

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 – BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Todd Wiltgen, Chair; Bill Avery, Vice Chair; Deb Schorr; Roma Amundson; and Jennifer Brinkman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; 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 15, 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 MARCH 9, 2017 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the March 9, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes.

Brinkman said "Gaven" should be spelled "Gavin" in the third paragraph on Page 8. She noted use of the word "contiguously" on Page 5 and felt "continuously" would be a better word choice. Avery said "continually" would also be an option. Brinkman also referenced Wiltgen's statement in the report on the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) Meeting (See Item 9A on Page 9) that he felt the County Engineer and RTSD Executive Director are not in agreement on the West Wittstruck/Burlington Northern/Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Crossing Project and said that was not her interpretation. Wiltgen said that was his interpretation.

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

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

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). He referenced Legislative Bill (LB) 508 (Change the population threshold for the county civil service system) and said Senator Mike Hilgers, introducer of the bill, has drafted an amendment that encompasses the agreement between the County and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2468. Kohout said the bill drafter noted a couple of procedural points, one involving the seating of the fifth member, and said he and Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, asked that the amendment include a provision that the fifth member must be seated within 60 days. He said Senator Hilgers is optimistic that the bill will be moved out the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with that amendment.

Kohout said LB 327 (Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019) is the mainline budget bill and felt there will be an attempt to restore some of the funding to Health and Human Services agencies.

Kohout said discussions on LB 333 (Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled) continue and said the Governor's Office notified Larry Dix, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Executive Director, on Monday that Lauren Kintner, the Governor's Chief Policy Adviser, would be contacting the Chairs of the Douglas and Lancaster County Boards to discuss the two Counties' concerns regarding the bill. Wiltgen said Kintner has not contacted him. Kohout said Doug Weinberg, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), referenced the importance of passing this legislation during his testimony before the Appropriations Committee stating he believes there are community and local resources available to care for this population. Wiltgen pointed out that Weinberg indicated that this population would have to fall back on County General Assistance (GA) in his testimony at the original hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee. Kohout noted the bill did not come up in Executive Session last Thursday, as anticipated, but Senator Merv Riepe met with him and Sean Kelley, Douglas County Lobbyist, and stressed the importance of LB 333 to making the budget balance.

Kohout noted NACO was criticized for appearing in opposition to LB 658 (Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings) and Senators Ernie Chambers and Bob Krist asked Senator Laura Ebke, Chairperson, to send a letter to NACO asking it to begin disclosing how NACO Board members take positions on bills. Senator Chambers also requested clarification on who opposed the bill in relation to letters of opposition from Lancaster County and the County Attorneys Association.

Dave Shively, Election Commissioner, appeared and discussed LB 163 (Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties). Kohout noted Senator Tony Vargas's Office drafted an amendment to address concerns raised by election commissioners

(Exhibit B). Shively said he objects to the State mandating his office hours, noting his office already has the ability to extend hours and has done so. He noted the bill only applies to Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy County and said the three election commissioners still plan to oppose the bill. Shively questioned why if expanding access to early voting is so important it is not being applied statewide. Wiltgen said he believes the bill is directed at Douglas County. He also questioned whether the election commissioners would be limited to the additional hours that are outlined in the amendment. Shively said he doesn't know. Avery felt the objective was to increase voter turnout and said he supports setting up voting centers at various locations such as shopping malls. Schorr asked whether hours would have to be extended for special elections. Shively said it isn't clear, noting many of the elections are by mail. Kohout said Senator Vargas is trying to be responsive to the election commissioners' concerns, as they were relayed to him. He said the Board could take a position of support if the amendment addresses its concerns and still indicate there are points the Board would like clarified, such as whether the language only applies to primary or general elections.

MOTION: Avery moved and Brinkman seconded to support Legislative Bill (LB) 163, as amended.

Eagan suggested the Board take a position of qualified support instead, recognizing the need for some flexibility after implementation. He felt it unlikely the bill would be advanced out of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and discussions could continue. Shively expressed concern it could be amended into another election-related bill if there is enough support in the Committee.

There was consensus to have Kohout testify in support with qualifiers on behalf of the County.

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

Joe Nigro, Public Defender, appeared and requested support of LB 145 (Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service) and LB 395 (Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail) (see Exhibit C). He said he believes the current system, which sets bonds based on the offense, punishes individuals who are incarcerated and poor and said this legislation would require the court to make the person's ability to pay the primary consideration if they plan to set a money bond. Nigro said he believes it is the right thing to do and could reduce the jail population, which would save the County money. Wiltgen said it would require a review of every bond request and said Community Corrections is not equipped to handle the workload if this legislation is passed. He added he does not disagree with the objectives but felt there might be a different way to go about it. Kohout noted LB 145 is projected to have a fiscal impact for the State of \$392,000 to \$1,500,000. LB 395 is estimated to have a \$10,000 one-time Cash Fund impact to modify the Judicial

Users System to Improve Court Efficiency (JUSTICE), the judicial branch case management system. Additional programming would be necessary to account for additional bond conditions. No additional revenue is anticipated to offset the increase in expenditures. Brinkman said the fiscal notes do not reflect the savings that would result from less jail days. Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, appeared and said he believes public safety should be the primary concern, not the ability to pay. Amundson suggested the need for more programming directed towards adult offenders and felt non-profits might be able to assist with that. Kohout said Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates, will be attending the Judiciary Committee's hearings on the bills and can relay to Senators Hansen and Morfeld that a request for support was brought to the Board but the Board felt that more information was needed before taking a position. He said they will also try to determine the plan for these bills, i.e., hold them for discussion over the interim or attach them to another bill. Johnson said the language in the bill could be interpreted to mean they would be classified as evidentiary hearings. That would mean the hearings could no longer be handed through video conferencing which would have a significant impact on the budget.

Schorr suggested Johnson testify at the hearings and share his concerns. Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, noted earlier discussion in the meeting on LB 658 where it was reported that senators wanted it disclosed how positions on bills were determined and cautioned that politics might get in the way of Johnson's testimony to say the County doesn't support taking care of poor people. Schindler said that is not the issue.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to take a neutral position on Legislative Bill (LB) 145.

Avery suggested the legislative consultants approach the introducing senators about having interim studies on both bills. He also stated he does not favor neutral testimony.

Kohout recommended the Board not take a position at this time, rather inform Senators Hansen and Morfeld that the Board agrees with the underlying philosophy of both bills but has concerns about how to get there and how to fund it.

The maker of the motion and the seconder withdrew their motion.

There was consensus to follow Kohout's recommendation.

Kohout noted Kissel/E&S Associates had been asked to research LB 649 (Prohibit additional services or populations under the Medicaid managed care program). He said they learned the bill was introduced at the request of nursing homes and that the intent was to solicit a conversation. Kohout assured the Board the bill will not move this year.

Kohout also presented a summary of LB 373 (Change and eliminated revenue and taxation provisions) (Exhibit C), noting one of the provisions would eliminate the Build Nebraska Act.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to oppose Legislative Bill (LB) 373. Schorr, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman voted no. Avery abstained from voting. Motion carried 3-1, with one abstention.

Eagan said Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, forwarded him a request for support and action to help preserve funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) (see agenda packet). Item was held until later in the meeting.

NOTE: Legislative bill reports were also provided to the Board (Exhibits D-F).

- 3 MEETING WITH LANCASTER COUNTY VILLAGES:**
 - A. RECYCLING AND THE NEW LANDFILL BAN** – Donna Garden, Assistant Director, City Public Works & Utilities
 - B. VILLAGE ROADS** – Pam Dingman, County Engineer
 - C. VILLAGE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Separate minutes.

Brinkman exited the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

- 4 YOUTH SERVICES CENTER (YSC) CONTRACT WITH STATE PROBATION** – David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director

David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, reported there has been good progress in the negotiations with State Probation on the detention services contract. He said the only major issues remaining are how capacity at the Youth Services Center (YSC) is determined and the notification process for when there is a capacity situation. Derbin said they have discussed a four-year term and a proportionate change in the total payment amount.

Wiltgen said State Probation doesn't want to limit the contract to youth from Lancaster County so YSC would potentially house youth from all the other counties in Nebraska. Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, said Probation would now be coordinating who would be placed in the facility. **NOTE:** Housing Lancaster County youth in the facility had previously been given preference.

Schorr inquired about the number of youth currently housed in the Geneva and Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers. Schindler said the latest information she received was that there are 24 in Geneva and 80 to 100 in Kearney.

