

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016
9:00 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
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on March 9, 2016.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2016 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the March 3, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Kissel and Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update, legislative bills of interest report and the 2016 legislative session calendar (Exhibits A-C), noting the following:

- The lobbyists have met with members of the delegation to discuss Legislative Bill (LB) 742 (Change county population thresholds) but no significant issues were identified. The bill is scheduled on today's agenda but it follows several bills that are anticipated to have lengthy debate.
- LB 774 (Provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit substance abuse treatment centers) has become the "vehicle" for sales tax issues this session and LB 542 (Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies) has been amended into the bill, via a Revenue Committee amendment (AM 2422).

It was noted the Board received an email from Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director, asking Board members to reach out to senators and urge support of the amendment.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to send a letter to the Lancaster County delegation indicating Lancaster County's support of Amendment (AM) 2422 to Legislative Bill (LB) 774. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

- Several juvenile justice bills were amended into in LB 894 (Change provisions relating to juveniles), including LB 845 (Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare). An amendment was adopted on Tuesday that stripped the LB 845 provisions from the bill.

Copies of a Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper article on LB 894 were disseminated (Exhibit D). Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, noted the article includes comments from Senator Paul Schumacher about unfunded mandates. Kohout said Senator Schumacher and Senator Dan Hughes are working with Senator Patty Pansing Brooks, introducer of the bill, to try to figure out if there is a way to provide some level of state funding.

- LB 919 (Change provisions relating to problem solving courts) has moved to Select File.
- The Revenue Committee internally adopted an amendment to LB 958 to adopt what is referred to as the "Groene Bill", which would provide for a five-year, rather than a three-year, period when calculating land values for taxation purposes with the goal of "smoothing" the rise and fall of valuations. In addition, some Revenue Committee members have discussed trying to import LB 883 (Provide for foundation aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act), which is sitting in the Education Committee, into a Revenue Committee amendment.
- LB 960 (Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund) was advanced by the Appropriations Committee. There were significant adjustments to the bill, including providing a \$50,000,000 transfer from the State's cash reserve instead of the \$150,000,000 in State gas tax funds originally called for in the bill and extending the "sunset" from 2023 to 2033. The "sunset" for the County Bridge Matching Program has also been extended from 2019 to 2023 and caps the amount going into that program at \$40,000,000 (see Committee amendment (AM 2418) in Exhibit E).
- The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) and Nebraska Cattlemen Association are working to draft an amendment to LB 977 (Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways).
- LB 1055 (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) was advanced by the Judiciary Committee but does not have a priority designation.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Including Director Salaries in Budget Process

Eagan noted the Board has never included director salaries in the budget process before. Wiltgen felt it would be awkward to discuss a director's salary when the Board was discussing their budget with them and thought it would be more appropriate to discuss directors' salaries at the end of the year and make any adjustments the Board feels are warranted at mid-year. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said he believes the Board could address the issue of directors' salaries at any point in time unless there is a decision to change the entire structure of how salaries and cost-of-living increases are handled.

4 SOUTH 98TH STREET UPDATE - Pam Dingman, County Engineer;
Roger Figard, City Engineer

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, discussed the South 98th Street corridor, from "A" Street to "O" Street, noting the City and County entered into an interlocal agreement in the early 2000's in which the City agreed to share in the cost of the right-of-way acquisition. She noted the County is required to grade the street to the full Rural to Urban Transportation System (RUTS) Program section and construct all the storm drainage to it, per the agreement. In addition, the County promised Thomas and Rhonda Peed, who own property at 9800 "A" Street, it would grade the road and pave it the next year. The County also adjusted the cross-section for the road at the Peed's request. Dingman noted the County has the grading of South 98th Street scheduled in Years Two through Five of the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program for a cost of \$200,000. She did not feel that would be sufficient, explaining the drainage structures alone will likely cost that much. Dingman said plans are only at 30% and said just enough work has been done to determine the limits of construction and right-of-way requirements. No environmental permitting or hydraulics design has been done and no decision has been made on where to haul the more than 100,000 cubic yards of surplus dirt. Dingman added that when that section of South 98th Street is paved, it will need to be connected, explaining the County already has three miles of sections that have been graded to a RUTS section and the top is now a 40' wide gravel road which the County has to maintain. She projected costs at \$2,500,000 for paving and almost \$1,000,000 for grading. Dingman noted the County promised construction would be completed by 2030 in the right-of-way acquisition agreements or the right-of-way reverts back to the adjacent owners. She projected it will take two years to get the project through design and environmental permitting. Another year will be needed for grading with paving the year after. Dingman said the work will all be at the County's expense, noting the County agreed to fund the RUTS Program when a proposed wheel tax that was intended to fund RUTS did not pass. She said that means she will have to ask for additional funds sometime during the next two years to be able to grade and pave the road.

Wiltgen said he and the Chair have had conversations with the Mayor and David Cary, Planning Director, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department, regarding this matter and how to coordinate water and sewer utilities in the area of "A" to "O" Street, South east of 84th Street. Dingman asked Roger Figard, City Engineer, about the City's plans for that corridor. Figard said it will depend on the planning process and stressed the need for coordination between the City and County so any work either does is not wasted. Cary appeared and said that is one of the main areas for future growth.

Schorr asked whether the project would fit with the economic development component in Legislative Bill (LB) 960. Dingman said she would need to review the language in the bill. She added she will continue to look at all revenue sources.

Avery and Schorr exited the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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B. Reference Schematic for County Commissioners

Amundson gave an overview of the document (see agenda packet).

Schorr returned to the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

In terms of the Strategic Plan, Eagan said Robert Blair, Associate Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), has indicated he has a rough draft of the action plan. **NOTE:** Dr. Blair and Jerry Deichert, Director for the Center for Public Affairs Research, UNO, have been assisting the Board with strategic planning efforts.

Avery returned to the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Eagan indicated he has been working on the handbook for elected officials and appointed directors but felt working on an annual report would be of higher priority. Amundson said she would like the annual report in draft form by the time the budget is released. Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, noted the Board will need to determine how it would like to distribute the report, i.e., paper or electronic form.

5 VALUE OF VACATED ROAD (PORTION OF OLD SOUTH 54TH STREET BETWEEN HICKMAN ROAD AND RELOCATED SOUTH 54TH STREET) - Pam Dingman, County Engineer; Ken Schroeder, County Surveyor

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, presented the appraisal done by James Shotkoski, Right-of-Way Manager, for the vacated 66' strip of County-owned right-of-way on (old) South 54th Street, generally located between Martell Road and Hickman Road (see Exhibit F). The appraised value of \$116,000 is based on the highest and best use of the property, which is light industrial. Ken Schroeder, County Surveyor, explained the property northeast of the road, which is zoned Agricultural (AG), was appraised at \$20,000 an acre in 2010 when the County purchased a portion for right-of-way. The County also purchased a portion of the property southwest of the road that was appraised at \$7,000 an acre. He said the property owners, Dennis L. and Malinda J. Buel Revocable Trust, have since submitted an application to the City of Hickman to re-zone the property as light industrial and have expressed interest in purchasing the vacated right-of-way. Hickman has indicated it is in favor of the change of zone, with certain conditions, one of which is that it be replatted into one lot. Dingman noted that the County had offered to trade the meander of South 54th Street to the owners during the right-of-way negotiations but the offer was rejected.

NOTE: The County Board will hold a public hearing at the March 15, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting to set the fair market value. A date will then be set for a Sheriff's sale. The bids will be brought back to the Board for a determination of whether to accept them or not.

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C. Update on General Assistance (GA) Move to Health Department

Item was held for more information.

D. Prudential GuideSpark Pilot Program

There was consensus to ask Crystal Vacura, Security Education Counselor, Prudential Retirement, to provide more information.

E. City Fire Chief Interviews (Commissioners Schorr and Wiltgen, April 15, 2016)

Schorr and Wiltgen indicated they have been asked by the Mayor and Public Safety Director to participate in the interview process for selecting a new Lincoln Fire Chief.

F. Active Shooter Training

There was consensus to schedule training for the Commissioners and staff when all can be present.

G. Management Team Meeting Agenda Items (March 17, 2016)

The following items were suggested: 1) Overview of the Human Resources Department; 2) Documenting accidents on county property; and 3) Roundtable discussion.

The Chair exited the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and the Vice Chair assumed direction of the meeting.

6 2015 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD CONTRACT - Bill Kostner, City Risk Manager

Bill Kostner, City Risk Manager, said AON Risk Solutions (Benefits Consultant) reviewed the 2015 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) Administrative Services Agreement (ASA) and had concerns regarding the South East Rural Physician Alliance accountable care organization (SERPA ACO) provision (Exhibit G). He explained that 79 employees are impacted by the provision.

The Chair returned to the meeting at 10:23 a.m. and resumed direction of the meeting.

Kostner said the negotiations with BCBSNE to remove that provision caused delays in bringing the contract forward.

7 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

8 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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Items A-G were moved forward on the agenda.

- H. Cornhusker Girls State (June 9, 2016, 3:00 p.m.)

Schorr and Wiltgen agreed to speak with participants.

- I. Abbott Motocross Annual Report

Eagan noted daily ridership at the motocross track has increased from 2,608 riders in 2014 to 4,400 in 2015. **NOTE:** The County and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) were co-applicants for the Recreational Trails Program Grant that funded construction of the track. He noted the facility has had difficulty securing a building permit for a portable because it will be located in the floodplain. The Chair indicated she and the Vice Chair will discuss the matter with the Mayor at their next meeting.

- J. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) Records Manager Administrator

Allison Lotto, Records Administrator, discussed her background, education, certifications and work experience (see Exhibit H for Lotto's resume). She also discussed her experience working with sensitive materials.

