E&S Associates

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update, 2015 committee hearing report, 2016 committee hearing report and a bill of interest report (Exhibits A, B, C and D).

Kohout noted that a hearing was held on LB 742 (Change county population thresholds) last week, although, further discussion will be needed in order for the bill to advance.

Kohout said LB 936 (Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts) will be heard next week and noted that Lancaster County opposes the bill. Schorr said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) has asked her to testify and questioned if it would be appropriate to do so on behalf of NACO and Lancaster County. She also asked if a letter would be sufficient or if testimony would make more of an impact. Kohout felt the committee would appreciate personal testimony especially when representing two different groups.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to authorize Schorr to testify on behalf of Lancaster County. Schorr, Hudkins, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said he would consult Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director, with regard to the most effective testimony.

Kohout stated that Senator Jim Smith has requested that Avery testify at the hearing on LB 960 (Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund). Kohout and Pam Dingman, County Engineer, met with Senator Smith last week to express her concerns with the bill. Senator Smith did express a willingness to work through those issues following the hearing. Kohout noted the bill would put approximately \$150 million in an infrastructure bank for the State of Nebraska.

Dingman said three programs are included in the bill that are yet to be defined by the Department of Roads. She said she is not certain the amount would be as high as \$150 million and, although she favors additional infrastructure funding, she would not support protocols that make it more difficult to do the work. Dingman said particular concern was the "county bridge buy back" where the gas tax would be returned to the Department of Roads who would match that amount to help build bridges they select.

Hudkins recommended that Dingman attend the hearing and express her concerns.

Schorr asked if it would be confusing to have both a County Commissioner and County Engineer testify. Dingman stated that she would only speak to the county bridge component of the bill.

Wiltgen inquired if it would be appropriate for Avery to testify in support but acknowledge that there are some concerns that will be addressed by the Lancaster County Engineer. Kohout cautioned the Board not to appear to be on both sides. He suggested that testimony be drafted that supports the goals but add that the County Engineer has concerns regarding the county bridge program.

Dingman added that the bill promotes "design build" which is a great concern as it lessens the interaction between a professional engineer and the builder of the infrastructure.

Amundson confirmed that the hearing would be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to authorize Commissioner Avery to testify on behalf of Lancaster County in support of LB 960. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Dingman requested to meet with Avery and Kohout to discuss the best approach.

Kohout stated that he and Eagan previously discussed LB 992 (Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions) which could have a significant impact. For example, the remodel of the old jail could not be accomplished under such legislation. Eagan noted a letter is being prepared by bond counsel.

Kohout said the County Board supported LB 1013 (Change tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds). Upon contacting Senator Gloor, he was informed that no one from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department was scheduled to testify, therefore, he recommended a letter be submitted.

In regard to LB 1031 (Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts), Kohout indicated a hearing has not been scheduled.

Kohout said LB 894 (Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel in juvenile cases) advanced to general file and includes several bills. Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center Director, appeared and said some of the original concerns were addressed but monitoring is still necessary as other items could be added to the bill while it is on the floor.

Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer, expressed concerns with LB 925 (Change provisions relating to issuing a treasurer's tax deed and bringing a tax lien foreclosure action as required) which would require the County Treasurer's office to determine prior to a tax sale if a property is vacant or not. He stated the bill is coming up for hearing next week

and he plans to testify as there are legal and staffing issues. Candace Meredith, Deputy County Treasurer, added that there appears to be procedural and litigation problems.

Kohout said he will share these concerns with Senator Burke Harr and coordinate with Stebbing and Eagan regarding the best approach.

4 605 BUILDING FINANCING - Scott Keene, Ameritas Investment Corporation, Vice President and Managing Director; Don Killeen, County Property Manager; and Mike Rodgers, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

Scott Keene, Ameritas Investment Corporation, Vice President and Managing Director, provided the Board with an update of the funding of the 605 Building and Benesch Building projects (Exhibit E). He said the Public Building Commission (PBC) considered the issue and approved the bond resolution Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Keene said very conservative assumptions have been made regarding interest rates and noted that they continue to drop which makes this an opportune time to refinance. It was noted the plan is for the financing to have a twenty-five year amortization.

Mike Rodgers, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., gave a summary of the resolution that will come before the County Board for their approval (Exhibit F). He stated it approves the issuance of bonds by the PBC and amendments to the master site lease and the master lease agreement to include the 605 Building and Benesch Building. Rodgers said the payments to be made under those leases are set by the PBC. He noted those are important for the bond financing because the PBC tax levy amount has been set at 1.7 cents but an additional amount is required in order to have sufficient funds to make debt service payments on the bonds. Rodgers said the lease back from the PBC has the County acquiring those facilities over a period of time and when the bond is paid off the ownership will come back to the County.

Keene summarized the use of the proceeds stating that the current plans are funding the 605 Building at the amount of \$13,000,000, which is enough to cover mortgage plus some contingency, and contribute \$1,000,000 to the Benesch Building plus \$650,000 to pay off the existing loan for a total of \$14,650,000. Also included is approximately \$730,000 to cover the interest payments on the bonds to June, 2017. It was noted the 605 Building remodel will not be completed until 2017, thus, the PBC will not have the ability to receive rent revenues until after that time.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- a. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Benefit Services Committee (Schorr)

Schorr stated that she has been asked to serve on the NACO Benefit Services Committee (Exhibit G).

5 LANCASTER COUNTY ENGINEER BUDGET PROCESS - Pam Dingman, County Engineer

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, appeared and gave an overview on the "zero based budget" process. She looked at the overall goals of the department and reviewed each line item. Dingman noted this method of budgeting requires trust and leadership on both sides of the table as certain items are not necessarily needed or funded each year. Moreover, there could be years or certain situations whereby additional appropriations would have to be requested.

In response to Schorr's inquiry regarding if zero based budgeting would work for the County Clerk's Office or the County Assessor's Office, Dan Nolte, County Clerk, and Scott Gaines, Deputy Assessor/Register of Deeds, both answered that the majority of their budgets relate to staff as opposed to equipment. Nolte commented that he is certainly open to the idea. Gaines said the County Assessor's Office already does a form of zero based budgeting for areas other than staffing.

6 (A) ASSISTANCE FOR CRISIS CENTER RELOCATION; AND (B) CRISIS CENTER OFFICE FURNITURE - Scott Etherton, Crisis Center Director; and Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Scott Etherton, Crisis Center Director, said he met with Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to organize the upcoming move of the Crisis Center. He said they also intend to have a "move meeting" with the staff.

Wiltgen suggested that a tour be scheduled with State Senators and the Region V Governing Board. Etherton said an open house for providers and law enforcement is also being considered prior to opening the facility. Schorr suggested the County Board Office, in consultation with Etherton, develop a list of attendees with the invitations coming from the County Board. Wiltgen requested that the tour for the Region V Governing Board be immediately following their March meeting.

Etherton stated that he has been working with Office Interiors and Design on a furniture proposal and the Purchasing Department is assisting with approved bidders. He said timing is of the essence and would like to proceed with the purchase as soon as possible. He hoped to have things finalized in the next week.

7 MEDIA SPECIALIST SERVICES - Melanie Dawkins, Bloom Boost Media

Amundson stated that Melanie Dawkins, Bloom Boost Media, contacted the County Board regarding the need for public relations services following the recent American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) report.

Dawkins said she has thirteen years experience in local television producing and reporting, most recently anchoring the 10/11 (KOLN) morning show. Dawkins said her experience has taught her how to use social media appropriately and effectively.

Schorr asked Dawkins to share some services she currently provides and to offer some areas she felt the County may be lacking and how she would assist. Dawkins said she provides educational and promotional information for physician offices and association events. Services could be billed monthly or as needed. She stated that social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, is the easiest way to get information directly to the people and can be linked to other entities or agencies. Dawkins added that she can also write press releases ensuring that they get to the appropriate news professionals.

Avery questioned how Dawkins would deal with varying opinions or viewpoints of the County Commissioners. Dawkins said she does not post opinions - only facts. There are also analytical tools in place to measure the effectiveness of the service provided.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded to authorize the Chair and Kerry Eagan to begin discussions with Dawkins to develop a contract for expanded media services.

Eagan stated this would be developed in the context of the budget process. Schorr added that she would also like to see a financial proposal.

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

8 FILE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT - Troy Hawk, Clerk of the District Court

Troy Hawk, Clerk of the District Court, said his office has three Lektriever (automated vertical filing carousels) that are used to store active District Court files. He said the vendor has indicated it can no longer find parts for the equipment and said the price quoted approximately five years ago to replace one Lektriever was \$21,000. Hawk said he is considering moving to a manually operated filing system, similar to the one utilized by the County Attorney's Office, which will provide more storage. The cost is estimated at \$65,000, which includes reinforcing the floor. He said there is \$35,000 in

the department's budget from salary savings that could be committed to the project and requested authorization to proceed.

In response to a question from Amundson, Hawk said Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, indicated there are funds available for the project.

Hudkins suggested the department try to get through this year and include the expense in their budget request.

There was consensus to hold the item for one week and to gather more information, including a firmer estimate of cost to reinforce the floor.

9 ANNUAL EVALUATION OF SHELI SCHINDLER - YOUTH SERVICES CENTER DIRECTOR

Eagan distributed the updated job description for the Youth Services Center Director (Exhibit H).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

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

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:52 a.m. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Hudkins was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

10 POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney; and David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

See Item 9.

11 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

12 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- a. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Benefit Services Committee (Schorr)

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

14 PENDING

There were no pending items.

15 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Region V Services Executive Committee - Wiltgen
- B. Region V Services Governing Board- Wiltgen
- C. Region V Systems Governing Board - Wiltgen
- D. Region V Systems Executive Committee - Wiltgen

Wiltgen stated that he was unable to attend these meetings.

- E. Public Building Commission (PBC) Vice Chair Meeting with Mayor - Amundson

Amundson stated they discussed the bonding for the 605 and Benesch Buildings. She also reported there would be a severe weather drill on March 23, 2016.

- F. Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with Mayor - Amundson/Wiltgen

Amundson said they discussed LB 717 (Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property). She stated they discussed the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) and the shared responsibility of the South 98th Street and Havelock Avenue and 84th Street projects.

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

Hudkins stated that the windows in the new Crisis Center were discussed with plans to raise them and provide a frosted film covering. He said an update from the Security Committee was also presented.

- H. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health - Avery

Avery said the discussion involved LB 1032 (Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services). He said a letter of support for the tobacco tax increase (LB 1013) was sent to Senator Mike Gloor.

I. Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board

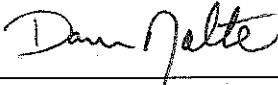
The meeting was cancelled.

J. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) - Schorr

Schorr said the revenue from the recent Olympic qualifying volleyball event was enough that additional funds were not needed. She noted a major event, the 2016 Cattleman's Ball, will be held in Lancaster County this summer.

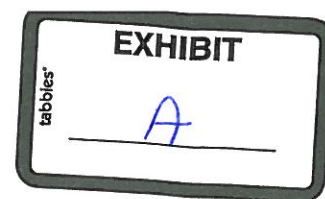
16 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout
Jonathan G. Bradford
Ryan MacDonald

DATE: February 11, 2016

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

This is your sixth weekly update of the Nebraska Legislature for 2016. Today is day 25. The Appropriations, Banking Commerce and Insurance, Education, Transportation and Telecommunications, and Urban Affairs Committees all held two hearings Tuesday February 9.

On Monday and Wednesday debate continued on LB 188, a bill that would change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier. By way of reminder:

LB 188: Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Committee: Judiciary

Hearing Date: January 23, 2015

Placed on General File with AM 374; Cloture Invoked on February 10, 2016 with 37 votes;

Advanced to Select File with AM374 on February 10, 2016

POSITION: QUIET SUPPORT

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. AM374 would include a passenger that enters "onto" a vehicle in the new subsection (5)(a).

Below, please find the latest legislation of particular note to Lancaster County:

High Priority Bills

LB 711 – Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and create the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force

Introduced by Senator Dan Hughes of Venango

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Natural Resources

POSITION: WEED CONTROL SUPPORTS

LB 711 establishes the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force to be housed within the Department of Agriculture. Starting FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2million dollars annually for the management of vegetation within the banks of a natural stream. Governor will appoint members of the task force; one surface water project representative from each river basin; one representative from Dept. of Agriculture; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources; office of the Governor; office of the State Forester; Games and Parks; and the University of Nebraska. Two representatives nominated by Association of Resources Districts; two representatives nominated by Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from congressional districts; one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Any member of the Legislature may serve as an ex officio at his or her option. Meetings are to be held in communities within the Republican River and Platte River basins. Report submitted to the Governor each year on June 30th. First report would be due on 6/30/2017

LB 742– Change county population thresholds

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Government

POSITION: SUPPORT / NACO SUPPORT

LB 742 would bring current language addressing those growing counties nearing the 400,000 inhabitants threshold as determined by the federal census. Currently, this would immediately address the needs of Lancaster County.

LB 765 - Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state or country

Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue

Hearing Date: January 26, 2016

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

POSITION: SUPPORT THROUGH THE LANCASTER COUNTY TREASURER

LB 765 would amend Section 60-154 by increasing fees related to each original certificate of title issued by a Nebraska county or the Department of Motor Vehicles for a motor vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, minibike, or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state or country by increasing the current \$10 fee to \$25 for these types of vehicles receiving an original certificate of title.

LB 777- Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Revenue

POSITION: OPPOSE THROUGH COUNTY TREASURER

LB 777 requires County Treasurers to accept partial payments for property taxes. The bill removes the language any county board may pass a resolution and replaces it with the county treasurer shall.

LB 915 - Create a veterans treatment court pilot project
Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: February 5, 2016
POSITION: NEUTRAL

LB 915 creates a three-year pilot program for treatment of veteran's in Douglas County. After conclusion of the three-year study, the Nebraska Supreme Court would make recommendations for the model to be used in other counties.

LB 919 – Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs.
Introduced by Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg
Hearing Date: February 5, 2016
Committee: Judiciary
POSITION: SUPPORT

In LB 919, the Legislature declares that problem solving court programs, including drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, and other problem solving court programs, help in reducing recidivism. The bill states problem solving court programs offer a person accused of drug alcohol and other alternative to traditional criminal justice proceedings or juvenile justice dispositions. LB 919 would use funds already appropriated to Nebraska Supreme Court to be used to look into evidence-based interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.

LB 936 – Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts.
Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete
Hearing Date: February 17, 2016
Committee: Revenue
POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

LB 936 changes inheritance tax to one percent for everything above one hundred thousand dollars and anything below that limit will not be taxed.

LB 940 - Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act
Introduced by Senator Jerry Johnson of Wahoo
Committee: Revenue
Hearing Date: February 4, 2015
POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

LB 940 creates the Tax Stabilization Act to provide property tax relief to property owners across that state and to give the Legislature time to consider appropriate changes to state law that would reduce the reliance on property taxes for the funding of school districts in the state of Nebraska.

LB 958- Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations

Introduced by Senator Gloor at the request of the Governor

Committee: Revenue

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

LB 958 strikes the allowable growth percentage from exceeding a levy that may be approved at the same meeting as a vote to exceed the limits of a final levy. Limitations do not apply to restricted funds budgeted for capital improvements, or restricted funds from a qualified sinking fund for acquisition or replacement of tangible personal property. The bill increases any budget adopted by a governmental unit by an amount equal to the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year for capital improvements, the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year and the restricted funds expended in the immediately prior fiscal year. The Property Tax Administrator shall provide information to the commission necessary to determine the adjustments for agricultural land and horticulture.

LB 960 – Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion at the request of the Governor

Hearing Date: February 16, 2016

Committee: Appropriations

Position - / NACO SUPPORT

Senator Brasch Priority Bill; Sen. Jim Smith has requested Commissioner Avery appear in support.

Under LB 960 Transportation Innovation Act is created. Design build is created as an alternative method when considering projects. A transportation infrastructure bank is created from reserved funds in the amount of \$150 million to accelerate projects. A capital improvement program is created as well to speed up capital improvements. The county bridge match program is created for repair and replacement of county bridges. This includes matching requirements.

LB 992 – Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Government

POSITION: OPPOSE THROUGH A LETTER / NACO MONITOR

LB 992 states no political subdivision, with statutory authority can enter into an installment contract for the purchase of property, if already an obligation exist of twenty-five million dollars or more from previous contracts. If a debt does exist above twenty-five million dollars, the subdivision cannot enter into a new contract.

LB 976 – Change provisions relating to jury sequestration

Introduced by Senator Les Seiler of Hastings

Hearing Date: NA

Committee: Judiciary

POSITION: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Motion filed to withdraw the bill on February 8, 2016, by Senator Seiler; Motion carried

Under LB 976, a court may order that a jury be sequestered during a trial or after final argument by the motion of the court or party if good cause is shown.

LB 1013 – Change tax on cigarettes and tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds.

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island

Hearing Date: February 11, 2016

Committee: Revenue

POSITION: SUPPORT – AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT

LB 1013 would increase cigarette tax by one dollar and fifty cents, this would bring the total sales tax to two dollars and fourteen cents a pack. It is estimated that this tax increase would bring in a one hundred and twenty million dollars. Forty five million of that would go to the Property Tax Credit Fund; Forty five million to personal property tax exemption; and thirty million to the Health Care Cash Fund.

LB 1031 – Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date:

Committee: Revenue

POSITION: / NACO OPPOSE

LB 1031 removes the levy authority away from the county board and places it with the Railroad Transportation Board, which is made up of 3 county board members and 3 city council members. The move would free up two cents to the county board levy authority.

LB 1032 – Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services

Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services.

POSITION: SUPPORT – COMMISSIONER ADMUNSON TESTIMONY / NACO SUPPORT

LB 1032 would provide health care coverage to individuals who cannot qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid funds would be used to buy private health insurance for those individuals making up one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level with no insurance. The bill allows for small contributions from enrollees and would take funds from the state health care cash fund to extend coverage up to seventy-seven thousand Nebraskans.

LB 1042 – Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing

Introduced by Senator Friesen

Hearing Date: February 9, 2016

Committee: Urban Affairs

POSITION: MONITOR

LB 1042 gives another layer of approval to tax-increment financing (TIF) projects. Before approval is made by the governing body of the TIF project, as described in 18-2116, the county board of equalization of the county that would be directly affected by the financing project, may approve the plan if it meets all statutory requirements for TIF imposed under the Community Development Law.

LB 1042 also changes the property valuation information certified by the Property Tax Administrator to the State Department of Education, which is used to determine the adjusted valuation of school districts for purposes of allocating state aid through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. The bill requires that excess valuation for properties that qualify for tax increment financing will be included in the assessed valuation of school districts for state aid purposes.

LEGISLATION TO BE HEARD BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING

LB 968 – Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program
Introduced by Senator Johnson
Hearing: February 16, 2016
Committee: Agriculture

LB 968 allows the Department of Agriculture to cooperate and coordinate with producer organizations, state and local governments, and public and private economic development entities to identify opportunities for private sector investment in new livestock, dairy, and agricultural commodities processing facilities or expansion or repurposing of existing processing facilities within the state, to actively recruit such processing investment, and to advise and assist local communities where such investment may be sought or considered.

LB 806 - Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act
Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Committee: Revenue
Hearing: February 16, 2016

LB 806 creates the Riverfront Development District Act that provides a means by which such historic river cities may be effectively funded, managed, promoted, and developed within their corporate limits. A riverfront development district may be created through the adoption of an ordinance that names the river, boundaries of the district, qualifications and terms of the office, statement that the business shall be subject to the general occupations tax or real property will be subject to special assessment, the proposed method of assessment will be imposed within the district, and penalties will be imposed for failure to pay the occupation tax or special assessment. After the creation of a district, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a riverfront development authority to oversee and manage the district.

