

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on February 8, 2017.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2017 STAFF MEETING AND FEBRUARY 2, 2017 MID-YEAR BUDGET RETREAT

MOTION: Avery moved and Amundson seconded approval of the January 26, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes.

Brinkman noted a typographical error in the first paragraph of page three. She said Board of Director should be "Board of Directors."

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

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded approval of the February 2, 2017 Mid-Year Budget Retreat minutes.

Brinkman noted a typographical error on page fourteen under Item 13. She said Mericopa should be spelled "Maricopa."

ROLL CALL: Schorr, Avery, Brinkman, Amundson, Schorr 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, distributed copies of the weekly legislative update (Exhibit A), committee hearing report (Exhibit B), notes on LB310 (Exhibit C) and a client update letter (Exhibit D).

Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates, discussed LB337 (Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes) and LB338 (Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act). With regard to LB337, Bradford felt it was introduced as a working template which would allow the Committee to add other bills to it.

Bradford felt the Revenue Committee may find common ground on LB338. The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) testified in a neutral position. Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director, indicated they would be supportive of the bill with amendments and future involvement. During the discussion Dix was asked to forward a list of unfunded mandates (prepared by Senator Sue Crawford) to Senator Mike Groene. Kohout recommended the County continue to monitor this bill.

Kohout highlighted some priority bills of interest. With regard to LB567 (Change funding for county public assistance offices), Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated he would testify on February 22nd.

Kohout said LB127 (Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act) was amended to eliminate the State agency component. He did not recommend a change in position since counties would still be impacted.

It was noted that copies of Lancaster County's letter regarding LB333 (Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled) were forwarded to Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Sara Hoyle, Human Services Administrator, added that Douglas County will be submitting a letter in opposition.

Kohout said he expected movement on LB310 (Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits) next week. In response to Wiltgen's inquiry, Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said the bill was not corrected. Kohout noted that no testimony was offered in opposition or in a neutral position.

Kohout said the City of Lincoln will be opposing LB68 (Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed) and recommended the County follow suit. It was noted Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner previously voiced concerns about not being able to regulate firearms

in County-owned buildings. Brinkman said the City also opposes the bill since, as a municipality, they can set their own policies outside of State Statutes.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded to authorize Sheriff Terry Wagner to express Lancaster County's concerns to the Legislature's Government Committee regarding LB68. Avery, Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Eagan said he would contact Sheriff Wagner regarding this item.

Kohout said the hearing on LB544 (Provide for elimination of the office of clerk of the district court as prescribed) will be held on February 15th. No official position on the bill was taken by the County Board at this time.

Kohout recommended the County Board oppose LB468 (Change revenue and taxation provisions). He said this bill would end the credits transfer to the Highway Trust Fund which will effect the County.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Schorr seconded to oppose LB468. Brinkman, Schorr, Avery, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Amundson felt the County should support LB434 (Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings). Schorr said she and Brinkman met with Joe Nigro, Public Defender; Margene Timm, Chief Deputy Public Defender, Juvenile Division; and Bruce Prenda, Chief Deputy County Attorney, Juvenile Division. She said Prenda drafted an amendment which might soothe some of the Public Defender's concerns.

With regard to LB658 (Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings), Eagan said the fiscal note submitted by Theresa Emmert, Juvenile Court Administrator, shows a \$75,000 increase for expert witness fees. He asked if the Board would like to submit a letter. Kohout said it would be helpful if the letter included the financial impact as well as a tie to unfunded mandates.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded that the County Board send a letter in opposition to LB658. Avery, Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, said he received a letter from Senators Matt Hansen and Adam Morfeld requesting various jail statistics (see Exhibit E). This request relates to LB145 (Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service) and LB395 (Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail). Johnson said he intends to respond but wanted the County Board to be aware of the request. Wiltgen asked that a copy of the response be forwarded to the Board.

Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, said there are some juveniles in her facility who have been charged as adults and asked if those numbers should be included. Kohout suggested sending one letter signed by both Johnson and Schindler.

Candace Meredith, Deputy County Treasurer, said LB625 (Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act) was recently brought to her attention. She indicated the bill deals with PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) loans and it would impact how the County Treasurer collects related assessments on the tax roll. It was noted the actual bill passed last year unnoticed and this is an amendment. Meredith said she would be meeting with NACO and Senator Tyson Larson prior to next week's hearing to discuss concerns. She added they would likely testify in a neutral position.

Kohout said a letter was included in today's packet regarding a new client. Eagan said there appeared to be no conflict of interest with the County.

3 2016 HEALTH RISK APPRAISAL REPORT - Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager; and Keerun Huppert, City Wellness Coordinator

The following documents were distributed: Lancaster County Aggregate Health Risk Appraisal Survey Results (Exhibit F) and Health Fair and Wellness Trends (Exhibit G).

Keerun Huppert, City Wellness Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the survey results noting participation increased to 33% in 2016. The survey addressed topics such as physical activity, nutrition, weight management, tobacco use, blood pressure and cholesterol monitoring, flu vaccinations, stress management and work culture.

Wiltgen noted the 605 Building will now have hydration stations (drinking fountain and bottle filling station). Schorr asked Eckley to research the cost of switching out other water fountains to hydration stations as a potential wellness activity to encourage employees to drink more water. Eckley said she would contact the Purchasing Department. Wiltgen added this might be a Public Building Commission (PBC) issue.

Schorr also asked if blood pressure monitoring could be revisited. Eckley said she would look into it.

In response to Avery's inquiry regarding how to increase participation, Huppert said both online and paper options are available. Eckley added that incentives have increased the City's participation rate. It was noted that a legal opinion was rendered last year (see November 17, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes) which outlined various tax implications of incentives. Schorr said she would like to revisit the issue this year.

4 PENDING LITIGATION - David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Ryan Swaroff, Deputy County Attorney; and Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:36 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation.

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

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

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

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. Avery, Schorr, Brinkman, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

5 REVIEW OF COUNTY ZONING UPDATES - Stephen Henrichsen, Planning Development Review Manager; Tom Cajka, County Planner; and David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

Tom Cajka, County Planner, provided an overview of proposed changes to the County Zoning Regulations (see Exhibit H). He noted the Special Permit Chapter (Article 13) was reorganized and zoning districts were added for each special permit. A number of special permits, i.e., public building, outdoor theater, governmental landfill operation, etc., were also removed since they were never utilized.

Amundson questioned the changes to "expanded home occupation" and "persons employed." Derbin explained that a list of uses was previously included, although, it was not exclusive, therefore, it was removed as a point of reference to minimize confusion. With regard to employees, Derbin said language was included which allows an unlimited number of family members to participate in expanded home occupation. Additionally, "requirement of employment" was renamed "participation" to help simplify issues surrounding independent contractors or delivery persons. After further discussion, Derbin said he did not believe the original intent of the language was to limit deliveries but rather the number of people who are participating in the event.

It was clarified that certain one-time uses on AG (agricultural) land will still be allowed under an amusement license.

Wiltgen said following a meeting with the Planning Department, he had asked for these changes to be separated into two parts - language changes and policy changes - as policy changes will need more discussion. Cajka said today's presentation was meant to be a broad overview of the proposed changes. Schorr said it would have been helpful to see the original text in a format outlining the changes.

In response to Brinkman's inquiry on the process, Cajka said the Planning Department reviewed the regulations and is now proposing changes. The proposed changes will be posted on Planning's website and available for public comment for 30 days. Then a briefing and public hearing will be held with the Planning Commission followed by a public hearing before the County Board. Stephen Henrichsen, Planning Development Review Manager, explained that the City uses the same process. He assured the Board that there will be many opportunities to make changes going forward.

Cajka discussed changes to the AGR (agricultural residential) zoning district. Amundson voiced concerns about the impact of the changes to existing businesses such as Kenl Inn and Trude's Dog Motel. Cajka thought these may be zoned AG but he would check. Eagan added that they could also be grand-fathered. Amundson said she had concerns that some of the changes could restrict economic development in the County.

Avery said he would like another opportunity to engage in a more detailed discussion of the proposed changes. Eagan suggested the Board review the handout and forward comments to him which he will then share with the Planning Department. Cajka said he would also forward the draft document of the proposed changes to the Board. It was noted a follow-up discussion would be scheduled in a couple of weeks.

- 6** **A. RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR WILDERNESS PARK SOUTH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT;**
- B. FUTURE OF COUNTY ECOLOGICAL COMMITTEE; AND**
- C. POTENTIAL LAND SWAP NEAR HIGHWAY 77 AND**
 YANKEE HILL ROAD - Lynn Johnson, City Parks and Recreation
 Director; and Sara Hartzell, Park Planner

Sara Hartzell, Park Planner, distributed a packet of materials related to the Wilderness Park bridge project, Ecological Advisory Committee and potential land swap near Highway 77 and Yankee Hill Road (see Exhibit I).

- A. RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR WILDERNESS PARK SOUTH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Hartzell provided a brief overview of plans to replace a bridge in Wilderness Park just north of Saltillo Road (see Exhibit I, page 2). She said the bridge was removed years ago due to safety concerns and replacing it would provide better connectivity for current park users and allow for future trail expansion. It was noted the bridge is still being designed but will likely go under the existing railroad tracks.

Hartzell explained that the Parks and Recreation Department would like to pursue a Recreational Trails Program grant to cover the bridge costs with the County serving as the applicant. She said a resolution will be forwarded to the County Board in a few months which addresses the grant application.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Avery seconded to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to proceed with the Recreational Trails Program grant application.

Schorr requested that Roger Figard, Executive Director of the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD), remain "in the loop" regarding the project.

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

B. FUTURE OF COUNTY ECOLOGICAL COMMITTEE

Hartzell said the County's Ecological Advisory Committee (EAC) has not had much reason to meet in the last five years and asked if it should continue.

Schorr supported suspending the EAC and retaining the membership list in case the County needs to form a future task force to assist with special projects. Amundson suggested the EAC participate with the Comprehensive Plan review.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to disband the County Ecological Advisory Committee.

Avery requested the record to show that the Board reduced government.

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

Schorr also asked that the record reflect the Board's appreciation to the EAC members for their service.

C. POTENTIAL LAND SWAP NEAR HIGHWAY 77 AND YANKEE HILL ROAD

Hartzell explained that when Highway 77 was constructed it bisected land near the intersection of Yankee Hill Road owned by the County and PJC Farm Limited Partnership. Small slivers of property for each entity are now "orphaned" from the remainder of their respective parcels. Hartzell said it has been difficult to perform park maintenance as the owner of PJC Farm does not want anyone trespassing on his property. She also noted that this same person is farming the sliver of land (1.35 acres) owned by the County. Eagan said he is unaware of any rent being paid to the County. Hartzell said while an easement on the PJC land for park maintenance could be pursued, it might be easier for the County to trade land with the farmer.

It was suggested that Parks and Recreation draft a letter from the County Board to the property owner, to be reviewed by the County Attorney, regarding a potential "land swap." Schorr questioned whether an appraisal is needed. Eagan said something informal may suffice. Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, said the City Real Estate Division may be able to provide value estimates on the land.

Wiltgen said he would be more comfortable with the County Attorney reviewing the issue. Eagan said while the County would be getting rid of surplus property, it would receive something in return so the process may be similar to the sale of Lancaster Manor (former County-owned nursing home which was privatized in 2010).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to draft a letter for the Chair's signature to the property owner regarding a land swap (park property generally located along Highway 77 and Yankee Hill Road) in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Department, County Attorney and City Real Estate Division. Brinkman, Amundson, Avery, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

7 COUNTY BRIDGE PLAN - Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer

Schorr exited the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, gave an overview of the County's bridge plan. She said Chad Packard, Structural Engineer, County Engineer's Office, has been instrumental in reducing the number of scour critical structures from 56 to 47. She discussed various priority considerations related to bridge review such as location, building materials and traffic counts.

Dingman noted the worst bridge in the County is located on Raymond Road west of N. 1st Street. She added many of the scour critical structures are WPA (Work Projects Administration) bridges. **Note:** The WPA provided jobs and income to the unemployed during the Great Depression.

Schorr returned to the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

With regard to the future, Dingman said she and County Board will need to make a joint decision on the County's level of service related to roads and bridges.

Avery asked if any more bridges are anticipated to be closed. Dingman said there are currently 11 bridges closed and did not anticipate closing more unless there is a major weather event.

Dingman stated that 72% of the County's bridges were built between 1918 and 1979.

Note: Following the meeting, a spreadsheet outlining the projects was submitted to the County Board (see Exhibit J).

8 605 BUILDING FURNITURE REVIEW AND APPROVAL - Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent

Bob Walla, Purchasing Agent, distributed a review of furniture for the 605 Building (see Exhibit K). He said the original bid submission for all items was \$1,004,883.24. Meetings with individual departments were held to discuss specific requests. Following these meetings, the bid amount was reduced to \$781,954.55. Walla said in a final attempt to lower costs, additional options were considered which included alternate furniture and the use of surplus pieces. He said the revised total cost is \$669,518.09. This does not include office chairs, moving services and possible post-move furniture.

Wiltgen said he appreciated all of Walla's work on this project, as well as the flexibility of the departments.

Schorr added that a portion (66%) of the County Attorney's furniture related to the Child Support Division will be reimbursed by the State.

Walla said a formal recommendation will be scheduled for approval at a Tuesday County Board meeting with installation tentatively scheduled for the first week in April.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Refrigerator Policy for 605 Building

Walla said it would be good to establish a policy for the building prior to the move especially with regard to personal refrigerators as they do increase energy usage. He said the Board may also want to discuss breakroom vending services. It was noted that the Public Building Commission (PBC) will be covering breakroom furniture.

MOTION: Amundson moved that personal refrigerators not be allowed in the 605 Building.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Wiltgen said there needs to be further discussion as exceptions for medical purposes should be considered. Brinkman said, in addition to refrigerators, the policy should also address individual coffeepots, space heaters, etc.

Brinkman questioned whether space for breastfeeding was included. Schorr said it was not but there is ample space to accommodate new mothers. Eagan said this would be a PBC issue. Brinkman indicated she would bring it up at the next PBC meeting.

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 - A. **3rd MILLENNIUM CONTRACT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS;**
 - B. **GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR \$66,215 (OPERATION TIPPING POINT);**
 - C. **GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (\$450,000); AND**
 - D. **GRANT APPLICATION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR \$425,000 (EXPAND FAMILY DRUG COURT TO INCLUDE TREATMENT AND TEMPORARY HOUSING) - Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director; and David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney**

RETURNING TO ITEM 2

Hoyle said she just received a phone call from NACO regarding a possible amendment to LB333. The bill increases the eligibility period for state disability benefits from 6 to 12 months and would eliminate the State disability program. She said the threshold could be lowered to nine months but there would still be a cost shift to the counties.

Schorr said she was not inclined to support an amendment to nine months. Hoyle said NACO is open to any amendment suggestion. It was decided that Commissioner Schorr would contact NACO to further discuss the bill.

A. 3rd MILLENNIUM CONTRACT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Hoyle said 3rd Millennium is the only company accredited to provide online evidence-based interventions for juveniles but was not interested in signing a contract. Dave Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, said they are requesting the County Board waive the standard insurance language. He added in speaking with Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, it was decided that the County's liability would be very low.

There was general consensus to support a waiver of the standard insurance requirement for 3rd Millennium. It was noted the contract would be forwarded to a Tuesday Board of Commissioners meeting for formal action.

B. GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR \$66,215 (OPERATION TIPPING POINT)

Avery exited the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Captain Martin Fehringer, Lincoln Police Department, provided a brief overview of the Operation Tipping Point program which provides youth alternatives to gang activity.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the grant application. Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Avery was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

C. GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (\$450,000)

Fehringer explained that this grant focuses on such things as domestic violence, sexual assault and sex-based trafficking as well as protection order advocacy.

In response to Wiltgen's inquiry, Fehringer stated the program does include a component on sex-trafficking education. Wiltgen suggestion there be a conversation related to that issue and large sporting events.

Avery returned to the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Hoyle said four letters and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be available next week for the Chair's signature. Eagan said the MOU will need to be scheduled at a Tuesday Board of Commissioners meeting for approval since it is essentially a contract.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the grant application and supporting documents.

It was clarified that the MOU will be forwarded to a Tuesday County Board meeting.

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

D. GRANT APPLICATION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR \$425,000 (EXPAND FAMILY DRUG COURT TO INCLUDE TREATMENT AND TEMPORARY HOUSING)

Hoyle said this grant is for Juvenile Court and includes indirect funds to the County of \$35,000 to \$40,000. She said there was discussion about who will be writing and submitting the grant - the State or the County. Hoyle's preference was for the State to write the grant as it is a very time consuming application but, either way, the County would benefit. She was supposed to hear back from the State on Friday.

There was discussion about moving forward with approval if there is a chance the State will submit the grant. Hoyle felt strongly that they would not be applying.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to authorize Sara Hoyle to proceed with the grant application.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Schorr offered a friendly amendment that the Chair follow-up with the State regarding their intent to apply.

Hoyle felt a call was necessary as it is very unlikely the State will apply.

Schorr withdrew the friendly amendment.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

G. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Conference (April 17, 2017)

Amundson said she was contacted by Monica Miles-Steffens, Director of Placement, Juvenile Services Division, State Office of Probation, who indicated the State is willing to pay for a Lancaster County representative to attend the JDAI Conference. Amundson added that Bruce Prenda, Chief Deputy County Attorney, Juvenile Division, and Judge Roger Heideman, Juvenile Court, will also be attending.

Wiltgen said Senator Bob Krist wanted an elected official to attend. Schorr suggested the Chair attend. Wiltgen said he would look into it.

10 AMENDMENT OF U.S. BANK CONTRACT - Candace Meredith, Chief Deputy County Treasurer

The item was removed from the agenda.

Brinkman exited the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

11 BUDGET INSTRUCTION LETTER - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Schorr exited the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, distributed a sample spreadsheet related to service based budgeting (see Exhibit L).

Schorr returned to the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Meyer said the spreadsheet would help obtain certain information related to the new budget process. Additional requests for personnel and unresolved issues would be included as would columns for non-mandated and unfunded mandates.

Brinkman returned to the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Wiltgen inquired about a column for priorities. Meyer said the priority tiers would come later in the process. He added the previous budget documents will still be utilized as they provide more detail. Amundson said the Board may be able to make priority determinations when meeting with individual departments.

Meyer said the Board also needs to determine whether or not to set a baseline. He recommended a baseline on operating costs and capital outlay only since departments do not have as much control over personnel costs.

Wiltgen proposed a 97% baseline. Amundson questioned the purpose of a baseline. Wiltgen said it encourages cost savings in areas outside of personnel. Meyer confirmed that all other costs would still be included in the baseline and, if things like Information Services, rent, Worker's Compensation insurance etc., prevent a department from meeting the 97% baseline then they would have to provide justification to the Board.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to include a 97% baseline, excluding salaries, in the budget instruction letter. Schorr, Avery, Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Meyer said he would like to have a budget kickoff meeting with departments to discuss the new process and requested the County Board Chair's attendance. Schorr felt it was also important for the Vice Chair to attend. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m. in the Chambers.

Meyer noted he will bring forward a resolution amending the current year budget on March 7th.

12 ACTION ITEMS

- A. Authorize Corrections to Hire First Shift Training Officer

MOTION: Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to authorize the Corrections Department to hire a first shift training officer. Schorr, Brinkman, Avery, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Refrigerator Policy for 605 Building

Brinkman said she would take the following issues to the Public Building Commission (PBC) for policy consideration: personal refrigerators, coffeepots and space heaters.

Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk, said it would be helpful to employees and management if the PBC, County and City had the same policy governing these types of issues. Eagan suggested the PBC take the lead and the City and County could follow.

Schorr questioned whether space for breastfeeding should have been included in the original design plans for the 605 Building. Wiltgen thought it was considered a reasonable accommodation under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Brinkman noted that she will also bring this issue to the PBC's attention.

B. Director Evaluations

Eagan said he met with directors last week to discuss the evaluation process. Doug McDaniel, Human Services Director, also attended the meeting. Eagan said there was not much enthusiasm for the current format. Some were uncomfortable being evaluated in a public setting and others felt the questions did not provide the Board with enough information about one's actual duties. He said it was suggested that the process be done through an annual presentation at a staff meeting or in conjunction with the budget. Wiltgen said he liked the idea of an annual presentation.

Brinkman felt strongly that there should be a director evaluation process. She asked if one or two Commissioners could meet with a director to discuss department goals, communication, etc. Wiltgen said there was too much inconsistency when this format was used in the past.

Schorr requested that the evaluation process not be tied to the budget process. She also felt questions 3, 4 and 5 on the evaluation questionnaire (see agenda packet) were very strong and should be retained.

Brinkman inquired about using a written evaluation format. Eagan said McDaniel had reservations about this type of evaluation. He added directors want to get more out of an evaluation. They would also like the Board to visit their departments and to learn more about what they are doing.

Amundson said she would appreciate an annual presentation with directors and deputy directors. Wiltgen suggested this be done in the fall. Eagan said he would work with McDaniel and directors and come back with a format for the Board's consideration.

- C. Claim for Review PV#557537 and PV#557538 to Bob Barker Company from the Youth Services Center dated January 19, 2017 in the total amount of \$262.94. This claim is for two invoices from May 11, 2016. These claims are beyond the 90-day period.

Melissa Hood, Administrative Services Officer, Youth Services Center, distributed an email explaining the claim for review (see Exhibit M). She said there was a glitch in the vendor's

computer system which removed the invoices from monthly statements. The oversight was not detected until January. Hood verified that the products were received and the invoices were not previously paid.

