

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113 – BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017  
8:30 A.M.**

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

Commissioners Absent: Todd Wiltgen, Chair

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

*Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska web site and provided to the media on April 19, 2017.*

The Vice Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

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

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

Brinkman exited the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Kohout said the Health and Human Service Committee advanced Legislative Bill (LB) 333 (Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled) on April 13<sup>th</sup> on a 6-2 vote following pressure from the Appropriations Committee.

Brinkman returned to the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Brinkman said Senator Merv Riepe held a meeting earlier this week to discuss County concerns regarding LB 333. Following that meeting, Senator Riepe requested a legal opinion from the Nebraska Attorney General as to whether: 1) Nebraska Revised Statute § 68-104 negates proposed language to prohibit counties from providing medical services or maintenance based on temporary disability ranging from six to twelve months, as counties are the "payer of last resort;" and 2) An amendment prohibiting the counties from

providing individual medical services or maintenance support based on disability, if adopted, would treat individuals with temporary disabilities inequitably under state statute (see Exhibit B). Kohout also provided language that will be drafted into an amendment to LB 333, noting it will also incorporate language proposed by the Policy Research Office (PRO) (Exhibit C). Brinkman said it appears they are relying on savings from eliminating this program to balance the budget. Kohout said that is correct, adding there are several other bills of importance to the Health and Human Service Committee that have also been attached to LB 333.

Kohout said debate on LB 461 (Correct references to a federal act in a revenue statute) (see Exhibit A) will commence on Friday at 9:00 a.m. He noted a list of organizations who have taken a position of opposition was included in Exhibit A and said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) should have been included. It was noted the Chambers of Commerce, Platte Institute of Economic Research and Americans for Prosperity support the bill.

Kohout said LB 259 (Adopt and change competency and financial ability provisions relating to court proceedings as prescribed) has become the "vehicle" for the amended version of LB 145 (Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service) and was advanced by the Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. He said Senator Matt Hansen offered an amendment on Wednesday that addressed concerns expressed by Douglas and Lancaster Counties and NACO (Exhibits D & E). The amendment was adopted and the bill moved off General File to Select File. Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, appeared and noted the bill referenced pre-trial treatment on the adult side and questioned who would pay for that treatment. Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, appeared and said she shares that concern, estimating a 10% increase in the numbers of participants Community Corrections would see in both Community Service and Pretrial Release. Kohout said Senator Hansen plans to bring forward an amendment on Select File to change the operative date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019, however portions of the bill that deal with the increase in the threshold for sitting out fines from \$90 to \$150 a day will go in effect 90 days after adjournment sine die.

**NOTE:** Legislative bill reports were also provided to the Board (Exhibits F & G).

## **1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2017 MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the April 13, 2017 Staff Meeting minutes.

Brinkman noted a correction to the third sentence in Paragraph 3 on Page 5: The word "is" should be "are."

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

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

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

3. **DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS** – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

#### **A. Budget & Fiscal (611)**

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, gave an overview of the budget. He said the Budget & Fiscal Office's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 budget request is 97% of the previous year's, primarily because a capital outlay (chair purchase) will occur before the end of this fiscal year. Meyer said the 2.1% overall increase in the budget is driven by salaries and benefits. Revenues are limited to Liz Thanel's time that is billed to the Railroad Transportation & Safety District (RTSD) and Public Building Commission (PBC) for accounting functions she performs for those departments. **NOTE:** Thanel is an accountant in the Budget and Fiscal Office.

Schorr noted the County receives reimbursement from certain grants for administrative fees and asked why that is not reflected in the budget document. **NOTE:** The Grant Coordinator's position is part of the Budget and Fiscal Office. Meyer said those revenues are brought into the Grants Fund rather than this business unit. He said although the Grants Coordinator and Accountant perform services for other departments they are paid entirely out of this business unit.

Schorr asked Meyer whether he prioritized services by tiers. **NOTE:** The City identified three tiers in its outcome-based budget process: Tier 0 services are those which are mandated; Tier 1 services are government functions which would be difficult to transfer to community providers; and Tier 2 services are those which could be transferred to other providers. Meyer said he didn't because the majority of the services the Budget and Fiscal Office provides are mandated.

#### **B. County Board (601)**

Meyer gave an overview of the budget which is comprised entirely of salaries and benefits for the Commissioners. He noted there is a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) this year for all of the elected officials. The Commissioners also received a market adjustment of 1.85%.

## C. Veterans Service (803, 26)

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Rick Ringlein, County Veterans Service Officer, gave an overview of the budget. He said he was unable to submit a 97% budget because the department will have higher costs associated with its move to the 605 Building (the rent is much higher and reflects costs for parking and security). Ringlein stated he reduced costs wherever possible.

Meyer noted a retirement was included in the budget. Ringlein said it is a possible retirement. Meyer said not all employees provide advance notice that they are planning to retire. He said the Board could pull the item from the budget with the understanding the cost might need to be made up with an additional appropriation if an employee decides to retire. Avery felt employees should be asked to inform their department head if they are planning to retire. Meyer said departments have gotten better at projecting retirements so funds can be built into the budget to help offset those costs. Brinkman said there is a greater likelihood that employees over a certain age might retire and a percentage of the potential payout could be considered as part of the budget. She then asked if funds are allocated to a department for a potential retirement through the budget process and the retirement does not occur, would the department be able to utilize those funds for something other than a retirement. Meyer said they could. Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, added the Board has more control over directors' budgets than the elected officials' budgets.

Amundson inquired about travel for training. Ringlein said those costs are reflected in Line Item 64715. He added they try to carpool if more than one member of the staff is attending training.

Ringlein referenced the services shown on Page 5 of the budget document and said he could break it down further by County, State and Federal benefits. Meyer asked if there are any services that Veterans Service provides that aren't required. Ringlein cited providing assistance to veterans in applying for Homestead Exemption and the surviving spouses of military retirees in applying for the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM) benefits as examples. Schorr said she would like to see the services broken out by the percentage of time spent in the five biggest categories.

Brinkman requested information on the number of veterans served annually. Ringlein provided a report to the Board following the meeting that showed the number of contacts made (Exhibit H).

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Ringlein gave an overview of the budget. Meyer noted there was \$15,668 in the Veterans Aid Fund at the end of March, 2017 and said Veterans Service allocated slightly less than \$3,000 the first nine months of the year for benefits. Ringlein said Veterans Service tries

to utilize the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund (NVA) before the County Veterans Aid Fund.

**NOTE:** The NVA is administered by the State but applications come through County Veterans Service Offices and Veterans Service Organizations. Meyer said the practice has been to transfer \$5,000 to the Veterans Aid Fund from the General Fund annually and said he does not plan to transfer funds this year unless they are actually needed.

Brinkman asked whether there will be dedicated parking spaces for veterans who will be accessing their office in the 605 Building. Ringlein said he requested five spaces and was told they may receive three. Brinkman said she will bring the matter up at a Public Building Commission (PBC) Meeting.

Brinkman exited the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

4. **PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION** – Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Kayla Hathcote, Deputy County Attorney; Michael C. Florance, Law Clerk, County Attorney’s Office, Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending and potential litigation.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Schorr, Amundson and Avery voted yes. Brinkman and Wiltgen were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Brinkman returned to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. Brinkman, Amundson, Schorr, and Avery voted yes. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Request from Corrections Department to File a Mini Grant Application through the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) for a \$5,000.00 Grant to Assist with Litter Removal Along County Roads

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to authorize signature by the Acting Chair. Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman and Avery voted yes. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

## **DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

### **C. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee – Amundson**

Amundson said concerns were expressed regarding the City's financing of the defined benefit plan for the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) and Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR). She said she presented information on the Board's stance on Legislative Bill (LB) 461 (Correct references to a federal act in a revenue statute).

## **DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Schorr said she attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Benefit Services Committee Meeting. She said NACO is increasing its prescription co-pay amounts and is moving to a step therapy which requires physicians to prescribe the least costly drugs first as a way to control costs. Schorr said she was impressed with some of the wellness programs other counties are doing across the State. She said several counties are reducing premiums for those individuals who are following a healthy lifestyle and felt Lancaster County should look at doing so as well. Some counties are working with the First Concord Benefits Group of Lincoln to provide cash in lieu of insurance arrangements for employees that qualify for veterans insurance benefits or have benefits available through their spouse to help pay for medical costs. NACO is also utilizing \$283,000 from their reserve to help pay down an insurance premium increase and is instituting a new Health Savings Plan with a \$3,250 deductible.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### **A. Work Priorities for Deputy Chief Administrative Officer**

The Board discussed work priorities for the new Deputy Chief Administrative Officer:

- Strategic plan for the County
- County's website
- Communications plan
- Meeting and developing relationships with elected officials and department directors

- Review reports and prepare a report indicating whether recommendations were pursued and whether recommendations that were not pursued should be reassessed
- Research best practices in other communities

Eagan said he would like the new Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to begin serving as the Title IV Compliance Officer for grants and the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Officer.

**5. INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY AND ADOPTION PROCESS -**  
Steve Henderson, Chief Information Officer, Information Services (IS)

Steve Henderson, Chief Information Officer, Information Services (IS), said the Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) has been much more active and attuned to dealing with policies, standards and guidelines pertaining to information technology and establishing a process to distribute information about those kinds of documents to the individuals they will effect, primarily City and County employees. He said they have established a comment period to gain input and feedback about the draft policies, standards and guidelines to see if further refinements are necessary. The first document to go through that process is an Information Security Policy and the comment period will run from later today through May 8<sup>th</sup>. Henderson said he will use two contact areas on the County side (Management Team participants and primary technical contacts).

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**B. Reappointment of Matthew Warner to the County Board of Zoning Appeals**

There was consensus to schedule the item on the April 25, 2017 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

Brinkman asked staff to provide her with a copy of Matthew Warner's biological sketch.

**C. Tri-County Meeting (Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Innovation Campus)**

Minette Genuchi, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, appeared and said one of Sarpy County's Commissioners has indicated he may not be able to attend on that date.

**D. Legislative Retreat (Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Cornhusker Bank at 8301 "O" Street)**

Genuchi said the County Attorney's Office has liability concerns regarding the proposed contract with Cornhusker Bank and Cornhusker Bank has indicated it is not willing to make

changes. She said County Extension could serve as an alternate location. There was general consensus to hold the event at Cornhusker Bank.

**6. CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CLINIC** - Michelle Paxton, Director of Legal Training, Center on Children, Families and the Law (CCFL), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

Michelle Paxton, Director of Legal Training, Center on Children, Families and the Law (CCFL), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), discussed a proposal for CCFL to partner with the UNL College of Law in a Children's Justice Clinic to train third year law students to be Guardians ad Litem (GAL's) in Lancaster County Juvenile Court. She said they are proposing a contract in which the participating students would track their hours, per state statute requirements, for the children they represent in Juvenile Court. Paxton said the contract would not fully cover the cost of the clinic so they are seeking outside funding including the Sherwood Foundation and the Casey Family Programs. She said this is a unique approach nationally to child representation which offers a multi-disciplinary consultation approach, explaining CCFL's staff consists of attorneys, therapists, psychologists, previous case workers, and specialists in domestic violence and substance abuse.

Schorr said one concern had been the short term nature of the course with regards to the long term nature of these types of cases. Paxton agreed some cases will continue past the time the students will be in the clinic but said she will be intimately involved in each of the cases in her role as the director, along with the staff of CCFL. She said they plan to limit the number of cases they take so that the children receive excellent representation and student attorneys receive excellent legal training. Paxton said the program would start this fall with the students entering the clinic but said she would like to secure a contract earlier. She recommended students take two types of cases: 1) An immediate removal of a child from his/her parents' care; and 2) An on-going case. Paxton said if they receive a contract early she will begin to take cases and work as the GAL from the clinic so that when students start in the fall they would have a case that is post-adjudication and they could work on the rehabilitation plan with the family.

Theresa Emmert, Juvenile Court Administrator, appeared and said the Juvenile Court Judges are very much in favor of the proposal.

Paxton said the UNL College of Law will want to publicize the program because it is a very novel approach.

There was consensus to have the County Attorney's Office work on development of a contract.



**7. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COLLECTORS, TREASURERS AND FINANCIAL OFFICER CONVENTION** – Candace Meredith, Chief Deputy County Treasurer

Candace Meredith, Chief Deputy County Treasurer, requested authorization to attend the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers (NACCTFO) Conference in Columbus, Ohio, July 18-20, 2017. She estimated the total cost of travel, expenses and registration at \$1,000 and said it was included in the County Treasurer's budget.

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

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

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Item was moved forward on the agenda.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. Work Priorities for Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- B. Reappointment of Matthew Warner to the County Board of Zoning Appeals
- C. Tri-County Meeting (Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Innovation Campus)
- D. Legislative Retreat (Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Cornhusker Bank at 8301 "O" Street)

Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

**10. DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

**11. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

- A. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) – Wiltgen

No report was given.

B. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting was cancelled.

C. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee – Amundson

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

**12. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

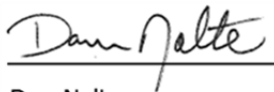
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**13. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

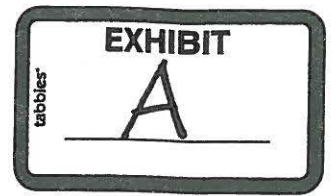
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Amundson, Schorr, Brinkman and Avery voted yes. Wiltgen was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





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**LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout  
Jonathan G. Bradford

DATE: April 20, 2017

RE: Weekly Update

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Today is day 66 of the 2017 Nebraska Legislature. On Tuesday, LB 640 – a bill to reduce levy limits on school districts and utilize the Property Tax Credit fund - was debated with no vote at the end of the morning portion. Senator Groene has acknowledged he isn't sure he has 33 votes for cloture. Afternoon debate centered around LB 512 – the Department of Education clean-up bill - with tempers flaring up at times, but calming down to reach a compromise and the bill moved. The Government Affairs committee also advanced LB 25 by Senator Murante – the winner-take-all bill - to General File. Senator Murante has stated that he will search for a bill to attach LB 25 to in hopes of debate this session.

On Wednesday, while long debate was anticipated on LB 409 – the adjustment to TEOSSA - the swift passage from General File to Select File in a matter of minutes, it altered the agenda for the day and led to the cancellation of the session's first "late night". The remainder of the day saw the first hours of debate on LB 661 by Senator Kuehn – which would provide for confidentiality of lethal injection drugs - and LB 622 by Senator Wishart – the Medical Cannabis Act.

This morning, the body is prepared to start debate on Consent Calendar. Please note that LB 508 by Senator Hilgers (change population threshold for the county civil service system) and LB 86 by Senator Blood (eliminate requirement regarding open bridge bids) are among those bills on Consent Calendar.

The remainder of this week and next week, the Speaker has indicated that they will follow the following schedule:

Friday: Debate on LB461 – The Revenue package

Monday: Final Reading in the morning and by mid-afternoon LB 595 by Senator Groene, School Discipline.

Tuesday thru  
Thursday: All day debate scheduled for budget bills

Friday: Recess Day

## **LANCASTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

*LB508 (Hilgers) Change the population threshold for the county civil service system.* The bill was introduced on January 18<sup>th</sup>, and was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. This bill was heard on February 22, 2017 and on Monday, April 3, 2017, the Committee conducted an executive session on the bill and advanced it with the proposed amendment attached.

The bill is on the Consent Calendar for today.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*LB327 (Speaker Scheer at the Request of the Governor) Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019.* This is the Governor's Appropriation bill. We have become aware, as per a communication from Brent Meyer that there is a provision to reduce the amount of funding provided by LB1038 in last session from \$975,000 to \$487,500 for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to get to their 8% reduction. The bill has been referred to the Appropriations committee. This bill was heard on February 21, 2017 and remains in committee.

On Monday, March 13, 2017 and Tuesday, March 14, 2017, hearings were held on Health and Human Services. Judy Halstead testified in support of the Appropriations Committee's recommended budget adjustments by restoring several cuts to Health and Human Services agencies – cuts that could Lancaster County as much as \$100,000 in total funds (through minor cuts in multiple budget lines). The committee received her comments

well.

LB327 was advanced as part of the mainline budget process on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. We have not yet received the documentation on the budget and once we do, we will forward for your review.

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

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

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

*LB127 (Groene) Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act.* LB 127 provides for a change in the open meetings law, in Sec. 84-1411 of the statute. It strikes language for political subdivisions to publicize meeting designated by each political body and requires them to publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county within the public entities jurisdiction as well as any other method designated by the public body. The newspaper notice does not have to be published in every county but must have a general circulation within the county. This proposal is also not intended to apply to state agencies but just political subdivisions. A significant amendment was offered at the time of the hearing that would re-write the bill. The bill has been advanced to General File with committee amendment AM646.

We discussed the bill with Committee Counsel Andrew LaGroene. The intent of Senator Groene was apparently to adopt an amendment that would alleviate concerns. It does not do so. The amended bill did not have the support of Chairman Murante nor of Senator Carol Blood. Senator Craighead was present, not voting. Those voting in support included Senators Brewer, Briese, Hilgers, Lowe and Wayne. The bill is not prioritized.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*LB152 (Craighead) Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents.* LB152 eliminates sunset dates of January 1, 2018 for provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents. LB152 also eliminates the six-dollar uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting and filing and indexing and filing and indexing each notice of lien or certification of notice affecting lien on a property. The bill was advanced to General File and granted Speaker Priority status.

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the bill was discussed for approximately 15 minutes and advanced to Select File. No opposition was raised on the bill. On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, the bill was advanced to Final Reading.

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

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

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

Too, during his testimony before the Appropriations Committee, Director Weinberg of the Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services encouraged the Appropriations Committee to support LB333. In response, Chairman Stinner indicated his reluctance to do so due to the fact that it appeared that to adopt LB333 would shift the burden to counties to care for that population. Too, Senator Kate Bolz

expressed skepticism about his testimony indicating that she had a tough time seeing how this population would not fall back on General Assistance of the County. The director had a tough time explaining how it would not. This bill is a committee priority.

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, Sean Kelley advised Joe Kohout that the Governor's office told him that Lauren Kintner would be reaching out to Mary Ann Borgeson in the very near future. Lauren Kintner did reach out to Commissioner Borgeson early this week but has not reached out to Chairman Wiltgen. Furthermore, on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 we became aware that the Health and Human Services Committee was going to conduct an executive session of the committee to advance LB333. Between Joe, Larry and Sean Kelley, we made it clear that there was no agreement on the language and as such, the bill should not be advanced. The Executive Session was cancelled. However, the committee did conduct an Executive Session on Thursday, April 13, 2017 and advanced it on a 6-2 vote.

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, a meeting was held in Senator Merv Riepe's office to discuss the underlying opposition to LB 333 in an effort to address those concerns. Those in attendance included Kerry Eagan, Commissioner Wiltgen (via telephone), Joe Kohout, Commissioner Borgeson, Sean Kelley, Senator Riepe, Kristin Stiffler (Counsel to the HHS Committee), Melissa Hilty (Governor's PRO), Gerry Oligmueller (Budget Office) and Larry Dix (NACO). Senator Riepe's office is preparing an amendment that incorporates changes to try to address county concerns. Those materials from that meeting are attached with this report.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

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

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

The hearing on this measure was February 22, 2017. The bill remains held in committee.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*LB367 (Krist) Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters.* LB367 requires the county to pay the costs associated with transportation when a peace officer takes a juvenile into temporary custody and a probation officer determines the need for detention or an alternative placement. LB367 requires the Office of Probation Administration to pay for costs that are related to treatment or service provisions. The bill remains held in committee.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*LB510 (Ebke) Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivision.* LB510 prohibits political subdivisions from entering into installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property that require a total outstanding obligation exceeding twenty-five million dollars. The hearing on this bill occurred on March 9, 2017 and the bill saw a tremendous amount of opposition. The bill was not prioritized and will not likely move.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

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

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

**POSITION: NEUTRAL**

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

Of note, during the opposition on this bill, Senator Chambers expressed concern to NACO about their opposition to the bill. Furthermore, Senator Chambers and Senator Krist have asked Senator Ebke to send a letter to NACO asking for them to begin disclosing how certain counties vote on opposition or support of bills. When the letters for Lancaster County and the County Attorneys Association were read into the record, Senator Chambers asked for clarification on who opposed the bill. We have not heard anything since.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*LB373 (Schumacher) Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions.* In a previous report, we provided a separate document that included highlights of those portions important to Lancaster County. Bill remains in committee. It has been mentioned that the bill as written has a long shot of coming out of committee. The county's letter of opposition to the repeal of Build Nebraska Act was read into the record.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*LB461 (Smith) Correct references to a federal act in a revenue statute.* This bill has been amended to include the joint efforts of the Revenue Committee and the Governor to develop both income and property tax relief. We previously attached a chart from NACO that demonstrates the effect that the bill may have – the portions dealing with property taxes – on counties. The debate on LB 461 will commence on Friday at 9am.

We were asked by Commissioner Brinkman at a previous meeting to prepare a list of who is fighting LB 461. Here is the most up-to-date list that we can provide:

<b>BNSF</b>	<b>OpenSky</b>
<b>Nebraska Farm Bureau</b>	<b>Nebraska State Education Association</b>
<b>Reform for Nebraska's Future</b>	<b>Nebraska Council of School Administrators</b>
<b>Nebraska Corn Growers Association</b>	<b>Nebraska Farmers Union</b>
<b>Women Involved in Farm Economics</b>	<b>Nebraska Soybean Association</b>
<b>Nebraska Pork Producers</b>	<b>Nebraska Wheat Growers</b>
<b>Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association</b>	<b>Nebraska Fair</b>

**Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska**

**Gage County Property Tax Group**

**Nebraska Grange**

**Greater Nebraska Schools Association:** *Bellevue, Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn, Fremont, Gering, Grand Island, Gretna, Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Lincoln, McCook, Millard, Norfolk, Norris, North Platte, Omaha, Papillion-La Vista, Plattsmouth, Ralston, Schuyler, South Sioux City, Westside Community Public Schools.*

**Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Children's Education:** *Beatrice, Blair, Chadron, Columbus, Crete, Fairbury, Gothenburg, Holdrege, Nebraska City, Norris, Seward, South Sioux City, Wahoo, Waverly, York Public Schools.*

### **LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS PRIORITIES**

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

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

*LB51 (Schumacher) Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes.* This bill was heard by the Revenue Committee. The Lancaster County Treasurers Office testified in a neutral capacity after a meeting the morning of the hearing between representatives of NACO, Larry Dix and Senator Schumacher. Senator Schumacher offered an amendment at the hearing that would alleviate the concerns raised by the Treasurer's Office. The bill was placed on General File with committee amendment AM267.

