

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Todd Wiltgen, Chair
Bill Avery, Vice Chair
Roma Amundson
Jennifer Brinkman

Commissioners Absent: Deb Schorr

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

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on March 1, 2017.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2017 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Brinkman moved Amundson seconded approval of the February 23, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Avery and Schorr were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Avery arrived at the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

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

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update (Exhibit A).

Kohout recommended the County support Legislative Bill (LB) 441 (Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act), noting Commissioner Schorr has been asked to testify on behalf of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO). Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, thought Schorr had a scheduling conflict but he would verify. He also thought the Board had already given him direction to draft a letter of support.

Eagan reported he and Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates, met with Senator Bob Krist prior to the Judiciary Committee's hearing on LB 367 (Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters) last Friday. He provided Senator Krist with a copy of the strongly worded written testimony he had planned to present at the hearing but agreed to withhold it after Senator Krist indicated he was not going to "push the bill" and assured them he was not "coming after Lancaster County." Senator Krist also expressed willingness to work with the County as well as his appreciation to the County for agreeing to a per diem rate of \$276 for housing youth in the Youth Services Center (YSC) who are the responsibility of Juvenile Probation (see January 19, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes) and to Commissioner Wiltgen agreeing to attend a National Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Conference. Kohout added Eagan indicated at the hearing that the County was opposed to the bill and that Senator Krist had received a copy of his testimony. Sheli Schindler, YSC Director, appeared and expressed appreciation to Eagan and Bradford for their work on this issue.

Eagan said NACO has asked whether the County will be taking a position on LB 658 (Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings). He said Theresa Emmert, Juvenile Court Administrator, prepared a fiscal note indicating it could have a substantial fiscal impact to the County.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Wiltgen seconded to submit a letter in opposition to Legislative Bill (LB) 658. Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Avery and Brinkman abstained from voting. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 2-0, with two abstentions.

Eagan said NACO also inquired whether the County plans to take a position on LB 649 (Prohibit additional services or populations under the medicaid managed care program). He said he is not sure of the bill's intent and suggested it may conflict with LB 441. Kohout said he will seek clarification from Senator Patty Pansing Brooks, introducer of bill.

Kohout noted the County Attorney's Association and NACO, through the Platte County Assessor, appeared in opposition to LB 385 (Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act) at the Revenue Committee's hearing. Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds,

also submitted a letter in opposition. The Board elected not to take a position on the bill.

Kohout referenced LB 510 (Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions) noting the County opposed similar legislation last year. Eagan said the County had written a letter indicating it was opposed to the legislation and had asked the City, who was the primary party opposing the bill, to submit it. He recommended the Board follow the same strategy this year.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded to write a letter in opposition to Legislative Bill (LB) 510 and ask the City to present it at the hearing before the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Avery, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Wiltgen noted he had requested that discussion with Dave Shively, Election Commissioner, on LB 163 (Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties) be pushed back a week. Avery noted satellite locations were suggested in the past but the political parties could not agree on where they would be located.

Eagan said the County was asked to draft an amendment to LB 508 (Change the population threshold for the county civil service system) that would incorporate the compromise that the Board had indicated it was willing to consider with regard to changes to the Personnel Policy Board (see Exhibit B). He said the initial intent of Nebraska Revised Statute §23-2521 was to stagger the terms and said that is no longer the case. It is proposed that the existing board be replaced by a new board on a specific date with staggering terms. Eagan noted one member of the existing board resides out-of-state and said it is proposed that members be residents of the county. Another issue involves the quorum and he suggested setting it at three provided it includes at least one representative appointed by the County and one representative appointed by the employees. There was no objection to the suggestion. Eagan said he and the Chair will meet with Rick DeBoer, President of American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2468, later in the day to discuss the compromise language.

Schindler asked whether the Board plans to support LB 434 (Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings). Wiltgen said the Board needs to respond to Mike Heavican, Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice, on the juvenile detention contract and suggested the Board encourage his support for use of video

conferencing. Eagan explained the bill makes the use of video conferencing entirely at the discretion of the judge. It currently is not used if one of the parties objects. He said Joe Nigro, Public Defender, has expressed concerns regarding the legislation in the past. Brinkman said Nigro told her the Nebraska State Bar Association also has concerns and is drafting an amendment. Eagan said due process is a concern. Brinkman relayed that the Public Defender and his staff expressed to her and Commissioner Schorr in a recent meeting that they have a duty to represent their client and if they feel it is important for their client to be present in court, they will advocate for that position. They also indicated they ask their client if they want to be present in court and if the client indicates they do, they express that position to the judge. The difference between an evidentiary and non-evidentiary hearing was also discussed. Brinkman said Schorr asked the Public Defender to consider being a better advocate for using video conferencing, where appropriate, and conveyed that additional language that would address due process and the difference between evidentiary and non-evidentiary hearings would be considered.

MOTION: Amundson moved to support Legislative Bill (LB) 434.

Wiltgen suggested the Board submit a letter in a neutral position giving the Board's perspective instead.

The maker of the motion agreed to taking a neutral position instead. Avery seconded the motion with that revision.

Kohout recommended that the focus of the letter be on the fiscal impact but acknowledge the points that have been raised with due process. Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, pointed out that transporting offenders to court also poses safety issues. Kohout noted the bill's scope is limited to juvenile hearings.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman voted no. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 3-1.

NOTE: Legislative bill reports and a client update (Exhibits C-E) were also provided to the Board.

- 3** **A) UPDATE ON DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER; AND**
B) DIRECTOR EVALUATIONS - Doug McDaniel, Lincoln/Lancaster
County Human Resources Director

A) Update on Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Doug McDaniel, Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Resources Director, said 42 applications were received for the deputy chief administrative officer position. He said he read through all of the applications, resumes and supplemental questionnaires and categorized them into three groups (yes, maybe and no). There was consensus to direct McDaniel to: 1) Forward a list of the names and current positions of all the applicants to the Board; and 2) Email the applications he had categorized as a "yes" or "maybe" to the Board and Eagan in a PDF file. There was also consensus to: 1) Have each commissioner rank their top five applicants and forward those names to McDaniel by next week; 2) Identify the top candidates based on those rankings; and 3) Have the full Board interview the top five candidates.

B) Director Evaluations

Eagan said the directors provided input on what they would like to see in their evaluation process and said many supported giving an annual presentation. Wiltgen thought the fall might be an appropriate time for the presentations. Amundson suggested they be held at the respective departments. Wiltgen suggested the questions that Amundson had developed serve as a guide (see January 26, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes). Amundson noted Board members have different areas of interest and expertise and said they may want to follow-up with specific questions.

- 4 A) BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) SMART RE-ENTRY GRANT;**
- B) INTENSIVE SUPERVISION DIVERSION (ISD); AND**
- C) 24/7 PROGRAM - Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director**

Intensive Supervision Diversion (ISD)

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said a number of young adults (18-25 age range) arrested for distribution of drugs don't fit into the Adult Drug Court System very well and their felony charges are not eligible for the Diversion Program. She said she worked with the County Attorney's Office to design programming for this population which they have called Intensive Supervision Diversion (ISD). Etherton said the program will help participants address the issues behind their behaviors and hopefully help them avoid future interactions with the criminal justice system. She said they have identified five individuals to kickoff the program and indicated plans to initially manage it with existing resources. Etherton added that if there is recognition that an individual was misidentified after working with them for several months, that individual can still be moved to Drug Court.

24/7 Program

Etherton said she, Paul Cooney, Chief Deputy Public Defender, and Pat Condon, Chief Deputy County Attorney, recently traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to view the South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Program. She said the three departments have discussed how a similar program could be implemented in Lancaster County, noting certain levels of driving under the influence (DUI) offenses would not be eligible, including first-offense DUI. Participants would be required to test twice a day as a requirement of their bond and would be placed in custody if they fail a test. Etherton said South Dakota has had very good success with the program and has reported good results with domestic violence offenders as well. She said plans are to initially focus efforts on DUI offenders and to hire four part-time drug technicians and a coordinator. Funding will be covered by excess Safety Training Option Program (STOP) funds until the program becomes self-supporting. **NOTE:** Participants will be charged \$1.00 per test.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Smart Re-entry Grant

Etherton requested authorization to submit an application for a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Smart Re-entry Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000. She said a dollar-for-dollar match is required, although much of it can be covered with in-kind match. The funding gap was estimated to be \$350,000 to \$500,000. Etherton said a lot of research will be required and stressed the need for a grant coordinator. She said the first nine months will involve planning, including creation of a task force, and said none of the funds can be drawn down until a plan is submitted and approved. Etherton outlined the match as follows: 25% of personnel and operational costs during the last three months of the first year, 25% the second year, and 50% for the third year. She said the County would be making a commitment to try to reduce the jail population. **NOTE:** Individuals who are serving sentences of at least nine months in the county jail could be moved out of custody and into house arrest after four to six weeks and provided intensive supervision and intervention. If they violate the terms of house arrest, they would be returned to custody.

Amundson asked whether some of that population could have behavioral health issues. Etherton said they could. She noted the County would have to take a minimum of 75 individuals into the program over two years and could receive extra consideration if it identifies a target population in an area it would like to work on to reduce recidivism.

In response to a question from Wiltgen, Etherton said there would be grant opportunities for enhancement.

Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, urged the Board to support this type of initiative.

Board members indicated their support of the grant application.

- 5 A) NEW ENGINEER; AND**
B) SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ON SOUTH 54TH STREET - Pam
 Dingman, County Engineer

Sale of Surplus Property on South 54th Street

Eagan said Pam Dingman, County Engineer, requested that this item be discussed in Executive Session but the County Attorney's Office advised that would not be appropriate.

Dingman reported on the status of negotiations with Todd Buel, the owner of property adjacent to the County's surplus property on South 54th Street (the old South 54th Street right-of-way) north of the City of Hickman (Exhibit F). She said Buel owns the property on the north and south side of the road and will have a sizable commercial lot if the surplus property is incorporated. Dingman noted the surplus property was appraised at \$100,000 and Buel's offer of \$3,000 at auction was rejected. **NOTE:** The actual appraised value was \$116,000 (see County Resolution No. R-16-0017). She said further negotiations have taken place and she suggested he pay the County the same amount it paid him eight years ago when it acquired the relocated South 54th Street ground (\$20,000 per acre on the north side and \$6,000 an acre on the south side for a total of \$17,760). Buel indicated he is only willing to pay \$10,000. She noted part of the conditions of vacating the property were that it would be replatted into one lot and that it would have one driveway onto the major arterial. If Buel doesn't purchase the property, he will need two driveways.

Avery said he would like to get closer to the appraised value. Eagan noted the Board had previously agreed to the \$17,760 amount. Wiltgen said it would have been a land swap.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to direct the County Engineer to communicate to Mr. Buel that the County Board has rejected his offer of \$10,000 and is firm on the \$17,760 amount. Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Avery voted no. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 3-1.

New Engineer

Dingman said she did not fill several staff openings over the last several years because they no longer met the needs of a modern engineering work force (Exhibit G). She requested authorization to hire another Engineer I and said the cost could be covered this year by salary savings. The position would be continued in next year's budget.

Wiltgen asked Dingman why she is bringing the request forward now rather than during the budget process. Dingman explained she is pushing design and permitting for a number of projects to get them to the construction phase so there is an immediate need for the position.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Wiltgen seconded to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for the Engineer I position. Avery, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. R-17-0018 in the Matter of Section 5311 Transportation Operating Assistance Funds Request for the Lancaster County Public Transit, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded approval. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Amundson exited the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

- 6 PENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**
- A) ALLIANZ GI NFJ DIVIDEND VALUE INSTL;**
 - B) ALLIANZ GI NFJ SMALL CAP VALUE INSTL;**
 - C) FIDELITY ADVISOR® LEVERAGED CO. STKL; AND**
 - D) OAKMARK EQUITY INCOME I - Pension Review Committee (PRC)**

Eagan, who is a member of the Pension Review Committee (PRC), reported the following recommendations:

- Recommendation One
 - A. Eliminate the AllianzGI NFJ Dividend Value Instl Fund;
 - B. Add the Prudential Separate Account of T. Rowe Price US Large Cap Value Equity Fund (TILCX); and

- C. Map the proceeds of the AllianzGI NFJ Dividend Value Instl Fund to the T. Rowe Price US Large Cap Value Equity Fund (TILCX)
- Recommendation Two
 - A. Eliminate the AllianzGI NFJ Small-Cap Value Instl Fund;
 - B. Add the Prudential QMA Small-Cap Value Q Fund; and
 - C. Map the proceeds of the AllianzGI NFJ Small-Cap Value Instl Fund to the Prudential QMA Small-Cap Value Q Fund
- Recommendation Three
 - A. Eliminate the Fidelity Advisor Leveraged Co Stkl Fund; and
 - B. Map the proceeds to the Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund
- Recommendation Four
 - A. Retain the Oakmark Equity & Income I Fund

Amundson returned to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Brinkman asked what percentage of the funds available to plan participants are Prudential funds. Eagan said there is a total of four. He noted the Prudential funds were not made available to Frank Picarelli, Vice President, Segal Rogerscasey (Pension Plan Consultant) in the past because they were not retail funds but said they will be made available to him in the future so they can be evaluated against the retail funds. Eagan said Prudential also has a Mid-Cap Fund that is part of its fiduciary program.

Brinkman questioned whether Prudential acts in a fiduciary capacity for all of the funds. Eagan said they are only held to a fiduciary standard if they provide advice on funds. Brinkman countered that Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA's) have an ethical responsibility to be a fiduciary when they provide the County with advice.

Brinkman requested a report on how much Prudential earns under terms of the contract and how much they earn in fees from their funds. Eagan said Segal Rogerscasey has looked at the contract and identified Prudential's income. He agreed to provide her with a copy of their report.

7 PENDING LITIGATION AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE - Kayla Hathcote and David Derbin, Deputy County Attorneys

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to potential litigation.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter into Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Avery, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board entering into Executive Session.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. Avery, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Meeting with the Planning Department - Wiltgen/Avery

Wiltgen said discussion focused on concerns regarding a cemetery near the Village of Malcolm and proposed changes to the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations (see <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/dev/proposedregs/countytextamd.pdf>). Brinkman noted there are two issues in the proposed changes that have policy considerations (farm wineries and expanded home occupations) and asked if they could be dealt with separately if they prove to be controversial during the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission's public hearing. The Chair said the Board has that discretion.

8 BUDGET HEARINGS - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, appeared and suggested holding the departmental budget hearings during upcoming Staff Meetings. He said they could be staggered over eleven meetings between April and June, which would likely increase the length of those meetings by at least two hours. Departments will be asked to address allocation of costs to programs and services and joint departments will be asked how they determine the County funding amount. Amundson said that will make the Staff Meetings quite lengthy and suggested consideration be given to holding them on Tuesdays after the regular County Board of Commissioners Meetings. Meyer said that would be an option. The Chair said the minutes may have to be abbreviated in order to meet the Open Meetings Act requirements.

9 ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution No. R-17-0018 in the Matter of Section 5311 Transportation Operating Assistance Funds Request for the Lancaster County Public Transit, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Management Team Meeting (Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.)

It was noted a presentation on the Lancaster Sheriff's Office (LSO) is scheduled. Brinkman suggested asking departments whether they have programs that they would like to have recognized through application for County Innovation Awards.

B. Centennial Mall Visitor Improvement Fund Grants

Eagan noted the County committed a total of \$500,000 towards the Revitalizing Nebraska's Centennial Mall Project (the Board committed \$100,000 towards the project in 2010 and an additional \$400,000 in 2012) but said there were no contracts in place. He said the City is now requesting payment and suggested a contract be developed with the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation before releasing the funds.

C. Sheriff's Spring Citizen's Academy (2016 Agenda)

Informational only.

11 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Meeting with the Planning Department - Wiltgen/Avery

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

B. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA)

Meeting was cancelled.

C. Chamber Coffee - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said updates on high school sporting events, the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED), legislation, and development projects in Lincoln were provided. He said he briefed the group on the County's budget process, legislative priorities and the decision to reconvene the Justice Council.

12 DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

Avery reported that he attended the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services' Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday and indicated information on the status of the Capitol Campus Area 20-Year Master Plan was presented.

13 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

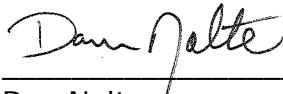
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14 EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

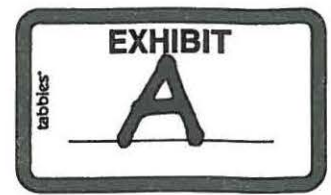
15 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Avery moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. 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

DATE: March 2, 2017

RE: Weekly Update

Good morning. Today is day 39 of the 2017 Legislature. The Legislature continues its process of engaging in morning debate and conducting committee hearings in the afternoons.

Legislature did not have morning debate yesterday, due to the kickoff of the 150th birthday celebration for the state. They held committee hearings in the morning in lieu of floor debate.

Since our last meeting on Thursday, the Legislature has moved a total of 14 bills off of General File. On Monday and Tuesday of this week much of the morning debate centered around LB46, Senator Watermeier's bill to provide for "Choose Life" license plates. Speaker Scheer entertained a motion to invoke cloture about an hour and one half early on Tuesday. The motion was successful with 36 votes in the affirmative.

The Appropriations Committee worked through their first week of the budget process. As such the committee will continue to hold public hearings with respective agencies and departments to hear their input on budget recommendations. The most significant news of the early part of this week was the decision of the forecasting board to reduce revenues by \$91 Million in this current year; \$51 Million in FY17-18 and \$26 Million in FY18-19.

Please be aware that March 9th is the deadline for Senator Priority bills, the link will provide the priority list to date: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/session/priority.php>

LANCASTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LB508 (Hilgers) *Change the population threshold for the county civil service system.* The bill was introduced on January 18th, and has now officially been referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. This bill was heard on February 22, 2017, and still remains in committee.

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB567 (Bolz) *Change funding for county public assistance offices.* The bill was introduced on January 18th, and has now officially been referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was heard on February 22, 2017 and still remains in committee.

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB441 (Morfeld) *Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act.* This years' Medicaid Expansion Bill. LB441 makes those persons described under section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act eligible under the Medical Assistance Act. The department must submit a state plan amendment to cover newly eligible individuals, and such amendment must request as the alternative benefit plan a benchmark benefit package as defined in section 1937(b)(1) 18 (D) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396u-7(b)(1)(D), as such act and section existed on January 1, 2017, for Secretary-approved coverage that shall include full Medicaid benefit coverage, including mandatory and optional coverage, under section 68-911 22 in the amount, duration, and scope in effect on January 1, 2017, and any additional wraparound benefits required under federal law. The hearing has been set for March 8, 2017.

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT

LB357 (Bolz) *Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs.* LB357 places a fee of twenty-five dollars for each original certificate of title issued to a person by a county for a vehicle or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state after the first original title is issued. LB357 also allows for voluntary contributions of \$2 to be made as a donation to programs for persons suffering from brain injury. This bill was heard on February 28, 2017 and is still in committee. At the hearing, the only opposition to the bill was raised by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB47 (Watermeier) *Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons.* The hearing on this bill was held before the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Eagan testified on behalf of Lancaster County. The bill remains held in Committee.

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB327 (Speaker Scher at the Request of the Governor) *Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019.* This is the Governor's Appropriation bill. We have become aware, as per a communication from Brent Meyer that there is a provision to reduce the amount of funding provided by LB1038 in last session from \$975,000 to \$487,500 for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to get to their 8% reduction. The bill has been referred to the Appropriations committee, but a hearing date has not yet been scheduled. This bill was heard on February 21, 2017 and remains in committee.

POSITION: CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY JUDY HALSTEAD AND BRENT MEYER ABOUT REDUCTIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS

LB81 (Blood) *Change the application fee for handgun certificates.* LB81 changes the fee charged for each application for a handgun certification from five dollars to twenty-five dollars. The bill was advanced to General File in its Green Form.