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded to handle the claims through the regular claims process. Avery, Brinkman, Amundson, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Trabert Hall Appraisal and Title Search

Eagan said he spoke with Don Killeen, County Facilities and Properties Director, who felt the best way to get started would be to order an appraisal and formal title search. Eagan said he also contacted Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning Department, who indicated there is currently no historic designation tied to the building, however, local associations may be interested in preserving it. Zimmer also indicated that a historic designation can be an incentive to some buyers. Wiltgen pointed out that it could also limit renovations.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schorr seconded to authorize Kerry Eagan to move forward with obtaining an appraisal and title search for Trabert Hall. Brinkman, Schorr, Avery, Amundson and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Abbott Motocross Annual Meeting

Eagan reported that the facility continues to do well. Infrastructure was enhanced through a grant from the Visitors Improvement Fund which is allowing Nebraska's first sanctioned race to be held at the facility later this year.

F. The Waverly News - Renewal (\$33.00 Per Year)

There was consensus to renew the subscription.

G. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Conference (April 17, 2019)

Item moved forward on the agenda.

14 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Emergency Medical System Oversight Authority - Brinkman

Brinkman noted that Lincoln's cardiac arrest survival rate is outstanding. She added a parent of a hemophiliac brought up issues regarding whether emergency services

providers can administer a special factor should her child be injured and a parent not be available. Currently State Statutes do not allow for this measure but it is becoming an emergency services issue which will continue to be monitored.

B. Meeting With Planning - Wiltgen/Avery

Wiltgen said Pam Dingman, County Engineer, was invited to attend to discuss 98th Street. He said there is a lack of communication between not only City departments but with the County Engineer and feared plans will be made which will be problematic for the County Engineer in the future. Wiltgen stressed the importance of better coordination but he was not confident this will be done. The proposed text amendments to the County Zoning Regulations and the importance of separating the policy changes from the language clean-up were also discussed.

C. Chamber Coffee - Amundson/Wiltgen

Wiltgen said a presentation on the National High School Rodeo Finals was provided. There were also updates on the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development, legislative issues and the City's budget compromise. Wiltgen said he also provided remarks on property valuation increases, the County's budget, Corrections and plans to reconvene the Juvenile Justice Council. Lincoln Public Schools noted that laptops will be given to all second graders next year. A transportation update was also provided by the congressional delegation staff.

D. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) - Brinkman

Brinkman said Mayor Chris Beutler discussed legislative concerns related to proposed limits to TIF (tax increment financing) and lease purchase as well as the City's ability to use certificates of participation or installment sales opportunities. There were also updates on N Motion's expansion of services, the Inside/Outside Innovation Summit and LPED activities. Brinkman distributed a copy of the LPED's Q1 2017 newsletter (see Exhibit N).

E. Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board - Avery

Avery said he did not receive the meeting notice. Minette Genuchi, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, said an e-mail was sent and she would verify that he was on the list. Avery asked that notices be sent to his home e-mail address.

F. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) - Avery

Avery said staff was introduced and a financial report was provided. Avery said the bylaws and grant guidelines were recently updated. He noted the group will also be discussing caps for large grant requests at the next meeting.

15 DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

16 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

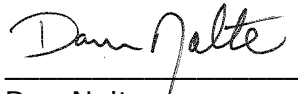
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17 EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Amundson, Avery, Brinkman, Schorr and Wiltgen voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: February 9, 2017

RE: Weekly Update

Good morning. Today is day 26 of the 2017 Legislature. The Legislature continues its process of engaging in morning debate and conducting committee hearings in the afternoons.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Legislature spent their morning debate focused on adoption of the permanent rules of the Legislature. On Wednesday, the Legislature advanced both LB119 (change dates for certification of state aid) and LB22 (adopt the governor's current budget adjustments). Yesterday, during debate, the Legislature adopted a rule that changed the filibuster rule to state that 30 affirmative votes would end debate. If 17 votes were cast in the negative on cloture, then the motion would not be successful.

On Wednesday, the Revenue Committee took testimony on LB337 and LB338 – the Governor's primary tax bills regarding income taxes as well as the valuation of agricultural land. The hearings went for several hours throughout the day and into the evening.

The Legislature will continue debate on the permanent rules today.

LANCASTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LB508 (Hilgers) Change the population threshold for the county civil service system. The bill was introduced on January 18th, and has now officially been referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. There has not yet been an assigned date for public hearing.

We did become aware this week that NAPE/AFSCME will be opposing the bill – even though they did not oppose the bill openly during the interim study hearing in 2015, during the hearing on LB742 in 2016

and only after the bill advanced to General File did they advise Senator Hansen of the concerns about the civil service provisions.

POSITION: SUPPORT

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

POSITION: SUPPORT

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

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT

LB357 (Bolz) Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs. LB357 places a fee of twenty-five dollars for each original certificate of title issued to a person by a county for a vehicle or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state after the first original title is issued. LB357 also allows for voluntary contributions of \$2 to be made as a donation to programs for persons suffering from brain injury. The hearing has been scheduled for February 28, 2017.

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.

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 hearing on this bill was last Thursday and 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 subdivision. The hearing was last Thursday. A significant amendment was offered at the time of the hearing that would re-write the bill.

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.

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 two weeks ago. A letter was sent to Senator Riepe and members of the Health and Human Services Committee this week under Chairman Wiltgen's signature.

POSITION: OPPOSE

LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS PRIORITIES

LB310 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits. This bill has been referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee for public hearing. There has not yet been an assigned date for public hearing. Engineer Dingman asked a question of us regarding the bill's origin. In checking with Senator Friesen's office, the bill was brought to them by NACO through the Roads Superintendents subgroup.

There has been 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 of this week. We have attached the notes for your review.

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 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. We will follow up with him to see if Lincoln has determined their position. The hearing on this measure is February 10, 2017.

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

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

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

HEARINGS BEFORE THE NEXT STAFF MEETING

Today: LB280 (Crawford) Provide duties for law enforcement officers and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles – Transportation & Telecommunications

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.

LB307 (Brasch) Provide for mediation, child abuse prevention, and civil legal services fees in certain proceedings – Judiciary

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.

LB392 (Larson) Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act – Natural Resources
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.

Friday: LB193 (Pansing Brooks) Change provisions relating to courts – Judiciary

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

LB193 requires that the stenography notes of a court reporter be preserved and sealed.

LB517 (Pansing Brooks) Change provisions regarding transfer of property upon death – Judiciary

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.

LB628 (Larson) Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property – Government, Military, & Veterans Affairs
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.

Monday: LB72 (Schumacher) Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act – Banking, Commerce & Insurance

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.

LB261 (Hansen) Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act – Business & Labor

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.

LB480 (McCollister) Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody – Banking, Commerce, & Insurance

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.

*LB532 (Kolterman) Change provisions relating to a military service credit for certain retirement plans as prescribed – Nebraska Retirement Systems
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 nonforfeitability 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.*

Tuesday: None

Wednesday: *LB359 (Kolterman) Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession – Judiciary
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.*

*LB468 (Krist) Change revenue and taxation provisions – Revenue
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.

*LB488 (Groene) Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act – Natural Resources
LB488 adopts the Water Conservation Grant Act. The act allows for the*

department to being accepting applications for water conservation grants if they determine that the states that are subject to a multi-state compact have agreed to count any reduction in water usages in determining Nebraska's compliance with the multi-state compact. LB488 requires that ground water that is not used for irrigation purposes be considered used when a natural resources district calculates irrigation caps under an integrated management plan created pursuant to the Act.

LB488 also creates the Water Conservation Grant Fund. The Fund shall be used to fund water conservation grants awarded under the Act.

LB492 (Harr) Adopt the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act and authorize certain liens – Judiciary

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.

This concludes our report for this week.

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LB280	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/09/2017	In Committee	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>
LB307	Brasch		Judiciary	02/09/2017	In Committee	Provide for mediation, child abuse prevention, and civil legal services fees in certain proceedings <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>
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LB359	Kolterman		Judiciary	02/15/2017	In Committee	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>
LB468	Krist		Revenue	02/15/2017	In Committee	Change revenue and taxation provisions <i>LB468 eliminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act exemption and compensating exemption factor for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates an exemption from taxation for the first ten thousand dollars of valuation on tangible property for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates the reduction in the value of tangible personal property owned by each railroad, care line company, public service entity, and air carrier for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 ends reimbursement to taxing subdivisions for tax revenue that will be lost because of personal property tax exemptions for tax years 2018 and 2019.</i> <i>LB468 allows resident individuals from electing to subtract from federal gross adjusted income the extraordinary dividends paid on and the capital gain from sale or exchange of capital stock for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018 and taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. LB468 ends the credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund on July 1, 2017, and ends the credit to the Highway Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2019. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved into law.</i>

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LB488	Groene		Natural Resources	02/15/2017	In Committee	<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>
LB492	Harr		Judiciary	02/15/2017	In Committee	<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>
LB243	Bolz		Judiciary	02/16/2017	In Committee	<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>
LB245	Bolz		Judiciary	02/16/2017	In Committee	<p>Provide for a corrections-related emergency and overtime as prescribed</p> <p><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></p>
LB250	Harr		Judiciary	02/16/2017	In Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to probationers' rights</p> <p><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></p>
LB251	Harr		Revenue	02/16/2017	In Committee	<p>Redefine agricultural or horticultural purposes for revenue and taxation purposes</p> <p><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></p>

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LB258	Hansen		Judiciary	02/16/2017	In Committee	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>
LB266	Friesen		Revenue	02/16/2017	In Committee	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land <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> <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> <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>
LB369	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/16/2017	In Committee	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds <i>LB369 eliminates the provision that ended the ten-dollar fee received by the register of deeds and the county clerk for recording a deed, mortgage, or release, recording and indexing of a will, recording and indexing of a decree in a testate estate, recording proof of publications, or recording any other instrument. LB369 allocates two dollars and fifty cents of this fee to the preservation and maintenance of public records.</i> <i>LB369 eliminates the uniform fee for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate of notice affecting the lien. LB369 also eliminates the provision that ended the uniform fee for presenting for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating or for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating each tax lien.</i>
LB382	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/16/2017	In Committee	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>
LB43	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/21/2017	In Committee	Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service <i>LB43 limits the monthly surcharge that a governing body may impose on telephone numbers within the service area to one dollar per month. Wireless carriers may collect a surcharge of up to seventy cents.</i>
LB156	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/21/2017	In Committee	Eliminate a termination date under the 911 Service System Act <i>LB156 eliminates Section 86-1030 from the 911 Service System Act.</i>

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LB194	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee	<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>
LB262	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to undeveloped vacant land under the Community Development Law</p> <p><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></p>

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LB286	Craighead		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee	Adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act and change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act <i>LB286 adopts the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act. This act prohibits a person, unless they are exempted, from engaging in the business of making a flexible credit loan to a resident without first obtaining a license as a flexible credit lender. The director must issue a license to an applicant within sixty days after receiving a complete application unless the applicant is insolvent, fails to demonstrate financial responsibility, failed to pay the required fee of \$500, or fails to maintain at least twenty-five thousand dollars in readily available assets. All advertisements of a licensee must comply with the federal Truth in Lending Act. Licensees are prohibited from providing a flexible credit loan to a consumer with more than one outstanding flexible credit loan. LB286 also includes interest rate caps for certain categories of consumers. LB286 stipulates that, for closed-end credit, the term of the flexible credit loan may not exceed twenty-four months.</i>
LB386	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee	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 Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act <i>LB389 adopts the Small Wireless Facilities Act. The purposes of this Act are to secure public access to advanced wireless technology and information, promote the public benefits from such wireless technology, and confirm that communications service providers and facilities have a right to occupy and utilize public rights-of-way. The Act allows communications service providers and facilities providers to place poles and wireless facilities in an authority right-of-way. An authority may require an application for a permit for such placement. The authority must approve the application unless it does not meet the applicable industry construction standards. Approved permits shall remain valid for at least ten years and be approved automatically for at least three five-year periods. Small wireless facilities shall be permitted use in all zoning districts other than areas outside the authority right-of-way that are zoned and used for single family residential use.</i>
LB472	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee	Change provisions relating to signs and advertising on highways <i>LB472 only allows the Department of Roads to require permits for advertising signs, displays, and devices placed along or upon the Highway Beautification Control System</i>
LB489	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee	Redefine development project under the Community Development Law <i>LB489 removes other improvements in accordance with the development plan from the definition of development project under the Community Development Law.</i>

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LB597	Groene		Urban Affairs	02/21/2017	In Committee	<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>
LB192	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/22/2017	In Committee	<p>Change and modernize provisions relating to the qualifying and summoning of jurors</p> <p><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></p>
LB385	Lindstrom		Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><i>LB385 allows those with a relationship to the taxpayer to execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer. The specific relationships are: A person or entity with a contract executed by the taxpayer, a person with the power of attorney, a person with a durable power of attorney, and a person who is a trustee of an estate. LB385 requires the county board of equalization, in appeals regarding the assessed value of the property that has been increased by more than 5%, to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the assessed value reflects the property's actual value.</i></p>
LB508	Hilgers	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/22/2017	In Committee	<p>Change the population threshold for the county civil service system</p> <p><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></p>
LB555	Smith		Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee	<p>Change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><i>LB555 allows commissioners who live within fifty miles of the state office building to be reimbursed for mileage for actual round trip travel. Commissioners who live more than fifty miles may be reimbursed for mileage for one round trip per week and shall be paid a per diem at the federal per diem rate for each day worked at the state office building. LB555 also makes the filing fee for each appeal or petition filed with the commission fifty dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved in the appeal is one million dollars or less, and a fee of one hundred dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved is more than one million dollars.</i></p>
LB567	Bolz	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/22/2017	In Committee	<p>Change funding for county public assistance offices</p> <p><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></p>

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LB7	Krist	Monitor	Judiciary	01/18/2017	In Committee	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	General File	Provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives relating to juvenile probation <i>LB8 acts to change, eliminate, and harmonize provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code. LB8 also provides for a graduated response program, to replace the current administrative sanctions program, designed to utilize a series of sanctions, incentives, and services to facilitate a juvenile's continued progress toward changing behavior and successful completion of the probationary period. A state-wide standardized graduated response program may be developed by the Office of Probation Administration with the help of interested parties, such as judges, 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	General File	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	Select File	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	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	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	<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	<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	<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	In Committee	<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	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	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	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	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		In Committee	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	In Committee	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act <i>LB72 renames the Nebraska Governmental Unit 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	In Committee	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		In Committee	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	In Committee	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	Select File	Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act <i>LB80 includes Law clerks and students employed by the county attorney or public defender as unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act.</i>
LB81	Blood	Support	Judiciary	02/02/2017	General File	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	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	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	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	<p>Adopt the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act</p> <p><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></p>

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LB95	Crawford		Urban Affairs	02/28/2017	In Committee	<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	In Committee	<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	<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	<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 professional who subjects such patient or client to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. A health professional who subjects such patient or client to sexual contact is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a volunteer or employee of a school who subjects a student who is at least sixteen but less than nineteen years of age to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a student in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. If such volunteer subjects such student to sexual contact, they are guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a person who is a volunteer or an employee of a youth center who subjects a patient or client who is at least sixteen but less than nineteen to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. If such volunteer subjects such client or patient to sexual contact, they are guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>LB107 establishes that a person who occupies a special position of trust who subjects a child who is at least sixteen but less than nineteen years of age to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a child in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. If such person subjects such child to sexual contact, they are guilty of sexual abuse of a child in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i></p> <p><i>Consent is not a defense under any section of LB107.</i></p>
LB108	Crawford		Judiciary	02/08/2017	In Committee	<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 questioning 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	In Committee	<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		In Committee	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		In Committee	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	General File	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	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		In Committee	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	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	<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	<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	In Committee	<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	In Committee	<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 Telecommunications	02/21/2017	In Committee	<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	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	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	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		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	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	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	In Committee	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	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		Judiciary	02/23/2017	In Committee	Provide for sexual assault protection order <i>LB178 allows for any victim of sexual assault to file a petition and affidavit for a sexual assault protection order. This protective order shall be effective for two years unless renewed. Any knowing violation of such protective order will be a Class I Misdemeanor. LB178 also affords full faith and credit to sexual assault protection orders issued in other states or jurisdictions.</i>
LB179	Bolz		Health and Human Services		In Committee	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	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		In Committee	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		In Committee	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	In Committee	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	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	In Committee	<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 cations, 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	<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		In Committee	<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	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	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	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	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	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>
LB212	Hansen		Business and Labor	01/23/2017	In Committee	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	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	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	<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		In Committee	<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	<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	Kolterman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee	<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	<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>
LB236	Erdman		Revenue	02/23/2017	In Committee	<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	<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	In Committee	<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	In Committee	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	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	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	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	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	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	In Committee	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	In Committee	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	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	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	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	In Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to vehicle certificates of title, registration, and license plates and provide for implementation of an electronic dealer services system by the Department of Motor Vehicles</p> <p><i>LB263 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement an electronic dealer services system. A licensed dealer may voluntarily participate in the system and provide titling and registration services. Any licensed dealer who chooses to participate may collect from a purchaser of a vehicle all appropriate certification of title fees, notation of lien fees, registration fees, motor vehicle taxes and fees, and sales taxes. All fees collected must be remitted to the appropriate authorities. Any licensed dealer who chooses to participate shall use this system to electronically submit title, registration, and lien information to the Vehicle Title and Registration System. License plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title will be delivered as provided under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act and the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB263 limits a political subdivisions liability for any claim based on negligent issuances of a certificate of title under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act and the State Boat Act when such title is issued upon an application filed electronically by an approved licensed dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system.</i></p> <p><i>LB263 also provides that, if a certificate of title is an electronic certificate of title record, the name of the owner may be changed electronically without the need to print a new certificate of title.</i></p>
LB266	Friesen		Revenue	02/16/2017	In Committee	<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	In Committee	<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	<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	In Committee	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		In Committee	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	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	In Committee	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	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	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	In Committee	<p>Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim</p> <p><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></p>
LB290	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	<p>Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits</p> <p><i>LB290 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, with assistance from the Secretary of State, to prescribe a voter registration application with may be used to register to vote or change address for voting purposes at the same time a person is applying for a driver's license or state identification card. This application must be designed in such a way so that the elector's information can be transmitted to the election commission or county clerk, unless the elector specifies on the form that they do not want to register to vote.</i></p> <p><i>LB290 also allows for the Secretary of State to enter into agreements with the Commissioner of Education and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services to prescribe an electronic voter registration application</i></p>
LB291	Larson		Revenue		In Committee	<p>Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act</p> <p><i>LB291 adopts the Special Economic Impact Zone Act. The purpose of this act is to utilize the tax incentives provided in the act to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on reservations in Nebraska. This act designates each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a qualified business located in a special economic impact zone may exclude any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone when calculating its income tax liability to the state. Beginning January 1, 2018, such businesses are also exempt from the sales and use taxes due for the first ten million dollars of eligible purchases made each year.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also requires that, when allocating any federal low-income housing tax credits, the authority must give a bonus to any project located in a special economic impact zone.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also allows for the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes to enter into revenue sharing agreement with the Department of Revenue.</i></p>
LB294	Smith		Transportation and Telecommunicati ons	02/07/2017	In Committee	<p>Provide for a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country for mutual recognition of motor vehicle operator licenses</p> <p><i>LB294 allows for the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of the state. Commercial driver's licenses may not be included in such agreement</i></p>

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LB297	McCollister		Health and Human Services		In Committee	<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 Officer 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		In Committee	<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	<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	In Committee	<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	<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 country 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	<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	<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		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/06/2017	In Committee	<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		Revenue		In Committee	<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 form “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 being 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 sued to provide a property tax credit to owners of real property. To determine the amount of this credit, the country treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the county by the ration 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 ration 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		In Committee	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	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		In Committee	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	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>
LB327	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations		In Committee	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	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled <i>LB333 requires that a disability persist for more than a year before a person can be considered disabled. LB333 also eliminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct an independent medical review when Social Security denies benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability.</i>
LB334	Scheer		Health and Human Services	01/25/2017	In Committee	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	<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	<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 Telecommunications	01/30/2017	In Committee	<p>Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation</p>

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LB344	Albrecht		Health and Human Services		In Committee	<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	In Committee	<p>Eliminate an experience requirement for abstracters</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 abstracter.</i></p>
LB349	Hilkemann		Judiciary	01/27/2017	General File	<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	<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	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	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	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	In Committee	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	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	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	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	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		In Committee	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions SUMMARY ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT
LB378	McCollister		Appropriations		In Committee	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	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	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	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	In Committee	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		Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee	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	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 Telecommunicati ons	02/21/2017	In Committee	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	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	In Committee	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	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	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		In Committee	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	<p>Change provisions relating to DNA samples, DNA records, and thumbprints under the DNA Identification Information Act</p> <p><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></p>
LB413	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/03/2017	In Committee	<p>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</p> <p><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></p>
LB415	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/27/2017	In Committee	<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 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>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>

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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 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 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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						<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	In Committee	<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	In Committee	<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	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		In Committee	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		In Committee	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	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		In Committee	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
LB427	Vargas		Education	01/30/2017	In Committee	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	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	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		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee	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	Change provisions relating to escape <i>LB435 makes escape a Class IIA felony.</i>
LB437	Craighead		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	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 severed owned or managed by it. LB437 also allows independent instrumentalities to provide information that is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Taxpayer Transparency Act by providing the State Treasurer with a link to a web site or document containing such information that is stored on a server owned or managed by the independent instrumentality. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB441	Morfeld		Health and Human Services		In Committee	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	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	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>