*LB68 (Hilgers) Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed.* We were asked to work with Eric Gerard, Lincoln City Lobbyist, on this. During deliberations on this measure on Thursday, February 9, 2017 by the Board, they agreed to follow Sheriff Wagner's lead. During testimony on February 10, 2017, Sheriff Wagner, offered testimony in support with concerns. Senator Hilgers designated this as his priority bill on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Bill has been placed on General File with committee amendment AM630. We attached the amendment for your review in a previous report.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, the bill came up for debate. The bill was subject to a filibuster by several members of the Legislature including several members of the Lancaster County delegation. Sheriff Wagner was available in the rotunda and via cell phone to members of the delegation. He did register concerns with members of the delegation on the potential that it could affect his ability to stop individuals from carrying firearms into county buildings.

Furthermore, on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, the bill came up for further debate. After approximately 2 hours, cloture was invoked on the bill and it has advanced to Select File. Senator Chambers has vowed that he will not let any amendments be adopted to the bill. We did communicate with Sheriff Wagner prior to the bill coming up.

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

*LB544 (Watermeier) Provide for elimination of the office of clerk of the district court as prescribed.*

LB544 allows, in any county that does not have an elected clerk of the district court, for the duties of the clerk of the district court to be performed pursuant to an agreement between the State Court Administrator



and the county board. LB544 also allows for a county to vote to eliminate the office of the clerk of the district court when a vacancy occurs. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee. This bill was heard on February 15, 2017 and remains in committee.

*LB163 (Vargas) Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties* LB163 requires election commissioners in counties with populations of more than one hundred thousand to establish at least three voting locations. The hearing was on March 16, 2017. The bill remains held in committee.

*LB625 (Larson) Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.* LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city or village located in whole or in part within such county. The hearing on this measure was on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and Candace Meredith testified in a neutral capacity on an amendment suggested by NACO. We expect the bill to move with that amendment attached. Bill was placed on General File with committee amendment (AM 224). LB 625 has been designated a committee priority. The bill currently sits on Final Reading.

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

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. Bill was heard Thursday, March 16, 2017 before the Judiciary Committee and remains in Committee.

On Tuesday, April 19, 2017, the Judiciary Committee met and advanced LB259 with an amendment that contained the amended version of LB145. We forwarded a copy of that amendment as part of last week's report. Mr. Egan did review that language and provide the same to David Derbin who indicated that there may be some additional costs tied to the original version of LB 259. We discussed those concerns with Senator Hansen following this meeting last week and we are happy to report that those parts which raised concerns for Lancaster, Douglas Counties and for NACO were removed via an amendment offered by Senator Hansen yesterday. AM 1082 to LB 259, attached.

*LB395 (Morfeld) Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail.* LB395 requires a court to consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. If an appearance bond is required, the court shall appoint counsel to indigent defendants. To determine if a defendant is indigent, the judge must consider the defendant's financial ability to pay a bond. The court may also order a defendant to be supervised by an approved person or organization or a pretrial services program. Bill was heard Thursday, March 16, 2017 before the Judiciary Committee and remains in Committee. Commissioner Wiltgen was present to observe the committee's questions. It is being considered that concepts of this bill, as well as LB 145, will be amended into other legislation.

Following receipt of Commissioner Wiltgen's letter, there was a request made by Senator Hansen's office to see what changes we would like to see in LB145 and LB395 to make them more amenable to the

county. They appear set on increasing the “sit out rate” from \$90 to \$150 per day. Additionally, they are willing to delay implementation of the remaining provisions of LB145 by one year. In so far as LB395 is concerned, they are willing to consider striking everything from the bill and leaving only section 4 in place. In addition, they are willing to consider changing the evidentiary hearing to telephone conference similar to process for appointment of a public defender.

*LB385 (Lindstrom) Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act.* LB385 allows those with a relationship to the taxpayer to execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer. The specific relationships are: A person or entity with a contract executed by the taxpayer, a person with the power of attorney, a person with a durable power of attorney, and a person who is a trustee of an estate. LB385 requires the county board of equalization, in appeals regarding the assessed value of the property that has been increased by more than 5%, to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the assessed value reflects the property’s actual value. The hearing on this measure was on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

### **COMBINED LEGISLATION**

Portions of LB297 have been amended into LB225 via AM611. Portions of LB298 have been amended into LB225 via AM537. Portions of LB336 have been amended into LB225 via AM462

Portions of LB133 have been amended into LB317 via AM19.

Portions of LB49, LB228, LB238, LB288, LB387 & LB233 have been amended into LB217 via AM634.

Portions of LB188, LB178 & LB394 have been amended into LB289.

This concludes our report for this week.

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April 19, 2017

Hon. Doug Peterson  
Attorney General  
State of Nebraska  
2115 State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

**Re: LB 333**

Dear Attorney General Peterson:

The Legislature will soon be called upon to vote on the adoption of LB 333 and amendments thereto, including AM 1022. It has been brought to my attention there are concerns regarding a potential conflict in state statute if LB 333 is passed into law with language that prohibits the counties from providing individual medical services or maintenance support based on disability (e.g., AM 831).

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1005 provides assistance for temporarily disabled Nebraskans, qualifications for the State Disability Program and powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services. To qualify for the program, an individual must have a qualifying disability for a continuous period of not less than one hundred and eighty days. LB 333 seeks to eliminate the State Disability Program.

I am requesting an opinion as to whether Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-104 negates proposed language to prohibit counties from providing medical services or maintenance based on temporary disability ranging from six to twelve months, as counties are the "payer of last resort."

I am also requesting an opinion as to whether an amendment prohibiting the counties from providing individual medical services or maintenance support based on disability, if adopted, would treat individuals with temporary disabilities inequitably under state statute.

I have attached Director Weinberg's testimony from the hearing on LB 333, and the Department's fact sheet regarding the bill to aid you with additional information about the State Disability Program. I have also attached LB 333, the Committee Amendment - AM 1022 and proposed amendment language - AM 831

It is my understanding, LB 333 will be heard mid-week of April 23, 2017. Therefore, I respectfully request an expedited review and opinion as to the interpretation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-104 and LB 333 if amended by language similar to AM 831.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Merv Riepe

Enclosures: 5

cc. Governor Pete Ricketts

**Health and Human Service Committee**

**LB 333**

**January 25, 2017**

**Doug J. Weinberg**  
**Director, Division of Child and Family Services**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**

Good afternoon, Senator Riepe, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Doug Weinberg (D-O-U-G W-E-I-N-B-E-R-G) and I am the Director of the Division of Children and Family Services in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). I am here to testify in support of LB 333, which was offered by my division as a budget modification to the biennial budget. The Governor has included this modification and has accounted for it in his budget recommendation to the Legislature.

LB 333 eliminates Nebraska's State Disability Program. The State Disability Program provides financial aid and medical assistance to persons who have received a disability determination denial by the Social Security Administration for the failure to meet the duration requirement of more than 12 months. Eligibility for the State Disability Program includes a disability determination made by the Division of Children and Family Services because of the Social Security Administration's disability denial.

Individuals who are determined eligible for the State Disability Program receive medical coverage and a cash assistance payment for no more than 12 months. After a 12-month duration of a disability has passed, an individual may be determined eligible for Medicaid through either a Social Security Administration or Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care disability determination.

The State Disability Program currently serves an average of 50 individuals a month and served a total of 147 individuals in 2016. There are currently 16 active participants as of January 15, 2017. Of these participants, 13 individuals will exit the program by June 30, 2017 and the remaining 3 individuals have eligibility beyond July 1<sup>st</sup>. The department will continue to provide coverage to these 3 individuals until their eligibility ends.

Medical assistance per recipient averages about \$5,833 per month and cash assistance per client averages approximately \$740 per month. This program has an annual budget of \$4.2 million. Nebraska is one of a handful of states that offer this type of program.

Alternative sources of support include private insurance, community resources such as County General Assistance and non-profit provider sliding fee scales, and other DHHS Economic Assistance programs if the client is eligible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today, and I urge your advancement of LB 333. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

## **ELIMINATE AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF DENIAL OF AID TO THE DISABLED**

### **What does this bill do?**

The program provides assistance to persons who are disabled but do not meet the duration requirements for a disability as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The program is short-term assistance to individuals for up to 12 months. This bill proposes to eliminate the State Disability Program (SDP). The SDP has two components: (1) medical assistance and (2) cash assistance. Medical assistance per recipient averages about \$5,833 per month and cash assistance per client averages approximately \$740 per month.

### **Why is this legislation needed?**

The legislation is needed to reduce State expenditures due to the current State budget deficit. Eliminating the SDP program will reduce the State funds currently spent for individuals receiving SDP medical and grant assistance. This is not a federally mandated program and there are not federal funds associated with the program, therefore the state would not lose any funds from the federal government or funding that affects other programs by eliminating SDP.

### **How many SDP participants will be affected?**


There are currently 16 active participants as of January 15, 2017. Of these participants, 13 individuals will exit the program by June 30, 2017 and the remaining 3 individuals have eligibility beyond July 1st. The department will continue to provide coverage to these 3 individuals until their eligibility ends. The program has averaged 50 participants eligible per month. In 2016, 147 individuals were served. The program can authorize benefits for up to a 12 month period. The current applicants if approved may be approved up to June 30, 2017. The Department will assist participants in finding alternative funding after July 1.

### **What other options will individuals have if the State Disability Program is eliminated?**

Several options include coverage under the Affordable Care Act, County General Assistance and hospital financial assistance programs. Some individuals will become eligible for Social Security Income (SSI) once their disability exceeds 12 months and no longer meet the requirements for the program. If the client becomes eligible for SSI, Social Security Disability will provide retroactive payments to the state along with federal funds from the Center of Medicaid / Medicare Services for the medical claims paid by the state. There is no data on how many clients would qualify for other assistance because each program across the state has their own income and resource guidelines. Generally, all individuals would qualify for Affordable Care Act by buying insurance through the federal market place in Nebraska.

### **Is there a fiscal impact?**

Yes, there will be a reduction in expenditures of State funds by eliminating the State Disability Program. Annually, State Disability maintenance is budgeted for \$466,684, and State Disability medical is budgeted for



\$3,766,035, both in Program 347, for a total savings of \$4,232,719 in SFY18 and 19, if the program is eliminated.



LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 333**

Introduced by Speaker Scheer, 19; at the request of the Governor.

Read first time January 12, 2017

Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section
- 2 68-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate an
- 3 independent review of denial of aid to the disabled; and to repeal
- 4 the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 68-1005 In order to qualify for assistance to the disabled, an  
4 individual shall, in addition to the requirements set forth in section  
5 68-1002, be considered to be disabled if he or she is unable to engage in  
6 any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable  
7 physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or  
8 which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of  
9 not less than one year ~~one hundred eighty days~~ or, in the case of a child  
10 under eighteen years of age, if he or she suffers from any medically  
11 determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity. In  
12 determining eligibility for assistance to the disabled, the Department of  
13 Health and Human Services may adopt the determination of the Social  
14 Security Administration that an individual is or is not disabled for the  
15 purposes of the federal programs of Supplemental Security Income or Old  
16 Age Survivors' and Disability Insurance, ~~except that if the Social~~  
17 ~~Security Administration has denied benefits to an individual on the basis~~  
18 ~~of the duration of the individual's disability, the department shall~~  
19 ~~perform an independent medical review of such individual's disability.~~

20 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
21 Nebraska, is repealed.

AMENDMENTS TO LB333

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

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

3           Section 1. Section 68-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           68-1005 In order to qualify for assistance to the disabled, an  
6 individual shall, in addition to the requirements set forth in section  
7 68-1002, be considered to be disabled if he or she is unable to engage in  
8 any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable  
9 physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or  
10 which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of  
11 not less than one year ~~one hundred eighty days~~ or, in the case of a child  
12 under eighteen years of age, if he or she suffers from any medically  
13 determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity. In  
14 determining eligibility for assistance to the disabled, the Department of  
15 Health and Human Services may adopt the determination of the Social  
16 Security Administration that an individual is or is not disabled for the  
17 purposes of the federal programs of Supplemental Security Income or Old  
18 Age Survivors' and Disability Insurance. A county board may furnish to an  
19 individual medical services or maintenance support based on disability as  
20 described in this section , ~~except that if the Social Security~~  
21 ~~Administration has denied benefits to an individual on the basis of the~~  
22 ~~duration of the individual's disability, the department shall perform an~~  
23 ~~independent medical review of such individual's disability.~~

24           Sec. 2. Section 71-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
25 2016, is amended to read:

26           71-1107 Developmental disability means a severe, chronic disability,  
27 including an intellectual disability, other than mental illness, which:

1 ~~an intellectual disability or a severe chronic cognitive impairment,~~  
2 ~~other than mental illness, that is manifested before the age of twenty-~~  
3 ~~two years and is likely to continue indefinitely.~~

4 (1) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment unless the  
5 impairment is solely attributable to a severe emotional disturbance or  
6 persistent mental illness;

7 (2) Is manifested before the age of twenty-two years;

8 (3) Is likely to continue indefinitely;

9 (4) Results in substantial functional limitations in one of each of  
10 the following areas of adaptive functioning:

11 (a) Conceptual skills, including language, literacy, money, time,  
12 number concepts, and self-direction;

13 (b) Social skills, including interpersonal skills, social  
14 responsibility, self-esteem, gullibility, wariness, social problem  
15 solving, and the ability to follow laws and rules and to avoid being  
16 victimized; and

17 (c) Practical skills, including activities of daily living, personal  
18 care, occupational skills, health care, mobility, and the capacity for  
19 independent living; and

20 (5) Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of  
21 special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized support,  
22 or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration  
23 and are individually planned and coordinated.

24 An individual from birth through the age of nine years who has a  
25 substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired  
26 condition may be considered to have a developmental disability without  
27 manifesting substantial functional limitations in three or more of the  
28 areas of adaptive functioning described in subdivision (4) of this  
29 section if the individual, without services and support, has a high  
30 probability of manifesting such limitations in such areas later in life.

31 Sec. 3. Section 71-1108.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

1 2016, is amended to read:

2 71-1108.01 Intellectual disability means ~~a state~~ of significantly  
3 subaverage general intellectual functioning which is associated with  
4 significant impairments in adaptive functioning manifested before the age  
5 of twenty-two years. Significant subaverage general intellectual  
6 functioning shall refer to a score of seventy or below on a properly  
7 administered and valid intelligence quotient test.

8 Sec. 4. Section 83-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
9 2016, is amended to read:

10 83-1201 Sections 83-1201 to 83-1227 and section 9 of this act shall  
11 be known and may be cited as the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

12 Sec. 5. Section 83-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
13 amended to read:

14 83-1202 It is the intent of the Legislature that:

15 (1) All persons with developmental disabilities shall receive  
16 services and assistance which present opportunities to increase their  
17 independence, productivity, and integration into the community;

18 (2) All persons with developmental disabilities shall have access to  
19 a full array of services appropriate for them as individuals;

20 (3) All persons with developmental disabilities shall have a right,  
21 ~~to the maximum extent possible,~~ to live, work, and recreate with people  
22 who are not disabled;

23 (4) All persons with developmental disabilities shall, ~~to the~~  
24 ~~maximum extent possible,~~ be served in their communities and should only  
25 be served by specialized programs when their needs cannot be met through  
26 general services available to all persons, including those without  
27 disabilities;

28 (5) All persons with developmental disabilities shall have the right  
29 to receive age-appropriate services consistent with their individual  
30 needs, potentials, and abilities;

31 (6) All persons with developmental disabilities shall be afforded

1 the same rights, dignity, and respect as members of society who are not  
2 disabled; and

3 (7) Persons who deliver services to persons with developmental  
4 disabilities shall be assured a uniform system of compensation and  
5 training and a full range of work-site enhancements which attract and  
6 retain qualified employees. †

7 ~~(8) The first priority of the state in responding to the needs of~~  
8 ~~persons with developmental disabilities should be to ensure that all such~~  
9 ~~persons have sufficient food, housing, clothing, medical care, protection~~  
10 ~~from abuse or neglect, and protection from harm; and~~

11 ~~(9) The second priority of the state in responding to the needs of~~  
12 ~~persons with developmental disabilities should be to ensure that all such~~  
13 ~~persons receive appropriate assessment of their needs, planning to meet~~  
14 ~~their needs, information about services available to meet their needs,~~  
15 ~~referral to services matched to their needs, coordination of services~~  
16 ~~delivered, support sufficient to allow them to live with their natural~~  
17 ~~families or independently, transportation to facilitate access to~~  
18 ~~services, and meaningful habilitation, education, training, employment,~~  
19 ~~and recreation designed to enhance their skills, increase their~~  
20 ~~independence, and improve their quality of life.~~

21 Sec. 6. Section 83-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 83-1209 To carry out the policies and purposes of the Developmental  
24 Disabilities Services Act, the director shall:

25 (1) Ensure effective management by (a) determining whether  
26 applicants are eligible for specialized services, (b) authorizing service  
27 delivery for eligible persons, (c) ensuring that services are available,  
28 accessible, and coordinated, (d) ensuring that eligible persons have  
29 their needs assessed by a team process, have individual program plans  
30 developed by a team process to address assessed needs, which plans  
31 incorporate the input of the individual and the family, and have services

1 delivered in accordance with the program plan, (e) having the amount of  
2 funding for specialized services determined by an objective assessment  
3 process, (f) providing information and referral services to persons with  
4 developmental disabilities and their families, (g) promoting the  
5 development of pilot projects of high quality, cost-efficient services  
6 provided by specialized programs, and (h) administering the Beatrice  
7 State Developmental Center;

8 (2) Ensure a coordinated statewide response by (a) developing a  
9 comprehensive and integrated statewide plan for specialized services to  
10 persons with developmental disabilities in conjunction with state and  
11 local officials, designated advocates for such persons, service  
12 providers, and the general public, (b) reporting biennially to the  
13 Legislature, the Governor, service providers, and the public on persons  
14 served and progress made toward meeting requirements of the plan, and (c)  
15 creating a statewide registry of persons eligible for specialized  
16 services. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted  
17 electronically;

18 (3) Ensure specialized services which are efficient and  
19 individualized by (a) developing a written policy which ensures the  
20 adequate and equitable distribution of fiscal resources based upon a  
21 consistent rationale for reimbursement that allows funding to follow  
22 service recipients as their service needs change and which also includes  
23 a plan for funding shortfalls and (b) administering all state and federal  
24 funds as may be allowed by law;

25 (4) Ensure maximum quality of services by (a) developing a due  
26 process mechanism for resolution of disputes, (b) coordinating the  
27 development and implementation of a quality management and improvement  
28 plan as described in section 9 of this act ~~review teams designed to~~  
29 ~~enhance the quality of specialized services~~, (c) developing certification  
30 and accreditation requirements for service providers, (d) providing  
31 technical assistance to local service providers, and (e) providing

1 eligible persons, their families, and the designated protection and  
2 advocacy system authorized pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities  
3 Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. 15001 et seq., with  
4 copies of all reports resulting from surveys of providers of specialized  
5 services conducted as part of the certification and accreditation  
6 process; and

7 (5) Establish and staff a developmental disabilities division which  
8 shall assist in carrying out the policies and purposes of the  
9 Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

10 Sec. 7. Section 83-1212.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 83-1212.01 (1) There is hereby created the Advisory Committee on  
13 Developmental Disabilities. The advisory committee shall consist of a  
14 representative of a statewide advocacy organization for persons with  
15 developmental disabilities and their families, a representative of  
16 Nebraska's designated protection and advocacy organization, a  
17 representative of the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental  
18 Disabilities, a representative of the University Center for Excellence in  
19 Developmental Disability Education, Research, and Service as defined in  
20 section 68-1114, and not more than fifteen additional members. At ~~at~~  
21 least ~~fifty-one percent of the members one third of whom~~ shall be persons  
22 with developmental disabilities and family members ~~at least one third~~  
23 of whom shall be families of persons with developmental disabilities, and  
24 no more than ~~one third of whom shall be elected officials or interested~~  
25 community persons.

26 (2) The members shall be appointed by the Governor for staggered  
27 terms of three years. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the  
28 remainder of the term. One of the members shall be designated as  
29 chairperson by the Governor. Members shall be reimbursed for their actual  
30 and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

31 (3) The advisory committee shall advise the department regarding all



1 aspects of the funding and delivery of services to persons with  
2 developmental disabilities.

3 (4) The advisory committee shall (a) provide sufficient oversight to  
4 ensure that persons placed in the custody of the department under the  
5 Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act are receiving the  
6 least restrictive treatment and services necessary and (b) oversee the  
7 design and implementation of the quality management and improvement plan  
8 described in section 9 of this act.

9 (5) The department shall inform the advisory committee of proposed  
10 systemic changes to services for persons with developmental disabilities  
11 at least thirty days prior to implementation of the changes so that the  
12 advisory committee may provide for a response to the proposed changes. If  
13 the director determines that circumstances require implementation of the  
14 changes prior to such notice, the department shall inform the advisory  
15 committee as soon as possible. The advisory committee, in partnership  
16 with the director, shall establish criteria for the process of providing  
17 the information and receiving the response.

18 Sec. 8. Section 83-1216, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 83-1216 (1) The department shall administer the medicaid home and  
21 community-based services waivers upon application approval by the federal  
22 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Beginning July 1, 2019 ~~1996,~~  
23 persons determined to be eligible for specialized services who ~~on or~~  
24 after ~~September 6, 1993,~~ graduate from high school, reach the age of  
25 twenty-one years, or are currently receiving services shall receive  
26 services in accordance with the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.  
27 The amount of funding for any person receiving services shall be  
28 determined using an objective assessment process developed by the  
29 department and approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
30 Services plan in subsection (3) of this section.

31 (2) The department shall provide directly or by contract service

1 coordination to Nebraska residents found to be eligible for specialized  
2 services.

3 ~~(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that by July 1, 2010, all~~  
4 ~~persons determined to be eligible for services shall receive services in~~  
5 ~~accordance with the act.~~

6 (3) (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department take  
7 all possible steps to maximize federal funding in order to implement  
8 subsections (1) and (2) of this section prior to the date these  
9 subsections become entitlements. All Nebraska residents eligible for  
10 funding for specialized services through the Division of under the  
11 Developmental Disabilities Services Act shall apply for and accept any  
12 federal medicaid benefits for which they may be eligible and benefits  
13 from other funding sources within the department, the State Department of  
14 Education, specifically including the Division of Rehabilitation  
15 Services, and other agencies to the maximum extent possible.