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB127 (Groenc) Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act. LB 127 provides for a change in the open meetings law, in Sec. 84-1411 of the statute. It strikes language for political subdivisions to publicize meeting designated by each political body and requires them to publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county within the public entities jurisdiction as well as any other method designated by the public body. The newspaper notice does not have to be published in every county but must have a general circulation within the county. This proposal is also not intended to apply to state agencies but just political subdivision. A significant amendment was offered at the time of the hearing that would re-write the bill. The bill remains held in Committee

POSITION: OPPOSE

LB152 (Craighead) Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents. LB152 eliminates sunset dates of January 1, 2018 for provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents. LB152 also eliminates the six-dollar uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting and filing and indexing and filing and indexing each notice of lien or certification of notice affecting lien on a property. The bill remains held in Committee

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB333 (Riepe at the Request of the Governor) Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled. LB333 requires that a disability persist for more than a year before a person can be considered disabled. LB333 also eliminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct an independent medical review when Social Security denies benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability. The hearing on this measure was on January 25, 2017. A letter was sent to Senator Riepe and members of the Health and Human Services Committee under Chairman Wiltgen's signature.

There has been some movement on the part of the Governor's Office to address the concerns raised by Lancaster County, Douglas County and NACO. Conversations continue but the bill remains held in Committee.

POSITION: OPPOSE

LB468 (Krist) Change revenue and taxation provisions. LB468 eliminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act exemption and compensating exemption factor for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates an exemption from taxation for the first ten thousand dollars of valuation on tangible property for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates the reduction in the value of tangible personal property owned by each railroad, care line company, public service entity, and air carrier for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 ends reimbursement to taxing subdivisions for tax revenue that will be lost because of personal property tax exemptions for tax years 2018 and 2019.

LB468 allows resident individuals from electing to subtract from federal gross adjusted income the extraordinary dividends paid on and the capital gain from sale or exchange of capital stock for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018 and taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. LB468 ends the credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund on July 1, 2017, and ends the credit to the Highway Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2019. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved into law.

The hearing on this measure was February 22, 2017.

POSITION: OPPOSE

LB367 (Krist) Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters. LB367 requires the county to pay the costs associated with transportation when a peace officer takes a juvenile into temporary custody

and a probation officer determines the need for detention or an alternative placement. LB367 requires the Office of Probation Administration to pay for costs that are related to treatment or service provisions.
POSITION: OPPOSE

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS PRIORITIES

LB310 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits. This bill has been referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee for public hearing. Engineer Dingman asked a question of us regarding the bills origin. In checking with Senator Friesen's office, the bill was brought to them by NACO through the Roads Superintendents subgroup.

There was some correspondence between Larry Dix, Joe Kohout, Pam Dingman and others to get her in touch with the folks who had prepared LB310. The hearing on this measure was held on Monday, February 6, 2017. This bill was placed on General File on March 1, 2017.

LB51 (Schumacher) Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes. This bill was heard by the Revenue Committee. The Lancaster County Treasurers Office testified in a neutral capacity after a meeting the morning of the hearing between representatives of NACO, Larry Dix and Senator Schumacher. Senator Schumacher offered an amendment at the hearing that would alleviate the concerns raised by the Treasurer's Office. The bill remains held in Committee.

LB68 (Hilgers) Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed. We were asked to work with Eric Gerard, Lincoln City Lobbyist, on this. During deliberations on this measure on Thursday, February 9, 2017 by the Board, they agreed to follow Sheriff Wagner's lead. During testimony on February 10, 2017, Sheriff Wagner, offered testimony in support with concerns. Senator Hilgers designated this as his priority bill on February 28th.

LB434 (Ebke) Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings. LB434 requires any telephone or videoconference juvenile evidentiary hearings to ensure the preservation of due process or rights of all parties. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary committee and is scheduled for a public hearing on March 9, 2017.

LB658 (Wayne) Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings. LB658 grants the right to one appointed expert witness during any adjudication or disposition proceeding to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile who is the subject of the proceeding. If the parent, guardian, or custodian is indigent, the reasonable fees and expenses of such expert witness will be paid by the county. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary committee and is scheduled for a public hearing on March 9, 2017.

LB544 (Watermeier) Provide for elimination of the office of clerk of the district court as prescribed. LB544 allows, in any county that does not have an elected clerk of the district court, for the duties of the clerk of the district court to be performed pursuant to an agreement between the State Court Administrator and the county board. LB544 also allows for a county to vote to eliminate the office of the clerk of the district court when a vacancy occurs. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee. This bill was heard on February 15, 2017 and remains in committee.

LB163 (Vargas) Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties LB163 requires election commissioners in counties with populations of more than one hundred thousand to establish at least three voting locations. Hearing is set for March 16th.

LB625 (Larson) Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act. LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city or village located in whole or in part within such county. The hearing on this measure was on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and Candace Meredith testified in a neutral capacity on an amendment suggested by NACO. We expect the bill to move with that amendment attached.

LB145 (Hansen) Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service. LB145 allows for a sentencing judge or magistrate to conduct a post-hearing sentence to determine if the offender has the financial ability to pay the fines or costs associated with their infraction. If the magistrate or judge determines that the offender is able to pay the fine, but the offender refuses, the magistrate or judge may sentence the offender to imprisonment or community service. If the offender is found unable to pay the fine, the magistrate or judge may impose the sentence without costs and fines, discharge the costs and fines from the offender, or order community service as part of the sentence. If the offender is found able to pay the costs or fines in installments, the magistrate or judge may enter an order specifying the terms of a payment arrangement. A public hearing has been set for Thursday, March 16th.

LB145 also allows for individuals who are arrested for failure to pay costs and fines to be provided a hearing in which their financial ability to pay those fines and costs can be assessed. A person who believes themselves to be financially unable to pay court costs and fines may request a hearing after an order has been issued against them. A public hearing has been set for Thursday, March 16th.

LB395 (Morfeld) Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail. LB395 requires a court to consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. If an appearance bond is required, the court shall appoint counsel to indigent defendants. To determine if a defendant is indigent, the judge must consider the defendant's financial ability to pay a bond. The court may also order a defendant to be supervised by an approved person or organization or a pretrial services program. This bill will be heard on March 16, 2017.

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HEARINGS BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING:

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LB201 allows for law enforcement officers to request the assistance of any other law enforcement officer in executing a search warrant if the person or place to be searched is not within the named officer's jurisdiction. LB201 also allows for unsworn statements to be made under the penalty of perjury and subject to the same punishments as perjury.

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LB345 eliminates a provision requiring at least one year of verified land titlerelated experience satisfactory to the board for individuals desiring to become a registered abstracter.

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LB559 excludes the from the amount of an interchange fee charged for an electronic payment transaction the amount of any tax or fee imposed by state or local government that is calculated as a percentage of an electronic payment transaction amount and listed separately on the payment invoice. This act will apply to electronic payment transactions processed on or after October 1, 2017.

Wednesday: LB437 (Craighead) Change requirements for independent instrumentalities under the Taxpayer Transparency Act – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

LB437 includes a definition for independent instrumentalities. Independent instrumentality means a body created by the laws of this state which may sue and be sued and with respect to which the state, by law, does not provide indemnification. LB437 allows, in lieu of providing copies of each active contract, an independent instrumentality may provide a link to copies of such contracts that are stored on a severed owned or managed by it. LB437 also allows independent

instrumentalities to provide information that is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Taxpayer Transparency Act by providing the State Treasurer with a link to a web site or document containing such information that is stored on a server owned or managed by the independent instrumentality. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

LB510 (Ebke) Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions. The bill places a cap of twenty-five million dollars on the amount of outstanding future payment obligations on such contracts

LB441 (Morfeld) Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act – Health and Human Services

LB441 makes those persons described under section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act eligible under the Medical Assistance Act. The department must submit a state plan amendment to cover newly eligible individuals, and such amendment must request as the alternative benefit plan a benchmark benefit package as defined in section 1937(b)(1) 18 (D) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396u-7(b)(1)(D), as such act and section existed on January 1, 2017, for Secretary-approved coverage that shall include full Medicaid benefit coverage, including mandatory and optional coverage, under section 68-911 22 in the amount, duration, and scope in effect on January 1, 2017, and any additional wraparound benefits required under federal law.

LB501 (Brewer) Change prohibition on locations where permit holder may carry a concealed weapon – Judiciary

LB501 requires that, in order for a permit holder to violate the section, there must be a posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited and the property owner must make a request that the permit holder leave, which the permit holder defies. LB501 also makes this violation a Class II misdemeanor.

LB520 (Hansen) Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit – Judiciary

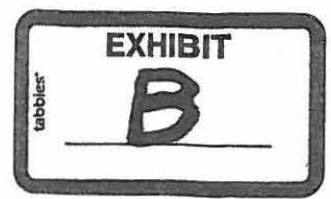
LB520, if a prohibited person files an application to obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit, requires the forwarding of the denied application to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The commission is then required to evaluate whether local law enforcement should be alerted based on the application. Law enforcement agencies are also required to report certain statistics related to rejected applications and noticed received from the commission.

LB556 (Halloran) Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender – Judiciary

LB556 creates the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony. This offense is a Class IIA felony, and shall be treated as separate and distinct from the felony being committed.

LB556 also creates the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender. This offense applies to those under the age of 25, who have previously been adjudged as a juvenile who commit certain specified offenses. It is a Class III felony.

This concludes our report for this week.



Proposed Amendments to LB 508

23-2521. Personnel policy board; members; qualifications; appointment; term; removal; chairperson; meetings; quorum.

(1) The members of the personnel policy board shall be persons in sympathy with the application of merit principles to public employment and who are not otherwise employed by the county, and who are residents of the county. ~~Except that the member employed by the county if serving on such board on May 6, 1987, shall continue to serve until th term of such member expires.~~ No member shall hold during his or her term, or shall have held for a period of one year prior thereto, any political office or a position as officer or employee of a political organization.

(2) (a) ~~Prior to (DATE),~~ Two members of the board shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners, two members shall be appointed by the elected department heads, and two members shall be appointed by classified employees who are covered by the county personnel system. (b) After (DATE), a new personnel policy board shall be appointed consisting of five members which shall replace the board which existed prior to (DATE). One member of the board shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners, one member shall be appointed by the elected department heads, and two members shall be appointed by classified employees who are covered by the county personnel system. These four members of the board shall then select the fifth member of the board.

Delete the existing §23-2521(3) and replace it with the following language:

(3) The first appointments to the personnel policy board after (DATE) shall be for one, two, three, four, and five years. The board of commissioners shall initially appoint a member for a term of one year. The elected department heads shall initially appoint a member for a term of five years. The classified employees who are covered by the county personnel system shall initially appoint members for terms of two and four years. The member of the board appointed by the other four members of the board shall initially be appointed for a period of three years. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of five years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of the term. Each member of the board shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

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LB75	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony <i>LB75 restores voting rights to felons immediately after completion of their sentence or probation.</i>
LB76	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Require notice for Secretary of State regarding completion of felony sentence for purposes of voting rights <i>After completion of a probationary period, LB76 requires a copy of the order that releases the felon from his probation to be provided to the Secretary of State no later than ten days after the order is given. The Secretary of State will then make not of the completion of the felony sentence upon receipt of an abstract from the Department of Corrections. The clerk of any court in which a person was convicted must also complete an abstract detailing who has completed their felony sentence and who is not included in the order to restore civil rights after completion of their probationary period. The department is also to prepare an abstract each month reflecting which person have completed their probationary period and deliver it to the Secretary of State. The parol administrator must also prepare an abstract each month that reflects each person which a felony conviction who has completed their parole term.</i>
LB314	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change state and municipal election provisions to conform to prior legislation <i>LB314 requires cities to file a certified copy of the economic development program with the election commissioner or county clerk no later than fifty days prior to a special election or not later than March 1 prior to a primary or general election. LB314 also eliminates a provision prohibiting the use of General Funds being appropriated for the purpose of a voter registration list. LB314 also makes the penalty for a Class IV felony up to two years' imprisonment and twelve months of post-release supervision.</i>
LB451	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change various provisions relating to elections as prescribed <i>LB451 eliminates a provision prohibiting the election commissioner from becoming a candidate for an elected officer during their term of office or within thirty days of leaving office. LB451 also changes provision relating to the appointment for vacant legislative seats. LB451 also provides that any person using an early voting or absentee ballot must sign a voter oath to be contained with the ballot.</i> <i>LB451 requires that, if the filing deadline for the elective officer is after March 1 of the year in which the election is held, the candidate must file supplementary statements on or before the filing deadline. If the candidate files to appear on the ballot for election during the calendar year in which the election is held, the candidate must file a statement of financial interests of the preceding calendar year with the commission on or before March 1 of the year. A statement of financial interest must be preserved for a period of no less than five years.</i>

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LB344	Albrecht		Health and Human Services	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers</p> <p><i>LB344 allows the board to issue a license to those who hold a license or certification that is current in another jurisdiction that authorized the applicant to provide alcohol and drug counseling, has at least two hundred seventy hours of counseling education, has at least three years of full-time counseling practice and has passed a counseling examination.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 also includes provisions regarding approved educational programs. These programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, the Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program, the Counsel on Rehabilitation Education, the Council on Social Work Education, or The American Psychological Association for a doctoral degree program enrolled in by a person who has a master's degree or its equivalent in psychology.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 allows those who have received a doctoral degree of the equivalent of a master's degree to be qualified to be a licensed mental health practitioner. LB344 also allows those who have been in active practice in the appropriate discipline for at least five years following initial licensure or certification in another jurisdiction and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination to be issued a license by the board.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 makes ineligible for SNAP those with one or two felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance unless they are participating in, since the date of conviction, a substance abuse program that is nationally accredited or provided in a mental health substance use treatment center licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 requires health care facilities applying for a license as a mental health substance use treatment center to designate whether the license is to be issued to provide services for mental health disorders only, for substance use disorders only, or for both mental health and substance use disorders.</i></p>
LB500	Brewer		Judiciary	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Authorize the carrying of concealed handguns by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers</p> <p><i>LB500 allows an individual who is a qualified law enforcement officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer and who is carrying the required identification may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in the State of Nebraska. For law enforcement officers, such identification shall be photogenic and issued by the employing governmental entity. For retired officers, the identification shall be either a photographic identification issued from the agency from which the individual separated in good standing or a photographic identification issued and a certificate issued by the individual's state of residence.</i></p>

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LB291	Larson		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act</p> <p><i>LB291 adopts the Special Economic Impact Zone Act. The purpose of this act is to utilize the tax incentives provided in the act to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on reservations in Nebraska. This act designates each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a qualified business located in a special economic impact zone may exclude any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone when calculating its income tax liability to the state. Beginning January 1, 2018, such businesses are also exempt from the sales and use taxes due for the first ten million dollars of eligible purchases made each year.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also requires that, when allocating any federal low-income housing tax credits, the authority must give a bonus to any project located in a special economic impact zone.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also allows for the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes to enter into revenue sharing agreement with the Department of Revenue.</i></p>
LB385	Lindstrom		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><i>LB385 allows those with a relationship to the taxpayer to execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer. The specific relationships are: A person or entity with a contract executed by the taxpayer, a person with the power of attorney, a person with a durable power of attorney, and a person who is a trustee of an estate. LB385 requires the county board of equalization, in appeals regarding the assessed value of the property that has been increased by more than 5%, to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the assessed value reflects the property's actual value.</i></p>
LB555	Smith		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><i>LB555 allows commissioners who live within fifty miles of the state office building to be reimbursed for mileage for actual round trip travel. Commissioners who live more than fifty miles may be reimbursed for mileage for one round trip per week and shall be paid a per diem at the federal per diem rate for each day worked at the state office building. LB555 also makes the filing fee for each appeal or petition filed with the commission fifty dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved in the appeal is one million dollars or less, and a fee of one hundred dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved is more than one million dollars.</i></p>
LB201	Lowe		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants</p> <p><i>LB201 allows for law enforcement officers to request the assistance of any other law enforcement officer in executing a search warrant if the person or place to be searched is not within the named officer's jurisdiction. LB201 also allows for unsworn statements to be made under the penalty of perjury and subject to the same punishments as perjury.</i></p>
LB259	Hansen		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts</p> <p><i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</i></p>

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LB577	Hilgers		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Create offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush <i>A person commits the offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush if they knowingly and intentionally attack such a person while they are engaged in the performance of their official duties and the attacker either attacks without warning from a concealed position or approaches an unsuspecting officer and intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury. This offense is a Class 1B Felony and required a minimum sentence of forty years and possibly a fine up to one hundred thousand dollars.</i>
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LB556	Halloran		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender <i>LB556 creates the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony. This offense is a Class IIA felony, and shall be treated as separate and distinct from the felony being committed.</i> <i>LB556 also creates the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender. This offense applies to those under the age of 25, who have previously been adjudged as a juvenile who commit certain specified offenses. It is a Class III felony.</i>
LB277	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change population requirements for election precincts <i>LB277 lowers the population requirements for election precincts from one thousand seven hundred fifty registered voters to one thousand registered voters.</i>
LB316	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change election provisions relating to technology and funding <i>LB316 allows for election signatures to be written in ink or affixed electronically. LB316 also creates the Election Technology Fund. The primary purpose of this fund is to ensure the longevity of the state's election technology. The Secretary of State must make periodic requests for appropriation for the fund in order to ensure the ability to purchase new technology on a statewide basis as necessary. LB316 allows for electronic aspects authorized under the Election Act to be used to tabulate ballots. LB316 also allows eliminates a provision allowing for the consolidation of precincts and polling places into fewer and larger for the use of electronic voting systems.</i>
LB619	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Permit certain counties to conduct elections by mail <i>LB619 allows the election commissioner to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for elections.</i>
LB434	Ebke	Monitor	Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings <i>LB434 requires any telephone or videoconference juvenile evidentiary hearings to ensure the preservation of due process or rights of all parties.</i>
LB516	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities <i>LB516 requires juvenile facilities to redact all personal identifying information from their quarterly report. LB516 also make intentional or knowingly failure to comply with this section a Class V misdemeanor.</i>

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LB656	Baker		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated <i>LB656 makes a successful claimant one who had a claim against a political subdivision arising from their wrongful incarceration or conviction, which claim was precluded by the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and who obtained a final judgment against such political subdivision from a federal court under 42 U.S.C. 1983 for a violation of their rights protected by the Constitution and arising out of such wrongful incarceration. A successful claimant and the political subdivision against which the claimant obtained final judgment may file a claim with the State Claims Board for full payment of such judgment, or any part of such judgment, which exceeds the available financial resources and revenue of the political subdivision required for its ordinary purpose.</i>
LB658	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings <i>LB658 grants the right to one appointed expert witness during any adjudication or disposition proceeding to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile who is the subject of the proceeding. If the parent, guardian, or custodian is indigent, the reasonable fees and expenses of such expert witness will be paid by the county.</i>
LB570	Friesen		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide a property tax exemption for all tangible personal property <i>LB570 exempts all tangible personal property from property tax beginning January 1, 2019.</i>
LB576	Brewer		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Limit increases in property tax bills <i>LB576 prohibits an owner's property tax bill for 2017 and 2018 from exceeding their property tax bill for 2016.</i>
LB599	Groene		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Exempt certain improvements on land from taxes as prescribed <i>LB599 exempts from personal property tax any improvements on land of infrastructure, redevelopment, or new construction intended for business or housing purposes until occupied, sold, or leased.</i>
LB420	McCollister		Business and Labor	03/13/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act <i>LB420 adopts the Fair Chance Hiring Act. This act prohibits employers and employment agencies from asking an applicant to disclose information concerning the applicants criminal record or history unless such disclosure is needed to determine if the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications of the position. Such positions include those in which a criminal history record information check is required by law or federal or state law specifically disqualifies an applicant with a criminal background even if such law allows for a waiver that would allow such applicant to be employed.</i>
LB473	Walz		Business and Labor	03/13/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Require rest periods for employees <i>LB473 prohibits employers from requiring any employee to work without a rest period of at least fifteen minutes for every four hours worked. No reduction in compensation may be made for such rest period.</i>
LB189	Howard		Appropriations	03/14/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for recruitment and retention of caseworkers <i>LB189 appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2017-18 and \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2018-19 to the Department of Health and Human Services for Program 33 to be used specifically for the recruitment and retention of caseworkers for child welfare.</i>