Schorr asked whether the Douglas County facility has capacity. Schindler said it does, as does Sarpy County.

Schorr asked whether State Probation has been paying promptly. Schindler said they have. Derbin added there is a time provision for payment in the agreement.

**5 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER DISCUSSION:
A. ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS UPDATE**

Scott Etherton, Mental Health Crisis Center Director, gave an update on the contract with Heartland Community Health Network, Inc. for them to host the electronic health records (EHR) system at the Crisis Center on a monthly basis. He said he participated in a conference call yesterday with David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent; and Credible (behavioral health software vendor) to try to determine whether the County could “piggyback” on another government entity’s contract. Etherton explained in order to satisfy the County Purchasing Act, the County would either need to go through the request for proposal (RFP) process or “piggyback” on another contract. He said unfortunately the entities using Credible in Nebraska are not governmental entities and have not gone through the bid process. Credible has been searching through their customers nationwide to locate a contract with a governmental entity that has all the appropriate modules. Derbin said he feels confident after yesterday’s conference call that they can provide that reference.

Schorr asked if they have a transition plan and installment date in place. Etherton said those are to be determined. The contract with Credible will remain in place until that time.

**B. MEDICAID PARTICIPATING PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH
NEBRASKA TOTAL CARE, INC.**

Derbin gave an update on the Managed Care Organizations (MCO’s) that the County needs to contract with for the Medicaid “switchover.” He said he has received the Nebraska Total Care, Inc. contract back but said they did not agree to certain revisions the County had requested, such as removal of the set-off and arbitration provisions.

**C. VOUCHER NO. 562588, 562589 AND 562590 FROM CRISIS
CENTER TO NCS PEARSON, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$1,654.42 (OVER 90-DAY PERIOD)**

Etherton discussed the claim for review. The claim is for three invoices from NCS Pearson, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,654.42 from August through November, 2016, which is beyond the 90-day time period (see Nebraska Revised Statute §23-135). He said

the invoices were sent to the Crisis Center's previous address. Corrections have been made to the submission process to prevent this from happening in the future.

Brinkman returned to the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to handle the claim as a regular claim at the March 21, 2017 County Board of Commissioners Meeting. Amundson, Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted aye. Brinkman abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Scott Etherton, Mental Health Crisis Center Director; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:10 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: Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:22 a.m. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director

Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director, indicated he had emailed the results of the Commissioners' rating and ranking of the candidates, noting he also assigned points. There were three candidates in the top tier and two candidates in the second tier. Schorr suggested the full Board interview the top three candidates to see if there is consensus. If not, the Board could interview the candidates in the second tier. Avery said he thought the Board was looking for governmental experience in the scoring process, noting one of the finalists only had a non-profit career path. Wiltgen said the Board did not appear to have a clear consensus on what it was looking for. Schorr said governmental experience was not a key factor for her and said she believes there is an advantage to having someone with a different skill set and background. Avery and Wiltgen indicated it was a

factor in their scoring of candidates. There was general consensus to have McDaniel schedule interviews with the top three candidates on March 29th beginning at 8:30 a.m.

There was also consensus to develop a list of interview questions that will be provided in advance to each of the candidates being interviewed. The questions will follow a ten minute presentation by each candidate. Board members were asked to forward their ideas and expectations to the Chair by noon on March 22nd so he can distill them into a white paper. Further discussion will be scheduled on the March 23rd County Board Staff Meeting agenda.

McDaniel said his department will perform reference checks and administer the predictive index (an assessment tool).

7 ACTION ITEMS

- A. County Resolution No. R-17-0022 in the Matter of the Chief Executive Officer Statement for Affirmation of the Lincoln Saltillo quiet Zone 5-Year Affirmation
- B. Chief Executive Officer Statement Regarding the Notice of Quiet Zone Affirmation of Lincoln Saltillo Quiet Zone

Rick Haden, Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig (Engineering Consulting Firm) appeared and explained there was a clerical error on the resolution that was signed at the February 16, 2017 County Board Staff Meeting. Wiltgen said David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, is in agreement that the resolution needs to be reissued.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Avery seconded to authorize the Chair to sign County Resolution No. R-17-0022 and the Chief Executive Officer Statement Regarding the Notice of Quiet Zone Affirmation of Lincoln Saltillo Quiet Zone. Amundson, Avery, Schorr, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. National Association of County Officials (NACo) Achievement Awards Application from Human Services for Early Assessment Program (Payment of \$100 Fee)

There was consensus to pay the application fee with General Fund Miscellaneous funds.

Schorr noted Pam Dingman, County Engineer, has expressed interest in submitting either the asphalt program or culvert pipe program. Eagan said the application fee could be paid in the same manner.

Brinkman exited the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

9 DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

Item was held until later in the meeting.

10 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Justice Council – Wiltgen, Schorr

The meeting report was given the previous week.

B. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) – Wiltgen

Wiltgen said a new advisory group is working on the charter which will provide policy guidelines for Information Services (IS). They also received systems development, network and infrastructure, and Geographic Information System (GIS) status reports.

C. Human Services Joint Budget Committee (JBC) – Schorr, Brinkman

Schorr said Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, presented a report that highlighted agencies and programs. She said they also discussed the United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County grant review cycle.

D. Region V Services Executive Committee – Wiltgen

Wiltgen said he did not attend the meeting.

E. Region V Services Governing Board – Wiltgen

Wiltgen said they discussed the financial outlook for Region V Services. He said rate reductions from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have created a huge deficit. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is also adopting a new system and will be moving to an hourly rate. Cash flow issues are anticipated. He said other issues involve adjustments to the number of group homes and housing units and a reduction in the number of service tiers.

F. Region V Systems Governing Board – Wiltgen

Wiltgen said they adopted several contract amendments with providers. One involved The Bridge and said they shifted \$250,000 from the Intermediate Substance Abuse Program to the Short-term Substance Abuse Housing Program. He said Lutheran Family Services (LFS) has reduced its Medication Management Program by \$155,000 and shifted those funds to increase outpatient mental health services by \$125,000, outpatient

substance abuse services by \$25,000, and substance abuse assessments by \$5,000 and said Region V Systems may have to obtain a different provider.

Wiltgen said the Division of Behavioral Health is not looking at any budget reductions but said it is unlikely there will be a reallocation of funds this year.

G. Region V Systems Executive Committee – Wiltgen

Wiltgen indicated that no meeting was held.

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

Amundson said much of the discussion focused on how to address parking concerns. Suggestions include adding two parking decks to the north parking garage, adding one deck to the south parking lot, and changing parking meters in the vicinity of the County-City Building into paid parking for county employees.

I. Meeting with Mayor – Wiltgen, Avery

Wiltgen said he relayed the County Engineer's concerns regarding the Rural to Urban Transition Street Program (RUTS) and coordinating development along South 98th Street. Avery said they also discussed the Pinewood Bowl Amphitheater and the increase in cost estimates for improvements to the North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue intersection. Rick Hoppe, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, appeared and assured the Board that the intersection improvement project will get done.

J. General Assistance (GA) Monitoring Committee – Wiltgen

Wiltgen said revenue projections for the year have been exceeded and expenditures have been less than anticipated.

K. Public Building Commission – Amundson, Brinkman

Amundson said they received updates on the upgrade of the 911 Communications Center, the remodel of the 605 Building and upgrades to Room 113 - The Bill Luxford Studio. Policies were also discussed (see Exhibit G). She also reported a severe weather drill will take place on March 29th.

L. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health – Avery

Avery said they took action on proposed child care center variances. They also discussed legislative issues and preparing for the accreditation process.

**10 RETURNING TO DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED
(ITEM 9)**

Schorr said she and Wiltgen attended a meeting related to the upcoming move to the 605 Building and said the Corrections Department has offered the use of jail work crews to assist departments.

RETURNING TO THE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (ITEM 2)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). Avery, Amundson, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

11 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

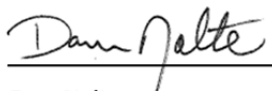
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12 EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

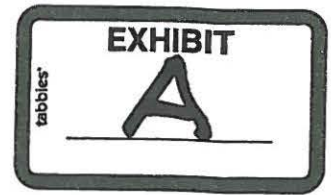
13 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Schorr, Amundson, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Brinkman was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: March 16, 2017

RE: Weekly Update

Today is day 48 of the 2017 Legislature. The Legislature continues its process of engaging in morning debate and conducting committee hearings in the afternoons. Next week will mark the end of the Committee Hearing process and full-day debate is currently slated to begin on March 28, 2017.