LB 925 – Change provisions relating to issuing a treasurer’s tax deed and bringing a tax lien foreclosure action as prescribed.
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 17, 2016
Committee: Revenue

LB 925 states at anytime within 9 months after the expiration of two years after the date of sale of any real estate for taxes or special assessments if such real estate is not legally occupied and deemed vacant or abandoned. Vacant and abandoned real estate is defined by local ordinance or determined by the appropriate local governing body. Conditions of real estate include overgrown or dead vegetation, trash and waste and /or visible deterioration.

LB 670 – Require a hearing prior to release for persons taken into custody for mental health reasons.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 670 strikes language making a more strict interpretation of the release of a juvenile from temporary custody. The bill also inserts additional language that requires a mental health professional to immediately notify the county attorney if the juvenile is not deemed mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender in which the county attorney shall proceed to a hearing before the court within 24 hours regarding the juvenile's release.

LB 995 – Repeal provisions relating to the special valuation of agricultural land and provide for the agricultural value of agricultural land.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Committee: Revenue

Hearing: February 17, 2016

LB 995 local governments would tax cropland based on agricultural value instead of seventy-five percent of the actual value. Bill defines agricultural value as the actual value of land for agricultural and horticultural purposes without regard to actual value the land would have for other uses. This is an attempt to lower property tax for farmers and ranchers.

LB1037 - Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land

Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft

Committee: Revenue

Hearing: February 17, 2016

LB1037 strikes land associated with buildings. It excludes wasteland lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticulture land. It does allow farm sites and farm home sites lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticultural land.

LB 1010 – Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions

Introduced by Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 1010 calls for a written petition for juvenile court will be signed by the county attorney setting forth the facts. The petition would replace the verification of affidavit.

LB 1000 – Require certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies on the use of the body-worn cameras, provide that recordings from such cameras are not public records, and prohibit certain conduct involving such recordings.

Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 1000 states that police departments with body cameras must adopt policies regarding training and equipping cameras, as how to be worn in a prominent place on the uniform. An officer would have to notify an individual they approach that the camera is recording.

LB 920 – Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing- Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 920 adds nine members to the council starting January 1, 2017. The seventh member of the council will be either a member of the Jail Standards board or from the public at large. The eighth and ninth members will be full time officers from a state law agency with a rank no higher than sergeant. The eighth and ninth members of the council will be appointed by the Governor.

LB 797 – Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemption.

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Revenue Committee

LB 797 states 30 days after the county assessor received approval by the county board to remove or reduce the exemption from the tax rolls of the county, the rate from time to time can be adjusted by the Legislature.

LB 825 – Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 825 By April 1 of each even-numbered year, the owner of each parcel of property that is exempt from property taxes shall file with the county assessor of the county in which the property is located a form containing the following information: name and address, legal description of property, date of acquisition of the property, description of any improvements on the property, whether the property was leased or not, and the owners estimate of the fair market value of the property on January 1 of the even numbered year. The bill adds that by July 1 of each even-numbered year, the county assessor of each county shall complete and deliver to the Department of Revenue a form on which the county assessor estimates the fair market value of tax-exempt property, classified by the type of owner, within his or her county and that the Department of Revenue shall prescribe the forms to be used for purposes of the value ranges for estimating the fair market value of property. The Department of Revenue will prepare an estimate of the fair market value of tax-exempt property in this state by category of owner. All persons required to file a report with all pay a reasonable fee that is sufficient to defray costs to the county of distributing and reviewing the forms. IF the form is not received by April 1 of the even-numbered year, the county assessor will send the owner of the property a notice, by certified mail, stating that the property for, which the form is required, will be appraised at the owner's expense.

LB 1097 - Change provisions relating to sexual assault forensic testing

Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB1097 would create a fund to collect federal money and for an administrator for that fund to pay expenses for medical exams for rape victims. The fund would cover costs for physical trauma exams, patient interviews, collection and evaluation of evidence, emergency room and laboratory fees. Victims would also get emotional and mental health care. Medical personnel would also be trained in practices for collecting evidence for prosecutions.

LB 916 – Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a motor vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator Sara Howard of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 19, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 916 allows for an individual who rescues an animal from a locked car or the animal is trapped inside the car, that individual is immune from criminal or civil liability for damage to the automobile.

LEGISLATION HEARD SINCE LAST STAFF MEETING

LB 687 - Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers

Introduced by Senator Bloomfield

Committee: Government

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

LB 687 provides that a recall petition is reviewed by the state and that the state is responsible for all costs of the recall procedure, any special election, or costs incurred related to a canceled election. The bill strikes language that excluded trustees of sanitary and improvement districts, members of a political subdivision, member of a governing body of a city, village, county, irrigation district, natural resource district, public power district, school district, community college, education service unit, hospital district, and metropolitan utility district. The bill also includes the process to bring about a petition against an elected official whether elected or appointed and that petition needs to be authorized by the filing clerk.

LB 717 – Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property.

Introduced by Senator Mike Groene of North Platte

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 717 States that the actual value of real property for purpose of taxation means the value to be determined by the use of professionally accepted mass appraisal methods. It removes language of “market value of real property in the ordinary course of trade”. Legislation states, except for assessment occurring on January 1, 2016, the assessed value shall be the same as the assessed value on January 1, 2015, in relation to assessing tax on real property.

LB 910 – Change provisions relating to parole administration

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 910 states starting January 1, 2017, the Office of Parole Administration will be moved to the Board of Parole. The board and director will meet once a month to prepare a plan for legislative review to cover budget, transitions, board policies and procedures with coordination for community based services.

LB 1023 – Require development of treatment protocols for and a needs assessment of committed offenders and correctional facilities

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Under LB 1023, corrections and the division of behavioral health of DHHS would develop protocols for coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment for a committed offender during incarceration until discharge. Protocols will cover pre-release planning; mental health and substance abuse treatment needs, supervisor plan and necessary community support services. Community based services can be used during incarceration. Corrections will provide to the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, a needs assessment pertaining to programming in facilities before January 1st of odd numbered years.

LB 1094 – Change provisions relating to evidence, sentencing, certain criminal penalties, criminal mischief, assault, theft, forgery, and probation.

Introduced by Judiciary Committee and others

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

POSITION: MONITOR

LB 1094 addresses matters extending from LB 605. The bill addresses custodial sanctions; administrative sanctions; defined duties of a probationer officer when determining a possible violation of probation and court proceedings. LB 1094 repeals section (5) of LB 605 relating to duties of a probationer officer, setting forth new language.

LB 922 - Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed

Introduced by Senator Mark Kolterman of Seward

Committee: Retirement

Hearing Date: February 5, 2016

LB 922 requires member to serve five years to ensure an experienced and knowledgeable board. It provides that a member appointed to any of the Nebraska retirement systems will serve five years including the; School Employees Retirement System, Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, and Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System.

LB 935 – Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts

Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala

Committee: Government

Hearing Date: February 5, 2015

LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31st of a calendar year will be considered delinquent. A political subdivision will be notified of the delinquency. If the necessary material is not received within thirty days of the December 31st, a five hundred dollars will be withheld from the next state aid payment to that that political subdivision and continue for each additional thirty days of delinquency. Upon delinquency, the auditor can make an audit of the political subdivision at which the cost will be billed to the political subdivision.

LB 986 - Change duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study

Introduced by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee

Committee: Nebraska Retirement

Hearing: February 5, 2016

Under LB 986, the director will provide draft copies of each annual valuation report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee and Governor, as required. Copies are deemed confidential. Starting in 2016, and every four years thereafter will request an experience study from the Public Employee

retirement board.

LB 1102 – Authorize legislative performance audits of tax-increment financing projects.
Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: February 5, 2016
Committee: Executive Board

LB 1102 includes any authority as defined in section 18-2103 that uses tax-increment financing as authorized in section. 18-2147

LB 911 – State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems.
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 8, 2016
Committee: Appropriations

LB 911 appropriates two hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 to program 268, Behavioral Health Administration for creating a plan of system care for adults using behavioral health services.

LB 931 - Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted-living facilities and change distribution of the Behavioral Health Services Fund
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Committee: Appropriations
Hearing Date: February 8, 2016

LB 931 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to the Department of Health and Human Services. The allocation of funds will provide incentives for certain assisted-living facilities for adults with mental illness or a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

LB 1001 – Change provisions relating to a compensation schedule for injuries resulting in disability
Introduced by Senator Ebke
Hearing Date: February 8, 2016
Committee: Business and Labor

LB 1001 adds that loss or loss of means permanent loss of physical function of an arm, a leg, an ear, an eye or nose.

LB 768 – Provide for Choose Life License Plates
Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016
Committee: Transportation

LB 768 would require the DMV to design license plates to be known as “Choose Life” License Plates.

LB 795 – Establish the Wireless in Nebraska Program under the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act.
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

LB 795 adds the definition of wireless carrier to mean a telecommunications company providing mobile radio service, radio paging service, or wireless telecommunications service for a fee in Nebraska intrastate commerce. It removes the section that requires the state treasurer to transfer funds from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of Administrative Services. It further removes the section that states any transfer under this subsection not reversed within thirty days after the initial transfer shall accrue interest in the amount of five percent annually. It replaces those sections with granting the commission the power to establish the Wireless in Nebraska Program and states that the purpose of the Wireless in Nebraska Program is to promote the provision of the universal wireless telecommunications services throughout the state by providing assistance from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to eligible wireless communications towers. It also requires a wireless carrier that receives funds to file a report with the commission by June 1 of each year, which includes information on investments for the previous year.

LB 912 – Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting.
Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016
Committee: Government

LB 912 states an individual, prior to voting must present valid photo identification and two of the following: a valid utility bill, bank statement, payment check or other government document. Documents presented must be within sixty-days of the present day with matching address to vote in that precinct.

LB 951 - Adopt the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act
Introduced by Senator Harr
Committee: Revenue
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

LB 951 creates the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act to provide an owner of an affordable housing project to apply for an affordable housing tax credit. A qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project.

LB 984 - Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals
Introduced by Senator Schumacher
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

LB 984 a three-judge panel would decide mandatory minimum sentences. A sentencing judge can request the three judge panel to make a finding that a habitual criminal or mandatory minimum sentence would not apply.

LB 989 - Change provisions relating to motor vehicles
Introduced by Senator John Murante of Gretna
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016 (9:00am)

LB 989 provides that the Director of Motor Vehicles shall designate an implementation date, which is on or before January 1, 2020. If the title is electronic, then the following changes may be made; changing the name of an owner, removing the name of an owner, or adding as an owner of the immediate family

member of an owner. The department may adopt and promulgate further rules and regulations governing the eligibility of dealers to participate in the electronic dealer services system, setting forth practices, procedures, and requirements necessary to implement such system, and setting forth requirements and practices for dealers participating in such system.

LB1036: Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act.

Introduced by Senator Campbell

Hearing Date: February 09, 2016

Committee: Banking, Commerce, and Insurance

LB 1036 states notwithstanding any other provisions of law, charge any brokerage fees or any other fees or charges whatsoever in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act. It defines the annual percentage rate, default, and delayed deposit. The Department of Banking and Finance will document each delayed deposit loan transaction by a written agreement signed by both the licensee and the borrower.

LB 1059 – Require certain disclosures under the Community Developmental Law and the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue

Hearing Date: February 9, 2016 (9:00 am)

Committee: Urban Affairs

LB 1059 states that prior to a redevelopment contract, the developer has to indicate if he or she has or intends to file for tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage act; seeking a refund from the city's local option sales tax; estimate of total amount he or she is expecting from tax incentives; and if the project has been approved under the Nebraska Advantage act.

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

LB 673 – Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem.

Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 673 states that if there is a guardian ad litem division, appointments will first be directed to them and if a conflict exists the court may appoint a guardian ad litem outside of the division. It also replaces the court hearing of an application with the county board.

LB 675 – Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles.

Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 675 adds language that prohibits a juvenile from being placed in a rehabilitation center unless an immediate and urgent reason persists. It also ensures that a juvenile will not be detained unless there is a legitimate threat to the security of anyone in the community or if it is necessary to ensure that the juvenile will appear at the next hearing due to a trend of absences at a hearing over a period of 12 months. It states that no juvenile under the year of 12 years old will at anytime under any circumstance be placed in detention; to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility, punish treat or rehabilitate the juvenile, permit more convenient administrative access to the juvenile, facilitate further interrogation or

investigation of the juvenile, due to lack of more appropriate facilities, or satisfy the demands of a victim, law enforcement, or the community.

LB 693 – Change limitations of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.

Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 28, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 693 extends from one year to two years every tort claim against a political subdivision.

LB 703 – Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages.

Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee

Hearing Date: January 19, 2016

Committee: Urban Affairs Committee

Advanced to General File with AM 1877 on January 27, 2016. AM 1877 clarifies that if no appeal is filed, the city or village may abate the nuisance; Consent Calendar

LB 703 states a city or village must establish method of notice by ordinance. If done by US mail first class, it must contain a mark indicating importance. Within five days of receipt, owner/occupant of the ground may request a hearing on the nuisance. Hearing would be set within fourteen days of the appeal filing and a hearing officer has five business days to render a decision.

LB 704 – Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions

Introduced by Urban Affairs

Hearing Date: January 19, 2016

Committee: Urban Affairs

Advanced to General File on January 20, 2016

LB 704 would make a series of technical changes to the building code statutes by doing the following. Clarifying that local building or construction codes must be adopted and enforced as provided under the Building Construction Act; Clarifying that counties and municipalities must keep a copy of their local building code available for use and examination by the public as long as the code is in effect; Clarifying that only counties and municipalities may adopt a local building code; Defining "component" for purposes of the Building Construction Act; Streamlining the process for local building code adoption, allowing counties and municipalities to either adopt the state building code or a code that conforms generally with the state building code; Clarifying that a prior edition of a component of the state building code does not conform generally with the state building code; and striking language that provides for unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority by municipalities.

LB 709 – Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles.

Introduced by Senator Sara Howard of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 709 – Provides for alternate detention of increased supervision for a youth to ensure the youth attends court and avoids future law infractions. Supervision includes electronic monitoring, day/evening reporting centers, house arrest and temporary shelter placement. Placement does not include facilities that allow for physical restraint or ingress and egress for placement.

LB 714 – Provide for and change a provision relating to sufficient cause of nonuse of a water appropriation.

Introduced by Senator John Stinner of Gering
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Natural Resources

LB 714 – states that for sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist for up to fifteen consecutive years if such nonuse was a result of one or more of the following(adds) the appropriation is temporarily transferred to a natural resources district or other competent authority for the purpose of depletion offsets, aquifer recharge, stream augmentation, or maintenance of instream flow

LB 716 – Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists.
Introduced by Senator Rick Kolowski of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 25, 2016
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

LB 716 states a pedestrian lawfully entering designed bike or walk path of a highway intersection or adjacent to intersection of two highways controlled by traffic signal has the right-of-way within the crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles. Bicyclist cannot suddenly leave a curb or safety path into the path of a car that it is so close it is impossible for the driver to stop. Nothing in the subsection relieves a bicyclist or driver from duty of care.

LB 722 – Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act
Introduced by Senator Roy Baker of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 722 creates the Stroke System of Care Act. In an effort to meet the increase of Stokes in the state of Nebraska, this bill creates an effective stroke system of care to be provided to individuals. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and regulations that include the criteria for designation of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke-ready hospital. The American Heart Association, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or another nationally recognized stroke care organization will approve the certification.

LB 723 – Change sales and use tax collection fees
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Revenue

LB 723 changes the date of October 1, 2002 to read on and after January 1, 2017 and doubles the 2.5% to 5% of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month and two and one-half percent of the next three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.

LB 724 – Change sales and use tax collection fees.
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Revenue Committee

LB 724 states that for all sales tax collected by a taxpayer on/after 1/1/2017, he or she will withhold 5% of the first \$6,000 remitted each month for reimbursement of collecting the tax.

LB 720 – Change certain invasions of privacy provisions to include unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems.

Introduced by Senator Kuehn of Heartwell

Hearing Date: February 25, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 720 states an individual is liable for invasion of privacy for flying an unmanned aircraft below 200ft of privately owned property without permission of the owner of the property in the act of capturing any form of visual image/recording. Individual is responsible for reasonable damage caused by the invasion.

LB 746 – Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

Senator Campbell of Priority Bill; Placed on General File with AM1903 on February 5, 2016.

AM1903 creates an operative date of July 1, 2016, and includes a federal reference regarding credit reports LB746 implements provisions of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act regarding the promotion of "normalcy" among children and youth in foster care. Normalcy is intended to mean age and developmentally appropriate activities and experiences essential to the healthy development of children and youth. The bill creates the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act for the following reasons: To ensure foster children can participate in extracurricular and social activities such as field trips, sports, school clubs, religious groups, family vacations and photos, sleepovers, and obtaining a driver's license. To ensure foster parents are able to make decisions about such activities using a reasonable and prudent parent standard. To involve birth parents in such decisions. To require the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure children are made aware of their rights and responsibilities and have access to certain documents before aging out, to ensure foster parents are trained and supported in making determinations as to reasonableness, and report on progress. To require juvenile courts to ensure children's rights are protected and that children are able to engage in such activities, and to make certain findings part of the child's record. To eliminate the use of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement as a permanency goal for youth under age 16.

LB 776 – Change revenue and taxation provisions

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Revenue

Placed on General File with AM1932 on February 1, 2016; AM1932 becomes the bill to clarify treatment deductions under the ABLE program; Consent Calendar

LB 776 includes food that ordinarily requires additional cooking to finish the product to its desired final condition in the definition of what food means in the bill. The bill also exempts that there will be subtracted interest received by the owner of obligations of the State of Nebraska or its political subdivisions or authorities which are Build America Bonds to the extent includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income shall be reduced by contributions to an account established under the achieving a better life experience program made for the benefit of a beneficiary. It increases the federal taxable income for any withdrawals by the

owner of an account established under the achieving better life experience program for nonqualified expenses or to terminate such account. The bill includes that a refundable income tax credit is considered an overpayment even if the taxpayer has no income tax liability prior to applying the refundable credit. LB 776 adds that if an individual is granted a homestead exemption that individual is not required to submit the certification required under this subdivision in succeeding years.

LB 780 – Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: February 3, 2016
Committee: Judiciary
POSITION: MONITOR

Department of HHS would be required to take charge of a mentally ill individual who are taken into emergency protective custody. Bill would make it a misdemeanor for HHS Behavioral Health Division to refuse custody of a person.

LB 783 – Provide for registration of public power district vehicles as prescribed.
Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 22, 2016
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication

LB 783 creates a public power district license plate to be issued and used by each motor vehicle and trailer operated by a public power district. The application will be accompanied by a fee of three dollars for each motor vehicle and three dollars for each trailer. Any public power district vehicle will display a distinctive license plate provided by the department. The license play will be placed on both the front and back of the motor vehicle and to the rear of the trailer. The renewal for the license plate will be two dollars and will be collected every year after they are issues. If a permanent license plate is lost or destroyed, the owner will submit an affidavit to that effect to the county treasurer. A fee of one dollar will be applied to any lost or stolen license plate. All funds collected by the department will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Cash Fund.

LB 784 – Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards
Introduced by Senator Kurt Friesen of
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Government

Placed on General File on February 1, 2016

LB 784 harmonizes language in the County Budget Act and the Nebraska Budget Act. Currently both Acts proportionally limit expenditures from each budgeted fund between July 1 and the adoption of the budget in September.

The Nebraska Budget Act also provides a mechanism to exceed such proportional expenditures upon an express finding of the governing body that the expenditures are necessary to meet statutory duties and responsibilities. LB 784 would add this concept to the County Budget Act.