Lotto also gave an update on the HP Records Manager (HP RM) (an enterprise document and records management system) upgrade that recently took place. **NOTE:** HP RM was formerly known as TRIM. She also reported on the training sessions that are taking place as part of the transition and the development of an administrator handbook.

Lotto said video and audio storage space issues have been identified, particularly for the Sheriff's Office and Corrections Department, and said the HP RM server does not have space to store all of the video the Sheriff's Office is currently storing on the F Drive. She said she can assist departments with reducing their file sizes to get them in a better position in terms of storage. Another solution may be external hard drives. Wiltgen added the law enforcement video storage issue is one of the biggest barriers to use of body cameras.

Lotto said some departments have great systems to store documents but don't necessarily have a system to store the documents that are created in the process of work, such as correspondence, minutes, etc., which they are statutorily required to maintain. She said those types of documents are perfectly stored in HP RM. Lotto noted, because of the current information technology (IT) model, the County is paying the City for storage.

Schorr said when working through drafting the job description and the hiring process for Lotto's position, it was intended that it would be the electronic records manager. She noted Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, held that role as the County's TRIM Administrator for many years but the Board determined there was a need to have a full-time records administrator. She asked at what point will Lotto be made the official administrator and be given administrative rights.

Thorpe said some departments, such as the County Attorney and Youth Services Center (YSC), have expressed concern about allowing access to their records and said she is not comfortable giving Lotto administrative rights at this time. She said there is the ability, with the HP RM software, to have up to 17 separate databases and that could be a solution. If departments decide they don't want their records in HP RM, they need to be given time to remove any records that have been entered into the system.

Lotto said she has concerns about doing a siloed system. She said she is not sure there is someone in each of those departments that could serve in an administrative role or that the departments would be willing to outlay the funds for a separate database.

Schorr said one of the reasons for having a consistent electronic records management system is to make sure everyone is operating according to rules, regulations and state statutes. She said she has discussed the issue at great length with Joe Kelly, County Attorney, and said he does have concerns but is open to finding a solution.

Amundson said Lotto has a great deal of expertise, has worked with confidential materials and signed confidentiality agreements and is willing to submit to a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check. Eagan said the County cannot request a FBI background check but should certainly require a confidentiality agreement.

Lotto said an important principal of records management is that, fundamentally, electronic and physical records are the same and believes an "attitude adjustment" towards the fact that she and Brian Pillard, Records & Information Manager, are essentially the same may be what is needed. She said neither she or Pillard will be opening boxes or electronic folders to view the contents, adding their interest lies with structure and organization and making sure departments are getting what they need out of the system. Amundson said she believes there would be an audit trail if documents were opened. Wiltgen stressed the need for safeguards and penalties if confidential records are accessed.

Schorr said it should be the Board's call who has administrative rights. Eagan concurred but said elected officials cannot be forced to use the system. He suggested Lotto work with those officials to develop a level of trust.

Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk, questioned whether the same concerns would have been brought up if Lotto's position had been under Information Services (IS) or under Administrative Services. Lotto noted that Jim Anderson, Systems Coordinator, IS, has access to everything on the network and is a City employee. She also pointed out that she was told when she was hired that she would be fully in charge of the County's electronic records within 60 to 90 days and has been in her job for six weeks.

There was consensus to have Amundson, Eagan and Lotto meet with Joe Kelly, County Attorney, and Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, before the next Staff Meeting to discuss their specific concerns.

NOTE: Brian Pillard, Records & Information Manager, was also present for the discussion.

K. Zoning for County Property at 2201 South 17th Street (Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Building)

Eagan explained the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) property is zoned R-4 (single family residential/duplexes), with a special permit and said that zoning designation could affect the appraisal when the County sells the property. He recommended the County seek a change of zone to B-3 (Commercial).

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to direct Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, and Don Killeen, County Property Manager, to secure B-3 (Commercial) zoning for the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) property. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center Open House (April 8, 2016)

Informational only.

10 PENDING

There were no pending items.

11 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Human Services Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Amundson, Schorr

Schorr said the Human Services Activity Report and JBC Semi-Annual Reports were presented. Information was also presented regarding United Way's impact areas.

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

Amundson said they discussed several topics including the City bond issue, Severe Weather Awareness Day, security concerns, and the potential difficulty in selling Trabert Hall (2202 South 11th Street) because of the historic ramifications.

C. County Board Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with Mayor - Amundson, Wiltgen

Wiltgen said they discussed having Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, attend the City's Directors Meetings, the South 98th Street project, and possible consolidation of the City Attorney's and County Attorney's Juvenile Divisions.

D. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health - Avery

Avery said they discussed a proposed food code that relates to preventing contamination from hands, a proposed policy for after action review for hazardous materials (hazmat) incidents, legislation, and received an update on the Community Health Improvement Plan.

E. Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board - Avery

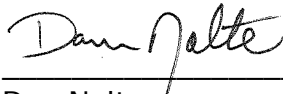
Avery said they discussed involuntary forced medication protocols.

12 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

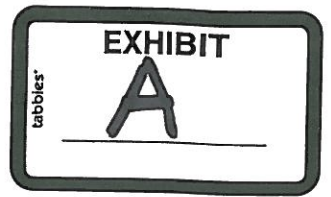
13 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Gordon E. Kissel
Joseph D. Kohout
Jonathan G. Bradford
Ryan MacDonald

DATE: March 10, 2016

RE: Weekly Update on the 2016 Legislature

This is your tenth weekly update of the Nebraska Legislature for 2016. Today is day 41. All committees have completed their hearings for this year. We commenced full-day debate on Monday and starting today, we will work through the noon-hour from this point through the end of the session (with 20 minute lunches and estimated 7pm adjournment).

The body took up ten Select File bills on Monday and advanced them all to Final Reading. The majority of the day was spent debating LB 344, a bill to provide those natural resource districts that currently do not have the authority with the power to issue general obligation bonds, introduced by Senator Rick Kolowski. After thorough debate, Senator Kolowski sought unanimous consent to bracket his bill until April 20, 2016. This ended the bill's chances for this session.

Senator and Committee Priority Bills were taken up on Tuesday. This included LB 1109, which changes public disclosure provisions for the University of Nebraska and LB 894 by Senator John Murante that changes provisions relating to appointment of counsel in juvenile cases introduced by Senator Patty Pansing Brooks. Senator Krist proposed amendment AM2456 that replaced the language "nonsecure detention services" to "alternatives to detention". The amendment passed with 25 ayes and no nays. The underlying bill LB894 advanced to select file initial with 31 ayes and no nays.

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

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

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
Advanced to Select File with AM374. Amendment 2199 was adopted.
Schumacher Filed AM2140 FAILED; Cloture vote failed
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).

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
Speaker Priority Bill
Advanced to General File

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 774 - Provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit substance abuse treatment centers.

Introduced by Senator Jim Scheer of Norfolk

Hearing Date: February 5, 2016

Committee: Revenue

Advanced to General File with AM2422; Revenue Committee Priority Bill

POSITION:

LB 774 adds that sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on substance abuse treatment centers licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. They may apply for an exemption on forms provided by the Tax Commissioner.

Hearing Notes: Proponent Testimony of Pat Connel, Boystown; John Synowiecki, Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health; No Neutral or Opponent testimony.

AM2422 includes the provisions of LB542 which was introduced at the request of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society that would exempt ag societies from paying sales tax on purchases.

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 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

Prioritized by the Judiciary Committee

Advanced to Enrollment and Review initial

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.

AM1962 is a white copy amendment to LB894 that combines the bill with provisions originally in LB675, LB709, LB845 and LB893. Senator Krist's AM2456 amended the provisions included as part of LB845.

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

Senator Williams Priority

Advanced to Enrollment and Review with ER175

LB 919A introduced by Senator Williams.

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

Commissioner Schorr testified in opposition.

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 Mike Gloor of Grand Island at the request of the Governor

Committee: Revenue
Hearing Date: February 4, 2016
POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE
Prioritized by Revenue Committee

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 959 - Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority.

Introduced by: Senator Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids at the request of the Governor.

Committee: Education

Prioritized by the Education Committee

Still in Committee

LB 959 states that 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 Employees Retirement Act. Employee benefit fund cash reserves shall not exceed such applicable allowable reserve percentage. For exclusions approved by the state board, the board shall establish a schedule for reducing budget authority over the five-year period for which cost savings have been demonstrated in an amount equal to ten percent of the approved exclusion of the five years.

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 - SUPPORT / NACO SUPPORT

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

Senator Avery testified in support. Pam Dingman testified neutral.

Advanced to General File with COMAM2418

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 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
Smith AM1895 Filed
Prioritized by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Placed on General File W/AM2318; Advanced to Select File

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 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
Letter of opposition submitted

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
Bill Withdrawn

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 Continued Feb. 24.
Committee: Revenue
Senator Gloor Priority
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: February, 25 2016
Committee: Revenue
POSITION: OPPOSE/ 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.
Prioritized by the Health and Human Services Committee
POSITION: SUPPORT – COMMISSIONER ADMUNSON TESTIMONY / NACO SUPPORT
Senator McCoy filed AM2163, 2164, 2166, 2168, and 2169.

The Committee is currently discussing a potential amendment to access funding from the Health Care Cash Fund along with what will likely be a three-year pilot program for federal waivers. The committee will most likely advance it to General File today.

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 Curt Friesen of Henderson
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016
Committee: Urban Affairs
POSITION: MONITOR
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

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.