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LB112	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without reregistering to vote provisionally</p> <p><i>LB112 requires the Secretary of State to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that establish procedures for election commissioners and county clerks to ensure that there is no fraud in provisional voting. LB112 allows for individuals who have moved but still reside in Nebraska to utilize provisional ballots.</i></p> <p><i>LB112 also adds twelve months' post-release supervision as a punishment for election falsification.</i></p>
LB197	Kolowski		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Provide for electronic application for an early voting ballot</p> <p><i>LB197 allows for the creation of an early voting application process in which applicants with a valid Nebraska motor vehicle license or state identification card may electronically apply for a ballot for early voting after the ballots become available.</i></p>
LB290	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits</p> <p><i>LB290 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, with assistance from the Secretary of State, to prescribe a voter registration application which may be used to register to vote or change address for voting purposes at the same time a person is applying for a driver's license or state identification card. This application must be designed in such a way so that the elector's information can be transmitted to the election commission or county clerk, unless the elector specifies on the form that they do not want to register to vote.</i></p> <p><i>LB290 also allows for the Secretary of State to enter into agreements with the Commissioner of Education and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services to prescribe an electronic voter registration application</i></p>
LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change medicaid reimbursement provisions relating to ground emergency medical transportation</p> <p><i>LB578 allows eligible providers to receive, in addition to the rate of payment, supplemental Medicaid reimbursement pursuant to a specified pay schedule. Participation in the supplemental reimbursement program by an eligible provider is voluntary. If a government entity elects to seek supplemental reimbursement on behalf of an eligible providers, they must clarify that the claimed expenditures for are eligible for federal financial participation, provide evidence supporting the certification as specified by the division, submit data as specified to determine the appropriate amounts of qualifying expenditures, and maintain any specified records.</i></p> <p><i>LB578 also requires the department to design and implement an intergovernmental transfer program relating to Medicaid managed ground emergency medical transportation services to be implemented on the date federal approval is obtained. Participation in intergovernmental transfers is voluntary on the party of the transferring entity. The intergovernmental transfer program shall also be implemented without any additional expenditure from the General Fund. Each eligible provider or governmental entity must agree to reimburse the department for any costs associated with implementing such a program.</i></p>

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LB405	Baker		Judiciary	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to DNA samples, DNA records, and thumbprints under the DNA Identification Information Act <i>LB405 allows for the detention, arrest, adjudication, and conviction of a person based upon a DNA record, DNA sample, or thumb or fingerprint even if the DNA sample, DNA records, or thumb or fingerprint was obtained for inclusion or was placed in the State DNA Data Base, Combined DNA Index System, or State DNA Sample Bank by mistake. Law enforcement agencies or their employee that mistakenly submit the information for inclusion shall not be criminally or civilly liable if mistake was made in good faith.</i>
LB435	Ebke		Judiciary	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change provisions relating to escape <i>LB435 makes escape a Class IIA felony.</i>
LB163	Vargas	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties <i>LB163 requires election commissioners in counties with populations of more than one hundred thousand to establish at least three voting locations.</i>
LB145	Hansen	Monitor	Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service <i>LB145 allows for a sentencing judge or magistrate to conduct a post-hearing sentence to determine if the offender has the financial ability to pay the fines or costs associated with their infraction. If the magistrate or judge determines that the offender is able to pay the fine, but the offender refuses, the magistrate or judge may sentence the offender to imprisonment or community service. If the offender is found unable to pay the fine, the magistrate or judge may impose the sentence without costs and fines, discharge the costs and fines from the offender, or order community service as part of the sentence. If the offender is found able to pay the costs or fines in installments, the magistrate or judge may enter an order specifying the terms of a payment arrangement.</i> <i>LB145 also allows for individuals who are arrested for failure to pay costs and fines to be provided a hearing in which their financial ability to pay those fines and costs can be assessed. A person who believes themselves to be financially unable to pay court costs and fines may request a hearing after an order has been issued against them.</i>
LB395	Morfeld	Monitor	Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail <i>LB395 requires a court to consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. If an appearance bond is required, the court shall appoint counsel to indigent defendants. To determine if a defendant is indigent, the judge must consider the defendant's financial ability to pay a bond. The court may also order a defendant to be supervised by an approved person or organization or a pretrial services program.</i>
LB529	Harr		Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Authorize county courts sitting as probate courts in cases of guardianship to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases <i>LB529 allows county courts sitting as a probate court in the case of a pregnant woman for whom a guardian has been appointed to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases.</i>

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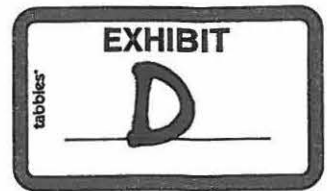
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LB613	Wayne		Revenue	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act <i>LB613 requires any housing agency or controlled affiliate provide notice of a property tax exemption to the county assessor on or before December 31 of the year preceding the year for which the exemption is sought.</i>
LB111	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Provide for nonpartisan election of county officers <i>LB111 requires that county officers be elected on a nonpartisan ballot.</i>
LB139	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers <i>LB139 allows for county boards to adopt resolutions that submits a question to voters on whether they would like the election of county officers to be a nonpartisan ballot. If the voters answer the question in favor of nonpartisan ballots, then the county must utilize nonpartisan ballots for the election of officers.</i>
LB183	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers <i>LB183 allows for the county boards in counties with a population of fifteen thousand or fewer to adopt a resolution requiring a submission of a question to the voters regarding whether or not the election of county officers should be partisan or not. If the voters answer the question in favor of nonpartisan elections, all subsequent elections shall be as such until another question is submitted to the voters. Such question may not be submitted to the voters more than once every three years.</i>
LB424	Ebke		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services <i>LB424 provides for an earned time credit and discontinues the use of good time. For sentences imposed on or after the operative date of this act, the department may apply earned time only to eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision. If a committed offender commits an offense or violates a rule of the department during the actual term of imprisonment, the department may forfeit all or any part of the committed offender's accrued earned time, or place all or part of the accrued time under suspension. If parole or mandatory supervision of a committed offender is revoked, the committed offender shall forfeit all earned time previously accrued. LB424 requires the department to establish a policy regarding the suspension of earned time. This policy should provide that the department will consider the severity of an offense or violation when determining if earned time should be suspended and during any period that earned time is suspended, it may not be used for purposes of granting privileges or to compute eligibility for parole.</i>
LB562	McCollister		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a monthly report from the Department of Correctional Services as prescribed <i>LB562 requires the Department of Correctional Services to prepare a monthly report including the number of committed offenders at or past their parole eligibility dates who have not received appropriate programming, the number and type of vacant position for behavioral health staff, and the number of inmates who have achieved community-custody status but are not in community-custody facilities.</i>

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LB585	Linehan		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to dangerous dogs, seizure of animals, and animal control authorities</p> <p><i>LB585 requires the county attorney where an animal is seized to file an application for a hearing to determine the disposition and the cost for the care of the animal within thirty days after seizure. LB585 also changes the definition of dangerous dog. The requirement of animal control authority records has been eliminated, and a dog can be considered dangerous if it has conflicted serious bodily injury on a domestic animal without provocation that required medical treatment. LB585 prohibits any person knowingly, recklessly, or negligently owning, keeping, or harboring a dangerous dog without complying with specific laws.</i></p>
LB438	Howard		Revenue	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds</p> <p><i>LB438 creates the Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund. This fund shall be used to support reimbursement of behavioral health services providers through provider rates within the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medical Assistance Act, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act. LB438 provides specific distribution guidelines for the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. LB438 also increases the tax on each package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes to two dollars and fourteen cents per package. Beginning July 1, 2017, the State Treasurer shall place one dollar and twenty-four cents of such tax in the General Fund. Beginning July 1, 2016, and each FY thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place sixty-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i></p>
LB503	Brewer		Business and Labor	03/20/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements</p> <p><i>LB503 prohibits the deduction of wages of a public employee, either directly or indirectly, on behalf of a collective-bargaining organization except as required by a collective-bargaining agreement entered into between a public employer and a representative of its employees prior to the effective date of this act.</i></p>
LB581	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Require lobbyists to disclose conflicts of interest to principals and provide for cancellation of contracts</p> <p><i>LB581 requires every lobbyist to present a disclosure statement to their principle including: the name, permanent residence address, and office address of the lobbyist; a description of the business activity of the lobbyist; the name of every other principle represented by such lobbyists, the nature of the business of such principle, the amounts or sums given or to be given to the lobbyists as compensation and an identification of such matters on which the lobbyists expects to lobby; a description of any business association of the lobbyist; any information which the lobbyist possess that might constitute a conflict of interest; and a notice that a principle has the right to cancel the contract by mailing a written notice before midnight of the third business day after receipt. Any person violating these requirements will be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.</i></p> <p><i>LB581 also provides principles with the right to cancel a lobbying contract until midnight of the third business day after the lobbyist has presented a disclosure statement.</i></p>

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LB663	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a copy of a lobbying contract for lobbyist registration as prescribed <i>LB663 requires a copy of the lobbying contract for lobbyist registration if the principle receives public funds including taxes, fees, and grants.</i>
LB664	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit a political subdivision from using taxes or fees to employ a lobbyist <i>LB664 prohibits a political subdivision from using revenue from any tax or fee to employ or contract with a lobbyist.</i>
LB665	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a statement of activity regarding certain lobbying activity <i>LB665 requires every lobbyist who is registered or required to be registered file with the Clerk of the Legislature a statement activity within 24 hours after the lobbyist's initial contact with an official in the executive branch of an official in the legislative branch regarding a legislative bill. The statement must indicate the legislative bill number, the name of the lobbyist, and the principle for whom the contact was made.</i>
LB560	Schumacher		Judiciary	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change restrictive housing and inmate discipline provisions <i>LB560 changes the status of solitary confinement to mean confinement in an isolated cell, alone or with a cell mate, for an average of twenty-two or more hours per day, with limited human interaction or constructive activity, and in an environments that ensures maximum control. LB560 allows inmates to have been confined in restrictive housing for more than nineteen days to seek review of the decision to place them in restrictive housing. The review shall be conducted by the district court of the county in which the correctional facility is located.</i> <i>LB560 requires that any inmate placed in restrictive housing be done so in the least restrictive manner consistent with maintaining order in the facility and pursuant to the rules and regulations. LB560 also prohibits any member of a vulnerable population from being placed in restrictive housing.</i>
LB373	Schumacher		Revenue	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions SUMMARY ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT



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LB370	Lowe		Judiciary		In Committee 01/17/2017	Eliminate requirement to obtain certificate or complete background check to receive or transfer a handgun <i>LB370 eliminates the requirement to obtain a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun from the chief of police or sheriff. LB370 also makes the Nebraska State Patrol, for purposes of background checks for handguns, unable to access patient records from institutions associated with the Department of Health and Human Services.</i>
LB607	Kinrner		Revenue		IPP (Killed) 02/21/2017	Provide a homestead exemption for certain first responders <i>LB607 provides homestead exemptions for first responders who are drawing compensation from the state or a political subdivision or is receiving workers' compensation benefits because of a one hundred percent disability received in the line of duty.</i>
LB22	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations	01/17/2017	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 02/15/2017	To provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and to reduce appropriations <i>LB22 is the Governor's budget reduction bill for the remainder of FY2016-17.</i>
LB113	Hansen		Urban Affairs	01/17/2017	Select File 02/23/2017	Change population threshold provisions relating to municipalities and eliminate obsolete provisions <i>LB113 makes changes that would place the following language into all sections regarding city population thresholds: "as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census"</i>
LB80	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/18/2017	Final Reading 02/24/2017	Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act <i>LB80 includes Law clerks and students employed by the county attorney or public defender as unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act.</i>
LB7	Krist	Monitor	Judiciary	01/18/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Provide for suspension of medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in public institutions <i>LB7, relating to jail and correctional facilities, would suspend medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in a public institution. Currently, section 47-706 only suspends medical assistance to inmates of a public institution. LB7 would amend this section to cover detainees as well as inmates.</i>
LB8	Krist		Judiciary	01/18/2017	Select File 02/27/2017	Provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives relating to juvenile probation <i>LB8 acts to change, eliminate, and harmonize provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code. LB8 also provides for a graduated response program, to replace the current administrative sanctions program, designed to utilize a series of sanctions, incentives, and services to facilitate a juvenile's continued progress toward changing behavior and successful completion of the probationary period. A state-wide standardized graduated response program may be developed by the Office of Probation Administration with the help of interested parties, such as judges, probation officers, county attorneys, defense attorneys, juveniles, and parents. Graduated response incentives should be designed to provide positive reinforcement as well as encourage and support positive behavior change and successful completion of the probationary period, including the possible reduction or elimination of imposed conditions. Sanctions should be immediate, certain, consistent, and fair in regards to the behavior that needs to be addressed.</i>

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LB10	Krist		Judiciary	01/18/2017	Select File 02/27/2017	Increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed <i>LB10 would increase, from five to six, the number of juvenile court judges in counties having four hundred thousand inhabitants or more.</i>
LB27	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change requirements for state agency contracts and powers and duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts as prescribed <i>LB27 requires that all information requested by the auditor be received by September 20. Information not received by this date shall be deemed delinquent, and the auditor may assess the political subdivision a late fee of twenty dollars per day. Political subdivisions that fail to provide the requested information by September 20 will also be subject to an audit, based on the auditor's discretion. LB27 also adds a restriction that state agency contracts may not be amended to extend the duration of the contract for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. Purchasing or lease contracts entered into by the state purchasing bureau may also not be amended to extend the duration of the contract for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. LB27 also creates a duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts to assess a fourteen percent interest rate on delinquent payments of any fees for audits and services owed to the Auditor of Public Accounts. LB27 also allowed the Auditor of Public Accounts to share working papers with certain agencies during either an ongoing audit or after the completion of an audit.</i>
LB89	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/19/2017	General File 02/02/2017	Change published notice of hearing requirements under the Nebraska Budget Act as prescribed <i>LB89 changes the requirement for notice of a public hearing from five days to four calendar days. Four calendar days will include the date of publication but not the day of the hearing.</i>
LB90	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Require public entity provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination <i>LB90 requires public entities to provide suitable accommodations when any employee of the Auditor of Public Accounts conducts an audit or examination of them.</i>
LB151	Stinner		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/19/2017	General File 02/27/2017	Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities <i>LB151 requires any entity that is audited or examined to provide to the Auditor of Public Accounts a detailed written description of any corrective action to be taken in response to the audit on or before six months after the issuance of a report by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public accounts must then electronically submit a report of any findings of such investigation to the Governor, the appropriate standing committee, and the Appropriations of the Committee. LB151 also eliminates the duty of Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct all audits and examinations in a timely manner and in accordance with the standards for audits of government organizations, program, activities, and functions published by the Comptroller General of the United States.</i>
LB26	Murante		Judiciary	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change service requirements for harassment protection orders <i>LB26 changes the requirement of service of notice for harassment protections orders. Service would not be required for prosecuting a violation of a protection order if the respondent has actual knowledge of the harassment protection order.</i>

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LB47	Watermeier	Support	Judiciary	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons <i>LB47 allows for all costs of an autopsy or grand jury to be paid by the county in which the person died, unless the person died in a state correctional facility. Compensation to those serving on a grand jury will also be paid by the county, unless the case involves an inmate who died while serving a sentence a state correctional facility</i>
LB93	Hansen		Judiciary	01/19/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Adopt the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act <i>LB93 adopts the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act. The act provides that an automatic license plate reader system may only be used by a law enforcement agency as an alert for the purpose of identification, by a parking enforcement entity for regulating the use of a parking facility, for the purposes of controlling access to a secured area, for the purpose of electronic toll collection, and to assist weighing stations in performing their duties. The data captured from an automatic license plate reader system may not be retained except for situations specified in section 4 of the act. Any government entity that does use an automatic license plate reader must adopt a use policy and display that policy on their website, adopt a privacy policy to ensure that the captured information is not shared in violation of this act, and report annually to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on its automatic license plate reader practices and usage. The report should follow the specifications outlined in subsection (3)(a) of section 6 of this act. Plate data that is capture and evidence derived therefrom ay not be received into evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding, and any person who violates this act will be subject to damages.</i>
LB102	Hilkemann		Judiciary	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Change a penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants <i>LB102 makes tampering with a witness, informant, or jury a Class IV felony, unless the tampering occurs as an attempt to change the outcome of a felony charge, in which case it is a Class II felony.</i>
LB51	Schurmacher	Neutral	Revenue	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes <i>LB51 allows land banks to offer to pay the amount of taxes, interest, and costs due on the real property that is for sale, and bid an interest rate as described in section 77-1807. Automatically accepted bids from a land bank must include an offer to pay and an interest rate bid. LB51 eliminates provisions that have expired and a provision permitting a round robin format for the sale of real estate. LB51 prohibits bidders at public auctions from colluding with each other to obtain an unfair interest rate. Sales that are the product of collusion are voidable by the county board. LB51 further stipulates how interest will be allocated upon the sale of real estate.</i>
LB207	Krist		Executive Board	01/20/2017	General File 01/27/2017	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare <i>LB207 requires the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare to investigate death or serious injury in foster homes when the officer, upon review, determines the death or serious injury did not occur by chance. LB2017 also prohibits personnel action from being taken against an employee because of a disclosure of information by the employee which the employee reasonably believes evidences wrongdoing.</i>

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LB36	Harr		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/20/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	<p>Provide for review by state agencies of occupational credentials and provide for a critical assessment document</p> <p><i>LB36 makes additions to the Administrative Procedure Act. The purpose of LB36 is to require state agencies to review rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of occupational credentials and complete and release a critical assessment document.</i></p> <p><i>Beginning January 1, 2018, The Department of Health and Human Services must review its rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of occupational credentials. Beginning January 1, 2023, and every five years thereafter, the department must review those rules and regulations.</i></p> <p><i>Beginning January 1, 2019, the Department of Labor shall review its rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of occupational credentials. Beginning January 1, 2014, and every five years thereafter, the department must review those rules and regulations.</i></p> <p><i>Beginning January 1, 2020, every other agency must review its rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of occupational credentials. Beginning January 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter, all agencies must review those rules and regulations.</i></p> <p><i>Section six of LB36 provides guidelines for agencies that are conducting a review of their rules and regulations and what things they should be looking for and addressing. A requirement of a public hearing is also included.</i></p>
LB212	Hansen		Business and Labor	01/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act</p> <p><i>LB212 requires compensation to be paid if a law enforcement officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty. For deaths occurring during 2018, compensation shall be fifty thousand dollars. For deaths occurring 2019 and each subsequent year, compensation shall be the compensation of the previous year increased by the Consumer Price Index.</i></p>
LB86	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	01/23/2017	General File 02/06/2017	<p>Eliminate a requirement regarding opening bridge bids</p> <p><i>LB86 eliminates the requirement that bridge bids be opened in the presence of the county board.</i></p>
LB271	Hilgers		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	01/23/2017	General File 02/06/2017 Geist Priority Bill	<p>Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity</p> <p><i>LB271 allows the Department of Roads to assume all or part of the responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation concerning environmental assessment and review. LB271 also waives the State of Nebraska's immunity from civil liability solely for the compliance, discharge, or enforcement of the assumed responsibilities.</i></p>