LB 786 – Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits.
Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services
Placed on General File on February 5, 2016; Consent Calendar

LB 786 removes the handwritten option of a funeral director, embalmer, physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner when signing a medical death certificate. Legislation allows for an electronic signature in place of handwritten signature. LB 786 states before any dead body may be cremated, permit of cremation will be signed electronically by the county attorney or designee.

LB 787 – Allow a voter to photograph and reveal a marked ballot
Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 28, 2016
Committee: Government

LB 787 would allow for a voter to photograph his or her ballot.

LB 845 - Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 845 includes section 6 stating that the Legislature creates a system of investigation and performance review in order to provide increased accountability and oversight regarding the use of room confinement for juveniles in a juvenile facility. All confinement incidents must be documented and include the race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the juvenile, the reason for confinement, an explanation of why less restrictive means were unsuccessful, the ultimate duration of the placement in room confinement, and any incidents of self harm or suicide committed by the Juvenile while he or she was isolated.

LB 848 – Change provisions relating to courts
Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln
Hearing Date: March 2, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 848 defines fee record, general index, Judge's notes, Judgment index, register of actions, and case type when filing of complaints or petitions and subsequent pleadings and date of such filings, including orders and judgments of the court. The bill states that the county court shall file the following with the district court within ten days after entry of the transfer order: Certification of the proceedings; all original documents of the action; certification of the transcript of the register of actions; and certification of the court costs with the clerk of the district court. The clerks of the district court shall use the court's electronic case management system provided by the state, which shall be the record of receipts and reimbursements. The bills strikes the foreman and secretary from filing in the office of the clerk of the district court in section 35 101. The bill also requires the case file to contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgments, post judgment actions, and other documents. The case file can be maintained either electronically or on paper file. It removes the requirement to hold a separate docket for the purpose to be unopened for inspection by any person except upon order of the court for good cause shown. attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.

LB 884 - Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.
Introduced by Senator Jim Scheer of Norfolk
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Revenue

LB 884 would increase the recapture zone from 200 to 600 yards for the Omaha arena and from 400 yards to 600 yards for Lincoln. It would require that ten percent of such funds appropriated to a city of the primary class may be invested in areas with a high concentration of poverty to assist with low-income housing needs. Applications for state assistance submitted prior to the operative date of this act, the area that is located within six hundred yards of an eligible sports arena facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking facility or other structure. Applications submitted on or after the operative date of this act, a map identifying the program area, including any unbuildable property within the program area or take into account in adjusting the program area as described.

LB 886 – Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date: February 3, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 886 creates the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act. For taxable years on or after January 1, 2017, a volunteer on the list will receive a refundable credit against income tax imposed in an equal amount to two hundred fifty dollars beginning with the second taxable year the volunteer is on the list. A point system of one hundred possible points, per year, is created for an active emergency responder, active rescue squad member or active volunteer firefighter. Various methods to accumulate points are available for an individual. To name a few, responding to ten percent of emergency calls; participation in training courses and participation in drills.

LB 888 – Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act.

Introduced by Senator Health Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 888 states that a taxpayer who claims a tax credit will not pay additional retaliatory tax as described under section 44-150 for claiming a tax credit. Any tax claim will be considered a payment of tax as in subsection (1) of 77-2734.03

LB 893 – Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles.

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

This bill would require that a juvenile would have to be at least eleven (11) years old to be prosecuted or adjudicated for a criminal law violation or to be prosecuted as ungovernable, in juvenile or adult court. Instead, the juvenile court in each county, shall have jurisdiction of children who are 10 and younger, who engage in conduct which would otherwise be considered as a law violation under 43-247(3)(a)

LB 894 – Change provisions relating to appointment of Counsel in juvenile cases

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Placed on General File with AM1962 and AM2053 on February 10, 2016. AM 1962 takes provisions from LB 675, LB 709, LB 845 and LB 893

LB 894 would allow for a minor to have a court appointed attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.

LB 896 – Require pay increases for state employees to recognize length of service.

Introduced Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 1, 2016

Committee: Business and Labor

LB 896 states that state employees would get a raise every five years. Raises would be at 6.25cents/hr(five years); 12.5cents/hr(ten years); 18.75cents/hr (fifteen years); 25 cents/hr (20 years); 31.25 cents/hr(twenty five years); 37.5 cents (thirty years); 43.75 cents/hr (thirty five years); 50 cents/hr (forty years)

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LB 905 – Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys Establishment Act of 2016.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: No date assigned yet

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 905 establishes the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. The commission will be made up of ten members. Five members appointed by the Governor and five ex officio appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. Commission will advocate, make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on issues and concerns raised by fathers, men and boys. The commission will address issues of socioeconomic concerns raised.

LB 906 – Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers.

Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 25, 2016

Committee: Education

LB 906 waives 30 percent of resident tuition for law enforcement officers attending a university, college or community college. An officer has to maintain an acceptable performance level with the agency.

LB 910 – Change provisions relating to parole administration

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 910 states starting January 1, 2017, the Office of Parole Administration will be moved to the Board of Parole. The board and director will meet once a month to prepare a plan for legislative review to cover budget, transitions, board policies and procedures with coordination for community based services.

LB 918- Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator John Murante of Gretna
Hearing Date: January 26, 2016
Committee: Transportation

LB 918 transfers on one percent of the collected motor vehicle tax to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund.

LB 927 - Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 services
Introduced by Senator Bob Hilkemann of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 1, 2016
Committee: Transportation and telecommunications

LB 927 changes the uniform service charge for 911 services to say: except that the monthly uniform service surcharge shall not exceed one dollar per month. It strikes language that states a surcharge of up to fifty cents on all active telephone numbers every month from users or wireless service shall remit the surcharge.

LB928 - Change provisions relating to discriminatory wage practices based on sex.
Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Committee: Business and Labor
Hearing: February 1, 2015

LB 928 addresses wage discrimination between a man and a women in effort to close the gap. The bill also removes current employee size exemption and addresses definitions of enforcement.

LB 929 – Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers.
Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft
Hearing Date: January 25, 2016
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication.
Advanced to General File; Consent Calendar

LB 929 updates effective date from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. Adds language making self-propelled CMV's and intermodal equipment will not apply to forum trucks and forum truck-tractors registered and operated solely in intrastate commerce.

LB 934 – Change provisions relating to the Office of Public Guardian
Introduced by Senator Colby Coash of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 3, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 934 defines multidisciplinary team means a team of professionals hired by the Public Guardian. Public Guardian will be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska. Public Guardian will hire a multidisciplinary team. The team will be made up of professionals in public guardian and trained in the area of law.

LB 937 – Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease.
Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 937 strikes the language stating that no person with a venereal disease shall be married in Nebraska.

LB 938 - Adopt the 911 Service System Act and transfer funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to the 911 Service System Fund

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion

Hearing Date: February 1, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

LB 938 creates the 911 Service System Act to establish the Public Service Commission as the statewide implementation and coordinating authority to plan, implement, coordinate, manage, maintain, and provide funding assistance for a statewide next-generation 911 service capability.

LB 943 – Update references with respect to husband and wife

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 943 changes references of husband and wife to “spouses in a marriage relationship.”

LB 944 – Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships.

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 944 addresses last year's United Supreme Court ruling of legalizing same sex marriage and changes some references to “parents”

LB 952 – Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services.

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Hearing Date: Yet to be assigned

Committee: HHS

LB 952 states starting January 1, 2016, a county board is responsible to make sure emergency medical services are available for all county residents. The bill states that the county can contract for medical emergency and public safety services. The Board of Emergency Medical Services in regards to the seven out of hospital care providers, two will be emergency medical responders, two will be medical technicians, two will be paramedics and one will be an advanced medical technician. Members appointed after January 1, 2017, three of them will be volunteer emergency medical care providers.

LB 954 – Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare.

Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 22, 2015

Committee: Executive Board

Executive Board priority bill; Placed on General File on February 4, 2016

LB 954 states the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare can submit a written request to the Probation Administrator for access of juvenile records pertaining to a particular case. Those records will be turned over with approval via a court order. All juvenile cases as defined in sections 43-246 and 43-247, of the juvenile court will provide confidential information to the Foster Care Review Office. If

upon investigation, the Inspector General finds misconduct by the juvenile services division, the probation administrator will immediately notified.

LB 977- Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Hearing Date: February 1, 2016

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LB 977 makes an exemption for the weight and load limitations for a farm tractor, self-propelled equipment, and additional agricultural machinery. The bill includes specific weight limits for the vehicles mentioned in the bill.

LB 998 - Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relations to emergency protective custody

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: Yet to be assigned

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 998 includes the definition of emergency community crisis center as a medical assistance program. The demand for inpatient behavioral health beds exceeds the supply of such beds in Nebraska. Hospital emergency departments are not equipped to address the behavioral health needs and delays in receiving behavioral health crisis stabilization services significantly increase the risk of emotional deterioration. Further, appropriate, timely resources should be available to persons in need of behavioral health. The bill calls for an establishment of five emergency community crisis centers across the state.

LB 1024 – Change a provision of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act relating to an interest of a government contract

Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O’Neill

Hearing Date: Yet to be assigned

Committee: Government

LB 1024 states that no member of a public official or employer’s family may enter into a business contract valued at one hundred thousand dollars in a given year. As of January 1, 2017, and every year thereafter the contract value will be adjusted for inflation.

LB 1034 – Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children’s Commission

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: Yet to be assigned

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 1034 adds juvenile justice to the strategic plan of reform of the Nebraska Child Welfare Commission to review and evaluate the juvenile justice system.

LB1036 - Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act.

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 9, 2016

Committee: Banking, Commerce, and Insurance

LB 1036 states notwithstanding any other provisions of law, charge any brokerage fees or any other fees or charges whatsoever in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act. It defines the annual percentage rate, default, and delayed deposit. The Department of Banking and Finance will document each delayed deposit loan transaction by a written agreement signed by both the licensee and the borrower.

LB 1044 – Terminate the Commission of Industrial Relations.
Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete
Hearing Date: February 22, 2016
Committee: Business and Labor

LB 1044 would abolish the CIR that was created to resolve labor disputes involving public employees. The bill would continue to protect the right of the public employee in Nebraska to strike in the event of an unresolved dispute.

LB 1058 – Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions.
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 25, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 1058 states with compliance checks, an individual between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years of age may be authorized to assist officers or private contractors with compliance checks. The individual under the age of eighteen and older than 14 years has to be an employee, intern or volunteer with a local or state law agency.

LB1103 - Change provisions relating to Medicaid reimbursements, provide for a lien, and change estate procedures.
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing Date: February 3, 2016

LB 1103 requires a notice shall be provided to the department in a manner and at an address designated by the department, which manner may include email. Any notice that fails to meet this requirement is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application for purposes of any statute or regulation that requires that a notice or waiver application be provided to the department.

LB 1107 – Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative
Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue
Hearing Date: Yet to be assigned
Committee: Government

LB 1107 states the current vote tabulation and ballot-marking equipment in Nebraska will soon be outdated. The bill would establish the Nebraska Election System. The goal is to examine the voting process, in Nebraska. Review methods of polling sites, early voting, equipment; disabled, minority and young voters; campaigns; and cost of replacing current system.

LR 389CA – Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska.
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

U.S. Supreme Court, in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, ruled that marriage is a fundamental right for same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. LR389CA places on the ballot the removal of a provision of the Nebraska State Constitution, which by virtue of preemption by the U.S. Constitution is moot and not enforceable.

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Date: 2/4/2016

Committee: Government, Military, and Veteran Affairs

Senators: Murante, Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, McCoy

Bills: LB 687 (Bloomfield) LR 379CA (Bloomfield) LB742 (Hansen) LB 867
(Legislative Performance Audit Committee)

Reported by: Ryan MacDonald for Kissel/E&S Associates

LB 867: Change provisions relating to the Administrative Procedure Act and require the Department of Correctional Services to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations

Senator Watermeier: I am chairman of the Performance Audit Committee. This bill would amend the Administrative Procedure Act. The existing language does not provide enough guidance for the process or current best practices. The definition of rural will be changed. Language will be added to current statutes. In drafting this legislation we incorporated feedback from various state agencies. Rural definition is the first major definition to clear up the lack of clarity currently in the bill that applies to a broad class of people. It also defines what is not rural. This adds language of a guidance document that allow the department to input regulations for various tasks they are required to practice. A process of the adoption of emergency rules is allowed to be put in. This is the result of a natural disaster or federal policies that eradicate federal dollars to the agency. Two new categories of rules that will be exempt from the APA will be put in place. This will eradicate out of date references. The second will add requirements for the department of corrections services. The new recommendations of this bill is similar to work release inmates that drive prison vehicles. This section puts original language into a section of its own. The amendment to LB867 adds language that provides the bill that provisions for the department of corrections only applies to the subsection mentioned.

Proponents

Senator Mello: Challenges with other state agencies arose with the definition of guidance documents. The first three sections Sen. Watermeier discussed are the intent of this bill to give a much better definition of what rural regulation is. This will help the public and it will also help other out of state agencies. The issue of addressing the guidance document is the fundamental issue we were faced with. We were never able to fully solve that until the Performance audit committee was able to look at that. We were able to present a bill to the legislature to address these issues. Lastly, it looks at the department of corrections and the risk of an inmate driving a

correctional vehicle. The administrative procedures act is amended into this very good piece of legislation in front of you.

Tim Texel: The Executive director for the power review board. I deal with the departments rules and regulations. The board is that state agency with responsibility over all electricity in the state of Nebraska. The board believes this bill is very beneficial for Nebraska and the boards across the state. I know I have been working on this since November 2015. I would like to say my comments are limited to those parts of the bill relating to APA. I think the bill has been vetted pretty well. The draft bill was presented to the government regulation committee and the bar approves of the vetting process. The board believes the three most important definitions of a guidance document and the rules for a guidance document are very critical and helpful to us. The guidance documents in the APA is a benefit to state regulated agencies. This has been a huge benefit to the Nebraska electrical engines board. This is modeled after the national model rules. I did bring a copy of that so you can compare the definitions.

Bill Miller: Nebraska State Bar Association. Support the bill and the amendment. We had an issue with section 5 and 10, but the amendment tightens up these statutes and we are thankful for that change. We do not have an opinion on the section regarding corrections. The emergency rule included, is in a large part consistent with section 309.

Groene: You realize when a lobbyist says my committee, a lot of citizens look at NADC. People look at the emergency rules section...

TT: Yes and we were concerned that it was overly broad and we were concerned with the technical change of rule making procedure where the effect would be a citizens right. So we think the amendment tightens the bill and only provides for truly emergency situations. That makes it a better bill and protects citizen's rights.

Neutral

Secretary of State John Gale: We file, compile and maintain rules and regulations across all the agencies in the state and make them available to the public in a variety of ways. The Legislative audit committee asked about out of date regulations. We submitted them to the committee and they have been included in this bill. They were very helpful in drafting this legislation. These updates will help significantly and we are appreciative and supportive of these changes.

Calder Lynch: Director of Medicaid and Long-term care. I have not seen the amendment so my testimony is based on the bill as filed. I want to express my appreciation for changes to emergency changes. Due to the lengthy process under current law the Medicaid program is at risk with not complying with state or federal law provisions after court decisions. Noncompliance can lead to Medicaid disallowance where we have to reimburse the federal government. From my experience emergency rules are essential to apply certain rules when necessary. Clarifying guidance documents are important, but I believe a continuance of updated APA changes is important.

James Goddard: Nebraska Appleseed: We agree with the intent of this bill, specifically agencies and private rights and I think it is a great addition to the APA. I have not seen the amendment, but I believe it addresses our concerns.

Stephanie Meese: Legal Council for Legislative Performance Audit. I am here to answer any questions you may have.

Closing

I am amazed how there is no opposition to this bill, but that is a direct result of the hard work that has been put in to this bill and I think there is nothing more than a better bill. I am willing to prioritize this bill.

Garrett: Are you comfortable with the fiscal note. We were not sure there would be a large fiscal note.

LB687: Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers

Bloomfield: These two bills go hand in hand and will have the same parties interested in testifying. LR379CA placed in the 2016 ballot and LB 687 that will provide for the recall. I looked at how other states handled this. I decided to go with 35 percent in order to conduct a recall.

Garrett: I hope I didn't miss your comment, but what was the purpose of this?

I have had this in my mind for a year, and I got beat up last year over this for not having a way to remove someone from office. This is a pretty high bar to get to, but it does have a way to remove someone from office if they are way out of line.

Murante: Are you concerned with if we do this, is 35% of the state attainable? Is 350,000 people accurate?

It is high, but it is attainable.

Hansen: I ask just only cause we are discussion a different constitutional amendment on the floor have you considered a constitutional office?

No I have not thought about that.

Proponent

Rick From Pierce County and the Sherriff: I feel that most Nebraskans feel that their state leaders are no better than their local leaders. Nebraskans think that their state leaders can make mistakes and promote their own personal agenda. What message does that send to the people that pay the bills. We need a checks and balances system that shows we have a representative government.

One letter in support of both bills from Rachel Wiese: Nebraska state board of education.

LR379CA: Constitutional amendment authorizing recall of state elective officers

LB742: Change county population thresholds

Hansen: This bill will update statues regarding county thresholds. This will make sure the most recent federal census will be put in place. LB742 came from a conversation I had with representatives from Lancaster county I had last year. Lancaster County passed the 300,000 threshold last year. Raising these thresholds will be up to date and current.

Murante: Do you think we are raising this enough?

That has not been a concern until you mentioned it but we can look in to that.

Proponent

Kerry Eagan: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners: We examined how LC would be impacted by the 300,000 threshold. The 7 commissioners instead of 5 would impact us and the sunset would have impacted us. Lancaster County board's biggest concern is how it will impact our civil service system. It currently consists of non-county board members and we will be required to replace this with 2 county officials. This undermines the purpose of a merit system. Another impact is the loss of statutory responsibility. This legislation protects the rights of the employees being transferred. This legislation only applies to Lancaster county and it would be lost if we met the 300,00 threshold. The LCC board believes these employees serve the county board. We believe the county is well represented by 5 commissioners. It should also be noted that having 7 commissioners would increase the budget of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. There would be additional funds.

Murante: The size of the county board. Are you at all concerned that having districts with an ever increasing number constituents gives the constituents less of the availability to express their concerns.

The Board feels that that is not currently a problem but it very well could be an issue.

Bloomfield: what has happened to make us think we should go to a higher number?

I do not think it is to save money, I think the cap was established some time ago. It is working fine now and it is not too difficult.

Bloomfield: That same set of rules relates to precincts in smaller counties though. If threshold are set and that threshold is reached should we make it a public policy issue?

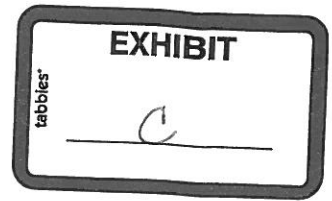
If there is an issue then we will address it and change it.

Murante: If we doubled our constituents we would see the work be burdensome, but your commissioners are bias toward the issue and I think it is a challenge of a district that size.

Opponent

Gary Lad. Lancaster County has 5 county commissioners. The separation 300,000 constituents. Any area over 300,000 should be separated into 7 sections. The change should take place one

year after that increase. Only Lancaster County is affected by this legislation. Each county having more than 300,000 people should change to 7 areas. The statute that requires a change is moot. Ain't democracy beautiful. If a county board fails by a deadline, the county board shall redistrict the area.