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LB447	Chambers		Judiciary	02/08/2017	In Committee	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	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	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	In Committee	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>
LB468	Krist		Revenue	02/15/2017	In Committee	Change revenue and taxation provisions <i>LB468 eliminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act exemption and compensating exemption factor for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates an exemption from taxation for the first ten thousand dollars of valuation on tangible property for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates the reduction in the value of tangible personal property owned by each railroad, care line company, public service entity, and air carrier for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 ends reimbursement to taxing subdivisions for tax revenue that will be lost because of personal property tax exemptions for tax years 2018 and 2019.</i> <i>LB468 allows resident individuals from electing to subtract from federal gross adjusted income the extraordinary dividends paid on and the capital gain from sale or exchange of capital stock for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018 and taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. LB468 ends the credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund on July 1, 2017, and ends the credit to the Highway Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2019. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved into law.</i>

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LB470	Larson		General Affairs	02/06/2017	In Committee	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>
LB472	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications	02/21/2017	In Committee	Change provisions relating to signs and advertising on highways <i>LB472 only allows the Department of Roads to require permits for advertising signs, displays, and devices placed along or upon the Highway Beautification Control System</i>
LB473	Walz		Business and Labor	03/13/2017	In Committee	Require rest periods for employees <i>LB473 prohibits employers from requiring any employee to work without a rest period of at least fifteen minutes for every four hours worked. No reduction in compensation may be made for such rest period.</i>
LB479	Groene		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/26/2017	In Committee	Change public hearing provisions and redefine a term under the Nebraska Budget Act <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>
LB480	McCollister		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/13/2017	In Committee	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	In Committee	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	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>

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LB487	Morfeld		Judiciary	02/23/2017	In Committee	<p>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</p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
LB488	Groene		Natural Resources	02/15/2017	In Committee	<p>Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act</p> <p><i>LB488 adopts the Water Conservation Grant Act. The act allows for the department to being accepting applications for water conservation grants if they determine that the states that are subject to a multi-state compact have agreed to count any reduction in water usages in determining Nebraska's compliance with the multi-state compact. LB488 requires that ground water that is not used for irrigation purposes be considered used when a natural resources district calculates irrigation caps under an integrated management plan created pursuant to the Act.</i></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	<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	In Committee	<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>

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LB496	Stinner		Urban Affairs	02/28/2017	In Committee	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>
LB498	Brewer		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee	Change provisions relating to transfer of homestead exemptions <i>LB498 stipulates that, for purposes of such determination, the January 1 through August 15 ownership and occupancy requirement shall not apply.</i>
LB500	Brewer		Judiciary	03/01/2017	In Committee	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	Change prohibition on locations where permit holder may carry a concealed weapon <i>LB501 requires that, in order for a permit holder to violate the section, there must be a posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited and the property owner must make a request that the permit holder leave, which the permit holder defies. LB501 also makes this violation a Class II misdemeanor.</i>
LB502	Brewer		Judiciary	03/23/2017	In Committee	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	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	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>

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LB510	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	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>
LB511			Education		In Committee	Change provisions for payment of educational costs for state wards and students in residential settings <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> <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>
LB514	Bolz		Appropriations		In Committee	State intent to appropriate funds for a Justice Reinvestment Initiative Coordinator <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>
LB516	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities <i>LB516 requires juvenile facilities to redact all personal identifying information from their quarterly report. LB516 also make intentional or knowingly failure to comply with this section a Class V misdemeanor.</i>
LB517	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	02/10/2017	In Committee	Change provisions regarding transfer of property upon death <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>

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LB520	Hansen		Judiciary	03/08/2017	In Committee	Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit <i>LB520, if a prohibited person files an application to obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit, requires the forwarding of the denied application to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The commission is then required to evaluate whether local law enforcement should be alerted based on the application. Law enforcement agencies are also required to report certain statistics related to rejected applications and noticed received from the commission.</i>
LB529	Harr		Judiciary	03/16/2017	In Committee	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	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		In Committee	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	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 nonforfeitability 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	In Committee	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 form 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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LB545	Watermeier		Appropriations		In Committee	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>
LB555	Smith		Revenue	02/22/2017	In Committee	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	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	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	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>

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LB562	McCollister		Judiciary	03/22/2017	In Committee	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>
LB563	McCollister		Revenue		In Committee	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	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		In Committee	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		In Committee	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	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>

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LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services		In Committee	<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>
LB581	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	<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 Telecommunications	01/30/2017	In Committee	<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>

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LB585	Linehan		Judiciary	03/17/2017	In Committee	<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	In Committee	<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>
LB591	Crawford		Urban Affairs	02/07/2017	In Committee	<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	In Committee	<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		In Committee	<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>

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LB602	Erdman		Revenue	02/24/2017	In Committee	<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>
LB607	Kintner		Revenue		In Committee	<p>Provide a homestead exemption for certain first responders</p> <p><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></p>
LB613	Wayne		Revenue		In Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act</p> <p><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></p>
LB619	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	<p>Permit certain counties to conduct elections by mail</p> <p><i>LB619 allows the election commissioner to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for elections.</i></p>
LB623	Wishart		Judiciary	03/03/2017	In Committee	<p>Change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to assault on an officer, certain employees, or a health care professional</p> <p><i>LB623 eliminates provisions that specify assaults on officials and replaces them with the term "public officer." – NARA, UCSC, LC, RPS</i></p>
LB624	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/03/2017	In Committee	<p>Provide procedure to withhold from the public law enforcement officers" residential addresses in county records</p> <p><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></p>
LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/10/2017	In Committee	<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 result ions 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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LB656	Baker		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated <i>LB656 makes a successful claimant one who had a claim against a political subdivision arising from their wrongful incarceration or conviction, which claim was precluded by the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and who obtained a final judgment against such political subdivision from a federal court under 42 U.S.C. 1983 for a violation of their rights protected by the Constitution and arising out of such wrongful incarceration. A successful claimant and the political subdivision against which the claimant obtained final judgment may file a claim with the State Claims Board for full payment of such judgment, or any part of such judgment, which exceeds the available financial resources and revenue of the political subdivision required for its ordinary purpose.</i>
LB658	Wayne		Judiciary	03/09/2017	In Committee	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings <i>LB658 grants the right to one appointed expert witness during any adjudication or disposition proceeding to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile who is the subject of the proceeding. If the parent, guardian, or custodian is indigent, the reasonable fees and expenses of such expert witness will be paid by the county.</i>
LB663	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	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		In Committee	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. – RPS, UCSC, LC, NROC, MAPA, NMPP, NARA, NSHSF,</i>
LB665	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee	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>

LB 310 (Friesen) - Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits

Mike Hybl, legal counsel of the committee, opened the hearing on LB 310. Mr. Hibl explained that county engineers and officials were concerned that all bridges had to be marked with acceptable weight limits. He explained that bridges would only need to display capacity on bridges over twenty feet. This bill would remove all liability from county governments in the event of any accidents that result from issues of excessive weight on a bridge.

Proponent Testimony

- Steve Riehle, Hall County Engineer. Mr. Riehle explained that bridges over twenty feet long must be inspected once every two years. He explained that there are 11,150 such bridges in the county system. For bridges under twenty feet, there is no uniform inspection system in place. However, statute requires capacity amounts to be posted. Mr. Riehle explained that there are many bridges under twenty feet that do not have load ratings. He argued that posting signage and paying engineers to calculate capacities is expensive and unnecessary.
- Jessie Herrmann, representing Nebraska Cattlemen. Ms. Herrmann explained that this bill encourages responsible use of bridges. She did express concerns that the bill does not directly address culverts.
- Larry Dix, Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Mr. Dix gave his general support of the bill.

Opponent Testimony

- **No Testimony**

Neutral Testimony

- **No Testimony**



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February 9, 2017

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

RE: Client Update

Dear Mr. Eagan,

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

CenturyLink (only for LB573)

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

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Kohout

C: Board of Commissioners
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February 3, 2017

Brad Johnson, Director
Lancaster County Corrections
3801 W O Street
Lincoln, NE 68528

Director Johnson:

As you likely know, there has been recent focus on the issue of “debtors’ prison”, or the practice of incarcerating minor offenders, typically those of low-income, for periods of time for these inmates to satisfy fines owed or because they cannot pay the bond. The process of locking up “nuisance” offenders until they plead guilty and then housing them in jail while they “sit out” their fines does not make fiscal sense nor is it good public policy.

To address these issues, both of us have introduced legislation to address these issues.

LB 145, introduced by Senator Hansen, amends the process of imposing fines, encourages courts to provide for community service or payment plans for fines, and increases the rate per day for credit earned for “sitting out” fines.

LB 395, introduced by Senator Morfeld, amends the statutes relating to bonds to require courts to determine the individual, relative ability of offenders to post bond, encourages courts to utilize community supervision tools in lieu of money bonds, and requires appointment of counsel for inmates who are required to post money bonds, but have been found indigent. These proposals provide that offenders will be held accountable for their criminal actions while avoiding unnecessary and costly incarceration.

An article in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 26, 2017 reported on the growing inmate population in the Lancaster County Jail and highlighted the need for bond and fine reform in Lincoln. Both of our districts represent a portion of Lincoln and we are concerned of the possibility that our constituents might incur the cost of new jail construction or the cost of

increasing jail staffing. In the article, you note that the jail inmate population (which is already near capacity) typically increases in the summer months. As such, our legislative proposals have an urgency on the local and state level.

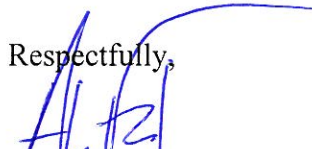
We are writing to ask whether you have any data or statistics regarding:

- Average bond amounts for inmates who do not or cannot post the bond amount,
- Any correlation between bond amounts and seriousness of the charge,
- The average length of stay of inmates,
- The number of inmates who are released on supervision by community corrections,
- The number inmates who “sit out” fines,
- The cost to the county to house pretrial detainees and inmates per day.

We understand if you do not have this information, but would appreciate any information you have relating to these inquiries. Additionally, we welcome any suggestions or proposals you may have regarding these issues as well.

We look forward to your timely response as these bills will soon be up for public hearing.

Respectfully,


Senator Adam Morfeld
46th Legislative District



Senator Matt Hansen
26th Legislative District

County Wellness Program

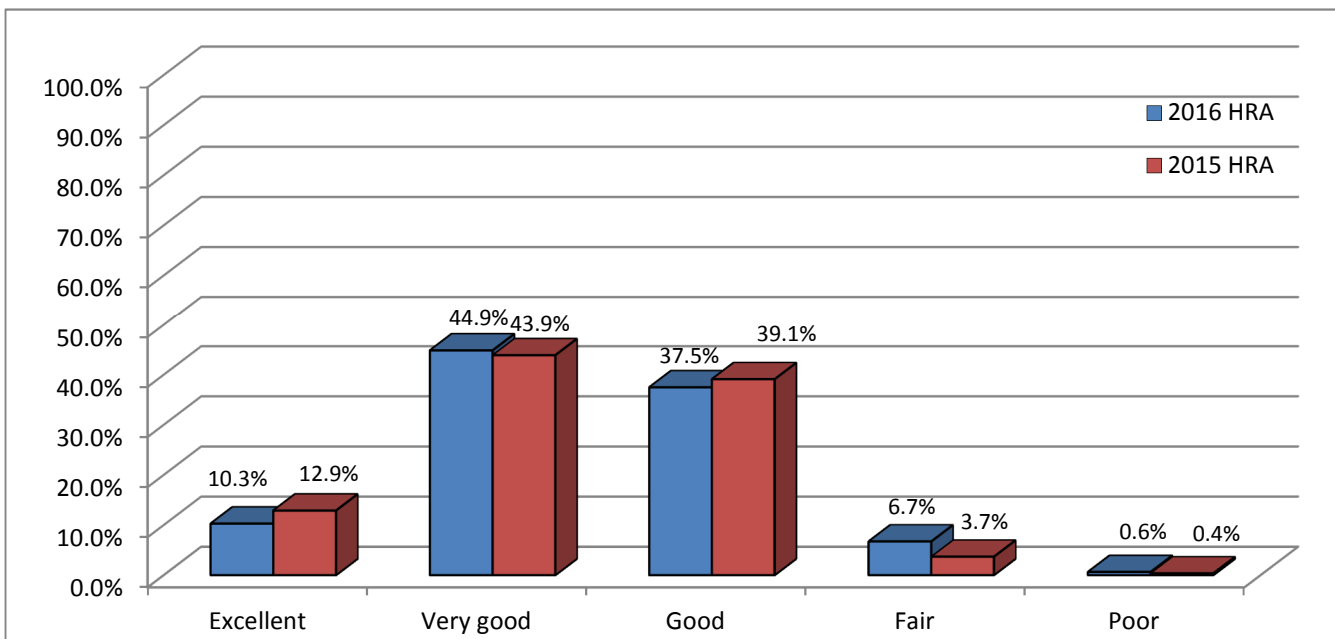
2016 Lancaster County- All Departments- Aggregate HRA Survey Results Comparison

- Main Survey Completion Period= September 20 - October 7, 2016
- Total Responses= 33% of County employees (312 out of 946 total full/part-time permanent employees)
- Total Responses from previous years
 - 2015= 30% (272 out of 918) from the HRA
 - 2014= 21% (178 out of 860) from the LiveWell HRA
 - 2013= 31% (271 out of 871) from the LiveWell HRA

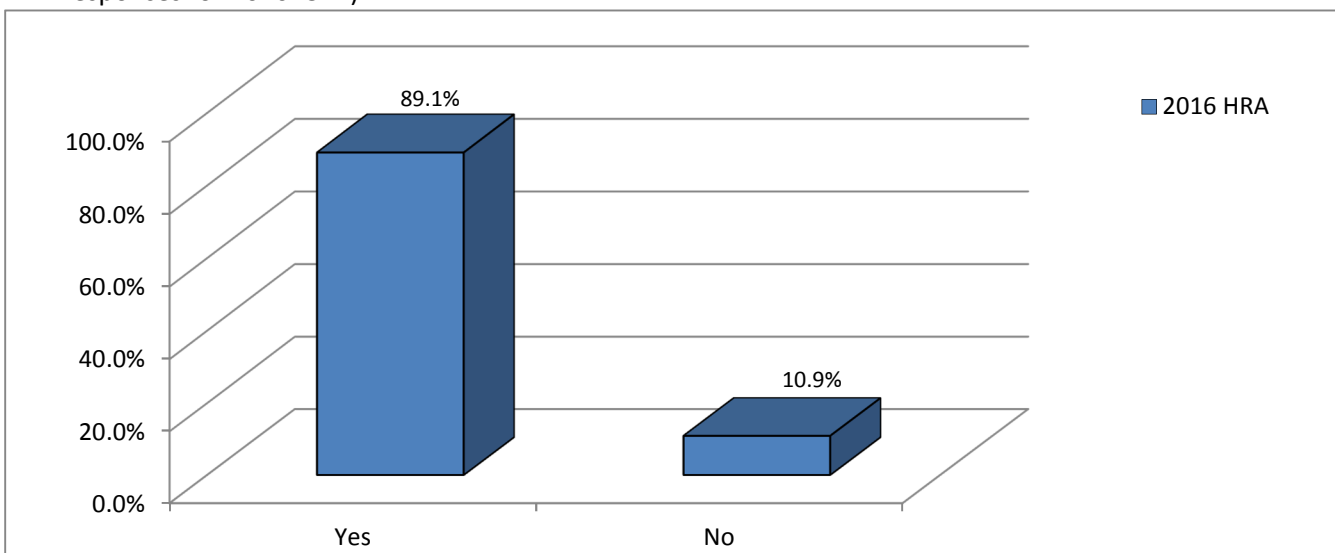
Survey Questions and Responses for All Lancaster County Departments Combined:

General Health

1. In general, how would you describe your overall health? (Total Responses- 312)

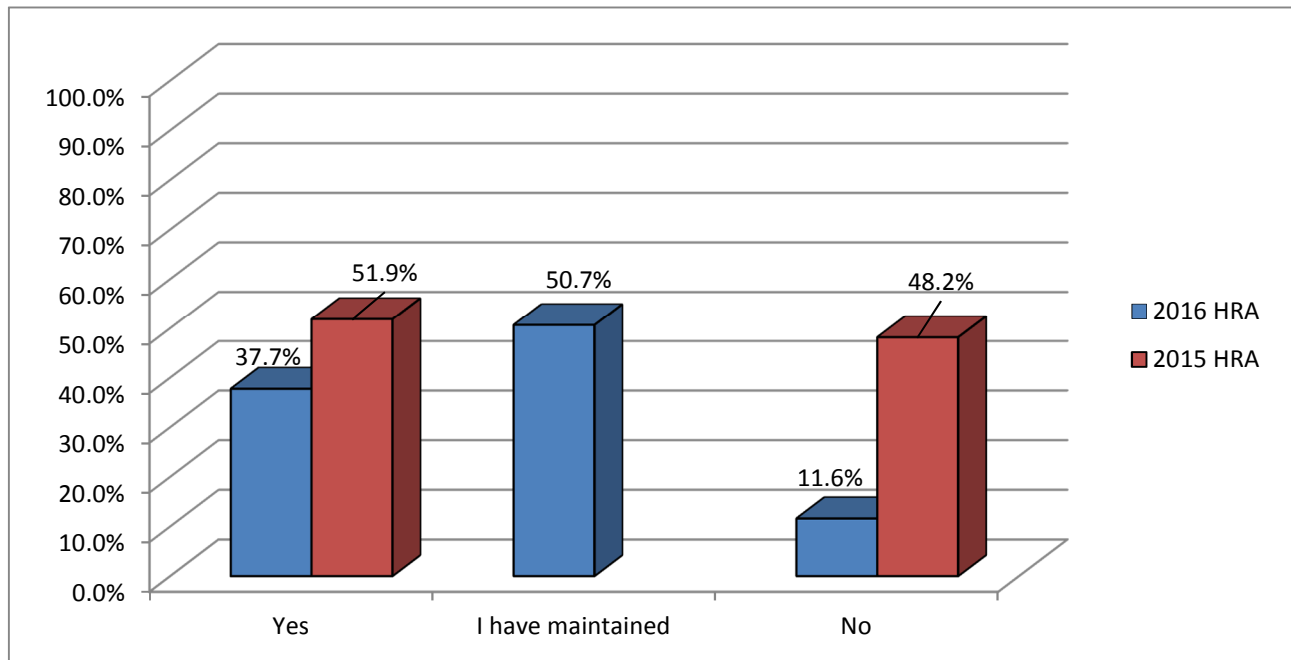


2. Do you have at least one person you think of as your personal doctor or health care provider? (Total Responses for 2016- 312)