Since the recess day last Friday, the Legislature has spent much of its morning debate on LB368 which is Senator Lowe's bill to eliminate mandatory helmet laws for motorcycles and moped users. The debate on LB368 took all of Monday and Tuesday mornings, and culminated in cloture vote, where the bill narrowly missed cloture by a vote of 32-12-4-1. Senator Larson, the lone excused vote from LB368, filed a motion to reconsider the cloture vote but it was ruled out of order by Speaker Scheer.

Wednesday morning's debate centered on LB62, Senator Scheer's bill to eliminate the prohibition on teachers wearing religious garb in public schools. Debate, though, turned towards charter schools, the charter school hearing the day before and some criticism of Omaha Public Schools.

LANCASTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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

We did provide the amendment language to Senator Hilgers' office. An amendment was prepared by Senator Hilgers office with some questions from the bill drafters on some procedural points. We have asked his office to finalize the amendment so we can provide it to parties prior to the executive session of the Government Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB567 (Bolz) Change funding for county public assistance offices. The bill was introduced on January 18th, and was 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 was held on March 8, 2017 and remains held in Committee.

POSITION: 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 Scheer 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.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, hearings were held on Health and Human Services. On Monday, Judy Halstead testified in support of the Appropriations Committee's recommended budget adjustments by restoring several cuts to Health and Human Services agencies – cuts that could Lancaster County as much as \$100,000 in total funds (through minor cuts in multiple budget lines). The committee received her comments well.

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 (Groene) 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 subdivisions. 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 was advanced to General File and granted Speaker Priority status.

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.

Since the hearing, there has been an enormous amount of conversation on this issue including a conference call last week with representatives of NACO, Douglas and Lancaster County. Earlier this week, we were advised that Lauren Kintner would be reaching out directly to Chairman Wiltgen and Chairwoman Borgeson in Douglas County. To date, we are not aware that those conversations have occurred.

Too, on Tuesday during his testimony before the Appropriations Committee, Director Weinberg of the Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services encouraged the Appropriations Committee to support LB333. In response, Chairman Stinner indicated his reluctance to do so due to the fact that it appeared that to adopt LB333 would shift the burden to counties to care for that population. Too, Senator Kate Bolz expressed skepticism about his testimony indicating that she had a tough time seeing how this population would not fall back on General Assistance of the County. The director had a tough time explaining how it would not.

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. The bill remains held in committee.
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. The bill remains held in committee.

POSITION: OPPOSE

LB510 (Ebke) Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivision. 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. The hearing on this bill occurred on March 9, 2017 and the bill saw a tremendous amount of opposition. The bill was not prioritized and will not likely move.

POSITION: OPPOSE

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 had its public hearing on March 9, 2017.

Of note, during the hearing, Public Defender Joe Nigro appeared in the opposition position and during his testimony expressed concern that this would be viewed as a way for the county to cut costs and specifically referenced the contract negotiations between Lancaster County and the State on the housing of juveniles. No committee members expressed any concern.

POSITION: NEUTRAL

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 had its hearing on March 9, 2017.

Of note, during the opposition on this bill, Senator Chambers expressed concern to NACO about their opposition to the bill. Furthermore, Senator Chambers and Senator Krist have asked Senator Ebke to send a letter to NACO asking for them to begin disclosing how certain counties vote on opposition or support of bills. When the letters for Lancaster County and the County Attorneys Association were read into the record, Senator

Chambers asked for clarification on who opposed the bill. We have not heard anything since.

POSITION: OPPOSE

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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.

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.

I have attached an amendment that we received last week from Senator Vargas' office and was subsequently forwarded to Mr. Eagan. That amendment would change several components of the bill.

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.

LB385 (Lindstrom) Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act. 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. The hearing on this measure was on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

HEARINGS BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING:

Today: LB529 (Harr) Authorize county courts sitting as probate courts in cases of guardianship to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases – Judiciary

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.

LB613 (Wayne) Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act – Revenue

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.

Friday: LB111 (Hansen) Provide for nonpartisan election of county officers – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

LB111 requires that county officers be elected on a nonpartisan ballot.

LB139 (Crawford) Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

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.

LB183 (Hughes) Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

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.

LB424 (Ebke) Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services – Judiciary

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.

LB438 (Howard) Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds – Revenue

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.

LB562 (McCollister) Require a monthly report from the Department of

Correctional Services as prescribed – Judiciary

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.

LB585 (Linehan) Change provisions relating to dangerous dogs, seizure of animals, and animal control authorities – Judiciary

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.

LB649 (Pansing Brooks) Prohibit additional services or populations under the Medicaid managed care program – Health and Human Services

LB649 prohibits the department from adding any additional service or population to the Medicaid managed care program in effect on January 1, 2017 until at least January 1, 2018 or until a critical evaluation is performed of the at-risk capitated managed care program and the success of such managed care program is proven.

Monday: **LB503 (Brewer) Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements – Business & Labor**

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.

Tuesday: No Hearings

Wednesday: **LB373 (Schumacher) Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions**

– Revenue

Please see attached summary that includes highlights of those portions important to Lancaster County.

LB560 (Schumacher) Change restrictive housing and inmate discipline provisions – Judiciary

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.

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.

LB581 (McDonnell) Require lobbyists to disclose conflicts of interest to principals and provide for cancellation of contracts – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

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.

LB663 (Kuehn) Require a copy of a lobbying contract for lobbyist registration as prescribed – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

LB663 requires a copy of the lobbying contract for lobbyist registration if the

principle receives public funds including taxes, fees, and grants.

LB664 (Kuehn) Prohibit a political subdivision from using taxes or fees to employ a lobbyist – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

LB664 prohibits a political subdivision from using revenue from any tax or fee to employ or contract with a lobbyist.

LB665 (Kuehn) Require a statement of activity regarding certain lobbying activity – Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

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.

This concludes our report for this week.

AMENDMENTS TO LB163



Introduced by

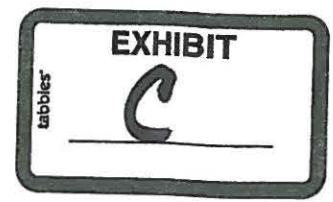
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 32-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 32-101 Sections 32-101 to 32-1551 and section 2 of this act shall be
6 known and may be cited as the Election Act.

7 Sec. 2. The election commissioner in a county with a population of
8 more than one hundred thousand inhabitants shall provide additional
9 office hours during which ballots for early voting may be picked up or
10 returned pursuant to section 32-941 or registered voters of the county
11 may vote or pick up or return a ballot for early voting pursuant to
12 section 32-942. The additional hours shall be provided beginning at least
13 two weeks prior to the day of the election and shall include at least
14 four hours on each of the two Saturdays preceding the election and at
15 least five hours during each week of such two-week period in addition to
16 normal business hours on business days.

17 Sec. 3. Original section 32-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of
18 Nebraska, is repealed.



LB373 - Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions

Summary of LB 373:

LB373 prohibits the filing of new applications under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act after the operative date of the act. All pending or approved applications before the operative date will continue to have full force and effect, except that no state assistance will be distributed after December 31, 2022.

LB373 terminates the Build Nebraska Act on the operative date of the act. LB373 requires that agricultural and horticultural land be valued at eighty percent of its actual value for the purposes of property taxation. Agricultural and horticultural land that qualifies for special valuation shall also be valued at eighty percent of its special value.

LB373 prohibits qualified community development entities from applying to the Tax Commissioner to have equity investments or long-term debt securities designated as qualified equity investments under the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act after the operative date of the act. LB373 terminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act on the operative date of the act.

LB373 eliminates the provision that limited an estate or excise tax upon the transfer of the estate of every resident decedent and upon any interest in Nebraska real estate and tangible personal property situation in Nebraska of a nonresident decedent to only decedents dying before January 1, 2007. LB373 also eliminates the provisions that limited the imposition of a generation-skipping transfer tax to only generation-skipping transfers occurring before January 1, 2007. LB373 makes the tax on the Nebraska taxable estate the greater of the maximum state tax credit allowance under the tax imposed under Chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue code or the amount in the following table apply to all decedent dying on or after July 1, 2003.

LB373 requires contractors to collect and remit the tax on their gross receipts for labor in performing construction services as payments are received, except such taxes that are subject to a refund under 77-2704.55.