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Date: 2/4/2016
Committee: Revenue
Senators: Gloor, Schumacher, Brasch, Davis, Harr, B., Scheer, Smith, Sullivan
Bill: LB958
Reported by: Ory J. Wickizer for Kissel/E&S Associates

LB958 (Gloor) – Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations

LB958 affects local governmental units and the valuation of agricultural and horticultural land. The intent of LB958 is to slow down the increase in state-wide agricultural and horticultural land valuation and to slow the growth of property taxes levied by the political subdivisions. Slowing the growth of spending and property taxes levied by school districts is in LB959, the companion bill to LB958.

The bill has three parts: 1) Limitations on the budget of restricted funds, 2) Exclusions to the levy limit, and 3) Limiting the state-wide increase in agricultural and horticultural land valuations to 3 percent.

The bill contains the Emergency Clause.

Introduction

Gloor

This isn't removing funding from local governments. It involves a three percent aggregate annual adjustment.

Proponent Testimony

Pete Ricketts

Property taxes are the number one issue people talk to him about (both urban and rural voters). States this bill will cut the growth of government from 6.5% to 3% and that there will be a 408 million dollar tax relief because of this. People want structural relief. These are taxpayer dollars, and it needs to be transparent what the government's doing with them. LB958 seeks to encourage fiscal restraint. The state government doesn't collect these dollars, local entities do. The bill doesn't get in the way of anybody's funding. It's a balanced, incremental approach.

He's talked to farmers and ranchers that say the bill doesn't do enough. People from the city say it does too much. Says he's willing to discuss any amendments to this bill. Says the government can't let perfect become the enemy of the good. Citizens are demanding tax relief. States that as leaders they need to address this.

Ricketts states that he's open to specific suggestions on amendments. He's seen a 66% increase in taxes paid by Ag land owners in recent years. States that businesses have seen their land taxes increase by 8%, which is not equal. Agriculture is the number one industry in Nebraska. Farmers are concerned that they won't be able to keep their family farms at this rate.

Harr

What is the next step you see in tax policy? Where are we in 10 years?

Ricketts

We need to control spending and see relief for taxpayers. We're a high income-tax state compared to others around us.

Ricketts states that it's hard to predict where things will be 10 years from now. Three percent growth is appropriate now, but it might have to be changed in upcoming years. It will depend on how constituents want to be taxed then.

Ricketts states that it's important that tax relief is delivered in this session.

Gloor

Where did the three percent come from?

Ricketts

We've seen a huge increase in Ag land valuations which has put stress on farmers. Some states look at income. The target growth is 3%. With a 3% growth, constituents ought to be able to live within their means.

Brasch

Agriculture isn't just the largest economic engine in Nebraska, it's also one of the largest consumers.

Ricketts

Hopes that every year some type of tax relief is being done for constituents. People are mad, they're demanding relief. If conditions change, we'll reflect that change as their elected leaders. This bill is the answer for this year.

Davis

Chadron schools will lose money because of this bill. It will affect some schools and counties more than others.

Ricketts

It's hard to predict how every entity will be affected because of all the levels of government in Nebraska. Says he's thinking about the individual taxpayer.

Ruth Sorensen, Nebraska Department of Revenue

This bill will continue to allow county assessors to perform their duties. It will be simple for us to administer. Assessors will continue to assess in the way they normally do.

Davis

What percentage of the state is grassland?

Sorenson

Grassland makes up a majority of the state of Nebraska.

Sorenson clarifies that Nebraska property taxes are based on market values, not on production.

Brasch

It would be great if taxes were proportionate across the state.

Sorenson

June 1st is when the change of valuation notice is received. This includes what the value was last year, what it would have been, and what it is now based on the uniform factor.

Davis

How do we explain all of this to constituents? They expect that their valuations will only go up 3%.

Sorenson

There will be much outreach. It's important to explain that this is not a cap, but a uniform factor applied. Individual property owners will get the same uniform factor as their neighbor.

Steve Nelson, Nebraska Farm Bureau

He's a farmer in Kearney County. He presents a letter from the Nebraska Soybean Association. The Farm Bureau's top priority is how to fund schools in the state. No more than 40% of school funding should come from property taxes. Nearly 3.48 billion was leveed in property taxes. Property, income, and sales tax make up the three-legged stool. School funding coming from property taxes in Nebraska is higher than the national average.

Davis

Will this take care of the problem as the Farm Bureau sees it?

Nelson

This is a step in the right direction. We need more to bring it into balance. The objective is to bring the system into thirds. What we have today is not sustainable.

Davis

We have to find another source of revenue somewhere.

Nelson states that there's been a huge tax burden shift onto Ag property owners. Says he's trying to bring the balance back.

Harr

How do we get to fair? In an ideal world what would you like to see done?

Nelson

This three legged stool between property, sales, and income tax. Within the property side, we need a better balance than we have today. I think this moves us in the right direction. Unless we lay out a multi-year plan I don't think we can put this to bed.

Nelson

We've looked at using an income approach to property taxes like Colorado does. When we've looked at that it doesn't really provide balance like we'd like.

Jim Vokal, Platte Institute for Economic Research

Bob Kittelson, landowner

States that he can't afford to pay any higher property taxes. Says he needs tax relief.

Ken Herz, Nebraska Cattlemen

High property taxes are the number one issue for Nebraska cattlemen.

Herz states that school consolidations are tough decisions for communities to make, because they don't want to lose schools in their towns.

Letter from the Nebraska State Dairy Association

Opponent Testimony

Mayor Chris Beutler

Believes that this bill could be devastating to political subdivisions. More thought should be given to this bill. Says the city's been working hard to make due with less. Lincoln has grown by 8% in geographic area during his tenure.

Gloor

Will this have an impact on the city bond rate?

Beutler

The city's bond rate is AAA, the very best we can be given. We have the ability to increase revenues to meet bond payments. With this bill there will be additional doubt if the city could levee enough in a crisis situation.

Beutler

Local political subdivisions are working hard and have their act together. There are hundreds of them. Overall, we have a very efficient and very motivated system. Why would you want to risk this system that's been built up over hundreds of years? These changes could really harm political subdivisions. I don't think there's evidence that subdivisions are wasting your money.

Beutler

States that he has a problem with something so inflexible, that it could cause cities to be in a terrible situation at a certain point in time.

Brasch

How big has your budget grown?

Beutler

On the upside of three percent. We've gone the way of encouraging growth. If you're adding people to your city, that requires additional infrastructure to grow out. You need to cover inflation and area growth in a community. Three percent may not be enough some years. If this lid goes into effect as written, I would be concerned with obligations in the coming years.

Beutler

You're in charge of what happens to political subdivisions. We can't provide infrastructure, provide growth and move ahead if you cut the means. Lincoln people aren't

concerned with Ag. I was asked why government doesn't move like a business. If stockholders are mad, they replace the board of directors and the board of directors replace the managers. This bill is going to require a lot more elections and a lot more involvement on constituents' parts.

Schumacher

No such thing as a free lunch. Someone gets more and someone gets less.

Renee Fry

Concerned that reductions caused will lead to reduction of services for Nebraskans. States that assessment caps are the least effective way to provide relief.

Kinige, mayor of La Vista

This bill will have serious and potentially unintended consequences. It will prohibit economic growth, and growth is important for cities and for Nebraska. Growth wouldn't have been possible without matching infrastructure. Sales tax isn't as stable as property tax revenue. Advancing this bill is not the way to go. We can't focus on one area without considering the consequences to other areas. We would have to double-check with voters to see if it's still okay to spend money on certain things they've already approved through a vote.

There is a tax issue in Nebraska. We need to bring all shareholders together, and the solution needs to be worked on over a longer period of time.

Brasch

If 3% isn't good, how much do you want? Why is three percent unreasonable?

Kinige

La Vista needed 4% to make sure the fire department could respond fast enough. We want to maintain local control.

Harr

How do you think we become less dependent on property taxes?

Kinige

We maybe strengthen tourism and diversify the tax base.

Mike Marvin

Pete Peterson, Mayor of Ogallala, employee of Keith County

People are upset about taxes, but also about roads and snow removal. The lid exceptions allow us to keep roads in some sort of condition.

Robert Post, Nebraska Association of County Officials

Three percent won't allow capital improvements, it will only cover operations. Flexibility is needed for unforeseen events.

Post

Elections are expensive and difficult.

Brasch

Does your county have the ability to use inheritance tax for road maintenance equipment?

Post

It would only buy one road grader. I see inheritance tax decreasing in the coming years. I think adding more elections is counterproductive.

Davis

Do you see this as forcing consolidation of school districts?

Post

Consolidating is sometimes giving up a lot for not much savings.

Schumacher

Is it fair to say that the smaller the county is, the less impact the bill will have?

Post

Yes.

Marlene Johnson, Mayor of West Point, Nebraska Expressway for Economic Development

Belt tightening has been done by not increasing staff. Has concerns with not being able to replace outdated equipment. People won't be interested enough to attend elections about small

road matters happening on the other side of town. There's a dike around her town, and without the proper funds a quarter of the town would lie in a flood plain (low to medium income), residents of which probably don't have enough money to purchase the necessary flood insurance. Sinking funds are a necessity to have.

James Templar, Fire Chief at Gering County

Lance Hedquist, city administrator of South Sioux City

The city has been very frugal with taxes. One of the few cities that is property tax debt free.

Paul Illich, president of Southeast Community College

Three sources of revenue. Local tax level is what keeps tuition so affordable. We have two major pressing issues. One is the need to increase the workforce in technical areas. The other is the need to make higher education more affordable. SCC hasn't been modernizing and expanding like other colleges. As a result, we have long waiting lists for certain programs (e.g. nursing). SCC is currently expanding out into six different areas. This is a time to invest. SCC would lose 30 million in unused funds with this bill—money it's planning on using.

Illich states that the 30 million dollar stockpile will be used for the expansion into 6 new areas.

Brasch

What do you say to a person who wants taxes lowered.

Illich

Tuition can only be so low because of tax levies.

Davis

How are community colleges funded in Texas? (Texas is where Illich is from.)

Illich

The same way as they are in Nebraska. There are 50 districts, and the levy is set at one dollar per one-hundred.

Letters from North Platte NRD, Nebraska Appleseed, Chadron Public Schools, Columbus Public Schools

Witness states that the only beneficiaries would be farmers and ranchers. City residents would have to pay more to keep public services running at the current level.

Joe Birkel, farmer, secretary treasurer for a rural fire district, volunteer firefighter

His fire district currently has bonded indebtedness to equip members. The community will suffer and volunteer membership will decline with this bill. Those who volunteer save the state millions of dollars. Says to focus on the fat and not the lean.

Ned Meier, farmer from Grand Island area

All taxes are income taxes in some way or another. A lot of us have our name on property we certainly don't own. Homes are a signifier of income. He asks for a system that diminishes disparity. Remarks that when he has income he's happy to pay taxes, but if he doesn't have income he thinks it's unfair.

Randy Schmeyzel, representing Metro

Ginmelli, city administrator for Columbus

Steve Curtiss, city of Omaha

Dennis Meyer, budget and fiscal officer for Lancaster County

The three percent lid will confuse everything. It will mess with Lancaster's budget. An automatic three percent could be tough at times.

John C. Turnbull, retiree of NRD

This would make it hard for localities to budget several million-dollar projects. For example, floods don't have schedules and we need the flexibility to deal with them.

Tom Placzek, Nebraska Association of County Assessors

Situations where you have multiple values on a card cause major confusion. Believes that most people believe the three percent is a hard cap but it's not.

John Worthing, Elm Creek school board, Nebraska Association of School Boards (8 years)

State aid for elm creek has come down recently. Concerned that trying to solve one problem with this bill will lead to other problems.

Davis

The only alternative you have to cutting staff and closing buildings is raising property taxes?

Worthing

Correct. I know, there's not an easy answer.

Worthing

We only have 350,000 dollars stocked up and we're wishing we had 1 million dollars.

Rodney Storm, city administrator for the city of Blair

Concerned that the effect the limits of this bill would have on the state of our community. Blair's been very successful with economic development. The concern is how we're going to keep partnering with the state [in economic growth] with the imposition of these lids. We've been able to save up and have a large expenditure when we need. This bill cuts us off from having that large expenditure.

This bill will hinder future growth and commercial development. We won't be able to build infrastructure for the state.

Don Wesley, representing the cities of Lexington, Kearney, and Hastings

When he was mayor, there was no way he was going to raise property taxes-- the people would've just been too mad. These mayors [at the committee hearing] wouldn't raise taxes unless it was absolutely necessary.

Brasch

An unprecedented rise in property taxes calls for unprecedented legislature. She doesn't think the state can turn a blind eye to the issue.

Wesley

Remarks that the bill doesn't affect the state, it only affects subdivisions.

Jon Hobben, Nebraska Rural Community Schools

Believes that the bill recognizes the tax problem but doesn't have the broader picture in mind. Doesn't believe that school spending is "going nuts."

Sullivan

So spending has stayed flat, but schools have increasingly relied on property taxes?

Hobben

Yes.

Virgil Harden, Grand Island Public Schools

68% of the GI student body qualifies for free and reduced meals. 57% qualify for free meals. Our needs relating to poverty and social workers are increasing. We're the 3rd largest consumer of state aid in Nebraska. GI might only lose 100,000 dollars because of this bill, but it has no other way to replace that money. The bill does little to relieve property taxes and would seemingly hurt our children.

Liz Standish, Lincoln Public Schools

Taking care of school buildings is a high priority for school districts.

Michael Goodwillie, Douglas County assessor's office

There isn't an assessor in the state who doesn't use a sales approach to assessing. With caps [like the ones proposed in the bill] you end up with some folks who end up much better off and some folks who might end up worse off.

Brasch

Why does the property tax have to take so much of the burden and not income and sales tax?

Larry Dix, Association of County Officials

95% of counties have lowered their levy in the last five years. We want to have stability in our tax base.

Dix remarks that nobody he represents wants to raise property taxes, but they have services to provide.

Letters from Wayne County Clerk, Seward County Clerk

Lynn Rex

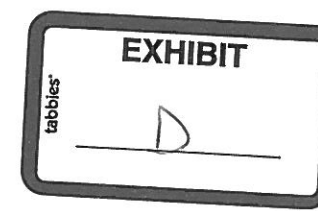
There are 529 municipalities in the state of Nebraska. Around 250 of them are at their maximum levy limit. 233 of them are classified as second-class. Many communities lost police stations in the late nineties. These smaller municipalities are an important part of our state. Limits like those proposed in this bill put communities in a position where they can't be partners in economic development with Nebraska.

Neutral Testimony

Matthew Eash, representing a Nebraska school finance company

Closing

Waived.



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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	x			
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; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 47-0-2; Approved	LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court	x			
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.	x			
LB25	Krist		Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM605		x			
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		x			

Kissel/ES Associates
 Bill of Interest Report
 Client: Lancaster County

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LB37	Krist		Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health and Human Services	1/21/2015	General File w/AM140; AM140 Adopted; Select File w/ER41; Krist AM470 Filed; AM470 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST13; Passed on Final Reading 43-0-6; Approved		x			
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		x			
LB53	Scheer		Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/2015	Select File W/AM159	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	x			
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	x	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		x			

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB66	Schumacher		Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability	Judiciary	1/21/2015		Allows of a cause of action against a political subdivision who does not disclose certain liabilities at the time of a bond sale. There are liabilities contained in the bill.	x	OPPOSE		
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		x	SUPPORT AM185		
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		x			
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	x	SUPPORT		

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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	x	SUPPORT		
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	x			
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		x			

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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	x			
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		x			
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	x	OPPOSE		

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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	x	SUPPORT		
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		x			
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		x			

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LB131	Craighead		Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	Urban Affairs	1/27/2015	E&R	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.	x			
LB132	Ebke	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015	General File.	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	x	OPPOSE / AM1327		
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			x			
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		x			

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LB142	Schilz		Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	Natural Resources	1/21/2015	Approved	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;				
							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	x			
LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/2015	Approved	General File w/AM142; AM142 Adopted; Select File w/ER42; Final Reading 3/10; Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5;				
							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	x			
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				
								x			

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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	x			
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/2015			x	SUPPORT / AM472		
LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472; AM472 Adopted; Select File w/ER82;		x			
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	x			

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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	x	SUPPORT		
LB202	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/26/2015			x			
LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		x			
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>	x			
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	x			

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LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		x			
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015			x			
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	x			
LB230	Mello		Change provisions relating to partition actions	Revenue	2/19/2015	General File w/AM752		x			
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/2015			x			
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations				x			
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		x			

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LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/2015			x			
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; Passed on Final Reading 4-3; Approved	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	x			
LB250	Larson		Eliminate time restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1/26/2015			x			
LB253	Morfeld	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015	General File w/AM278; AM278 Adopted; Select File 4/28; Final Reading 5/5;		x			
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.	x			
LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015	General File w/AM824; Gloor AM1252 Filed; AM824 Adopted; AM1252 Adopted; Gloor FA58 Filed; FA58 Adopted; Select File w/ER118;	To exempt the first \$25,000 worth of personal property value for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor	x			

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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	x			
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	x			
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	x			

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LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015	Select File w/ ER103; Final Reading 5/7;	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	x			
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		x			
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	x			
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		x			

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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%.	x			
LB295	Scheer		Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	Select File W/AM158	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	x			
LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		x			
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	x			

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LB319	Smith		Change provisions relating to elections conducted by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 319 states all registered voters of the political subdivision or a district or ward of the political subdivision are eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters	x			
LB325	Davis	Speaker Hadley	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	x			
LB331	Nordquist		Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	Revenue	2/11/2015			x			
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations	3/16/2015			x	SUPPORT /AM829		
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/2015			x			
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	x			

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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	x		x	
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	x			
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	x			

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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	x			
LB347	Krist	Speaker Hadley	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; Krist AM1490 Filed; Krist AM1547 Filed;		x			
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%	x			
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	x			
LB357	Smith	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/2015			x			
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	x			

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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	x			
LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			x			
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>	x			
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	x			
LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/2015		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(I)(iii) to read: <u>plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars</u>	x	SUPPORT		
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	x			

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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	x			
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; MO84 Fails; Harr MO93 Invoke Cloture Filed; MO93 Prevails; Final Reading 5/1;	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	x			
LB415	Pansing Brooks	Speaker Hadley	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	Approved	General File w/AM200; AM200 Adopted; Select File w/ER65; Final Reading 4/15; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-2-2;	x			
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/2015			x			
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	x			
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015			x			

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LB427	Groene		Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid	x	SUPPORT		
LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/2015	General File w/AM733		x	SUPPORT		
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	x			
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.	x			
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	x			
LB472	Campbell	Health and Human Services	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.	x	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	x			
LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/2015	General File w/AM485; AM485 Adopted; Select File 4/30;	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	x			
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; Passed on Final Reading 4-2-3; Approved		x			
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File 4/16		x			
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			x			

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LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015			x			
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 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.	x			
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	x			
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	x			
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	x			
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	x			

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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	X			
LB542	Harr		Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies	Revenue	3/6/2015	General File 3/19	This bill ads county agricultural societies into the exemption listing	X	SUPPORT		
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	X			
LB544	Harr		Adopt the Community Gardens Act	Agriculture	2/24/2015	General File w/AM697		X			
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	X			

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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	x			
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	x			
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; Final Reading 4/29;		x			
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	x	OPPOSE		
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	x			

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LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2015	General File w/AM398; AM398 Adopted; Select File w/ ER106; Final Reading 5/7;	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	x			
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>	x			
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; AM1276 Adopted; Select File w/ER99; Schumacher AM1424 Filed; Murante AM1510 Filed; AM1424 Lost; AM1510 Adopted;		x			
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015	General File w/AM189		x			
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	x			
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			x			

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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	x			
LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			x			
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	x			
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	x			

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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	x			
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	x			
LB603	Bloomfield		Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015			x			
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		x			
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; Harr AM1330 Filed; Seiler AM1530 Filed;	LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session	x			