16 (4) The priorities for funding under this section are as follows:

17 (a) The first funding priority of the state shall be responding to  
18 the needs of persons with developmental disabilities in immediate crisis  
19 due to caregiver death, homelessness, or a threat to the life and safety  
20 of the person;

21 (b) The second funding priority of the state in responding to the  
22 needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for persons  
23 that have resided in an institutional setting for a period of at least  
24 twelve consecutive months and who are requesting community-based  
25 services;

26 (c) The third funding priority of the state in responding to the  
27 needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for serving  
28 wards of the department or persons placed under the supervision of the  
29 Office of Probation Administration by the Nebraska court system who are  
30 transitioning upon age nineteen with no other alternatives as determined  
31 by the department to support residential services necessary to pursue

1 economic self-sufficiency;

2 (d) The fourth funding priority of the state in responding to the  
3 needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for serving  
4 persons transitioning from the education system upon attaining twenty-one  
5 years of age to maintain skills and receive the day services necessary to  
6 pursue economic self-sufficiency; and

7 (e) The fifth funding priority of the state in responding to the  
8 needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for serving all  
9 other persons by date of application.

10 Sec. 9. (1)(a) The department shall, with the assistance and  
11 support of the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities, develop  
12 and implement a quality management and improvement plan to promote and  
13 monitor quality relating to services and quality of life for persons with  
14 developmental disabilities.

15 (b) The purpose of the quality management and improvement plan is to  
16 provide information necessary for an accurate assessment of the quality  
17 and effectiveness of services for persons with developmental disabilities  
18 and their families and the delivery of such services, with special  
19 attention to the impact that the services have on the quality of life of  
20 recipients and their families.

21 (c) The quality management and improvement plan shall reflect  
22 national best practice for services for persons with developmental  
23 disabilities and their families as determined by the department with the  
24 assistance of the advisory committee.

25 (d) The quality management and improvement plan shall assess,  
26 through both quantitative and qualitative means, (i) the quality of  
27 services provided to persons with developmental disabilities and their  
28 families, (ii) the ability of the services provided to meet the needs of  
29 the recipients of the services, (iii) the effect of the services to  
30 support or improve the quality of life of the recipients of the services,  
31 and (iv) the satisfaction of the recipients with the process of

1 determination of eligibility and the process of delivery of the services.  
2 In order to develop the quality management and improvement plan, the  
3 department shall use procedures to collect data from recipients of  
4 services for persons with disabilities and their families by relying on  
5 external, independent evaluators who are not employed by the department.  
6 The quality management and improvement plan shall give significance to  
7 input gathered from recipients of services for persons with developmental  
8 disabilities and families of such recipients and include information  
9 gathered from the department.

10 (e) The quality management and improvement plan shall include  
11 recommendations for improvements to the types of services and the  
12 delivery of services for persons with developmental disabilities and  
13 their families.

14 (2) The department shall provide a quality management plan  
15 electronically to the legislature no later than September 30, 2017. In  
16 the plan the department shall detail its approach to ensuring a  
17 sustainable, continuous, quality improvement management system for the  
18 delivery of services for persons with developmental disabilities and  
19 their families that incorporates responsibilities of the department and  
20 recipients.

21 (3) The department shall issue an implementation report regarding  
22 the quality management and improvement plan and publish it on the web  
23 site of the department and provide it electronically to the legislature  
24 on or before December 30, 2017, and March 30, 2018. Beginning in 2018,  
25 the department shall annually provide a report regarding outcomes,  
26 improvement priorities, and activities of the department during the  
27 previous fiscal year. The report shall be published on the web site of  
28 the department and shall be provided electronically to the legislature on  
29 or before September 30.

30 Sec. 10. Sections 6, 11, and 14 of this act become operative on  
31 October 1, 2017. Sections 1, 7, and 12 of this act become operative three

1 calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The  
2 other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

3       Sec. 11. Original section 83-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is repealed.

5       Sec. 12. Original sections 68-1005 and 83-1212.01, Reissue Revised  
6 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

7       Sec. 13. Original sections 83-1202 and 83-1216, Reissue Revised  
8 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-1107, 71-1108.01, and 83-1201,  
9 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are repealed.

10       Sec. 14. The following section is outright repealed: Section  
11 83-1213, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

12       Sec. 15. The following section is outright repealed: Section  
13 71-1113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

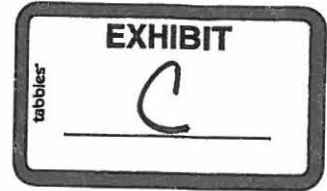
14       Sec. 16. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
15 passed and approved according to law.

AMENDMENTS TO LB333

Introduced by

- 1       1. On page 2, line 19, after the period insert "No county board
- 2       shall furnish to an individual medical services or maintenance support
- 3       based on disability as described in this section.".

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OPTION TWO

New Section after 68-104--

*amendment # AM 1022 of LB 333*

If an individual qualifies for medical assistance and general assistance for the poor less than 180 days and pursuant to the requirements set forth in sections 68-1002 and 68-1005, the county shall furnish such medical service as may be required for the poor of the county who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs and general assistance for the poor of the county as provided in section 68-133.

LB 333

68-1005. (LB 333)

**Assistance to the disabled; additional qualifications required; department; powers and duties.**

In order to qualify for assistance to the disabled, an individual shall, in addition to the requirements set forth in section 68-1002, be considered to be disabled if he or she is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than one year ~~one hundred eighty days~~ or, in the case of a child under eighteen years of age, if he or she suffers from any medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity. In determining eligibility for assistance to the disabled, the Department of Health and Human Services may adopt the determination of the Social Security Administration that an individual is or is not disabled for the purposes of the federal programs of Supplemental Security Income or Old Age Survivors' and Disability Insurance, ~~except that if the Social Security Administration has denied benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability, the department shall perform an independent medical review of such individual's disability.~~

PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE BY GOV to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1005 –

PRO → Notwithstanding section 68-104 or any other provision of law, no county board shall furnish medical services or maintenance support to an individual pursuant to this section.

NACO PROPOSED LANGUAGE AS A NEW SUBSECTION TO SECTION 68-1005  
(eliminate Gov's proposed new language and offer instead)

NACO → No county board of any county shall furnish medical services or maintenance support to an individual pursuant to this section.



AMENDMENTS TO LB333

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

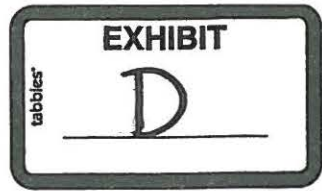
1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. Section 68-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           68-1005 In order to qualify for assistance to the disabled, an  
6 individual shall, in addition to the requirements set forth in section  
7 68-1002, be considered to be disabled if he or she is unable to engage in  
8 any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable  
9 physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or  
10 which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of  
11 not less than one year ~~one hundred eighty days~~ or, in the case of a child  
12 under eighteen years of age, if he or she suffers from any medically  
13 determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity. In  
14 determining eligibility for assistance to the disabled, the Department of  
15 Health and Human Services may adopt the determination of the Social  
16 Security Administration that an individual is or is not disabled for the  
17 purposes of the federal programs of Supplemental Security Income or Old  
18 Age Survivors' and Disability Insurance. A county board may furnish to an  
19 individual medical services or maintenance support based on disability as  
20 described in this section , ~~except that if the Social Security~~  
21 ~~Administration has denied benefits to an individual on the basis of the~~  
22 ~~duration of the individual's disability, the department shall perform an~~  
23 ~~independent medical review of such individual's disability.~~

24           Sec. 2. Section 71-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
25 2016, is amended to read:

26           71-1107 Developmental disability means a severe, chronic disability,  
27 including an intellectual disability, other than mental illness, which:



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AMENDMENTS TO LB259

Introduced by Judiciary.

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

3           Section 1. Section 25-1577, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           25-1577 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
6 if ~~If~~ any person, party, or witness disobeys ~~disobey~~ an order of the  
7 judge or referee, duly served, such person, party, or witness may be  
8 punished by the judge as for contempt, and if a party, he or she shall be  
9 committed to the jail of the county wherein the proceedings are pending  
10 until he or she complies ~~shall comply~~ with such order; or, in case he or  
11 she has, since the service of such order upon him or her, rendered it  
12 impossible for him or her to comply therewith, until he or she has  
13 restored to the opposite party what such party has lost by such  
14 disobedience, or until discharged by due course of law.

15           (2) No imprisonment related to the debt collection process shall be  
16 allowed unless, after a hearing, a judgment debtor is found to be in  
17 willful contempt of court. A judgment debtor shall not be committed to  
18 jail for failing to appear pursuant to section 25-1565 unless, after  
19 service of an order to appear and show cause as to why the judgment  
20 debtor should not be found in contempt for failing to appear, the  
21 judgment debtor is found to be in willful contempt.

22           ~~(3) An indigent judgment debtor shall be entitled to representation~~  
23 ~~by court-appointed counsel for contempt proceedings under this section if~~  
24 ~~imprisonment is a possibility.~~

25           Sec. 2. Section 29-901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
26 amended to read:

27           29-901 (1) Anyailable defendant shall be ordered released from

1 custody pending judgment on his or her personal recognizance unless the  
2 judge determines in the exercise of his or her discretion that such a  
3 release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as  
4 required or that such a release could jeopardize the safety and  
5 maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other  
6 persons in the community. The court shall consider all methods of bond  
7 and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. If the court  
8 imposes an appearance bond requiring payment of deposit, the court shall  
9 appoint counsel to represent such defendant upon finding that the  
10 defendant is indigent. If ~~When such determination is made,~~ the judge  
11 determines that the defendant shall not be released on his or her  
12 personal recognizance, the judge shall consider the defendant's financial  
13 ability to pay a bond and shall impose the least onerous of the following  
14 conditions that will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance or that  
15 will eliminate or minimize the risk of harm to others or the public at  
16 large either in lieu of or in addition to such a release impose the first  
17 of the following conditions of release which will reasonably assure the  
18 appearance of the person for trial or, if no single condition gives that  
19 assurance, any combination of the following conditions:

20 (a) ~~(1)~~ Place the defendant in the custody of a designated person or  
21 organization agreeing to supervise the defendant;

22 (b) ~~(2)~~ Place restrictions on the travel, association, or place of  
23 abode of the defendant during the period of such release; or

24 (c) ~~(3)~~ Require, at the option of any bailable defendant, either of  
25 the following:

26 (i) ~~(a)~~ The execution of an appearance bond in a specified amount  
27 and the deposit with the clerk of the court in cash of a sum not to  
28 exceed ten percent of the amount of the bond, ninety percent of such  
29 deposit to be returned to the defendant upon the performance of the  
30 appearance or appearances and ten percent to be retained by the clerk as  
31 appearance bond costs, except that when no charge is subsequently filed

1 against the defendant or if the charge or charges which are filed are  
2 dropped before the appearance of the defendant which the bond was to  
3 assure, the entire deposit shall be returned to the defendant. If the  
4 bond is subsequently reduced by the court after the original bond has  
5 been posted, no additional appearance bond costs shall be retained by the  
6 clerk. The difference in the appearance bond costs between the original  
7 bond and the reduced bond shall be returned to the defendant. In no event  
8 shall the deposit be less than twenty-five dollars. Whenever jurisdiction  
9 is transferred from a court requiring an appearance bond under this  
10 subdivision to another state court, the transferring court shall transfer  
11 the ninety percent of the deposit remaining after the appearance bond  
12 costs have been retained. No further costs shall be levied or collected  
13 by the court acquiring jurisdiction; or

14 (ii) ~~(b)~~ The execution of a bail bond with such surety or sureties  
15 as shall seem proper to the judge or, in lieu of such surety or sureties,  
16 at the option of such person, a cash deposit of such sum so fixed,  
17 conditioned for his or her appearance before the proper court, to answer  
18 the offense with which he or she may be charged and to appear at such  
19 times thereafter as may be ordered by the proper court. The cash deposit  
20 shall be returned to the defendant upon the performance of all  
21 appearances.

22 (2) If the amount of bail is deemed insufficient by the court before  
23 which the offense is pending, the court may order an increase of such  
24 bail and the defendant shall provide the additional undertaking, written  
25 or cash, to secure his or her release. All recognizances in criminal  
26 cases shall be in writing and be continuous from term to term until final  
27 judgment of the court in such cases and shall also extend, when the court  
28 has suspended execution of sentence for a limited time, as provided in  
29 section 29-2202, or, when the court has suspended execution of sentence  
30 to enable the defendant to apply for a writ of error to the Supreme Court  
31 or Court of Appeals, as provided in section 29-2301, until the period of

1 suspension has expired. When two or more indictments or informations are  
2 returned against the same person at the same term of court, the  
3 recognizance given may be made to include all offenses charged therein.  
4 Each surety on such recognizance shall be required to justify under oath  
5 in a sum twice the amount of such recognizance and give the description  
6 of real estate owned by him or her of a value above encumbrance equal to  
7 the amount of such justification and shall name all other cases pending  
8 in which he or she is a surety. No one shall be accepted as surety on  
9 recognizance aggregating a sum in excess of his or her equity in the real  
10 estate, but such recognizance shall not constitute a lien on the real  
11 estate described therein until judgment is entered thereon against such  
12 surety. ~~for~~

13 (3) In order to assure compliance with the conditions of release  
14 referred to in subsection (1) of this section, the court may order a  
15 defendant to be supervised by ~~an approved person or organization~~ or a  
16 pretrial services program. <sup>a person, an organization</sup> ~~A court shall waive any fees or costs~~  
17 associated with the conditions of release or supervision if the court  
18 finds the defendant is unable to pay for such costs. Eligibility for  
19 release or supervision by such pretrial release program shall under no  
20 circumstances be conditioned upon the defendant's ability to pay. While  
21 under supervision of an approved entity, and in addition to the  
22 conditions of release referred to in subsection (1) of this section, the  
23 court may impose the following conditions:

24 (a) Periodic telephone contact by the defendant with the  
25 organization or pretrial services program;

26 (b) Periodic office visits by the defendant to the organization or  
27 pretrial services program;

28 (c) Periodic visits to the defendant's home by the organization or  
29 pretrial services program;

30 (d) Mental health or substance abuse treatment for the defendant,  
31 including residential treatment, if the defendant consents or agrees to

1 the treatment;

2 (e) Periodic alcohol or drug testing of the defendant;

3 (f) Domestic violence counseling for the defendant, if the defendant  
4 consents or agrees to the counseling;

5 (g) Electronic or global-positioning monitoring of the defendant;

6 and

7 (h) Any other supervision techniques shown by research to increase  
8 court appearance and public safety rates for defendants released on bond.

9 (4) The incriminating results of any drug or alcohol test or any  
10 information learned by a representative of an organization or program  
11 shall not be admissible in any proceeding, except for a proceeding  
12 relating to revocation or amendment of conditions of bond release.

13 ~~(4) Impose any other condition deemed reasonably necessary to assure~~  
14 ~~appearances as required, including a condition requiring that the~~  
15 ~~defendant return to custody after specified hours.~~

16 Sec. 3. Section 29-901.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 29-901.01 In determining which condition or conditions of release  
19 shall reasonably assure appearance and deter possible threats to the  
20 safety and maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses,  
21 or other persons in the community, the judge shall, on the basis of  
22 available information, consider the defendant's financial ability to pay  
23 in setting the amount of bond. The judge may also take into account the  
24 nature and circumstances of the offense charged, including any  
25 information to indicate that the defendant might engage in additional  
26 criminal activity or pose a threat to himself or herself, yet to be  
27 collected evidence, alleged victims, potential witnesses, or members of  
28 the general public, the defendant's family ties, employment, ~~financial~~  
29 ~~resources, character and mental condition,~~ the length of the defendant's  
30 residence in the community, the defendant's record of criminal  
31 convictions, and the defendant's record of appearances at court

1 proceedings or of flight to avoid prosecution or of failure to appear at  
2 court proceedings.

3 Sec. 4. Section 29-1823, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 29-1823 (1) If at any time prior to trial it appears that the  
6 accused has become mentally incompetent to stand trial, such disability  
7 may be called to the attention of the district or county court by the  
8 county attorney or city attorney, by the accused, or by any person for  
9 the accused. The judge of the district or county court of the county  
10 where the accused is to be tried shall have the authority to determine  
11 whether or not the accused is competent to stand trial. The ~~district~~  
12 judge may also cause such medical, psychiatric, or psychological  
13 examination of the accused to be made as he or she deems warranted and  
14 hold such hearing as he or she deems necessary. The cost of the  
15 examination, when ordered by the court, shall be the expense of the  
16 county in which the crime is charged. The ~~district~~ judge may allow any  
17 physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist a reasonable fee for his or her  
18 services, which amount, when determined by the ~~district~~ judge, shall be  
19 certified to the county board which shall cause payment to be made.  
20 Should the ~~district~~ judge determine after a hearing that the accused is  
21 mentally incompetent to stand trial and that there is a substantial  
22 probability that the accused will become competent within the foreseeable  
23 future, the ~~district~~ judge shall order the accused to be committed to a  
24 state hospital for the mentally ill or some other appropriate state-owned  
25 or state-operated facility for appropriate treatment until such time as  
26 the disability may be removed.

27 (2) Within six months after the commencement of the treatment  
28 ordered by the district or county court, and every six months thereafter  
29 until either the disability is removed or other disposition of the  
30 accused has been made, the court shall hold a hearing to determine (a)  
31 whether the accused is competent to stand trial or (b) whether or not

1 there is a substantial probability that the accused will become competent  
2 within the foreseeable future.

3 (3) If it is determined that there is not a substantial probability  
4 that the accused will become competent within the foreseeable future,  
5 then the state shall either (a) commence the applicable civil commitment  
6 proceeding that would be required to commit any other person for an  
7 indefinite period of time or (b) release the accused. If during the  
8 period of time between the six-month review hearings set forth in  
9 subsection (2) of this section it is the opinion of the Department of  
10 Health and Human Services that the accused is competent to stand trial,  
11 the department shall file a report outlining its opinion with the court,  
12 and within twenty-one days after such report being filed, the court shall  
13 hold a hearing to determine whether or not the accused is competent to  
14 stand trial. The state shall pay the cost of maintenance and care of the  
15 accused during the period of time ordered by the court for treatment to  
16 remove the disability.

17 Sec. 5. Section 29-2206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
18 amended to read:

19 29-2206 (1)(a) ~~(1)~~ In all cases in which courts or magistrates have  
20 now or may hereafter have the power to punish offenses, either in whole  
21 or in part, by requiring the offender to pay fines or costs, or both,  
22 such courts or magistrates may make it a part of the sentence that the  
23 party stand committed and be imprisoned in the jail of the proper county  
24 until the fines or costs are paid or secured to be paid or the offender  
25 is otherwise discharged according to law if the court or magistrate  
26 determines that the offender has the financial ability to pay such fines  
27 or costs. The court or magistrate may make such determination at the  
28 sentencing hearing or at a separate hearing prior to sentencing. A  
29 separate hearing shall not be required. In making such determination, the  
30 court or magistrate may consider the information or evidence adduced in  
31 an earlier proceeding pursuant to section 29-3902, 29-3903, 29-3906, or



1 29-3916. At any such hearing, the offender shall have the opportunity to  
2 present information as to his or her income, assets, debts, or other  
3 matters affecting his or her financial ability to pay. Following such  
4 hearing and prior to imposing sentence, the court or magistrate shall  
5 determine the offender's financial ability to pay the fines or costs,  
6 including his or her financial ability to pay in installments under  
7 subsection (2) of this section.

8 (b) If the court or magistrate determines that the offender is  
9 financially able to pay the fines or costs and the offender refuses to  
10 pay, the court or magistrate may:

11 (i) Make it a part of the sentence that the offender stand committed  
12 and be imprisoned in the jail of the proper county until the fines or  
13 costs are paid or secured to be paid or the offender is otherwise  
14 discharged according to law; or

15 (ii) Order the offender, in lieu of paying such fines or costs, to  
16 complete community service for a specified number of hours pursuant to  
17 sections 29-2277 to 29-2279.

18 (c) If the court or magistrate determines that the offender is  
19 financially unable to pay the fines or costs, the court or magistrate:

20 (i) Shall either:

21 (A) Impose a sentence without such fines or costs; or

22 (B) Enter an order pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of this section  
23 discharging the offender of such fines or costs; and

24 (ii) May order, as a term of the offender's sentence or as a  
25 condition of probation, that he or she complete community service for a  
26 specified number of hours pursuant to sections 29-2277 to 29-2279.

27 (d) An order discharging the offender of any fines or costs shall be  
28 set forth in or accompanied by a judgment entry. Such order shall operate  
29 as a complete release of such fines or costs.

30 (2) If Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, when any  
31 offender demonstrates to the court or magistrate determines, pursuant to

1 subsection (1) of this section, that an offender he or she is financially  
2 unable to pay such fines or costs in one lump sum but is financially  
3 capable of paying in installments, the court or magistrate shall make  
4 arrangements suitable to the court or magistrate and to the offender by  
5 which the offender may pay in installments. The court or magistrate shall  
6 enter an order specifying the terms of such arrangements and the dates on  
7 which payments are to be made. When the judgment of conviction provides  
8 for the suspension or revocation of a motor vehicle operator's license  
9 and the court authorizes the payment of fines or costs by installments,  
10 the revocation or suspension shall be effective as of the date of  
11 judgment.

12 (3) As an alternative to a lump-sum payment or as an alternative or  
13 in conjunction with installment payments, the court or magistrate may  
14 deduct fines or costs from a bond posted by the offender to the extent  
15 that such bond is not otherwise encumbered by a valid lien, levy,  
16 execution, or assignment to counsel of record or the person who posted  
17 the bond.

18 Sec. 6. Section 29-2206.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 29-2206.01 Installments provided for in section 29-2206 shall be  
21 paid pursuant to the order entered by the court or magistrate. Any person  
22 who fails to comply with the terms of such order shall be liable for  
23 punishment for contempt, unless such person ~~he~~ has the leave of the court  
24 or magistrate in regard to such noncompliance or such person requests a  
25 hearing pursuant to section 29-2412 and establishes at such hearing that  
26 he or she is financially unable to pay.