LB373 eliminates a provision that excluded the gross income received by a contractor who elected to be treated as a consumer of building material for services performed on the customer's side of the utility demarcation point from being calculated as part of the gross receipts of every person engaged as a public utility. LB373 also includes in the definitions for gross receipts for providing a service the gross income received for labor by a contractor electing to be treated as a consumer of building materials. That gross income received for labor shall be sixty percent of the sales price for building materials and construction services less an allowance for sales tax paid on building materials and construction services. The allowance for sales tax paid on building materials shall equal the sales tax rate in effect at the time payment is received at the location of the project times forty percent of the sales price for building materials and construction services. LB373 also includes any construction services provide by a person electing to be taxed as a retailer into the definition of gross receipts.

LB373 adds a provision that makes a sale of construction services by a contractor to another contractor to be a "sale for resale."

LB373 eliminates a provision that included molds, dies, and the materials necessary to create molds and dies for use in manufacturing that determine the physical characteristics of a finished product from the definition of manufacturing machinery and equipment.

LB373 imposes a tax upon the gross receipts from all sales, for a contractor, at the time when payment is received for construction services.

LB373 eliminates a sales and use tax exemption for fees and admissions charged for participates in any activity provided by a nonprofit organization that is tax exempt under section 501(c) which conducts statewide sport events with multiple sports for both adults and use. LB373 also eliminates a sales and use tax exemption for fees and admissions charged for participates in any activity provide by a nonprofit tax organization that is exempt from income tax under section 501(c) that is primarily dedicated to youth development and health living, and offers sports instruction and sports leagues or sports events in multiple sports.

LB373 exempts from sales and use tax the gross receipts from the labor of a contractor purchased in connection with specific construction projects. Those projects include: the first or original construction of a structure; the addition of an entire room or floor to any existing building; the completion of an unfinished portion of an existing structure; the restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of a structure damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, tornado, lightning, explosion, ice storm, or natural disaster; the construction, repair, or annexation of any structure used for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity; or the major renovation of an existing building or a unit that increases the market value or entails a renovation of no less than seventy-five percent of the square feet of the building(major renovation). The last exemption, if designed for occupancy by one family or a duplex designed for occupancy by two family, the exemption is conditioned upon the taxpayer seeking approval from the Department of Revenue. LB373 eliminates a provision providing owner-occupiers who have construction services performed with a refund of any sales and use taxes paid by them on construction services. Taxpayers are allowed to apply to the Tax Commissioner for approval that a proposed construction project meets the requirements of a major renovation. The application fee is \$500 to be remitted to the State Treasury for credit other Department of Revenue Contractor Enforcement Fund. Designs, plans, specifications, and other materials that are signed by a licensed architect or engineer must support the application.

LB373 eliminates a provision that allows the Tax Commissioner to credit any excess sales or use taxes paid if they determine that the excess has been paid and the purchaser qualifies for a refund based on depreciable repairs or parts for agricultural machinery or equipment.

LB373 makes the income tax rate for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 to be a percentage of an individual's federal adjusted gross income as modified, plus a percentage of the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirements plans. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018, the income tax rate is to be a

percentage of the individual's federal adjusted gross income as modified, plus a percentage of the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans. LB373 also adjusts for inflation the minimum and maximum dollar amounts for each income tax bracket for taxable years before January 1, 2018. LB373 establishes new income tax brackets for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018.

LB373 provides a refundable income tax credit equal to eight percent of the federal credit allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

LB373 limits the modification of adjusted federal gross income to exclude the portion of the income or loss received from a small business corporation with an election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code or from a LLC organized pursuant to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act to taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1, 2018. LB373 also limits an individual's ability to make a one-time election, within two calendar years after the date of retirement from the military, to exclude income received as a military retirement benefit to taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1, 2018.

LB373 reduces the amount allowed for personal exemptions by five dollars for each five thousand dollars that federal adjusted gross income exceeds ninety thousand for single or married filing separate, seventy-five thousand for head-of-household returns, and one hundred eighty thousand for married filing joint returns. These income levels are to be adjusted for inflation by the method provided in section 151 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall be rounded to the next highest multiple of one thousand dollars.

LB373 adds new provisions that apply to taxpayers whose federal adjusted gross income is larger than the threshold amount determined under section 68 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the disallowance of itemized deductions. Such taxpayers must calculate the amount of the excess and make the specified adjustments. The amount of the federal standard deduction actually allowed shall be reduced by one dollar for every ten dollars of the excess, but may not be reduced below zero. The amount of itemized deductions shall be reduced to the sum of the protected deductions plus charitable deductions plus the greater of either twenty percent of the disallowable deductions or the disallowable deductions reduced by an amount calculated as one dollar for every ten dollars of the excess.

LB373, for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018, makes the tax imposed on all resident estates and trusts to be a percentage of the federal taxable income of such estates and trusts as modified, plus a percentage of the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on the premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans. For taxable years deemed to begin before January 1, 2018, the tax imposed on all resident estates and trusts shall be a percentage of the federal taxable income of such estates and trusts as modified, plus a percentage of the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans.

LB373 eliminates a provision that expired on January 1, 2014 which allowed for the deduction associated with a net operating loss or capital loss incurred. LB373 includes a provision allowing for a

deduction for net operating loss or capital loss incurred in taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018.

LB373 adds provisions for determining whether sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, are in the state. Sales are considered to be within the state if either the income-producing activity is performed in this state or the income-producing activity is performed both in and outside this state and a greater proportion of the income-producing activity is performed in this state than in any other state, based on costs of performance.

LB373 eliminates the provision requiring the State Treasurer to credit to the Highway Trust Fund all of the proceeds of the lease, for period of more than thirty-one days, of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers. Proceeds equal to the sales tax rate that is in excess of five percent derived from the sale of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers shall be credited to the General Fund.

LB373 eliminates a provision that allowed renewable energy tax credits to be claimed by a person who received a sales tax exemption for the new renewable electric generation facility.

LB373 prohibits new applications from being filed under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act after the operative date of this act.

LB373 makes the homestead exemption amount the lesser of either the taxable value of the homestead or eighty percent of the average assessed value of the single-family residential property in the claimant's county of residence. LB373 also changes the definition of maximum value for homestead exemptions applicants based on income to equal one hundred fifty percent of the average assessed value of single-family residential property in the claimant's county of residence. For homestead exemption applicants based on disability or surviving spouse, maximum value is one hundred seventy-five percent of the average assessed value of single-family residential property in the claimant's county of residence.

LB373 changes the values of the percentage of the exempt amount for a homestead and the claimant's household income for the year 2018.

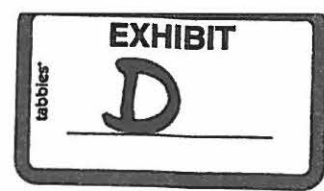
LB373 eliminates section 77-4212 from the Property Tax Credit Act.

LB373 adjusts the acceptable ranges for the values of all classes and subclasses of property. For agricultural and horticultural land, the acceptable range is seventy-four to eighty percent of the actual value. For lands receiving special valuation, the acceptable range is seventy-four to eighty percent of the special valuation. For all other real property, the acceptable range is ninety-two to one hundred percent of the actual value.

LB373 prohibits new project applications under the Nebraska Advantage Act after the operative date of this act.

LB373 changes the definition of state aid value for purposes of calculating aid to school districts. State aid value means, for agricultural and horticultural land, seventy-seven percent of the actual value. For

agricultural and horticultural land that receives special valuation, seventy-seven percent of the special valuation.