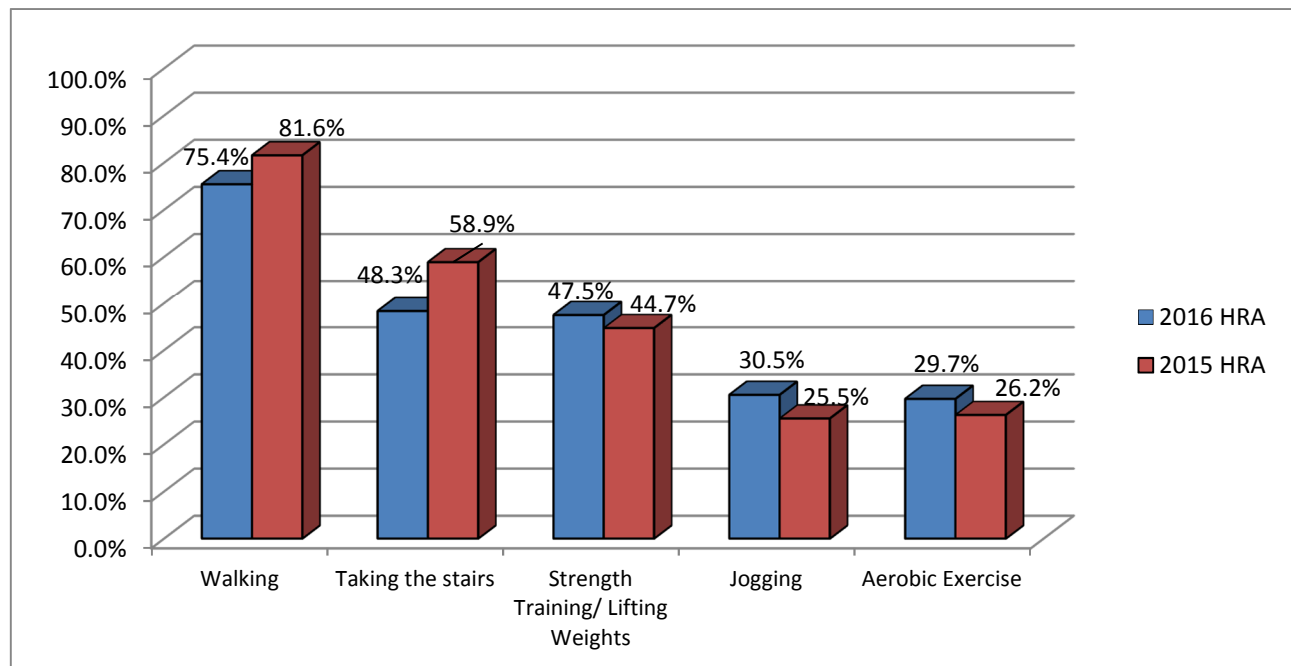
Physical Activity

3. Have you become more physically active in the past year? (Total Responses- 310)



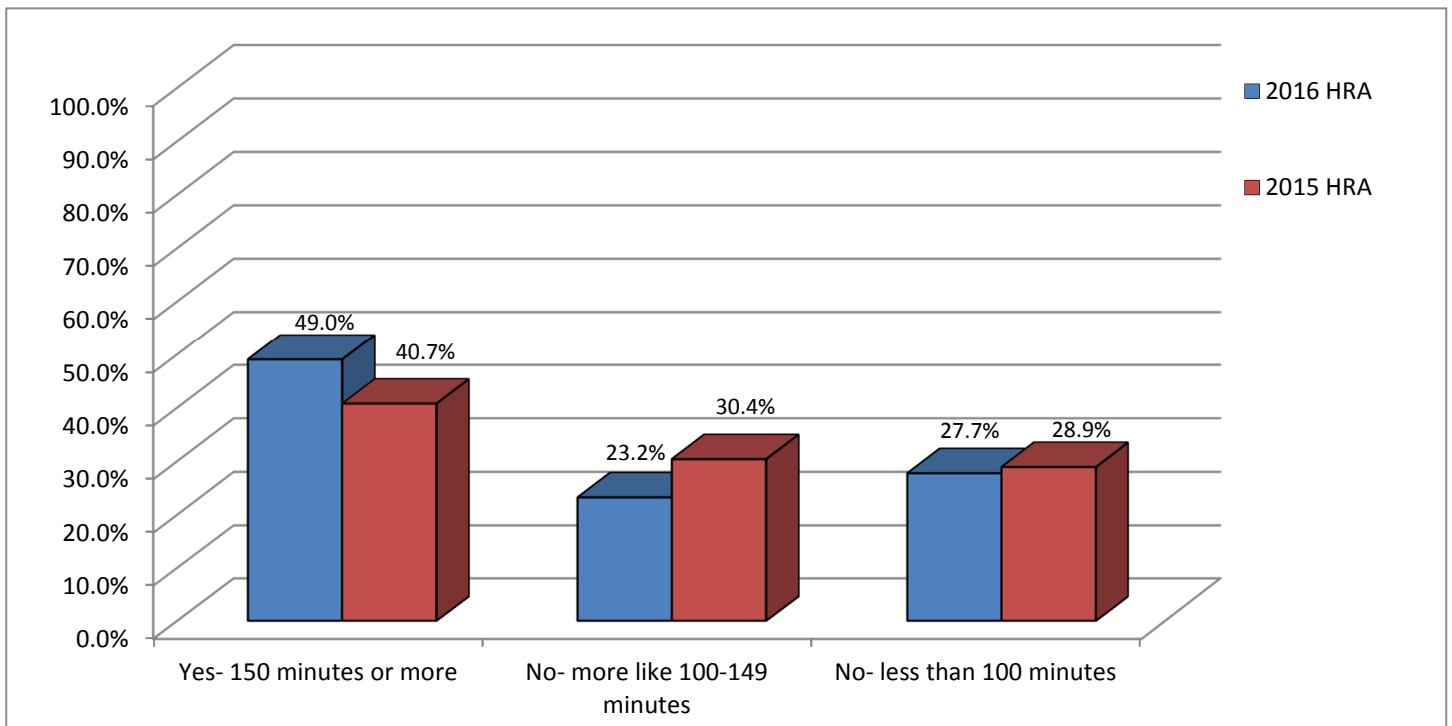
4. If yes, check all the activities that you have increased:

Top 5 Increased Activities:



Physical Activity continued

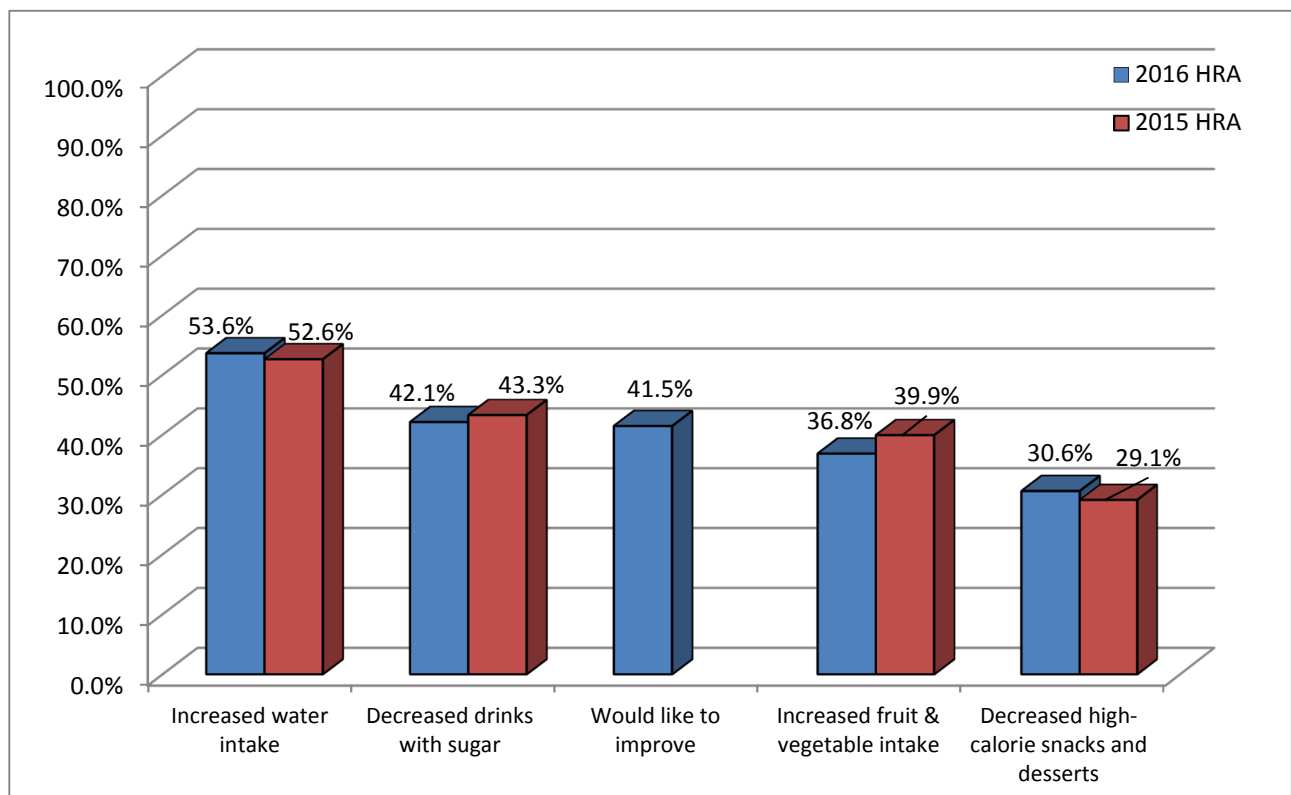
5. In an average week, do you participate in moderate-intensity physical activity for a total of 150 minutes or more? (Total Responses- 310)



Nutrition

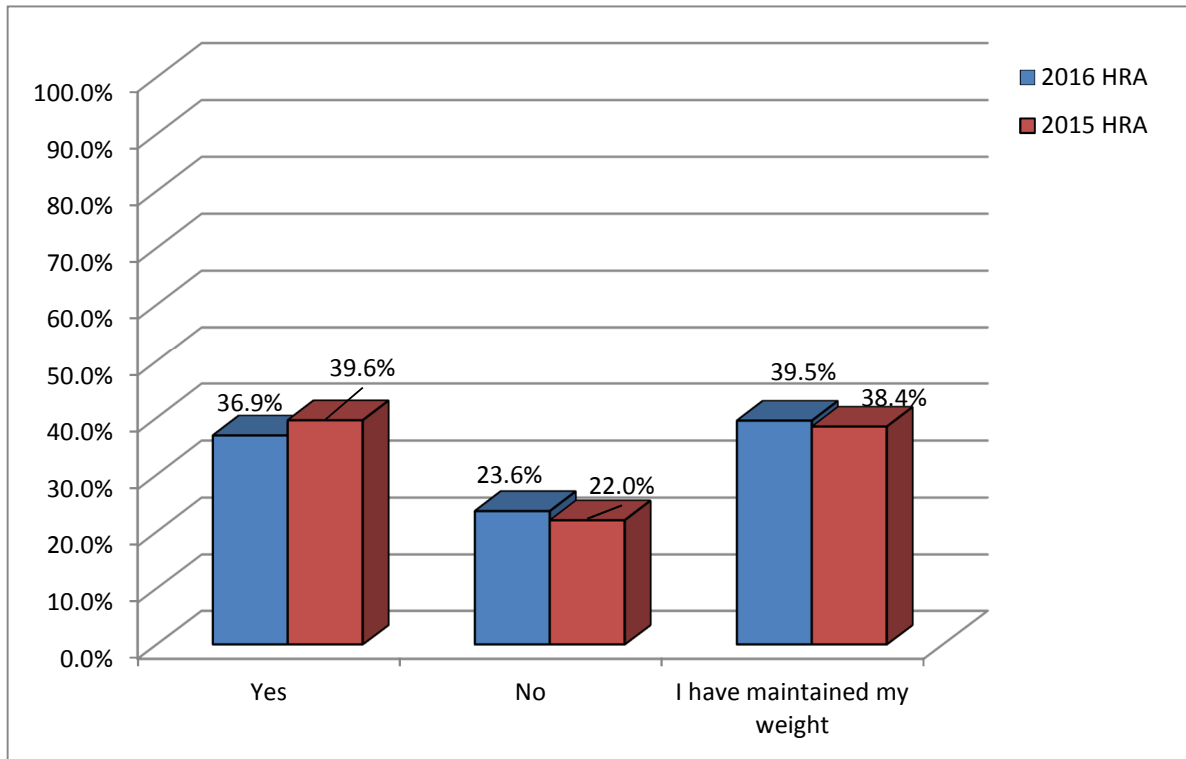
6. Has there been a change in your eating behavior in the past year?

Top 5 Changes in Eating Behavior:

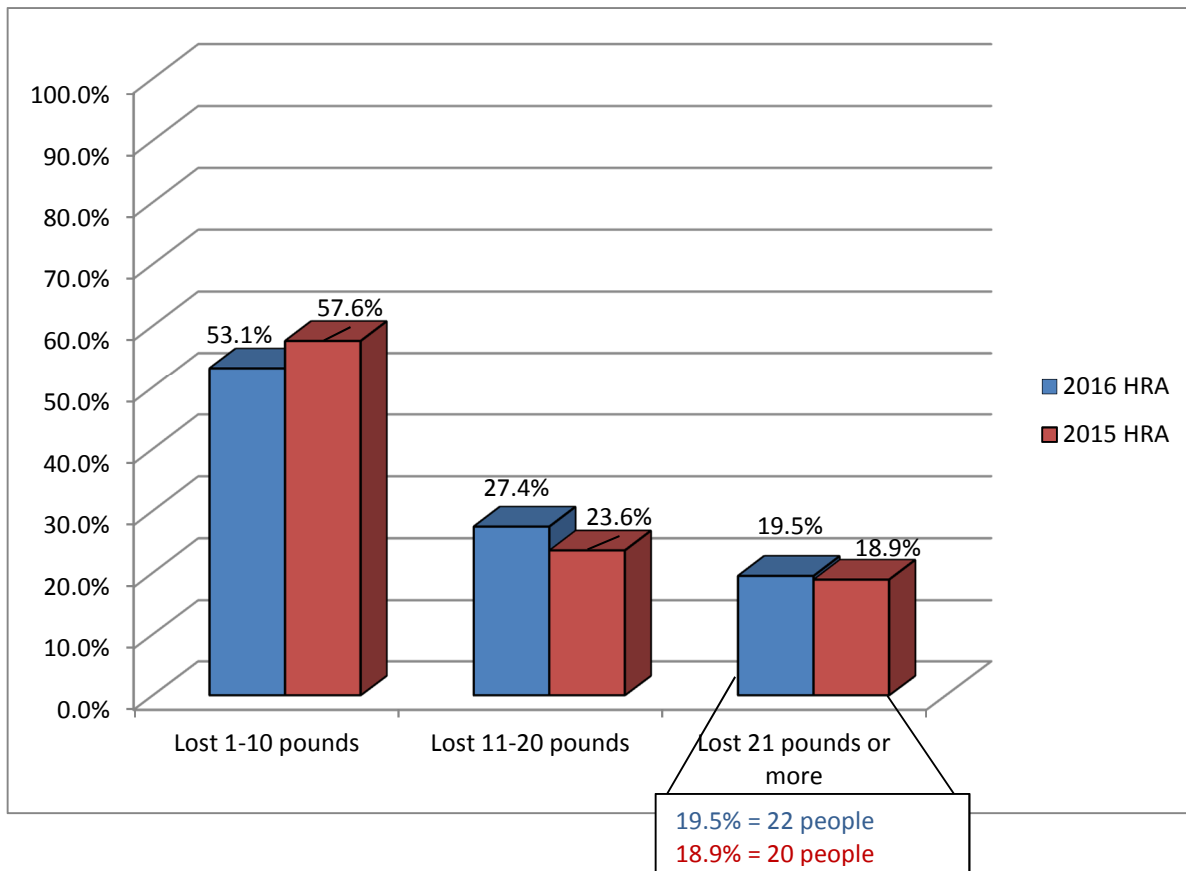


Weight Management

7. Have you lost weight in the past year? (Total Responses- 309)

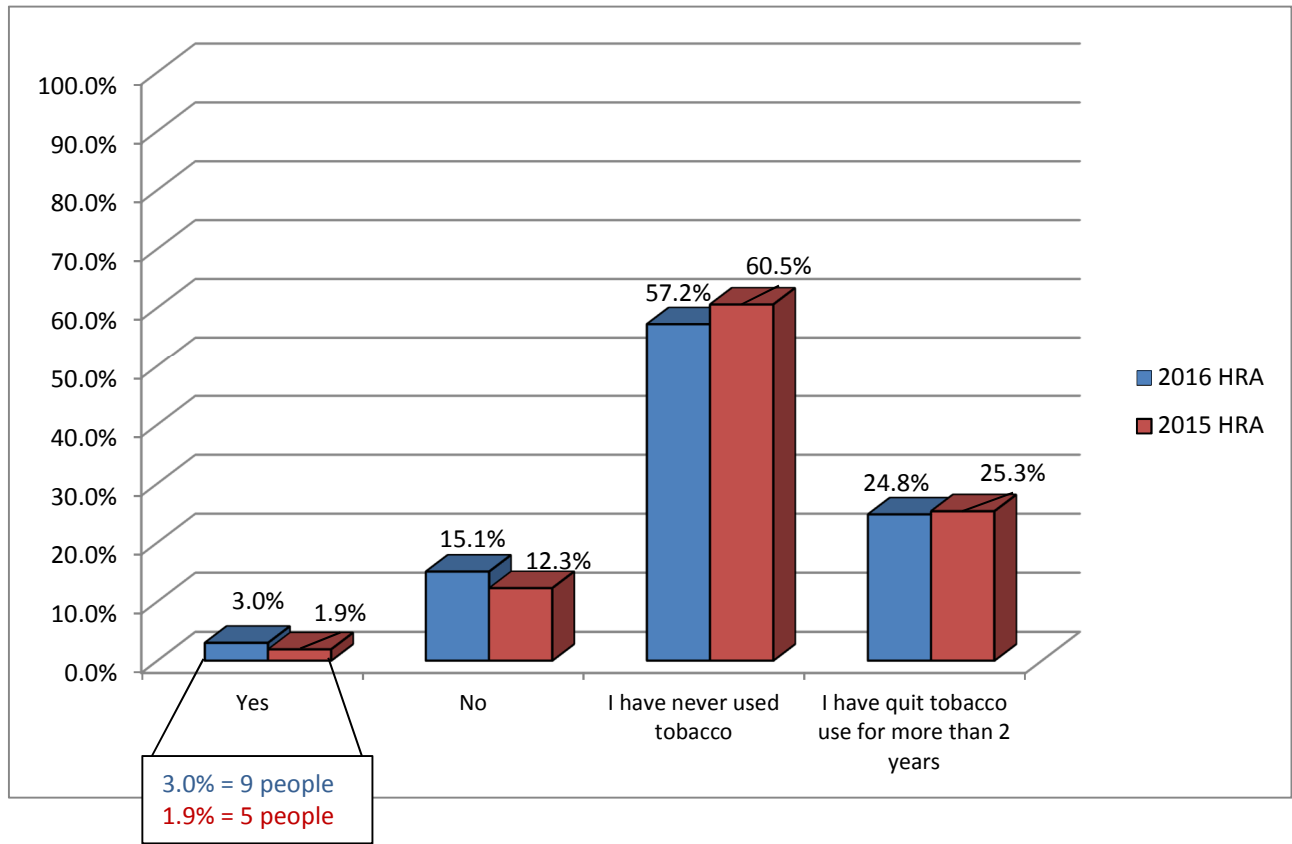


8. If yes, how many pounds have you lost? (Total Responses- 113)



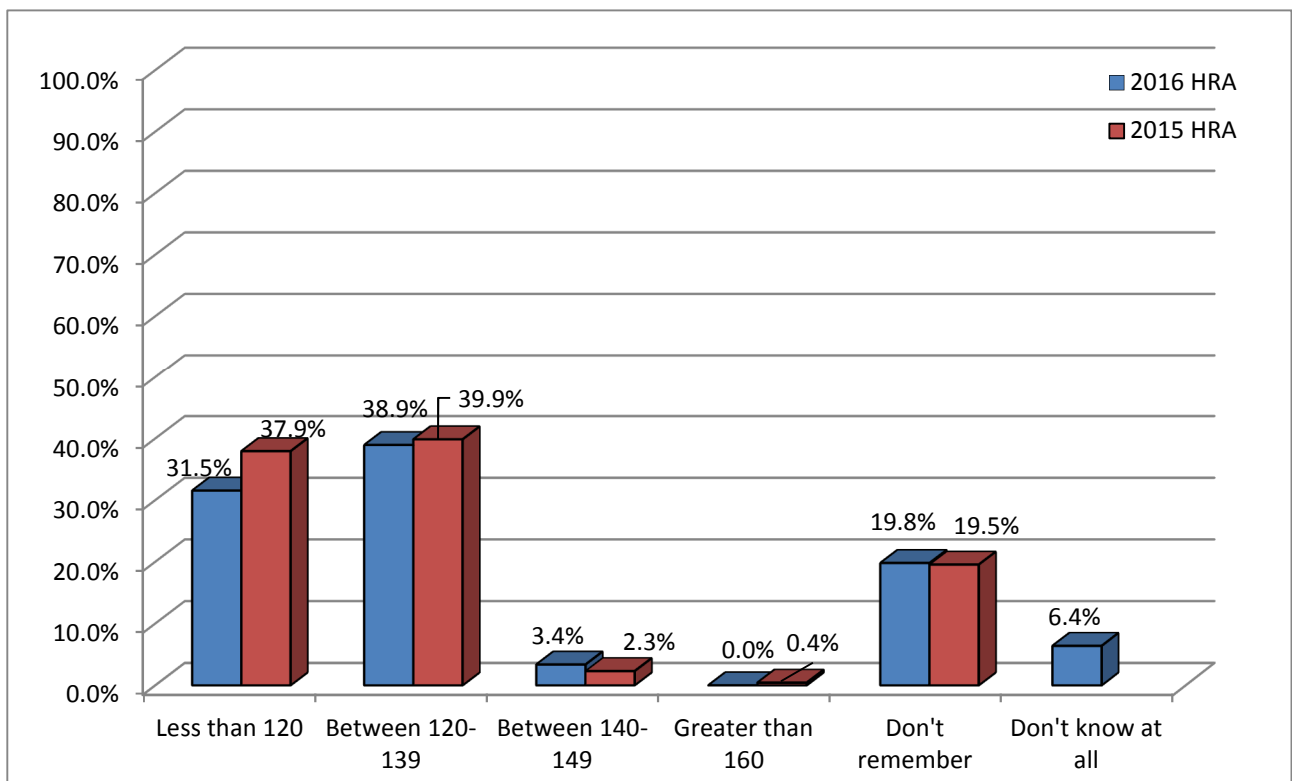
Tobacco Use

9. Have you been successful in quitting tobacco use in the past year? (Total Responses- 299)



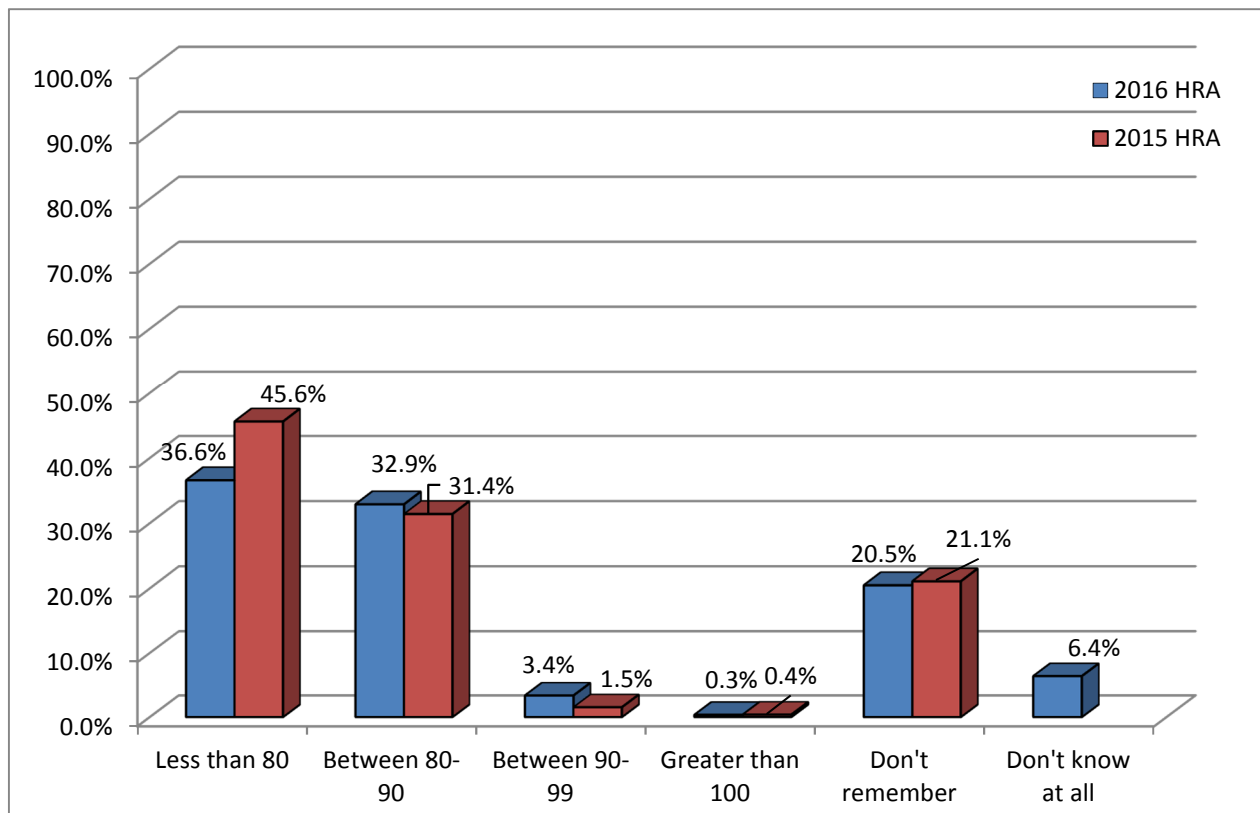
Blood Pressure

10. What was your systolic number (top number in a blood pressure reading)? (Total Responses- 298)



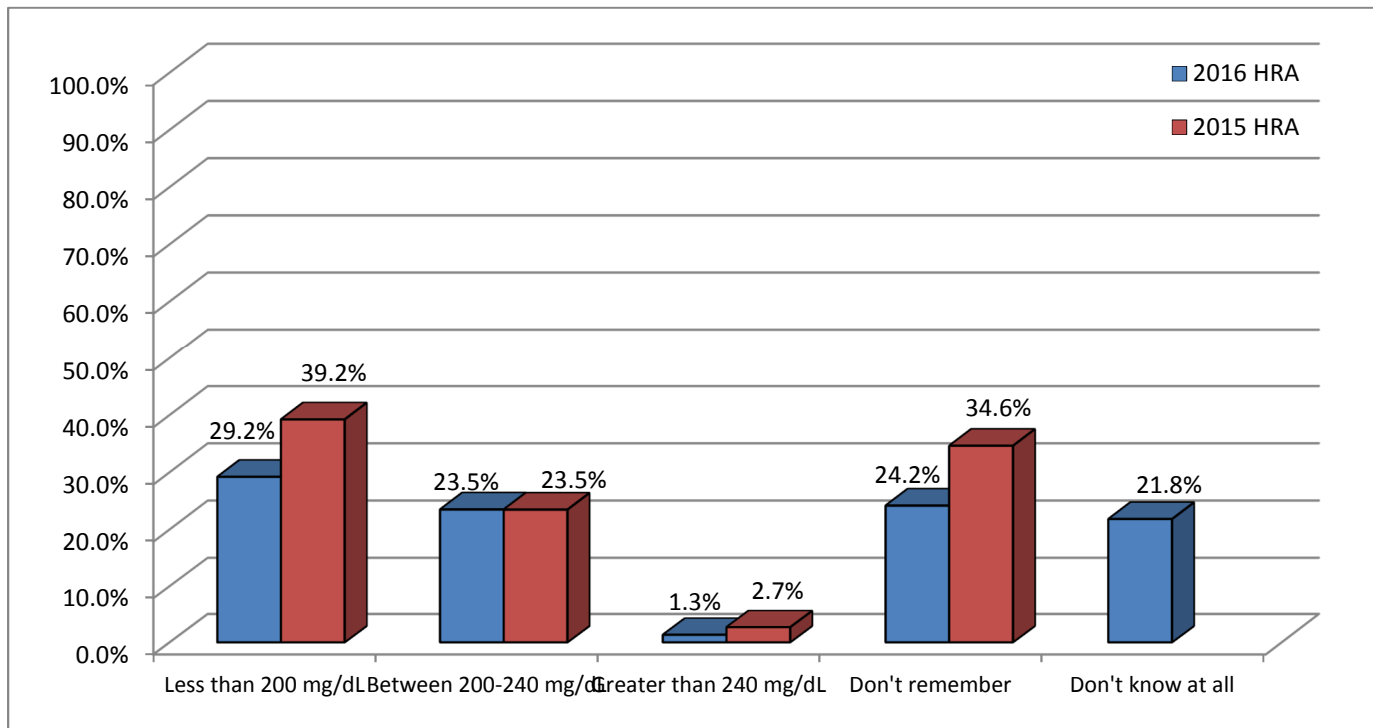
Blood Pressure continued

11. What was your diastolic number (bottom number in a blood pressure reading)? (Total Responses- 298)



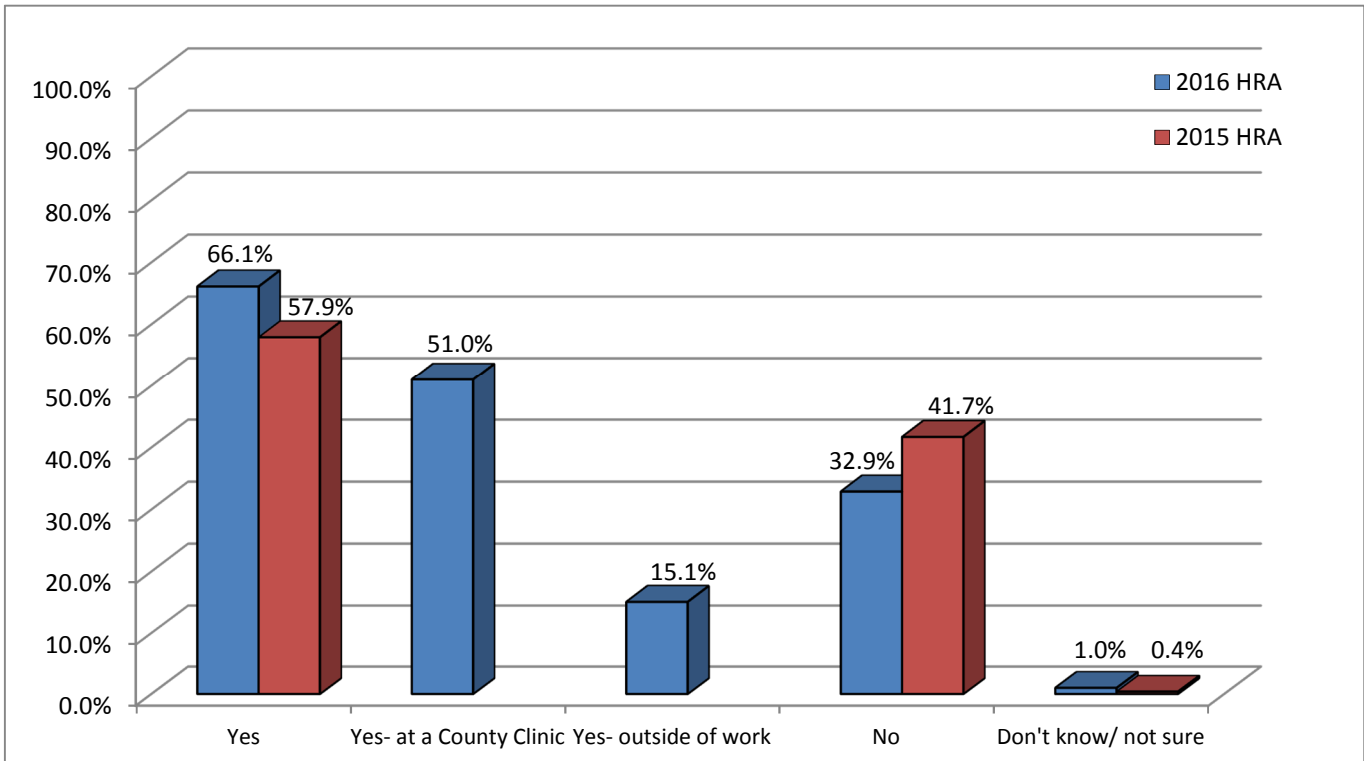
Blood Cholesterol

12. Thinking back to when your total cholesterol was last checked by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional, what was your total cholesterol? (Total Responses- 298)



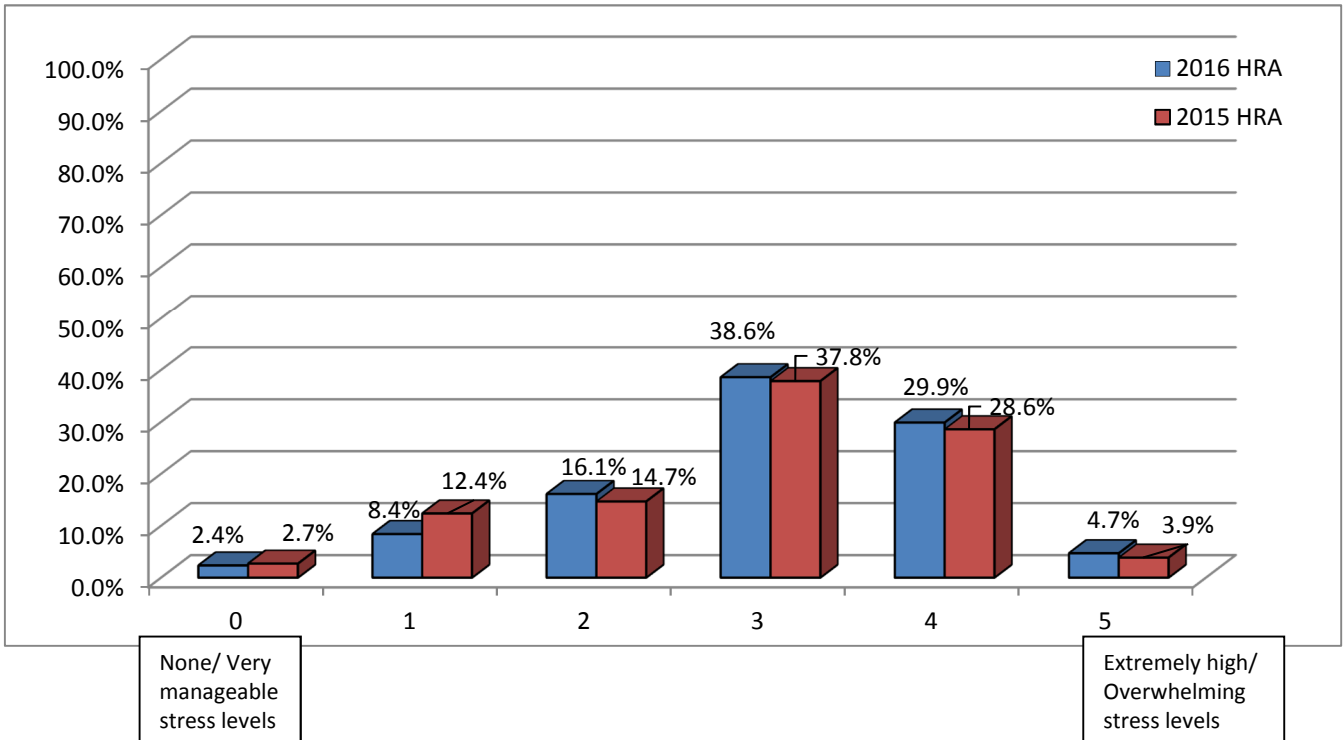
Flu Vaccination

13. During the past 12 months, have you had either a flu shot or a flu vaccine that was sprayed in your nose?
(Total Responses- 298)



Stress Management

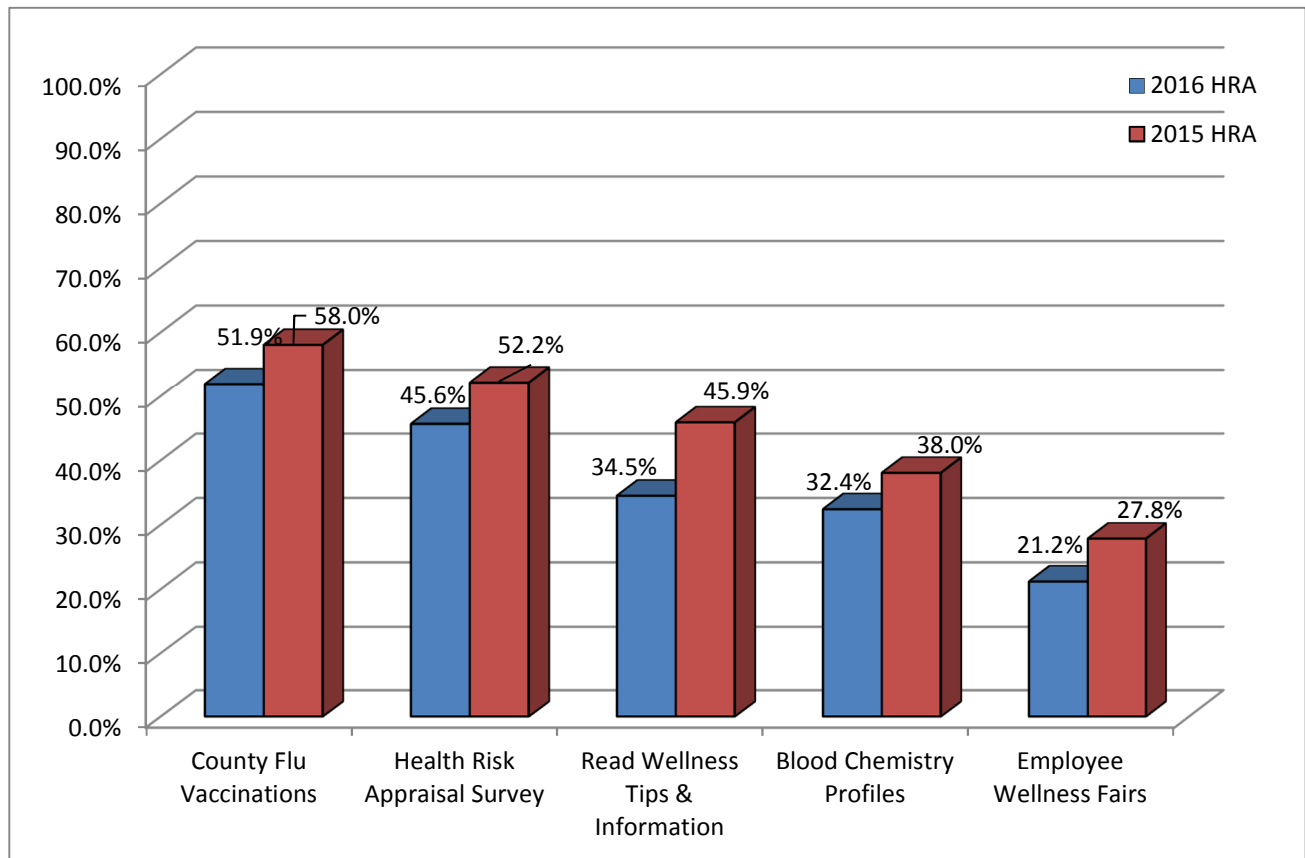
14. How would you describe your typical stress level at work in the past year? (Total Responses- 298)



County Wellness Participation

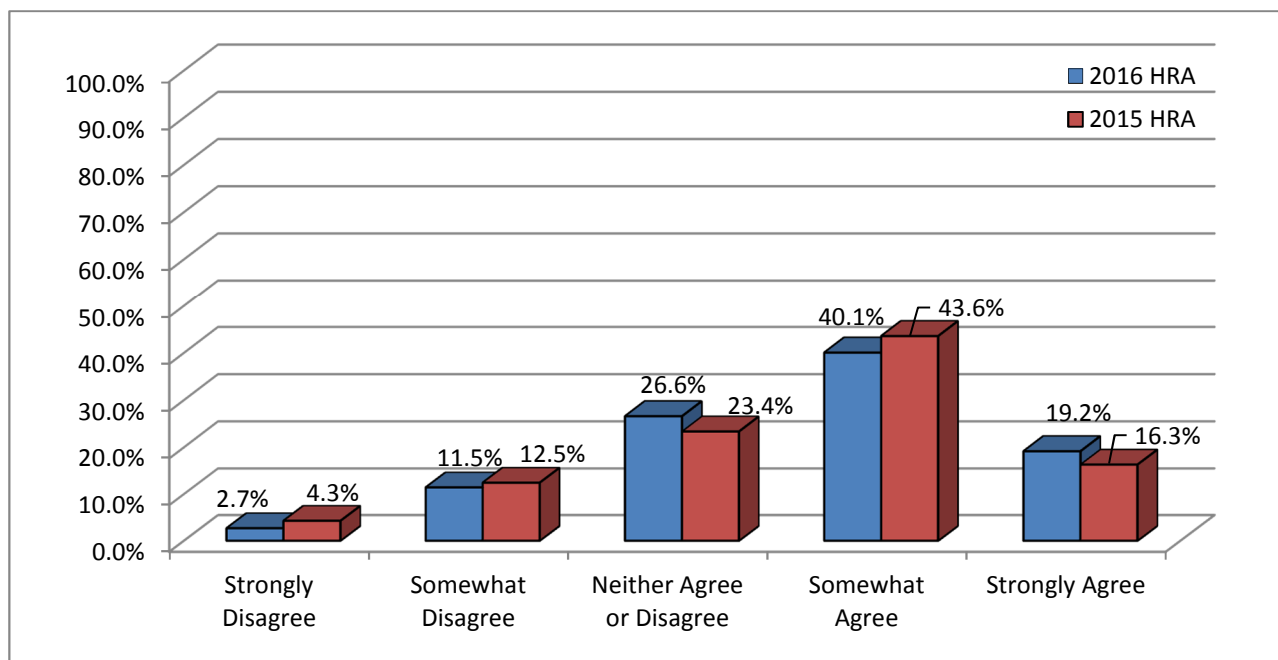
15. Check the wellness activities in which you have participated over the past year that have been promoted through the County Wellness Program:

Top 5 Increased Activities:



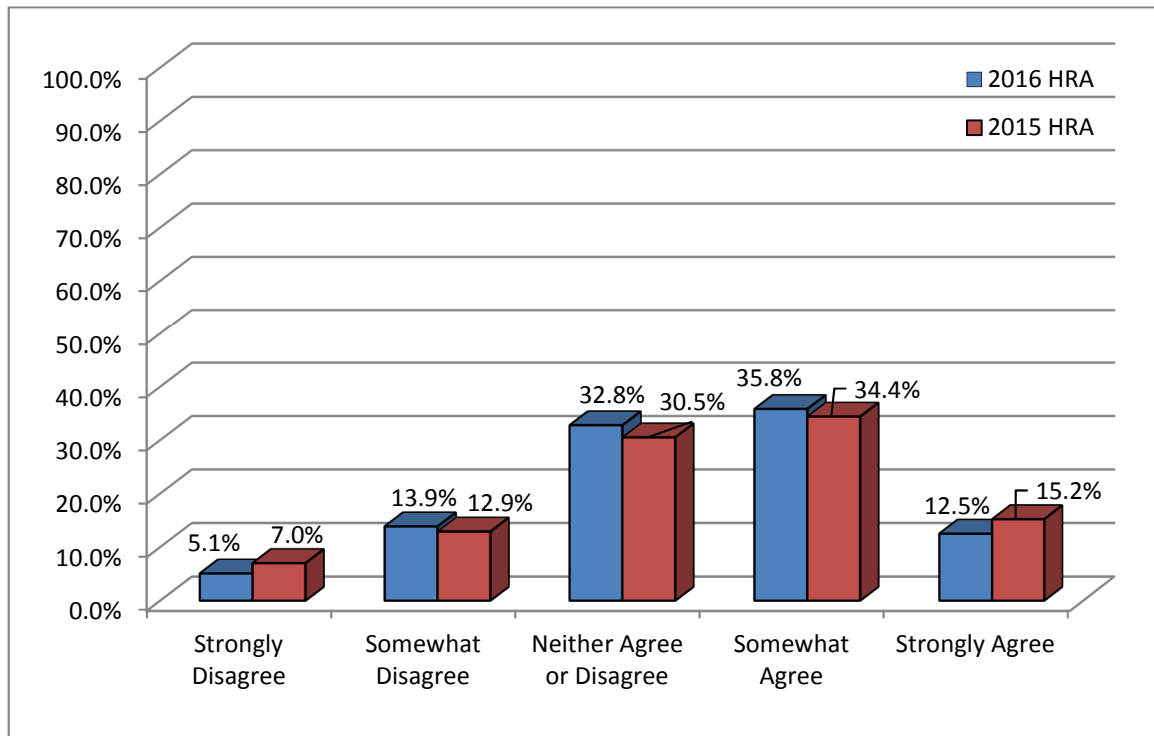
Work Culture

16a. My **Company** (Lancaster County) encourages employees to live healthy lives. (Total Responses- 297)