LB1055 - Open grand jury proceedings to the public as prescribed and change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers while in custody

Introduced by Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing Date: February 24, 2016
NACO Position Monitor
Position: Support
Placed on General File W/AM2257

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.

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

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 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
Advanced to General File W/AM244, Chambers AM2449

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 687 - Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers

Introduced by Senator Bloomfield

Committee: Government

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Advanced to Select File

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 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

Presented to Governor on March 03, 2016

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 Enrollment and Review for Engrossment

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 707 – Increase the number of judges of the separate juvenile court.

Introduced by Senator Colby Coash
Hearing Date: March 2, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

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.
General File W/AM2134

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 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
Groene Priority Bill

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 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 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
Advanced to Select File, Baker AM2435 Filed

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.

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 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
Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment

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 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 768 – Provide for Choose Life License Plates

Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue

Hearing Date: February 9, 2016

Committee: Transportation

Speaker Priority Bill

Advanced to General File W/AM2058

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

LB 776 – Change revenue and taxation provisions

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Revenue

Presented to Governor on March 3, 2016

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 779: Change provisions relating to the partisan status of certain political subdivision offices
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Hearing: March 2, 2016

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.

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
Advanced to General File W/AM2357

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

Presented to Governor on March 3, 2016

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 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 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 806 - Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act
Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Committee: Revenue
Hearing: February 16, 2016
Advanced to General File W/AM2137

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 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 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 bill 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.

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
Smith Priority Bill

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
Davis Priority Bill
Placed on General File March 3, 2016

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
Advanced to General File.
Amended into Revenue Committee Bill LB774

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 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)

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

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete
Hearing Date: March 2, 2016
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
Advanced to General File W/AM2118
Murante Priority Bill

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
Prioritized by Judiciary Committee
Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial

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 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 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 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.

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 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 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 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
Andy will testify in opposition. Has several concerns.

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 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.

Presented to Governor March 3, 2016

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 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 934 – Change provisions relating to the Office of Public Guardian

Introduced by Senator Colby Coash of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 3, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Coash Priority Bill

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial

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 935 – Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts

Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala

Committee: Government

Hearing Date: February 5, 2015

Prioritized by Government Committee

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 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 29, 2016 (rehearing)
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Prioritized by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Placed on General File W/AM2356

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 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 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: February 24, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services
Placed on General File W/AM2358

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

Prioritized by the Executive Board

Approved by Governor on March 7, 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 968 – Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program

Introduced by Senator Johnson

Hearing: February 16, 2016

Committee: Agriculture

Prioritized by the Agriculture Committee

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 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 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 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.

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.

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

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: February 24, 2016
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 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
Speaker Priority Bill

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 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 1010 – Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions

Introduced by Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Placed on General File on March 3, 2016

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 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 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: February 25, 2016

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: February 19, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

Placed on General File W/AM2230

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 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.

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
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Placed on General File

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 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.

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
Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
Prioritized by Urban Affairs Committee

AM2067 incorporates the provisions of LB 1059 as well as the provisions of two other bills heard by the committee: LB 808 and LB 860.

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.

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

Seiler Priority Bill

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 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 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

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

Schumacher Priority Bill

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: February 24, 2016

Committee: Government

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.

LR 389CA – Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska.

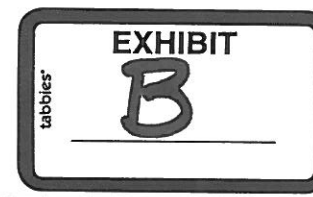
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

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

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

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

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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 46-03; 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		
LB131	Craighead		Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	Urban Affairs	1/27/2015	General File w/AM405	This bill provides financial guidance to Sanitary and Improvement Districts (SIDs) once the intent of their annexation by an adjacent qualifying city is made. This bill changes the restrictions on SIDs to enter into or extend contracts once they have been notified that a city is proposing the annex of the SID. After such, notification, the SID will need to seek the approval of the City before entering into any contracts.	X		

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LB132	Ebke	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015	General File w/AM582; AM582 Adopted; Select File w/ER75; AM1327 Filed; AM1327 Adopted; Final Reading 4/29	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		
LB142	Schilz		Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	Natural Resources	1/21/2015	General File w/AM45; AM45 Adopted; Select File w/ER20; Schilz AM255 Filed; AM255 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST8; Passed on Final Reading w/E-Clause 46-1-2; Approved	To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species	X		

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LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/2015	General File w/AM142; AM142 Adopted; Select File w/ER42; Final Reading 3/10; Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5; Approved	LB 146 establishes a voluntary process for funeral homes to work with veteran service organizations to locate, identify and inter unclaimed cremated remains of veterans and their dependents for the purposes of burial in a veteran cemetery	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		
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

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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		
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		

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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		
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		

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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 42-4-3; 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		

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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		
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	General File w/AM323; Crawford AM556 Filed;	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		
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		

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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		
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		

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LB341	Howard		Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	Banking Commerce & Insurance	3/9/2015		states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law	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		
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		

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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		
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		

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LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			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)(1)(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 Broo Speaker Hadley		Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	General File w/AM200; AM200 Adopted; Select File w/ER65; Final Reading 4/15; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-2-2; Approved		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		

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LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015			X		
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		

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LB472	Campbell	Health and Human	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
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		

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LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM691; AM691 Adopted; Select File w/ER64; Final Reading 4/14; Passed on Final Reading 44-2-3; 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		
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 File 3/26; 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		[DC Priority]

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LB502	Krist		State intent to establish a family court pilot project	Judiciary	2/26/2015		Legislature declares family courts programs to be working and that the Supreme Court shall establish a pilot project of family court in Douglas County	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		
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		

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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		
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		

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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		
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		

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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		
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		

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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		
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		

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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

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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		
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 fingerprint's 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

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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		
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		

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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		
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		
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1191; Select File 5/5;		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		
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		

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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		
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		
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.		Oppose	
LB671	Krist		Repeal the Build Nebraska Act and change the distribution of sales tax revenue Introduced by Krist	Revenue	2/5/2016	IPP	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.		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.		Oppose	
LB673	Krist		Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem Introduced by Krist	Judiciary	1/20/2016	General File W/AM244, AM 2449	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.		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 more appropriate facilities, or satisfy the demands of a victim, law enforcement, or the community.			

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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.		Oppose	
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.			

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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.			
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.			

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LB699	Mello		Change the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	Final Reading	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.			

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LB703	Urban Affairs Committee		Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	Passed	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.			

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LB704	Urban Affairs Committee	Urban Affairs 2016	Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	Select File, AM2274	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.		Monitor	
LB707	Coash		Increase the number of judges of the separate juvenile court	Judiciary	3/2/2016	General File	LB 707 – states that counties with a population of four hundred thousand or more will have six juvenile judges.		Support	

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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.			

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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		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			Weed Control 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		Oppose	
LB716	Kolowski	Speaker Hadley	Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/25/2016	General File W/AM213	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.			

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LB717	Groene	Groene 2016	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.			
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.		Support	

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LB722	Baker	Baker 2016	Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act	Health and Human Services	1/22/2016	Select File	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.		Support	

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LB723	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/2016		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.			

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LB724	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/2016		<p>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 od 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>		Support	

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LB725	Schumacher		Provide an exception to a filing requirement relating to conveyances of real estate	Revenue	1/21/2016	General File W/AM201	<p>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. 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..." 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 transferred. Form 521 identifies the owner and the purchaser, any documentary tax exemptions that might exempt the transaction from the nominal recording tax assessed when a deed is filed, a description of the property, and the price</p>			

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LB729	Johnson		Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act Introduced by Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/25/2016	Passed	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.			

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LB731	Johnson		Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/25/2016	General File	<p>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 that disciplinary proceedings are not pending, certify that he or she has not surrendered an appraiser credential, certify that his or her appraiser credential, has not been revoked, they not have been convicted of a felony, crime of fraud, crime</p>		Support	

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LB741	Hansen		Change electioneering provisions related to yard signs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2016		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.			
LB742	Hansen	Speaker Hadley	Change county population thresholds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2016	General File	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.			Support
LB746	Campbell	Campbell 2016	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	Select File, AM2381	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.		Oppose	

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LB750	Lindstrom		Change Uniform Credentialing Act provisions relating to confidentiality and prohibit retaliation as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2/24/2016	General File W/AM2378	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.		Oppose	

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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.		Monitor	Support through letter

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LB768	Garrett	Speaker Hadley	Provide for Choose Life License Plates	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/9/2016	General File W/AM2058, AM2350	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.		Support	
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.		Cond. Support	
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.			Oppose through letter

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LB779	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to the partisan status of certain political subdivision offices	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	3/2/2016		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.			
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.		Support	

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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.			

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LB785	Friesen		Change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/2016	General File	<p>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 cancel or refuse to issue or renew the operator's license or state identification card if the fee is not honored or accepted by any form of payment. The license will remain cancelled until the full amount can be paid. The applicant for identification will be notified by first-class mail if the action is insufficient at the time of</p>		Cond. Oppose	

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LB786	Larson		Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits	Health and Human Services	1/20/2016	Passed	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.		Support	
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.		Neutral	
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.		Oppose	
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.		Support	

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LB806	Mello		Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act	Urban Affairs	2/16/2016	General File W/AM2137	<p>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.</p>		Monitor	

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LB807	Williams		Allow counties of all sizes to waive quarterly reports by county attorneys	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/27/2016	Passed	LB 807 removes language that states counties with less than two hundred thousand population may waive the duty to make a annual inventory statement.		Monitor	
LB811	Brasch		Change provisions relating to counties' use of alphanumeric and county number system license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/19/2016	Passed	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.		Support	

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LB825	Davis		Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property	Revenue	2/18/2016		<p>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</p>		Monitor	

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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.		Support	
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.			