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LB110	Kollerman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	01/24/2017	General File 02/10/2017	Change duties and requirements relating to certain retirement plan reporting and change duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Public Employees Retirement Board <i>LB110 creates and end date for reporting requirements of December 31, 2017. After December 31, 2017 providers of defined benefit pension plans are required to prepare and electronically file an annual report with the Auditor of Public Accounts. This report should include the level of benefits of participants in the plan, number of members who are eligible, total present value of benefits, funding sources, and a copy of a full actuarial analysis of each such defined benefit plan. If such a report is not submitted within six months after the end of the year, the Auditor may audit the provider.</i>
LB164	Geist		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/24/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change provisions relating to trailers, commercial motor vehicle disqualification provisions, accident reports, and motor vehicle records disclosure and authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to keep and sell certain registration and certificate of title records <i>LB164 eliminates the term "cabin trailer" from provisions. LB164 also provides a more exhaustive list of the types of registration and certificates of title records the department can sell.</i>
LB159	McCollister		Urban Affairs	01/24/2017	General File 01/25/2017	Change provisions relating to when special assessments are payable for cities of the metropolitan class <i>LB159 allows for the creation of a payment schedule of at least ten years but less than twenty when the total cost of a special improvement exceed five thousand dollars.</i>
LB317	Hughes		Urban Affairs	01/24/2017	General File 01/25/2017	Provide for a relevy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed <i>LB317 allows special assessments to be relevied or reassessed whenever the special assessment is found to be invalid and uncollectable.</i>
LB333	Scheer	Oppose	Health and Human Services	01/25/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled <i>LB333 requires that a disability persist for more than a year before a person can be considered disabled. LB333 also eliminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct an independent medical review when Social Security denies benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability.</i>
LB334	Scheer		Health and Human Services	01/25/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families <i>LB334 eliminates a provision that creates a pilot project of the process of locating and engaging family members in the life of a child who is a ward of the state. LB334 also eliminates provisions requiring contracted providers of family finding services and family members of the children which were part of the pilot project to participate in family finding.</i>
LB146	Hansen		Judiciary	01/25/2017	General File 01/30/2017	Provide for set-asides of convictions for infractions <i>LB146 allows for convictions of infractions to be set aside after completion of the sentence imposed.</i>

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LB233	Smith		Revenue	01/25/2017	General File 02/02/2017	<p>Change revenue and taxation provisions</p> <p><i>LB233 eliminates a provision prohibiting licensed organizations from conducting lotteries or raffles within the boundaries of any Class 6 or Class 7 county without specific authorization through ordinance or resolution. LB233 also allocates the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit among some or all of the qualified partners, members or shareholders if it is a partnership, LLC or corporation that owes the qualified project. If such a qualified partner decides to transfer, sell, or assign all or part of their ownership interest, including their interest in the authorized tax credits, they must notify the Department of Revenue of the transfer, sale, or assignment and provide the tax identification number of the new owner prior to the end of the tax year for which the credits are to be used.</i></p> <p><i>LB 233 requires that, for any funds returned under the homestead exemption, the county treasure must electronically file a report with the Property Tax Administrator, that indicated the amount of funds distributed to each taxing unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits returned.</i></p> <p><i>LB233 also changes the date under which a large data project or tier 4 or 6 project receives their exemption under the Nebraska Advantage act to the first January 1 after the property was placed in service. Additionally, those who file an application that described a large data center or tier 5 project that is sequential to a tier 2 large data center project for which the entitlement period has expired shall receive the exemption of all property, such as computer systems, beginning any January 1 after the date the property was placed into service.</i></p>
LB230	Watermeier		Executive Board	01/26/2017	General File 02/02/2017	<p>Create the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee</p> <p><i>LB230 creates the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee with the purpose to gather input on issues pertaining to economic development and discuss proactive approaches on economic development.</i></p>
LB431	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act</p> <p><i>LB431 prohibits governing bodies from referencing cash reserves in their actual and estimated revenue that exceed fifty percent of the total amount received from personal and real property taxation. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law</i></p>
LB432	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to allowances for delinquent taxes and anticipated litigation</p> <p><i>LB432 eliminates provisions that allowed governing bodies, when certifying the amount needed for a budget, to make allowances for delinquent taxes not exceeding five percent of the amount required plus the actual percentage of delinquent taxes for the preceding tax year and for any estimated tax loss from any pending or anticipated litigation which involves taxation. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i></p>
LB479	Groene		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Change public hearing provisions and redefine a term under the Nebraska Budget Act</p> <p><i>LB479 adds joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act that receives tax funds to the definition of Governing Body for the Nebraska Budget Act. LB479 also requires governing bodies to hold public hearings on proposed budgets on a separate day from any regularly scheduled meeting. At such hearing, the governing body must make a detailed presentation and make available a written copy of the budget.</i></p>

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LB158	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	01/26/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles <i>LB158 eliminates certain provisions and stipulates that counsel be appointed for a juvenile in all cases in which a court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile. The juvenile and their parent or guardian will be told of the juvenile's right to counsel if they cannot afford to appoint their own. If a juvenile waives their right to counsel, they may at any time rescind such waiver and the court shall reappoint counsel for the juvenile.</i>
LB180	Bolz		Judiciary	01/26/2017	General File 01/30/2017	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court <i>LB180 provides criteria for granting a bridge order which terminates the juvenile court's jurisdiction over the juvenile's custody, physical care, and visitation and grants it to a district court.</i>
LB176	Bostelman		Natural Resources	01/26/2017	General File 01/31/2017	Eliminate obsolete provisions related to milldams <i>LB176 repeals sections 56-101, 56-115, 56-124, 56-125, 56-126, and 56-127, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Section 56-101 has to deal with and acquisition and procedure for acquiring dam sights using eminent domain. Section 56-115 has to deal with the procedure for determining damages from stagnant or overflow water. Section 56-124 has to deal with the right of entry on adjoining lands for the repairs of milldams. Section 56-125 has to deal with recovery for damages arising from the repair of a milldam on adjoining lands. Section 56-126 has to deal with recovery of a mill owner for damages regarding injury to their property. Section 56-127 has to deal with when a municipal corporation is allowed to acquire a milldam site.</i>
LB200	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/27/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Provide that the county surveyor shall perform the duties of county highway superintendent in certain counties as prescribed <i>LB200 requires a county surveyor in counties with a population of seventy-five thousand but less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants to perform all the duties and possess all the powers and functions of the county highway superintendent.</i>
LB458	Harr		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/27/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change provisions relating to the County Purchasing Act <i>LB458 excludes any purchase or lease of personal property or services by or on behalf of a county from the definition of purchasing or purchase for purposes of the County Purchasing Act.</i>
LB166	Kolterman		Health and Human Services	01/27/2017	General File 02/24/2017	Change provisions of Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act <i>LB166 requires all pharmacies to complete a controlled-substance inventory whenever there is a change in the pharmacist-in-charge. LB166 also includes a definition for an emergency situation in which Schedule II controlled substances may be administered. Other regulations are also included for when pharmacies deal in controlled substances. Other provisions deal with the conduct of pharmacists and provisions for reporting unethical conduct.</i>
LB162	Krst		Judiciary	01/27/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Change provisions relating to criminal mischief and change and provide additional penalties for bribing or tampering with witnesses, informants, or jurors <i>LB162 changes "felony criminal mischief" to "felony criminal damage to property." LB162 also makes it a Class III felony to bribe or tamper with a witness or juror except when the bribery or tampering of a witness or juror occurs during a proceeding or investigation for a violation of any statute punishable as a Class IIA felony or higher, in which it will be a Class IIA felony.</i>

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LB199	McCollister		Judiciary	01/27/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Eliminate certain state aid to counties for law enforcement and jail operations <i>LB199 repeals sections 23-362 and 23-362.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Both these sections that provide funds for counties in which Indian Reservations are located for the purpose of law enforcement and jail operations</i>
LB349	Hilkemann		Judiciary	01/27/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change provisions relating to the maintenance and administration of the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund <i>LB349 makes the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund maintained and administered by the Nebraska State Patrol.</i>
LB427	Vargas		Education	01/30/2017	General File 02/27/2017	Require breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents <i>LB427 requires schools to provide private or appropriate facilities for accommodation for milk expression and storage for breast feeding student-mothers.</i>
LB216	Harr		Executive Board	01/30/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Adopt the Redistricting Act <i>LB216 creates an Independent Redistricting Citizen's Advisory Commission for the purpose of assisting the Legislature in the process of redistricting in 2021 and thereafter. LB216 also creates The Redistricting Fund for the purpose of assisting the commission for travel and actual expenses of the members of the commission. Principles are provided for the commission to follow in the course of their duties in sections 28 and 29.</i>
LB463	Watermeier		General Affairs	01/30/2017	General File 02/22/2017	Change a provision relating to appointment to certain cemetery boards <i>LB463 allows a mayor of a city with fewer than twenty-five thousand residents to appoint members to a cemetery board from among citizens at large from the county in which the village is located.</i>
LB55	Schumacher		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/30/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds <i>LB55 requires landowners to mow to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches along their lands at least three times each year. The first before June 5, the second before July 10, and the third before August 15</i>
LB78	Crawford		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/30/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to relinquishment or abandonment of any portion of a state highway system <i>LB78 allows for department, political, and governmental subdivisions to negotiate the terms or conditions of any relinquishment of a public highway that the state has decided to abandon. This petition and a written memorandum of understanding will be filed as a public record. After the filing of the petition and memorandum, the section of the highway becomes the responsibility of the subdivision. If there is an unforeseen economic change, the subdivision is allowed to request a renegotiation of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.</i>
LB339	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/30/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation
LB584	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/30/2017	General File 02/10/2017	Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds <i>LB584 prohibits those employed by or under contract with a county or township from mowing roadside ditches before July 1 of any year.</i>

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LB219			Nebraska Retirement Systems	01/31/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Change retirement system provisions relating to authorized benefit elections and actuarial assumptions</p> <p><i>LB219 requires that, for county employees hired on or after January 1, 2018, the mortality assumption used for purposes of converting the member cash balance account must be a mortality table using a unisex rate that is fifty percent male and fifty percent female that is recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i></p> <p><i>LB219 requires that, for judges hired after July 1, 2017, the determinations will be based on a mortality table using seventy-five percent of the male table and twenty-five percent of the female table and an annuity rate specified by the board. Both the mortality table and the annuity rate must be recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i></p> <p><i>LB219 requires that, for school employees hired after July 1, 2017, the determinations will be based on a mortality table using twenty-five percent of the male table and seventy-five percent of the female table and an annuity rate specified by the board. Both the mortality table and the annuity rate must be recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i></p> <p><i>LB219 requires that, for State Patrol Officers hired after July 1, 2017, the determinations will be based on a mortality table using seventy-five percent of the male table and twenty-five percent of the female table and an annuity rate specific by the board. Both the mortality table and the annuity rate must be recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i></p> <p><i>LB219 requires that, for state employees hired on or after January 1, 2018, the mortality assumption used for purposes of converting the member cash balance account must be a mortality table using a unisex rate that is fifty percent male and fifty percent female that is recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i></p>
LB418	Briese		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/31/2017	General File 02/10/2017	<p>Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers</p> <p><i>LB418 changes the date from "2016" to "2017." LB418 also adopts the rules of practice for FMCSA. LB418 also updates civil penalty amounts to match federal regulations for commercial carriers.</i></p>
LB256	Briese		Urban Affairs	01/31/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Adopt the Vacant Property Registration Act</p> <p><i>LB256 adopts the Vacant Property Registration Act. The purpose of this act is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Nebraska residents by providing authority for municipalities to enact vacant property registration ordinances. These ordinances should allow communities to identify and register vacant properties, collect fees to compensate for the public costs of vacant properties, plan for the rehabilitation of vacant properties, and encourage the occupancy of vacant properties. These registration ordinances may apply to either residential or commercial buildings, but not to property owned by the federal government, the State of Nebraska, or any political subdivision.</i></p>

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LB304	Crawford		Urban Affairs	01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act <i>LB304 eliminates the provisions limiting more than three members of a housing agency from being residents of the same incorporated community within a county. LB304 also changes the amount of time housing agencies must wait before disposing of abandoned personal property from forty-five days to fourteen days. LB304 also eliminates a provision requiring each local housing agency to file with the governing body of the city or county a copy of the five-year plan and annual plan.</i>
LB383	Quick		Urban Affairs	01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change membership provisions for certain community redevelopment authorities, citizen advisory review committees, and planning commissions <i>LB383 prohibits members of planning commissions from also being members of a community redevelopment authority. LB383 also prohibits members of planning commissions from being members of a citizen advisory review committee.</i>
LB399	Wayne		Urban Affairs	01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to housing commissions <i>LB399 allows the chief elected official of cities of the metropolitan class to appoint seven adult persons to an established local housing agency. LB399 also requires any commissioner of a local housing agency to attain a commissioner's certification from the National Associate on Housing and Redevelopment Officials at their own expense.</i>
LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services	02/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare <i>LB417 eliminates provisions concerning the alternative response implementation plan. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring associations that receive juveniles under the Nebraska Juvenile Code to report to the department its condition, management, and competency. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring the department to submit an annual summary and analysis of the medical assistance program to the Medicaid Reform Council. LB417 eliminates a provision requiring the department to report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Medicaid Reform Council on the implementation of rules and regulations, Medicaid state plan amendments, and waivers adopted under the Medical Assistance Act and their effects.</i> <i>LB417 eliminates provisions requiring the divisions to notify the Governor and Legislature when the occupancy of the licensed psychiatric hospital beds of any regional center reaches twenty percent or less of its capacity. LB417 also eliminates provision that have been outdated.</i> <i>LB417 allows senior volunteers to receive transportation expenses, one free meal, and an annual physical examination. LB417 eliminates provisions that provided senior volunteers with an hourly stipend.</i> <i>LB417 requires the department to make annual grants in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. As a condition to receiving a grant, an application must obtain at least ten percent matching funds from local sources. LB417 also requires the department to develop a quality assurance plan to promote and monitor quality relating to services for persons with developmental disabilities.</i>

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LB268	Schumacher		Judiciary	02/01/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement</p> <p><i>LB268 gives county courts concurrent original jurisdiction with the district court to determine contribution rights under section 68-919. LB268 changes the fee schedule for recording certificates of foreclosure.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 requires notice of appointment of personal representatives to be provided to DHHS if the decedent was 55 years or older. The notice must be provided to the department in a delivery manner and at an address designated by the department. Any notice that fails to conform with such manner is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 changes the term "Medicaid" to "medical assistance" for purposes of reimbursement of claims after a trustor has died. If no medical assistance payment is due, DHHS may waive this restriction after receipt of the trustee's request.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 allows for part of a deed filing fee to be used for preserving and maintaining public records of a register of deeds office that has been consolidated with another county officer and for the modernization and technology needs relating to those records.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 eliminates the uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate or notice affecting the lien pursuant to the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 also changes the Medical Assistance Act. LB268 requires any applicant for medical assistance to disclose their interests in any real estate, trust, corporation, LLC, or other entity. Applicants must also disclose any income derived from such interests and whether the income is generated directly or indirectly. Any assistance obtained after a willful failure to disclose will be deemed unlawfully obtained and recovery may be sought. If, during the transferor's lifetime, an interest in real estate is irrevocably transfers to a related transferee for less than full consideration, the related transferee will be subject to a lien in favor of the State of Nebraska for medical assistance reimbursement to the extent necessary to secure payment subject to stipulated restrictions. LB268 also states that a medical provider shall have the authority of a guardian and conservator for the limited purpose of making application for medical assistance on behalf of a person whom the provider is treating if the person is unconscious or otherwise unable to apply for medical assistance and does not have an existing power of attorney or a court-appointed official to apply on their behalf. When DHHS provides medical assistance to a person because of third party's wrongful act or negligence, the department has the right to recover the medical assistance costs from that third party.</i></p>
LB353	Baker		Judiciary	02/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change claim, award, and judgment payment provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act</p> <p><i>LB353 requires that any claim, award, or judgment pursuant to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act be paid in the same manner as other claims, awards, or judgments against the political subdivision.</i></p>

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LB371	Crawford		Judiciary	02/01/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Eliminate condemnation authority of the State Fire Marshal <i>LB371 eliminates the requirement that the county attorney of any county assist the State Fire Marshal in condemnation proceedings.</i>
LB381	Harr		Judiciary	02/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to jury sequestration <i>LB381 allows the court to order a jury sequestered during trial or after a case is finally submitted to the jury on the court's own motion or on motion by a party for good cause shown. LB381 also prohibits jurors that are sequestered from reading, listening, or viewing any reports of the case in the media.</i>
LB445	Chambers		Executive Board	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Prohibit lobbyist-provided meals and beverages for legislators during session in the State Capitol <i>LB445 prohibits meals and beverage from being provided anywhere in the State Capitol building to members of the Legislature by any lobbyist while the Legislature is in session.</i>
LB127	Groene	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act <i>LB 127 provides for a change in the open meetings law, in Sec. 84-1411 of the statute. It strikes language for political subdivisions to publicize meeting designated by each political body and requires them to publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county within the public entities jurisdiction as well as any other method designated by the public body. The newspaper notice does not have to be published in every county but must have a general circulation within the county. This proposal is also not intended to apply to state agencies but just political subdivision.</i>
LB365	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees <i>LB365 makes, for nonresidents of Nebraska, the actual added cost used as the basis for the calculation of a fee for records include a charge for the existing salary or pay obligation to the public officers or employees, including a charge for the services of an attorney to review the requested public records.</i>
LB481	Kuehn		Health and Human Services	02/02/2017	General File 02/24/2017	Provide for drug product selection for interchangeable biological products <i>LB481 allows for drug product selection concerning interchangeable biological products. LB481 also adjusts definitions under the Nebraska Drug Product Selection Act.</i>
LB81	Blood	Support	Judiciary	02/02/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change the application fee for handgun certificates <i>LB81 changes the fee charged for each application for a handgun certification from five dollars to twenty-five dollars.</i>
LB98	Friesen		Revenue	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts <i>LB98 extends tax levy authority for natural resources districts to FY2025-26 instead of fiscal year 2017-2018.</i>
LB217	Harr		Revenue	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemptions <i>LB217 allows for interest to accrue on the amount of tax due thirty days after the county assessor receives approval from the county board to remove or reduce a homestead exemption from the tax rolls of the county.</i>

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LB152	Craighead	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/03/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents <i>LB152 eliminates sunset dates of January 1, 2018 for provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents. LB152 also eliminates the six-dollar uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting and filing and indexing and filing and indexing each notice of lien or certification of notice affecting lien on a property.</i>
LB624	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/03/2017	General File 02/27/2017	Provide procedure to withhold from the public law enforcement officers' residential addresses in county records <i>LB624 requires the county assessor and register of deeds to withhold from the public the residential address of a law enforcement officers who applies and pays a \$25 fee.</i>
LB202	Lowe		Judiciary	02/03/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant <i>LB202 creates the offense of obstructing government operations if a person intentionally and willfully refuses to submit to a chemical test authorized by a search warrant.</i>
LB278	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/03/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Redefine disability and change disability retirement application and medical examination provisions for various retirement acts <i>LB278 requires, in order for disability retirement applications, that the member of the state, county or school retirement plan be initially diagnosed with a physical or mental impairment, or become disabled while the member was an active participant in the plan. LB278 also requires a medical examination prior to a member being retired as a result of disability and the expense of the board. LB278 also allows for the board to require any disability beneficiary under the age of fifty-five to undergo annual medical examinations.</i>
LB413	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/03/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change a retirement application timeframe for judges and Nebraska State Patrol officers as prescribed and change supplemental lump-sum cost-of-living adjustments under the Judges Retirement Act <i>LB413 requires a judge's application for retirement to be filed no more than one hundred twenty days in advance of qualifying for retirement. LB413 also changes the word "adjustment" to "payment" in terms of lump-sum cost of living. LB413 also changes the definition of Officer to exempt law enforcement officers who have been granted an appointment conditioned on satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council.</i>
LB384	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/06/2017	General File 02/09/2017	Change the rate of interest to be charged on installment loans <i>LB384 changes the interest rate charged on installment loans under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act to twenty-nine percent per annum.</i>