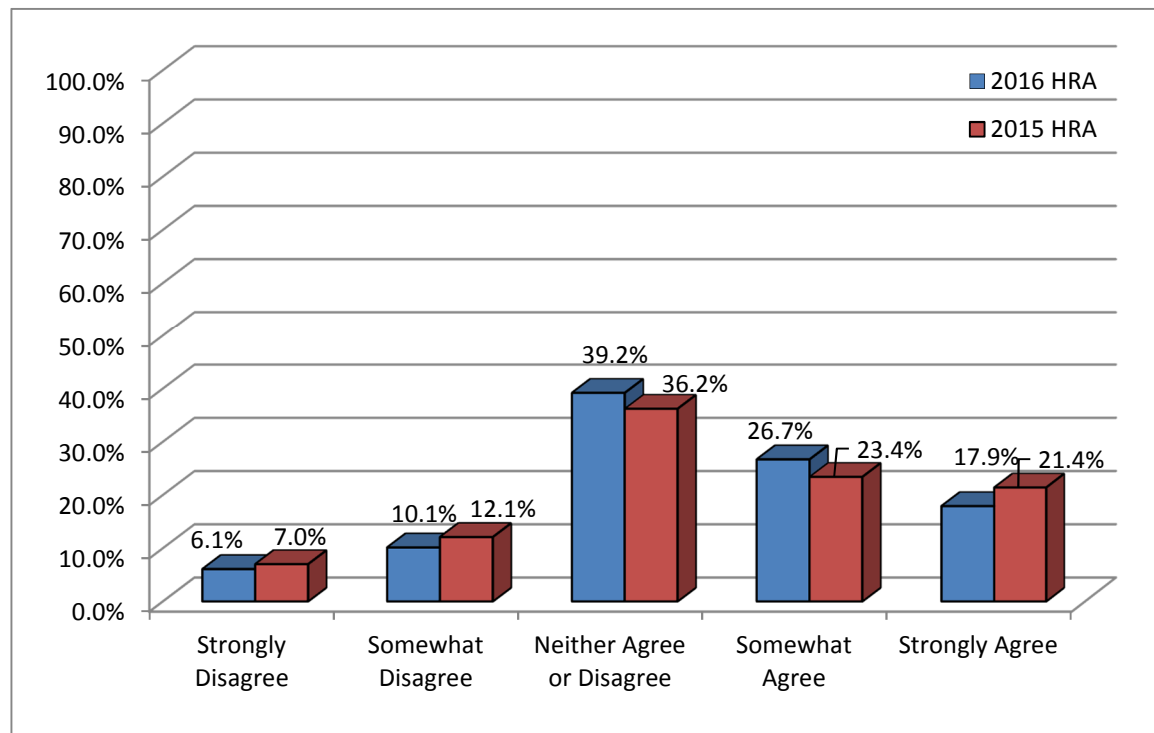


Work Culture continued

16b. My **County Department** encourages employees to live healthy lives. (Total Responses- 296)

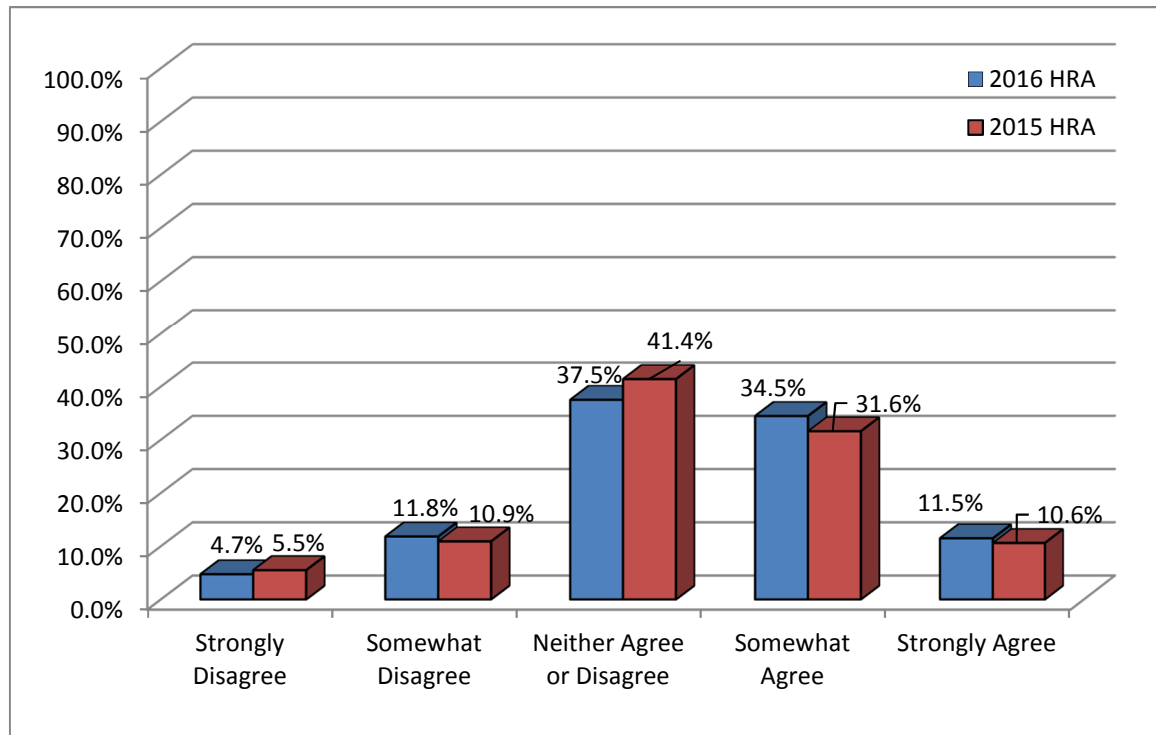


16c. My **Supervisor** supports my participation in worksite wellness activities. (Total Responses- 296)



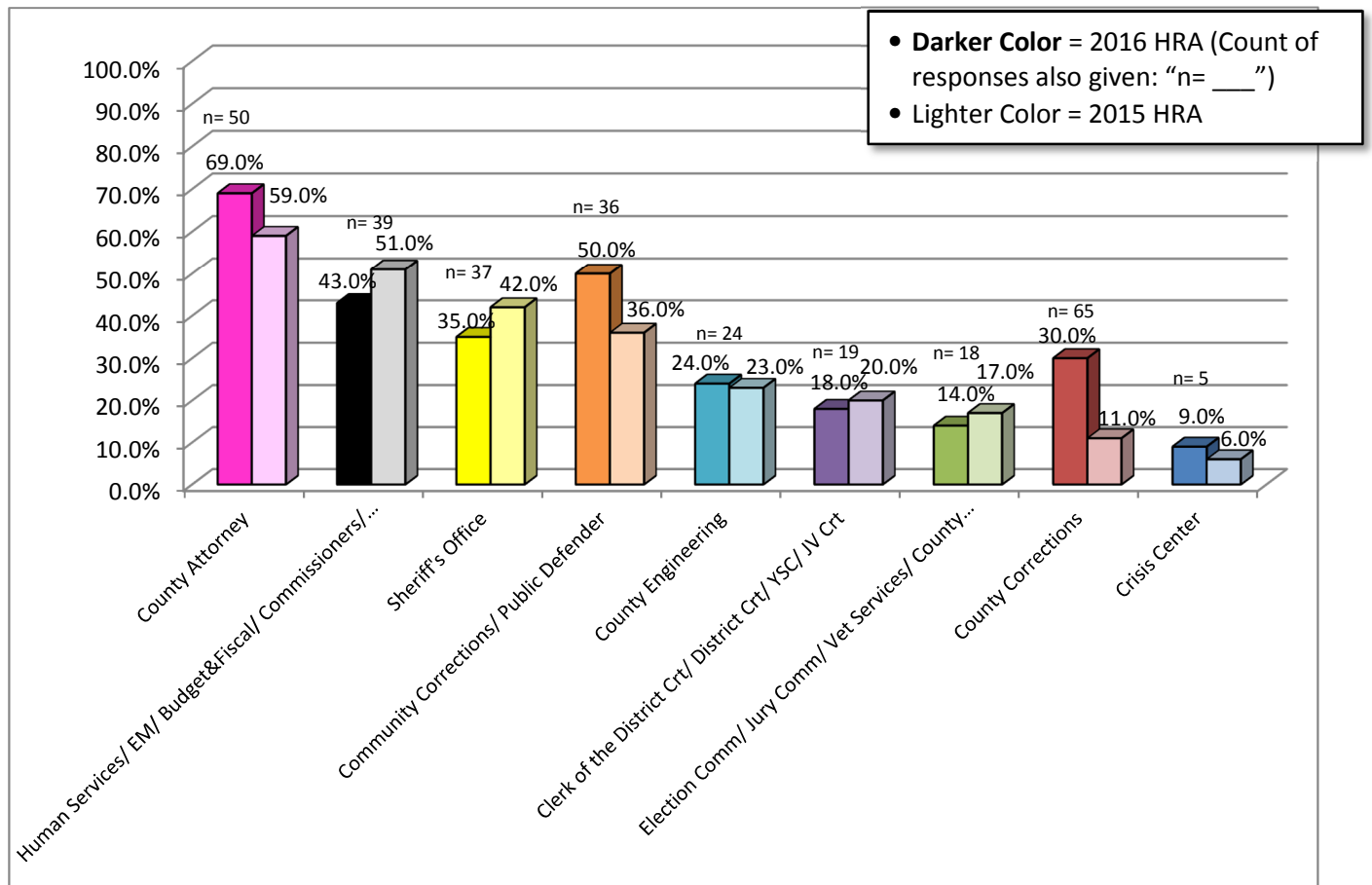
Work Culture continued

16d. My **Co-workers** encourage me to live a healthy life. (Total Responses- 296)