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LB68	Hilgers	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017 Hilgers Priority Bill	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed <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>
LB72	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/13/2017	General File 02/16/2017 Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act <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>
LB75	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	General File 03/02/2017 Wayne Priority Bill	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>
LB98	Friesen		Revenue	02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
LB144	Friesen		Education	02/06/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017 Bostelman Priority Bill	Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools <i>LB144 changes agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools.</i>
LB151	Stinner		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/19/2017	General File 02/27/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
LB152	Craighead	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/03/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>

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LB158	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	01/26/2017	General File 02/06/2017 Pansing Brooks Priority Bill	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>
LB166	Kolterman		Health and Human Services	01/27/2017	General File 02/24/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
LB180	Bolz		Judiciary	01/26/2017	General File 01/30/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
LB207	Krist		Executive Board	01/20/2017	General File 01/27/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	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>
LB217	Harr		Revenue	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017 Revenue Priority Bill	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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LB233	Smith		Revenue	01/25/2017	General File 02/02/2017 Stinner Priority Bill	<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>
LB253	Crawford		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<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>
LB259	Hansen		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017 Hansen Priority Bill	<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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LB263			Transportation and Telecommunications	02/07/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	<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 Certification 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>

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LB268	Schumacher		Judiciary	02/01/2017	General File 03/14/2017 Schumacher Priority Bill	<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>
LB271	Hilgers		Transportation and Telecommunications	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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LB289	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/01/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	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>
LB291	Larson		Revenue	03/01/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Larson Priority Bill	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act <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> <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> <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>
LB300	Krist		Judiciary	02/24/2017	General File 03/07/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
LB317	Hughes		Urban Affairs	01/24/2017	General File 01/25/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	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>

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LB337	Smith		Revenue	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Lindstrom Priority Bill	<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 Brasch Priority Bill	<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 district, 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>
LB339	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	01/30/2017	General File 03/03/2017 Transportation and Telecommunicati ons Priority Bill	<p>Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation</p>
LB389	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act</p> <p><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></p>

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LB415	Kollerman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	<p>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</p> <p><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 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>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></p> <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 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></p>

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						<p><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 State Employees Retirement Act.</i></p>
LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services	02/01/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Riepe Priority Bill	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
LB427	Vargas		Education	01/30/2017	General File 02/27/2017 Vargas Priority Bill	<p>Require breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents</p> <p><i>LB427 requires schools to provide private or appropriate facilities for accommodation for milk expression and storage for breast feeding student-mothers.</i></p>

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LB432	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Erdman Priority Bill	Eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to allowances for delinquent taxes and anticipated litigation <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>
LB444	Walz		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Walz Priority Bill	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>
LB447	Chambers		Judiciary	02/08/2017	Select File 03/09/2017 Chambers Priority Bill	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties <i>LB447 eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for Class ID and Class IC felonies.</i>
LB451	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	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>
LB470	Larson		General Affairs	02/06/2017	IPP (Killed) 02/24/2017 General Affairs Priority Bill	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 <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>
LB481	Kuehn		Health and Human Services	02/02/2017	General File 02/24/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>

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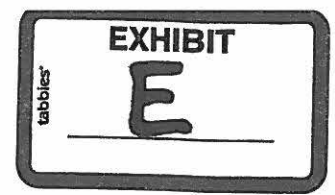
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LB487	Morfeld		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	Provide exception to certain crimes for persons witnessing or experiencing drug overdoses and provide protection from civil liability for emergency responders and peace 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>
LB496	Stinner		Urban Affairs	02/28/2017	General File 03/08/2017 Williams Priority Bill	Define and redefine terms under the Community Development Law <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>
LB539	Krist		Executive Board	02/08/2017	General File 02/14/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	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>

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LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017 McDonnell Priority Bill	<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>
LB625	Larson	Monitor	Urban Affairs	02/14/2017	General File 03/06/2017 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act</p> <p><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></p>
LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<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>

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LB644		Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/24/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Provide, change, and eliminate provisions governing boards, commissions, and similar entities</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>LB644 requires the State Treasurer to transfer any funds in the Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund.</i></p> <p><i>LB644 also eliminates the Board of Emergency Medical Services and gives its power to the department and the Division of Public Health.</i></p> <p><i>LB644 eliminates the Perfusionst Committee.</i></p> <p><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></p>



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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>
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>

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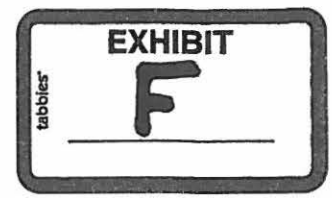
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LB183	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers <i>LB183 allows for the county boards in counties with a population of fifteen thousand 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>
LB649	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Health and Human Services	03/17/2017	Introduced 01/18/2017	Prohibit additional services or populations under the medicaid managed care program <i>LB649 prohibits the department from adding any additional service or population to the Medicaid managed care program in effect on January 1, 2017 until at least January 1, 2018 or until a critical evaluation is performed of the at-risk capitated managed care program and the success of such managed care program is proven.</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>
LB585	Linehan		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to dangerous dogs, seizure of animals, and animal control authorities <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>

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LB438	Howard		Revenue	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds <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>
LB503	Brewer		Business and Labor	03/20/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements <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>
LB581	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require lobbyists to disclose conflicts of interest to principals and provide for cancellation of contracts <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> <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>
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 free to employ or contract with a lobbyist.</i>

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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
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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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	Final Reading 03/15/2017	Change and eliminate provisions relating to juvenile detention and probation and provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives <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, probations 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>
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>
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>
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 protection 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>
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>

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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>
LB43	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service</p> <p><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></p>
LB47	Watermeier	Support	Judiciary	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons</p> <p><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></p>
LB51	Schumacher	Neutral	Revenue	01/19/2017	General File 03/15/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes</p> <p><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></p>

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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>
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>
LB66	Hansen		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act <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>
LB68	Hilgers	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017 Hilgers Priority Bill	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed <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>
LB71	Pansing Brooks		Appropriations	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change appropriations relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program <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>
LB72	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/13/2017	General File 02/16/2017 Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act <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>
LB75	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	General File 03/02/2017 Wayne Priority Bill	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>

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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>
LB78	Crawford		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/30/2017	General File 03/02/2017	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>
LB80	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/18/2017	Approved by Governor 03/08/2017	Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act <i>LB80 includes Law clerks and students employed by the country attorney or public defender as unclassified service under the County Civil Service 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>
LB86	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunications	01/23/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Eliminate a requirement regarding opening bridge bids <i>LB86 eliminates the requirement that bridge bids be opened in the presence of the county board.</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>

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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>

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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>
LB98	Friesen		Revenue	02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts</p> <p><i>LB98 extends tax levy authority for natural resources districts to FY2025-26 instead of fiscal year 2017-2018.</i></p>
LB102	Hilkemann		Judiciary	01/19/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Change a penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants</p> <p><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></p>

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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 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 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>
LB110	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	01/24/2017	General File 02/10/2017	<p>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</p> <p><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></p>

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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>
LB112	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without reregistering to vote provisionally <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> <i>LB112 also adds twelve months' post-release supervision as a punishment for election falsification.</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>
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>
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>
LB144	Friesen		Education	02/06/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017 Bostelman Priority Bill	Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools <i>LB144 changes agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools.</i>

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LB145	Hansen	Monitor	Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
LB146	Hansen		Judiciary	01/25/2017	General File 01/30/2017	<p>Provide for set-asides of convictions for infractions</p> <p><i>LB146 allows for convictions of infractions to be set aside after completion of the sentence imposed.</i></p>
LB151	Stinner		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/19/2017	General File 02/27/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities</p> <p><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></p>
LB152	Craighead	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/03/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents</p> <p><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></p>
LB156	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	<p>Eliminate a termination date under the 911 Service System Act</p> <p><i>LB156 eliminates Section 86-1030 from the 911 Service System Act.</i></p>

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LB158	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	01/26/2017	General File 02/06/2017 Pansing Brooks Priority Bill	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>
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>
LB162	Krist		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>
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>
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>
LB166	Kolterman		Health and Human Services	01/27/2017	General File 02/24/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
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>

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LB178	Bolz	Support	Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017	Provide for sexual assault protection order <i>LB178 allows for any victim of sexual assault o 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>
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>
LB180	Bolz		Judiciary	01/26/2017	General File 01/30/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
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>
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>
LB191	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017	Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders <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>
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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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> <p><i>LB193 requires that, when there is a change of venue, the clerk of the original court must file all original documents and a certification of the transcript of the register of actions, certification of the proceedings, and certification of the court costs to the clerk of the new court.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires that the stenography notes of a court reporter be preserved and sealed.</i></p>

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						<i>LB193 requires the clerks of the district court to use the court's electronic case management system provided by the state as the record of receipts and reimbursements.</i>
						<i>LB193 eliminates the requirement that the foreman and secretary of volunteer fire departments file in the office of the clerk of the district court a certified copy of the rolls of their respective companies on the first day of April and October in each year.</i>
						<i>LB193 requires juvenile court judges to keep a record of all proceeding of the court in every case. These case files will contain the pleadings, order, court actions, judgments, postjudgment actions, and other documents. The case file may be maintained as an electronic document through the court's electronic case management system. The case 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>
						<i>LB193 requires the State Court Administrator to make available petitions for pregnant women who want to get abortions without parental consent on a website maintained by the Supreme Court.</i>