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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.			

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LB848	Pansing- Brooks		Change provisions relating to courts	Judiciary	3/2/2016		<p>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</p>			

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LB863	Schilz		Adopt the Wind Energy Expansion Act	Natural Resources	2/4/2016		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.			
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.			
LB876	Murante		Authorize electronic voting devices for public bodies in public meetings	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2016	Final Reading	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.		Monitor	

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LB877	Murante		Change a provision relating to review of proposed subdivision plats by certain county planning commissions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2016	General File W/AM2104	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.		Neutral	
LB884	Scheer	Smith 2016	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.			

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LB886	Davis	Davis 2016	Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits	Revenue	2/3/2016	General File	LB 886 will create the volunteer emergency responders incentive act. The act will create a \$250 refundable tax credit for volunteer emergency responders who meet the stated criteria.			
LB888	Mello		Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	Revenue	1/28/2016	General File	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			
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.			
LB894	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary 2016	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel in juvenile cases	Judiciary	1/20/2016	Enrollment and Review Initial	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.			

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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)		Monitor	
LB905	Ebke		Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys Establishment Act of 2016	Health and Human Services	3/2/2016		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.		Support	

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LB906	Lindstrom	Murante 2015	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.			
LB910	Bolz	Judiciary 2016	Change provisions relating to parole administration	Judiciary	2/4/2016	General File W/AM232	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.		Neutral	
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.		Support	

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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.			
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.			Req Add info
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.		Monitor	

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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.		Support	
LB919	Williams	Williams 2016	Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs	Judiciary	2/5/2016	Select File	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.			Req Add info

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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.			
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.			

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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.			
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.			
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.		Oppose	

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LB929	Brasch		Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/2016	Passed	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.			
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.		Support	
LB934	Coash	Coash 2016	Change provisions relating to the Office of the Public Guardian	Judiciary	2/3/2016	Select File	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.		Oppose	

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LB935	Schilz	Government 2016	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.			
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			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.			

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LB938	Smith	Transportation & Telecommunications 2016	Adopt the 911 Service System Act and transfer funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to the 911 Service System Fund	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/29/2016	General File W/AM235	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.		Oppose	
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.			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."			
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"			

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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.		Oppose	
LB952	Watermeier		Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services	Health and Human Services	2/24/2016	General File W/AM235	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.		Support	

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LB954	Krist	Executive Board 2	Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Executive Board	1/22/2016	Passed	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.			
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.			

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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.		Oppose	

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LB958	Gloor	Revenue 2016	Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations	Revenue	2/4/2016		<p>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.</p>			Dennis Meyer Testify

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LB959	Sullivan	Education 2016	Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority	Education	2/9/2016		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 Employees Retirement Act. Employee benefit fund cash reserves shall not exceed such applicable allowable reserve percentage. For exclusions approved by the state board, the board shall establish a schedule for			

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LB960	Smith	Brasch 2016	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.		Support	Support

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LB968	Johnson	Agriculture 2016	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.		Monitor	
LB976	Seiler		Change provisions relating to jury sequestration	Judiciary		Withdrawn	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.		Monitor	Support through letter
LB977	Smith	Transportation & Telecommunications 2016	Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/2016	Smith AM1895. AM2478	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.		Oppose	

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LB979	Kuehn		Provide for selection of interchangeable biological products by pharmacists	Health and Human Services	2/5/2016	General File W/AM2139	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.		Support	
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.			
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.			

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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.			

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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.			Letter in opposition
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 famers and ranchers.			

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LB998	Schumacher		Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relating to emergency protective custody	Health and Human Services	2/24/2016		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.			support

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LB1000	Mello	Speaker Hadley	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.		Oppose	
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.		Support	
LB1010	Williams		Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions	Judiciary	2/17/2016	General File	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.			

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LB1013	Gloor	Gloor 2016	Change tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds	Revenue	2/11/2016 & 2/24		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.			Halstead -\$600 - \$800 to Department

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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.		Monitor	
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	2/25/2016		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.		Monitor	Monitor

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB1031	Hansen		Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts	Revenue	2/25/2016		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.		Monitor	
LB1032	McCollister	HHS 2016	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.		Monitor	Rome testify in support
LB1034	Campbell		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission	Health and Human Services	2/19/2016	General File W/AM2230	Adds juvenile justice to the strategic plan of reform of the Nebraska Child Welfare Commission to review and evaluate the juvenile justice system			

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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.			
LB1037	Brasch	Kintner 2016	Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/17/2016	General File	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.		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.		Monitor	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.			

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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	General File W/AM2257	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.		Monitor	Support
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.		Monitor	

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LB1059	Crawford	Urban Affairs 201	Require certain disclosures under the Community Development Law and the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	Urban Affairs	2/2/2016	Select File W/ER170	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.			Support

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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 and then divided again by one hundred to arrive at the reduction to the maximum levy per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation.			

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LB1094	Judiciary Con	Seiler 2016	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.			
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.			
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			

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LB1103	Schumacher	Schumacher 2016	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.			
LB1107	Garrett		Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/24/2016		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.			

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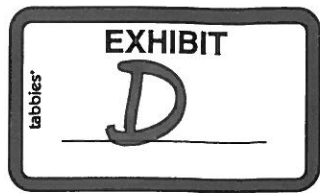
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Juvenile justice bill advances

Measure includes child's right to attorney.

By JoANNE YOUNG
Lincoln Journal Star

A package of juvenile justice bills, including one that would ensure attorneys are appointed for juveniles, advanced from the first round of debate in the Legislature Tuesday.

The bill (LB894), introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, included amendments that incorporated other juvenile justice bills including one (LB845) that would provide definitions and standards for the recording and reporting of juveniles being placed in solitary confinement, or "room confinement" at juvenile facilities and adult jails.

Another bill (LB893) amended into the measure would require that a juvenile would have to be at least 11 to be prosecuted for a criminal law violation or as ungovernable, in juvenile or adult court. The juvenile court in each county would have jurisdiction of children 10 and younger who violate the law.

Minors in Nebraska don't get attorneys to represent them about a third of the time. It's up to a

parent or guardian whether to retain a lawyer.

In some parts of the state, 60 percent to 75 percent of kids waive their right to an attorney. Sometimes those kids get the impression that if they do so, they will be treated more leniently, she said.

Local property taxpayers must pick up the tab for the attorneys.

Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus was concerned about the expense of mandating counties to appoint attorneys for all juveniles accused of crimes. It just piles on to property taxpayers who fund county government, he said.

"This is part of the quagmire that we find ourselves in when we start struggling with how to work magic with property taxes," Schumacher said.

"This is what the counties are screaming about."

Senators hear a lot of consternation coming from agricultural property



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taxpayers because the Legislature continues to pile on tax burdens without accepting the responsi-

bility of paying for them, Schumacher said.

And this is a major expense, he said.

"Meanwhile we are pretending that we can do tax cuts at the state level next year, in income taxes, or foist something onto the sales taxpayer," he said. "It's not fair in this environment to put the bill with the property taxpayer."

The extra cost to Lancaster County, for example, would be about \$65,000.

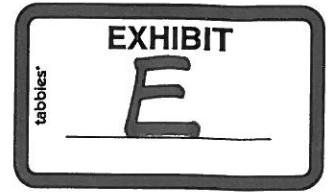
The judges in both Lincoln and Omaha said this would save both time and money, Pansing Brooks countered. It would ensure kids aren't pleading to something when they don't know the repercussions.

"I can't think of a bill that is more important," she said.

The bill advanced to a second round of consideration on a 31-0 vote.

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AMENDMENTS TO LB960



Introduced by Appropriations.

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

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 24 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Transportation Innovation Act.

5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Transportation Innovation Act:

6 (1) Alternative technical concept means changes suggested by a
7 qualified, eligible, short-listed design-builder to the department's
8 basic configurations, project scope, design, or construction criteria;

9 (2) Best value-based selection process means a process of selecting
10 a design-builder using price, schedule, and qualifications for evaluation
11 factors;

12 (3) Construction manager means the legal entity which proposes to
13 enter into a construction manager-general contractor contract pursuant to
14 the act;

15 (4) Construction manager-general contractor contract means a
16 contract which is subject to a qualification-based selection process
17 between the department and a construction manager to furnish
18 preconstruction services during the design development phase of the
19 project and, if an agreement can be reached which is satisfactory to the
20 department, construction services for the construction phase of the
21 project;

22 (5) Construction services means activities associated with building
23 the project;

24 (6) Department means the Department of Roads;

25 (7) Design-build contract means a contract between the department
26 and a design-builder which is subject to a best value-based selection
27 process to furnish (a) architectural, engineering, and related design

1 services and (b) labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and construction
2 services;

3 (8) Design-builder means the legal entity which proposes to enter
4 into a design-build contract;

5 (9) Multimodal transportation network means the interconnected
6 system of highways, roads, streets, rail lines, river ports, and transit
7 systems which facilitates the movement of people and freight to enhance
8 Nebraska's economy;

9 (10) Preconstruction services means all nonconstruction-related
10 services that a construction manager performs in relation to the design
11 of the project before execution of a contract for construction services.
12 Preconstruction services includes, but is not limited to, cost
13 estimating, value engineering studies, constructability reviews, delivery
14 schedule assessments, and life-cycle analysis;

15 (11) Project performance criteria means the performance requirements
16 of the project suitable to allow the design-builder to make a proposal.
17 Performance requirements shall include, but are not limited to, the
18 following, if required by the project: Capacity, durability, standards,
19 ingress and egress requirements, description of the site, surveys, soil
20 and environmental information concerning the site, material quality
21 standards, design and milestone dates, site development requirements,
22 compliance with applicable law, and other criteria for the intended use
23 of the project;

24 (12) Proposal means an offer in response to a request for proposals
25 (a) by a design-builder to enter into a design-build contract or (b) by a
26 construction manager to enter into a construction manager-general
27 contractor contract;

28 (13) Qualification-based selection process means a process of
29 selecting a construction manager based on qualifications;

30 (14) Request for proposals means the documentation by which the
31 department solicits proposals; and

1 (15) Request for qualifications means the documentation or
2 publication by which the department solicits qualifications.