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LB305	Crawford		Business and Labor	02/06/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act</p> <p><i>LB305 adopts the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act. The act allows for covered individuals to take paid family medical leave to care for a new child, because the covered individual has a serious health condition, to care for a family member, to care for a covered service member, or for other qualifying exigencies. The weekly benefits to be paid, for a covered individual whose individual average weekly wage is not more than 20% of the state average, an amount equal to 95% of the individual's average weekly wage. For individuals, whose weekly wage is more than 20% of the state average, the weekly benefits will be equal to 90% of such individual's average weekly wage. Claims for family medical leave benefits must be filed with the commissioner.</i></p> <p><i>LB305 also creates the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Fund. On the operative date of this act, the State Treasurer shall transfer four million dollars from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to this fund to pay the upfront administrative costs. The four million dollars will be paid back from the Fund according to the outlined payment schedule. Every year on December 31, from 2021 to 2024, \$800,000 will be paid back from the Fund.</i></p> <p><i>LB305 also allows for covered individuals to take intermittent leave, and mandates that covered employees returning from leave be restored to the position held prior to the leave.</i></p>
LB144	Friesen		Education	02/06/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools</p> <p><i>LB144 changes agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools.</i></p>
LB470	Larson		General Affairs	02/06/2017	IPP (Killed) 02/24/2017 General Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act relating to the manner of play of keno, use of electronic tickets, and authorized methods of payment</p> <p><i>LB470 allows the use of electronic tickets when playing keno. A lottery operator that does use electronic tickets must take reasonable measure to prevent participation in the keno lottery by a person outside the licensed premises. LB470 also prohibits the use of credit cards to pay for keno beginning January 1, 2018.</i></p>
LB275	Hughes		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/06/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide duties for law enforcement officers and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles</p> <p><i>LB275 allows for law enforcement officers and private property owners to remove or cause removal of an abandoned vehicle from private property upon request of the private property owner whose property the vehicle is abandoned on.</i></p>
LB310	Friesen	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/06/2017	General File 03/01/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits</p> <p><i>LB310 requires counties to firmly post or attach to a bridge a notice if the bridge carrying capacity is less than the limits of twenty thousand pounds per axle. Any person who drives across such posted bridge that weighs greater than the limit may not recover from the county any damages associated with any injury or damage arising therein. They are also guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.</i></p>

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LB263			Transportation and Telecommunications	02/07/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to vehicle certificates of title, registration, and license plates and provide for implementation of an electronic dealer services system by the Department of Motor Vehicles</p> <p><i>LB263 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement an electronic dealer services system. A licensed dealer may voluntarily participate in the system and provide titling and registration services. Any licensed dealer who chooses to participate may collect from a purchaser of a vehicle all appropriate certification of title fees, notation of lien fees, registration fees, motor vehicle taxes and fees, and sales taxes. All fees collected must be remitted to the appropriate authorities. Any licensed dealer who chooses to participate shall use this system to electronically submit title, registration, and lien information to the Vehicle Title and Registration System. License plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title will be delivered as provided under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act and the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB263 limits a political subdivisions liability for any claim based on negligent issuances of a certificate of title under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act and the State Boat Act when such title is issued upon an application filed electronically by an approved licensed dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system.</i></p> <p><i>LB263 also provides that, if a certificate of title is an electronic certificate of title record, the name of the owner may be changed electronically without the need to print a new certificate of title.</i></p>
LB294	Smith		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/07/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide for a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country for mutual recognition of motor vehicle operator licenses</p> <p><i>LB294 allows for the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of the state. Commercial driver's licenses may not be included in such agreement</i></p>
LB591	Crawford		Urban Affairs	02/07/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Provide for enforcement of building codes under the Contractor Registration Act</p> <p><i>LB591 requires each contractor who files an application with the department to include, if applicable, any previous revocation from the registry for failure to comply with applicable state and local business codes.</i></p> <p><i>LB591 allows the commissioner to issue a notice of revocation to a contractor when an investigation reveals that the contractor has willfully failed to take corrective action to bring one or more buildings into compliance with applicable building codes. The registration may temporarily be reinstated pending a hearing on the revocation if the contractor can make a showing of corrective action. In order for the commissioner to initiate an investigation, there must be a written complaint that includes signed substantiation of a potential code violation from an inspector, code official, State Energy Office, or a certified building official and the complainant must have taken reasonable steps to obtain compliance with building codes through local code officials. If the commissioner decides to issue a citation for failure to comply, they must provide the contractor with a proposed timeframe for taking corrective action.</i></p>

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LB530	Harr		Executive Board	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change requirements for providing information to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and provide for withholding appropriations <i>LB530 requires the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, beginning July 1, 2017, to notify the State Treasurer and the Director of Administrative Services to withhold the appropriations for any officer, board, commission, or department which does not furnish the required information until such information is received.</i>
LB539	Krist		Executive Board	02/08/2017	General File 02/14/2017	Change investigation and report provisions relating to the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System <i>LB539 requires the department of corrections to report all cases of death or serious injury of an employee when acting in their capacity as an employee as soon as reasonably possible. The department must also report all cases where an employ is hospitalized in response to an injury received when acting in their capacity as an employee. LB539 prohibits the Inspector General from interviewing any person who has already been interviewed by a law enforcement agency in connection with a relevant ongoing investigation of a law enforcement agency without consent of the prosecuting attorney.</i>
LB53	Schumacher		Judiciary	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals <i>LB53 allows sentencing judges, when they feel that imposition of a mandatory minimum sentence to be improper, to order a three-judge panel to determine whether are not the mandatory minimum is proper and what the proper sentence should be. Sentencing judges would also be allowed to conduct hearings that will aid their determination whether the mandatory minimum sentence is proper. Arguments may be presented by each attorney during the determination of a proper sentence.</i>

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LB107	Crawford		Judiciary	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Prohibit sexual assault of a patient, client, or student as prescribed</p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a health professional commits the offense of sexual abuse of a patient or client if the professional subjects a patient or client who is at least sixteen years of age but less than nineteen years of age to sexual penetration or sexual contact. A health profession to subjects such a patient to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. A health professional who subjects such patient or client to sexual contact is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a volunteer or employee of a school who subjects a student who is at least sixteen but less than nineteen years of age to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a student in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. If such volunteer subjects such student to sexual contact, they are guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a person who is a volunteer or an employee of a youth center who subjects a patient or client who is at least sixteen but less than nineteen to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. If such volunteer subjects such client or patient to sexual contact, they are guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a person who occupies a special position of trust who subjects a child who is at least sixteen but less than nineteen years of age to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a child in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. If such person subjects such child to sexual contact, they are guilty of sexual abuse of a child in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>Consent is not a defense under any section of LB107.</i></p>
LB108	Crawford		Judiciary	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Require guidelines to ensure safety of minor or dependent whose parent or guardian is arrested</p> <p><i>LB108 requires that, beginning July 1, 2018, each police department, sheriff's office, and state patrol must establish guidelines for officer to ensure child safety upon the arrest of a parent or guardian. If, upon questing during the booking process, the arrested person is identified as a custodial parent or guardian, they are to be given two phone calls at no cost to a relative or other person for the purpose of arranging for the care of a minor.</i></p>
LB447	Chambers		Judiciary	02/08/2017	General File 02/14/2017 Chambers Priority Bill	<p>Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties</p> <p><i>LB447 eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for Class ID and Class IC felonies.</i></p>

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LB337	Smith		Revenue	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes</p> <p><i>Beginning November 2019 and every November thereafter, LB337 requires the Tax Rate Review Committee to examine the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts from the Current Fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year. If the expected rate of growth does not exceed three and one-half percent, the Committee shall declare that the income tax rate reduction under section 77-2715.03 be deferred. If such a deferral is declared, the highest individual income tax rate under 77-2715.03 for the current year will remain in place. For 2020 through 2026, this deferral will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds four and two-tenths percent for the upcoming fiscal year. For 2027 and thereafter, and deferrals will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds three and one-half percent for the upcoming fiscal year.</i></p> <p><i>LB337 also adds additional tax bracket tables.</i></p>
LB338	Brasch		Revenue	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act</p> <p><i>LB338 adopts the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act. Agricultural and horticultural land will be valued at its agricultural use value as determined by the Act regardless of any value which such land might have for other purposes. In order for land to receive agricultural use value, it must be located outside the corporate boundaries any distinct, city, or village and be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. LB338 requires the county assessor to use an income-approach calculation to determine the agricultural use value for each year.</i></p> <p><i>LB338 also requires the Property Tax Administration to establish capitalization rates to be applied to each class or subclass of agricultural and horticultural land in each county.</i></p>
LB280	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/09/2017	General File 02/27/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the Address Confidentiality Act</p> <p><i>LB280 allows victims of trafficking to apply to the Secretary of State to have a different address, other than their real one, designated as their address. LB280 also requires the State Treasurer to transfer XX dollars from the Records Management Cash Fund to the Secretary of State Administration Cash Fund to defray the costs of implementing these changes on July 1, 2017.</i></p>
LB307	Brasch		Judiciary	02/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Provide for mediation, child abuse prevention, and civil legal services fees in certain proceedings</p> <p><i>LB307 requires the clerk of the court to collect an additional fifty-dollar mediation fee and a twenty-five-dollar child-abuse prevention fee for each complaint filed. For each paternity determination or parental support proceeding, a civil legal service fee of fifteen dollars will be collected.</i></p>
LB392	Larson		Natural Resources	02/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act</p> <p><i>LB392 adopts the Wind Friendly Counties Act. The Act requires the Director of Agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts of the counties to create, maintain, or expand wind energy opportunities.</i></p>
LB68	Hilgers	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017 Hilgers Priority Bill	<p>Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed</p> <p><i>LB68 prohibits cities of the primary class from prohibiting carrying of concealed weapons. Except as prohibited, Cities, but not counties, do have the power to regulate the ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, registration, transfer, or storage of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories.</i></p>

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LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property</p> <p><i>LB628 prohibits cities, villages, and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or resolutions that prohibits the use of property as a short-term rental. Short-term rental means a residential property that is rented wholly or partly for a fee for a period not longer than thirty days. However, LB628 allows the regulations of short-term rentals by cities, villages, and counties.</i></p>
LB193	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/10/2017	General File 02/22/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to courts</p> <p><i>LB193 changes terminology of statutes dealing with courts. The term "docket" is replaced with "file." The term "trial docket" is used to reference the lower court's schedule. LB193 requires clerks to enter judgements in the judgment index instead of the judgment record or journal.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires sheriffs to file a notice on the record whenever the levy of attachment or execution on real estate is to be used as notice. LB193 also allows offers for settlements for the recovery of money to be served on the parties' attorneys as well as the parties themselves.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires clerks to send a the final order after the entry of any final judgment either through the United States mail or by service through the court's electronic case management system. LB193 requires that sureties for stays of execution be recorded on the register of actions and entered by the clerk on the judgment index.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires every clerk to maintain and preserve a file and record of all papers delivered to them in every action or special proceedings. Retention and disposition of the records shall be determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act. The clerk of the district court is required to maintain records on the court's electronic case management system. Retention and disposition of the records shall be determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act. The case file is required to be in chronological order and contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgement, verdicts, postjudgement actions, and other documents in the case file. The case file may be maintained as an electronic document through the court's electronic case management system. The file may also be maintained in a paper volume and disposed of when determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires the trial docket be available for the court on the first day of each month. The docket must set forth each case pending in the order of the filing of the complaint to be called for trial.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 adds new definitions that apply to clerk of other courts of record. Definitions for Fee Record, General Index, Judge's Notes, Judgment Index, Register of Actions, and Trial Docket are added.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires, whenever there is a transfer order from county court to district court, the county court must file the Certification of the proceedings, all original documents of the action, certification of the transcript of the register of actions, and the certification of the court costs within ten days.</i></p>

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LB517	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/10/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change provisions regarding transfer of property upon death</p> <p><i>LB517 makes divorce or annulment of a marriage, except as provided by the express terms of a governing instrument made between the divorced individuals, revokes any revocable disposition or appointment of property, provision in a governing instrument conferring a general or nongeneral power of appointment on the divorced individual's spouse or relative of the spouse, or nomination of the divorced spouse to serve in any fiduciary or representative capacity. The divorce or annulment also severs the interests of the former spouses in property held by them at the time of the divorce or annulment as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, transforming the interests of the former spouses to equal tenancies in common.</i></p>
LB72	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/13/2017	General File 02/16/2017	<p>Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act</p> <p><i>LB72 renames the Nebraska Governmental Unity Security Interest Act to the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest and Pledge Act. The NGUSIPA governs the perfection, priority, and enforcement of all security interests created governmental units. LB72 makes the pledge of any bond-pledged revenue source by a governmental unit to the payment of the principle, premium, and interest on bonds valid and binding and deemed continuously perfected from the time of the bonds or notes or other financing obligations are issued. Specific terms for different types of bonds are set forth in Section 5 of LB72.</i></p>

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LB480	McCollister		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/13/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody <i>LB480 prohibits an insurer offering a health benefit plan from denying reimbursement for any service or supply covered by the plan or cancel the plan if the insured is in the custody of a jail pending disposition of charge, the insured receives publicly funded medical care while in such custody, and the care was provided by an employee or contractor who meets the credentialing requirements of the plan. LB480 requires health benefit plans to reimburse the political subdivision for the costs of covered services provided to the insured who is in custody.</i>
LB261	Hansen		Business and Labor	02/13/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act <i>LB261 adapts the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. The purpose of this act is to protect workers and communities by requiring advance notification of large-scale employment loss. The act requires an employer, before ordering a mass layoff, to provide notice to possibly affected parties at least sixty days in advance. For actions that will result in employment loss for two hundred fifty or more employees, such notice must give one hundred twenty days in advance. This notice must include the number of employees who will be terminated, a statement of the reasons for the mass layoff, a statement of any employment that may be available at other establishments, a statement of employee rights, and a statement concerning information about public programs available to the employee. LB261 also allows for an employee, the Attorney General, the commissioner, or an affected city, village, or county who has been aggrieved by an employer's failure to comply with the notice requirement to proceed with a civil action against the employer.</i>
LB532	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/13/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to a military service credit for certain retirement plans as prescribed <i>LB532, for military service rendered on or after January 1, 2018, requires that county employees, school employees, State Patrol Officers and judges who are reemployed pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4301 be treated as not having incurred a break in service by reason of their period of military service. Such service will be credited for purposes of determining the nonforfeiture of the member's accrued benefits and the accrual of benefits under the plan. LB532 makes the county employing the member liable for funding any obligation of the plan to provide the benefits based upon such period of service. The state will be liable to fund the obligation of the plan for judges and State Patrol Officers. The employer shall be liable for funding any obligations for the school employee.</i>
LB625	Larson	Monitor	Urban Affairs	02/14/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act <i>LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city or village located in whole or in part within such county.</i>
LB359	Kolterman		Judiciary	02/15/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession <i>LB359 allows persons who have lost title to real property due to a successful claim of adverse possession to recover damages for all taxes and special assessments paid during the period of adverse possession.</i>

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LB492	Harr		Judiciary	02/15/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Adopt the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act and authorize certain liens <i>LB492 adopts the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act. LB492 prohibits an operator from knowingly permitting a leased space at a self-service storage facility to be used for residential purposes. LB492 requires an occupant, upon reasonable request from the operator, to allow the operator to enter a leased space for purposes of inspection or repair. LB492 establishes that, upon the date in which personal property is placed in a leased space, the operator shall have a lien upon the occupant's personal property for delinquent rent, late fees, labor, or other charges incurred pursuant to a rental agreement. This lien is enforceable once the occupant is in default for forty-five days. The operator may then, after providing the appropriate notice, hold a public sale. LB492 also grants the operator the right to deny the occupant access for any default rent or charges.</i>
LB544	Watermeier	Monitor	Judiciary	02/15/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for elimination of the office of clerk of the district court as prescribed <i>LB544 allows, in any county that does not have an elected clerk of the district court, for the duties of the clerk of the district court to be performed pursuant to an agreement between the State Court Administrator and the county board. LB544 also allows for a county to vote to eliminate the office of the clerk of the district court when a vacancy occurs.</i>
LB488	Groene		Natural Resources	02/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act <i>LB488 adopts the Water Conservation Grant Act. The act allows for the department to being accepting applications for water conservation grants if they determine that the states that are subject to a multi-state compact have agreed to count any reduction in water usages in determining Nebraska's compliance with the multi-state compact. LB488 requires that ground water that is not used for irrigation purposes be considered used when a natural resources district calculates irrigation caps under an integrated management plan created pursuant to the Act.</i> <i>LB488 also creates the Water Conservation Grant Fund. The Fund shall be used to fund water conservation grants awarded under the Act.</i>
LB468	Krist	Oppose	Revenue	02/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change revenue and taxation provisions <i>LB468 eliminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act exemption and compensating exemption factor for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates an exemption from taxation for the first ten thousand dollars of valuation on tangible property for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates the reduction in the value of tangible personal property owned by each railroad, care line company, public service entity, and air carrier for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 ends reimbursement to taxing subdivisions for tax revenue that will be lost because of personal property tax exemptions for tax years 2018 and 2019.</i> <i>LB468 allows resident individuals from electing to subtract from federal gross adjusted income the extraordinary dividends paid on and the capital gain from sale or exchange of capital stock for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018 and taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. LB468 ends the credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund on July 1, 2017, and ends the credit to the Highway Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2019. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved into law.</i>

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LB369	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/16/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds. <i>LB369 eliminates the provision that ended the ten-dollar fee received by the register of deeds and the county clerk for recording a deed, mortgage, or release, recording and indexing of a will, recording and indexing of a decree in a testate estate, recording proof of publications, or recording any other instrument. LB369 allocates two dollars and fifty cents of this fee to the preservation and maintenance of public records.</i> <i>LB369 eliminates the uniform fee for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate of notice affecting the lien. LB369 also eliminates the provision that ended the uniform fee for presenting for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating or for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating each tax lien.</i>
LB382	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/16/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to budget limitations <i>LB382 makes, for FY2017-18, the last prior year's total of restricted funds for counties equal to the last prior year's total of restricted funds minus the last prior year's restricted funds budgeted by counties plus the last prior year's amount of restricted funds budgeted by counties for capital improvements.</i>
LB243	Bolz		Judiciary	02/16/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Require reporting of certain information concerning assaults that occur in state institutions <i>If a person is assaulted in a secure state institution by another person housed or held in such institution, LB243 requires the administrators of secure state institutions to inform the victim of the assault of all disciplinary actions that are being taken and their results, as well as inform the appropriate county attorney of such assault.</i>
LB245	Bolz		Judiciary	02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for a corrections-related emergency and overtime as prescribed <i>LB245 requires that employees of the Department of Corrections must have at least eight consecutive hours off work before a shift. Overtime of such employees is also limited to thirty-two hours during a period of two consecutive weeks. However, in the event of a serious disturbance at a correctional facility, the director may declare an emergency and the overtime restrictions may be suspended for up to two weeks or until the director rescinds the declaration.</i>
LB250	Harr		Judiciary	02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to probationers' rights <i>LB250 takes away a probationer's right to a prompt consideration of a motion or information to revoke probation when the probationer has failed or refused to report to their probation officer as ordered by the court.</i>
LB258	Hansen		Judiciary	02/16/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state identification card or driver's license before discharge <i>LB258 provides for inmates the opportunity to obtain a state identification card or a motor vehicle operator's license prior to release.</i>
LB251	Harr		Revenue	02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Redefine agricultural or horticultural purposes for revenue and taxation purposes <i>LB251 requires that, when determining whether a parcel of land is primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, no regard may be given to whether some or all of the parcel is platted and subdivided into separate lots or developed with improvements such as streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, sewer lines, water lines, or utility lines.</i>