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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>
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>

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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>
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>
LB201	Lowe		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants <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>
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>
LB207	Krist		Executive Board	01/20/2017	General File 01/27/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	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. LB207 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>
LB212	Hansen		Business and Labor	01/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act <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>
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>
LB217	Harr		Revenue	02/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017 Revenue Priority Bill	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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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>
LB228	Harr		Revenue	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to rent-restricted housing projects</p> <p><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></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>
LB232	Kollerman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Provide a property tax exemption for property leased to the state or a governmental subdivision</p> <p><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></p>

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LB233	Smith		Revenue	01/25/2017	General File 02/02/2017 Stinner Priority Bill	<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>LB233 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>
LB236	Erdman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the inclusion of multiple lots in one parcel</p> <p><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></p>
LB238	Erdman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to certifying taxable values</p> <p><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></p>
LB243	Bolz		Judiciary	02/16/2017	General File 03/01/2017	<p>Require reporting of certain information concerning assaults that occur in state institutions</p> <p><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></p>

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LB244	Bolz		Business and Labor	02/27/2017	General File 03/03/2017	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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
LB253	Crawford		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provide for a special tax levy <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>
LB256	Briese		Urban Affairs	01/31/2017	General File 03/06/2017	Adopt the Vacant Property Registration Act <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>

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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>
LB259	Hansen		Judiciary	03/02/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017 Hansen Priority Bill	Provide for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts <i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</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 adopts 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>
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>

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LB263			Transportation and Telecommunications	02/07/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	<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 Certification 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>
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>

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LB268	Schumacher		Judiciary	02/01/2017	General File 03/14/2017 Schumacher Priority Bill	<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>
LB271	Hilgers		Transportation and Telecommunications	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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LB275	Hughes		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/06/2017	General File 03/08/2017	Provide duties for law enforcement officers and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles <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>
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>
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>
LB280	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/09/2017	General File 02/27/2017	Change provisions relating to the Address Confidentiality Act <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>
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>
LB288	Harr		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to service of notice when applying for a tax deed and the laws governing tax sale certificates <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>

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LB289	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/01/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	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>
LB290	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits <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> <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>
LB291	Larson		Revenue	03/01/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Larson Priority Bill	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act <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> <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> <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>
LB294	Smith		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/07/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country for mutual recognition of motor vehicle operator licenses <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>

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LB297	McCollister		Health and Human Services	02/23/2017	General File 03/15/2017	<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	General File 03/15/2017	<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>

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LB299	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
LB300	Krist		Judiciary	02/24/2017	General File 03/07/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child</p> <p><i>LB300 eliminates the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from sexual assault of a child.</i></p>
LB304	Crawford		Urban Affairs	01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act</p> <p><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></p>

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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 individuals 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 individuals 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>
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>
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 bridges carrying capacity is less than the limits of twenty thousand points per axel. 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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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 be 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>
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>
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>
LB317	Hughes		Urban Affairs	01/24/2017	General File 01/25/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for a levy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed <i>LB317 allows special assessments to be relieved or reassessed whenever the special assessment is found to be invalid and uncollectable.</i>
LB327	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019
LB333	Scheer	Oppose	Health and Human Services	01/25/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	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	IPP (Killed) 03/13/2017	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>

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LB337	Smith		Revenue	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Lindstrom Priority Bill	Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes <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> <i>LB337 also adds additional tax bracket tables.</i>
LB338	Brasch		Revenue	02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Brasch Priority Bill	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act <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 district, 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> <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>
LB339	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	01/30/2017	General File 03/03/2017 Transportation and Telecommunicati ons Priority Bill	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation

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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>
LB345	Craighead	Banking, Commerce and Insurance		03/06/2017	General File 03/08/2017	<p>Eliminate an experience requirement for abstractors</p> <p><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></p>
LB349	Hilkemann	Judiciary		01/27/2017	General File 02/06/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to the maintenance and administration of the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund</p> <p><i>LB349 makes the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund maintained and administered by the Nebraska State Patrol.</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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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>
LB357	Bolz	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/28/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs <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>
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>
LB365	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017	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>
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>
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>

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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>
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>
LB373	Schumacher		Revenue	03/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions SUMMARY ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT
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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
LB385	Lindstrom	Monitor	Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act <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>

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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>
LB389	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
LB392	Larson		Natural Resources	02/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act <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>
LB394	Morfeld		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017	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>
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>
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>
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>

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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>
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>
LB415	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/27/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	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 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></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 credible 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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						<p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for Nebraska State Patrol members 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 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. The employer involved in the termination of the employment and the officer shall certify that, prior to retirement, there was no prearranged agreement to return to work in any capacity. A retired officer 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 officer that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as 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 eared 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 Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act.</i></p> <p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for State 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></p>

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LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services	02/01/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Riepe Priority Bill	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></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>

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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 it 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>
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>
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>
LB426	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
LB427	Vargas		Education	01/30/2017	General File 02/27/2017 Vargas Priority Bill	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>
LB431	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act <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>

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LB432	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Erdman Priority Bill	Eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to allowances for delinquent taxes and anticipated litigation <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>
LB434	Ebke	Neutral	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>
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>
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>
LB438	Howard		Revenue	03/17/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds <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>

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LB441	Morfeld	Support	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>
LB444	Walz		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Walz Priority Bill	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>
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>
LB447	Chambers		Judiciary	02/08/2017	Select File 03/09/2017 Chambers Priority Bill	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties <i>LB447 eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for Class ID and Class IC felonies.</i>
LB451	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	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>
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>
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>

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LB468	Krist	Oppose	Revenue	02/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Change revenue and taxation provisions</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></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>
LB472	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/21/2017	General File 03/01/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to signs and advertising on highways</p> <p><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></p>
LB473	Walz		Business and Labor	03/13/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Require rest periods for employees</p> <p><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></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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LB480	McCollister		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/13/2017	General File 03/15/2017	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>
LB481	Kuehn		Health and Human Services	02/02/2017	General File 02/24/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	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>
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>
LB487	Morfeld		Judiciary	02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	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>

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LB488	Groene		Natural Resources	02/15/2017	IPP (Killed) 03/08/2017	<p>Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act</p> <p><i>LB488 adopts the Water Conservation Grant Act. The act allows for the department to be 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></p> <p><i>LB488 also creates the Water Conservation Grant Fund. The Fund shall be used to fund water conservation grants awarded under the Act.</i></p>
LB489	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	<p>Redefine development project under the Community Development Law</p> <p><i>LB489 removes other improvements in accordance with the development plan from the definition of development project under the Community Development Law.</i></p>
LB492	Harr		Judiciary	02/15/2017	General File 03/01/2017	<p>Adopt the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act and authorize certain liens</p> <p><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></p>
LB496	Stinner		Urban Affairs	02/28/2017	General File 03/08/2017 Williams Priority Bill	<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>
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>

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LB500	Brewer		Judiciary	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Authorize the carrying of concealed handguns by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers <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>
LB501	Brewer		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change prohibition on locations where permitholder 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 permitholder leave, which the permitholder defies. LB501 also makes this violation a Class II misdemeanor.</i>
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>
LB503	Brewer		Business and Labor	03/20/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements <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>
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>
LB510	Ebke	Oppose	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>

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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>
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>
LB516	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities</p> <p><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></p>
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>
LB520	Hansen		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit</p> <p><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 noticed received from the commission.</i></p>

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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>
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>
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>
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 nonforfeatability 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>
LB539	Krist		Executive Board	02/08/2017	General File 02/14/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	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>
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>
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>

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LB555	Smith		Revenue	03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act <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>
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>
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>
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 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>
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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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>
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>
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>
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 IB Felony and required a minimum sentence of forty years and possibly a fine up to one hundred thousand dollars.</i>
LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services	03/15/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017 McDonnell Priority Bill	Change medicaid reimbursement provisions relating to ground emergency medical transportation <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> <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>

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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>
LB584	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	01/30/2017	General File 02/10/2017	<p>Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds</p> <p><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></p>
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>
LB589	Crawford		Judiciary	03/02/2017	General File 03/13/2017	<p>Provide for depositions of a child victim or child witness</p> <p><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></p>