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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			x			
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	x	OPPOSE		
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	x	SUPPORT		
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	x			

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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		x			
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	x			
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 fingerprints of the applicant to the FBI for a national criminal history check	x			
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	x			
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	x	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	x			
LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015			x			

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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.	x			
LB651	Bloomfield		Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	Judiciary	2/5/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		x			
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM828; Select File w/ER113; Mello AM1501 Filed; AM1501 Adopted;		x		x	
LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM829; Mello AM1484 Filed; AM1484 adopted; Select File w/ER114; Mello AM1508 Filed; Mello AM1566 Filed; AM1508 Withdrawn; AM1566 Adopted;		x		x	
LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File 4/28; Select File 5/5;		x		x	
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1191; Select File 5/5;		x		x	
LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM830; Select File w/ER116; Mello AM1502 Filed; AM1502 Adopted;		x		x	
LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM831; Mello AM1486 Filed; AM1486 adopted; Chambers AM1434 Filed; McCoy AM1486 Filed; Seselect File w/ER117; AM1488 Adopted;		x		x	
LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1246; Chambers AM1435 Filed; Select File 5/5; Mello AM1538 Filed; AM1538 Adopted;		x		x	

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LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM885; Select File 5/5;	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	x		x	
LB670	Krist		Require a hearing prior to release for persons taken into custody for mental health reasons	Judiciary	2/17/2016		LB 670 strikes language making a more strict interpretation of the release of a juvenile from temporary custody. The bill also inserts additional language that requires a mental health professional to immediately notify the county attorney if the juvenile is not deemed mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender in which the county attorney shall proceed to a hearing before the court within 24 hours regarding the juvenile's release.	X		X	Oppose
LB671	Krist		Repeal the Build Nebraska Act and change the distribution of sales tax revenue Introduced by Krist	Revenue	2/5/2016		LB 671 changes the termination date of the State Highway Critical Improvement Fund on the effective date of this act and all money in the fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.	X		X	Oppose

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LB672	Krist		Eliminate Fees on Tires as Prescribed	Natural Resources	1/21/2016		LB 672 includes that various subdivisions terminate on January 1, 2017 regarding the Waste Reduction and recycling Incentive Act and that an imposed fee of one dollar on each tire of every new motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer will be assessed prior to October 1, 2016.	X		X	Oppose
LB673	Krist		Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem Introduced by Krist	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 673 states that if there is a guardian ad litem division, appointments will first be directed to them and if a conflict exists the court may appoint a guardian ad litem outside of the division. It also replaces the court hearing of an application with the county board.	X		X	Support

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LB675	Krist		Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 675 adds language that prohibits a juvenile from being placed in a rehabilitation center unless an immediate and urgent reason persists. It also ensures that a juvenile will not be detained unless there is a legitimate threat to the security of anyone in the community or if it is necessary to ensure that the juvenile will appear at the next hearing due to a trend of absences at a hearing over a period of 12 months. It states that no juvenile under the year of 12 years old will at anytime under any circumstance be placed in detention; to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility, punish treat or rehabilitate the juvenile, permit more convenient administrative access to the juvenile, facilitate further interrogation or investigation of the juvenile, due to lack of	X		X	Monitor
LB682	Craighead		Change deadlines for ballots for early voting and special elections by mail Introduced by Craighead	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/20/2016		LB 682: Changes language from 4 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the election to the second Friday preceding the election to allow more time for voting officials to receive ballots on time and to record the early voting ballots.	X		X	Support

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LB687	Bloomfield		Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2016		LB 687 provides that a recall petition is reviewed by the state and that the state is responsible for all costs of the recall procedure, any special election, or costs incurred related to a canceled election. The bill strikes language that excluded trustees of sanitary and improvement districts, members of a political subdivision, member of a governing body of a city, village, county, irrigation district, natural resource district, public power district, school district, community college, education service unit, hospital district, and metropolitan utility district. The bill also includes the process to bring about a petition against an elected official whether elected or appointed and that petition needs to be authorized by the filing clerk.	X			
LB693	Morfeld		Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles	Judiciary	1/28/2016		LB 693 extends from one year to two years every tort claim against a political subdivision.	X		X	Oppose

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LB696	Howard		Provide for a medicaid state plan waiver to provide coverage for treatment of opioid abuse.	Health and Human Services	2/10/2016		LB 696 makes changes to include the date of January 1, 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to implement a demonstration project to access cost-efficient treatment for opioid abuse.	X			

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LB699	Mello		Change the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	E&R	LB 699 requires at least one member to represent a chamber of commerce, one member with experience in banking, one member with experience in real estate development, one member with experience as a realtor, one member with experience in nonprofit or affordable housing, one member with experience in large-scale property rental, and a single voting member may satisfy more than one of the requirements provided in subdivision of this section if they have the required qualification. The bill adds the priority of use for urban agricultural activities including the establishment of community gardens as defined in section 2-303.	X			

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LB703	Urban Affairs Committee		Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	General File w/AM1877	LB 703 states a city or village must establish method of notice by ordinance. If done by US mail first class, it must contain a mark indicating importance. Within five days of receipt, owner/occupant of the ground may request a hearing on the nuisance. Hearing would be set within fourteen days of the appeal filing and a hearing officer has five business days to render a decision.	X			

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LB704	Urban Affairs Committee		Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	General File	LB 704 restricts the city council in cities of metropolitan class within the corporate limits of the city or within three miles of the corporate limits. IT requires any building or construction code implemented under this section shall be adopted and enforced. It designates the power for the city council and city or village board of any village to adopt by ordinance the conditions, provisions, limitations, and terms of a plumbing code, an electrical code, a fire prevention code, a building or construction code, and any other standard code which contains rules and regulations. It removes the authority of the legislative body of any city of the first or second class or any village from adopting the items mentioned above.	X			
LB707	Coash		Increase the number of judges of the separate juvenile court	Judiciary	3/2/2016		LB 707 – states that counties with a population of four hundred thousand or more will have six juvenile judges.	X			

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LB709	Howard		Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles	Judiciary	1/20/2016		Provides for alternate detention of increased supervision for a youth to ensure the youth attends court and avoids future law infractions. Supervision includes electronic monitoring, day/evening reporting centers, house arrest and temporary shelter placement. Placement does not include facilities that allow for physical restraint or ingress and egress for placement.	X		X	Monitor

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LB711	Hughes		Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and create the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	Natural Resources	2/18/2016		LB 711 establishes the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force to be housed within the Department of Agriculture. Starting FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2million dollars annually for the management of vegetation within the banks of a natural stream. Governor will appoint members of the task force; one surface water project representative from each river basin; one representative from Dept. of Agriculture; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources; office of the Governor; office of the State Forester; Games and Parks; and the University of Nebraska. Two representatives nominated by Association of Resources Districts; two representatives nominated by Nebraska Weed Control	X	WEED CONTROL SUPPORT	X	Support

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LB714	Stinner		Provide for and change a provision relating to sufficient cause for nonuse of a water appropriation	Natural Resources	1/22/2016		states that for sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist for up to fifteen consecutive years if such nonuse was a result of one or more of the following(adds) the appropriation is temporarily transferred to a natural resources district or other competent authority for the purpose of depletion offsets, aquifer recharge, stream augmentation, or maintenance of instream flow	X			
LB716	Kolowski		Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/25/2016		LB 716 states a pedestrian lawfully entering designed bike or walk path of a highway intersection or adjacent to intersection of two highways controlled by traffic signal has the right-of-way within the crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles. Bicyclist cannot suddenly leave a curb or safety path into the path of a car that it is so close it is impossible for the driver to stop. Nothing in the subsection relieves a bicyclist or driver from duty of care.	X			

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LB717	Groene		Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property	Revenue	2/4/2016		LB 717 States that the actual value of real property for purpose of taxation means the value to be determined by the use of professionally accepted mass appraisal methods. It removes language of "market value of real property in the ordinary course of trade". Legislation states, except for assessment occurring on January 1, 2016, the assessed value shall be the same as the assessed value on January 1, 2015, in relation to assessing tax on real property.	X		X	Oppose
LB720	Kuehn		Change certain invasion of privacy provisions to include unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems	Judiciary	2/25/2016		LB 720 states an individual is liable for invasion of privacy for flying an unmanned aircraft below 200ft of privately owned property without permission of the owner of the property in the act of capturing any form of visual image/recording. Individual is responsible for reasonable damage caused by the invasion.	X			

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LB722	Baker		Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act	Health and Human Services	1/22/2016		LB 722 creates the Stroke System of Care Act. In an effort to meet the increase of Strokes in the state of Nebraska, this bill creates an effective stroke system of care to be provided to individuals. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and regulations that include the criteria for designation of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke-ready hospital. The American Heart Association, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or another nationally recognized stroke care organization will approve the certification.	X			

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LB723	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/2016		<p>LB 723 changes the date of October 1, 2002 to read on and after January 1, 2017 and doubles the 2.5% to 5% of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month and two and one-half percent of the next three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.</p>	X		X	Support

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LB724	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/2016		LB 724 Changes the date from October 1, 2002 to on or after January 1, 2017 for all taxes deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected five percent, opposed to the previous two and on half percent, of the first six thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.	X		X	Support

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LB725	Schumacher		Provide an exception to a filing requirement relating to conveyances of real estate	Revenue	1/21/2016		<p>An easement is simply a right granted by a land owner to use real estate for a limited purpose. Usually the purpose is for utilities but can also be for such things as rights of passage across land. An easement does not affect the ownership of the land.</p> <p>Recent amendments to the definition of "deed" in §76-203, perhaps unintentionally caused easements to fall under the definition of "deed" in §76-203, which now includes "every written instrument by which any real estate or interest therein is created..."</p> <p>Therefore the Department of Revenue instructs county register of deeds to require real estate transfer statements, commonly referred to as Form 521, be filed with easements at the same time they are recorded pursuant to §76-214, even though ownership of property is not</p>	X		X	Support
LB729	Johnson		Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act Introduced by Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/25/2016	General File	<p>LB 729 adds an independent contractor that is retained by a county to assist in the appraisal of real property as performed by the county assessor of such county subject to the standards established by the Tax Commissioner.</p>	X		X	Support

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LB731	Johnson		Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/25/2016	General File	<p>LB731 Changes the date from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. It also adds the compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice in a report performed by the real property appraiser. The bill further adds any salaried employee of the entities listed in subdivisions a through d of the subdivision who is a credentialed real property appraiser and who does not sign a report as a credentialed real property appraiser shall include a disclosure prominently with such report. It adds language stating that any person who is appointed to serve as an appraiser is subject to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, excluding standards 1 through 10. The bill states that in order to qualify for an initial credential the applicant must certify</p>	X			
LB741	Hansen		Change electioneering provisions related to yard signs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2016		<p>Legislative Bill 741 amends section 32-1524, relating to the issue of electioneering. The bill attempts to provide clarity to current law, and would allow for a person to display yard signs on private property within two hundred feet of a polling place.</p>	X		X	Neutral

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LB742	Hansen		Change county population thresholds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2016		LB 742 does not require a county board of commissioners to increase their members from 5 to 7 as a result of an increase in population that exceeds 300,000 persons.	X	SUPPORT	X	Support
LB746	Campbell	Campbell	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardians ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force	Health and Human Services	1/21/2016	General File W/AM1903	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.	X			

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LB750	Lindstrom		Change Uniform Credentialing Act provisions relating to confidentiality and prohibit retaliation as prescribed	Health and Human Services			LB 750 introduces language that prohibits an individual or a business pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act from retaliating against any person who make a report to the department of Health and Human Services relating to an act or omission of the credential holder to the License Assistance Program. The act ensures that the identity of someone who makes a report is confidential. Further, any person making a report is immune from criminal or civil liability of any nature. The bill restricts a health care facility pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act from retaliating against any person who makes a report under the Uniform Credentialing Act relating to an individual employed or under contract with a health care facility.	X			

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LB765	Garrett		Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state or country	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/26/2016		LB 765 would amend Section 60-154 by increasing fees related to each original certificate of title issue by a Nebraska county or the Department of Motor Vehicles for a motor vehicle, all terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, minibike, or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state or country by increasing the current \$10 fee to \$25 for these types of vehicles receiving an original certificate of title. Percentage of those fees are distributed to Motor Vehicle Cash fund; General Fund; HHS Cash fund for programs related to brain injury; Motor Vehicle Fraud Cash Fund; Motor Carrier Division Cash Fund and Nebraska State Patrol Fund.	X	SUPPORT THROUGH TREASURE	X	Support

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LB768	Garrett		Provide for Choose Life License Plates	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/9/2016		Would allow for personal license plates for individuals supporting a Pro Life stance. Money raised from sale of the personal plates would go into a new state fund, Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption fund. Fund would be used to provide grants for organizations providing counseling, pregnancy testing and training related to pregnant women considering adoption.	X			
LB770	Groene		Change the termination date of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/8/2016	General File	LB 770 changes the amount of time an appointed member of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act from four years to three years.	X			
LB777	Gloor		Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow	Revenue	1/21/2016		LB 777 Requires County Treasurers to accept partial payments for property taxes. The bill removes the language any county board may pass a resolution and replaces it with the county treasurer shall.	X	OPPOSE THROUGH LETTER	X	Oppose

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LB779	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to the partisan status of certain political subdivision offices	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs			LB 779 prevents the county clerk from being elected on the partisan ballot if as otherwise provided in section 32-707. This section states; unless at least one of the two political parties which polled the most votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election holds a county convention in an even-numbered year and has attendance of at least two percent of the registered voters affiliated with that party in that county. It also prevents the county clerk from being elected if the offices in the county are nonpartisan pursuant to the most recent gubernatorial election.	X		X	Oppose
LB780	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody	Judiciary	2/3/2016		Department of HHS would be required to take charge of a mentally ill individual who are taken into emergency protective custody. Bill would make it a misdemeanor for HHS Behavioral Health Division to refuse custody of a person.	X		X	Monitor

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LB784	Friesen		Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards	Government	1/27/2016		states that a county board may exceed their authorized expenditures in order to meet their statutory obligations. Approval of expenditures must be take place in an open public meeting of the county board.	X		X	Support
LB785	Friesen		Change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/2016	General File	<p>LB 785 strikes language in section two and relocates the section regarding application made by the department personnel in any county and the personnel conduct the examination of the applicant down to page 21. It does allow for personnel in counties in which the county treasure collects the fees and issues receipts to conduct an examination of applicants and deliver successful applicants an issuance of certificate or receipt. The department is required to remit the county portion of the fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash fund id the department issues an operator's license or a state identification card and collects the fees. Section 8 of the bill grants the Department of Motor Vehicles to</p>	X		X	Cond. Support

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LB786	Larson		Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits	Health and Human Services	1/20/2016	General File	LB 786 – removes the handwritten option of a funeral director, embalmer, physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner when signing a medical death certificate. Legislation allows for an electronic signature in place of handwritten signature. LB 786 states before any dead body may be cremated, permit of cremation will be signed electronically by the county attorney or designee.	X			
LB787	Morfeld		Allow a voter to photograph and reveal a marked ballot	Government	1/28/2016		would allow for a voter to photograph his or her ballot.	X			
LR389CA	Harr		Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska	Judiciary	1/27/2016		Put to the vote of the people the repeal of the state's ban on same-sex marriage.	X			
LB797	Harr		Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemptions	Revenue	2/18/2016		LB 797 states 30 days after the county assessor received approval by the county board to remove or reduce the exemption from the tax rolls of the county, the reate from time to time can be adjusted by the Legislature.	X		X	Support

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LB806	Mello		Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act	Urban Affairs	2/16/2016		LB 806 creates the Riverfront Development District Act that provides a means by which such historic river cities may be effectively funded, managed, promoted, and developed within their corporate limits. A riverfront development district may be created through the adoption of an ordinance that names the river, boundaries of the district, qualifications and terms of the office, statement that the business shall be subject to the general occupations tax or real property will be subject to special assessment, the proposed method of assessment will be imposed within the district, and penalties will be imposed for failure to pay the occupation tax or special assessment. After the creation of a district, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a	X		X	Cond. Oppose
LB807	Williams		Allow counties of all sizes to waive quarterly reports by county attorneys	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/27/2016		LB 807 removes language that states counties with less than two hundred thousand population may waive the duty to make a annual inventory statement.	X		X	Support

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LB811	Brasch		Change provisions relating to counties' use of alphanumeric and county number system license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/19/2016	General File	LB 811 changes provisions to the motor vehicle registration providing an operative date. The bill declares in counties having a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more, the registration of motor vehicles shall be in alphanumeric system. In all other counties it will be left to the county board to decide on an alphanumeric system or county number system.	X		X	Neutral

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LB825	Davis		Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property	Revenue	2/18/2016		LB 825 by April 1 of each even-numbered year, the owner of each parcel of property that is exempt from property taxes shall file with the county assessor of the county in which the property is located a form containing the following information: name and address, legal description of property, date of acquisition of the property, description of any improvements on the property, whether the property was leased or not, and the owners estimate of the fair market value of the property on January 1 of the even numbered year. The bill adds that by July 1 of each even-numbered year, the county assessor of each county shall complete and deliver to the Department of Revenue a form on which the county assessor estimates the fair market value of tax-exempt property,	X		X	Oppose
LB827	Harr		Allow county treasurers to receive fees for services rendered to sanitary and improvement districts	Government, Military, and Veteran Affairs	1/27/2016		LB 827 allows each county treasurer to receive on behalf of the county the collection of all sums of money, general or bonded, of sanitary and improvement districts, two percent of the sums so collected.	X		X	Support

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LB836	Mello		Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act	Business and Labor	2/8/2016		LB 836 creates the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act and states that if a law enforcement officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty, compensation shall be paid as provided in the act to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by such law enforcement officer or firefighter. In the year 2016, compensation will be fifty thousand dollars and will be the same for the following year with the inclusion of percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban consumers. If there is no family available for the deceased officer, the surviving family member will receive the sum amount.	X		X	Monitor

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LB845	Pansing-Brooks		Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 845 includes section 6 stating that the Legislature creates a system of investigation and performance review in order to provide increased accountability and oversight regarding the use of room confinement for juveniles in a juvenile facility. All confinement incidents must be documented and include the race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the juvenile, the reason for confinement, an explanation of why less restrictive means were unsuccessful, the ultimate duration of the placement in room confinement, and any incidents of self harm or suicide committed by the Juvenile while he or she was isolated.	X		X	Monitor

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LB848	Pansing-Brooks		Change provisions relating to courts	Judiciary	1/26/2016	General FileW/AM2014	<p>LB 848 amends the record, general index, Judge's notes, Judgment index, register of actions, and case type when filing of complaints or petitions and subsequent pleadings and date of such filings, including orders and judgments of the court. The bill states that the county court shall file the following with the district court within ten days after entry of the transfer order: Certification of the proceedings; all original documents of the action; certification of the transcript of the register of actions; and certification of the court costs with the clerk of the district court. The clerks of the district court shall use the court's electronic case management system provided by the state, which shall be the record of receipts and reimbursements. The bills strikes the foreman</p>	X		X	Support
LB863	Schilz		Adopt the Wind Energy Expansion Act	Natural Resources	2/4/2016		<p>LB 863 creates the Wind Energy Expansion Act. The bill designates the Director of the State Energy Office to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts of counties to create, maintain, or expand their wind energy sectors under the Wind Energy Expansion Act.</p>	X		X	Monitor