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LB266	Friesen	Monitor	Revenue	02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land</p> <p><i>LB266 requires that, for the purposes of school district taxation, agricultural and horticultural land be taxed at a percentage of its actual value. For the 2018 tax year, the percentage will be fifty. For the 2019 tax year, the percentage will be forty. For the 2020 tax year and years after, the percentage will be thirty.</i></p> <p><i>LB266 also allows for the commission to increase or decrease the value of real property. For the purpose of school district taxation, agricultural and horticultural tax ranges may be: 44 to 50 for tax year 2018; 34-40 for tax year 2019; and 24-30 for tax years 2020 and after.</i></p> <p><i>State aid means, for agricultural and horticultural land, a percentage of the actual value of the land. For tax year 2018, 47%, for tax year 2019, 37%, and for tax years 2020 and after, 27%.</i></p>
LB327	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019</p>

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LB194	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act</p> <p><i>LB194 prohibits Credit Services Organizations from charging any brokerage or other fees or charges in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act. LB194 also adds definitions for the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act. LB194 provides that any delayed deposit loan that is made by a person who is not licensed as required is void and the person making the deposit has no right to collect, receive, or retain any principle, interest, fees, or other charges associated with such loan. LB194 also changes the nonrefundable application fee from five hundred dollars to one thousand dollars. LB194 also raises the asset requirement of an applicant from twenty-five thousand dollars available for operating the delayed deposit service business to fifty thousand dollars. LB194 raises the fee required for requesting a change of location a branch or designated principle place of business from one hundred fifty dollars to five hundred dollars.</i></p> <p><i>LB194 stipulates the documentation requirement for each delayed deposit loan transaction and what information should be contained in the written agreement. Licensee are also required to openly display a schedule of all finance charges, fees, interest, other charges, and penalties for all services provided.</i></p> <p><i>LB194 creates various restrictions on Delayed Deposit Loans. LB194 makes Delayed Deposit Loans precomputed loans that are payable in substantially equal instalments of principle, fees, interest, and charges combined. The total monthly payment may not exceed the greater of either five percent of the borrower's verified gross post-tax monthly income or six percent of the borrower's verified net post-tax monthly income. Before initiating any transaction, the licensee must make a reasonable determination of the borrower's verified income. The only fees a licensee may receive are interest of no more than thirty-six percent per annum, a month maintenance fee of either five percent of the loan amount or twenty dollars, and other charges permitted for the presentation of nonnegotiable instruments. All fees collected may not exceed fifty percent of the original loan amount. In the event of a default, the licensee may exercise all civil means authorized by law to collect the face value of the loan. The licensee may not collect fees as a result of the default. Licensees are not allowed to charge a fee associated with prepayment of a loan. Licensees are not allowed to lend any amount greater than \$500, plus allowable fees and interest, to any borrower. Borrowers will have the right to rescind a loan on or before 5 p.m. the next business day following the transaction. Licensees are not allowed to enter into more than one delayed deposit loan with the same borrower at any one time. The written loan agreement for a delayed deposit loan may provide that the entire unpaid loan balance be due and payable if the loan has been in default for ten days.</i></p> <p><i>LB194 also creates a duty of licensees to report, on an annual basis, certain information regarding their operations to the director.</i></p>

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LB286	Craighead		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act and change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act <i>LB286 adopts the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act. This act prohibits a person, unless they are exempted, from engaging in the business of making a flexible credit loan to a resident without first obtaining a license as a flexible credit lender. The director must issue a license to an applicant within sixty days after receiving a complete application unless the applicant is insolvent, fails to demonstrate financial responsibility, failed to pay the required fee of \$500, or fails to maintain at least twenty-five thousand dollars in readily available assets. All advertisements of a licensee must comply with the federal Truth in Lending Act. Licensees are prohibited from providing a flexible credit loan to a consumer with more than one outstanding flexible credit loan. LB286 also includes interest rate caps for certain categories of consumers. LB286 stipulates that, for closed-end credit, the term of the flexible credit loan may not exceed twenty-four months.</i>
LB386	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change time period a licensee under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act may hold a check <i>LB386 prohibits licensees from holding or agreeing to hold a check for more than forty days.</i>
LB43	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service <i>LB43 limits the monthly surcharge that a governing body may impose on telephone numbers within the service area to one dollar per month. Wireless carriers may collect a surcharge of up to seventy cents.</i>
LB156	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Eliminate a termination date under the 911 Service System Act <i>LB156 eliminates Section 86-1030 from the 911 Service System Act.</i>
LB389	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act <i>LB389 adopts the Small Wireless Facilities Act. The purposes of this Act are to secure public access to advanced wireless technology and information, promote the public benefits from such wireless technology, and confirm that communications service providers and facilities have a right to occupy and utilize public rights-of-way. The Act allows communications service providers and facilities providers to place poles and wireless facilities in an authority right-of-way. An authority may require an application for a permit for such placement. The authority must approve the application unless it does not meet the applicable industry construction standards. Approved permits shall remain valid for at least ten years and be approved automatically for at least three five-year periods. Small wireless facilities shall be permitted use in all zoning districts other than areas outside the authority right-of-way that are zoned and used for single family residential use.</i>
LB472	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Change provisions relating to signs and advertising on highways <i>LB472 only allows the Department of Roads to require permits for advertising signs, displays, and devices placed along or upon the Highway Beautification Control System</i>

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LB262	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to undeveloped vacant land under the Community Development Law <i>LB262 prohibits tax-increment financing from being used for the acquisition, planning, and preparation for development or disposal of undeveloped vacant land. LB262 also prohibits undeveloped vacant land from being declared or designated blighted and substandard in order to qualify for the use of tax-increment financing unless such land meets the definition of a blighted area.</i>
LB489	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Redefine development project under the Community Development Law <i>LB489 removes other improvements in accordance with the development plan from the definition of development project under the Community Development Law.</i>
LB597	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for application process through county assessor and Tax Commissioner prior to using tax-increment financing <i>LB597 requires any governing body that seeks to use tax-increment financing to submit an application to the county assessor. This application must include the information reasonably required to determine the eligibility of the governing body, the redevelopment plan, and the parcel or parcels for such tax-increment financing. This application will be forward by the county assessor to the Tax Commissioner if the county assessor determines that the certain requirements of the application have been met. The Tax Commissioner will then review the application to ensure all provision of the Constitution of Nebraska, the Community Development Law, and tax-increment financing have been satisfied.</i>
LB508	Hilgers	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change the population threshold for the county civil service system <i>LB508 changes the threshold requiring the formation of a Civil Service Commission from three hundred thousand inhabitants of a county to four hundred inhabitants.</i>
LB567	Bolz	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change funding for county public assistance offices <i>LB567 requires the state to pay the cost for the office and service facilities used for the administration of the public assistance programs</i>
LB192	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/22/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change and modernize provisions relating to the qualifying and summoning of jurors <i>The purpose of LB192 is to provide adequate compensation of the jury commissioner and to permit a change in such salary as soon as the change may become operative under the Constitution of Nebraska. The salary of the jury commissioner is to be fixed by the district judges in an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars. LB192 also eliminates a provision excusing nursing mothers from serving on juries. LB192 contains duties of a jury commissioner designed to ensure adequate selection of qualified potential jurors.</i>

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LB312	Briese	Oppose	Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions</p> <p><i>LB312 eliminates Motor vehicles, motorboat trade-ins, newspapers, laundromats, and telefloral deliveries from being included under "consumer goods" for the purpose of a report created by the department for the purpose of reviewing the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. From the same report, under "nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities" the Nebraska lottery, admissions to school events, and fine art purchases by a museum are eliminated. From the same report, all provisions are eliminated under "services purchased for nonbusiness use" and replaced with only household professional services. Prepaid calling arrangements are also eliminated from "telecommunications."</i></p> <p><i>LB312 also removes the exemptions under gross income received for animal specialty services for the purpose of determining gross receipts for providing a service. Other sources of gross are added to the definition of gross receipts for providing a service are added in section 2.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 allows the credit from trading in motor vehicles, motorboats, all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles to be used when computing the Sales price.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 removes prepared food, food, and food ingredients served by public or private schools from sales tax exemption. Fees and admissions charged by a public or private school are also removed from sales tax exemption. Fees and admissions charged for participants in any activity provided by a nonprofit are also removed from sales tax exemption.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 removes from the definition of "food and food ingredients" soft drinks, candy, and bottled water.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 allows for a refundable credit against the income tax up to ten percent of the allowed federal credit for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1, 2018 and seventeen percent for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 requires the Tax Commissioner, from the amounts collected under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, credit to the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund an amount equal to the net increase in state tax revenue received as a result of the changes made by this legislative bill.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 creates the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund. This fund will be used to provide a property tax credit to owners of real property. To determine the amount of this credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the county by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total real property valuation in the county. The amount dispersed to each county will be equal to the amount in the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund multiplied by the ratio of the real property valuation in the county to the real property valuation in the state.</i></p>

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LB313	Briese		Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change the sales tax rate and the earned income tax credit and provide property tax credits <i>LB313 changes the sales tax rate to six and one-half percent on the operative date of this act. LB313 also allows for a refundable tax credit of 17% of the federal credit allowed for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018. LB313 also creates the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund. This fund shall be used to provide a property tax credit to owners of real property.</i>
LB563	McCollister		Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate certain sales tax exemptions <i>LB563 eliminates sales and use tax exemptions for newspapers, laundromats, telefloral deliveries, the Nebraska Lottery, maintenance and repair services, personal care services, lawn care, gardening, storage and moving services, and taxi, limousine and other transportation services. LB563 also includes new provisions under the definition for gross receipts for receiving a service.</i>
LB644		Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/24/2017	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions governing boards, commissions, and similar entities <i>LB644 eliminates the state noxious weed advisory committee and the Nebraska Potato Development Committee. LB644 also prohibits a quorum of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications from being present unless all members appointed by the Governor are present. All citizen members of this commission must be affiliated with the political party of the Governor. LB644 also eliminates a requirement that lawyer members of this commission be members of the Nebraska bar and reside in the judicial district served by the commission.</i> <i>LB644 requires the State Treasurer to transfer any funds in the Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund.</i> <i>LB644 also eliminates the Board of Emergency Medical Services and gives its power to the department and the Division of Public Health.</i> <i>LB644 eliminates the Perfusionst Committee.</i> <i>LB644 gives a licensee who had their motor vehicle operator license revoked because of a mental, medical, or vision problem the right to an immediate appeal to the director. Whenever a director reviews the denial or cancellation of a license because of mental, medical, or vision problems, the director may consider records and reports from a qualified physician. LB644 also eliminates the Health Advisory Board's role in the making of this decision.</i>
LB179	Bolz		Health and Human Services	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence <i>LB179 requires any child who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement in the six months prior to attaining nineteen years of age to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. The Office of Probation is required to identify such individuals and provide the information. LB179 also provides factors for a court to consider when deciding whether it is necessary for the juvenile to remain in the court-ordered out-of-home placement. LB179 also provides for medical care under the medical assistance program for young adults for such juveniles.</i>

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LB297	McCollister		Health and Human Services	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Create Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project</p> <p><i>LB297 creates the Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project. The purpose of this project is to identify how existing state agency data systems currently used to account for the use of all services, programs, and facilities by children and juveniles in the State can be used to establish an independent, external data warehouse. The Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project Advisory Group is also created to oversee the pilot project. The advisory group will consist of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, the State Court Administrator, the probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration, the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Commissioner of Education, the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, the director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Juvenile Justice Institute, the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Chief Information Officer, the Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of Developmental Disabilities of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services.</i></p>
LB298	Baker		Health and Human Services	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force</p> <p><i>LB298 clarifies that the immediate and public dissemination of a current picture and information about a child who is missing from a foster or out-of-home placement is not restricted by certain confidentiality requirements. However, the disseminated information may not include the fact that the child is in the care, custody, or control of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Officer of Probation Administration. LB298, beginning July 1, 2017, makes the Normalcy Task Force the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee. This committee shall monitor and make recommendations regarding the implementation in Nebraska of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. LB298 also clarifies the Legislatures intent to recognize the importance of parental rights and the different rights that exists dependent on a variety of factors.</i></p> <p><i>LB298 also requires the department or officer to ensure the presence of a written normalcy plan describing how the department or office will ensure all children have access to age or developmentally appropriate activities.</i></p>
LB178	Bolz	Support	Judiciary	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Provide for sexual assault protection order</p> <p><i>LB178 allows for any victim of sexual assault to file a petition and affidavit for a sexual assault protection order. This protective order shall be effective for two years unless renewed. Any knowing violation of such protective order will be a Class I Misdemeanor. LB178 also affords full faith and credit to sexual assault protection orders issued in other states or jurisdictions.</i></p>
LB191	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders</p> <p><i>LB191 allows for victims of domestic abuse to file a petition and affidavit to renew a protection order thirty days before the expiration of the previous protection order. The renewal period shall be effective for one year beginning the day of expiration of the previous order.</i></p>

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LB289	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim <i>LB289 makes pandering a Class II felony. LB289 also includes services under the definition of Labor for the purpose of defining "Labor Trafficking." LB289 also eliminates the "knowing" requirement for sex trafficking of a minor, and includes solicitation in the offense. LB289 makes labor or sex trafficking of a minor a Class IC Felony, unless the actor uses or threatens force on a victim under the age of sixteen, in such case the charge would be a Class IB Felony. LB289 also makes solicitation of a trafficking victim a Class II Felony. LB289 exempts trafficking victims from being charged if they benefit from or participate in the trafficking venture.</i>
LB394	Morfeld		Judiciary	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to possession of a deadly weapon by person subject to a domestic violence protection order <i>LB394 makes subjects of a current and validly issued harassment protection order who are in possession of a firearm, knife, or brass knuckles guilty of the offense of possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person.</i>
LB487	Morfeld		Judiciary	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Provide exception to certain crimes for persons witnessing or experiencing drug overdoses and provide protection from civil liability for emergency responders and peace officers administering naloxone <i>LB487 exempts a person from violating the Uniform Controlled Substance Act if: such person made a good faith request for emergency medical assistance in response to a drug overdose of himself, herself, or another; such person was the first person to make a request for medical assistance as soon as the drug overdose was apparent; the evidence for the violation of the UCSA was obtained as the result of the drug overdose and request for medical assistance; such requesting person remained on the scene until medical assistance arrived; and such requesting person cooperated with medical assistance or law enforcement.</i> <i>LB487 also prohibits administrative action, criminal prosecution, and civil liability against an emergency responder or peace officer who, in good faith, administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.</i>
LB232	Kolterman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide a property tax exemption for property leased to the state or a governmental subdivision <i>LB232 includes property leased to the state or to a governmental subdivision by the person or entity holding legal title to the property within the definition of property of the state and its governmental subdivisions. Therefore, this leased property is exempt from property taxes.</i>
LB236	Erdman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to the inclusion of multiple lots in one parcel <i>LB236 allows for two or more vacant lots, if owned by the same person, to be considered one parcel for the purpose of property taxes unless such lots have any property taxes or special assessments that are certified but not yet due, are due, or are delinquent if property taxes or special assessments on such lots have been sold at a tax sale.</i>
LB238	Erdman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to certifying taxable values <i>LB238 allows the certification of taxable values to be provided to the governing body or board either by mail, electronically, or by notifying such governing body or board of the place on the county assessor's website where the current taxable values are located.</i>

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LB249	Harr		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Expand business inventory property tax exemption <i>LB249 expands business inventory property tax exemptions to personal property that is equipment useable for construction, agriculture, or manufacturing.</i>
LB299	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations <i>LB299 adopts the Occupational Board Reform Act. The purpose of this act is to require occupational boards to respect the fundamental right of an individual to pursue an occupation and to ensure that occupational boards and individual members of occupational boards avoid liability under federal antitrust laws. The act allows for individuals with criminal history to petition the relevant occupational board to determine if such criminal history would disqualify them from certification. An individual's criminal history will only disqualify them for a felony conviction, that felony conviction is expressly listed as a disqualifying offense, and the occupational board concludes that the state has an important interest in protecting public safety.</i> <i>LB299 also creates the Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards. The purpose of this board is to monitor occupational boards and ensure compliance with the act</i> <i>LB299 also creates the Legislative Office of Occupational Regulations. The duties and responsibilities of the Office as specified in Section 23 of the act.</i>
LB482	Smith		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act <i>LB482 adopts the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. The purpose of this act is to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, nondiscriminatory, and efficient administration and completion of construction projects funded, assisted, or awarded by a governmental entity. The Act requires that a governmental unit ensure that any requests for proposals or bid specification for a public contract do not contain a term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders, contractors, or subcontractors from entering into a collective-bargaining agreement or a term that discriminates based on status as a party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into, a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under a public contract.</i>
LB300	Krist		Judiciary	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child <i>LB300 eliminates the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from sexual assault of a child.</i>
LB367	Krist	Oppose	Judiciary	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters <i>LB367 requires the county to pay the costs associated with transportation when a peace officer takes a juvenile into temporary custody and a probation officer determines the need for detention or an alternative placement. LB367 requires the Office of Probation Administration to pay for costs that are related to treatment or service provisions.</i>

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LB253	Crawford		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provide for a special tax levy</p> <p><i>LB253 allows for any county, city, village, or sanitary and improvement district to enter into a service agreement with any joint entity or joint public agency which owns or operates or proposes to own or operate any sewerage disposal system and plant. LB253 also grants any county, city, village, or sanitary and improvement district to levy a special tax to ensure payment of the service agreement.</i></p>
LB288	Harr		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to service of notice when applying for a tax deed and the laws governing tax sale certificates</p> <p><i>LB288 permits the use of certified mail and designated delivery in order to serve notice upon every person in actual possession or occupancy of real property that qualifies as an owner-occupant. If certified mail or designated delivery service is used, the certified mail return receipt of a copy of the signed delivery receipt must be filed with and accompany the return of service. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i></p>
LB498	Brewer		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to transfer of homestead exemptions</p> <p><i>LB498 stipulates that, for purposes of such determination, the January 1 through August 15 ownership and occupancy requirement shall not apply.</i></p>
LB602	Erdman		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land</p> <p><i>LB602 states that the actual value of agricultural and horticultural land for purposes of taxation means the capitalized net earning capacity that the land produced without regard to any value that the land might have for other purposes or uses.</i></p> <p><i>LB602 requires that agricultural and horticultural land used primarily for those purposes will constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of property taxation. LB600 prohibits the following from being classified as agricultural or horticultural land: farm home sites and land used for grazing of animals kept primarily for personal use. LB602 requires that any agricultural and horticultural land that qualifies for valuation using the capitalized net income approach be valued upon the basis of the agricultural income. Any agricultural or horticultural land assessment values will be based upon an eight-year Olympic average of crop income derived from the reported income from each county's productivity information chart.</i></p>
LB71	Pansing Brooks		Appropriations	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	<p>Change appropriations relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program</p> <p><i>LB71 changes the appropriation from two hundred fifty thousand to three million dollars from the general fund in order to fund tree removal, disposal, and replacement.</i></p>
LB514	Bolz		Appropriations	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>State intent to appropriate funds for a Justice Reinvestment Initiative Coordinator</p> <p><i>LB514 states the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars to the University of Nebraska at Omaha for fiscal year 2017-18 to fund the position of Justice Reinvestment Initiative Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha College of Public Affairs and Community Service Nebraska Center for Justice Research.</i></p>