27 Sec. 7. Section 29-2277, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 29-2277 As used in sections 29-2277 to 29-2279, unless the context  
30 otherwise requires:

31 (1) Agency means ~~shall mean~~ any public or governmental unit,

1 institution, division, or agency or any private nonprofit organization  
2 which provides services intended to enhance the social welfare or general  
3 well-being of the community, which agrees to accept community service  
4 from offenders and to supervise and report the progress of such community  
5 service to the court or its representative; ~~and~~

6 (2) Community correctional facility or program has the same meaning  
7 as in section 47-621; and

8 (3) {2} Community service means shall mean uncompensated labor for  
9 an agency to be performed by an offender when the offender is not working  
10 or attending school.

11 Sec. 8. Section 29-2278, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
12 amended to read:

13 29-2278 An offender may be sentenced to community service (1) as an  
14 alternative to a fine, incarceration, or supervised probation, or in lieu  
15 of incarceration if he or she fails to pay a fine as ordered, except when  
16 the violation of a misdemeanor or felony requires mandatory incarceration  
17 or imposition of a fine, (2) as a condition of probation, or (3) in  
18 addition to any other sanction. The court or magistrate shall establish  
19 the terms and conditions of community service including, but not limited  
20 to, a reasonable time limit for completion. The performance or completion  
21 of a sentence of community service or an order to complete community  
22 service may be supervised or confirmed by a community correctional  
23 facility or program or another similar entity, as ordered by the court or  
24 magistrate. If an offender fails to perform community service as ordered  
25 by the court or magistrate, he or she may be arrested and after a hearing  
26 may be resentenced on the original charge, have probation revoked, or be  
27 found in contempt of court. No person convicted of an offense involving  
28 serious bodily injury or sexual assault shall be eligible for community  
29 service.

30 Sec. 9. Section 29-2279, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1           29-2279 The length of a community service sentence shall be as  
2 follows:

3           (1) Pursuant to section 29-2206, 29-2412, or section 12 of this act,  
4 for an infraction, not less than four nor more than twenty hours;

5           (2) For a violation of a city ordinance that is an infraction and  
6 not pursuant to section 29-2206, 29-2412, or section 12 of this act, not  
7 less than four hours;

8           (3) {1} For a Class IV or Class V misdemeanor, not less than four  
9 nor more than eighty hours;

10          (4) {2} For a Class III or Class IIIA misdemeanor, not less than  
11 eight nor more than one hundred fifty hours;

12          (5) {3} For a Class I or Class II misdemeanor, not less than twenty  
13 nor more than four hundred hours;

14          (6) {4} For a Class IIIA or Class IV felony, not less than two  
15 hundred nor more than three thousand hours; and

16          (7) {5} For a Class III felony, not less than four hundred nor more  
17 than six thousand hours.

18          Sec. 10. Section 29-2404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20          29-2404 In all cases of misdemeanor in which courts or magistrates  
21 shall have power to fine any offender, and shall render judgment for such  
22 fine, it shall be lawful to issue executions for the same, with the costs  
23 taxed against the offender, to be levied on the goods and chattels of any  
24 such offender, and, for want of the same, upon the body of the offender,  
25 who shall, following a determination that the offender has the financial  
26 ability to pay such fine pursuant to section 29-2412, thereupon be  
27 committed to the jail of the proper county until the fine and costs be  
28 paid, or secured to be paid, or the offender be otherwise discharged  
29 according to law.

30          Sec. 11. Section 29-2412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1           29-2412 (1) Beginning July 1, 2018:

2           (a) Any person arrested and brought into custody on a warrant for  
3 failure to pay fines or costs, for failure to appear before a court or  
4 magistrate on the due date of such fines or costs, or for failure to  
5 comply with the terms of an order pursuant to sections 29-2206 and  
6 29-2206.01, shall be entitled to a hearing on the first regularly  
7 scheduled court date following the date of arrest. The purpose of such  
8 hearing shall be to determine the person's financial ability to pay such  
9 fines or costs. At the hearing, the person shall have the opportunity to  
10 present information as to his or her income, assets, debts, or other  
11 matters affecting his or her financial ability to pay. Following the  
12 hearing, the court or magistrate shall determine the person's ability to  
13 pay the fines or costs, including his or her financial ability to pay by  
14 installment payments as described in section 29-2206;

15           (b) If the court or magistrate determines that the person is  
16 financially able to pay the fines or costs and the person refuses to pay,  
17 the court or magistrate may:

18           (i) Order the person to be confined in the jail of the proper county  
19 until the fines or costs are paid or secured to be paid or the person is  
20 otherwise discharged pursuant to subsection (4) of this section; or

21           (ii) Enter an order pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of this section  
22 discharging the person of such fines or costs and order the person to  
23 complete community service for a specified number of hours pursuant to  
24 sections 29-2277 to 29-2279;

25           (c) If the court or magistrate determines that the person is  
26 financially unable to pay the fines or costs, the court or magistrate:

27           (i) Shall either:

28           (A) Enter an order pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of this section  
29 discharging the person of such fines or costs; or

30           (B) If the person is subject to an order to pay installments  
31 pursuant to section 29-2206, the court or magistrate shall either enter

1 an order pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of this section discharging the  
2 person of such obligation or make any necessary modifications to the  
3 order specifying the terms of the installment payments as justice may  
4 require and that will enable the person to pay the fines or costs; and

5 (ii) May order the person to complete community service for a  
6 specified number of hours pursuant to sections 29-2277 to 29-2279; and

7 (d) An order discharging the person of fines or costs shall be set  
8 forth in or accompanied by a judgment entry. Such order shall operate as  
9 a complete release of such fines or costs.

10 (2) (1) Whenever it is made satisfactorily to appear to the district  
11 court, or to the county judge of the proper county, after all legal means  
12 have been exhausted, that any person who is subject to being or is  
13 confined in jail for any fine fines or costs of prosecution for any  
14 criminal offense has no estate with which to pay such fine-fines or  
15 costs, it shall be the duty of such court or judge, on his or her own  
16 motion or upon the motion of the person so confined, to discharge such  
17 person from further imprisonment for such fine-fines or costs, which  
18 discharge shall operate as a complete release of such fine-fines or  
19 costs.

20 (3) (2) Nothing in this section shall authorize any person to be  
21 discharged from imprisonment before the expiration of the time for which  
22 he or she may be sentenced to be imprisoned, as part of his or her  
23 punishment, or when such person shall default on a payment due pursuant  
24 to an installment agreement arranged by the court.

25 (4)(a) (3) Any person held in custody for nonpayment of a fine-fines  
26 or costs or for default on an installment shall be entitled to a credit  
27 on the fine fines, costs, or installment of one hundred fifty ninety  
28 dollars for each day so held.

29 (b) In no case shall a person held in custody for nonpayment of a  
30 fine-fines or costs be held in such custody for more days than the  
31 maximum number to which he or she could have been sentenced if the

1 penalty set by law includes the possibility of confinement.

2       Sec. 12. (1) A person who has been ordered to pay fines or costs  
3 and who has not been arrested or brought into custody as described in  
4 subdivision (1)(a) of section 29-2412 but who believes himself or herself  
5 to be financially unable to pay such fines or costs may request a hearing  
6 to determine such person's financial ability to pay such fines or costs.  
7 The hearing shall be scheduled on the first regularly scheduled court  
8 date following the date of the request. Pending the hearing, the person  
9 shall not be arrested or brought into custody for failure to pay such  
10 fines or costs or failure to appear before a court or magistrate on the  
11 due date of such fines or costs.

12       (2) At the hearing, the person shall have the opportunity to present  
13 information as to his or her income, assets, debts, or other matters  
14 affecting his or her financial ability to pay. Following the hearing, the  
15 court or magistrate shall determine the person's financial ability to pay  
16 the fines or costs, including his or her financial ability to pay in  
17 installments as described in section 29-2206.

18       (3) If the court or magistrate determines that the person is  
19 financially able to pay the fines or costs and the person refuses to pay,  
20 the court or magistrate may:

21       (a) Deny the person's request for relief; or

22       (b) Enter an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section  
23 discharging the person of such fines or costs and order the person to  
24 complete community service for a specified number of hours pursuant to  
25 sections 29-2277 to 29-2279.

26       (4) If the court or magistrate determines that the person is  
27 financially unable to pay the fines or costs, the court or magistrate:

28       (a) Shall either:

29       (i) Enter an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section  
30 discharging the person of such fines or costs; or

31       (ii) If the person is subject to an order to pay installments

1 pursuant to section 29-2206, the court or magistrate shall either enter  
2 an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section discharging the  
3 person of such obligation or make any necessary modifications to the  
4 order specifying the terms of the installment payments as justice may  
5 require and that will enable the person to pay the fines or costs; and

6 (b) May order the person to complete community service for a  
7 specified number of hours pursuant to sections 29-2277 to 29-2279.

8 (5) An order discharging the person of fines or costs shall be set  
9 forth in or accompanied by a judgment entry. Such order shall operate as  
10 a complete release of such fines or costs.

11 Sec. 13. Section 60-4,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
12 2016, is amended to read:

13 60-4,100 ~~(1) The director shall suspend the operator's license of~~  
14 ~~any resident of this state:~~

15 (1) Any resident of this state who ~~(a) who~~ has violated a promise to  
16 comply with the terms of a traffic citation issued by a law enforcement  
17 officer for a moving violation in any jurisdiction outside this state  
18 pursuant to the Nonresident Violator Compact of 1977 or in any  
19 jurisdiction inside this state shall be subject to having his or her  
20 operator's license revoked pursuant to this section. until satisfactory  
21 evidence of compliance with the terms of the citation has been furnished  
22 to the director; or

23 ~~(b) Who has violated a promise to comply with the terms of a traffic~~  
24 ~~citation issued by a law enforcement officer for a moving violation in~~  
25 ~~any jurisdiction inside this state until satisfactory evidence of~~  
26 ~~compliance with the terms of the citation has been furnished to the~~  
27 ~~director.~~

28 (2) The court having jurisdiction over the offense for which the  
29 citation has been issued shall notify the director of a resident's  
30 violation of a promise to comply with the terms of the citation ~~only~~  
31 after thirty ~~twenty~~ working days have elapsed from the date of the



1 failure to comply, unless within such thirty working days the resident  
2 appears before the clerk of the county court having jurisdiction over the  
3 offense to request a hearing pursuant to subsection (3) of this section  
4 to establish that such resident lacks the financial ability to pay the  
5 citation.

6 (3) A hearing requested under subsection (2) of this section shall  
7 be set before the court or magistrate on the first regularly scheduled  
8 court date following the request. At the hearing, the resident shall have  
9 the opportunity to present information as to his or her income, assets,  
10 debts, or other matters affecting his or her financial ability to pay the  
11 citation. Following the hearing, the court or magistrate shall determine  
12 the resident's financial ability to pay the citation, including his or  
13 her financial ability to pay in installments.

14 (4)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (4)(c) of this section, if  
15 the court or magistrate determines under subsection (3) of this section  
16 that the resident is financially able to pay the citation and the  
17 resident refuses to pay, the court or magistrate shall either:

18 (i) Notify the director of the resident's violation of a promise to  
19 comply with the terms of the citation; or

20 (ii) Postpone the hearing for a period of no more than one month  
21 during which period the court or magistrate may order the resident to  
22 complete such hours of community service as the court or magistrate deems  
23 appropriate, subject to a total limit of twenty hours. At the end of such  
24 period, if the resident has completed such community service to the  
25 satisfaction of the court or magistrate, the court or magistrate shall  
26 enter an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section discharging the  
27 resident of the obligation to pay such citation. If the resident has not  
28 completed such community service to the satisfaction of the court or  
29 magistrate, the court or magistrate shall notify the director of the  
30 resident's violation of a promise to comply with the terms of the  
31 citation. A hearing may only be postponed once under this subdivision.

1       (b) If the court or magistrate determines under subsection (3) of  
2 this section that the resident is financially unable to pay the citation,  
3 the court or magistrate shall either:

4       (i) Enter an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section  
5 discharging the resident of the obligation to pay such citation;

6       (ii) Postpone the hearing for a period of no more than one month  
7 during which period the court or magistrate may order the resident to  
8 complete such hours of community service as the court or magistrate deems  
9 appropriate, subject to a total limit of twenty hours. At the end of such  
10 period, if the resident has completed such community service to the  
11 satisfaction of the court or magistrate, the court or magistrate shall  
12 enter an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section discharging the  
13 resident of the obligation to pay such citation. If the resident has not  
14 completed such community service to the satisfaction of the court or  
15 magistrate, the court or magistrate shall notify the director of the  
16 resident's violation of a promise to comply with the terms of the  
17 citation. A hearing may only be postponed once under this subdivision.

18       (c) If the court or magistrate determines under subsection (3) of  
19 this section that the resident is financially able to pay in installments  
20 and the resident agrees to make such payments, the court or magistrate  
21 shall make arrangements suitable to the court or magistrate and to the  
22 resident by which the resident may pay in installments. The court or  
23 magistrate shall enter an order specifying the terms of such arrangements  
24 and the dates on which payments are to be made. If the resident fails to  
25 pay an installment, the court or magistrate shall notify the director of  
26 the resident's violation of a promise to comply with the terms of the  
27 citation unless the resident requests a hearing from the clerk of the  
28 county court on or before ten working days after such installment was  
29 due. At the hearing, the resident shall show good cause for such failure,  
30 including financial inability to pay. If, following such hearing, the  
31 court or magistrate finds:

1       (i) That the resident has not demonstrated good cause for such  
2 failure, the court or magistrate shall either notify the director of the  
3 resident's violation of a promise to comply with the terms of the  
4 citation or postpone the hearing and order community service pursuant to  
5 subdivision (4)(a)(ii) of this section;

6       (ii) That the resident remains financially able to pay but has  
7 demonstrated good cause for such missed installment, the court or  
8 magistrate shall make any necessary modifications to the order specifying  
9 the terms of the installment payments; or

10       (iii) That the resident has become financially unable to pay, the  
11 court or magistrate shall enter an order discharging the resident of the  
12 obligation to pay such citation pursuant to subsection (5) of this  
13 section.

14       (5) An order discharging the resident of the obligation to pay a  
15 traffic citation shall be set forth in or accompanied by a judgment  
16 entry. Such order shall operate as a complete release of such payment  
17 obligation.

18       (6) (3) Upon notice to the director that a resident has violated a  
19 promise to comply with the terms of a traffic citation as provided in  
20 this section, the director shall ~~send not suspend such resident's license~~  
21 ~~until he or she has sent~~ written notice to such resident by regular  
22 United States mail to the resident's ~~person's~~ last-known mailing address  
23 or, if such address is unknown, to the last-known residence address of  
24 such resident ~~person~~ as shown by the records of the department ~~Department~~  
25 ~~of Motor Vehicles~~. Such notice shall state that such resident has twenty  
26 working days after the postmark date of the notice to  
27 show the director that the resident has complied with the terms of such  
28 traffic citation

29 ~~No suspension shall be entered by the director if the resident complies~~  
30 ~~with the terms of a citation during such twenty working days.~~

31 If the resident fails to show the director that he or she has complied

1 with the terms of such traffic citation ~~comply~~ on or before twenty  
2 working days after the postmark date of the notice, the director shall  
3 summarily suspend the operator's license and issue an order. The order  
4 shall be sent by regular United States mail to the resident's person's  
5 last-known mailing address as shown by the records of the department. The  
6 suspension shall continue until the resident has furnished the director  
7 with satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of the citation.

8 (7) (4) The reinstatement fee required under section 60-4,100.01  
9 shall be waived if five years have passed since issuance of the license  
10 suspension order under this section.

11 (8) The performance or completion of an order to complete community  
12 service under this section may be supervised or confirmed by a community  
13 correctional facility or program or another similar entity as ordered by  
14 the court or magistrate.

15 (9) For purposes of this section:

16 (a) Agency means any public or governmental unit, institution,  
17 division, or agency or any private nonprofit organization which provides  
18 services intended to enhance the social welfare or general well-being of  
19 the community, which agrees to accept community service from residents  
20 under this section and to supervise and report the progress of such  
21 community service to the court or magistrate;

22 (b) Community correctional facility or program has the same meaning  
23 as in section 47-621; and

24 (c) Community service means uncompensated labor for an agency to be  
25 performed by a resident when the resident is not working or attending  
26 school.

27 Sec. 14. Section 60-692, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 60-692 When any person fails within thirty working ~~ten~~ days to  
30 satisfy any judgment imposed for any traffic infraction, it shall be the  
31 duty of the clerk of the court in which such judgment is rendered within

1 this state to transmit a copy of such judgment to the Department of Motor  
2 Vehicles as provided in section 60-4,100 , ~~immediately after the~~  
3 ~~expiration of such ten day period, a copy of such judgment.~~

4 Sec. 15. Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 17 of this act  
5 become operative on July 1, 2018. The other sections of this act become  
6 operative on their effective date.

7 Sec. 16. Original sections 25-1577, 29-901, 29-901.01, 29-1823, and  
8 29-2412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

9 Sec. 17. Original sections 29-2206, 29-2206.01, 29-2277, 29-2278,  
10 29-2279, 29-2404, and 60-692, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and  
11 section 60-4,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are  
12 repealed.

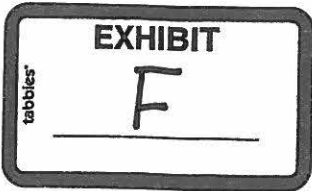


AMENDMENTS TO LB259

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM933)

Introduced by Hansen, 26.

- 1           1. On page 1, strike lines 22 through 24.
- 2           2. On page 2, strike beginning with "If" in line 7 through the
- 3           underscored period in line 10.
- 4           3. On page 4, line 15, strike "an" through "organization" and insert
- 5           "a person, an organization,"; and in line 16 after "program" insert
- 6           "approved by the county board".



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LB68	Hilgers	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Hilgers Priority Bill	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed  <i>LB68 prohibits cities of the primary class from prohibiting carrying of concealed weapons. Except as prohibited, Cities, but not counties, do have the power to regulate the ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, registration, transfer, or storage of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories.</i>
LB72	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/13/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act  <i>LB72 renames the Nebraska Governmental 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	Final Reading 04/12/2017 Wayne Priority Bill	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony  <i>LB75 restores voting rights to felons immediately after completion of their sentence or probation.</i>
LB98	Friesen		Revenue 02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts  <i>LB98 extends tax levy authority for natural resources districts to FY2025-26 instead of fiscal year 2017-2018.</i>
LB144	Friesen		Education 02/06/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017 Bostelman Priority Bill	Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools  <i>LB144 changes agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools.</i>
LB151	Stinner		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities  <i>LB151 requires any entity that is audited or examined to provide to the Auditor of Public Accounts a detailed written description of any corrective action to be taken in response to the audit on or before six months after the issuance of a report by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public accounts must then electronically submit a report of any findings of such investigation to the Governor, the appropriate standing committee, and the Appropriations of the Committee. LB151 also eliminates the duty of Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct all audits and examinations in a timely manner and in accordance with the standards for audits of government organizations, program, activities, and functions published by the Comptroller General of the United States.</i>
LB152	Craighead	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2017	Select File 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents  <i>LB152 eliminates sunset dates of January 1, 2018 for provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents. LB152 also eliminates the six-dollar uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting and filing and indexing and filing and indexing each notice of lien or certification of notice affecting lien on a property.</i>

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LB158	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/26/2017	General File 02/06/2017 Pansing Brooks Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles  <i>LB158 eliminates certain provisions and stipulates that counsel be appointed for a juvenile in all cases in which a court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile. The juvenile and their parent or guardian will be told of the juvenile's right to counsel if they cannot afford to appoint their own. If a juvenile waives their right to counsel, they may at any time rescind such waiver and the court shall reappoint counsel for the juvenile.</i>
LB166	Kolterman		Health and Human Services 01/27/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions of Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act  <i>LB166 requires all pharmacies to complete a controlled-substance inventory whenever there is a change in the pharmacist-in-charge. LB166 also includes a definition for an emergency situation in which Schedule II controlled substances may be administered. Other regulations are also included for when pharmacies deal in controlled substances. Other provisions deal with the conduct of pharmacists and provisions for reporting unethical conduct.</i>
LB180	Bolz		Judiciary 01/26/2017	Final Reading 04/11/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court  <i>LB180 provides criteria for granting a bridge order which terminates the juvenile court's jurisdiction over the juvenile's custody, physical care, and visitation and grants it to a district court.</i>
LB207	Krist		Executive Board 01/20/2017	Final Reading 04/05/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare  <i>LB207 requires the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare to investigate death or serious injury in foster homes when the officer, upon review, determines the death or serious injury did not occur by chance. LB207 also prohibits personnel action from being taken against an employee because of a disclosure of information by the employee which the employee reasonably believes evidences wrongdoing.</i>
LB217	Harr		Revenue 02/02/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Revenue Priority Bill	Change revenue, taxation, economic development, and tax incentive provisions  <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. Portions of LB49, LB228, LB238, LB288, LB387 &amp; LB233 have been amended into LB217 via AM634. Amended Bills: LB49, LB228, LB233, LB238, LB288, LB387</i>
LB225	Crawford	Monitor	Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Crawford Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Child Protection and Family Safety Act, the Nebraska Juvenile Code, the Foster Care Review Act, and the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act as prescribed  <i>LB225 allows the department to begin using alternative response statewide on the effective date of the act until December 31, 2020. LB225 also requires the department to provide to the Nebraska Children's Commission updates on an analysis that will examine the challenges, barriers, and opportunities that may occur if the alternative response implementation plan is made permanent. Portions of LB297 have been amended into LB225 via AM611. Portions of LB298 have been amended into LB225 via AM537. Portions of LB336 have been amended into LB225 via AM462 Amended Bills: LB297, LB298, LB336</i>