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LB872	Murante		Change a provision relating to the use of blue and amber rotating or flashing lights	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/8/2016		LB 872 allows blue and amber rotating lights to be displayed on vehicles when operated by the Department of Roads or any local authority for the inspection, construction, repair, or maintenance of highways, roads, or streets.	X		X	Support
LB876	Murante		Authorize electronic voting devices for public bodies in public meetings	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2016	E&R	LB 876 replaces municipality, a county, a learning community, a joint entity, a joint public agency, or agency under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act with public body.	X			
LB877	Murante		Change a provision relating to review of proposed subdivision plats by certain county planning commissions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2016		LB 877 adds a fifth section the requires counties having a population in excess of one hundred thousand inhabitants but less than two hundred thousand inhabitants to provide the county planning commission with all available materials on any proposed subdivision plat.	X			

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LB884	Scheer		Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sport Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	Revenue	1/22/2016		LB 884 requires that ten percent of such funds appropriated to a city of the primary class may be invested in areas with a high concentration of poverty to assist with low-income housing needs. Applications for state assistance submitted prior to the operative date of this act, the area that is located within six hundred yards of an eligible sports arena facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking facility or other structure. Applications submitted on or after the operative date of this act, a map identifying the program area, including any unbuildable property within the program area or take into account in adjusting the program area as described.	X			
LB886	Davis		Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits	Revenue	2/3/2016			X			

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LB888	Mello		Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	Revenue	1/28/2016		LB 888 states that a taxpayer who claims a tax credit will not pay additional retaliatory tax as described under section 44-150 for claiming a tax credit. Any tax claim will be considered a payment of tax as in subsection (1) of 77-2734.03	X			
LB893	Pansing Brooks		Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles	Judiciary	1/22/2016		LB 893 Sets the minimum age at 11 years old for a child to be charged in juvenile court. Provides the right to an attorney and requires a waiver to be made in open court. Legislation also states that the child would not be charged with a crime, but placed in a treatment facility if necessary.	X		X	Monitor
LB894	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel in juvenile cases	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 894 would allow for a minor to have a court appointed attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.	X		X	Neutral

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LB896	Hansen		Require pay increases for state employees to recognize length of service	Business and Labor	2/1/2016		LB 896 states that state employees would get a raise every five years. Raises would be at 6.25cents/hr(five years); 12.5cents/hr(ten years); 18.75cents/hr (fifteen years); 25 cents/hr (20 years); 31.25 cents/hr(twenty five years); 37.5 cents (thirty years); 43.75 cents/hr (thirty five years); 50 cents/hr (forty years)	X			
LB905	Ebke		Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys Establishment Act of 2016	Health and Human Services			LB 905 establishes the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. The commission will be made up of ten members. Five members appointed by the Governor and five ex officio appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. Commission will advocate, make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on issues and concerns raised by fathers, men and boys. The commission will address issues of socioeconomic concerns raised.	X			

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LB906	Lindstrom		Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers	Education	1/25/2016		LB 906 – waives 30 percent of resident tuition for law enforcement officers attending a university, college or community college. An officer has to maintain an acceptable performance level with the agency.	X			
LB910	Bolz	Referral	Change provisions relating to parole administration	Judiciary	2/4/2016		LB 910 states starting January 1, 2017, the Office of Parole Administration will be moved to the Board of Parole. The board and director will meet once a month to prepare a plan for legislative review to cover budget, transitions, board policies and procedures with coordination for community based services.	X			
LB911	Bolz	Referral	State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems of care	Appropriations	2/8/2016		LB 911 appropriates two-hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 to program 268, Behavioral Health Administration for creating a plan of system care for adults using behavioral health services.	X			

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LB912	Smith	Referral	Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/10/2016		LB 912 – states an individual, prior to voting must present valid photo identification and two of the following: a valid utility bill, bank statement, payment check or other government document. Documents presented must be within sixty-days of the present day with matching address to vote in that precinct.	X		X	Monitor
LB915	McCollister		Create a veterans' treatment court pilot project	Judiciary	2/5/2016		LB 915 – Creates a three year pilot program for treatment of veteran's in Douglas County. After conclusion of the three-year study, the Nebraska Supreme Court would make recommendations for the model to be used in other counties.	X	REQ ADDL INFO	X	Support
LB916	Howard		Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a motor vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed	Judiciary	2/19/2016		LB 916 allows for an individual who rescues an animal from a locked car or the animal is trapped inside the car, that individual is immune from criminal or civil liability for damage to the automobile.	X			

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LB918	Murante		Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/26/2016		LB 918 transfers on one percent of the collected motor vehicle tax to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund.	X		X	Neutral
LB919	Williams		Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs	Judiciary	2/5/2016		LB 919, the Legislature declares that problem solving court programs, including drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, and other problem solving court programs, help in reducing recidivism. The bill states problem solving court programs offer a person accused of drug alcohol and other alternative to traditional criminal justice proceedings or juvenile justice dispositions. LB 919 would use funds already appropriated to Nebraska Supreme Court to be used to look into evidence-based interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.	X	REQ ADDL INFO	X	Support

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LB920	Pansing Brooks		Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council	Judiciary	2/18/2016		LB 920 adds nine members to the council starting January 1, 2017. The seventh member of the council will be either a member of the Jail Standards board or from the public at large. The eighth and ninth members will be full time officers from a state law agency with a rank no higher than sergeant. The eighth and ninth members are appointed by the Governor.	X			
LB922	Kolterman		Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed	Retirement	2/5/2016		LB 922 requires member to serve five years to ensure an experienced and knowledgeable board. It provides that a member appointed to any of the Nebraska retirement systems will serve five years including the; School Employees Retirement System, Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, and Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System.	X			

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LB925	Harr		Change provisions relating to issuing a treasurer's tax deed and bringing a tax lien foreclosure action as prescribed	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB 925 states at anytime within 9 months after the expiration of two years after the date of sale of any real estate for taxes or special assessments if such real estate is not legally occupied and deemed vacant or abandoned. Vacant and abandoned real estate is defined by local ordinance or determined by the appropriate local governing body. Conditions of real estate include overgrown or dead vegetation, trash and waste and /or visible deterioration.	X		X	Monitor
LB927	Hilkemann		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/2016		LB 927 changes the uniform service charge for 911 services to say: except that the monthly uniform service surcharge shall not exceed one dollar per month. It strikes language that states a surcharge of up to fifty cents on all active telephone numbers every month from users or wireless service shall remit the surcharge.	X		X	Support

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LB928	Mello		Change provisions relating to discriminatory wage practices based on sex	Business and Labor	2/1/2016		LB 928 – addresses wage discrimination between a man and a women in effort to close the gap. The bill also removes current employee size exemption and addresses definitions of enforcement.	X		X	
LB929	Brasch		Update certain references regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/2016	General File	LB 929 updates effective date from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. Adds language making self-propelled CMV's and intermodal equipment will not apply to forum trucks and forum truck-tractors registered and operated solely in intrastate commerce.	X			
LB931	Bolz		Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted-living facilities and change distribution of the Behavioral Health Services Fund	Appropriations	2/8/2016		LB 931 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to the Department of Health and Human Services. The allocation of funds will provide incentives for certain assisted-living facilities for adults with mental illness or a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.	X			

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LB934	Coash		Change provisions relating to the Office of the Public Guardian	Judiciary	2/3/2016		LB 934 defines multidisciplinary team means a team of professionals hired by the Public Guardian. Public Guardian will be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska. Public Guardian will hire a multidisciplinary team. The team will be made up of professionals in public guardian and trained in the area of law.	X			
LB935	Schilz		Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2016		LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31st of a calendar year will be considered delinquent. A political subdivision will be notified of the delinquency. If the necessary material is not received within thirty days of the December 31st, a five hundred dollars will be withheld from the next state aid payment to that that political subdivision and continue for each additional thirty days of delinquency. Upon delinquency, the auditor can make an audit of the political subdivision at which the cost will be billed to the political subdivision.	X			

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LB936	Ebke		Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB 936 changes inheritance tax to one percent for everything above one-hundred thousand dollars and anything below that limit will not be taxed	X	OPPOSE	X	oppose
LB937	Ebke		Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease	Judiciary	1/27/2016		LB 937 strikes the language stating that no person with a venereal disease shall be married in Nebraska.	X			
LB938	Smith		Adopt the 911 Service System Act and transfer funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to the 911 Service System Fund	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/2016		LB 938 creates the 911 Service System Act to establish the Public Service Commission as the statewide implementation and coordinating authority to plan, implement, coordinate, manage, maintain, and provide funding assistance for a statewide next-generation 911 service capability.	X		X	Support
LB940	Johnson		Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act	Revenue	2/4/2016		LB 940 creates the Tax Stabilization Act to provide property tax relief to property owners across that state and to give the Legislature time to consider appropriate changes to state law that would reduce the reliance on property taxes for the funding of school districts in the state of Nebraska.	X	OPPOSE	X	Oppose
LB943	Hansen		Update references with respect to husband and wife	Judiciary	1/27/2016		changes references of husband and wife to "spouses in a marriage relationship."	X			

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LB944	Hansen		Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships	Judiciary	1/27/2016		addresses last year's United Supreme Court ruling of legalizing same sex marriage and changes some references to "parents"	X			
LB951	Harr		Adopt the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act	Revenue	2/10/2016		LB 951 creates the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act to provide an owner of an affordable housing project to apply for an affordable housing tax credit. A qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project.	X			

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LB952	Watermeier		Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services	Health and Human Services			LB 952 states starting January 1, 2016, a county board is responsible to make sure emergency medical services are available for all county residents. The bill states that the county can contract for medical emergency and public safety services. The Board of Emergency Medical Services in regards to the seven out of hospital care providers, two will be emergency medical responders, two will be medical technicians, two will be paramedics and one will be an advanced medical technician. Members appointed after January 1, 2017, three of them will be volunteer emergency medical care providers.	X		X	Oppose

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB954	Krist		Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Executive Board	1/22/2016	General File	LB 954 states the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare can submit a written request to the Probation Administrator for access of juvenile records pertaining to a particular case. Those records will be turned over with approval via a court order. All juvenile cases as defined in sections 43-246 and 43-247, of the juvenile court will provide confidential information to the Foster Care Review Office. If upon investigation, the Inspector General finds misconduct by the juvenile services division, the probation administrator will immediately notified.	X			

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LB956	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/1/2016		LB 956 The bill makes adjustments to appropriations for state operations, aid and construction programs in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 as well as for the next fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, provides for transfers, and modifies intent language and earmarks accompanying appropriations approved by the 104th Legislature during 2015.	X			
LB957	Speaker Hadley		Authorize additional uses for certain funds and provide for certain transfers	Appropriations	2/1/2016		LB 957 – Money in the department of motor vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund may be used for transfers to the General fund or the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund at the direction of the Legislature.	X			

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LB958	Gloor		Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations	Revenue	2/4/2016		LB 958 strikes the allowable growth percentage from exceeding a levy that may be approved at the same meeting as a vote to exceed the limits of a final levy. Limitations do not apply to restricted funds budgeted for capital improvements, or restricted funds from a qualified sinking fund for acquisition or replacement of tangible personal property. The bill increases any budget adopted by a governmental unit by an amount equal to the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year for capital improvements, the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year and the restricted funds expended in the immediately prior fiscal year. The Property Tax Administrator shall provide information to the commission necessary to determine	X	DENNIS MEYER TESTIFYING (he will oppose)	X	Oppose

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB959	Sullivan		Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority	Education	2/9/2016		<p>LB 959: For school fiscal year 2017-18 and each school fiscal year thereafter, if the formula need calculated for a school district is less than ninety-eight percent of the formula need for such district immediately preceding the school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated, the formula need for such district shall equal ninety-eight percent of the formula. The effective date of the act for school fiscal year 2016-17 is null and void. Each school district shall have a budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures equal to the general fund budget of expenditures minus exclusions, except for expenditures to pay for employer contributions to either the school Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska or the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School</p>	X		X	Monitor

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LB960	Smith		Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/16/2016		LB 960 – Transportation Innovation Act is created. Design build is created as an alternative method when considering projects. A transportation infrastructure bank is created from reserved funds in the amount of \$150 million to accelerate projects. A capital improvement program is created as well to speed up capital improvements. The county bridge match program is created for repair and replacement of county bridges. This includes matching requirements.	X		X	Support

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LB968	Johnson		Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program	Agriculture	2/16/2016		LB 968 allows the Department of Agriculture to cooperate and coordinate with producer organizations, state and local governments, and public and private economic development entities to identify opportunities for private sector investment in new livestock, dairy, and agricultural commodities processing facilities or expansion or repurposing of existing processing facilities within the state, to actively recruit such processing investment, and to advise and assist local communities where such investment may be sought or considered.	X			
LB976	Seiler		Change provisions relating to jury sequestration	Judiciary		Motion to Withdraw	A court may order that a jury be sequestered during a trial or after final submation by the motion of the court or party if good cause is shown.	X	SUPPORT THROUGH LETTER		

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LB977	Smith		Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/2016	Smith AM1895.	LB 977 makes an exemption for the weight and load limitations for a farm tractor, self-propelled equipment, and additional agricultural machinery. The bill includes specific weight limits for the vehicles mentioned in the bill.	X		X	Oppose
LB979	Kuehn		Provide for selection of interchangeable biological products by pharmacists	Health and Human Services	2/5/2016		LB979 – updates Nebraska Statutes to allow for the substitution of biologic products only with FDA approved interchangeable biologics. Current state law governs the substitution by pharmacists of generic drugs for their branded counterparts, and similar statutory direction is needed to craft state policy allowing for the substitution of FDA approved interchangeable biologics.	X			
LB984	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals	Judiciary	2/10/2016		LB 984 – Three judge panel would decide mandatory minimum sentences. A sentencing judge can request the three judge panel to make a finding that a habitual criminal or mandatory minimum sentence would not apply.	X			

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LB986	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study	Retirement	2/5/2016		the director will be provide draft copies of each annual valuation report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee and Governor, as required. Copies are deemed confidential. Starting in 2016, and every four years thereafter will request an experience study from the Public Employee retirement board.	X			

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LB989	Murante		Change provisions relating to motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/2/2016		LB 989 provides that the Director of Motor Vehicles shall designate an implementation date, which is on or before January 1, 2020. If the title is electronic, then the following changes may be made; changing the name of an owner, removing the name of an owner, or adding as an owner of the immediate family member of an owner. The department may adopt and promulgate further rules and regulations governing the eligibility of dealers to participate in the electronic dealer services system, setting forth practices, procedures, and requirements necessary to implement such system, and setting forth requirements and practices for dealers participating in such system.	X		X	Monitor

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LB992	Ebke		Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/17/2016		LB 992 states no political subdivision, with statutory authority can enter into an installment contract for the purchase of property, if already an obligation exist of twenty-five million dollars or more from previous contracts. If a debt does exist above twenty-five million dollars, the subdivision cannot enter into a new contract.	X	Letter in opposition	X	Monitor
LB995	Davis		Repeal provisions relating to the special valuation of agricultural land and provide for the agricultural value of agricultural land	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB 995 local governments would tax cropland based on agricultural value instead of seventy-five percent of the actual value. Bill defines agricultural value as the actual value of land for agricultural and horticultural purposed without regard to actual value the land would have for other uses. This is an attempt to lower property tax for farmers and ranchers.	X		X	Oppose

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LB998	Schumacher		Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relating to emergency protective custody	Health and Human Services			LB 998 includes the definition of emergency community crisis center as a medical assistance program. The demand for inpatient behavioral health beds exceeds the supply of such beds in Nebraska. Hospital emergency departments are not equipped to address the behavioral health needs and delays in receiving behavioral health crisis stabilization services significantly increase the risk of emotional deterioration. Further, appropriate, timely resources should be available to persons in need of behavioral health. The bill calls for an establishment of five emergency community crisis centers across the state.	X		X	Support
LB1000	Mello		Require certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies on the use of body-worn cameras, provide that recordings from such cameras are not public records, and prohibit certain conduct involving such recordings	Judiciary	2/17/2016		LB 1000 – Police departments with body cameras must adopt policies regarding training and equipping cameras, as how to be worn in a prominent place on the uniform. An officer would have to notify an individual they approach that the camera is recording.	X			

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LB1001	Ebke		Change provisions relating to a compensation schedule for injuries resulting in disability	Business and Labor	2/18/2016		LB 1001 – adds that loss or loss of means permanent loss of physical function of an arm, a leg, an ear, an eye or nose.	X			
LB1010	Williams		Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions	Judiciary	2/17/2016		LB 1010 – Written petition for juvenile court will be signed by the county attorney setting forth the facts. The petition would replace the verification of affidavit.	X			
LB1013	Gloor		Change tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds	Revenue	2/11/2016		LB 1013 – would increase cigarette tax by one dollar and fifty cents, this would bring the total sales tax to two dollars and fourteen cents a pack. It is estimated that this tax increase would bring in a one hundred and twenty million dollars. Forty five million of that would go to the Property Tax Credit Fund; Forty five million to personal property tax exemption; and thirty million to the Health Care Cash Fund.	X	HALSTEAD - \$600- \$800K TO DEPARTM ENT		

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LB1023	Ebke		Require development of treatment protocols for and a needs assessment of committed offenders and correctional facilities	Judiciary	2/4/2016		LB 1023 – Corrections and the division of behavioral health of DHHS would develop protocols for coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment for a committed offender during incarceration until discharge. Protocols will cover pre-release planning; mental health and substance abuse treatment needs, supervisor plan and necessary community support services. Community based services can be used during incarceration. Corrections will provide to the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, a needs assessment pertaining to programming in facilities before January 1st of odd numbered years.	X			
LB1024	Larson		Change a provision of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act relating to an interest in a government contract	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs			LB 1024 – No member of a public official or employer's family may enter into a business contract valued at one hundred thousand dollars in a given year. As of January 1, 2017, and every year thereafter the contract value will be adjusted for inflation.	X			

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LB1031	Hansen		Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts	Revenue			LB 1031 removes the levy authority away from the county board and places it with the Railroad Transportation Board, which is made up of 3 county board members and 2 city council members. The move would free up two cents to the county board levy authority.	X		X	Oppose
LB1032	McCollister		Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services	Health and Human Services	2/10/2016		LB 1032 would provide health care coverage to individuals who cannot qualify for medicaid. Medicaid funds would be used to buy private health insurance for those individuals making up one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level with no insurance. The bill allows for small contributions from enrollees and would take funds from the state health care cash fund to extend coverage up to seventy-seven thousand Nebraskans.	X	Roma testify in support	X	Support
LB1034	Campbell		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission	Health and Human Services			Adds juvenile justice to the strategic plan of reform of the Nebraska Child Welfare Commission to review and evaluate the juvenile justice system	X			

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LB1036	Campbell		Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/1/2016		LB 1036 states notwithstanding any other provisions of law, charge any brokerage fees or any other fees or charges whatsoever in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act. It defines the annual percentage rate, default, and delayed deposit. The Department of Banking and Finance will document each delayed deposit loan transaction by a written agreement signed by both the licensee and the borrower.	X			
LB1037	Brasch		Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB1037 strikes land associated with buildings. It excludes wasteland lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticulture land. It does allow farm sites and farm home sites lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticultural land.	X		X	Monitor

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LB1042	Friesen		Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing	Urban Affairs	2/9/2016		LB 1042 also changes the property valuation information certified by the Property Tax Administrator to the State Department of Education, which is used to determine the adjusted valuation of school districts for purposes of allocating state aid through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. The bill requires that excess valuation for properties that qualify for tax increment financing will be included in the assessed valuation of school districts for state aid purposes.	X	Monitor	X	Monitor
LB1044	Ebke		Terminate the Commission of Industrial Relations	Business and Labor	2/22/2016		LB 1044 would abolish the CIR that was created to resolve labor disputes involving public employees. The bill would continue to protect the right of the public employee in Nebraska to strike in the event of an unresolved dispute.	X		X	Monitor