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LB244	Bolz		Business and Labor	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness for workers' compensation <i>LB244 allows frontline state employees to receive workers' compensation for mental injuries if they can establish, by preponderance of the evidence, that their employment conditions causing the mental injury or illness were extraordinary and unusual and that the medial causation between the mental injury or illness and the employment. A frontline employee means an employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Health and Human Services whose duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk individuals.</i>
LB354	Kolowski		Business and Labor	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Wage Disclosure Act <i>LB354 adopts the Wage Disclosure Act. This act makes it unlawful for an employer to screen job applicants based on their current or prior wages, request or require that a job applicant disclose his or her current or prior wages, or seek information regarding an applicant's current or prior wages. Violations of this act will be a Class IV misdemeanor.</i>
LB415	Kollerman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Provide and change notification requirements and duties and benefits for certain retirement system members, change certain annuity and disability benefit provisions, and provide duties for school districts and the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to retirement <i>Under LB415, termination of employment for county employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity with the same or another county which participates in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in a retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act, or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i> <i>On or after July 1, 2017, a retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as a new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and earned after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the County Employees Retirement Act.</i>

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						<p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for School employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity within 180 days with the same or another county which participates in the School Employees Retirement Act; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in an retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i></p> <p><i>A retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as a new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and earned after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the School Employees Retirement Act.</i></p> <p><i>An employer is required to notify the board and the State Department of Education of the date upon which the termination of employment has occurred and provide such information as the board deems necessary. A member hired on or after July 1, 2017, or a member who has taken a refund or retirement and is rehired may retire if the member is at least 60 years of age and the sum of the member's attained age and creditable service totals ninety, or if the member is at least 65 and has completed at least five years of creditable service. If the annuity of such a member begins at a time when the sum of the member's attained age and creditable service totals ninety and the member is at least 60, the annuity will not be reduced. However, this only applies to members who have acquired the equivalent of five years of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system.</i></p>

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LB66	Hansen		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Undersummed Motorist Insurance Coverage Act</p> <p><i>LB66 permits the stacking of separate policies for individuals living together when determining the limit of insurance coverage available to an injured person for any one accident.</i></p>
LB511			Education	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change provisions for payment of educational costs for state wards and students in residential settings</p> <p><i>LB511 requires the resident school district to pay the cost of education and any required transportation associated with education for any student who is a ward of the state or resident in certain residential settings except as provided. DHHS shall pay the costs of education and transportation for a student who is a ward of the state, does not reside in a foster family home, and is placed in a school district other than the school district in which they resided at the time they became a ward of the state. DHHS shall pay the costs of education and transportation for any student that is a ward of the state and is placed in an institution which maintains an approved special education program. DHHS shall pay the costs of education and transportation for a student who is a ward of the state, is eighteen years of age or younger, and is placed in a county detention home.</i></p> <p><i>LB511 also requires that, except as provided in the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act, a child shall continue to attend the same school as prior to placement outside their home unless a determination is made that continued attendance at such school would not be in the best interests of the child.</i></p>
LB357	Bolz	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs</p> <p><i>LB357 places a fee of twenty-five dollars for each original certificate of title issued to a person by a county for a vehicle or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state after the first original title is issued. LB357 also allows for voluntary contributions of \$2 to be made as a donation to programs for persons suffering from brain injury.</i></p>

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LB95	Crawford		Urban Affairs	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the Community Development Law and tax-increment financing</p> <p><i>LB95 requires that each city which has approved one or more redevelopment plans which are financed in whole or in part through the use of tax-increment financing to establish an auditing plan to provide for regular review of each such redevelopment plan. The Auditor of Public Accounts has the power to audit, or cause to be audited, any authority established when the Auditor determines such an audit is necessary or when requested by the governing body.</i></p> <p><i>LB95 also requires that, prior to declaring an area in need of development, the governing body must conduct a study or analysis on whether the area is substandard and blighted. A public hearing will also be conducted on this question, with proper notice given to the community. Each neighborhood association that desires to receive such notice must register with their city's planning department the area they would wish to be notified on.</i></p> <p><i>LB95 requires that redevelopment plans that include the use of tax-increment financing shall not provide for the reimbursement of costs incurred prior to the approval of the redevelopment plan, except those costs related to the preparation of the redevelopment plan, the substandard and blighted study, or the cost-benefit analysis.</i></p> <p><i>Redevelopment plans which include the use of tax-increment financing must, after five years and every five years thereafter, conduct a review and update of a cost-benefit analysis. This report should include tax shifts, public infrastructure and community public service needs impacts, impacts on employers and employees, impacts on student populations of school districts, and other impacts determined to be relevant. Each city approving such a redevelopment plan must retain copies of all such redevelopment plans and supporting documents associated with that plan for a period of time required under applicable records retention schedules.</i></p> <p><i>LB95 also allows for redevelopment contracts for plans that include the use of tax-increment financing to include a provision requiring that all ad valorem taxes levied upon real property in a redevelopment project be paid on time in order for such redevelopment project to received tax-increment financing. To the extent that a redevelopment plan divides the ad valorem taxes levied upon only a portion of the real property in a redevelopment project, such portion shall be clearly related to the redevelopment plan.</i></p>
LB496	Stinner		Urban Affairs	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Define and redefine terms under the Community Development Law</p> <p><i>LB496 includes the construction of workforce housing, in cities of the first and second class and villages, into the definition of redevelopment project under the Community Development Law. LB496 also includes a definition for workforce housing. Workforce housing means single-family or multi-family housing for which the municipality receives a housing study that is current, prepares an incentive plan for construction targeted to house existing or new workers, holds a public hearing on such incentive plan with notice, and after the public hearing finds that such incentive plan is necessary to prevent the spread of blight and substandard conditions within the municipality.</i></p>

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LB75	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony <i>LB75 restores voting rights to felons immediately after completion of their sentence or probation.</i>
LB76	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Require notice for Secretary of State regarding completion of felony sentence for purposes of voting rights <i>After completion of a probationary period, LB76 requires a copy of the order that releases the felon from his probation to be provided to the Secretary of State no later than ten days after the order is given. The Secretary of State will then make not of the completion of the felony sentence upon receipt of an abstract from the Department of Corrections. The clerk of any court in which a person was convicted must also complete an abstract detailing who has completed their felony sentence and who is not included in the order to restore civil rights after completion of their probationary period. The department is also to prepare an abstract each month reflecting which person have completed their probationary period and deliver it to the Secretary of State. The parole administrator must also prepare an abstract each month that reflects each person which a felony conviction who has completed their parole term.</i>
LB314	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change state and municipal election provisions to conform to prior legislation <i>LB314 requires cities to file a certified copy of the economic development program with the election commissioner or county clerk no later than fifty days prior to a special election or not later than March 1 prior to a primary or general election. LB314 also eliminates a provision prohibiting the use of General Funds being appropriated for the purpose of a voter registration list. LB314 also makes the penalty for a Class IV felony up to two years' imprisonment and twelve months of post-release supervision.</i>
LB451	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change various provisions relating to elections as prescribed <i>LB451 eliminates a provision prohibiting the election commissioner from becoming a candidate for an elected officer during their term of office or within thirty days of leaving office. LB451 also changes provision relating to the appointment for vacant legislative seats. LB451 also provides that any person using an early voting or absentee ballot must sign a voter oath to be contained with the ballot.</i> <i>LB451 requires that, if the filing deadline for the elective officer is after March 1 of the year in which the election is held, the candidate must file supplementary statements on or before the filing deadline. If the candidate files to appear on the ballot for election during the calendar year in which the election is held, the candidate must file a statement of financial interests of the preceding calendar year with the commission on or before March 1 of the year. A statement of financial interest must be preserved for a period of no less than five years</i>

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LB344	Albrecht		Health and Human Services	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers</p> <p><i>LB344 allows the board to issue a license to those who hold a license or certification that is current in another jurisdiction that authorized the applicant to provide alcohol and drug counseling, has at least two hundred seventy hours of counseling education, has at least three years of full-time counseling practice and has passed a counseling examination.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 also includes provisions regarding approved educational programs. These programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, the Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program, the Council on Rehabilitation Education, the Council on Social Work Education, or The American Psychological Association for a doctoral degree program enrolled in by a person who has a master's degree or its equivalent in psychology.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 allows those who have received a doctoral degree of the equivalent of a master's degree to be qualified to be a licensed mental health practitioner. LB344 also allows those who have been in active practice in the appropriate discipline for at least five years following initial licensure or certification in another jurisdiction and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination to be issued a license by the board.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 makes ineligible for SNAP those with one or two felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance unless they are participating in, since the date of conviction, a substance abuse program that is nationally accredited or provided in a mental health substance use treatment center licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB344 requires health care facilities applying for a license as a mental health substance use treatment center to designate whether the license is to be issued to provide services for mental health disorders only, for substance use disorders only, or for both mental health and substance use disorders.</i></p>
LB500	Brewer		Judiciary	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Authorize the carrying of concealed handguns by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers</p> <p><i>LB500 allows an individual who is a qualified law enforcement officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer and who is carrying the required identification may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in the State of Nebraska. For law enforcement officers, such identification shall be photogenic and issued by the employing governmental entity. For retired officers, the identification shall be either a photographic identification issued from the agency from which the individual separated in good standing or a photographic identification issued and a certificate issued by the individual's state of residence.</i></p>

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LB291	Larson		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act</p> <p><i>LB291 adopts the Special Economic Impact Zone Act. The purpose of this act is to utilize the tax incentives provided in the act to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on reservations in Nebraska. This act designates each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a qualified business located in a special economic impact zone may exclude any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone when calculating its income tax liability to the state. Beginning January 1, 2018, such businesses are also exempt from the sales and use taxes due for the first ten million dollars of eligible purchases made each year.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also requires that, when allocating any federal low-income housing tax credits, the authority must give a bonus to any project located in a special economic impact zone.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also allows for the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes to enter into revenue sharing agreement with the Department of Revenue.</i></p>
LB385	Lindstrom		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><i>LB385 allows those with a relationship to the taxpayer to execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer. The specific relationships are: A person or entity with a contract executed by the taxpayer, a person with the power of attorney, a person with a durable power of attorney, and a person who is a trustee of an estate. LB385 requires the county board of equalization, in appeals regarding the assessed value of the property that has been increased by more than 5%, to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the assessed value reflects the property's actual value.</i></p>
LB555	Smith		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><i>LB555 allows commissioners who live within fifty miles of the state office building to be reimbursed for mileage for actual round trip travel. Commissioners who live more than fifty miles may be reimbursed for mileage for one round trip per week and shall be paid a per diem at the federal per diem rate for each day worked at the state office building. LB555 also makes the filing fee for each appeal or petition filed with the commission fifty dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved in the appeal is one million dollars or less, and a fee of one hundred dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved is more than one million dollars.</i></p>
LB201	Lowe		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants</p> <p><i>LB201 allows for law enforcement officers to request the assistance of any other law enforcement officer in executing a search warrant if the person or place to be searched is not within the named officer's jurisdiction. LB201 also allows for unsworn statements to be made under the penalty of perjury and subject to the same punishments as perjury.</i></p>
LB259	Hansen		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts</p> <p><i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</i></p>

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LB589	Crawford		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for depositions of a child victim or child witness <i>LB589 prohibits depositions of a child being taken when the child has undergone a video-recorded forensic interview at a child advocacy center, except by agreement of the parties or by approval of the court. If a request to depose a child is granted, the court must make any protective order that justice requires to protect the child from emotional harm, distress, harassment, undue influence, or intimidation.</i>
LB400	Hilkemann		Revenue	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle fees and taxes <i>LB400 makes all refunds for motor vehicle registrations based upon the number of unexpired time remaining from the date of the event, not the date of presentation to the county treasurer.</i>
LB531	Harr		Revenue	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles <i>LB531 allows the county treasurer to deduct and withhold for the use of the county general fund an additional one-half of one percent of all amount in excess of three thousand dollars remitted each month.</i>
LB545	Watermeier		Appropriations	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for fund transfers relating to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund <i>LB545 requires the State Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund: Four hundred twenty-four million dollars for tax year 2018; Six hundred twenty-four million dollars for tax year 2019; Eight hundred twenty-four million dollars for tax year 2020.</i>
LB444	Walz		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Prohibit cities and counties from canceling health insurance coverage for injured law enforcement officers <i>LB444 prohibits cities and counties from canceling health insurance for law enforcement officers who suffered serious bodily injury while in the line of duty.</i>
LB577	Hilgers		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Create offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush <i>A person commits the offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush if they knowingly and intentionally attack such a person while they are engaged in the performance of their official duties and the attacker either attacks without warning from a concealed position or approaches an unsuspecting officer and intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury. This offense is a Class 1B Felony and required a minimum sentence of forty years and possibly a fine up to one hundred thousand dollars.</i>
LB623	Wishart		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to assault on an officer, certain employees, or a health care professional <i>LB623 eliminates provisions that specify assaults on officials and replaces them with the term "public officer."</i>
LB228	Harr		Revenue	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to rent-restricted housing projects <i>LB228 allows the Department of Revenue, on behalf of the committee, to forward income and expense statements from owners of rent-restricted housing projects to the county assessor of each county in which the housing project is located.</i>
LB378	McCollister		Appropriations	03/06/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services <i>LB378 appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2016-17 to the Department of Correctional Services, for Program XXX. The appropriation shall only be used to house prison inmates at county jails where such inmates have been classified as community corrections inmates and are housed at county jails in the general area where the inmates on parole or release will be located</i>

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LB345	Craighead		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	03/06/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Eliminate an experience requirement for abstracters <i>LB345 eliminates a provision requiring at least one year of verified land title-related experience satisfactory to the board for individuals desiring to become a registered abstractor.</i>
LB559	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	03/07/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit the collection of interchange fees on specified taxes and fees relating to electronic payment transactions <i>LB559 excludes the from the amount of an interchange fee charged for an electronic payment transaction the amount of any tax or fee imposed by state or local government that is calculated as a percentage of an electronic payment transaction amount and listed separately on the payment invoice. This act will apply to electronic payment transactions processed on or after October 1, 2017.</i>
LB437	Craighead		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change requirements for independent instrumentalities under the Taxpayer Transparency Act <i>LB437 includes a definition for independent instrumentalities. Independent instrumentality means a body created by the laws of this state which may sue and be sued and with respect to which the state, by law, does not provide indemnification. LB437 allows, in lieu of providing copies of each active contract, an independent instrumentality may provide a link to copies of such contracts that are stored on a server owned or managed by it. LB437 also allows independent instrumentalities to provide information that is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Taxpayer Transparency Act by providing the State Treasurer with a link to a web site or document containing such information that is stored on a server owned or managed by the independent instrumentality. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB510	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions <i>LB510 prohibits political subdivisions from entering into installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property that require a total outstanding obligation exceeding twenty-five million dollars.</i>
LB441	Morfield		Health and Human Services	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act <i>LB441 makes those persons described under section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act eligible under the Medical Assistance Act. The department must submit a state plan amendment to cover newly eligible individuals, and such amendment must request as the alternative benefit plan a benchmark benefit package as defined in section 1937(b)(1) 18 (D) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396u-7(b)(1)(D), as such act and section existed on January 1 2017, for Secretary-approved coverage that shall include full Medicaid benefit coverage, including mandatory and optional coverage, under section 68-911 22 in the amount, duration, and scope in effect on January 1, 2017, and any additional wraparound benefits required under federal law.</i>
LB501	Brewer		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change prohibition on locations where permit holder may carry a concealed weapon <i>LB501 requires that, in order for a permit holder to violate the section, there must be a posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited and the property owner must make a request that the permit holder leave, which the permit holder defies. LB501 also makes this violation a Class II misdemeanor.</i>

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LB520	Hansen		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit <i>LB520, if a prohibited person files an application to obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit, requires the forwarding of the denied application to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The commission is then required to evaluate whether local law enforcement should be alerted based on the application. Law enforcement agencies are also required to report certain statistics related to rejected applications and notices received from the commission.</i>
LB556	Halloran		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender <i>LB556 creates the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony. This offense is a Class IIA felony, and shall be treated as separate and distinct from the felony being committed.</i> <i>LB556 also creates the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender. This offense applies to those under the age of 25, who have previously been adjudged as a juvenile who commit certain specified offenses. It is a Class III felony.</i>
LB277	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change population requirements for election precincts <i>LB277 lowers the population requirements for election precincts from one thousand seven hundred fifty registered voters to one thousand registered voters.</i>
LB316	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change election provisions relating to technology and funding <i>LB316 allows for election signatures to be written in ink or affixed electronically. LB316 also creates the Election Technology Fund. The primary purpose of this fund is to ensure the longevity of the state's election technology. The Secretary of State must make periodic requests for appropriation for the fund in order to ensure the ability to purchase new technology on a statewide basis as necessary. LB316 allows for electronic aspects authorized under the Election Act to be used to tabulate ballots. LB316 also allows eliminates a provision allowing for the consolidation of precincts and polling places into fewer and larger for the use of electronic voting systems.</i>
LB619	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Permit certain counties to conduct elections by mail <i>LB619 allows the election commissioner to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for elections.</i>
LB434	Ebke	Monitor	Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings <i>LB434 requires any telephone or videoconference juvenile evidentiary hearings to ensure the preservation of due process or rights of all parties.</i>
LB516	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities <i>LB516 requires juvenile facilities to redact all personal identifying information from their quarterly report. LB516 also make intentional or knowingly failure to comply with this section a Class V misdemeanor.</i>

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LB656	Baker		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated <i>LB656 makes a successful claimant one who had a claim against a political subdivision arising from their wrongful incarceration or conviction, which claim was precluded by the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and who obtained a final judgment against such political subdivision from a federal court under 42 U.S.C. 1983 for a violation of their rights protected by the Constitution and arising out of such wrongful incarceration. A successful claimant and the political subdivision against which the claimant obtained final judgment may file a claim with the State Claims Board for full payment of such judgment, or any part of such judgment, which exceeds the available financial resources and revenue of the political subdivision required for its ordinary purpose.</i>
LB658	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings <i>LB658 grants the right to one appointed expert witness during any adjudication or disposition proceeding to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile who is the subject of the proceeding. If the parent, guardian, or custodian is indigent, the reasonable fees and expenses of such expert witness will be paid by the county.</i>
LB570	Friesen		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide a property tax exemption for all tangible personal property <i>LB570 exempts all tangible personal property from property tax beginning January 1, 2019.</i>
LB576	Brewer		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Limit increases in property tax bills <i>LB576 prohibits an owner's property tax bill for 2017 and 2018 from exceeding their property tax bill for 2016.</i>
LB599	Groene		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Exempt certain improvements on land from taxes as prescribed <i>LB599 exempts from personal property tax any improvements on land of infrastructure, redevelopment, or new construction intended for business or housing purposes until occupied, sold, or leased.</i>
LB420	McCollister		Business and Labor	03/13/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act <i>LB420 adopts the Fair Chance Hiring Act. This act prohibits employers and employment agencies from asking an applicant to disclose information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history unless such disclosure is needed to determine if the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications of the position. Such positions include those in which a criminal history record information check is required by law or federal or state law specifically disqualifies an applicant with a criminal background even if such law allows for a waiver that would allow such applicant to be employed.</i>
LB473	Walz		Business and Labor	03/13/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Require rest periods for employees <i>LB473 prohibits employers from requiring any employee to work without a rest period of at least fifteen minutes for every four hours worked. No reduction in compensation may be made for such rest period.</i>
LB189	Howard		Appropriations	03/14/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for recruitment and retention of caseworkers <i>LB189 appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2017-18 and \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2018-19 to the Department of Health and Human Services for Program 33 to be used specifically for the recruitment and retention of caseworkers for child welfare.</i>