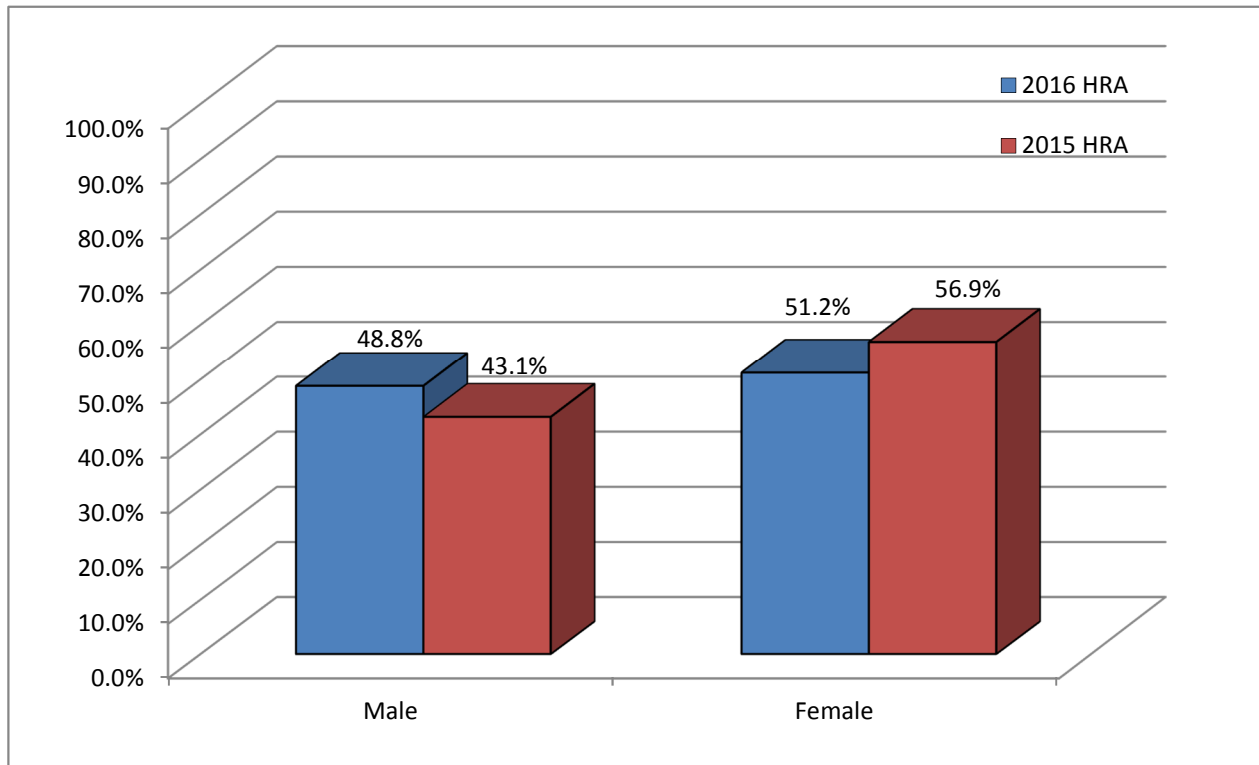
Questions about You

17. Participation Percentages by County Department Groups

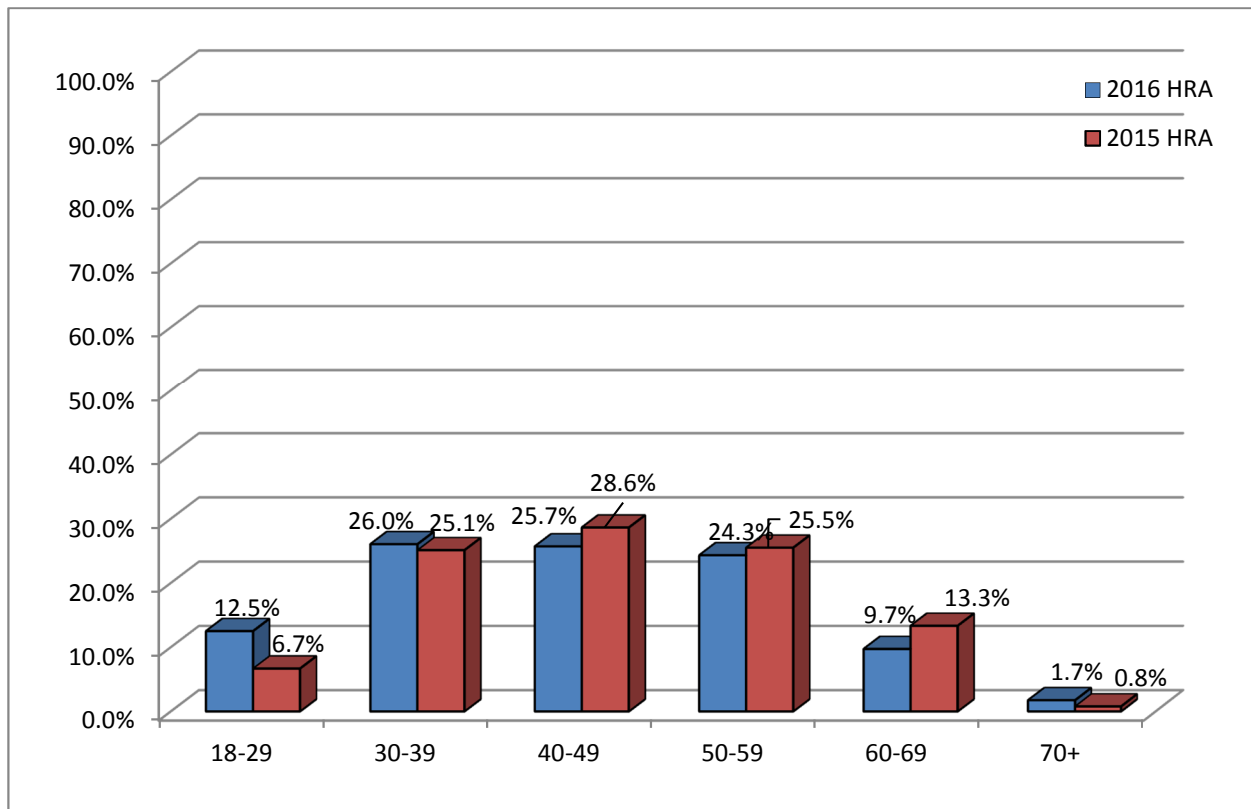


Questions about You continued

18. Gender (Total Responses- 289)

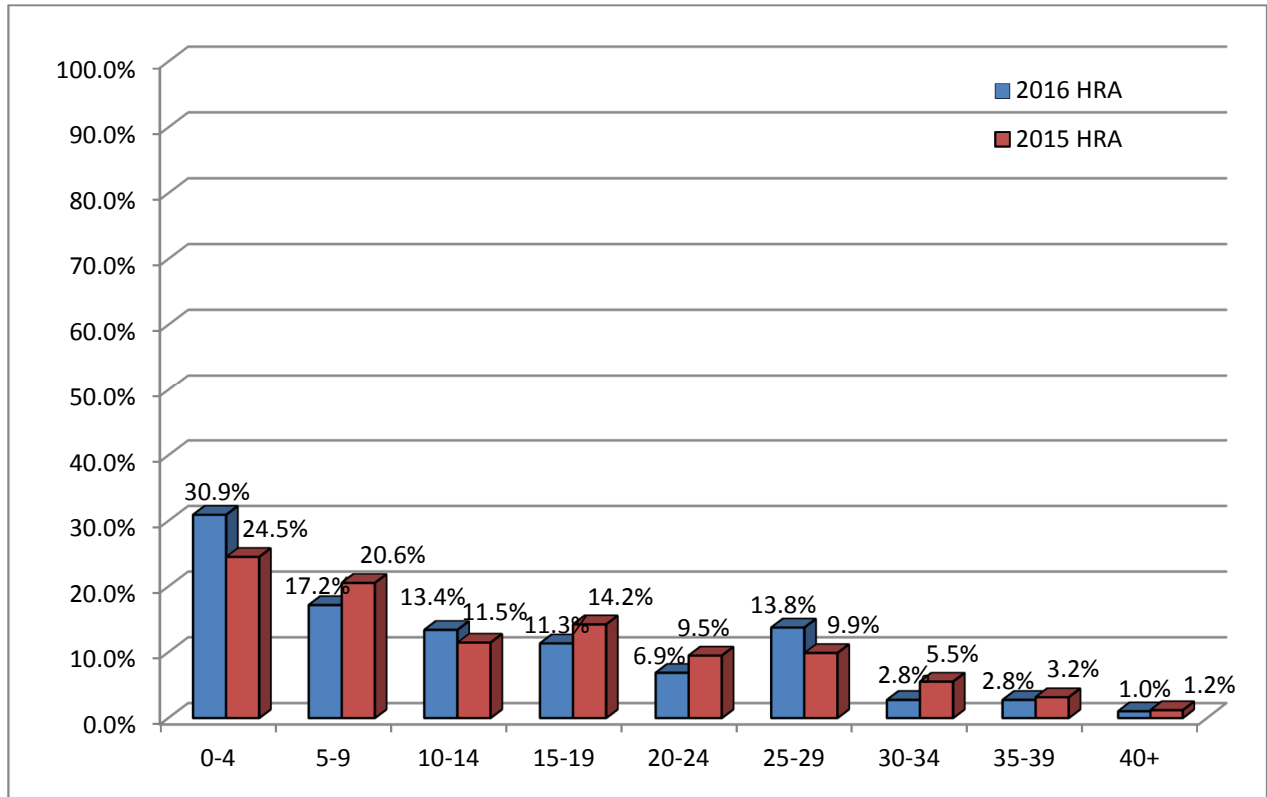


19. Age (Total Responses- 288)

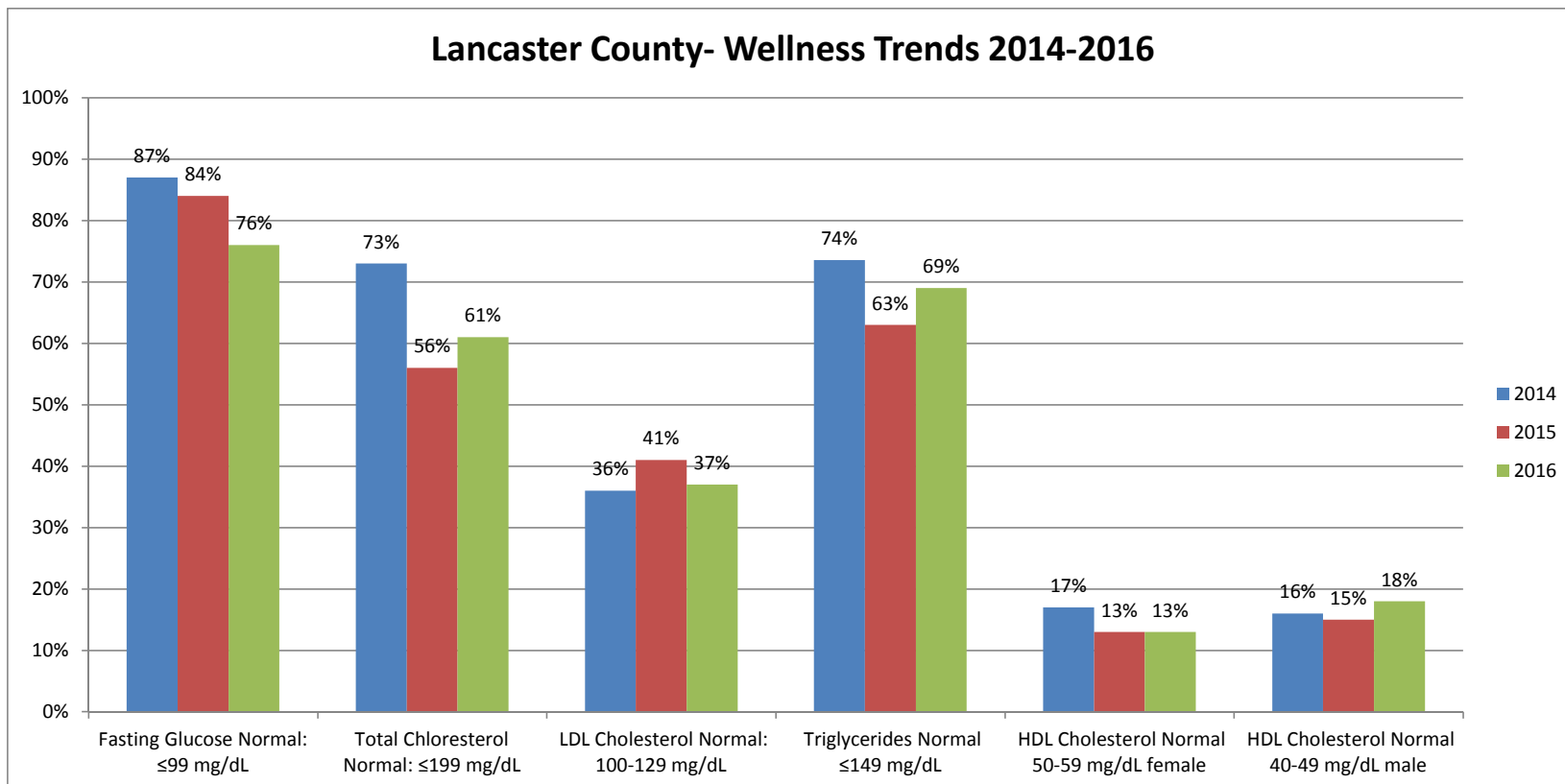


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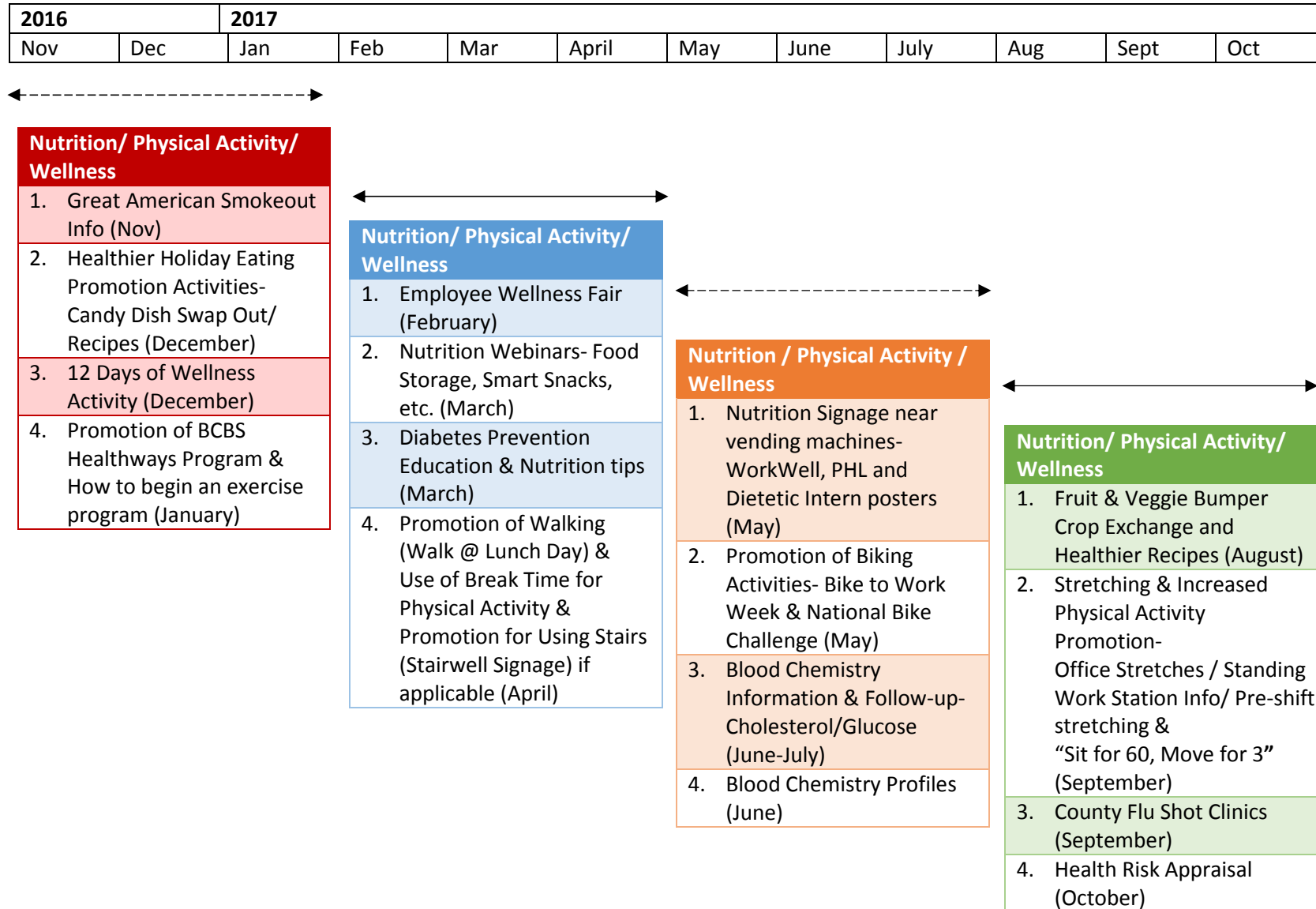
20. Number of Years Employed with Lancaster County (Total Responses- 291)



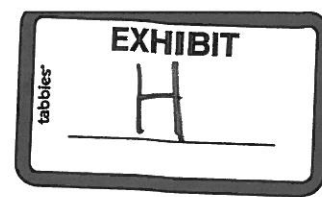
	Fasting Glucose Normal: ≤99 mg/dL	Total Cholesterol Normal: ≤199 mg/dL	LDL Cholesterol Normal: 100-129 mg/dL	Triglycerides Normal ≤149 mg/dL	HDL Cholesterol Normal 50-59 mg/dL female	HDL Cholesterol Normal 40-49 mg/dL male
2014	87%	73%	36%	74%	17%	16%
2015	84%	56%	41%	63%	13%	15%
2016	76%	61%	37%	69%	13%	18%



County Wellness Plan Rollout for Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness 2016-2017



Relevant National Health Observances, such as Heart Health Month, Diabetes Prevention Month, Colon Cancer Awareness Month, Nutrition Month, Biking Month, Mental Health Month, Men's Health Month, Cholesterol Awareness Month, Great American Smoke-out, will also be promoted to align with City employee wellness initiatives.



ZONING TEXT CHANGES SUMMARY

February 9, 2017

Article 2 Definitions

1. Added definition for Academies. Used City zoning definition.
2. Defined health care facility as residential and non-residential. Used same definition as City zoning.
3. Amended definition for Home Occupation
4. Moved definition for “trailer” to “mobile home.” Deleted trailer.
5. Added definition for “Place of Religious Assembly. Used City zoning definition
6. Added definition for private school. Used City zoning definition.
7. Added definition for Social Hall. Same as City zoning definition.
8. Added definitions to clarify terms used for commercial composting.

Article 3 Districts and Boundaries

1. Deleted “main” in 3.013 (f). This clarified that a building permit is required for a main building on a farmstead. (p21)

Article 4 “AG” District

1. Added conditions that a Farm Winery must produce 700 gallons of wine per year on site per year on average over a consecutive 3 year period and may only have a Class Y, YC or YK liquor license. (4.005j) (p.25)
2. Amended 4.005k to exempt Place of Religious Assembly from the one time a year amusement license (p25)
3. Moved commercial feedlot and community unit plan from 4.009 to 4.007. Deleted 4.009
4. Changes to 4.007 Permitted Special Uses: (p.25)
 - A. Changed private schools to Academies, Private Schools, or Post-Secondary Education Facilities
 - B. Changed radio and television towers to Broadcast Towers.

C. Changed mining or extraction of minerals to “excavation.”

D. Deleted trailer mobile home courts and outdoor theaters in 4.007

E. Changed nursing home to Health Care facility residential.

F. Added community unit plan, health care facilities non-residential, private recreational activities, riding stables and private stables, off premises signs, and flood plain construction to special permits to match the Special Permit chapter.

5. Amended 4.017b) to delete the section about boundary under different ownership. (P30)

Article 5 “AGR” District

1. Changes to 5.007 Permitted Special Uses: (p35)

A. Changed private schools to Academies, Private Schools, or Other Post-Secondary Education Facilities

B. Deleted campgrounds, veterinary facilities, facilities for the commercial storage of fertilizer or toxic or flammable agricultural chemicals, dog breeding establishments and kennels, mobile home court; parking lot, commercial agricultural airfields, and heliports.

C. Added riding stables and private stables, broadcast towers, clubs, pet cemeteries, flood plain construction and off premises signs to match the Special Permit chapter.

D. Changed mining or extraction of minerals to “excavation.”

2. Amended 5.015e) to add “frontage” (p37)

Article 6 “R” District

1. Changes to 6.005 Permitted Special Uses: (p38)

A. Changed private schools to Academies, Private Schools, or Other Post-Secondary Education Facilities

B. Changed hospitals, clinics, etc to Health Care Facilities, Non-Residential.

C. Changed nursing homes to Health Care Facilities, Residential.

D. Added dwellings for members of a religious orders, flood plain construction

and broadcast towers.

2. Changed recreation fields to recreation facility and listed it under permitted uses.
3. Deleted community building, airports private recreational activities, riding stables and private stables, roadside stands for temporary seasonal operation, mining, and clubs from special permits. These uses are not allowed at all in the R district.

Article 7 "B" District

1. Changes to 7.005 Permitted Special Uses: (p43)
 - A. Changed private schools to Academies, Private Schools, or Other Post-Secondary Education Facilities
 - B. Deleted any public building erected by any department of a governmental agency, trailer courts and trailers for residential occupancy while building a house.
 - C. Changed hospitals, clinics, etc to Health Care Facilities, Non-Residential.
 - D. Changed nursing homes to Health Care Facilities, Residential.
 - E. Changed radio and television towers to Broadcast Towers.
 - F. Changed recreation fields from Permitted Special Use to Permitted Use and changed name to Recreation Facility.
 - G. Deleted Community Buildings.
 - H. Added Personal Wireless Services facility to Special Permits.
2. Added Recreational facility, Clubs and Social Halls as a permitted use (p43)

Article 13 Special Permits (p73)

1. Moved 13.002 Procedures, 13.003 Amendments and 13.019 Appeal to the beginning of the chapter. (P74-75)
2. Added language for administrative amendments. (P75)
3. Added zoning districts for all special permits.
4. Deleted public buildings, outdoor theaters, governmental landfill operations, parking lots

in AG and AGR, and roadside stands for temporary operation in the “R” District from special permits.

5. Changed private schools to “Academies, private schools, or other post secondary education facilities.” This matches the City zoning (p76)
6. Changed hospitals, clinics to Health Care Facilities Non-Residential (p76)
7. Changed campsites to “campgrounds.” (p79)
8. Changed Radio and Television towers to “Broadcast Towers” (p.80)
9. Added “Personal Wireless Facility” to the chapter. Previously was under Article 10 (p80)
10. Combined the 3 different special permits for mobile homes under one special permit (p84)
11. Changed “nursing homes” to Health Care Facilities -Residential (p84)
12. Clarified persons employed for “expanded home occupation” (p85)
13. Eliminated all of the types of uses in Expanded Home Occupation (p85)
14. Added new special permit for Commercial Anaerobic Digestion Operation (p88)

Article 14 Community Unit Plan

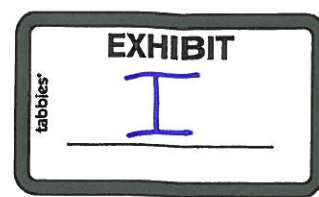
1. Added language to 14.003 that AGR height and area regulations apply for a CUP in the AG District (p97)

Article 15 Additional Use Regulations

1. Clarified persons employed for “expanded home occupation” (p103)

Article 22 General Provisions, Legislative Provisions, Penalty (p127)

1. Changed 22.005 (b) from 8 days to 5 days for publishing in a newspaper.
2. Changed 22.005(d) from 10 working days to 10 days for mailing.
3. In 22.015 change “catch heads” to “catch words”



MEMO

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sara Hartzell, Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 8, 2017 *SH*

RE: February 9 Staff Meeting items

CC: Lynn Johnson, Director
Kerry Eagan

Enclosed, please find materials for discussion on February 9 at 10:30 AM.

1. Wilderness Park South Bridge Recreational Trail Program Application
 - a. Aerial Map
 - b. Elevation drawing
 - c. Park photos
2. Future of County Ecological Committee
 - a. CEAC Mission, Vision and Bylaws
3. Potential Land Swap near Highway 77 and Yankee Hill Road
 - a. Memo
 - b. Aerial photos



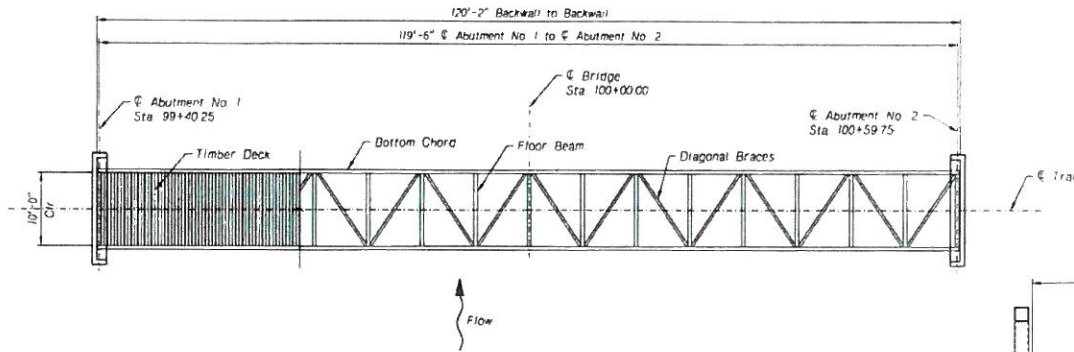
Lancaster County/City of Lincoln GIS Map

Wilderness South Bridge



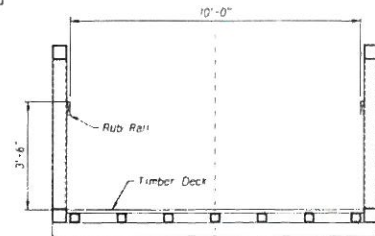
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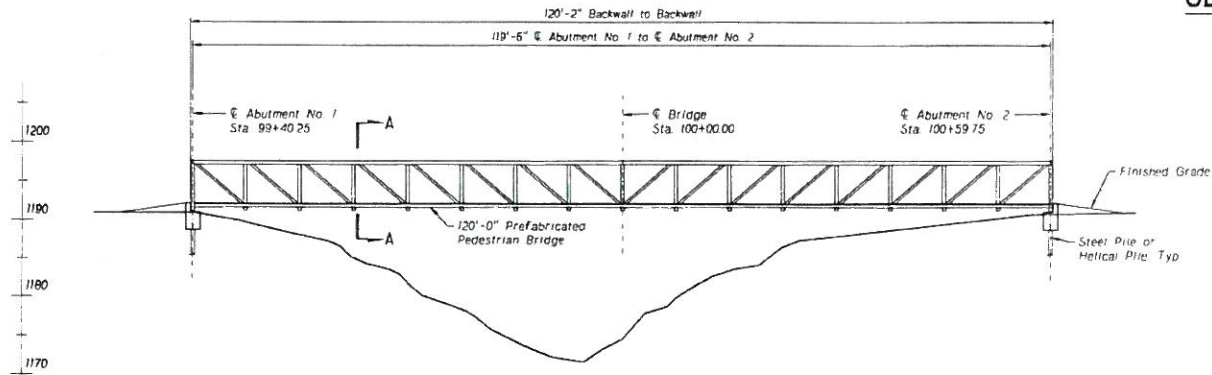


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No topographic survey has been performed to establish existing ground line and other features. The depiction shown is preliminary in nature and should be considered as an approximation and for information only.



SECTION A-A
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ELEVATION
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"



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REV	NO	DATE	REVISIONS/DESCRPTION

GENERAL PLAN & ELEVATION		2014
WILDERNESS PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, SOUTH		
SINGLE SPAN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE		
LINCOLN, NE		
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SHEET
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EXHIBIT B



Jamaica North Trail



Interpretive Sign

SITES OF WILDERNESS PARK



Trail near the bridge



Wooded area near the bridge

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee is to evaluate and recommend to the County and City those policies and programs which would benefit the long range ecological health of the community.

In carrying out its mission, the committee will work with public and private entities and individuals. It will assist in evaluating City- and County-wide long range open space and land acquisition programs as outlined in the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. It will encourage dedication of land for conservation, recreation and any other use in the public interest. It will advocate and support management practices on public lands that will benefit native plant and animal communities by sustaining the natural ecological systems and services of this place.

VISION STATEMENT

As a result of timely evaluations and recommendations by the Ecological Advisory Committee and the involvement of a well informed public, the goal of County-wide planning is a community that is healthy ecologically as well as economically. The inherent value of natural and cultural resources is appreciated. Special attention is paid to the efficient use of land for human habitation – that natural landscapes, uses and agricultural land shall be preserved.

There is an understanding that growth must be balanced, sustainable and integrated that an environmental ethic must reflect concern for the needs of native plant and animal communities because these are beneficial and salutary to the citizens themselves. The needs of citizens and wildlife are met in the planned growth and development of a County-wide network of well managed natural areas, greenspace, parks and wild space interconnected by a County-wide system of corridors and trails.

A system of environmental indicators is used to sense the pulse of the natural ecological system that includes and supports people. These confirm increasing public success in making natural amenities equally accessible to all members of the community; in protecting floodplains and watersheds for serving its natural purposes; in conserving soil and water; in assuring air and water quality; in conserving wildlife habitat; in securing a clean environment through recycling and control of trash; and in a high degree of public safety.

Success in all facets of life in Lancaster County is achieved through a series of investment and ownership on the part of all citizens.

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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY
ECOLOGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BYLAWS:

ARTICLE I – NAME

The Official name of the committee shall be the Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE II

The members of the committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, related departments and others which might solicit their advice. The program as outlined in the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The committee is also charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, those policies and programs which would benefit the long range ecological health of communities in Lancaster County or the City of Lincoln.

ARTICLE III

The membership of the committee shall consist of a maximum of 18 members appointed by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Members of the Board of Commissioners, Directors of the Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the Natural Resources District shall serve as ex-officio members with non-voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

An individual's membership may be terminated at his/her request. The Board of Commissioner's will terminate non-active members.

ARTICLE V – APPOINTMENTS

Committee appointments shall be on a calendar year basis for three years terms.

ARTICLE VI – VACANCIES

Appointments to fill vacancies, for the balance of a term will be made by the Board of Commissioners. Nominations may be recommended by a majority of the Advisory Committee members of the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

The officers of the committee shall be elected annually at the January meeting of the committee. The officers shall be Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and shall be elected for a one (1) year term. The secretary for the committee will be appointed. The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominations Committee 90 days prior to the election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII – ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

The committee members will be notified by mail of each meeting. Any members with three consecutive, unexcused absences will be contacted and advised that an additional, unexcused absence will be cause for termination. Excused absences may be obtained by calling the Secretary, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department at 402-441-7847.

ARTICLE IX

The Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place designated by the majority of the committee. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE X – PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

The committee meetings are public meetings and copies of the agenda and the official minutes will be made available to the press and public upon request.

ARTICLE XI – ADOPTION & AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of committee members present at a committee meeting subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

These Bylaws shall be declared as being in effect upon receiving a majority vote by the membership voting.

The Board of Commissioners reserve the authority to waive any provisions of these Bylaws upon showing cause to do so.

ARTICLE XII – STATUS & DISSOLUTION

This committee is dedicated to the furtherance of the Mission and Goals Statement principles for the benefit of the general public.

This committee may be dissolved by a resolution requesting dissolution passed by a majority vote at a meeting called for this purpose.

The Board of Commissioners may take action to dissolve this committee.

It is hereby certified that these Bylaws were unanimously adopted by the committee at a duly called meeting held the 9th of October, 1982.

Article II, Amended by unanimous vote of the committee 6-4-85.
Article XII, Amended by unanimous vote of the committee 10-6-92.
Article VII & II, Amended by unanimous vote of the committee 12-6-94.
Article II, V and XI, Amended by unanimous vote of the committee 4-3-01.