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LB233	Smith		Revenue 03/28/2017	General File 02/02/2017 Stinner Priority Bill	Change revenue and taxation provisions
<p><i>LB233 eliminates a provision prohibiting licensed organizations from conducting lotteries or raffles within the boundaries of any Class 6 or Class 7 county without specific authorization through ordinance or resolution. LB233 also allocates the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit among some or all of the qualified partners, members or shareholders if it is a partnership, LLC or corporation that owes the qualified project. If such a qualified partner decides to transfer, sell, or assign all or part of their ownership interest, including their interest in the authorized tax credits, they must notify the Department of Revenue of the transfer, sale, or assignment and provide the tax identification number of the new owner prior to the end of the tax year for which the credits are to be used.</i></p> <p><i>LB 233 requires that, for any funds returned under the homestead exemption, the county treasure must electronically file a report with the Property Tax Administrator, that indicated the amount of funds distributed to each taxing unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits returned.</i></p> <p><i>LB233 also changes the date under which a large data project or tier 4 or 6 project receives their exemption under the Nebraska Advantage act to the first January 1 after the property was placed in service. Additionally, those who file an application that described a large data center or tier 5 project that is sequential to a tier 2 large data center project for which the entitlement period has expired shall receive the exemption of all property, such as computer systems, beginning any January 1 after the date the property was placed into service.</i></p>					
LB253	Crawford		Revenue 02/24/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provide for a special tax levy
<p><i>LB253 allows for any county, city, village, or sanitary and improvement district to enter into a service agreement with any joint entity or joint public agency which owns or operates or proposes to own or operate any sewerage disposal system and plant. LB253 also grants any county, city, village, or sanitary and improvement district to levy a special tax to ensure payment of the service agreement.</i></p>					
LB259	Hansen		Judiciary 03/02/2017	General File 04/12/2017 Hansen Priority Bill	Provide for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts
<p><i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</i></p>					
LB263			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Transportation and Telecommunicati ons Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to motor vehicles, the Public Service Commission, motor carriers, and the statewide one-call notification center
<p><i>LB263 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement an electronic dealer services system. A licensed dealer may voluntarily participate in the system and provide titling and registration services. Any licensed dealer who chooses to participate may collect from a purchaser of a vehicle all appropriate certification of title fees, notation of lien fees, registration fees, motor vehicle taxes and fees, and sales taxes. All fees collected must be remitted to the appropriate authorities. Any licensed dealer who chooses to participate shall use this system to electronically submit title, registration, and lien information to the Vehicle Title and Registration System. License plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title will be delivered as provided under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act and the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB263 limits a political subdivisions liability for any claim based on negligent issuances of a certificate of title under the Motor Vehicle Certification of Title Act and the State Boat Act when such title is issued upon an application filed electronically by an approved licensed dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system.</i></p> <p><i>LB263 also provides that, if a certificate of title is an electronic certificate of title record, the name of the owner may be changed electronically without the need to print a new certificate of title.</i></p>					

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LB268	Schumacher		Judiciary 02/01/2017	General File 03/14/2017 Schumacher Priority Bill	Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement
<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	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Geist Priority Bill	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><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>					
LB289	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/23/2017	Select File 03/31/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim
<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> <p><i>Portions of LB188, LB178 &amp; LB394 have been amended into LB289.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB178, LB188, LB394</p>					

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LB291	Larson		Revenue 03/01/2017	Select File 04/10/2017 Larson Priority Bill	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act  <i>LB291 adopts the Special Economic Impact Zone Act. The purpose of this act is to utilize the tax incentives provided in the act to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on reservations in Nebraska. This act designates each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a qualified business located in a special economic impact zone may exclude any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone when calculating its income tax liability to the state. Beginning January 1, 2018, such businesses are also exempt from the sales and use taxes due for the first ten million dollars of eligible purchases made each year.</i>  <i>LB291 also requires that, when allocating any federal low-income housing tax credits, the authority must give a bonus to any project located in a special economic impact zone.</i>  <i>LB291 also allows for the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes to enter into revenue sharing agreement with the Department of Revenue.</i>
LB300	Krist		Judiciary 02/24/2017	Select File 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child  <i>LB300 eliminates the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from sexual assault of a child.</i>
LB317	Hughes		Urban Affairs 01/24/2017	Final Reading 04/11/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for a relevy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed  <i>LB317 allows special assessments to be relevied or reassessed whenever the special assessment is found to be invalid and uncollectable. Portions of LB133 have been amended into LB317 via AM19.</i> <b>Amended Bills: LB133</b>
LB333	Scheer	Oppose	Health and Human Services 01/25/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled  <i>LB333 requires that a disability persist for more than a year before a person can be considered disabled. LB333 also eliminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct an independent medical review when Social Security denies benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability.</i>
LB337	Smith		Revenue 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Lindstrom Priority Bill	Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes  <i>Beginning November 2019 and every November thereafter, LB337 requires the Tax Rate Review Committee to examine the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts from the Current Fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year. If the expected rate of growth does not exceed three and one-half percent, the Committee shall declare that the income tax rate reduction under section 77-2715.03 be deferred. If such a deferral is declared, the highest individual income tax rate under 77-2715.03 for the current year will remain in place. For 2020 through 2026, this deferral will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds four and two-tenths percent for the upcoming fiscal year. For 2027 and thereafter, and deferrals will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds three and one-half percent for the upcoming fiscal year.</i>  <i>LB337 also adds additional tax bracket tables.</i>

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LB338	Brasch		Revenue 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Brasch Priority Bill	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act  <i>LB338 adopts the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act. Agricultural and horticultural land will be valued at its agricultural use value as determined by the Act regardless of any value which such land might have for other purposes. In order for land to receive agricultural use value, it must be located outside the corporate boundaries any district, city, or village and be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. LB338 requires the county assessor to use an income-approach calculation to determine the agricultural use value for each year.</i>  <i>LB338 also requires the Property Tax Administration to establish capitalization rates to be applied to each class or subclass of agricultural and horticultural land in each county.</i>
LB339	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Transportation and Telecommunicati ons Priority Bill	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation
LB389	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act  <i>LB389 adopts the Small Wireless Facilities Act. The purposes of this Act are to secure public access to advanced wireless technology and information, promote the public benefits from such wireless technology, and confirm that communications service providers and facilities have a right to occupy and utilize public rights-of-way. The Act allows communications service providers and facilities providers to place poles and wireless facilities in an authority right-of-way. An authority may require an application for a permit for such placement. The authority must approve the application unless it does not meet the applicable industry construction standards. Approved permits shall remain valid for at least ten years and be approved automatically for at least three five-year periods. Small wireless facilities shall be permitted use in all zoning districts other than areas outside the authority right-of-way that are zoned and used for single family residential use.</i>
LB415	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/27/2017	General File 04/10/2017 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	Provide and change notification requirements and duties and benefits for certain retirement system members, change certain annuity and disability benefit provisions, and provide duties for school districts and the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to retirement  <i>Under LB415, termination of employment for county employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity with the same or another county which participates in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in a retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i>  <i>On or after July 1, 2017, a retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as a new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and earned after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the County Employees Retirement Act.</i>

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					<p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for School employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity within 180 days with the same or another county which participates in the School Employees Retirement Act; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in an retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i></p> <p><i>A retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as a new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and eared after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the 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 how 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 beings at a time when the sum of the member's attained age and credible 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> <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 an retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems. The employer involved in the termination of the employment and the officer shall certify that, prior to retirement, there was no prearranged agreement to return to work in any capacity. A retired officer of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired officer that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and eared after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act.</i></p> <p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for State employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity with the same or another county which participates in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in an retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i></p>

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					<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>
LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Final Reading 04/12/2017 Riepe Priority Bill	Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare  <i>LB417 eliminates provisions concerning the alternative response implementation plan. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring associations that receive juveniles under the Nebraska Juvenile Code to report to the department its condition, management, and competency. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring the department to submit an annual summary and analysis of the medical assistance program to the Medicaid Reform Council. LB417 eliminates a provision requiring the department to report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Medicaid Reform Council on the implementation of rules and regulations, Medicaid state plan amendments, and waivers adopted under the Medical Assistance Act and their effects.</i>  <i>LB417 eliminates provisions requiring the divisions to notify the Governor and Legislature when the occupancy of the licensed psychiatric hospital beds of any regional center reaches twenty percent or less of its capacity. LB417 also eliminates provision that have been outdated.</i>  <i>LB417 allows senior volunteers to receive transportation expenses, one free meal, and an annual physical examination. LB417 eliminates provisions that provided senior volunteers with an hourly stipend.</i>  <i>LB417 requires the department to make annual grants in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. As a condition to receiving a grant, an application must obtain at least ten percent matching funds from local sources. LB417 also requires the department to develop a quality assurance plan to promote and monitor quality relating to services for persons with developmental disabilities.</i>
LB427	Vargas		Education 01/30/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Vargas Priority Bill	Require breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents  <i>LB427 requires schools to provide private or appropriate facilities for accommodation for milk expression and storage for breast feeding student-mothers.</i>
LB432	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Erdman Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to allowances for delinquent taxes and anticipated litigation  <i>LB432 eliminates provisions that allowed governing bodies, when certifying the amount needed for a budget, to make allowances for delinquent taxes not exceeding five percent of the amount required plus the actual percentage of delinquent taxes for the preceding tax year and for any estimated tax loss from any pending or anticipated litigation which involves taxation. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB444	Walz		Judiciary 03/03/2017	Final Reading 04/11/2017 Walz Priority Bill	Prohibit cities and counties from canceling health insurance coverage for injured first responders as prescribed  <i>LB444 prohibits cities and counties from canceling health insurance for law enforcement officers who suffered serious bodily injury while in the line of duty.</i>
LB447	Chambers		Judiciary 02/08/2017	Select File 03/09/2017 Chambers Priority Bill	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties  <i>LB447 eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for Class ID and Class IC felonies.</i>

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LB451	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Change various provisions relating to elections as prescribed  <i>LB451 eliminates a provision prohibiting the election commissioner from becoming a candidate for an elected officer during their term of office or within thirty days of leaving office. LB451 also changes provision relating to the appointment for vacant legislative seats. LB451 also provides that any person using an early voting or absentee ballot must sign a voter oath to be contained with the ballot.</i>  <i>LB451 requires that, if the filing deadline for the elective officer is after March 1 of the year in which the election is held, the candidate must file supplementary statements on or before the filing deadline. If the candidate files to appear on the ballot for election during the calendar year in which the election is held, the candidate must file a statement of financial interests of the preceding calendar year with the commission on or before March 1 of the year. A statement of financial interest must be preserved for a period of no less than five years.</i>
LB470	Larson		General Affairs 02/06/2017	IPP (Killed) 02/24/2017 General Affairs Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act relating to the manner of play of keno, use of electronic tickets, and authorized methods of payment  <i>LB470 allows the use of electronic tickets when playing keno. A lottery operator that does use electronic tickets must take reasonable measure to prevent participation in the keno lottery by a person outside the licensed premises. LB470 also prohibits the use of credit cards to pay for keno beginning January 1, 2018.</i>
LB481	Kuehn		Health and Human Services 02/02/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for drug product selection for interchangeable biological products  <i>LB481 allows for drug product selection concerning interchangeable biological products. LB481 also adjusts definitions under the Nebraska Drug Product Selection Act.</i>
LB487	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/23/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	Provide and change immunity provisions relating to naloxone and asthma and allergic reactions and change provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act  <i>LB487 exempts a person from violating the Uniform Controlled Substance Act if: such person made a good faith request for emergency medical assistance in response to a drug overdose of himself, herself, or another; such person was the first person to make a request for medical assistance as soon as the drug overdose was apparent; the evidence for the violation of the UCSA was obtained as the result of the drug overdose and request for medical assistance; such requesting person remained on the scene until medical assistance arrived; and such requesting person cooperated with medical assistance or law enforcement.</i>  <i>LB487 also prohibits administrative action, criminal prosecution, and civil liability against an emergency responder or peace officer who, in good faith, administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.</i> <i>Portions of LB167, LB293, and LB296, as amended by AM276, have been amended into LB487 via AM568.</i> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB167, LB293, LB296
LB496	Stinner		Urban Affairs 02/28/2017	General File 03/08/2017 Williams Priority Bill	Define and redefine terms under the Community Development Law  <i>LB496 includes the construction of workforce housing, in cities of the first and second class and villages, into the definition of redevelopment project under the Community Development Law. LB496 also includes a definition for workforce housing. Workforce housing means single-family or multi-family housing for which the municipality receives a housing study that is current, prepares an incentive plan for construction targeted to house existing or new workers, holds a public hearing on such incentive plan with notice, and after the public hearing finds that such incentive plan is necessary to prevent the spread of blight and substandard conditions within the municipality.</i>

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LB539	Krist		Executive Board 02/08/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	Change the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act  <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>
LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services 03/15/2017	General File 04/10/2017 McDonnell Priority Bill	Change medicaid reimbursement provisions relating to ground emergency medical transportation  <i>LB578 allows eligible providers to receive, in addition to the rate of payment, supplemental Medicaid reimbursement pursuant to a specified pay schedule. Participation in the supplemental reimbursement program by an eligible provider is voluntary. If a government entity elects to seek supplemental reimbursement on behalf of an eligible providers, they must clarity that the claimed expenditures for are eligible for federal financial participation, provide evidence supporting the certification as specified by the division, submit data as specified to determine the appropriate amounts of qualifying expenditures, and maintain any specified records.</i>  <i>LB578 also requires the department to design and implement an intergovernmental transfer program relating to Medicaid managed ground emergency medical transportation services to be implemented on the date federal approval is obtained. Participation in intergovernmental transfers is voluntary on the party of the transferring entity. The intergovernmental transfer program shall also be implemented without any additional expenditure from the General Fund. Each eligible provider or governmental entity must agree to reimburse the department for any costs associated with implementing such a program.</i>
LB625	Larson	Monitor	Urban Affairs 02/14/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act  <i>LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city of village located in whole or in party within such county.</i>
LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property  <i>LB628 prohibits cities, villages, and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or 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>
LB644		Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/24/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions governing boards, commissions, and similar entities  <i>LB644 eliminates the state noxious weed advisory committee and the Nebraska Potato Development Committee. LB644 also prohibits a quorum of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications from being present unless all members appointed by the Governor are present. All citizen members of this commission must be affiliated with the political party of the Governor. LB644 also eliminates a requirement that lawyer members of this commission be members of the Nebraska bar and reside in the judicial district served by the commission.</i>  <i>LB644 requires the State Treasurer to transfer any funds in the Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund.</i>  <i>LB644 also eliminates the Board of Emergency Medical Services and gives its power to the department and the Division of Public Health.</i>  <i>LB644 eliminates the Perfusionst Committee.</i>



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<i>LB644 gives a licensee who had their motor vehicle operator license revoked because of a mental, medical, or vision problem the right to an immediate appeal to the director. Whenever a director reviews the denial or cancellation of a license because of mental, medical, or vision problems, the director may consider records and reports from a qualified physician. LB644 also eliminates the Health Advisory Board's role in the making of this decision.</i>					

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LB7	Krist	Monitor	Judiciary 01/18/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Provide for suspension of medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in public institutions  <i>LB7, relating to jail and correctional facilities, would suspend medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in a public institution. Currently, section 47-706 only suspends medical assistance to inmates of a public institution. LB7 would amend this section to cover detainees as well as inmates.</i>
LB8	Krist		Judiciary 01/18/2017	Approved by Governor 03/29/2017	Change and eliminate provisions relating to juvenile detention and probation and provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives  <i>LB8 acts to change, eliminate, and harmonize provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code. LB8 also provides for a graduated response program, to replace the current administrative sanctions program, designed to utilize a series of sanctions, incentives, and services to facilitate a juvenile's continued progress toward changing behavior and successful completion of the probationary period. A state-wide standardized graduated response program may be developed by the Office of Probation Administration with the help of interested parties, such as judges, probations officers, county attorneys, defense attorneys, juveniles, and parents. Graduated response incentives should be designed to provide positive reinforcement as well as encourage and support positive behavior change and successful completion of the probationary period, including the possible reduction or elimination of imposed conditions. Sanctions should be immediate, certain, consistent, and fair in regards to the behavior that needs to be addressed.</i>
LB10	Krist		Judiciary 01/18/2017	Final Reading 03/20/2017	Increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed  <i>LB10 would increase, from five to six, the number of juvenile court judges in counties having four hundred thousand inhabitants or more.</i>
LB22	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations 01/17/2017	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 02/15/2017	To provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and to reduce appropriations  <i>LB22 is the Governor's budget reduction bill for the remainder of FY2016-17.</i>
LB26	Murante		Judiciary 01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change service requirements for harassment protection orders  <i>LB26 changes the requirement of service of notice for harassment protection orders. Service would not be required for prosecuting a violation of a protection order if the respondent has actual knowledge of the harassment protection order.</i>
LB27	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change requirements for state agency contracts and powers and duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts as prescribed  <i>LB27 requires that all information requested by the auditor be received by September 20. Information not received by this date shall be deemed delinquent, and the auditor may assess the political subdivision a late fee of twenty dollars per day. Political subdivisions that fail to provide the requested information by September 20 will also be subject to an audit, based on the auditor's discretion. LB27 also adds a restriction that state agency contracts may not be amended to extend the duration of the contract for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. Purchasing or lease contracts entered into by the state purchasing bureau may also not be amended to extend the duration of the contract for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. LB27 also creates a duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts to assess a fourteen percent interest rate on delinquent payments of any fees for audits and services owed to the Auditor of Public Accounts. LB27 also allowed the Auditor of Public Accounts to share working papers with certain agencies during either an ongoing audit or after the completion of an audit.</i>
LB36	Harr		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/20/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Provide for review by state agencies of occupational credentials and provide for a critical assessment document  <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>  <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>  <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>

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					<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>
					<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>
LB43	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service  <i>LB43 limits the monthly surcharge that a governing body may impose on telephone numbers within the service area to one dollar per month. Wireless carriers may collect a surcharge of up to seventy cents.</i>
LB47	Watermeier	Support	Judiciary 01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with grand juries and the deaths of incarcerated persons  <i>LB47 allows for all costs of an autopsy or grand jury to be paid by the county in which the person died, unless the person died in a state correctional facility. Compensation to those serving on a grand jury will also be paid by the county, unless the case involves an inmate who died while serving a sentence at a state correctional facility.</i>
LB51	Schumacher	Neutral	Revenue 01/19/2017	General File 03/15/2017	Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes  <i>LB51 allows land banks to offer to pay the amount of taxes, interest, and costs due on the real property that is for sale, and bid an interest rate as described in section 77-1807. Automatically accepted bids from a land bank must include an offer to pay and an interest rate bid. LB51 eliminates provisions that have expired and a provision permitting a round robin format for the sale of real estate. LB51 prohibits bidders at public auctions from colluding with each other to obtain an unfair interest rate. Sales that are the product of collusion are voidable by the county board. LB51 further stipulates how interest will be allocated upon the sale of real estate.</i>
LB53	Schumacher		Judiciary 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals  <i>LB53 allows sentencing judges, when they feel that imposition of a mandatory minimum sentence to be improper, to order a three-judge panel to determine whether or not the mandatory minimum is proper and what the proper sentence should be. Sentencing judges would also be allowed to conduct hearings that will aid their determination whether the mandatory minimum sentence is proper. Arguments may be presented by each attorney during the determination of a proper sentence.</i>
LB55	Schumacher		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds  <i>LB55 requires landowners to mow to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches along their lands at least three times each year. The first before June 5, the second before July 10, and the third before August 15.</i>
LB66	Hansen		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/28/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act  <i>LB66 permits the stacking of separate policies for individuals living together when determining the limit of insurance coverage available to an injured person for any one accident.</i>
LB68	Hilgers	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Hilgers Priority Bill	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed  <i>LB68 prohibits cities of the primary class from prohibiting carrying of concealed weapons. Except as prohibited, Cities, but not counties, do have the power to regulate the ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, registration, transfer, or storage of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories.</i>
LB71	Pansing Brooks		Appropriations 02/27/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change appropriations relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program  <i>LB71 changes the appropriation from two hundred fifty thousand to three million dollars from the general fund in order to fund tree removal, disposal, and replacement.</i>

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LB72	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/13/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act  <i>LB72 renames the Nebraska Governmental 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	Final Reading 04/12/2017 Wayne Priority Bill	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony  <i>LB75 restores voting rights to felons immediately after completion of their sentence or probation.</i>
LB76	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Require notice for Secretary of State regarding completion of felony sentence for purposes of voting rights  <i>After completion of a probationary period, LB76 requires a copy of the order that releases the felon from his probation to be provided to the Secretary of State no later than ten days after the order is given. The Secretary of State will then make not of the completion of the felony sentence upon receipt of an abstract from the Department of Corrections. The clerk of any court in which a person was convicted must also complete an abstract detailing who has completed their felony sentence and who is not included in the order to restore civil rights after completion of their probationary period. The department is also to prepare an abstract each month reflecting which person have completed their probationary period and deliver it to the Secretary of State. The parol administrator must also prepare an abstract each month that reflects each person which a felony conviction who has completed their parole term.</i>
LB78	Crawford		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	General File 03/02/2017	Change provisions relating to relinquishment or abandonment of any portion of a state highway system  <i>LB78 allows for department, political, and governmental subdivisions to negotiate the terms or conditions of any relinquishment of a public highway that the state has decided to abandon. This petition and a written memorandum of understanding will be filed as a public record. After the filing of the petition and memorandum, the section of the highway becomes the responsibility of the subdivision. If there is an unforeseen economic change, the subdivision is allowed to request a renegotiation of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.</i>
LB80	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/18/2017	Approved by Governor 03/08/2017	Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act  <i>LB80 includes Law clerks and students employed by the county attorney or public defender as unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act.</i>
LB81	Blood	Support	Judiciary 02/02/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change the application fee for handgun certificates  <i>LB81 changes the fee charged for each application for a handgun certification from five dollars to twenty-five dollars.</i>
LB86	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/23/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Eliminate a requirement regarding opening bridge bids  <i>LB86 eliminates the requirement that bridge bids be opened in the presence of the county board.</i>
LB89	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	General File 02/02/2017	Change published notice of hearing requirements under the Nebraska Budget Act as prescribed  <i>LB89 changes the requirement for notice of a public hearing from five days to four calendar days. Four calendar days will include the date of publication but not the day of the hearing.</i>

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LB90	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Require public entity provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination  <i>LB90 requires public entities to provide suitable accommodations when any employee of the Auditor of Public Accounts conducts an audit or examination of them.</i>
LB93	Hansen		Judiciary 01/19/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Adopt the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act  <i>LB93 adopts the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act. The act provides that an automatic license plate reader system may only be used by a law enforcement agency as an alert for the purpose of identification, by a parking enforcement entity for regulating the use of a parking facility, for the purposes of controlling access to a secured area, for the purpose of electronic toll collection, and to assist weighing stations in performing their duties. The data captured from an automatic license plate reader system may not be retained except for situations specified in section 4 of the act. Any government entity that does use an automatic license plate reader must adopt a use policy and display that policy on their website, adopt a privacy policy to ensure that the captured information is not shared in violation of this act, and report annually to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on its automatic license plate reader practices and usage. The report should follow the specifications outlined in subsection (3)(a) of section 6 of this act. Plate data that is capture and evidence derived therefrom ay not be received into evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding, and any person who violates this act will be subject to damages.</i>
LB95	Crawford		Urban Affairs 02/28/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to the Community Development Law and tax-increment financing  <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>  <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>  <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>  <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>  <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>
LB98	Friesen		Revenue 02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts  <i>LB98 extends tax levy authority for natural resources districts to FY2025-26 instead of fiscal year 2017-2018.</i>
LB102	Hilkemann		Judiciary 01/19/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Change a penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants  <i>LB102 makes tampering with a witness, informant, or jury a Class IV felony, unless the tampering occurs as an attempt to change the outcome of a felony charge, in which case it is a Class II felony.</i>