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LB112	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without reregistering to vote provisionally</p> <p><i>LB112 requires the Secretary of State to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that establish procedures for election commissioners and county clerks to ensure that there is no fraud in provisional voting. LB112 allows for individuals who have moved but still reside in Nebraska to utilize provisional ballots.</i></p> <p><i>LB112 also adds twelve months' post-release supervision as a punishment for election falsification.</i></p>
LB197	Kolowski		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Provide for electronic application for an early voting ballot</p> <p><i>LB197 allows for the creation of an early voting application process in which applicants with a valid Nebraska motor vehicle license or state identification card may electronically apply for a ballot for early voting after the ballots become available.</i></p>
LB290	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits</p> <p><i>LB290 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, with assistance from the Secretary of State, to prescribe a voter registration application with may be used to register to vote or change address for voting purposes at the same time a person is applying for a driver's license or state identification card. This application must be designed in such a way so that the elector's information can be transmitted to the election commission or county clerk, unless the elector specifies on the form that they do not want to register to vote.</i></p> <p><i>LB290 also allows for the Secretary of State to enter into agreements with the Commissioner of Education and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services to prescribe an electronic voter registration application</i></p>
LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change medicaid reimbursement provisions relating to ground emergency medical transportation</p> <p><i>LB578 allows eligible providers to receive, in addition to the rate of payment, supplemental Medicaid reimbursement pursuant to a specified pay schedule. Participation in the supplemental reimbursement program by an eligible provider is voluntary. If a government entity elects to seek supplemental reimbursement on behalf of an eligible providers, they must clarify that the claimed expenditures for are eligible for federal financial participation, provide evidence supporting the certification as specified by the division, submit data as specified to determine the appropriate amounts of qualifying expenditures, and maintain any specified records.</i></p> <p><i>LB578 also requires the department to design and implement an intergovernmental transfer program relating to Medicaid managed ground emergency medical transportation services to be implemented on the date federal approval is obtained. Participation in intergovernmental transfers is voluntary on the party of the transferring entity. The intergovernmental transfer program shall also be implemented without any additional expenditure from the General Fund. Each eligible provider or governmental entity must agree to reimburse the department for any costs associated with implementing such a program.</i></p>

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LB405	Baker		Judiciary	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to DNA samples, DNA records, and thumbprints under the DNA Identification Information Act <i>LB405 allows for the detention, arrest, adjudication, and conviction of a person based upon a DNA record, DNA sample, or thumb or fingerprint even if the DNA sample, DNA records, or thumb or fingerprint was obtained for inclusion or was placed in the State DNA Data Base, Combined DNA Index System, or State DNA Sample Bank by mistake. Law enforcement agencies or their employee that mistakenly submit the information for inclusion shall not be criminally or civilly liable if mistake was made in good faith.</i>
LB435	Ebke		Judiciary	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change provisions relating to escape <i>LB435 makes escape a Class IIA felony.</i>
LB163	Vargas	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties <i>LB163 requires election commissioners in counties with populations of more than one hundred thousand to establish at least three voting locations.</i>
LB145	Hansen	Monitor	Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service <i>LB145 allows for a sentencing judge or magistrate to conduct a post-hearing sentence to determine if the offender has the financial ability to pay the fines or costs associated with their infraction. If the magistrate or judge determines that the offender is able to pay the fine, but the offender refuses, the magistrate or judge may sentence the offender to imprisonment or community service. If the offender is found unable to pay the fine, the magistrate or judge may impose the sentence without costs and fines, discharge the costs and fines from the offender, or order community service as part of the sentence. If the offender is found able to pay the costs or fines in installments, the magistrate or judge may enter an order specifying the terms of a payment arrangement.</i> <i>LB145 also allows for individuals who are arrested for failure to pay costs and fines to be provided a hearing in which their financial ability to pay those fines and costs can be assessed. A person who believes themselves to be financially unable to pay court costs and fines may request a hearing after an order has been issued against them.</i>
LB395	Morfeld	Monitor	Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail <i>LB395 requires a court to consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. If an appearance bond is required, the court shall appoint counsel to indigent defendants. To determine if a defendant is indigent, the judge must consider the defendant's financial ability to pay a bond. The court may also order a defendant to be supervised by an approved person or organization or a pretrial services program.</i>
LB529	Harr		Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Authorize county courts sitting as probate courts in cases of guardianship to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases <i>LB529 allows county courts sitting as a probate court in the case of a pregnant woman for whom a guardian has been appointed to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases.</i>

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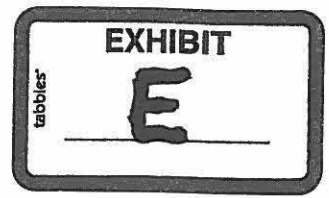
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LB613	Wayne		Revenue	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act <i>LB613 requires any housing agency or controlled affiliate provide notice of a property tax exemption to the county assessor on or before December 31 of the year preceding the year for which the exemption is sought.</i>
LB111	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Provide for nonpartisan election of county officers <i>LB111 requires that county officers be elected on a nonpartisan ballot.</i>
LB139	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers <i>LB139 allows for county boards to adopt resolutions that submits a question to voters on whether they would like the election of county officers to be a nonpartisan ballot. If the voters answer the question in favor of nonpartisan ballots, then the county must utilize nonpartisan ballots for the election of officers.</i>
LB183	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers <i>LB183 allows for the county boards in counties with a population of fifteen thousand or fewer to adopt a resolution requiring a submission of a question to the voters regarding whether or not the election of county officers should be partisan or not. If the voters answer the question in favor of nonpartisan elections, all subsequent elections shall be as such until another question is submitted to the voters. Such question may not be submitted to the voters more than once every three years.</i>
LB424	Ebke		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services <i>LB424 provides for an earned time credit and discontinues the use of good time. For sentences imposed on or after the operative date of this act, the department may apply earned time only to eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision. If a committed offender commits an offense or violates a rule of the department during the actual term of imprisonment, the department may forfeit all or any part of the committed offender's accrued earned time, or place all or part of the accrued time under suspension. If parole or mandatory supervision of a committed offender is revoked, the committed offender shall forfeit all earned time previously accrued. LB424 requires the department to establish a policy regarding the suspension of earned time. This policy should provide that the department will consider the severity of an offense or violation when determining if earned time should be suspended and during any period that earned time is suspended, it may not be used for purposes of granting privileges or to compute eligibility for parole.</i>
LB562	McCollister		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a monthly report from the Department of Correctional Services as prescribed <i>LB562 requires the Department of Correctional Services to prepare a monthly report including the number of committed offenders at or past their parole eligibility dates who have not received appropriate programming, the number and type of vacant position for behavioral health staff, and the number of inmates who have achieved community-custody status but are not in community-custody facilities.</i>

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LB585	Linehan		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to dangerous dogs, seizure of animals, and animal control authorities</p> <p><i>LB585 requires the county attorney where an animal is seized to file an application for a hearing to determine the disposition and the cost for the care of the animal within thirty days after seizure. LB585 also changes the definition of dangerous dog. The requirement of animal control authority records has been eliminated, and a dog can be considered dangerous if it has conflicted serious bodily injury on a domestic animal without provocation that required medical treatment. LB585 prohibits any person knowingly, recklessly, or negligently owning, keeping, or harboring a dangerous dog without complying with specific laws.</i></p>
LB438	Howard		Revenue	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds</p> <p><i>LB438 creates the Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund. This fund shall be used to support reimbursement of behavioral health services providers through provider rates within the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medical Assistance Act, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act. LB438 provides specific distribution guidelines for the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. LB438 also increases the tax on each package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes to two dollars and fourteen cents per package. Beginning July 1, 2017, the State Treasurer shall place one dollar and twenty-four cents of such tax in the General Fund. Beginning July 1, 2016, and each FY thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place sixty-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i></p>
LB503	Brewer		Business and Labor	03/20/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements</p> <p><i>LB503 prohibits the deduction of wages of a public employee, either directly or indirectly, on behalf of a collective-bargaining organization except as required by a collective-bargaining agreement entered into between a public employer and a representative of its employees prior to the effective date of this act</i></p>
LB581	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Require lobbyists to disclose conflicts of interest to principals and provide for cancellation of contracts</p> <p><i>LB581 requires every lobbyist to present a disclosure statement to their principle including: the name, permanent residence address, and office address of the lobbyist; a description of the business activity of the lobbyist; the name of every other principle represented by such lobbyists, the nature of the business of such principle, the amounts or sums given or to be given to the lobbyists as compensation and an identification of such matters on which the lobbyists expects to lobby; a description of any business association of the lobbyist, any information which the lobbyist possess that might constitute a conflict of interest; and a notice that a principle has the right to cancel the contract by mailing a written notice before midnight of the third business day after receipt. Any person violating these requirements will be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.</i></p> <p><i>LB581 also provides principles with the right to cancel a lobbying contract until midnight of the third business day after the lobbyist has presented a disclosure statement.</i></p>

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LB663	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a copy of a lobbying contract for lobbyist registration as prescribed <i>LB663 requires a copy of the lobbying contract for lobbyist registration if the principle receives public funds including taxes, fees, and grants.</i>
LB664	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit a political subdivision from using taxes or fees to employ a lobbyist <i>LB664 prohibits a political subdivision from using revenue from any tax or fee to employ or contract with a lobbyist.</i>
LB665	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a statement of activity regarding certain lobbying activity <i>LB665 requires every lobbyist who is registered or required to be registered file with the Clerk of the Legislature a statement activity within 24 hours after the lobbyist's initial contact with an official in the executive branch of an official in the legislative branch regarding a legislative bill. The statement must indicate the legislative bill number, the name of the lobbyist, and the principle for whom the contact was made.</i>
LB560	Schumacher		Judiciary	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change restrictive housing and inmate discipline provisions <i>LB560 changes the status of solitary confinement to mean confinement in an isolated cell, alone or with a cell mate, for an average of twenty-two or more hours per day, with limited human interaction or constructive activity, and in an environments that ensures maximum control. LB560 allows inmates to have been confined in restrictive housing for more than nineteen days to seek review of the decision to place them in restrictive housing. The review shall be conducted by the district court of the county in which the correctional facility is located.</i> <i>LB560 requires that any inmate placed in restrictive housing be done so in the least restrictive manner consistent with maintaining order in the facility and pursuant to the rules and regulations. LB560 also prohibits any member of a vulnerable population from being placed in restrictive housing.</i>
LB373	Schumacher		Revenue	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions <i>SUMMARY ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT</i>
LB422	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions of the Election Act <i>LB422 changes the meaning of "registered voter" to mean an elector who has a valid voter registration record on file with the election administrator in the county of their residence.</i>
LB423	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to counties <i>LB423 changes the language from "all counties having" to "each county that has."</i>
LB426	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
LB502	Brewer		Judiciary	03/23/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Adopt the Permitless Concealed Carry Act <i>LB502 adopts the Permitless Concealed Carry Act. To be eligible to carry a concealed handgun under this act, the person shall be at least twenty-one years of age, be a citizen or legal resident of the United States, not be prohibited from possessing a handgun, and not be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a handgun under 18 U.S.C. 992. This Act does not change the current restrictions on the carrying of weapons onto private property and other provisions. Any violation of this Act is a Class II misdemeanor for the first violation and a Class I misdemeanor for any subsequent violation.</i>



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March 2, 2017

Mr. Kerry Eagan, Administrator
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Client Update

Dear Mr. Eagan,

We are sending this letter pursuant to our contract with the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Please be advised that since the beginning of session, we have registered for the following client for the 2017 Session:

Copart (issues related to the Department of Motor Vehicles)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kohout".

Joseph D. Kohout

C: Board of Commissioners
Mr. Gordon Kissel

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EXHIBIT F

Exhibit "A"
Sec. 28(8-7)

Lots 55 & 56
(Dennis Fee.)
Revocable Trust

Existing Access Location

3 @ 25 ac
@ 20,000 / ac
\$6,000 Paid

ARC=549.43
 CHD=546.33
 R=1492.40
 Δ=27°57'

B.N.S.F. Railroad

S. 54th St. (Relocated)

LOT 56
 3.28 ± Ac.

(OLD) S. 54th St.

LOT 55
 (A Part of) 150 7/8'

Area of proposed Vacation

1/2 to each
3.96 ac (SW)
2.53 ac (NE)
6.49 ac Total

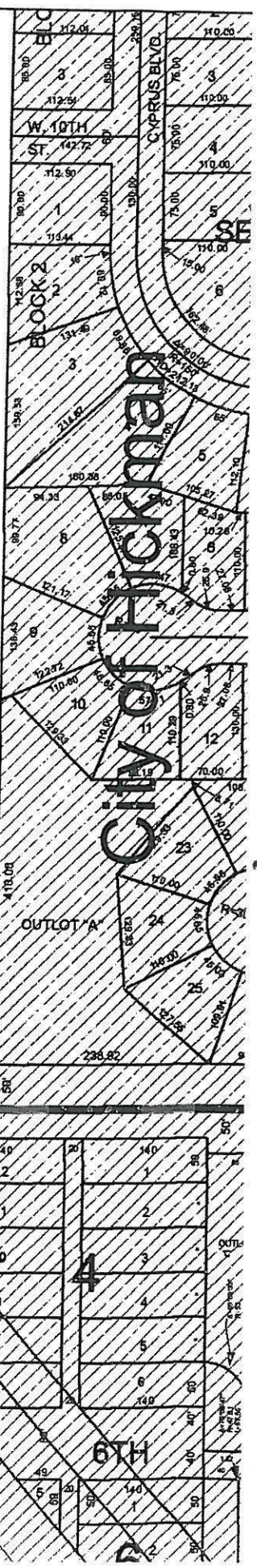
1.88 ac.

49 ac
total

HICKMAN ROAD

LOT 89
 3.82 ± Ac.
 #75-22820
 #81-8330
 #81-8331
 #91-1941
 #2002-3668
 #2002-3669
 #2002-3670
 #2011-12663
 #2014-12707
 #2014-15659

66 x 878' = 1.33 ac.



7224'

189.03

343.88

423.92

17.760

0.65 ac.

0.68 ac.

1.99 ac.

100 7/8'

1008.12

49°50'00"

395'

551.40

551.40

395'

1316.06

80.00

349.54

49°52'58.46"

ARC=104.28

CHD=102.85

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SUMMARY OF SALIENT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Project: South 54th Street (Hickman Rd to Roca Rd)
Owner: Dennis and Malinda Buell
Tract: 20
Appraisal Date: March 1, 2010
Appraiser: Steve Medill, MAI
Legal Description: Lot 51, Irregular Tracts, SW ¼, Section 28, Township 8 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska
Existing Use: Agricultural Homesite
Zoning: Transitional Agricultural
Highest & Best Use: Moderate Density Single-Family Residential Development
Tract Size: 70.77 Acres
Site Improvements: Single Family Residence with Outbuildings
Fee Simple Land Value: \$ 20,000/Acre
Negotiated Land Value: \$ 20,000/Acre

South 54th Street Right-of-Way

0.65 Acres @ \$ 20,000/Acre = \$ 13,000

SUMMARY OF SALIENT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Project: South 54th Street (Hickman Rd to Roca Rd)
Owner: Dennis and Malinda Buell
Tract: 1
Appraisal Date: March 1, 2010
Appraiser: Steve Medill, MAI
Legal Description: Lots 37 & 38, Irregular Tracts, SW ¼, Section 28, Township 8 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska
Existing Use: Agricultural
Zoning: Transitional Agricultural
Highest & Best Use: Agricultural
Tract Size: 68.52 Acres
Site Improvements: Vacant
Fee Simple Land Value: \$ 3,500/Acre
Negotiated Land Value: \$ 7,000/Acre

South 54th Street Right-of-Way

0.68 Acres @ \$ 7,000/Acre = \$ 4,760



1 inch = 300 feet

LOT 37
61.42 ± Ac.

Deed Book #630, pg. 185
#88-1519
#91-2320
#2002-52535
#2011-12663
#2013-248

LOT 55
67.32 ± Ac.

Deed Book #417, pg. 323
#84-10001
#2002-52535
#2007-43328
#2011-12663
#2012-36882
#2013-248

LOT 50
3.91 ± Ac.

#2007-43328

LOT 56
3.28 ± Ac.

LOT 55
(A Part of)

LOT 89
3.82 ± Ac.
#76-22820
#81-8330
#81-8331
#91-1941
#2002-3668
#2002-3669
#2002-3670

LOT 5
3.56 ± Ac.

#77-2927

VACATED COUNTY ROAD #584, RESOLUTION #675

VACATED COUNTY ROAD #584, RESOLUTION #675

S 64TH ST

S 64TH ST

C B & O. R. R.

HICKMAN RD

W 7TH ST





Lancaster County Engineering Department - 3/2/2017

Positions Not Replaced	Fund	End Date	Est Step	Salary	FICA	Pension	Health Insurance	Dental Insurance	Life Insurance	PEHP	Totals	Total by Fund/Year
14-15												
Clerk Typist I (A13)	11	12/01/14	3	31,692.36	2,424.47	2,060.00	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	0.00	59,029.99	
Computer & GIS Records Assistant (C13)	11	01/07/15	3	51,950.08	3,974.18	3,376.76	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	650.00	82,804.18	141,834.17
Right-of-Way Technician (A20)	21	11/17/14	3	40,595.36	3,105.55	2,638.70	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	0.00	69,192.76	
Equipment Mechanic II (G14)	21	12/12/14	3	46,415.20	3,550.76	3,016.99	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	0.00	75,836.11	
Engineering Technician - Bridge Inspector (C15)	21	01/06/15	3	55,756.48	4,265.37	3,624.17	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	650.00	87,149.18	232,178.06
15-16												
Engineering Technician II (C13)	11	07/31/15	3	51,950.08	3,974.18	3,376.76	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	650.00	82,804.18	
Engineering Technician I (A25)	11	11/06/15	2	46,762.56	3,577.34	3,039.57	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	0.00	76,232.62	
Engineering Aide I (A19)	11	01/19/16	3	39,185.12	2,997.66	2,547.03	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	0.00	67,582.97	226,619.77
16-17												
Drafting Technician II (A22)	11	09/06/16	1	40,595.36	3,105.55	2,638.70	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	0.00	69,192.76	69,192.76
TOTAL				404,902.60	30,975.05	26,318.67	196,661.52	8,540.64	476.28	1,950.00	669,824.76	

* Estimated hire a few months after position vacated with full family insurance

Previsoulsy Added Position	Fund	End Date	Est Step	Salary	FICA	Pension	Health Insurance	Dental Insurance	Life Insurance	PEHP	Totals
Civil Engineer I (C18)	11	NA	1	57,761.60	4,418.76	3,754.50	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	650.00	89,439.03

* Estimated start at Step 1 with full family insurance

New Position Requested	Fund	End Date	Est Step	Salary	FICA	Pension	Health Insurance	Dental Insurance	Life Insurance	PEHP	Totals
Civil Engineer I (C18)	11	NA	1	57,761.60	4,418.76	3,754.50	21,851.28	948.96	52.92	650.00	89,439.03

* Estimated start at Step 1 with full family insurance