3 Sec. 3. (1) The Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund is created.
4 The fund shall be administered by the department and shall be used for
5 purposes of sections 3 to 7 of this act. Any money in the fund available
6 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
7 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
8 Investment Act. Investment earnings from investment of money in the fund
9 shall be credited to the fund.

10 (2) The Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund shall consist of
11 money transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund pursuant to subsection (15)
12 of section 84-612 and any other money as determined by the Legislature.

13 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that additional fuel tax
14 revenue generated by Legislative Bill 610, One Hundred Fourth
15 Legislature, First Session, 2015, shall be transferred from the Roads
16 Operations Cash Fund to the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund.
17 Transfers shall be initiated each fiscal year by the State Treasurer
18 following certification of revenue receipts by the Director-State
19 Engineer from July 1, 2016, through June 2033. Transferred funds shall be
20 used for purposes of sections 3 to 7 of this act.

21 Sec. 4. The Accelerated State Highway Capital Improvement Program
22 is created. The department shall administer the program using funds from
23 the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund. The purpose of the program
24 is to accelerate capital improvement projects to provide the earliest
25 possible mobility, freight, and safety benefits to the state, thereby
26 accelerating enhancements to the state's economy and the quality of life
27 of the general public. The department shall develop the program. The
28 projects eligible for funding under the program include construction of
29 the expressway system and federally designated high priority corridors
30 and needs-driven capacity improvements across the state.

31 Sec. 5. (1) The County Bridge Match Program is created. The

1 department shall administer the program using funds from the
2 Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund, except that no more than forty
3 million dollars shall be expended for this program. The purpose of the
4 program is to promote innovative solutions and provide additional funding
5 to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient bridges on the
6 county road system. The department shall develop the program, including
7 participation criteria and matching fund requirements for counties, in
8 consultation with a statewide association representing county officials.
9 Participation by counties in the program shall be voluntary. The details
10 of the program shall be presented to the Appropriations Committee and the
11 Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature on or
12 before December 1, 2016.

13 (2) The County Bridge Match Program terminates on June 30, 2023.

14 Sec. 6. The Economic Opportunity Program is created. The Department
15 of Roads shall administer the program in consultation with the Department
16 of Economic Development using funds from the Transportation
17 Infrastructure Bank Fund, except that no more than twenty million dollars
18 shall be expended for this program. The purpose of the program is to
19 finance transportation improvements to attract and support new businesses
20 and business expansions by successfully connecting such businesses to
21 Nebraska's multimodal transportation network and to increase employment,
22 create high-quality jobs, increase business investment, and revitalize
23 rural and other distressed areas of the state. The Department of Roads
24 shall develop the program, including the application process, criteria
25 for providing funding, matching requirements, and provisions for
26 recapturing funds awarded for projects with unmet obligations, in
27 consultation with statewide associations representing municipal and
28 county officials, economic developers, and the Department of Economic
29 Development. No project shall be approved through the Economic
30 Opportunity Program without an economic impact analysis proving positive
31 economic impact. The details of the program shall be presented to the

1 Appropriations Committee and the Transportation and Telecommunications
2 Committee of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2016.

3 Sec. 7. Sections 3 to 7 of this act terminate on June 30, 2033. The
4 State Treasurer shall transfer any unobligated funds remaining in the
5 Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund on such date to the Cash Reserve
6 Fund.

7 Sec. 8. The purpose of sections 8 to 23 of this act is to provide
8 the Department of Roads alternative methods of contracting for public
9 projects. The alternative methods of contracting shall be available to
10 the department for use on any project regardless of the funding source.
11 Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, the
12 Transportation Innovation Act shall govern the design-build and
13 construction manager-general contractor procurement process.

14 Sec. 9. The department, in accordance with sections 8 to 23 of this
15 act, may solicit and execute a design-build contract or a construction
16 manager-general contractor contract for a public project, other than a
17 project that is primarily resurfacing, rehabilitation, or restoration.

18 Sec. 10. The department may hire an engineering or architectural
19 consultant to assist the department with the development of project
20 performance criteria and requests for proposals, with evaluation of
21 proposals, with evaluation of the construction to determine adherence to
22 the project performance criteria, and with any additional services
23 requested by the department to represent its interests in relation to a
24 project. The procedures used to hire such person or organization shall
25 comply with the Nebraska Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act. The
26 person or organization hired shall be ineligible to be included as a
27 provider of other services in a proposal for the project for which he or
28 she has been hired, and shall not be employed by or have a financial or
29 other interest in a design-builder or construction manager who will
30 submit a proposal.

31 Sec. 11. The department shall adopt guidelines for entering into a

1 design-build contract or construction manager-general contractor
2 contract. The guidelines shall include the following:

3 (1) Preparation and content of requests for qualifications;

4 (2) Preparation and content of requests for proposals;

5 (3) Qualification and short-listing of design-builders and
6 construction managers. The guidelines shall provide that the department
7 will evaluate prospective design-builders and construction managers based
8 on the information submitted to the department in response to a request
9 for qualifications and will select a short list of design-builders or
10 construction managers who shall be considered qualified and eligible to
11 respond to the request for proposals;

12 (4) Preparation and submittal of proposals;

13 (5) Procedures and standards for evaluating proposals;

14 (6) Procedures for negotiations between the department and the
15 design-builders or construction managers submitting proposals prior to
16 the acceptance of a proposal if any such negotiations are contemplated;
17 and

18 (7) Procedures for the evaluation of construction under a design-
19 build contract to determine adherence to the project performance
20 criteria.

21 Sec. 12. The process for selecting a design-builder and entering
22 into a design-build contract shall be in accordance with sections 13 to
23 16 of this act.

24 Sec. 13. (1) The department shall prepare a request for
25 qualifications for design-build proposals and shall prequalify design-
26 builders. The request for qualifications shall describe the project in
27 sufficient detail to permit a design-builder to respond. The request for
28 qualifications shall identify the maximum number of design-builders the
29 department will place on a short list as qualified and eligible to
30 receive a request for proposals.

31 (2) A person or organization hired by the department under section

1 10 of this act shall be ineligible to compete for a design-build contract
2 on the same project for which the person or organization was hired.

3 (3) The request for qualifications shall be (a) published in a
4 newspaper of statewide circulation at least thirty days prior to the
5 deadline for receiving the request for qualifications and (b) sent by
6 first-class mail to any design-builder upon request.

7 (4) The department shall create a short list of qualified and
8 eligible design-builders in accordance with the guidelines adopted
9 pursuant to section 11 of this act. The department shall select at least
10 two prospective design-builders, except that if only one design-builder
11 has responded to the request for qualifications, the department may, in
12 its discretion, proceed or cancel the procurement. The request for
13 proposals shall be sent only to the design-builders placed on the short
14 list.

15 Sec. 14. The department shall prepare a request for proposals for
16 each design-build contract. The request for proposals shall contain, at a
17 minimum, the following elements:

18 (1) The guidelines adopted by the department in accordance with
19 section 11 of this act. The identification of a publicly accessible
20 location of the guidelines, either physical or electronic, shall be
21 considered compliance with this subdivision;

22 (2) The proposed terms and conditions of the design-build contract,
23 including any terms and conditions which are subject to further
24 negotiation;

25 (3) A project statement which contains information about the scope
26 and nature of the project;

27 (4) A statement regarding alternate technical concepts including the
28 process and time period in which such concepts may be submitted,
29 confidentiality of the concepts, and ownership of the rights to the
30 intellectual property contained in such concepts;

31 (5) Project performance criteria;

1 (6) Budget parameters for the project;

2 (7) Any bonding and insurance required by law or as may be
3 additionally required by the department;

4 (8) The criteria for evaluation of proposals and the relative weight
5 of each criterion. The criteria shall include, but are not limited to,
6 the cost of the work, construction experience, design experience, and the
7 financial, personnel, and equipment resources available for the project.
8 The relative weight to apply to any criterion shall be at the discretion
9 of the department based on each project, except that in all cases, the
10 cost of the work shall be given a relative weight of at least fifty
11 percent;

12 (9) A requirement that the design-builder provide a written
13 statement of the design-builder's proposed approach to the design and
14 construction of the project, which may include graphic materials
15 illustrating the proposed approach to design and construction and shall
16 include price proposals;

17 (10) A requirement that the design-builder agree to the following
18 conditions:

19 (a) At the time of the design-build proposal, the design-builder
20 must furnish to the department a written statement identifying the
21 architect or engineer who will perform the architectural or engineering
22 work for the project. The architect or engineer engaged by the design-
23 builder to perform the architectural or engineering work with respect to
24 the project must have direct supervision of such work and may not be
25 removed by the design-builder prior to the completion of the project
26 without the written consent of the department;

27 (b) At the time of the design-build proposal, the design-builder
28 must furnish to the department a written statement identifying the
29 general contractor who will provide the labor, material, supplies,
30 equipment, and construction services. The general contractor identified
31 by the design-builder may not be removed by the design-builder prior to

1 completion of the project without the written consent of the department;

2 (c) A design-builder offering design-build services with its own
3 employees who are design professionals licensed to practice in Nebraska
4 must (i) comply with the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act by
5 procuring a certificate of authorization to practice architecture or
6 engineering and (ii) submit proof of sufficient professional liability
7 insurance in the amount required by the department; and

8 (d) The rendering of architectural or engineering services by a
9 licensed architect or engineer employed by the design-builder must
10 conform to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act; and

11 (11) Other information or requirements which the department, in its
12 discretion, chooses to include in the request for proposals.