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LB107	Crawford		Judiciary 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Prohibit sexual assault of a patient, client, or student as prescribed  <i>LB107 establishes that a health professional commits the offense of sexual abuse of a patient or client if the professional subjects a patient or client who is at least sixteen years of age but less than nineteen years of age to sexual penetration or sexual contact. A health profession to subjects such a patient to sexual penetration is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the first degree, which is a Class IIA felony. A health professional who subjects such patient or client to sexual contact is guilty of sexual abuse of a patient or client in the second degree, which is a Class IIIA felony.</i>  <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>  <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>  <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>  <i>Consent is not a defense under any section of LB107.</i>
LB108	Crawford		Judiciary 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Require guidelines to ensure safety of minor or dependent whose parent or guardian is arrested  <i>LB108 requires that, beginning July 1, 2018, each police department, sheriff's office, and state patrol must establish guidelines for officer to ensure child safety upon the arrest of a parent or guardian. If, upon questing during the booking process, the arrested person is identified as a custodial parent or guardian, they are to be given two phone calls at no cost to a relative or other person for the purpose of arranging for the care of a minor.</i>
LB110	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 01/24/2017	General File 02/10/2017	Change duties and requirements relating to certain retirement plan reporting and change duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Public Employees Retirement Board  <i>LB110 creates and end date for reporting requirements of December 31, 2017. After December 31, 2017 providers of defined benefit pension plans are required to prepare and electronically file an annual report with the Auditor of Public Accounts. This report should include the level of benefits of participants in the plan, number of members who are eligible, total present value of benefits, funding sources, and a copy of a full actuarial analysis of each such defined benefit plan. If such a report is not submitted within six months after the end of the year, the Auditor may audit the provider.</i>
LB111	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/17/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Provide for nonpartisan election of county officers  <i>LB111 requires that county officers be elected on a nonpartisan ballot.</i>
LB112	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/15/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without reregistering to vote provisionally  <i>LB112 requires the Secretary of State to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that establish procedures for election commissioners and county clerks to ensure that there is no fraud in provisional voting. LB112 allows for individuals who have moved but still reside in Nebraska to utilize provisional ballots.</i>  <i>LB112 also adds twelve months' post-release supervision as a punishment for election falsification.</i>
LB113	Hansen		Urban Affairs 01/17/2017	Approved by Governor 03/29/2017	Change population threshold provisions relating to municipalities and eliminate obsolete provisions  <i>LB113 makes changes that would place the following language into all sections regarding city population thresholds: "as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census"</i>

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LB127	Groene	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2017	General File 03/17/2017	Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act  <i>LB 127 provides for a change in the open meetings law, in Sec. 84-1411 of the statute. It strikes language for political subdivisions to publicize meeting designated by each political body and requires them to publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county within the public entities jurisdiction as well as any other method designated by the public body. The newspaper notice does not have to be published in every county but must have a general circulation within the county. This proposal is also not intended to apply to state agencies but just political subdivision.</i>
LB139	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/17/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers  <i>LB139 allows for county boards to adopt resolutions that submits a question to voters on whether they would like the election of county officers to be a nonpartisan ballot. If the voters answer the question in favor of nonpartisan ballots, then the county must utilize nonpartisan ballots for the election of officers.</i>
LB144	Friesen		Education 02/06/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017 Bostelman Priority Bill	Change agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools  <i>LB144 changes agricultural and horticultural adjusted valuations for calculating state aid to schools.</i>
LB145	Hansen	Monitor	Judiciary 03/16/2017	General File 04/12/2017	Provide for a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs and traffic citations and provide for community service  <i>LB145 allows for a sentencing judge or magistrate to conduct a post-hearing sentence to determine if the offender has the financial ability to pay the fines or costs associated with their infraction. If the magistrate or judge determines that the offender is able to pay the fine, but the offender refuses, the magistrate or judge may sentence the offender to imprisonment or community service. If the offender is found unable to pay the fine, the magistrate or judge may impose the sentence without costs and fines, discharge the costs and fines from the offender, or order community service as part of the sentence. If the offender is found able to pay the costs or fines in installments, the magistrate or judge may enter an order specifying the terms of a payment arrangement.</i>  <i>LB145 also allows for individuals who are arrested for failure to pay costs and fines to be provided a hearing in which their financial ability to pay those fines and costs can be assessed. A person who believes themselves to be financially unable to pay court costs and fines may request a hearing after an order has been issued against them.</i>
LB146	Hansen		Judiciary 01/25/2017	General File 01/30/2017	Provide for set-asides of convictions for infractions  <i>LB146 allows for convictions of infractions to be set aside after completion of the sentence imposed.</i>
LB151	Stinner		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Change and provide for duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts and certain audited entities  <i>LB151 requires any entity that is audited or examined to provide to the Auditor of Public Accounts a detailed written description of any corrective action to be taken in response to the audit on or before six months after the issuance of a report by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public accounts must then electronically submit a report of any findings of such investigation to the Governor, the appropriate standing committee, and the Appropriations of the Committee. LB151 also eliminates the duty of Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct all audits and examinations in a timely manner and in accordance with the standards for audits of government organizations, program, activities, and functions published by the Comptroller General of the United States.</i>
LB152	Craighead	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2017	Select File 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents  <i>LB152 eliminates sunset dates of January 1, 2018 for provisions relating to the fees for recording and filing certain documents. LB152 also eliminates the six-dollar uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting and filing and indexing and filing and indexing each notice of lien or certification of notice affecting lien on a property.</i>

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LB156	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Eliminate a termination date under the 911 Service System Act  <i>LB156 eliminates Section 86-1030 from the 911 Service System Act.</i>
LB158	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/26/2017	General File 02/06/2017 Pansing Brooks Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles  <i>LB158 eliminates certain provisions and stipulates that counsel be appointed for a juvenile in all cases in which a court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile. The juvenile and their parent or guardian will be told of the juvenile's right to counsel if they cannot afford to appoint their own. If a juvenile waives their right to counsel, they may at any time rescind such waiver and the court shall reappoint counsel for the juvenile.</i>
LB159	McCollister		Urban Affairs 01/24/2017	General File 01/25/2017	Change provisions relating to when special assessments are payable for cities of the metropolitan class  <i>LB159 allows for the creation of a payment schedule of at least ten years but less than twenty when the total cost of a special improvement exceed five thousand dollars.</i>
LB162	Krist		Judiciary 01/27/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Change provisions relating to criminal mischief and change and provide additional penalties for bribing or tampering with witnesses, informants, or jurors  <i>LB162 changes "felony criminal mischief" to "felony criminal damage to property." LB162 also makes it a Class III felony to bribe or tamper with a witness or juror except when the bribery or tampering of a witness or juror occurs during a proceeding or investigation for a violation of any statute punishable as a Class IIA felony or higher, in which it will be a Class IIA felony.</i>
LB163	Vargas	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/16/2017	In Committee 01/10/2017	Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties  <i>LB163 requires election commissioners in counties with populations of more than one hundred thousand to establish at least three voting locations.</i>
LB164	Geist		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/24/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change provisions relating to trailers, commercial motor vehicle disqualification provisions, accident reports, and motor vehicle records disclosure and authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to keep and sell certain registration and certificate of title records  <i>LB164 eliminates the term "cabin trailer" from provisions. LB164 also provides a more exhaustive list of the types of registration and certificates of title records the department can sell.</i>
LB166	Kolterman		Health and Human Services 01/27/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions of Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act  <i>LB166 requires all pharmacies to complete a controlled-substance inventory whenever there is a change in the pharmacist-in-charge. LB166 also includes a definition for an emergency situation in which Schedule II controlled substances may be administered. Other regulations are also included for when pharmacies deal in controlled substances. Other provisions deal with the conduct of pharmacists and provisions for reporting unethical conduct.</i>
LB176	Bostelman		Natural Resources 01/26/2017	General File 01/31/2017	Eliminate obsolete provisions related to milldams  <i>LB176 repeals sections 56-101, 56-115, 56-124, 56-125, 56-126, and 56-127, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Section 56-101 has to deal with and acquisition and procedure for acquiring dam sights using eminent domain. Section 56-115 has to deal with the procedure for determining damages from stagnant or overflow water. Section 56-124 has to deal with the right of entry on adjoining lands for the repairs of milldams. Section 56-125 has to deal with recovery for damages arising from the repair of a milldam on adjoining lands. Section 56-126 has to deal with recovery of a mill owner for damages regarding injury to their property. Section 56-127 has to deal with when a municipal corporation is allowed to acquire a milldam site.</i>
LB178	Bolz	Support	Judiciary 02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017	Provide for sexual assault protection order  <i>LB178 allows for any victim of sexual assault o file a petition and affidavit for a sexual assault protection order. This protective order shall be effective for two years unless renewed. Any knowing violation of such protective order will be a Class I Misdemeanor. LB178 also affords full faith and credit to sexual assault protection orders issued in other states or jurisdictions.</i>



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LB179	Bolz		Health and Human Services 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence  <i>LB179 requires any child who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement in the six months prior to attaining nineteen years of age to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. The Office of Probation is required to identify such individuals and provide the information. LB179 also provides factors for a court to consider when deciding whether it is necessary for the juvenile to remain in the court-ordered out-of-home placement. LB179 also provides for medical care under the medical assistance program for young adults for such juveniles.</i>
LB180	Bolz		Judiciary 01/26/2017	Final Reading 04/11/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court  <i>LB180 provides criteria for granting a bridge order which terminates the juvenile court's jurisdiction over the juvenile's custody, physical care, and visitation and grants it to a district court.</i>
LB183	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/17/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Authorize change of nomination and election provisions for county officers  <i>LB183 allows for the county boards in counties with a population of fifteen thousand or fewer to adopt a resolution requiring a submission of a question to the voters regarding whether or not the election of county officers should be partisan or not. If the voters answer the question in favor of nonpartisan elections, all subsequent elections shall be as such until another question is submitted to the voters. Such question may not be submitted to the voters more than once every three years.</i>
LB189	Howard		Appropriations 03/14/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for recruitment and retention of caseworkers  <i>LB189 appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2017-18 and \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2018-19 to the Department of Health and Human Services for Program 33 to be used specifically for the recruitment and retention of caseworkers for child welfare.</i>
LB191	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017	Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders  <i>LB191 allows for victims of domestic abuse to file a petition and affidavit to renew a protection order thirty days before the expiration of the previous protection order. The renewal period shall be effective for one year beginning the day of expiration of the previous order.</i>
LB192	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/22/2017	General File 03/20/2017	Change and modernize provisions relating to the qualifying and summoning of jurors  <i>The purpose of LB192 is to provide adequate compensation of the jury commissioner and to permit a change in such salary as soon as the change may become operative under the Constitution of Nebraska. The salary of the jury commissioner is to be fixed by the district judges in an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars. LB192 also eliminates a provision excusing nursing mothers from serving on juries. LB192 contains duties of a jury commissioner designed to ensure adequate selection of qualified potential jurors.</i>
LB193	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/10/2017	General File 02/22/2017	Change provisions relating to courts  <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>  <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>  <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>

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					<p><i>LB193 requires every clerk to maintain and preserve a file and record of all papers delivered to them in every action or special proceedings. Retention and disposition of the records shall be determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act. The clerk of the district court is required to maintain records on the court's electronic case management system. Retention and disposition of the records shall be determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act. The case file is required to be in chronological order and contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgement, verdicts, postjudgement actions, and other documents in the case file. The case file may be maintained as an electronic document through the court's electronic case management system. The file may also be maintained in a paper volume and disposed of when determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires the trial docket be available for the court on the first day of each month. The docket must set forth each case pending in the order of the filing of the complaint to be called for trial.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 adds new definitions that apply to clerk of other courts of record. Definitions for Fee Record, General Index, Judge's Notes, Judgment Index, Register of Actions, and Trial Docket are added.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires, whenever there is a transfer order from county court to district court, the county court must file the Certification of the proceedings, all original documents of the action, certification of the transcript of the register of actions, and the certification of the court costs within ten days.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires that, when there is a change of venue, the clerk of the original court must file all original documents and a certification of the transcript of the register of actions, certification of the proceedings, and certification of the court costs to the clerk of the new court.</i></p> <p><i>LB193 requires that the stenography notes of a court reporter be preserved and sealed.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p>
LB194	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act
					<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>

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					<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>
					<i>LB194 also creates a duty of licensees to report, on an annual basis, certain information regarding their operations to the director.</i>
LB197	Kolowski		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2017	Provide for electronic application for an early voting ballot
					<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>
LB199	McCullister		Judiciary	In Committee 01/27/2017	Eliminate certain state aid to counties for law enforcement and jail operations
					<i>LB199 repeals sections 23-362 and 23-362.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Both these sections that provide funds for counties in which Indian Reservations are located for the purpose of law enforcement and jail operations.</i>
LB200	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	General File 04/04/2017	Provide that the county surveyor shall perform the duties of county highway superintendent in certain counties as prescribed
					<i>LB200 requires a county surveyor in counties with a population of seventy-five thousand but less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants to perform all the duties and possess all the powers and functions of the county highway superintendent.</i>
LB201	Lowe		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants
					<i>LB201 allows for law enforcement officers to request the assistance of any other law enforcement officer in executing a search warrant if the person or place to be searched is not within the named officer's jurisdiction. LB201 also allows for unsworn statements to be made under the penalty of perjury and subject to the same punishments as perjury.</i>
LB202	Lowe		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2017	Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant
					<i>LB202 creates the offense of obstructing government operations if a person intentionally and willfully refuses to submit to a chemical test authorized by a search warrant.</i>
LB207	Krist		Executive Board	Final Reading 04/05/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
					<i>LB207 requires the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare to investigate death or serious injury in foster homes when the officer, upon review, determines the death or serious injury did not occur by chance. LB207 also prohibits personnel action from being taken against an employee because of a disclosure of information by the employee which the employee reasonably believes evidences wrongdoing.</i>
LB212	Hansen		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/23/2017	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act
					<i>LB212 requires compensation to be paid if a law enforcement officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty. For deaths occurring during 2018, compensation shall be fifty thousand dollars. For deaths occurring 2019 and each subsequent year, compensation shall be the compensation of the previous year increased by the Consumer Price Index.</i>

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LB216	Harr		Executive Board 01/30/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Adopt the Redistricting Act  <i>LB216 creates an Independent Redistricting Citizen's Advisory Commission for the purpose of assisting the Legislature in the process of redistricting in 2021 and thereafter. LB216 also creates The Redistricting Fund for the purpose of assisting the commission for travel and actual expenses of the members of the commission. Principles are provided for the commission to follow in the course of their duties in sections 28 and 29.</i>
LB217	Harr		Revenue 02/02/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Revenue Priority Bill	Change revenue, taxation, economic development, and tax incentive provisions  <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. Portions of LB49, LB228, LB238, LB288, LB387 &amp; LB233 have been amended into LB217 via AM634. Amended Bills: LB49, LB228, LB233, LB238, LB288, LB387</i>
LB219			Nebraska Retirement Systems 01/31/2017	General File 03/16/2017	Change retirement system provisions relating to authorized benefit elections and actuarial assumptions  <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.  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.  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.  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.  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>
LB225	Crawford	Monitor	Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Crawford Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Child Protection and Family Safety Act, the Nebraska Juvenile Code, the Foster Care Review Act, and the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act as prescribed  <i>LB225 allows the department to begin using alternative response statewide on the effective date of the act until December 31, 2020. LB225 also requires the department to provide to the Nebraska Children's Commission updates on an analysis that will examine the challenges, barriers, and opportunities that may occur if the alternative response implementation plan is made permanent. Portions of LB297 have been amended into LB225 via AM611. Portions of LB298 have been amended into LB225 via AM537. Portions of LB336 have been amended into LB225 via AM462 Amended Bills: LB297, LB298, LB336</i>
LB228	Harr		Revenue 03/03/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to rent-restricted housing projects  <i>LB228 allows the Department of Revenue, on behalf of the committee, to forward income and expense statements from owners of rent-restricted housing projects to the county assessor of each county in which the housing project is located.</i>

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LB230	Watermeier		Executive Board 01/26/2017	General File 02/02/2017	Create the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee  <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>
LB232	Kolterman		Revenue 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide a property tax exemption for property leased to the state or a governmental subdivision  <i>LB232 includes property leased to the state or to a governmental subdivision by the person or entity holding legal title to the property within the definition of property of the state and its governmental subdivisions. Therefore, this leased property is exempt from property taxes.</i>
LB233	Smith		Revenue 03/28/2017	General File 02/02/2017 Stinner Priority Bill	Change revenue and taxation provisions  <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>  <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>  <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>
LB236	Erdman		Revenue 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to the inclusion of multiple lots in one parcel  <i>LB236 allows for two or more vacant lots, if owned by the same person, to be considered one parcel for the purpose of property taxes unless such lots have any property taxes or special assessments that are certified but not yet due, are due, or are delinquent if property taxes or special assessments on such lots have been sold at a tax sale.</i>
LB238	Erdman		Revenue 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to certifying taxable values  <i>LB238 allows the certification of taxable values to be provided to the governing body or board either by mail, electronically, or by notifying such governing body or board of the place on the county assessor's website where the current taxable values are located.</i>
LB243	Bolz		Judiciary 02/16/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Require reporting of certain information concerning assaults that occur in state institutions  <i>If a person is assaulted in a secure state institution by another person housed or held in such institution, LB243 requires the administrators of secure state institutions to inform the victim of the assault of all disciplinary actions that are being taken and their results, as well as inform the appropriate county attorney of such assault.</i>
LB244	Bolz		Business and Labor 02/27/2017	General File 03/03/2017	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness for workers' compensation  <i>LB244 allows frontline state employees to receive workers' compensation for mental injuries if they can establish, by preponderance of the evidence, that their employment conditions causing the mental injury or illness were extraordinary and unusual and that the medial causation between the mental injury or illness and the employment. A frontline employee means an employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Health and Human Services whose duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk individuals.</i>

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LB245	Bolz		Judiciary 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for a corrections-related emergency and overtime as prescribed  <i>LB245 requires that employees of the Department of Corrections must have at least eight consecutive hours off work before a shift. Overtime of such employees is also limited to thirty-two hours during a period of two consecutive weeks. However, in the event of a serious disturbance at a correctional facility, the director may declare an emergency and the overtime restrictions may be suspended for up to two weeks or until the director rescinds the declaration.</i>
LB249	Harr		Revenue 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Expand business inventory property tax exemption  <i>LB249 expands business inventory property tax exemptions to personal property that is equipment useable for construction, agriculture, or manufacturing.</i>
LB250	Harr		Judiciary 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to probationers' rights  <i>LB250 takes away a probationer's right to a prompt consideration of a motion or information to revoke probation when the probationer has failed or refused to report to their probation officer as ordered by the court.</i>
LB251	Harr		Revenue 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Redefine agricultural or horticultural purposes for revenue and taxation purposes  <i>LB251 requires that, when determining whether a parcel of land is primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, no regard may be given to whether some or all of the parcel is platted and subdivided into separate lots or developed with improvements such as streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, sewer lines, water lines, or utility lines.</i>
LB253	Crawford		Revenue 02/24/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Authorize intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provide for a special tax levy  <i>LB253 allows for any county, city, village, or sanitary and improvement district to enter into a service agreement with any joint entity or joint public agency which owns or operates or proposes to own or operate any sewerage disposal system and plant. LB253 also grants any county, city, village, or sanitary and improvement district to levy a special tax to ensure payment of the service agreement.</i>
LB256	Briese		Urban Affairs 01/31/2017	General File 03/06/2017	Adopt the Vacant Property Registration Act  <i>LB256 adopts the Vacant Property Registration Act. The purpose of this act is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Nebraska residents by providing authority for municipalities to enact vacant property registration ordinances. These ordinances should allow communities to identify and register vacant properties, collect fees to compensate for the public costs of vacant properties, plan for the rehabilitation of vacant properties, and encourage the occupancy of vacant properties. These registration ordinances may apply to either residential or commercial buildings, but not to property owned by the federal government, the State of Nebraska, or any political subdivision.</i>
LB258	Hansen		Judiciary 02/16/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state identification card or driver's license before discharge  <i>LB258 provides for inmates the opportunity to obtain a state identification card or a motor vehicle operator's license prior to release.</i>
LB259	Hansen		Judiciary 03/02/2017	General File 04/12/2017 Hansen Priority Bill	Provide for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts  <i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</i>
LB261	Hansen		Business and Labor 02/13/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act  <i>LB261 adopts the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. The purpose of this act is to protect workers and communities by requiring advance notification of large-scale employment loss. The act requires an employer, before ordering a mass layoff, to provide notice to possibly affected parties at least sixty days in advance. For actions that will result in employment loss for two hundred fifty or more employees, such notice must give one hundred twenty days in advance. This notice must include the number of employees who will be terminated, a statement of the reasons for the mass layoff, a statement of any employment that may be available at other establishments, a statement of employee rights, and a statement concerning information about public programs available to the employee. LB261 also allows for an employee, the Attorney General, the commissioner, or an affected city, village, or county who has been aggrieved by an employer's failure to comply with the notice requirement to proceed with a civil action against the employer.</i>

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LB262	Groene		Urban Affairs 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to undeveloped vacant land under the Community Development Law  <i>LB262 prohibits tax-increment financing from being used for the acquisition, planning, and preparation for development or disposal of undeveloped vacant land. LB262 also prohibits undeveloped vacant land from being declared or designated blighted and substandard in order to qualify for the use of tax-increment financing unless such land meets the definition of a blighted area.</i>
LB263			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Transportation and Telecommunicati ons Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to motor vehicles, the Public Service Commission, motor carriers, and the statewide one-call notification center  <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>  <i>LB263 limits a political subdivisions liability for any claim based on negligent issuances of a certificate of title under the Motor Vehicle Certification of Title Act and the State Boat Act when such title is issued upon an application filed electronically by an approved licensed dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system.</i>  <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>
LB266	Friesen	Monitor	Revenue 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	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>
LB268	Schumacher		Judiciary 02/01/2017	General File 03/14/2017 Schumacher Priority Bill	Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement  <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>  <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>  <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>  <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>