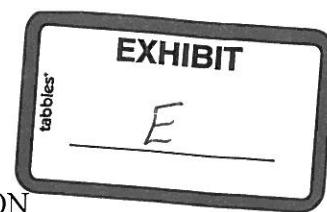
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LB1055	Chambers		Open grand jury proceedings to the public as prescribed and change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers or while in custody	Judiciary	2/24/2016		LB 1055: Permits all proceedings before grand juries to be open to the public. The case shall be treated as an open, ongoing matter until all evidence, reports, and other relevant material, which has been assembled are transferred to a prosecuting attorney appointed. The court shall appoint a prosecuting attorney who shall be the county attorney or a member of his or her staff who has had at least five years experience in criminal litigation, including felony litigation.	X		X	Monitor
LB1058	Crawford		Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions	Judiciary	2/25/2016		LB 1058 – states with compliance checks, an individual between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years of age may be authorized to assist officers or private contractors with compliance checks. The individual under the age of eighteen and older than 14 years has to be an employee, intern or volunteer with a local or state law agency.	X			

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LB1059	Crawford		Require certain disclosures under the Community Development Law and the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	Urban Affairs	2/2/2016		LB 1059 – Prior to a redevelopment contract, the developer has to indicate if he or she has or intends to file for tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage act; seeking a refund from the city's local option sales tax; estimate of total amount he or she is expecting from tax incentives; and if the project has been approved under the Nebraska Advantage act.	X			

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LB1063	Sullivan		Change provisions relating to state aid to schools	Education	2/9/2016		LB 1063 Requires the Property Tax Administrator to certify the student support aid for each local system to the county clerk of each county with territory in the local system and to the Auditor of Public Accounts on or before August 10, 2017, and on or before August 10 of each year thereafter. The county clerk of each county with territory in the local system shall calculate the student support aid reduction to the maximum levy pursuant to section 77-3442 for such local system which shall equal the student support aid certified pursuant to section 79-1022 for the affected school fiscal year, with any adjustments resulting from the final calculation of state aid pursuant to section 79-1065 for prior school fiscal years, divided by the taxable valuation of property subject to the levy in the local system	X		X	Monitor

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	LC Position	NACO	NACO Position
LB1094	Judiciary Committee		Change provisions relating to evidence, sentencing, certain criminal penalties, criminal mischief, assault, theft, forgery, and probation	Judiciary	2/4/2016		LB 1094 addresses matters extending from LB 605. The bill addresses custodial sanctions; administrative sanctions; defined duties of a probationer officer when determining a possible violation of probation and court proceedings. LB 1094 repeals section (5) of LB 605 relating to duties of a probationer officer, setting forth new language.	X		X	Monitor
LB1097	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to sexual assault forensic testing	Judiciary	2/18/2016		LB1097 - would create a fund to collect federal money and for an administrator for that fund to pay expenses for medical exams for rape victims. The fund would cover costs for physical trauma exams, patient interviews, collection and evaluation of evidence, emergency room and laboratory fees. Victims would also get emotional and mental health care. Medical personnel would also be trained in practices for collecting evidence for prosecutions.	X			

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LB1102	Davis		Authorize legislative performance audits of tax-increment financing projects	Executive Board	2/5/2016		LB 1102 – includes any authority as defined in section 18-2103 that uses tax-increment financing as authorized in section. 18-2147	X			
LB1103	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to medicaid reimbursements, provide for a lien, and change estate procedures	Judiciary	2/3/2016		LB 1103 requires a notice shall be provided to the department in a manner and at an address designated by the department, which manner may include email. Any notice that fails to meet this requirement is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application for purposes of any statute or regulation that requires that a notice or waiver application be provided to the department.	X		X	Monitor
LB1107	Garrett		Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs			LB 1107 states the current vote tabulation and ballot-marking equipment in Nebraska will soon be outdate. The bill would establish the Nebraska Election System. The goal is to examine the voting process, in Nebraska. Review methods of polling sites, early voting, equipment; disabled, minority and young voters; campaigns; and cost of replacing current system.	X		X	Support



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

FUNDING OF 605 AND BENESCH BUILDING PROJECTS
TAX SUPPORTED LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF TERMS

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

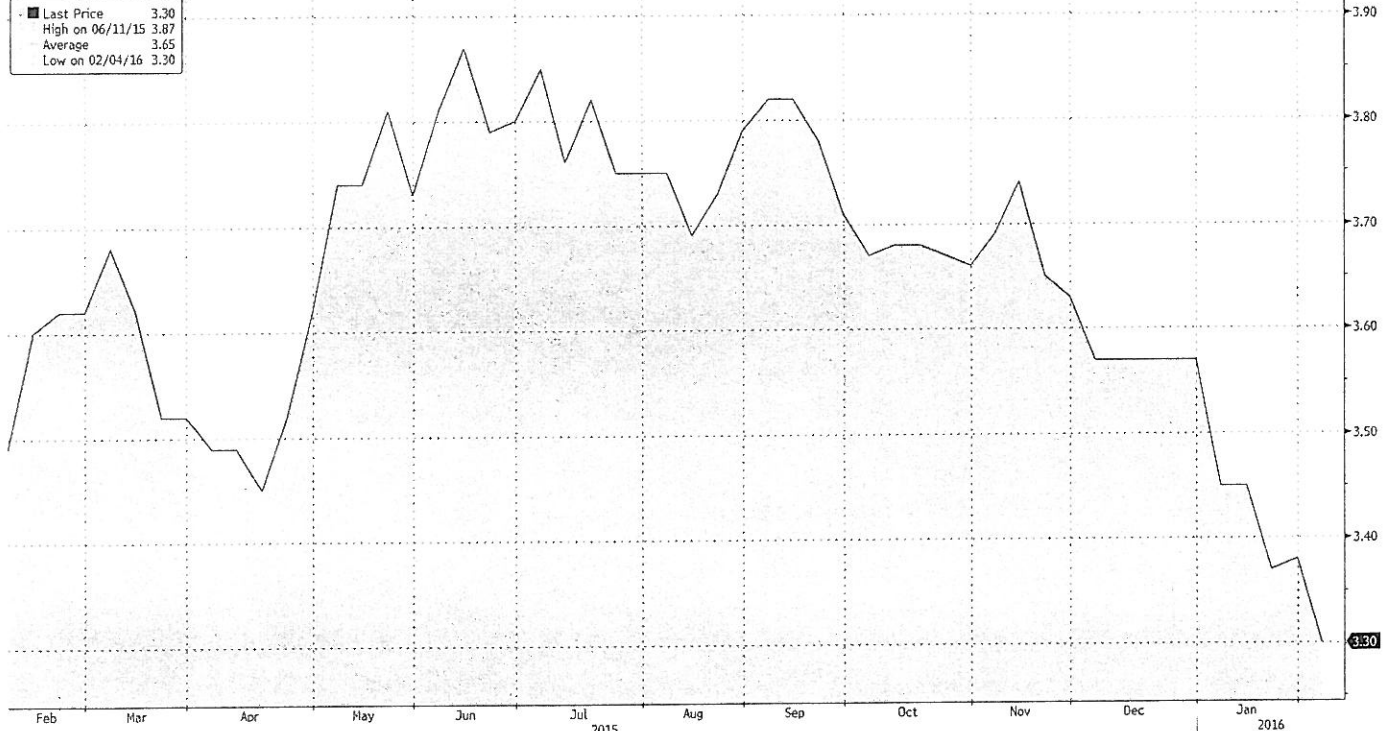
Preliminary Par Amount:	\$13,600,000
Not-to-exceed Par Amount:	\$16,100,000
Not-to-exceed TIC:	4.50%
Maximum Underwriter's Disc.	1.00%
Preliminary Settlement Date:	March 24, 2016
Final Maturity:	December 1, 2041
Current Bond Ratings:	"Aaa" Moody's and "AA+" Standard & Poor's
Preliminary Yield Range:	1.20% to 3.15%
Preliminary TIC:	3.52%
Prel. Average Debt Service:	\$957,000
Bond Counsel:	Gilmore & Bell
Paying Agent/Registrar:	BOKF
Underwriter:	Ameritas Investment Corp.

Tuesday, Feb 9	PBC Board meeting to consider bond resolution Documents sent to Moody's and S&P for their review
Thursday, Feb 11	County Staff meeting to discuss financing
Tuesday, Feb 16	County Board meeting to vote on County resolution
Monday, Feb 22	City Council meeting - first reading of ordinance
Monday, Feb 29	City Council meeting - second reading and public hearing Printing of final version of preliminary official statement
Wednesday, Mar 2	Receive bond ratings
Monday, Mar 7	City Council meeting - third reading and vote
Tuesday, Mar 8	Mayor signs ordinance
Wednesday, Mar 9	Negotiated sale of bonds
Thursday, Mar 24	Settlement date of bond issue, delivering proceeds to PBC.

BBWK20GO 3.30 As Of 02/04/16 %
 Bond Buyer US Weekly Yields 20 General Obligation Bond

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Last Price 3.30
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 Average 3.65
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25 YEAR AMORT - CAPI THRU JUNE 2017 - CONSERVATIVE RATES - 2/4/16

Sources & Uses

Dated 03/24/2016 | Delivered 03/24/2016

Sources Of Funds

Par Amount of Bonds	\$13,595,000.00
Reoffering Premium	2,004,037.45
Total Sources	\$15,599,037.45

Uses Of Funds

Deposit to Project Construction Fund	14,650,000.00
Deposit to Capitalized Interest (CIF) Fund	727,187.27
Total Underwriter's Discount (1.000%)	135,950.00
Costs of Issuance	81,570.00
Rounding Amount	4,330.18
Total Uses	\$15,599,037.45

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Pricing Summary

Maturity	Type of Bond	Coupon	Yield	Maturity Value	Price	Dollar Price
12/01/2018	Serial Coupon	2.000%	1.200%	345,000.00	102.107%	352,269.15
12/01/2019	Serial Coupon	3.000%	1.300%	350,000.00	106.098%	371,343.00
12/01/2020	Serial Coupon	5.000%	1.430%	360,000.00	116.123%	418,042.80
12/01/2021	Serial Coupon	5.000%	1.570%	380,000.00	118.586%	450,626.80
12/01/2022	Serial Coupon	4.000%	1.720%	395,000.00	114.340%	451,643.00
12/01/2023	Serial Coupon	4.000%	1.870%	415,000.00	115.181%	478,001.15
12/01/2024	Serial Coupon	5.000%	2.030%	430,000.00	123.539%	531,217.70
12/01/2025	Serial Coupon	4.000%	2.150%	450,000.00	116.096%	522,432.00
12/01/2026	Serial Coupon	3.000%	2.340%	470,000.00	105.948%	c 497,955.60
12/01/2027	Serial Coupon	4.000%	2.620%	485,000.00	112.264%	c 544,480.40
12/01/2028	Serial Coupon	4.000%	2.700%	500,000.00	111.506%	c 557,530.00
12/01/2029	Serial Coupon	4.000%	2.770%	520,000.00	110.848%	c 576,409.60
12/01/2030	Serial Coupon	4.000%	2.820%	545,000.00	110.381%	c 601,576.45
12/01/2031	Serial Coupon	4.000%	2.900%	565,000.00	109.638%	c 619,454.70
12/01/2036	Term 1 Coupon	5.000%	2.960%	3,245,000.00	117.822%	c 3,823,323.90
12/01/2041	Term 2 Coupon	5.000%	3.150%	4,140,000.00	116.008%	c 4,802,731.20
Total	-	-	-	\$13,595,000.00	-	\$15,599,037.45

Bid Information

Par Amount of Bonds	\$13,595,000.00
Reoffering Premium or (Discount)	2,004,037.45
Gross Production	\$15,599,037.45
Total Underwriter's Discount (1.000%)	\$(135,950.00)
Bid (113.741%)	15,463,087.45
Total Purchase Price	\$15,463,087.45
Bond Year Dollars	\$220,432.68
Average Life	16.214 Years
Average Coupon	4.7205994%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	3.8731355%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.5210956%

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Debt Service Schedule

Part 1 of 2

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
03/24/2016	-	-	-	-	-
12/01/2016	-	-	421,443.75	421,443.75	421,443.75
06/01/2017	-	-	307,125.00	307,125.00	-
12/01/2017	-	-	307,125.00	307,125.00	614,250.00
06/01/2018	-	-	307,125.00	307,125.00	-
12/01/2018	345,000.00	2.000%	307,125.00	652,125.00	959,250.00
06/01/2019	-	-	303,675.00	303,675.00	-
12/01/2019	350,000.00	3.000%	303,675.00	653,675.00	957,350.00
06/01/2020	-	-	298,425.00	298,425.00	-
12/01/2020	360,000.00	5.000%	298,425.00	658,425.00	956,850.00
06/01/2021	-	-	289,425.00	289,425.00	-
12/01/2021	380,000.00	5.000%	289,425.00	669,425.00	958,850.00
06/01/2022	-	-	279,925.00	279,925.00	-
12/01/2022	395,000.00	4.000%	279,925.00	674,925.00	954,850.00
06/01/2023	-	-	272,025.00	272,025.00	-
12/01/2023	415,000.00	4.000%	272,025.00	687,025.00	959,050.00
06/01/2024	-	-	263,725.00	263,725.00	-
12/01/2024	430,000.00	5.000%	263,725.00	693,725.00	957,450.00
06/01/2025	-	-	252,975.00	252,975.00	-
12/01/2025	450,000.00	4.000%	252,975.00	702,975.00	955,950.00
06/01/2026	-	-	243,975.00	243,975.00	-
12/01/2026	470,000.00	3.000%	243,975.00	713,975.00	957,950.00
06/01/2027	-	-	236,925.00	236,925.00	-
12/01/2027	485,000.00	4.000%	236,925.00	721,925.00	958,850.00
06/01/2028	-	-	227,225.00	227,225.00	-
12/01/2028	500,000.00	4.000%	227,225.00	727,225.00	954,450.00
06/01/2029	-	-	217,225.00	217,225.00	-
12/01/2029	520,000.00	4.000%	217,225.00	737,225.00	954,450.00
06/01/2030	-	-	206,825.00	206,825.00	-
12/01/2030	545,000.00	4.000%	206,825.00	751,825.00	958,650.00
06/01/2031	-	-	195,925.00	195,925.00	-
12/01/2031	565,000.00	4.000%	195,925.00	760,925.00	956,850.00
06/01/2032	-	-	184,625.00	184,625.00	-
12/01/2032	585,000.00	5.000%	184,625.00	769,625.00	954,250.00
06/01/2033	-	-	170,000.00	170,000.00	-
12/01/2033	615,000.00	5.000%	170,000.00	785,000.00	955,000.00
06/01/2034	-	-	154,625.00	154,625.00	-
12/01/2034	650,000.00	5.000%	154,625.00	804,625.00	959,250.00
06/01/2035	-	-	138,375.00	138,375.00	-
12/01/2035	680,000.00	5.000%	138,375.00	818,375.00	956,750.00
06/01/2036	-	-	121,375.00	121,375.00	-
12/01/2036	715,000.00	5.000%	121,375.00	836,375.00	957,750.00
06/01/2037	-	-	103,500.00	103,500.00	-

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY NEBRASKA PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

TAX SUPPORTED LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016

FUNDING OF \$14.65 MILLION OF COSTS FOR REMODEL OF JAIL AND OF BENES BLDG.

25 YEAR AMORT - CAPI THRU JUNE 2017 - CONSERVATIVE RATES - 2/4/16

Debt Service Schedule

Part 2 of 2

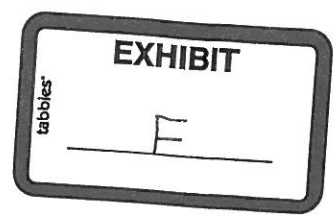
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12/01/2038	785,000.00	5.000%	84,750.00	869,750.00	954,500.00
06/01/2039	-	-	65,125.00	65,125.00	-
12/01/2039	825,000.00	5.000%	65,125.00	890,125.00	955,250.00
06/01/2040	-	-	44,500.00	44,500.00	-
12/01/2040	870,000.00	5.000%	44,500.00	914,500.00	959,000.00
06/01/2041	-	-	22,750.00	22,750.00	-
12/01/2041	910,000.00	5.000%	22,750.00	932,750.00	955,500.00
Total	\$13,595,000.00	-	\$10,405,743.75	\$24,000,743.75	-

Yield Statistics

Bond Year Dollars	\$220,432.68
Average Life	16.214 Years
Average Coupon	4.7205994%
Net Interest Cost (NIC)	3.8731355%
True Interest Cost (TIC)	3.5210956%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes	2.7711389%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC)	3.5672302%

IRS Form 8038

Net Interest Cost	3.3018325%
Weighted Average Maturity	16.312 Years



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA APPROVING (A) AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER SITE LEASE AMONG THE LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION, AS LESSEE, AND THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, JOINTLY, AS LESSOR, (B) AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT AMONG THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, JOINTLY, AS LESSEE, AND THE COMMISSION, AS LESSOR, AND (C) THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$16,100,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE COMMISSION'S TAX SUPPORTED LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016; AND RELATED MATTERS.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of The County of Lancaster, Nebraska, (the "Board") as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and determines the following:

(a) The Board has previously approved (1) the acquisition by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission (the "Commission") in the name of the County and The City of Lincoln, Nebraska (the "City") of real property together with the building and facilities located thereon, including the Health Department Building, the City-County Building, the Hall of Justice, the City-County parking facilities, the Courthouse Plaza, and certain other properties (the "Commission Properties"), (2) the execution and delivery of a Master Site Lease dated January 22, 2015, among the County and the City, jointly, as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee, relating to the Commission Properties (the "Master Site Lease") and (3) the execution and delivery of a Master Lease Agreement dated January 22, 2015, among the Commission, as lessor, and the County and the City, jointly, as lessee, relating to the Commission Properties (the "Master Lease").

(b) The Board has heretofore approved, and does hereby approve, acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing certain improvements to facilities under the control of the Commission, which primarily include improvements to convert the former Lancaster County jail located at 605 South 9th Street to offices for use by the County and City, and renovation of the new County Mental Health Crisis Center located at 825 J Street (collectively, the "Project").

(c) The City, the County and the Commission have determined that it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interest of the City, the County and the Commission for the Commission to issue not to exceed \$16,100,000 in aggregate stated principal amount of its Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, dated the date of delivery thereof (the "2016 Bonds"), for the purpose of (1) paying the costs of the Project, and (2) paying certain costs of issuing the 2016 Bonds.

(d) In connection with the issuance of the 2016 Bonds, it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interests of the City, the County and the Commission that certain amendments,

modifications and additions be made to the Master Site Lease and the Master Lease to reflect the Project and the issuance of the 2016 Bonds.

(e) Section 13-1306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, provides that with the prior approval of both the County and the City, the Commission shall have the power and is authorized to issue its bonds for any corporate purpose in such amounts as may be required to carry out and fully perform the purposes for which the Commission was established.

Section 2. The First Amendment to the Master Site Lease, dated the date of execution and delivery thereof (the “**First Amendment to Master Site Lease**”), among the City and the County, jointly, as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Attachment I** and incorporated herein by reference, with respect to the Commission Properties and which amends certain provisions of the Master Site Lease is hereby approved.

The Chair is hereby authorized and directed to execute the First Amendment to Master Site Lease for and on behalf of the County, but with such changes, additions or deletions with respect to the First Amendment to Master Site Lease as may be in the best interests of the City, the County and the Commission, to carry out financing of the Project prior to the signing thereof upon advice of the County Attorney and bond counsel.

Section 3. The First Amendment to Master Lease Agreement, dated the date of execution and delivery thereof (the “**First Amendment to Master Lease**”), among the Commission, as lessor, and the City and the County, jointly, as lessee, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Attachment II** and incorporated herein by reference, with respect to the Commission Properties and which amends certain provisions of the Master Lease is hereby approved.