13 Sec. 15. The department shall pay a stipend to qualified design-
14 builders that submit responsive proposals but are not selected. Payment
15 of the stipend shall give the department ownership of the intellectual
16 property contained in the proposals and alternate technical concepts. The
17 amount of the stipend shall be at the discretion of the department.

18 Sec. 16. (1) Design-builders shall submit proposals as required by
19 the request for proposals. The department may meet with individual
20 design-builders prior to the time of submitting the proposal and may have
21 discussions concerning alternative technical concepts. If an alternative
22 technical concept provides a solution that is equal to or better than the
23 requirements in the request for proposals and the alternative technical
24 concept is acceptable to the department, it may be incorporated as part
25 of the proposal by the design-builder. Notwithstanding any other
26 provision of state law to the contrary, alternative technical concepts
27 shall be confidential and not disclosed to other design-builders or
28 members of the public from the time the proposals are submitted until
29 such proposals are opened by the department.

30 (2) Proposals shall be sealed and shall not be opened until
31 expiration of the time established for making the proposals as set forth

1 in the request for proposals.

2 (3) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time prior to the opening of
3 such proposals in which case no stipend shall be paid. The department
4 shall have the right to reject any and all proposals at no cost to the
5 department other than any stipend for design-builders who have submitted
6 responsive proposals. The department may thereafter solicit new proposals
7 using the same or different project performance criteria or may cancel
8 the design-build solicitation.

9 (4) The department shall rank the design-builders in order of best
10 value pursuant to the criteria in the request for proposals. The
11 department may meet with design-builders prior to ranking.

12 (5) The department may attempt to negotiate a design-build contract
13 with the highest ranked design-builder selected by the department and may
14 enter into a design-build contract after negotiations. If the department
15 is unable to negotiate a satisfactory design-build contract with the
16 highest ranked design-builder, the department may terminate negotiations
17 with that design-builder. The department may then undertake negotiations
18 with the second highest ranked design-builder and may enter into a
19 design-build contract after negotiations. If the department is unable to
20 negotiate a satisfactory contract with the second highest ranked design-
21 builder, the department may undertake negotiations with the third highest
22 ranked design-builder, if any, and may enter into a design-build contract
23 after negotiations.

24 (6) If the department is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract
25 with any of the ranked design-builders, the department may either revise
26 the request for proposals and solicit new proposals or cancel the design-
27 build process under sections 8 to 23 of this act.

28 Sec. 17. (1) The process for selecting a construction manager and
29 entering into a construction manager-general contractor contract shall be
30 in accordance with this section and sections 18 to 20 of this act.

31 (2) The department shall prepare a request for qualifications for

1 construction manager-general contractor contract proposals and shall
2 prequalify construction managers. The request for qualifications shall
3 describe the project in sufficient detail to permit a construction
4 manager to respond. The request for qualifications shall identify the
5 maximum number of eligible construction managers the department will
6 place on a short list as qualified and eligible to receive a request for
7 proposals.

8 (3) The request for qualifications shall be (a) published in a
9 newspaper of statewide circulation at least thirty days prior to the
10 deadline for receiving the request for qualifications and (b) sent by
11 first-class mail to any construction manager upon request.

12 (4) The department shall create a short list of qualified and
13 eligible construction managers in accordance with the guidelines adopted
14 pursuant to section 11 of this act. The department shall select at least
15 two construction managers, except that if only one construction manager
16 has responded to the request for qualifications, the department may, in
17 its discretion, proceed or cancel the procurement. The request for
18 proposals shall be sent only to the construction managers placed on the
19 short list.

20 Sec. 18. The department shall prepare a request for proposals for
21 each construction manager-general contractor contract. The request for
22 proposals shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements:

23 (1) The guidelines adopted by the department in accordance with
24 section 11 of this act. The identification of a publicly accessible
25 location of the guidelines, either physical or electronic, shall be
26 considered compliance with this subdivision;

27 (2) The proposed terms and conditions of the contract, including any
28 terms and conditions which are subject to further negotiation;

29 (3) Any bonding and insurance required by law or as may be
30 additionally required by the department;

31 (4) General information about the project which will assist the

1 department in its selection of the construction manager, including a
2 project statement which contains information about the scope and nature
3 of the project, the project site, the schedule, and the estimated budget;

4 (5) The criteria for evaluation of proposals and the relative weight
5 of each criterion;

6 (6) A statement that the construction manager shall not be allowed
7 to sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of any portion of the contract
8 without consent of the department. In no case shall the department allow
9 the construction manager to sublet more than seventy percent of the work,
10 excluding specialty items; and

11 (7) Other information or requirements which the department, in its
12 discretion, chooses to include in the request for proposals.

13 Sec. 19. (1) Construction managers shall submit proposals as
14 required by the request for proposals;

15 (2) Proposals shall be sealed and shall not be opened until
16 expiration of the time established for making the proposals as set forth
17 in the request for proposals;

18 (3) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time prior to signing a
19 contract for preconstruction services. The department shall have the
20 right to reject any and all proposals at no cost to the department. The
21 department may thereafter solicit new proposals or may cancel the
22 construction manager-general contractor procurement process;

23 (4) The department shall rank the construction managers in
24 accordance with the qualification-based selection process and pursuant to
25 the criteria in the request for proposals. The department may meet with
26 construction managers prior to the ranking;

27 (5) The department may attempt to negotiate a contract for
28 preconstruction services with the highest ranked construction manager and
29 may enter into a contract for preconstruction services after
30 negotiations. If the department is unable to negotiate a satisfactory
31 contract for preconstruction services with the highest ranked

1 construction manager, the department may terminate negotiations with that
2 construction manager. The department may then undertake negotiations with
3 the second highest ranked construction manager and may enter into a
4 contract for preconstruction services after negotiations. If the
5 department is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the second
6 highest ranked construction manager, the department may undertake
7 negotiations with the third highest ranked construction manager, if any,
8 and may enter into a contract for preconstruction services after
9 negotiations.

10 (6) If the department is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract
11 for preconstruction services with any of the ranked construction
12 managers, the department may either revise the request for proposals and
13 solicit new proposals or cancel the construction manager-general
14 contractor contract process under sections 8 to 23 of this act.

15 Sec. 20. (1) Before the construction manager begins any
16 construction services, the department shall:

17 (a) Conduct an independent cost estimate for the project; and

18 (b) Conduct contract negotiations with the construction manager to
19 develop a construction manager-general contractor contract for
20 construction services.

21 (2) If the construction manager and the department are unable to
22 negotiate a contract, the department may use other contract procurement
23 processes. Persons or organizations who submitted proposals but were
24 unable to negotiate a contract with the department shall be eligible to
25 compete in the other contract procurement processes.

26 Sec. 21. A design-build contract and a construction manager-general
27 contractor contract may be conditioned upon later refinements in scope
28 and price and may permit the department in agreement with the design-
29 builder or construction manager to make changes in the project without
30 invalidating the contract.

31 Sec. 22. The department may enter into agreements under sections 8

1 to 23 of this act to let, design, and construct projects for political
2 subdivisions when any of the funding for such projects is provided by or
3 through the department. In such instances, the department may enter into
4 contracts with the design-builder or construction manager. The provisions
5 of the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act shall not
6 apply to projects let, designed, and constructed under the supervision of
7 the department pursuant to agreements with political subdivisions under
8 sections 8 to 23 of this act.

9 Sec. 23. Nothing in sections 8 to 23 of this act shall limit or
10 reduce statutory or regulatory requirements regarding insurance.

11 Sec. 24. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
12 regulations to carry out the Transportation Innovation Act.

13 Sec. 25. Section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is
14 amended to read:

15 39-1348 Except as otherwise provided in sections 8 to 23 of this
16 act, when ~~Before~~ letting contracts for the construction, reconstruction,
17 improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and their
18 appurtenances, the department shall solicit bids as follows:

19 (1) For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the
20 department, of greater than one hundred thousand dollars, the department
21 shall advertise for sealed bids for not less than twenty days by
22 publication of a notice thereof once a week for three consecutive weeks
23 in the official county newspaper designated by the county board in the
24 county where the work is to be done and in such additional newspaper or
25 newspapers as may appear necessary to the department in order to give
26 notice of the receiving of bids. Such advertisement shall state the place
27 where the plans and specifications for the work may be inspected and
28 shall designate the time when the bids shall be filed and opened. If
29 through no fault of the department publication of such notice fails to
30 appear in any newspaper or newspapers in the manner provided in this
31 subdivision, the department shall be deemed to have fulfilled the

1 requirements of this subdivision; and

2 (2) For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the
3 department, of one hundred thousand dollars or less, the department, in
4 its sole discretion, shall either:

5 (a) Follow the procedures given in subdivision (1) of this section;
6 or

7 (b) Request bids from at least three potential bidders for such
8 work. If the department requests bids under this subdivision, it shall
9 designate a time when the bids shall be opened. The department may award
10 a contract pursuant to this subdivision if it receives at least one
11 responsive bid.