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					<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>
					<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>
LB271	Hilgers	Transportation and Telecommunications	01/23/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Geist Priority Bill	Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity  <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>
LB275	Hughes	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/06/2017	General File 03/08/2017	Provide duties for law enforcement officers and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles  <i>LB275 allows for law enforcement officers and private property owners to remove or cause removal of an abandoned vehicle from private property upon request of the private property owner whose property the vehicle is abandoned on.</i>
LB277	Wayne	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	03/09/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change population requirements for election precincts  <i>LB277 lowers the population requirements for election precincts from one thousand seven hundred fifty registered voters to one thousand registered voters.</i>
LB278	Kolterman	Nebraska Retirement Systems	02/03/2017	General File 03/16/2017	Redefine disability and change disability retirement application and medical examination provisions for various retirement acts  <i>LB278 requires, in order for disability retirement applications, that the member of the state, county or school retirement plan be initially diagnosed with a physical or mental impairment, or become disabled while the member was an active participant in the plan. LB278 also requires a medical examination prior to a member being retired as a result of disability and the expense of the board. LB278 also allows for the board to require any disability beneficiary under the age of fifty-five to undergo annual medical examinations.</i>
LB280	Crawford	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/09/2017	General File 02/27/2017	Change provisions relating to the Address Confidentiality Act  <i>LB280 allows victims of trafficking to apply to the Secretary of State to have a different address, other than their real one, designated as their address. LB280 also requires the State Treasurer to transfer XX dollars from the Records Management Cash Fund to the Secretary of State Administration Cash Fund to defray the costs of implementing these changes on July 1, 2017.</i>
LB286	Craighead	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/21/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act and change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act  <i>LB286 adopts the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act. This act prohibits a person, unless they are exempted, from engaging in the business of making a flexible credit loan to a resident without first obtaining a license as a flexible credit lender. The director must issue a license to an applicant within sixty days after receiving a complete application unless the applicant is insolvent, fails to demonstrate financial responsibility, failed to pay the required fee of \$500, or fails to maintain at least twenty-five thousand dollars in readily available assets. All advertisements of a licensee must comply with the federal Truth in Lending Act. Licensees are prohibited from providing a flexible credit loan to a consumer with more than one outstanding flexible credit loan. LB286 also includes interest rate caps for certain categories of consumers. LB286 stipulates that, for closed-end credit, the term of the flexible credit loan may not exceed twenty-four months.</i>



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LB288	Harr		Revenue 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to service of notice when applying for a tax deed and the laws governing tax sale certificates  <i>LB288 permits the use of certified mail and designated delivery in order to serve notice upon every person in actual possession or occupancy of real property that qualifies as an owner-occupant. If certified mail or designated delivery service is used, the certified mail return receipt of a copy of the signed delivery receipt must be filed with and accompany the return of service. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB289	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/23/2017	Select File 03/31/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim  <i>LB289 makes pandering a Class II felony. LB289 also includes services under the definition of Labor for the purpose of defining "Labor Trafficking." LB289 also eliminates the "knowing" requirement for sex trafficking of a minor, and includes solicitation in the offense. LB289 makes labor or sex trafficking of a minor a Class IC Felony, unless the actor uses or threatens force on a victim under the age of sixteen, in such case the charge would be a Class IB Felony. LB289 also makes solicitation of a trafficking victim a Class II Felony. LB289 exempts trafficking victims from being charged if they benefit from or participate in the trafficking venture. Portions of LB186, LB178 &amp; LB394 have been amended into LB289.</i> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB178, LB188, LB394
LB290	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/15/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for voter registration upon application for driver's license, state identification card, or certain benefits  <i>LB290 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, with assistance from the Secretary of State, to prescribe a voter registration application with may be used to register to vote or change address for voting purposes at the same time a person is applying for a driver's license or state identification card. This application must be designed in such a way so that the elector's information can be transmitted to the election commission or county clerk, unless the elector specifies on the form that they do not want to register to vote.</i>  <i>LB290 also allows for the Secretary of State to enter into agreements with the Commissioner of Education and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services to prescribe an electronic voter registration application</i>
LB291	Larson		Revenue 03/01/2017	Select File 04/10/2017 Larson Priority Bill	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act  <i>LB291 adopts the Special Economic Impact Zone Act. The purpose of this act is to utilize the tax incentives provided in the act to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on reservations in Nebraska. This act designates each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a qualified business located in a special economic impact zone may exclude any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone when calculating its income tax liability to the state. Beginning January 1, 2018, such businesses are also exempt from the sales and use taxes due for the first ten million dollars of eligible purchases made each year.</i>  <i>LB291 also requires that, when allocating any federal low-income housing tax credits, the authority must give a bonus to any project located in a special economic impact zone.</i>  <i>LB291 also allows for the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes to enter into revenue sharing agreement with the Department of Revenue.</i>
LB294	Smith		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country for mutual recognition of motor vehicle operator licenses  <i>LB294 allows for the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of the state. Commercial driver's licenses may not be included in such agreement</i>

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LB297	McCollister		Health and Human Services 02/23/2017	General File 03/15/2017	Create Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project  <i>LB297 creates the Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project. The purpose of this project is to identify how existing state agency data systems currently used to account for the use of all services, programs, and facilities by children and juveniles in the State can be used to establish an independent, external data warehouse. The Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project Advisory Group is also created to oversee the pilot project. The advisory group will consist of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, the State Court Administrator, the probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration, the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Commissioner of Education, the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, the director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Juvenile Justice Institute, the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Chief Information Officer, the Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of Developmental Disabilities of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services.</i>
LB298	Baker		Health and Human Services 02/23/2017	General File 03/15/2017	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force  <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>  <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>
LB299	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations  <i>LB299 adopts the Occupational Board Reform Act. The purpose of this act is to require occupational boards to respect the fundamental right of an individual to pursue an occupation and to ensure that occupational boards and individual members of occupational boards avoid liability under federal antitrust laws. The act allows for individuals with criminal history to petition the relevant occupational board to determine if such criminal history would disqualify them from certification. An individual's criminal history will only disqualify them for a felony conviction, that felony conviction is expressly listed as a disqualifying offense, and the occupational board concludes that the state has an important interest in protecting public safety.</i>  <i>LB299 also creates the Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards. The purpose of this board is to monitor occupational boards and ensure compliance with the act.</i>  <i>LB299 also creates the Legislative Office of Occupational Regulations. The duties and responsibilities of the Office as specified in Section 23 of the act.</i>
LB300	Krist		Judiciary 02/24/2017	Select File 04/10/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child  <i>LB300 eliminates the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from sexual assault of a child.</i>
LB304	Crawford		Urban Affairs 01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act  <i>LB304 eliminates the provisions limiting more than three members of a housing agency from being residents of the same incorporated community within a county. LB304 also changes the amount of time housing agencies must wait before disposing of abandoned personal property from forty-five days to fourteen days. LB304 also eliminates a provision requiring each local housing agency to file with the governing body of the city or county a copy of the five-year plan and annual plan.</i>

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LB305	Crawford		Business and Labor 02/06/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act  <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>  <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>  <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>
LB307	Brasch		Judiciary 02/09/2017	General File 03/20/2017	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>
LB310	Friesen	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/06/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits  <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>
LB312	Briese	Oppose	Revenue 02/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions  <i>LB312 eliminates Motor vehicles, motorboat trade-ins, newspapers, laundromats, and telefloral deliveries from being included under "consumer goods" for the purpose of a report created by the department for the purpose of reviewing the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. From the same report, under "nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities" the Nebraska lottery, admissions to school events, and fine art purchases by a museum are eliminated. From the same report, all provisions are eliminated under "services purchased for nonbusiness use" and replaced with only household professional services. Prepaid calling arrangements are also eliminated from "telecommunications."</i>  <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>  <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>  <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>  <i>LB312 removes from the definition of "food and food ingredients" soft drinks, candy, and bottled water.</i>  <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>  <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>

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					<i>LB312 creates the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund. This fund will be used to provide a property tax credit to owners of real property. To determine the amount of this credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the county by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total real property valuation in the county. The amount dispersed to each county will be equal to the amount in the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund multiplied by the ratio of the real property valuation in the county to the real property valuation in the state.</i>
LB313	Briese		Revenue 02/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change the sales tax rate and the earned income tax credit and provide property tax credits  <i>LB313 changes the sales tax rate to six and one-half percent on the operative date of this act. LB313 also allows for a refundable tax credit of 17% of the federal credit allowed for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018. LB313 also creates the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund. This fund shall be used to provide a property tax credit to owners of real property.</i>
LB314	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change state and municipal election provisions to conform to prior legislation  <i>LB314 requires cities to file a certified copy of the economic development program with the election commissioner or county clerk no later than fifty days prior to a special election or not later than March 1 prior to a primary or general election. LB314 also eliminates a provision prohibiting the use of General Funds being appropriated for the purpose of a voter registration list. LB314 also makes the penalty for a Class IV felony up to two years' imprisonment and twelve months of post-release supervision.</i>
LB316	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change election provisions relating to technology and funding  <i>LB316 allows for election signatures to be written in ink or affixed electronically. LB316 also creates the Election Technology Fund. The primary purpose of this fund is to ensure the longevity of the state's election technology. The Secretary of State must make periodic requests for appropriation for the fund in order to ensure the ability to purchase new technology on a statewide basis as necessary. LB316 allows for electronic aspects authorized under the Election Act to be used to tabulate ballots. LB316 also allows eliminates a provision allowing for the consolidation of precincts and polling places into fewer and larger for the use of electronic voting systems.</i>
LB317	Hughes		Urban Affairs 01/24/2017	Final Reading 04/11/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for a re levy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed  <i>LB317 allows special assessments to be relieved or reassessed whenever the special assessment is found to be invalid and uncollectable. Portions of LB133 have been amended into LB317 via AM19.</i> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB133
LB327	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019
LB333	Scheer	Oppose	Health and Human Services 01/25/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled  <i>LB333 requires that a disability persist for more than a year before a person can be considered disabled. LB333 also eliminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct an independent medical review when Social Security denies benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability.</i>
LB334	Scheer		Health and Human Services 01/25/2017	IPP (Killed) 03/13/2017	Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families  <i>LB334 eliminates a provision that creates a pilot project of the process of locating and engaging family members in the life of a child who is a ward of the state. LB334 also eliminates provisions requiring contracted providers of family finding services and family members of the children which were part of the pilot project to participate in family finding.</i>

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LB337	Smith		Revenue 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Lindstrom Priority Bill	Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes  <i>Beginning November 2019 and every November thereafter, LB337 requires the Tax Rate Review Committee to examine the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts from the Current Fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year. If the expected rate of growth does not exceed three and one-half percent, the Committee shall declare that the income tax rate reduction under section 77-2715.03 be deferred. If such a deferral is declared, the highest individual income tax rate under 77-2715.03 for the current year will remain in place. For 2020 through 2026, this deferral will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds four and two-tenths percent for the upcoming fiscal year. For 2027 and thereafter, and deferrals will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds three and one-half percent for the upcoming fiscal year.</i>  <i>LB337 also adds additional tax bracket tables.</i>
LB338	Brasch		Revenue 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Brasch Priority Bill	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act  <i>LB338 adopts the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act. Agricultural and horticultural land will be valued at its agricultural use value as determined by the Act regardless of any value which such land might have for other purposes. In order for land to receive agricultural use value, it must be located outside the corporate boundaries any district, city, or village and be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. LB338 requires the county assessor to use an income-approach calculation to determine the agricultural use value for each year.</i>  <i>LB338 also requires the Property Tax Administration to establish capitalization rates to be applied to each class or subclass of agricultural and horticultural land in each county.</i>
LB339	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Transportation and Telecommunicati ons Priority Bill	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation
LB344	Albrecht		Health and Human Services 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers  <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>  <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>  <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>  <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>  <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>

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LB345	Craighead		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/06/2017	General File 03/08/2017	Eliminate an experience requirement for abstracters  <i>LB345 eliminates a provision requiring at least one year of verified land title-related experience satisfactory to the board for individuals desiring to become a registered abstracter.</i>
LB349	Hilkemann		Judiciary 01/27/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Change provisions relating to the maintenance and administration of the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund  <i>LB349 makes the State DNA Sample and Data Base Fund maintained and administered by the Nebraska State Patrol.</i>
LB353	Baker		Judiciary 02/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change claim, award, and judgment payment provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act  <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>
LB354	Kolowski		Business and Labor 02/27/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Wage Disclosure Act  <i>LB354 adopts the Wage Disclosure Act. This act makes it unlawful for an employer to screen job applicants based on their current or prior wages, request or require that a job applicant disclose his or her current or prior wages, or seek information regarding an applicant's current or prior wages. Violations of this act will be a Class IV misdemeanor.</i>
LB357	Bolz	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/28/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs  <i>LB357 places a fee of twenty-five dollars for each original certificate of title issued to a person by a county for a vehicle or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state after the first original title is issued. LB357 also allows for voluntary contributions of \$2 to be made as a donation to programs for persons suffering from brain injury.</i>
LB359	Kolterman		Judiciary 02/15/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession  <i>LB359 allows persons who have lost title to real property due to a successful claim of adverse possession to recover damages for all taxes and special assessments paid during the period of adverse possession.</i>
LB365	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees  <i>LB365 makes, for nonresidents of Nebraska, the actual added cost used as the basis for the calculation of a fee for records include a charge for the existing salary or pay obligation to the public officers or employees, including a charge for the services of an attorney to review the requested public records.</i>
LB367	Krist	Oppose	Judiciary 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters  <i>LB367 requires the county to pay the costs associated with transportation when a peace officer takes a juvenile into temporary custody and a probation officer determines the need for detention or an alternative placement. LB367 requires the Office of Probation Administration to pay for costs that are related to treatment or service provisions.</i>
LB369	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds  <i>LB369 eliminates the provision that ended the ten-dollar fee received by the register of deeds and the county clerk for recording a deed, mortgage, or release, recording and indexing of a will, recording and indexing of a decree in a testate estate, recording proof of publications, or recording any other instrument. LB369 allocates two dollars and fifty cents of this fee to the preservation and maintenance of public records.</i>  <i>LB369 eliminates the uniform fee for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate of notice affecting the lien. LB369 also eliminates the provision that ended the uniform fee for presenting for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating or for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating each tax lien.</i>

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LB370	Lowe		Judiciary	In Committee 01/17/2017	Eliminate requirement to obtain certificate or complete background check to receive or transfer a handgun  <i>LB370 eliminates the requirement to obtain a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun from the chief of police or sheriff. LB370 also makes the Nebraska State Patrol, for purposes of background checks for handguns, unable to access patient records from institutions associated with the Department of Health and Human Services.</i>
LB371	Crawford		Judiciary 02/01/2017	General File 02/06/2017	Eliminate condemnation authority of the State Fire Marshal  <i>LB371 eliminates the requirement that the county attorney of any county assist the State Fire Marshal in condemnation proceedings.</i>
LB373	Schumacher	Oppose	Revenue 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions  <i>SUMMARY ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT</i>
LB378	McCullister		Appropriations 03/06/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services  <i>LB378 appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2016-17 to the Department of Correctional Services, for Program XXX. The appropriation shall only be used to house prison inmates at county jails where such inmates have been classified as community corrections inmates and are housed at county jails in the general area where the inmates on parole or release will be located</i>
LB381	Harr		Judiciary 02/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to jury sequestration  <i>LB381 allows the court to order a jury sequestered during trial or after a case is finally submitted to the jury on the court's own motion or on motion by a party for good cause shown. LB381 also prohibits jurors that are sequestered from reading, listening, or viewing any reports of the case in the media.</i>
LB382	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/16/2017	General File 04/05/2017	Change provisions relating to budget limitations  <i>LB382 makes, for FY2017-18, the last prior year's total of restricted funds for counties equal to the last prior year's total of restricted funds minus the last prior year's restricted funds budgeted by counties plus the last prior year's amount of restricted funds budgeted by counties for capital improvements.</i>
LB383	Quick		Urban Affairs 01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change membership provisions for certain community redevelopment authorities, citizen advisory review committees, and planning commissions  <i>LB383 prohibits members of planning commissions from also being members of a community redevelopment authority. LB383 also prohibits members of planning commissions from being members of a citizen advisory review committee.</i>
LB384	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/06/2017	General File 02/09/2017	Change the rate of interest to be charged on installment loans  <i>LB384 changes the interest rate charged on installment loans under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act to twenty-nine percent per annum.</i>
LB385	Lindstrom	Monitor	Revenue 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act  <i>LB385 allows those with a relationship to the taxpayer to execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer. The specific relationships are: A person or entity with a contract executed by the taxpayer, a person with the power of attorney, a person with a durable power of attorney, and a person who is a trustee of an estate. LB385 requires the county board of equalization, in appeals regarding the assessed value of the property that has been increased by more than 5%, to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the assessed value reflects the property's actual value.</i>
LB386	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change time period a licensee under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act may hold a check  <i>LB386 prohibits licensees from holding or agreeing to hold a check for more than forty days.</i>

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LB389	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act  <i>LB389 adopts the Small Wireless Facilities Act. The purposes of this Act are to secure public access to advanced wireless technology and information, promote the public benefits from such wireless technology, and confirm that communications service providers and facilities have a right to occupy and utilize public rights-of-way. The Act allows communications service providers and facilities providers to place poles and wireless facilities in an authority right-of-way. An authority may require an application for a permit for such placement. The authority must approve the application unless it does not meet the applicable industry construction standards. Approved permits shall remain valid for at least ten years and be approved automatically for at least three five-year periods. Small wireless facilities shall be permitted use in all zoning districts other than areas outside the authority right-of-way that are zoned and used for single family residential use.</i>
LB392	Larson		Natural Resources 02/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act  <i>LB392 adopts the Wind Friendly Counties Act. The Act requires the Director of Agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts of the counties to create, maintain, or expand wind energy opportunities.</i>
LB394	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/23/2017	General File 03/13/2017	Change provisions relating to possession of a deadly weapon by person subject to a domestic violence protection order  <i>LB394 makes subjects of a current and validly issued harassment protection order who are in possession of a firearm, knife, or brass knuckles guilty of the offense of possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person.</i>
LB395	Morfeld	Monitor	Judiciary 03/16/2017	General File 04/12/2017	Change provisions relating to conditions of and ability to post bail  <i>LB395 requires a court to consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid pretrial incarceration. If an appearance bond is required, the court shall appoint counsel to indigent defendants. To determine if a defendant is indigent, the judge must consider the defendant's financial ability to pay a bond. The court may also order a defendant to be supervised by an approved person or organization or a pretrial services program.</i>
LB399	Wayne		Urban Affairs 01/31/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to housing commissions  <i>LB399 allows the chief elected official of cities of the metropolitan class to appoint seven adult persons to an established local housing agency. LB399 also requires any commissioner of a local housing agency to attain a commissioner's certification from the National Associate on Housing and Redevelopment Officials at their own expense.</i>
LB400	Hilkemann		Revenue 03/02/2017	General File 04/04/2017	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle fees and taxes  <i>LB400 makes all refunds for motor vehicle registrations based upon the number of unexpired time remaining from the date of the event, not the date of presentation to the county treasurer.</i>
LB405	Baker		Judiciary 03/15/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to DNA samples, DNA records, and thumbprints under the DNA Identification Information Act  <i>LB405 allows for the detention, arrest, adjudication, and conviction of a person based upon a DNA record, DNA sample, or thumb or fingerprint even if the DNA sample, DNA records, or thumb or fingerprint was obtained for inclusion or was placed in the State DNA Data Base, Combined DNA Index System, or State DNA Sample Bank by mistake. Law enforcement agencies or their employee that mistakenly submit the information for inclusion shall not be criminally or civilly liable if mistake was made in good faith.</i>
LB413	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/03/2017	General File 03/16/2017	Change a retirement application timeframe for judges and Nebraska State Patrol officers as prescribed and change supplemental lump-sum cost-of-living adjustments under the Judges Retirement Act  <i>LB413 requires a judge's application for retirement to be filed no more than one hundred twenty days in advance of qualifying for retirement. LB413 also changes the word "adjustment" to "payment" in terms of lump-sum cost of living. LB413 also changes the definition of Officer to exempt law enforcement officers who have been granted an appointment conditioned on satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council.</i>



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LB415	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/27/2017	General File 04/10/2017 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	Provide and change notification requirements and duties and benefits for certain retirement system members, change certain annuity and disability benefit provisions, and provide duties for school districts and the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to retirement

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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 credible 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.*

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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 an retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems. The employer involved in the termination of the employment and the officer shall certify that, prior to retirement, there was no prearranged agreement to return to work in any capacity. A retired officer of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired officer that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and eared after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act.</i></p> <p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for State employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity with the same or another county which participates in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in an retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i></p> <p><i>On or after July 1, 2017, a retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as s new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and eared after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the State Employees Retirement Act.</i></p>
LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Final Reading 04/12/2017 Riepe Priority Bill	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare</p> <p><i>LB417 eliminates provisions concerning the alternative response implementation plan. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring associations that receive juveniles under the Nebraska Juvenile Code to report to the department its condition, management, and competency. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring the department to submit an annual summary and analysis of the medical assistance program to the Medicaid Reform Council. LB417 eliminates a provision requiring the department to report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Medicaid Reform Council on the implementation of rules and regulations, Medicaid state plan amendments, and waivers adopted under the Medical Assistance Act and their effects.</i></p> <p><i>LB417 eliminates provisions requiring the divisions to notify the Governor and Legislature when the occupancy of the licensed psychiatric hospital beds of any regional center reaches twenty percent or less of its capacity. LB417 also eliminates provision that have been outdated.</i></p> <p><i>LB417 allows senior volunteers to receive transportation expenses, one free meal, and an annual physical examination. LB417 eliminates provisions that provided senior volunteers with an hourly stipend.</i></p> <p><i>LB417 requires the department to make annual grants in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. As a condition to receiving a grant, an application must obtain at least ten percent matching funds from local sources. LB417 also requires the department to develop a quality assurance plan to promote and monitor quality relating to services for persons with developmental disabilities.</i></p>