The Chair is hereby authorized and directed to execute the First Amendment to Master Lease for and on behalf of the County, but with such changes, additions or deletions with respect to the First Amendment to Master Lease as may be in the best interests of the City, the County and the Commission, to carry out financing of the Project prior to the signing thereof upon advice of the County Attorney and bond counsel.

Section 4. The issuance of the 2016 Bonds by the Commission in the aggregate stated principal amount of not to exceed \$16,100,000 with the principal maturities, interest rates and redemption provisions determined by the Finance Director of the City in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the resolution of the Commission authorizing the issuance of the 2016 Bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage according to law.

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DATED: February __, 2016.

**BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER
COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this _____ day of February, 2016

(Deputy) County Attorney

Attachment I

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER SITE LEASE

This **FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER SITE LEASE** (the "**Amendment**"), dated _____, 2016, is by and among **THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA** (the "**City**"), and **THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA** (the "**County**"), jointly as lessor, and the **LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION** (the "**Commission**"), as lessee.

RECITALS

1. The Commission is a public building commission, political subdivision, body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State of Nebraska (the "**State**") exercising essential governmental functions and existing pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the "**Act**"), which has been duly activated by the City and the County pursuant to the Act for the purpose of facilitating the ownership and use of any project (as defined in the Act) for the benefit and use of the City and the County.

2. The City, the County and the Commission have previously entered into a Master Site Lease dated January 22, 2015, (the "**Master Site Lease**") and other similar agreements as described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, pursuant to which the City and/or the County have leased to the Commission the properties identified thereon on the indicated dates in connection with the issuance of bonds by the Commission as specified on **Exhibit A**.

3. The City, the County and the Commission have determined that it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interests of the City, the County and the Commission to enter into this Amendment to amend Exhibit A to the Master Site Lease, in connection with bonds issued by the Commission contemporaneously herewith as described on **Exhibit A**, to lease real property from the City and/or the County to the Commission, and (a) to supersede all such agreements previously entered into by the City, the County and the Commission and (b) to facilitate and provide the terms and conditions for such future transactions as may be determined by the City, the County and the Commission to be necessary, desirable and advisable in connection with the real property of the City and/or the County.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the terms and conditions of this Amendment, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. Exhibit A to the Master Site Lease is hereby amended in its entirety and replaced with **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof. The City and/or the County, as appropriate, hereby approve and confirm the lease to the Commission the real property set forth on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof, as the same may be further amended from time to time, together with any and all structures located thereon. **Exhibit A** may be further amended from time to time as provided in the Master Site Lease upon appropriate action by the City, the County and the Commission.

Section 2. Term. The term of the Master Site Lease as amended by this Amendment, with respect to each parcel of property described on **Exhibit A**, shall expire when no bonds of the Commission are outstanding under any related bond resolution with respect to such parcel of property as described on **Exhibit A**, unless extended by the written agreement of the City, the County and the Commission.

Section 3. Effect of Amendment. Except as otherwise provided in this Amendment, the provisions of the Master Site Lease are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and incorporated herein by this

reference. The provisions of the Master Site Lease, as amended by this Amendment, are intended to replace and supersede all of the provisions of any existing agreements pursuant to which the City and/or the County have leased any of the real property set forth on **Exhibit A** to the Commission.

Section 4. Counterparts. This Amendment has been executed in several counterparts, each of which may be considered as an original.

Section 5. Electronic Transactions. The transactions described herein may be conducted and related documents may be stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, the County and the Commission have caused this First Amendment to Master Site Lease to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

DATED: _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

By: _____
City Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2016, by Christopher J. Beutler, Mayor of The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the City.

Notary Public

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA

By: _____
County Clerk

By: _____
Chair

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____
2016, by _____, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of The County of Lancaster,
Nebraska, on behalf of said County.

Notary Public

**LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC
BUILDING COMMISSION**

By: _____
Chair

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2016, by Larry Hudkins, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Lincoln-Lancaster Public Building Commission, on behalf of said Commission.

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A
TO
FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER SITE LEASE
PROVIDING FOR THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES
FROM
THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
AND/OR
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA
TO
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

Transaction 1

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Facilities with a street address of 3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, Block 1, together with the vacated east-west alley abutting said Lots 1 and 14, Block 1 and the South ½ of the vacated east-west alley abutting Lot 13, Block 1, and the north 10 feet of vacated "N" Street abutting Lots 8 through 14, Block 1; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 4, and that portion of the east-west alley south of and abutting Lots 1 through 4, Block 4, all in Plainview Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; together with a limited nonexclusive easement for use of a parking lot located upon Lot 2, Block 1, Plainview Addition, together with the right of ingress and egress to and from "O" Street for the purpose of parking entered into by Clinic Building Corporation and B & J Partnership, Ltd. filed October 16, 1991, as Instrument No. 91-34313.

Property commonly known as the City-County Parking Facilities located in Block 101, Original Plat, more particularly described as follows:

Block 101, Original Plat, City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

- B. Effective Date: August 21, 2002.
- C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 123 dated November 2, 2010, authorizing the issuance of \$7,385,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B, dated December 21, 2010; and Resolution No. 128 dated December 9, 2014, authorizing the issuance of \$18,610,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, dated January 22, 2015.
- D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Site Lease, dated December 21, 2010.
- E. Lessor: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 2

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the Courthouse Plaza Property located at 645 and 701 South 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

- (1) Lots 11 and 12, Block 130, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
- (2) Lots A and B, Billingsley's Subdivision of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 145, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

B. Effective Date: December 20, 2005.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 123 dated November 2, 2010, authorizing the issuance of \$7,385,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B, dated December 21, 2010.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Site Lease, dated December 21, 2010.

E. Lessor: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 3

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the City-County Building Property with a street address of 425 South 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

- (1) All of vacated J Street from the east line of 9th street to the west line of 10th Street, all of Block 118 and all of the north seventy-two feet of Block 129, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;
- (2) Lots 4 through 12 and Lots 16 through 18, Block 117, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
- (3) Block 146, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and the south nine feet of H street abutting thereon (as vacated by Ordinance No. 16309).

B. Effective Date: April 1, 1996.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 118 dated December 8, 2009, authorizing the issuance of \$4,270,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, dated February 25, 2010; and Resolution No. 128 dated December 9, 2014, authorizing the issuance of \$18,610,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, dated January 22, 2015.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Site Lease, dated February 25, 2010.

E. Lessor: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 4

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the K Street Property located at 575 and 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

- (1) South 11 feet of Lot 7, all of Lots 8 through 13, all of Lots 16 through 18, all in Block 102, Original Plat of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
- (2) Lots 1 through 7, Lincoln Land Co. Subdivision of Block 102, Original Plat, of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

B. Effective Date: October 15, 1994.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 118 dated December 8, 2009, authorizing the issuance of \$4,270,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, dated February 25, 2010.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Site Lease, dated February 25, 2010.

E. Lessor: City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Transaction 5

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the 605 Building located at 605 South 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, which is more particularly described as follows:

The south 70 feet of Lots 1-6 and all of Lots 7-12, Block 129, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and the vacated east-west alley adjacent thereto.

B. Effective Date: October 8, 2013.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. ___ dated February ___, 2016, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$16,100,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, which bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$ _____ and dated _____, 2016.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Site Lease, dated October 8, 2013.

E. Lessor: The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 6

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the County Mental Health Crisis Center located at 825 J Street, Lincoln, Nebraska which is more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 130, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

B. Effective Date: _____, 20__.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. ___ dated February ___, 2016, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$16,100,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, which bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$ _____ and dated _____, 2016.

D. Superseded Agreement(s):

E. Lessor: The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Attachment II

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT

This **FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT** (the “**Amendment**”), dated _____, 2016, is by and among the **LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION** (the “**Commission**”), as lessor, and **THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA** (the “**City**”) and **THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA** (the “**County**”), jointly, as lessees.

RECITALS

1. The Commission is a public building commission, political subdivision, body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State of Nebraska (the “**State**”) exercising essential governmental functions and existing pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “**Act**”), and has been duly activated by the City and the County pursuant to the Act for the purpose of facilitating the ownership and use of facilities (as defined in the Act) for the benefit and use of the City and the County.

2. The City, the County and the Commission have previously entered into a Master Lease Agreement dated January 22, 2015, (the “**Master Lease**”) and other similar agreements as described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, pursuant to which the Commission has leased to the City and/or the County, as appropriate, the property identified thereon on the indicated dates in connection with the issuance of bonds by the Commission as specified on **Exhibit A**.

3. The City, the County and the Commission have determined that it is necessary, desirable, advisable and in the best interests of the City, the County and the Commission to enter into this Amendment to amend Exhibit A to the Master Lease, in connection with bonds issued by the Commission contemporaneously herewith as described on **Exhibit A**, to lease real property from the Commission to the City and/or the County, and (a) to supersede all such agreements previously entered into by the City, the County and the Commission and (b) to facilitate and provide the terms and conditions for such future transactions as may be determined by the City, the County and the Commission to be necessary, desirable and advisable in connection with the real property of the City and/or the County, as appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the terms and conditions of this Amendment, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Commission, the City and the County hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. Exhibit A to the Master Lease is hereby amended in its entirety and replaced with **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Commission does hereby approve and confirm the lease to the City and/or the County, as appropriate, the real property set forth on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof, as the same may be amended from time to time, together with any and all structures located thereon. **Exhibit A** may be further amended from time to time as provided in the Master Lease upon appropriate action by the City, the County and the Commission.

Section 2. Term. The Master Lease as amended by this Amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after the date hereof, and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each parcel of property described on **Exhibit A** for so long as any bonds are outstanding under any related bond resolution with respect to such parcel of property as described on **Exhibit A**. At such time as no Bonds are outstanding for a particular parcel under any such related bond resolution, this Lease Agreement may be

extended with respect to such parcel for such period as may be agreed in writing by the parties hereto or this Lease Agreement may be terminated by the mutual agreement of the parties hereto with respect to such parcel.

Section 3. Effect of Amendment. Except as otherwise provided in this Amendment, the provisions of the Master Lease are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and incorporated herein by this reference. The provisions of the Master Lease, as amended by this Amendment, are intended to replace and supersede all of the provisions of any existing agreements pursuant to which the Commission has leased any of the real property set forth on **Exhibit A** to the City and/or the County.

Section 4. Counterparts. This Amendment has been executed in several counterparts, each of which may be considered as an original.

Section 5. Electronic Transactions. The transactions described herein may be conducted and related documents may be stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Commission, the City and the County have duly executed this First Amendment to Master Lease Agreement by their appropriate officers as of the year and date first written above.

DATED: _____, 2016

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

By: _____
City Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2016, by Christopher J. Beutler, Mayor of The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the City.

Notary Public

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, NEBRASKA

By: _____
County Clerk

By: _____
Chair

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2016, by _____, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of The County of Lancaster, Nebraska, on behalf of said County.

Notary Public

**LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC
BUILDING COMMISSION**

By: _____
Chair

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____,
2016, _____, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Lincoln-Lancaster Public Building
Commission, on behalf of said Commission.

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A
TO
FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT
PROVIDING FOR THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES
FROM
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TO
THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
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Transaction 1

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Facilities with a street address of 3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, Block 1, together with the vacated east-west alley abutting said Lots 1 and 14, Block 1 and the South ½ of the vacated east-west alley abutting Lot 13, Block 1, and the north 10 feet of vacated "N" Street abutting Lots 8 through 14, Block 1; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 4, and that portion of the east-west alley south of and abutting Lots 1 through 4, Block 4, all in Plainview Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; together with a limited nonexclusive easement for use of a parking lot located upon Lot 2, Block 1, Plainview Addition, together with the right of ingress and egress to and from "O" Street for the purpose of parking entered into by Clinic Building Corporation and B & J Partnership, Ltd. filed October 16, 1991, as Instrument No. 91-34313.

Property commonly known as the City-County Parking Facilities located in Block 101, Original Plat, more particularly described as follows:

Block 101, Original Plat, City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

- B. Effective Date: August 21, 2002.
- C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 123 dated November 2, 2010, authorizing the issuance of \$7,385,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B, dated December 21, 2010; and Resolution No. 128 dated December 9, 2014, authorizing the issuance of \$18,610,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, dated January 22, 2015.
- D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated December 21, 2010.
- E. Lessee: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 2

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the Courthouse Plaza Property located at 645 and 701 South 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

- (1) Lots 11 and 12, Block 130, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
- (2) Lots A and B, Billingsley's Subdivision of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 145, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

B. Effective Date: December 20, 2005.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 123 dated November 2, 2010, authorizing the issuance of \$7,385,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B, dated December 21, 2010.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated December 21, 2010.

E. Lessee: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 3

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the City-County Building Property with a street address of 425 South 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

- (1) All of vacated J Street from the east line of 9th street to the west line of 10th Street, all of Block 118 and all of the north seventy-two feet of Block 129, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;
- (2) Lots 4 through 12 and Lots 16 through 18, Block 117, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
- (3) Block 146, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and the south nine feet of H street abutting thereon (as vacated by Ordinance No. 16309).

B. Effective Date: April 1, 1996.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 118 dated December 8, 2009, authorizing the issuance of \$4,270,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, dated February 25, 2010; and Resolution No. 128 dated December 9, 2014, authorizing the issuance of \$18,610,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, dated January 22, 2015.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated February 25, 2010.

E. Lessee: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 4

C. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the K Street Property located at 575 and 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

- (1) South 11 feet of Lot 7, all of Lots 8 through 13, all of Lots 16 through 18, all in Block 102, Original Plat of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
- (2) Lots 1 through 7, Lincoln Land Co. Subdivision of Block 102, Original Plat, of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

D. Effective Date: October 15, 1994.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. 118 dated December 8, 2009, authorizing the issuance of \$4,270,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, dated February 25, 2010.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated February 25, 2010.

E. Lessee: City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 5

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the 605 Building located at 605 South 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, which is more particularly described as follows:

The south 70 feet of Lots 1-6 and all of Lots 7-12, Block 129, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and the vacated east-west alley adjacent thereto.

B. Effective Date: October 8, 2013.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. ___ dated February ___, 2016, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$16,100,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, which bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$ _____ and dated _____, 2016.

D. Superseded Agreement(s): Site Lease, dated October 8, 2013.

E. Lessor: The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

Transaction 6

A. Property Description:

Property commonly known as the County Mental Health Crisis Center located at 825 J Street, Lincoln, Nebraska which is more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 130, Original Plat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

B. Effective Date: _____, 20__.

C. Related Bond Resolution(s) and Bonds (if any): Resolution No. ___ dated February ___, 2016, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$16,100,000 Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Tax Supported Lease Rental Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, which bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$_____ and dated _____, 2016.

D. Superseded Agreement(s):

E. Lessor: The County of Lancaster, Nebraska.

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February 3, 2016

Deb Schorr
NACO Secretary Treasurer
6730 Hickory Crest Circle
Lincoln, NE 68516

Dear Deb:

As you know, one of the missions of the Nebraska Association of County Officials is to provide leadership and service to the medium of county government. Much of the success NACO has had in providing service to its members is directly attributable to NACO's committee structure and the wide participation of a variety of county officials. With this in mind, NACO President Robert Post has asked that contact be made with you on his behalf to request your participation on the NACO Benefit Services Committee.

The NACO Benefit Services Committee is responsible for monitoring the status of the NACO Group Health Insurance plan. Currently, this program is being used by counties and a variety of other subgroups. All rate proposals, as well as any changes in the plan, are first reviewed by the committee. The committee must review any rate and other proposals in connection with this plan applicable for the 2016/2017 contract year and make recommendations to the full NACO Board of Directors so that the NACO Board is in a position to take final action.

The NACO Benefit Services Committee will also review the life insurance and long term disability plans and discuss possible new plans and options.

A meeting will be held on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the NACO conference room. I would appreciate you contacting me as soon as possible if you cannot serve on this Committee or if you have any existing scheduling conflicts with this date. We will consider you to be appointed unless we hear from you otherwise.

We will be sending out a reminder for the meeting closer in time to the actual meeting date. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

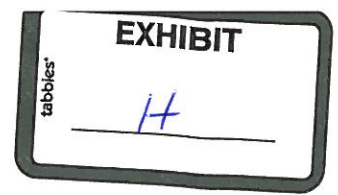
Sincerely,



Larry J. Dix
Executive Director

CC: Robert Post





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LANCASTER COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR

NATURE OF WORK

This is highly responsible professional and administrative work planning, coordinating, supervising and evaluating the overall operation of the Lancaster County community-based coed correctional youth services for Lancaster County. This includes a twenty bed Staff Secure facility, an eighty bed secure Juvenile Detention facility and an Assessment Center for juveniles at risk or in the juvenile justice system-a secure, community-based coed correctional facility for juveniles in Lancaster County. This is an unclassified position.

Work involves responsibility for supervising subordinate supervisory and program staff engaged in support, training and client service activities; planning, evaluating and implementing short and long range correctional services for juveniles; preparing and administering the departmental budget and monitoring budgetary expenditures and revenue; and coordinating correctional services for juveniles incorporating elements of the juvenile and adult justice system, human service agencies, and federal, state and local mandates and standards. Supervision is received from the County Board of Commissioners with work being reviewed in the form of reports, conferences and the overall effectiveness of services provided.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Plan, coordinate, supervise and evaluate the services of a juvenile correctional facility; ensure compliance with established federal, state, and local regulations/standards as applicable to juvenile care facility operations; establish and review policies/programs and make recommendations to the Agency Advisory Committee and County Board of Commissioners as appropriate.

Prepare and present departmental budget to the County Board of Commissioners; approve major purchases and determine per diem charges.

Plan, develop, coordinate and implement juvenile programs emphasizing a progressive approach to the care of youth in a correctional facility.

Oversee building construction, repair and maintenance activities with contracted and internal maintenance personnel; review and approve facility repair and renovation requests; authorize and supervise major equipment purchases and/or replacement.

Participate on governmental or community committees, task forces and groups involved in corrections/human service issues.

Maintain liaison with federal, state and local agencies and other county departments regarding juvenile corrections programs and operations.

Communicate and provide information concerning the facility's operations and services through correspondence, public appearances and media contacts.

Direct and supervise professional, administrative and clerical staff, student interns and volunteers; design organizational structures and processes in order to achieve facility goals and budgetary objectives.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Thorough knowledge of juvenile correctional/detention management practices including legal rights, care, custody, health, security, welfare and program services for youth.

Thorough knowledge of adult and juvenile justice systems including federal, state and local statutes and standards relating to juvenile correctional/detention facilities.

Considerable knowledge of human service agencies/programs and correctional or detention agencies/programs related to adolescents and their families.

Considerable knowledge of the sociological, behavioral and cultural factors influencing the behavior and attitudes of adolescents.

Knowledge of personnel administration.

Ability to work with state and local law enforcement officials and human service agencies as they relate to the operation of a correctional facility for juveniles.

Ability to plan, organize and supervise the work of subordinate staff, student interns and volunteers.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with governmental officials, law enforcement officials, subordinate staff, juveniles and their families, and the general public.

Ability to interpret federal, state and local laws and standards pertaining to juvenile correctional/detention facilities.

Ability to make professional and administrative decisions within the framework of county rules and policies.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in a social or behavioral science, public administration, criminal justice or related field supplemented by a Master's Degree in business or public administration or related field and progressively responsible experience administering a community based minimum and maximum security correctional facility for juveniles.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in a social or behavioral science, public administration, criminal justice or related field plus experience administering programs within a minimum or maximum security correctional facility; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

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