12 Sec. 26. Section 39-1365, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 39-1365 The Legislature finds and declares that the highways of the
15 state are of the utmost importance to future development within the state
16 and that the following actions are necessary for such development: (1)
17 The accelerated completion of all improvement and expansion projects on
18 the Nebraska segments of the National System of Interstate and Defense
19 Highways; (2) the accelerated completion of improvement projects on state
20 highways with geometric and capacity deficiencies; (3) the resurfacing of
21 highways to protect pavement integrity; (4) the accelerated completion of
22 the expressway system, as such system is designated on January 1, 2016,
23 prior to June 30, 2033 ~~development of a system of expressways, which~~
24 ~~shall include, but not be limited to, a north-south expressway;~~ and (5)
25 the general upgrading of the state highway system concerning driving
26 surfaces and surfaced shoulders.

27 Sec. 27. Section 39-1365.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
28 2014, is amended to read:

29 39-1365.02 (1) The Department of Roads shall apply for and make
30 maximum use of available federal funding, including discretionary
31 funding, on all highway construction projects which are eligible for such

1 assistance.

2 (2) The Department of Roads shall transmit electronically to the
3 Legislature, by December 1 of each year, a report on the needs of the
4 state highway system, ~~and~~ the department's planning procedures, and the
5 progress being made on the expressway system. Such report shall include:

6 (a) The criteria by which highway needs are determined;

7 (b) The standards established for each classification of highways;

8 (c) An assessment of current and projected needs of the state
9 highway system, such needs to be defined by category of improvement
10 required to bring each segment up to standards. Projected fund
11 availability shall not be a consideration by which needs are determined;

12 (d) Criteria and data, including factors enumerated in section
13 39-1365.01, upon which decisions may be made on possible special priority
14 highways for commercial growth; ~~and~~

15 (e) A review of the department's procedure for selection of projects
16 for the annual construction program, the five-year planning program, and
17 extended planning programs; ~~-~~

18 (f) A review of the progress being made toward completion of the
19 expressway system, as such system is designated on January 1, 2016, and
20 whether such work is on pace for completion prior to June 30, 2033;

21 (g) A review of the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund and the
22 fund's component programs under sections 3 to 7 of this act. This review
23 shall include a listing of projects funded and planned to be funded under
24 each of the three component programs; and

25 (h) A review of the outcomes of the Economic Opportunity Program,
26 including the growth in permanent jobs and related income and the net
27 increase in overall business activity.

28 Sec. 28. Section 73-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 73-101 Whenever the State of Nebraska, or any department or any
31 agency thereof, any county board, county clerk, county highway

1 superintendent, the mayor and city council or commissioner of any
2 municipality, any entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation
3 Act or the Joint Public Agency Act, or the officers of any school
4 district, township, or other governmental subdivision, shall advertise
5 for bids in pursuance of any statutes of the State of Nebraska, on any
6 road contract work or any public improvements work, or for supplies,
7 construction, repairs, and improvements, and in all other cases where
8 bids for supplies or work, of any character whatsoever, are received for
9 the various departments and agencies of the state, and other subdivisions
10 and agencies enumerated in this section, they shall fix not only the day
11 upon which such bids shall be returned, received, or opened, as provided
12 by other statutes, but shall also fix the hour at which such bids shall
13 close, or be received or opened, and they shall also provide that such
14 bids shall be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of
15 the bidders, or representatives of the bidders, when the hour is reached
16 for the bids to close. If bids are being opened on more than one
17 contract, the officials having in charge the opening of such bids may, if
18 they deem it advisable, award each contract as the bids are opened.
19 Sections 73-101 to 73-106 shall not apply to sections 8 to 23 of this
20 act.

21 Sec. 29. Section 73-307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
22 2014, is amended to read:

23 73-307 Sections 73-301 to 73-306 shall not apply to the Nebraska
24 Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, sections 8 to 23 of this act,
25 or section 57-1503.

26 Sections 73-301 to 73-306 shall not be construed to apply to
27 renewals of contracts already approved pursuant to or not subject to such
28 sections, to amendments to such contracts, or to renewals of such
29 amendments unless the amendments would directly cause or result in the
30 replacement by the private entity of additional permanent state employees
31 or positions greater than the replacement caused by the original

1 contract.

2 Sec. 30. Section 81-1701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is
3 amended to read:

4 81-1701 The purpose of the Nebraska Consultants' Competitive
5 Negotiation Act is to provide managerial control over competitive
6 negotiations by the state for acquisition of professional architectural,
7 engineering, landscape architecture, or land surveying services. The act
8 does not apply to (1) contracts under section 57-1503, (2) ~~or~~ contracts
9 under subsection (4) of section 39-1349, or (3) contracts under sections
10 8 to 23 of this act, except as provided in section 10 of this act.

11 Sec. 31. Section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is
12 amended to read:

13 84-612 (1) There is hereby created within the state treasury a fund
14 known as the Cash Reserve Fund which shall be under the direction of the
15 State Treasurer. The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

16 (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer funds from the Cash Reserve
17 Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of
18 Administrative Services that the current cash balance in the General Fund
19 is inadequate to meet current obligations. Such certification shall
20 include the dollar amount to be transferred. Any transfers made pursuant
21 to this subsection shall be reversed upon notification by the Director of
22 Administrative Services that sufficient funds are available.

23 (3) In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash
24 Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of
25 Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue
26 sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.

27 (4) On July 7, 2009, the State Treasurer shall transfer five million
28 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Roads Operations Cash Fund. The
29 Department of Roads shall use such funds to provide the required state
30 match for federal funding made available to the state through
31 congressional earmarks.

1 (5) The State Treasurer shall transfer a total of sixty-eight
2 million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or
3 before June 30, 2013, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
4 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
5 Administrative Services.

6 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the
7 Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2013, on such
8 date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
9 the Department of Administrative Services.

10 (7) The State Treasurer, at the direction of the budget
11 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
12 Services, shall transfer not to exceed forty-three million fifteen
13 thousand four hundred fifty-nine dollars in total from the Cash Reserve
14 Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund between July 1, 2013, and
15 June 30, 2017.

16 (8) The State Treasurer shall transfer fourteen million five hundred
17 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital
18 Construction Fund on or before June 30, 2015, on such date as directed by
19 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
20 Administrative Services.

21 (9) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million five hundred
22 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or
23 before December 31, 2014, on such date as directed by the budget
24 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
25 Services.

26 (10) The State Treasurer shall transfer up to five million five
27 hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Republican
28 River Compact Litigation Contingency Cash Fund on or before June 30,
29 2015, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
30 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
31 Services.

1 (11) The State Treasurer shall transfer up to seventeen million two
2 hundred one thousand one hundred twelve dollars from the Cash Reserve
3 Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2015, on such date and in
4 such amount as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
5 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

6 (12) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-five million dollars
7 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on
8 or after July 1, 2015, but before July 15, 2015, on such date as directed
9 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
10 Administrative Services for the Global Center for Advanced
11 Interprofessional Learning.

12 (13) The State Treasurer shall transfer eight million dollars from
13 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Oral Health Training and Services Fund, on
14 or after July 1, 2015, but before July 15, 2015, on such date as directed
15 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
16 Administrative Services.

17 (14) The State Treasurer shall transfer the following amounts from
18 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on such
19 dates as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
20 the Department of Administrative Services:

21 (a) Seven million eight hundred four thousand two hundred ninety-two
22 dollars on or after June 15, 2016, but before June 30, 2016;

23 (b) Seven million one hundred sixty thousand four hundred twelve
24 dollars on or after June 15, 2019, but before June 30, 2019;

25 (c) Nine million four hundred ninety-two thousand five hundred
26 sixty-eight dollars on or after June 15, 2021, but before June 30, 2021;
27 and

28 (d) Three million seven hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred
29 thirty-four dollars after June 15, 2023, but before June 30, 2023.

30 (15) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from
31 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund, on

1 or after July 1, 2016, but before July 15, 2016, on such date as directed
2 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
3 Administrative Services for expenditures authorized by sections 3 to 7 of
4 this act.

5 Sec. 32. Original sections 39-1365 and 73-101, Reissue Revised
6 Statutes of Nebraska, sections 39-1365.02 and 73-307, Revised Statutes
7 Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 39-1348, 81-1701, and 84-612,
8 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, are repealed.