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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 contract with a proposed timeframe for taking corrective action.</i></p>
LB597	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	IPP (Killed) 03/09/2017	<p>Provide for application process through county assessor and Tax Commissioner prior to using tax-increment financing</p> <p><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></p>
LB599	Groene		Revenue	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Exempt certain improvements on land from taxes as prescribed</p> <p><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></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>

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LB607	Kintner		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>
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>
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>
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>
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>
LB625	Larson	Monitor	Urban Affairs	02/14/2017	General File 03/06/2017 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	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>
LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property <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>

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LB644		Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/23/2017	In Committee 01/24/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Provide, change, and eliminate provisions governing boards, commissions, and similar entities</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>LB644 requires the State Treasurer to transfer any funds in the Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund.</i></p> <p><i>LB644 also eliminates the Board of Emergency Medical Services and gives its power to the department and the Division of Public Health.</i></p> <p><i>LB644 eliminates the Perfusionst Committee.</i></p> <p><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></p>
LB649	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Health and Human Services	03/17/2017	Introduced 01/18/2017	<p>Prohibit additional services or populations under the medicaid managed care program</p> <p><i>LB649 prohibits the department from adding any additional service or population to the Medicaid managed care program in effect on January 1, 2017 until at least January 1, 2018 or until a critical evaluation is performed of the at-risk capitated managed care program and the success of such managed care program is proven.</i></p>
LB656	Baker		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated</p> <p><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></p>
LB658	Wayne	Oppose	Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	<p>Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings</p> <p><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></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>



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**COMMON AREA DONATION,
EXHIBITION AND USE POLICY**

ADOPTED BY

**THE LINCOLN LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING
COMMISSION**

ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Whereas, from time to time items of furniture, artwork or plants have been donated or loaned to tenants of buildings and properties managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission, or to the Commission itself; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable for the Public Building Commission to monitor and exercise control to insure the appropriateness of items displayed or placed in common areas of facilities and buildings managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission hereby adopts the following COMMON AREA DONATION, EXHIBITION AND USE POLICY:

Before any item or property may be placed or located in or on any common area of a building or property managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission, and before any item or property may be loaned or donated to the Commission with the intention or upon the condition that it be placed in such an area, the donation or loan must be reviewed and accepted, and such placement and use approved by the County City Property Management Department and the Chairperson of the Public Building Commission.

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**OPEN FLAME POLICY IN PUBLIC BUILDING
COMMISSION MANAGED FACILITIES ADOPTED BY
THE LINCOLN LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC
BUILDING COMMISSION ON APRIL 10, 2000**

The use of any item involving an open flame, such as a candle, will be prohibited in any office setting that exists in any building managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

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BEFORE THE LINCOLN-LANCASTER PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

DESIGNATING THE COUNTY-CITY)
BUILDING, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT) RESOLUTION NO. 125
AND JUSTICE CENTER, AND THE)
NORTH PARKING FACILITY AS)
SMOKE-FREE FACILITIES AND)
DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS OUTSIDE)
THOSE BUILDINGS AS SMOKING AREAS)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission:

The County-City Building, the Law Enforcement and Justice Center, and the pedestrian connector to the north parking facility are hereby declared to be smoke-free facilities in which smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes or related devices, is prohibited.

Smoking shall be permitted outside of such buildings only in the following locations: (a) the ground-level open space located between the County-City Building and the Law Enforcement and Justice Center (but specifically not including any portion of the portico of the Law Enforcement and Justice Center); (b) the designated area at the west end of the parking facility located directly beneath the County-City Building; (c) a 20-foot square area at the southeast corner of the first floor veranda of the Hall of Justice; and (d) a 20-foot area, approximately 10 feet to the south of the west doors on the first floor veranda of the Hall of Justice.

Smoking is not permitted on any other portion of the grounds of the County-City Building or the Law Enforcement and Justice Center except as specifically identified above.

The Building Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to prevent smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes or related devices, in all areas where smoking is prohibited by posting appropriate signs, asking smokers to refrain from smoking upon request of any person suffering discomfort from the smoke; or by any other means which may be appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 112 as hitherto existing is hereby repealed.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2014.

Jonathan Cook
Darryl Hollis

Jane Klywell
Leida Wilson

Approved as to form and legality:

Rob Cooper
Public Building Commission Attorney

RESPONSE TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

DATE ISSUED: MAY 10, 2016

ISSUED BY: DON KILLEEN, ADMINISTRATOR

POLICY

In order to prepare for the possibility of an active shooter event, these guidelines have been established to guide our response and to maximize survivability. The key is to quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life.

DEFINITION:

Active Shooter - An active shooter is defined as an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and there is often no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

PROCEDURES:

The intent of most active shooters is to kill as many people as quickly as possible. In order to save lives, Law Enforcement will initiate an immediate response.

Upon discovery of an active shooter situation, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and ONLY when safe to do so, citizens should notify law enforcement by dialing 911 and/or pressing a panic alarm where available. The phone call to 911 should provide the following information:

1. Description of suspect and possible location.
2. Number and types of weapons.
3. Suspect's direction of travel.
4. Location and condition of any victims

The goal of law enforcement is to locate, isolate, and neutralize the shooter as quickly as possible to prevent additional deaths or injuries.

RESPONSES:

- A. Evacuate - If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises.

Be sure to:

- *Have an escape route and plan in mind
- *Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- *Leave your belongings behind
- *Help others escape, if possible
- *Prevent individuals from entering the area of the active shooter
- *Keep your hands visible
- *Follow the instructions of Law Enforcement
- *Do not attempt to move wounded people
- *Call 911 when you are safe

B. Hide out - If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

*Direct people into offices or other adjacent rooms, close the door, and attempt to barricade the door.

Your hiding place should:

*Be out of the active shooter's view
*Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (for example, locating into a bathroom and locking the door, staying as low to the floor as possible, and remaining quiet and still)

*Try to avoid a hiding place that will trap you or restrict your options for movement

To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:

- *Lock the door
- *Blockade the door with heavy furniture

If the active shooter is nearby:

- *Lock the door
- *Silence your cell phone and/or pager
- *Turn off any source of noise such as radios, televisions
- *Hide behind large items like cabinets or desks
- *Remain quiet

If evacuation and hiding out are not possible:

- *Remain calm
- *Dial 911, if possible, to alert law enforcement to the active shooter's location
- *If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen

C. Fight - Take action against the active shooter - As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:

- *Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
- *Throwing items and improvising weapons
- *Yelling
- *BE COMMITTED TO YOUR ACTIONS

RECOVERY:

Share Information with Employees - The health and well-being of our residents and employees is critical. As soon as possible after Law Enforcement has relinquished control of the scene, the police department and facility administrator will develop information strategies to address resident, employee, and family questions related to the event.

Initially, the site of a violent incident will be secured as a crime scene. After the authorities have completed their investigation and have released the crime scene, management will need to have the facility appropriately cleaned and sanitized. Cleanup, including the safe removal of biohazardous substances such as blood-borne pathogens must take place, yet our actions must be sensitive compassionate, and caring for the deceased.

Buffer Those Affected from Post-Event Stresses - Effective coordination with the media and timely dissemination of information can help reduce media pressure on those who are the most vulnerable. Assistance with employee benefits and other administrative issues can reduce the burden on victims and families. A public information officer will be designated and authorized to speak on behalf of the City to the media.

Bring in Crisis Response Professionals - Before an incident ever occurs, management will identify trained mental health professionals who will be available to respond in the event of an incident. When an incident occurs, these emergency mental health consultants will, as soon as possible, provide any necessary physical, emotional, and psychological support.

**BEHAVIOR POLICY
ADOPTED BY THE LINCOLN LANCASTER
COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**

Whereas, no individual may engage in inappropriate conduct on the premises of buildings and properties managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission, or to the Commission itself. Inappropriate conduct includes any individual or group activity which is disruptive to other individuals lawfully using public buildings, materials/equipment and/or premises or is otherwise inconsistent with activities being conducted in public buildings. Examples of various offenses are representative and not comprehensive; and

Whereas, the Public Building Commission has established this Behavior Policy to ensure that public buildings are safe and welcoming and the public business can be accomplished in an efficient and productive manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission hereby adopts the following BEHAVIOR POLICY:

I. DEFINITIONS

“Premises” shall include inside and outside of the premises of buildings and properties managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission, including parking lots.

“Banning” shall prohibit an individual from being present in

and/or on the premises of buildings and properties managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

“Public area” shall include the premises of buildings and properties managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission that are open for public use.