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MEMO

TO: County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sara Hartzell, Park Planner

DATE: February 9, 2017

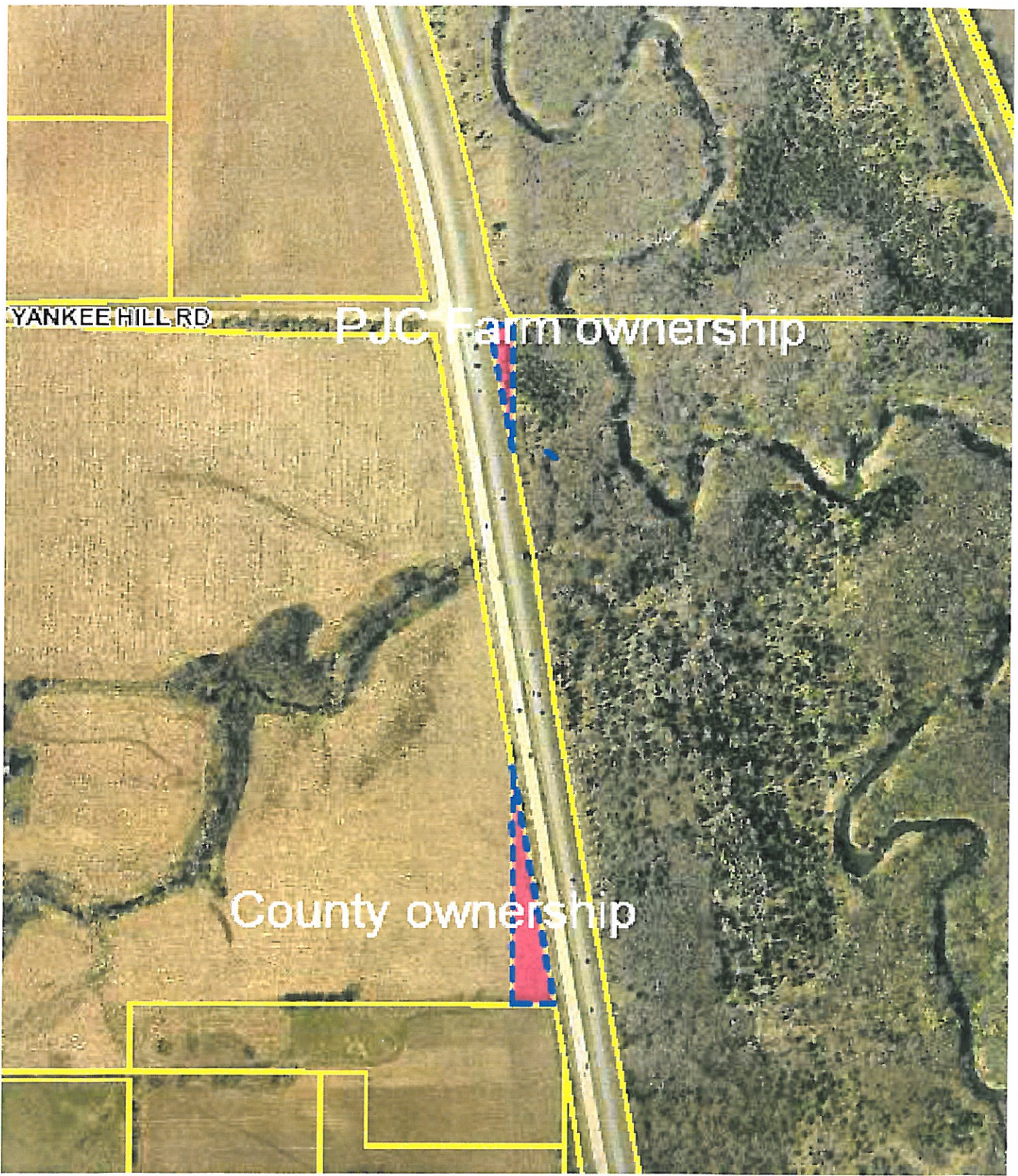
RE: Wilderness Park near Yankee Hill Rd and Highway 77

Wilderness Park is owned by Lancaster County and managed by Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. It is over 1,400 acres of woodland, prairie, wetland, and riparian corridor. It has over 35 miles of equestrian, hiking and bicycle trails. It is largely left in its natural state and serves an important flood storage purpose for Lincoln.

Highway 77 was built bisecting some properties, including those at the intersection Highway 77 and Yankee Hill Road. Highway 77 angles across properties owned by Lancaster County and PJC Farm Limited Partnership. This leaves a triangular sliver of approximately 0.41 acres of PJC property adjacent to and orphaned from the remainder of the parcel, and a 1.35 acre triangular sliver of property owned by the County and orphaned from the remainder of the park.

The PJC sliver has caused some problems over the years when the owner was concerned about trespassing on his property. The County owned sliver has been farmed by PJC as if it were part of his property since at least 2005, according to online imaging.

A request is made that the County Commissioners consider contacting PJC Farm Limited Partnership to see if there would be interest in rectifying this situation so the property on the east would be in County ownership, and on the west would be in PJC ownership.



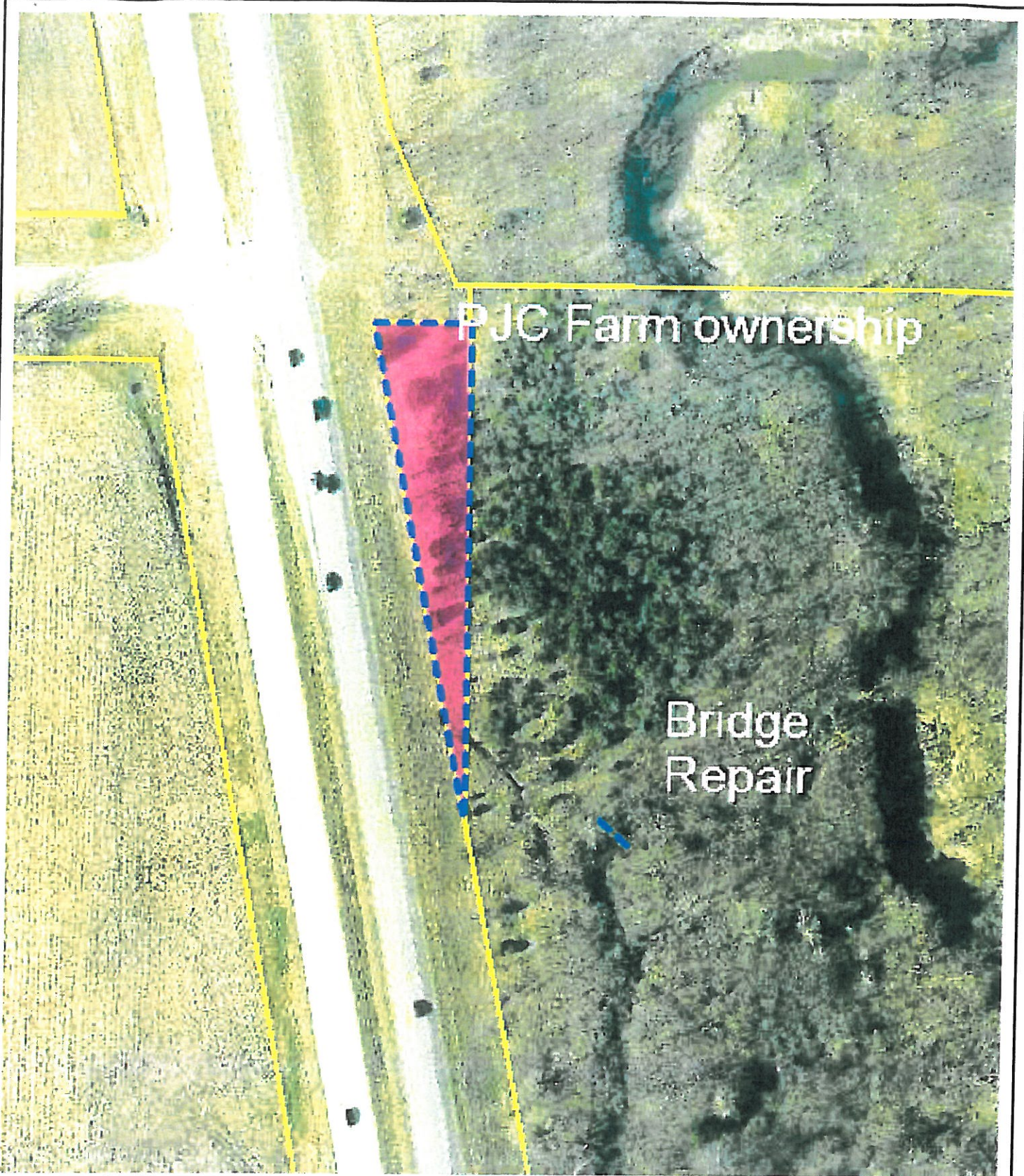
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Land Issue



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County ownership

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B-230	3 SC - Unstable						A Open, no restriction		Timber Backwall
A-58	3 SC - Unstable	A-58	3 SC - Unstable	3			Perm K		Timber Backwall
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K-144	D-123	E-44D	H-130
D-88	J-22	E-100	J-143
G-2	X-9	E-103	N-19
M-23	H-112	E-108	H-120
S-65		E-117 - Posted	
T-171		E-163	
X-30		E-171	
E-117 FEMA PENDING		F-44	
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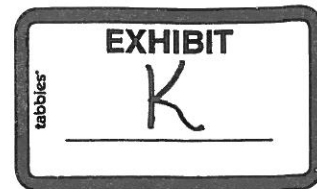
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605 Building Furniture Review
County Board Staff Meeting
February 9, 2017

The Purchasing Department issued a bid for office furniture for the 605 Building which closed on December 9, 2016. There were 2 bids received.

All Makes Office Equipment – Partial Bid - \$71,111.98

Office Interiors & Design – Bid All Items - \$1,004,883.24

After receipt of bids Bob Walla, Deb Schorr and Todd Wiltgen met to review the bids. Following the review it was determined that meetings would be held with each department moving into the building. The meetings discussed the type of furniture requested and bid. During these meetings cost saving measures were implemented which resulted in a revised quote from OID for **\$781,954.55**.

The review committee met again and discussed additional options for reducing the cost further. These options included:

The use of side chairs and file cabinets from current facilities. Chairs will be cleaned by a contracted Vendor prior to the move.

The Parks Department is moving to the Health Department building and will be utilizing new furniture in most of their areas. The County hired the Space Planner for the Parks move to develop a plan for using that furniture in the 605 building. The Space Planner was able to utilize the furniture in the Adult Probation offices on the 3rd floor with no additional parts needed at this time.

The County Attorney reviewed other options for furniture in their area and selected an alternate that saves a significant amount of money.

Finally, it was determined that lower cost tables could be used in all break rooms. The savings from this review resulted in the following reduction in cost:

Breakroom Tables – Original Cost - \$235.00 each New Cost (Estimate) - \$100.00 each

Parks Furniture Use – Original Cost(New) - \$33,077.20 New Cost (Estimate) – Move to 605 - \$1,500.00

County Attorney - Original Cost - \$41,435.04 New Cost - \$23,956.32

Revised Total Cost - Office Interiors & Design - Feb. 7 : \$669,518.09

New quote does not include Office Task Chairs – Estimated Total \$70,000.00

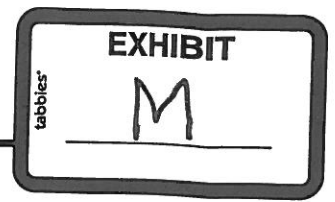
Moving Services – Estimated \$20,000.00

Possible After-Move Furniture - \$10,000.00

Bob Walla
County Purchasing Agent

Department	Division	Mandated by ...	Service	Basis of Estimate	Total Estimated Costs	Salaries & Benefits	Operati Costs
			Service - A series of Activities that provide direct benefit to, or interaction with the citizens, or inner workings of the county government.	Basis of Estimate - A description explaining the rationale for the skills, experience and number of staff as well as other resources needed to perform the stated Service.		Salaries & Benefits - Total amount needed to perform Service	Operating Costs - Total amount needed to perform Service
					\$0		

Contracted Services	Capital Outlay	Additional Staffing	Unresolved Issues	Total w/ Additional Staffing and Unresolveds	Total Estimated Revenue	Non-Mandated	Unfunded Mandates
Contracted Services - Total amount needed to perform Service	Capital Outlay - Total amount needed to perform Service	Amount needed for additional staffing requested.	Amount needed for enhancements to funding for Services or Functions.		Amount expected to receive by Service	Identify services that are not mandated by statute (N)	Identify unfunded mandates (U), services provided to/for the State that are not adequately funded (AF), and fees that can't be increased to cover costs due to statutory limits (S)
				\$0			



Minette M. Genuchi

From: Melissa M. Hood
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Sheli (Michelle) Schindler; Kerry P. Eagan; David A. Derbin; Minette M. Genuchi; Dena R. Hupp
Subject: FW: Bob Barker Company - Claim for Review

Hi Everyone,

Just in case you didn't get this information, this is the invoice that came across in the last statement. Dena contacted the vendor and asked for a copy of it. At that time the vendor reported that they had a glitch in their system and thought they had it worked out. This was one invoice that they didn't send at the time the order was placed. We were able to confirm that we received the products and now that we have the invoice are requesting that the payment to them is approved.

I don't have the attachment from this but I was planning to attend the Board meeting when it comes up on the agenda.

If you have any questions on this please let me know.

Thank you!

Melissa Hood

Administrative Services Officer
Youth Services Center
402-441-8659

From: Renee T. Runge
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Sheli (Michelle) Schindler
Cc: Kerry P. Eagan; David A. Derbin; Minette M. Genuchi; Dena R. Hupp
Subject: Bob Barker Company - Claim for Review

Claim for review – see attachment.



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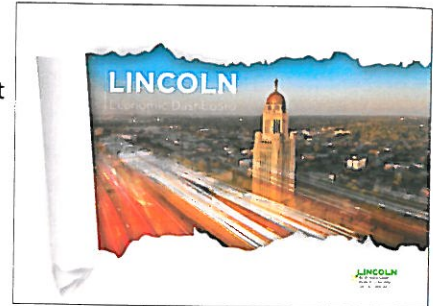
Our goal is to provide you with valuable updates on our work and keep you informed of Lincoln's progress.

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Economic Dashboard to be released at LPED annual breakfast

Join us at the Partnership's annual Economic Development Breakfast for the release of the updated Economic Dashboard.

Originally released in 2013, the report gauge Lincoln's economic progress in comparison to peer and aspiring cities. The Dashboard reports on two fundamental questions: "What are we trying to accomplish?" and "How do we know if we are making any progress?"



The Partnership leadership team identified key markers to judge our performance and grouped them into five categories: Economic Performance, Talent, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Quality of Life. See how far we've come and where we're going May 23 at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel.

Incentive revisions

For more than a year, leaders from across the state and across business sectors have come together to address Nebraska's economic growth potential. Their ideas grew into Great Opportunities Nebraska (LB557), a bill aimed to drive quality economic growth across the state.

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Opportunity.

Recently introduced to the Legislature, LB557 is intended to accelerate our economy and contains components designed to support high wage jobs, increase competitiveness to grow and diversify our economy; address new and emerging trends to support new and innovative companies; simplify administrative processes and increase transparency.



Lincoln Area
Development
Partnership

Collaboration results in regional familiarization tour

The Lincoln Area Development Partnership (LADP), a collaboration of economic development organizations in Southeast Nebraska recently hosted Paige Webster, a nationally-respected site selection consultant, on a multi-day familiarization tour of the region. Webster, the owner of Webster Global Site Selectors, learned about the communities in the region by meeting with economic development boards, elected officials and local business leaders. His visit provided insight on economic development trends and potential growth opportunities. Tours of available sites and buildings were provided in many of the communities. Partners in LADP include Lincoln, Crete, York, Seward County, Gage County, Fillmore County, Pawnee City, Auburn, Falls City, Black Hills Energy, Southeast Community College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

To learn more about the LADP, visit LincolnPartners.org.



Spotlight on Talent

The Partnership's focus remains on talent attraction, retention and development across the workforce spectrum.



Attraction

Along with half a million innovators, entrepreneurs, music junkies and tech whizzes, the Partnership is journeying to South by Southwest (SXSW) in March. In addition to attending the Conference, we'll present the abundance of open jobs in Lincoln at the SXSW Job Market expo.

Based on statistics from the 2016 Job Market, we expect to meet more than 11,000 candidates. In 2016, 90 percent of attendees held bachelor's degrees, 75 percent had 3+ years' experience, 29 percent had 13+ years' experience and 74 percent (8,000+ people) were willing to relocate for their career.

We know talking to a talented bunch of prospects at one of the best conferences in the world requires some top-notch recruiting. At the Job Market, we will launch our 360 video tour of Lincoln. Via virtual reality headsets, attendees can step into our vibrant city from the Austin Convention Center in an instant. The 90-second tour will showcase a panoramic view of iconic Lincoln locations. The video will be available for your companies to use for recruiting after March 15.

Retention

Lincoln companies understand the importance of interns in building their talent pipelines. We've enjoyed watching companies develop thriving internship programs—from recruiting top young local, regional and even international talent to incorporating interns into their teams and company cultures with ease.

But what's next? Enter MyTern, a Lincoln immersion experience for interns of Lincoln companies. MyTern gathers interns to build their professional identities and make Lincoln their own. MyTern is designed to supplement their 9-5 experience in the office with after-hours relationships and events. Throughout the summer, we will engage interns across companies to forge connections with one another, the business community and Lincoln at-large—not just as their workplace, but their home and playground, too.

Development

Did you know that each month, the Partnership hosts HR reps and recruiters from companies across the city to swap best practices and solve talent problems? In December, we welcomed University of Nebraska Athletics Associate A.D. for Student-Athlete Recruitment Chris Brasfield to offer candid advice on a question both the football program and company recruiters face: "How do we sell Lincoln to prospects who face excellent opportunities (and let's face it, better weather) elsewhere?"



Brasfield tackled the question with the Athletic Department's "Separators" presentation, challenging the forum to assess their companies' assets in a new way and to think on what really makes up a home field advantage.

To find out how your company can use the 360 video for recruiting, sign your interns up for MyTern, or get involved in our HR Recruiters Forum, contact Rachel Hohlen at rhohlen@selectlincoln.org.

Jump start the **Future**



Pipeline presents **The Innovators**

Pipeline is a regional fellowship program for high growth entrepreneurs intended to create a global network for a lifetime of mentoring and connections for its participants. Each fellowship year culminates with pitches from member companies and an awards event to celebrate the successful completion of the fellowship year. Three Lincoln entrepreneurs were part of the 2016 class: Vishal Singh with Quantified Ag, Devon Seacrest with Digital Environments/Scoutsheet and Justin Kalhoff with Infogressive.

This year, LPED sponsored The Innovators as the Nebraska media sponsor and partnered with Silicon Prairie News to cover the events of the day, including interviews with our Lincoln entrepreneurs. Watch for upcoming stories in Silicon Prairie News highlighting Lincoln and Nebraska stories from The Innovators.

LPED partners with **NMotion**

The Partnership announced Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Christina Oldfather will be working directly with the NMotion accelerator team to create support programs for Lincoln entrepreneurs from idea to scale and beyond; plus, provide resources to entrepreneurs when they need it. The team is working on customer discovery to determine specific needs of entrepreneurs in the scaling/beyond category. The team is also working on creating a more structured mentor network for entrepreneurs to plug into and is in the midst of recruiting companies for the 2017 cohort.



JumpStart

JumpStart Challenge 2017 launches Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m., at Vega. Join us for the annual reverse pitch competition, where Union Bank and Trust will present an industry challenge for entrepreneurs to solve. Entrepreneurs will have 10 days to form their teams and develop a solution. Entrepreneurs who choose to tackle the Union Bank challenge will have the option of solving the challenge presented or presenting any financial technology idea. Entrepreneurs with other ideas are welcome to pitch in the Wild Card challenge. Teams will present their ideas and a winner will be chosen Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m., at Vega.

The winner of the Union Bank Challenge receives \$1000, three months of free co-working at FUSE, a one month membership to Nebraska Innovation Studio and the opportunity to work with Union Bank to develop their idea. The winner of the Wild Card Challenge receives \$2000, three months of free co-working at FUSE, a one month membership to Nebraska Innovation Studio, free membership in NMotion's PreLaunch and a free pass to an MVP in a Day workshop.



JumpStart Challenge

This is a don't miss event! For more information, please visit jumpstartchallenge.com/lincoln.

The Partnership provides valuable resources
to Lincoln's entrepreneurs.

Upcoming 2017 Events

Plastec West – February 7-9
Plastic industry trade show

SXSW – March 9-15
Exhibit Lincoln opportunities at Job Market expo and attend SXSW Conference, Startup Village and more

Public Power Forum – March 29-31
A gathering of leaders in the public power industry along with state and regional economic development partners

Data Center Day – June
Event showcases Nebraska's exceptional data center environment in conjunction with the College World Series

7 X 24 Spring & Fall Conference
Attend these conferences to make connections with key individuals in the data center industry

Select USA Summit – June 18-20
An international event to promote foreign direct investment in U.S.

Logistics Development Forum – July 31-August 2
A dialogue between economic developers and site consultants and addressing the importance of logistics in a corporation's decision for a new manufacturing distribution and/or warehousing locations

CoreNet Global – November 5-7
The largest international real estate executive organization in the United States will hold its fall conference in Seattle, WA

FABTech – November 6-9
North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event

Economix – December 5-6
Meetings with site selection consultants with projects—opportunity to pitch Lincoln

Cost of Living

One of the Partnership's duties is reporting the ACCRA Cost of Living Index. Three times a year, Partnership staff compiles the required items due to ACCRA and assembles the report which is released quarterly. The 2016 average annual cost of living index is as follows:

	Composite	Grocery	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	MISC
Lincoln	91.4	96.2	79.4	73.7	100.8	100.7	100.3
Topeka, KS	92.0	98.1	80.0	102.5	85.3	90.1	98.1
Madison,WI	106.5	104.7	112.8	96.0	110.5	120.6	102.5

For more information or for direct comparisons to other communities, contact Pat Haverty at 402.436.2379.

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