9 Sec. 33. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
10 passed and approved according to law.

EXHIBIT
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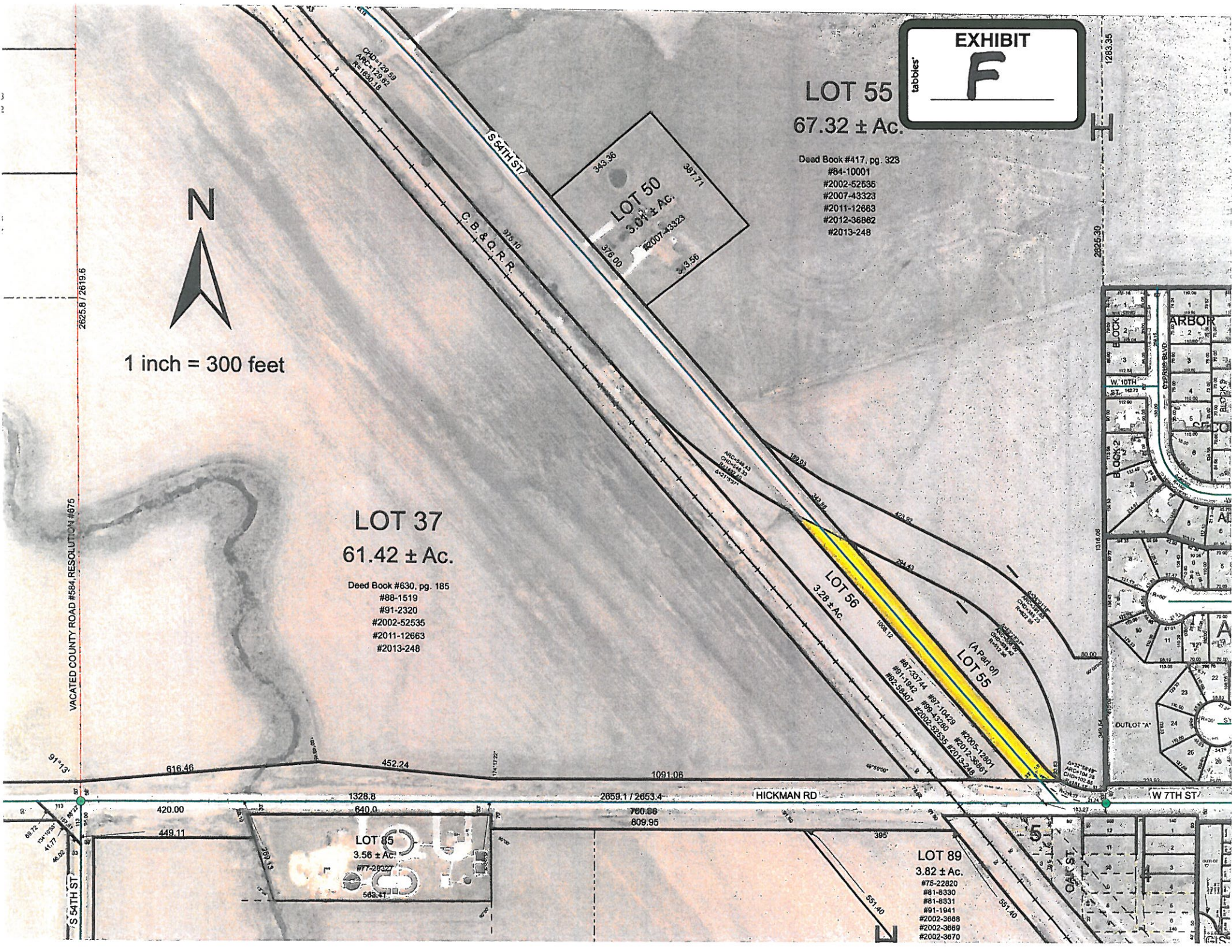
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Bill Kostner

From: Tracy Krause <tracy.krause@aon.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 6:20 PM
To: Bill Kostner
Cc: Julie Hughes
Subject: Lancaster County 2015 Administrative Services Agreement

Bill,

As part of our service to Lancaster County we review every document that requires signatures. Once we received the 2015 Lancaster County ASA agreement we reviewed it and had concerns/issues with the language included in the agreement. It took quite some time working with BCBSNE legal and our Account Service Rep, Lisa Shoup, but she was finally successful in getting BCBSNE to remove the language around value based incentive contracts that Aon had issue with.

The language was removed and Aon reviewed and approved. 2 copies originally signed by BCBSNE were delivered last week. I would also like to apologize for part of the delay. I know that in between some of the response times from Lisa with BCBSNE that differed from Aon's opinion that there was some time delay on my part as well.

We have formally asked BCBSNE for the 2016 ASA and will be diligently working on that document until it is also agreed upon and available for your approval and the Lancaster County Board Signature. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need anything else. Thanks

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Bill Kostner

From: Tracy Krause <tracy.krause@aon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 4:24 PM
To: Bill Kostner
Cc: Julie Hughes
Subject: Lancaster County Serpa Information

Bill,

Please see the information below that relates to Lancaster County.
Hi Tracy,

SERPA is taken out on a semi-annual basis. Lancaster County was billed and credited \$8,698.74 for SERPA for January 2016 (you can see the credit on their accounting report). They had 79 members attributed to SERPA.

So on an annual basis it would cost Lancaster County \$17,398 to participate in SERPA.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks Tracy

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Blue Cross to use new pay strategy for physicians alliance

By Rick Ruggles / World-Herald staff writer | Posted: Friday, June 27, 2014 1:00 am

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska will use an atypical strategy to pay a group of family physicians across the state.

Fifty-two physicians in 10 clinics, from Bellevue to Lincoln to Broken Bow, will receive “value-based” reimbursement as an accountable care organization. The clinics, aligned in a group called the South East Rural Physician Alliance ACO, or SERPA ACO, will be paid a set amount to oversee the care of 13,435 Blue Cross-insured patients.

If the clinics spend less and hit quality targets, Blue Cross will share the savings with SERPA ACO. Blue Cross and the physicians group also will share the risk of payouts exceeding the budgeted amount.

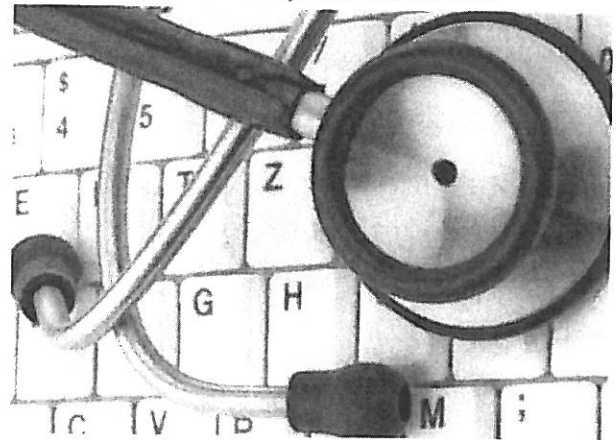
“Essentially, Blue Cross will pay us differently now,” said Dr. Bob Rauner, medical director of SERPA ACO. “This is the way things are going to be headed, and it’s the way they should head.”

The contract is for three years and goes into effect Tuesday.

Blue Cross will reward SERPA ACO for providing quality care by keeping unplanned hospital readmissions to a minimum and basically helping patients get healthy and stay healthy. Quality and value measures include the use of generic drugs, immunizing patients against pneumonia and flu, making sure patients who fit the criteria receive colonoscopies, and using other prevention, screening and education strategies.

Accountable care organizations have been popularized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which has helped form such organizations across the nation in experimental projects for the past two years. They rely on improved coordination of patient care among doctors, pharmacists, hospital staff and others.

The Medicare system has such relationships with SERPA, Alegent Creighton Health and the Midwest Independent Physicians Practice Association in the Omaha area.



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The Blue Cross contract helps fund the hiring by SERPA ACO of additional “care coordinators,” who contact diabetics, people who have recently been hospitalized and others at high risk of requiring emergency room care, another hospitalization or other high-cost services. SERPA ACO currently has about 14 care coordinators and will hire more.

Blue Cross also will share data with the group so physicians and care coordinators can contact by mail or phone patients who need vaccinations and other preventive care. They also will use office visits to stay on top of essential services.

Lee Handke, a senior vice president with Blue Cross, said the insurer and providers aim to provide “improved care at a decreased cost with increased patient satisfaction.”

Handke said American health care for years has relied on a “fee-for-service” system, where doctors and hospitals received payments for performing procedures and ordering up tests. That method of payment encouraged doing more things but didn’t necessarily improve patient health or encourage communication among providers, Handke said.

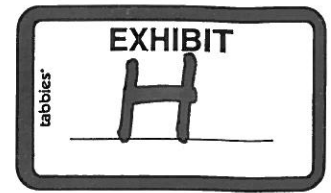
The United States, consequently, spends more on health care than any other industrialized nation but doesn’t get better results.

The independent clinics that make up SERPA ACO are: LifeCare Family Medicine of Bellevue; Central Nebraska Medical Clinic, Broken Bow; Butler County Clinic, David City; Fillmore County Medical Center, Geneva; Family Medical Center of Hastings; Family Practice Associates, Kearney; Plum Creek Medical Group, Lexington; McCook Clinic; York Medical Clinic; and Lincoln Family Medical Group.

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Records management experience including medical records and other sensitive regulatory records

Work Experience

Assistant Archivist, **Celerion**, Lincoln, NE

November 2015-Present

Files and organizes confidential documents

Educated in federal and international practices related to documentation

Organizes media and paper collections for permanent storage

Archives Specialist, **Vision Maker Media**, Lincoln, NE

August 2014-July 2015

Managed large archival and library collection of audio-visual and paper materials

Participated in and led staff and creative team meetings and strategic planning meetings

Added educational and archival materials to website using Drupal and HTML

Responsible for large-scale digital file management, managing and developing workflows around digital collections, creating metadata in PBCore and ContentDM for physical and digital files and managing transition to consistent archival and library standards

Project Archivist, **Whitney Museum of American Art**, New York, NY

April 2013-August 2014

Wrote original finding aids using legacy data in XML, HTML, and CSS

Facilitated access to collections through redesign of website

Managed 1-3 interns in archives processing, reference, and various office tasks

Liaison with the IT and graphic design department

Managed grant project to ensure on-time completion

Archival Assistant, **New York University Archives**, New York, NY

January 2012-April 2013

Processed various archival collections ranging from 1-200 linear feet in size and formats including photographs, paper, video, and audio

Created and edited finding aids in EAD using Archivist's Toolkit and Oxygen, according to DACS standards

Transcribed historical materials

Appraisals Coordinator, **Christie's**, New York, NY

July 2008-January 2012

Transcribed specialist written notes and tapes into cataloging software

Trained new members of the department in the use of appraisal software, searching tools

Supervised a team of six Appraisals Assistants in performing their duties

Assisted with hiring new Appraisals Assistants

Managed data in content management software and worked with development of new access models for users

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Long Island University-The Palmer School , New York, NY Masters in Library and Information Science	2012
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