“Non-public area” shall mean an area where the public is not allowed.

“Administrator” shall mean the Buildings Administrator of the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission or his designated representative.

“Public Buildings” shall include any and all premises of the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

“Staff” shall mean employees of the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission or any of its tenant agencies.

II. LEVEL 1 OFFENSE

The following are examples of conduct that shall be deemed “inappropriate.” This conduct is not consistent with appropriate use of public buildings.

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Eating or drinking from open containers in non-designated areas.
- Sleeping on premises.
- Engaging in disruptive conversations/ discussions above normal conversation noise levels.
- Bringing any animal into library buildings, except service animals and animals for public agency sponsored programs.
- Interfering with staff in the performance of their duties.
- Leaving personal packages, such as bags and backpacks, unattended.
- Moving tables, chairs, or other furniture without staff permission or putting feet on the furniture.

- Unnecessary riding up and down or playing in elevators.
- Other activities that are inconsistent with activities and conduct normally associated with the use of public buildings.

III. RESPONSE TO LEVEL 1 OFFENSE

- A. People are warned for first violation of any offense.
- B. Second violation of any offense, person will be warned that continued behavior will result in being required to leave the premises for the remainder of the day.
- C. Third violation of any offense will result in being required to leave the premises for the remainder of the day.
- D. Staff response may be documented and used in conjunction with the Commission's response to person's behavior in the future.

IV. LEVEL 2 OFFENSE - INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Smoking or use of tobacco products or tobacco like products such as e-cigarettes in violation of the Commission's policy on smoking.
- Extensive staring at members of the public or staff, which annoys and/or disturbs.
- Skateboarding, scooter riding, bicycle riding, or rollerblading in or on premises.
- Bathing, shaving, or changing clothes, except for changing of a diaper.
- Canvassing, selling, soliciting, or engaging in any other commercial activity.
- Leaving minors under the age of 6 unattended. Note: Minors under the age of 6 must be closely accompanied at all times by an adult or a minor over the age of 13.

V. RESPONSE TO LEVEL 2 OFFENSE

- A. Person warned that continued behavior will result in being immediately required to leave the premises for the remainder of the day.
- B. Second violation of any offense will result in the person being required to leave the premises for the remainder of the day.

- VI. LEVEL 3 OFFENSE - INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
- Being in a state of intoxication.
 - Drinking and/or possessing alcoholic beverages.
 - Loud, abusive, indecent, profane, or drunken conversation and/or behavior.
 - Individuals with body hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other individuals.
 - Repeated violation of Level 2 Offenses (more than 3 times in a 30 day period).
 - Knowingly entering non-public areas of premises.
- VII. RESPONSE TO LEVEL 3 OFFENSE
- A. The person will be required to leave the premises immediately for the remainder of the day. No warning will be given.
- VIII. LEVEL 4 OFFENSE - INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
- Repeated violations of Level 3 Offenses, (more than twice in a 30 day period).
 - Behavior that is disruptive, harassing, or threatening in nature to public or staff.
 - Bringing a weapon into or on premises.
 - Any illegal activity.
- IX. RESPONSE TO LEVEL 4 OFFENSE
- A. Person engaging in conduct listed as Level 4 Offense will be told to immediately leave the premises for 3 days.
- B. Person may be banned for a period of up to 12 months at the discretion of the Administrator.
- X. SUSPENSION AND BANNING PROCEDURE
- A. Staff will issue or cause to be issued a written notification of suspension, hereinafter referred to as "Notification of Suspension", to the member of the public which shall give notice to the person of the reason(s) for the suspension.
- B. The suspension shall be for a maximum period of three (3) days and shall be a suspension from the premises of all

buildings and properties managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

C. Staff will immediately forward a copy of the Notification of Suspension to the Administrator. Upon a finding by the Administrator that there are reasonable grounds to believe a person should be banned from any or all of the premises, the Administrator shall issue a written banning order, hereinafter referred to as "Banning Order." The Banning Order shall notify the person of the ban, length of the ban, the reason(s) for the banning, and to what premises the banning applies.

D. The Banning Order shall be served upon the banned person by registered mail when such person's address is known, or by hand delivery by any staff upon the person's entry into any premises or by any contact with the banned person. A copy of the banning order shall also be provided to law enforcement, and City Attorney's Office. Notification of the banning order will be provided to all staff.

E. The banned person shall have the ability to appeal the Banning Order.

XI. APPEAL PROCEDURE OF BANNING ORDER

A. A banned person may appeal the Banning Order to the Administrator by filing with the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission a notice of appeal, hereinafter referred to as "Notice of Appeal From Banning Order". The banned person will hereinafter be referred to as "Appellant". The Notice of Appeal of Banning Order shall contain the Appellant's name and address and telephone number, if a number is available.

B. Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal of Banning Order, the Administrator shall set a date certain for a hearing on the appeal within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the Notice of Appeal of Banning Order. This time period may be extended with the written consent of the Appellant. The Appellant shall be notified of this date by regular mail to the address indicated on the Notice of Appeal of Banning Order.

C. In order to be assured a review of the merits at the hearing, the Appellant must be present at the hearing at which the appeal is heard. Failure of the Appellant to attend the hearing may result in a dismissal of the appeal by the Administrator, which by operation will leave the Banning Order in effect.

D. The hearing shall occur in the presence of the Administrator; the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission Board Chair, or designated representative; and the Lincoln City Attorney, or designated representative.

E. At the hearing, evidence may be presented. The Appellant shall not be required to offer evidence at the hearing.

F. After the hearing, the Administrator, within fifteen (15) days of the appeal hearing, shall make a final binding written order, hereinafter referred to as the "Final Order". The Final Order shall be mailed to the Appellant at the address provided in the Notice of Appeal of Banning Order. The Final Order should contain the final decision of the Administrator and be approved as to form and legality by the Lincoln City Attorney or a designated representative.

G. The Final Order is appealable to the proper court of law.

XII. NON-COMPLIANCE: TRESPASSING

If a banned person enters or refuses to leave any designated premises pursuant to staff's request to leave before the return date listed in the Banning Order or the Notification of Suspension, the banned person will be considered as trespassing and law enforcement will be called.

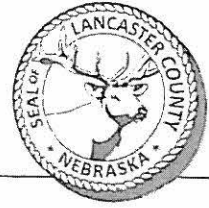


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BICYCLE POLICY
ADOPTED BY THE LINCOLN LANCASTER
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ON AUGUST 1, 2011

In order to control potential hazards, liability, and/or damage, bicycles are prohibited in any office setting that exists in any building managed by the Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission. Bicycle racks are in close proximity to buildings for use by individuals.

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SPACE HEATER POLICY LINCOLN LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION DECEMBER 2002

POSITION

The Lincoln Lancaster County Public Building Commission generally discourages the use of space heaters in the office environment. However, performance of air handling systems and office arrangements may contribute to temperature variations within portions of facilities. It is acknowledged that comfort levels for each individual may vary in the same environment. In an effort to reduce the likelihood of a dangerous situation arising from the use of space heaters or other similar devices, the Public Building Commission, with the assistance and cooperation of departments and employees has adopted the following policy.

POLICY

County City Property Management Department will review and approve the use of all space heaters or other similar devices in offices of facilities managed by the Public Building Commission. The department will verify that each space heater meets the manufacturers specifications outlined below and that sufficient connection and operational requirements are met for the safe operation of the proposed device. Upon successful verification of these items, the department will place an appropriate notation on each device indicating approval for use.

Required Specifications:

1. Contain a non-glowing heat element.
2. Utilizing a cool-to-the-touch housing.
3. Contain a tip-over automatic shut off.
4. Not to exceed 1500 watts.
5. Be UL approved.

Connection and Operational Requirements:

1. Be connected to a power supply with adequate wiring, power cords, etc. NOTE: The cost of any required additional electrical circuits will be the responsibility of the requesting department/agency.
2. Be connected with a timer device that is set for normal business hours only.
3. Be used in the immediate proximity of the person responsible for such device.
4. Be turned off or unplugged when not attended by the person responsible.

VIOLATION

If a space heater or other similar device is found to be in violation of these guidelines, it will be removed by County City Property Management staff. The person responsible for the device and/or the department/agency will be notified to make arrangements to pick up the device, bring the device into compliance, or remove it from the premises. If a device is not removed within five (5) workdays of such notification, County City Property Management will assume responsibility for disposal.

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