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LB418	Briese		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2017	General File 02/10/2017	Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers  <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>
LB420	McCollister		Business and Labor 03/13/2017	General File 03/21/2017	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act  <i>LB420 adopts the Fair Chance Hiring Act. This act prohibits employers and employment agencies from asking an applicant to disclose information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history unless such disclosure is needed to determine if the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications of the position. Such positions include those in which a criminal history record information check is required by law or federal or state law specifically disqualifies an applicant with a criminal background even if such law allows for a waiver that would allow such applicant to be employed.</i>
LB422	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions of the Election Act  <i>LB422 changes the meaning of "registered voter" to mean an elector who has a valid voter registration record on file with the election administrator in the county of their residence.</i>
LB423	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to counties  <i>LB423 changes the language from "all counties having" to "each county that has."</i>
LB424	Ebke		Judiciary 03/17/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services  <i>LB424 provides for an earned time credit and discontinues the use of good time. For sentences imposed on or after the operative date of this act, the department may apply earned time only to eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision. If a committed offender commits an offense or violates a rule of the department during the actual term of imprisonment, the department may forfeit all or any part of the committed offender's accrued earned time, or place all or part of the accrued time under suspension. If parole or mandatory supervision of a committed offender is revoked, the committed offender shall forfeit all earned time previously accrued. LB424 requires the department to establish a policy regarding the suspension of earned time. This policy should provide that the department will consider the severity of an offense or violation when determining if earned time should be suspended and during any period that earned time is suspended, it may not be used for purposes of granting privileges or to compute eligibility for parole.</i>
LB426	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/23/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
LB427	Vargas		Education 01/30/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Vargas Priority Bill	Require breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents  <i>LB427 requires schools to provide private or appropriate facilities for accommodation for milk expression and storage for breast feeding student-mothers.</i>
LB431	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act  <i>LB431 prohibits governing bodies from referencing cash reserves in their actual and estimated revenue that exceed fifty percent of the total amount received from personal and real property taxation. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law</i>

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LB432	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Erdman Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act relating to allowances for delinquent taxes and anticipated litigation.  <i>LB432 eliminates provisions that allowed governing bodies, when certifying the amount needed for a budget, to make allowances for delinquent taxes not exceeding five percent of the amount required plus the actual percentage of delinquent taxes for the preceding tax year and for any estimated tax loss from any pending or anticipated litigation which involves taxation. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB434	Ebke	Neutral	Judiciary 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings.  <i>LB434 requires any telephone or videoconference juvenile evidentiary hearings to ensure the preservation of due process or rights of all parties.</i>
LB435	Ebke		Judiciary 03/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change provisions relating to escape.  <i>LB435 makes escape a Class IIA felony.</i>
LB437	Craighead		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/08/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change requirements for independent instrumentalities under the Taxpayer Transparency Act.  <i>LB437 includes a definition for independent instrumentalities. Independent instrumentality means a body created by the laws of this state which may sue and be sued and with respect to which the state, by law, does not provide indemnification. LB437 allows, in lieu of providing copies of each active contract, an independent instrumentality may provide a link to copies of such contracts that are stored on a server owned or managed by it. LB437 also allows independent instrumentalities to provide information that is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Taxpayer Transparency Act by providing the State Treasurer with a link to a web site or document containing such information that is stored on a server owned or managed by the independent instrumentality. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB438	Howard		Revenue 03/17/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds.  <i>LB438 creates the Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund. This fund shall be used to support reimbursement of behavioral health services providers through provider rates within the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medical Assistance Act, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act. LB438 provides specific distribution guidelines for the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. LB438 also increases the tax on each package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes to two dollars and fourteen cents per package. Beginning July 1, 2017, the State Treasurer shall place one dollar and twenty-four cents of such tax in the General Fund. Beginning July 1, 2016, and each FY thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place sixty-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB441	Morfeld	Support	Health and Human Services 03/08/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act.  <i>LB441 makes those persons described under section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act eligible under the Medical Assistance Act. The department must submit a state plan amendment to cover newly eligible individuals, and such amendment must request as the alternative benefit plan a benchmark benefit package as defined in section 1937(b)(1) 18 (D) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396u-7(b)(1)(D), as such act and section existed on January 1, 2017, for Secretary-approved coverage that shall include full Medicaid benefit coverage, including mandatory and optional coverage, under section 68-911 22 in the amount, duration, and scope in effect on January 1, 2017, and any additional wraparound benefits required under federal law.</i>
LB444	Waiz		Judiciary 03/03/2017	Final Reading 04/11/2017 Walz Priority Bill	Prohibit cities and counties from canceling health insurance coverage for injured first responders as prescribed.  <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	IPP (Killed) 04/05/2017	Prohibit lobbyist-provided meals and beverages for legislators during session in the State Capitol.  <i>LB445 prohibits meals and beverage from being provided anywhere in the State Capitol building to members of the Legislature by any lobbyist while the Legislature is in session.</i>

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LB447	Chambers		Judiciary 02/08/2017	Select File 03/09/2017 Chambers Priority Bill	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties  <i>LB447 eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for Class ID and Class IC felonies.</i>
LB451	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Change various provisions relating to elections as prescribed  <i>LB451 eliminates a provision prohibiting the election commissioner from becoming a candidate for an elected officer during their term of office or within thirty days of leaving office. LB451 also changes provision relating to the appointment for vacant legislative seats. LB451 also provides that any person using an early voting or absentee ballot must sign a voter oath to be contained with the ballot.</i>  <i>LB451 requires that, if the filing deadline for the elective officer is after March 1 of the year in which the election is held, the candidate must file supplementary statements on or before the filing deadline. If the candidate files to appear on the ballot for election during the calendar year in which the election is held, the candidate must file a statement of financial interests of the preceding calendar year with the commission on or before March 1 of the year. A statement of financial interest must be preserved for a period of no less than five years.</i>
LB458	Harr		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2017	General File 04/04/2017	Change provisions relating to the County Purchasing Act  <i>LB458 excludes any purchase or lease of personal property or services by or on behalf of a county from the definition of purchasing or purchase for purposes of the County Purchasing Act.</i>
LB463	Watermeier		General Affairs 01/30/2017	General File 02/22/2017	Change a provision relating to appointment to certain cemetery boards  <i>LB463 allows a mayor of a city with fewer than twenty-five thousand residents to appoint members to a cemetery board from among citizens at large from the county in which the village is located.</i>
LB468	Kristl	Oppose	Revenue 02/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change revenue and taxation provisions  <i>LB468 eliminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act exemption and compensating exemption factor for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates an exemption from taxation for the first ten thousand dollars of valuation on tangible property for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates the reduction in the value of tangible personal property owned by each railroad, care line company, public service entity, and air carrier for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 ends reimbursement to taxing subdivisions for tax revenue that will be lost because of personal property tax exemptions for tax years 2018 and 2019.</i>  <i>LB468 allows resident individuals from electing to subtract from federal gross adjusted income the extraordinary dividends paid on and the capital gain from sale or exchange of capital stock for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018 and taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. LB468 ends the credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund on July 1, 2017, and ends the credit to the Highway Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2019. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved into law.</i>
LB470	Larson		General Affairs 02/06/2017	IPP (Killed) 02/24/2017 General Affairs Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act relating to the manner of play of keno, use of electronic tickets, and authorized methods of payment  <i>LB470 allows the use of electronic tickets when playing keno. A lottery operator that does use electronic tickets must take reasonable measure to prevent participation in the keno lottery by a person outside the licensed premises. LB470 also prohibits the use of credit cards to pay for keno beginning January 1, 2018.</i>
LB472	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Change provisions relating to signs and advertising on highways  <i>LB472 only allows the Department of Roads to require permits for advertising signs, displays, and devices placed along or upon the Highway Beautification Control System</i>

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LB473	Walz		Business and Labor 03/13/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Require rest periods for employees  <i>LB473 prohibits employers from requiring any employee to work without a rest period of at least fifteen minutes for every four hours worked. No reduction in compensation may be made for such rest period.</i>
LB479	Groene		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2017	General File 03/17/2017	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	General File 03/15/2017	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody  <i>LB480 prohibits an insurer offering a health benefit plan from denying reimbursement for any service or supply covered by the plan or cancel the plan if the insured is in the custody of a jail pending disposition of charge, the insured receives publicly funded medical care while in such custody, and the care was provided by an employee or contractor who meets the credentialing requirements of the plan. LB480 requires health benefit plans to reimburse the political subdivision for the costs of covered services provided to the insured who is in custody.</i>
LB481	Kuehn		Health and Human Services 02/02/2017	Select File 04/18/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for drug product selection for interchangeable biological products  <i>LB481 allows for drug product selection concerning interchangeable biological products. LB481 also adjusts definitions under the Nebraska Drug Product Selection Act.</i>
LB482	Smith		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act  <i>LB482 adopts the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. The purpose of this act is to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, nondiscriminatory, and efficient administration and completion of construction projects funded, assisted, or awarded by a governmental entity. The Act requires that a governmental unit ensure that any requests for proposals or bid specification for a public contract do not contain a term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders, contractors, or subcontractors from entering into a collective-bargaining agreement or a term that discriminates based on status as a party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into, a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under a public contract.</i>
LB487	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/23/2017	Final Reading 04/18/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	Provide and change immunity provisions relating to naloxone and asthma and allergic reactions and change provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act  <i>LB487 exempts a person from violating the Uniform Controlled Substance Act if: such person made a good faith request for emergency medical assistance in response to a drug overdose of himself, herself, or another; such person was the first person to make a request for medical assistance as soon as the drug overdose was apparent; the evidence for the violation of the UCSA was obtained as the result of the drug overdose and request for medical assistance; such requesting person remained on the scene until medical assistance arrived; and such requesting person cooperated with medical assistance or law enforcement.</i>  <i>LB487 also prohibits administrative action, criminal prosecution, and civil liability against an emergency responder or peace officer who, in good faith, administers naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.</i> <i>Portions of LB167, LB293, and LB296, as amended by AM276, have been amended into LB487 via AM568.</i>
<b>Amended Bills:</b> LB167, LB293, LB296					

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LB488	Groene		Natural Resources 02/15/2017	IPP (Killed) 03/08/2017	Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act  <i>LB488 adopts the Water Conservation Grant Act. The act allows for the department to being accepting applications for water conservation grants if they determine that the states that are subject to a multi-state compact have agreed to count any reduction in water usages in determining Nebraska's compliance with the multi-state compact. LB488 requires that ground water that is not used for irrigation purposes be considered used when a natural resources district calculates irrigation caps under an integrated management plan created pursuant to the Act.</i>  <i>LB488 also creates the Water Conservation Grant Fund. The Fund shall be used to fund water conservation grants awarded under the Act.</i>
LB489	Groene		Urban Affairs 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Redefine development project under the Community Development Law  <i>LB489 removes other improvements in accordance with the development plan from the definition of development project under the Community Development Law.</i>
LB492	Harr		Judiciary 02/15/2017	General File 03/01/2017	Adopt the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act and authorize certain liens  <i>LB492 adopts the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act. LB492 prohibits an operator from knowingly permitting a leased space at a self-service storage facility to be used for residential purposes. LB492 requires an occupant, upon reasonable request from the operator, to allow the operator to enter a leased space for purposes of inspection or repair. LB492 establishes that, upon the date in which personal property is placed in a leased space, the operator shall have a lien upon the occupant's personal property for delinquent rent, late fees, labor, or other charges incurred pursuant to a rental agreement. This lien is enforceable once the occupant is in default for forty-five days. The operator may then, after providing the appropriate notice, hold a public sale. LB492 also grants the operator the right to deny the occupant access for any default rent or charges.</i>
LB496	Stinner		Urban Affairs 02/28/2017	General File 03/08/2017 Williams Priority Bill	Define and redefine terms under the Community Development Law  <i>LB496 includes the construction of workforce housing, in cities of the first and second class and villages, into the definition of redevelopment project under the Community Development Law. LB496 also includes a definition for workforce housing. Workforce housing means single-family or multi-family housing for which the municipality receives a housing study that is current, prepares an incentive plan for construction targeted to house existing or new workers, holds a public hearing on such incentive plan with notice, and after the public hearing finds that such incentive plan is necessary to prevent the spread of blight and substandard conditions within the municipality.</i>
LB498	Brewer		Revenue 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	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 01/20/2017	Authorize the carrying of concealed handguns by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers  <i>LB500 allows an individual who is a qualified law enforcement officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer and who is carrying the required identification may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in the State of Nebraska. For law enforcement officers, such identification shall be photogenic and issued by the employing governmental entity. For retired officers, the identification shall be either a photographic identification issued from the agency from which the individual separated in good standing or a photographic identification issued and a certificate issued by the individual's state of residence.</i>
LB501	Brewer		Judiciary 03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change prohibition on locations where permitholder may carry a concealed weapon  <i>LB501 requires that, in order for a permit holder to violate the section, there must be a posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited and the property owner must make a request that the permitholder leave, which the permitholder defies. LB501 also makes this violation a Class II misdemeanor.</i>
LB502	Brewer		Judiciary 03/23/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Adopt the Permitless Concealed Carry Act  <i>LB502 adopts the Permitless Concealed Carry Act. To be eligible to carry a concealed handgun under this act, the person shall be at least twenty-one years of age, be a citizen or legal resident of the United States, not be prohibited from possessing a handgun, and not be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a handgun under 18 U.S.C. 992. This Act does not change the current restrictions on the carrying of weapons onto private property and other provisions. Any violation of this Act is a Class II misdemeanor for the first violation and a Class I misdemeanor for any subsequent violation.</i>

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LB503	Brewer		Business and Labor 03/20/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements  <i>LB503 prohibits the deduction of wages of a public employee, either directly or indirectly, on behalf of a collective-bargaining organization except as required by a collective-bargaining agreement entered into between a public employer and a representative of its employees prior to the effective date of this act.</i>
LB508	Hilgers	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/22/2017	General File 04/04/2017	Change the population threshold for the county civil service system  <i>LB508 changes the threshold requiring the formation of a Civil Service Commission from three hundred thousand inhabitants of a county to four hundred inhabitants.</i>
LB510	Ebke	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions  <i>LB510 prohibits political subdivisions from entering into installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property that require a total outstanding obligation exceeding twenty-five million dollars.</i>
LB511			Education 02/28/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	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 02/27/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	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	General File 04/04/2017	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities  <i>LB516 requires juvenile facilities to redact all personal identifying information from their quarterly report. LB516 also make intentional or knowingly failure to comply with this section a Class V misdemeanor.</i>
LB517	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/10/2017	General File 04/04/2017	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>
LB520	Hansen		Judiciary 03/08/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit  <i>LB520, if a prohibited person files an application to obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit, requires the forwarding of the denied application to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The commission is then required to evaluate whether local law enforcement should be alerted based on the application. Law enforcement agencies are also required to report certain statistics related to rejected applications and noticed received from the commission.</i>



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LB529	Harr		Judiciary 03/16/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Authorize county courts sitting as probate courts in cases of guardianship to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases.  <i>LB529 allows county courts sitting as a probate court in the case of a pregnant woman for whom a guardian has been appointed to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases.</i>
LB530	Harr		Executive Board 02/08/2017	IPP (Killed) 04/05/2017	Change requirements for providing information to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and provide for withholding appropriations  <i>LB530 requires the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, beginning July 1, 2017, to notify the State Treasurer and the Director of Administrative Services to withhold the appropriations for any officer, board, commission, or department which does not furnish the required information until such information is received.</i>
LB531	Harr		Revenue 03/02/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles  <i>LB531 allows the county treasurer to deduct and withhold for the use of the county general fund an additional one-half of one percent of all amount in excess of three thousand dollars remitted each month.</i>
LB532	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/13/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to a military service credit for certain retirement plans as prescribed  <i>LB532, for military service rendered on or after January 1, 2018, requires that county employees, school employees, State Patrol Officers and judges who are reemployed pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4301 be treated as not having incurred a break in service by reason of their period of military service. Such service will be credited for purposes of determining the nonforfeiture of the member's accrued benefits and the accrual of benefits under the plan. LB532 makes the county employing the member liable for funding any obligation of the plan to provide the benefits based upon such period of service. The state will be liable to fund the obligation of the plan for judges and State Patrol Officers. The employer shall be liable for funding any obligations for the school employee.</i>
LB539	Krist		Executive Board 02/08/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	Change the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act  <i>LB539 requires the department of corrections to report all cases of death or serious injury of an employee when acting in their capacity as an employee as soon as reasonably possible. The department must also report all cases where an employ is hospitalized in response to an injury received when acting in their capacity as an employee. LB539 prohibits the Inspector General from interviewing any person who has already been interviewed by a law enforcement agency in connection with a relevant ongoing investigation of a law enforcement agency without consent of the prosecuting attorney.</i>
LB544	Watermeier	Monitor	Judiciary 02/15/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for elimination of the office of clerk of the district court as prescribed  <i>LB544 allows, in any county that does not have an elected clerk of the district court, for the duties of the clerk of the district court to be performed pursuant to an agreement between the State Court Administrator and the county board. LB544 also allows for a county to vote to eliminate the office of the clerk of the district court when a vacancy occurs.</i>
LB545	Watermeier		Appropriations 03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for fund transfers relating to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund  <i>LB545 requires the State Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund: Four hundred twenty-four million dollars for tax year 2018; Six hundred twenty-four million dollars for tax year 2019; Eight hundred twenty-four million dollars for tax year 2020.</i>
LB555	Smith		Revenue 03/01/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change and eliminate provisions of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act  <i>LB555 allows commissioners who live within fifty miles of the state office building to be reimbursed for mileage for actual round trip travel. Commissioners who live more than fifty miles may be reimbursed for mileage for one round trip per week and shall be paid a per diem at the federal per diem rate for each day worked at the state office building. LB555 also makes the filing fee for each appeal or petition filed with the commission fifty dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved in the appeal is one million dollars or less, and a fee of one hundred dollars if the taxable value of each parcel involved is more than one million dollars.</i>
LB556	Halloran		Judiciary 03/08/2017	General File 03/20/2017	Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender  <i>LB556 creates the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony. This offense is a Class IIA felony, and shall be treated as separate and distinct from the felony being committed.</i>

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					<i>LB556 also creates the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender. This offense applies to those under the age of 25, who have previously been adjudged as a juvenile who commit certain specified offenses. It is a Class III felony.</i>
LB559	Schumacher		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit the collection of interchange fees on specified taxes and fees relating to electronic payment transactions  <i>LB559 excludes the from the amount of an interchange fee charged for an electronic payment transaction the amount of any tax or fee imposed by state or local government that is calculated as a percentage of an electronic payment transaction amount and listed separately on the payment invoice. This act will apply to electronic payment transactions processed on or after October 1, 2017.</i>
LB560	Schumacher		Judiciary 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change restrictive housing and inmate discipline provisions  <i>LB560 changes the status of solitary confinement to mean confinement in an isolated cell, alone or with a cell mate, for an average of twenty-two or more hours per day, with limited human interaction or constructive activity, and in 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>
LB562	McCollister		Judiciary 03/17/2017	General File 04/04/2017	Require a monthly report from the Department of Correctional Services as prescribed  <i>LB562 requires the Department of Correctional Services to prepare a monthly report including the number of committed offenders at or past their parole eligibility dates who have not received appropriate programming, the number and type of vacant position for behavioral health staff, and the number of inmates who have achieved community-custody status but are not in community-custody facilities.</i>
LB563	McCollister		Revenue 02/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate certain sales tax exemptions  <i>LB563 eliminates sales and use tax exemptions for newspapers, laundromats, telefloral deliveries, the Nebraska Lottery, maintenance and repair services, personal care services, lawn care, gardening, storage and moving services, and taxi, limousine and other transportation services. LB563 also includes new provisions under the definition for gross receipts for receiving a service.</i>
LB567	Bolz	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change funding for county public assistance offices  <i>LB567 requires the state to pay the cost for the office and service facilities used for the administration of the public assistance programs.</i>
LB570	Friesen		Revenue 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide a property tax exemption for all tangible personal property  <i>LB570 exempts all tangible personal property from property tax beginning January 1, 2019.</i>
LB576	Brewer		Revenue 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Limit increases in property tax bills  <i>LB576 prohibits an owner's property tax bill for 2017 and 2018 from exceeding their property tax bill for 2016.</i>
LB577	Hilgers		Judiciary 03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Create offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush  <i>A person commits the offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush if they knowingly and intentionally attack such a person while they are engaged in the performance of their official duties and the attacker either attacks without warning from a concealed position or approaches an unsuspecting officer and intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury. This offense is a Class IB Felony and required a minimum sentence of forty years and possibly a fine up to one hundred thousand dollars.</i>

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LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services 03/15/2017	General File 04/10/2017 McDonnell Priority Bill	Change medicaid reimbursement provisions relating to ground emergency medical transportation  <i>LB578 allows eligible providers to receive, in addition to the rate of payment, supplemental Medicaid reimbursement pursuant to a specified pay schedule. Participation in the supplemental reimbursement program by an eligible provider is voluntary. If a government entity elects to seek supplemental reimbursement on behalf of an eligible providers, they must clarify that the claimed expenditures for are eligible for federal financial participation, provide evidence supporting the certification as specified by the division, submit data as specified to determine the appropriate amounts of qualifying expenditures, and maintain any specified records.</i>  <i>LB578 also requires the department to design and implement an intergovernmental transfer program relating to Medicaid managed ground emergency medical transportation services to be implemented on the date federal approval is obtained. Participation in intergovernmental transfers is voluntary on the party of the transferring entity. The intergovernmental transfer program shall also be implemented without any additional expenditure from the General Fund. Each eligible provider or governmental entity must agree to reimburse the department for any costs associated with implementing such a program.</i>
LB581	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require lobbyists to disclose conflicts of interest to principals and provide for cancellation of contracts  <i>LB581 requires every lobbyist to present a disclosure statement to their principle including: the name, permanent residence address, and office address of the lobbyist; a description of the business activity of the lobbyist; the name of every other principle represented by such lobbyists, the nature of the business of such principle, the amounts or sums given or to be given to the lobbyists as compensation and an identification of such matters on which the lobbyists expects to lobby; a description of any business association of the lobbyist; any information which the lobbyist possess that might constitute a conflict of interest; and a notice that a principle has the right to cancel the contract by mailing a written notice before midnight of the third business day after receipt. Any person violating these requirements will be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.</i>  <i>LB581 also provides principles with the right to cancel a lobbying contract until midnight of the third business day after the lobbyist has presented a disclosure statement.</i>
LB584	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	General File 02/10/2017	Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds  <i>LB584 prohibits those employed by or under contract with a county or township from mowing roadside ditches before July 1 of any year.</i>
LB585	Linehan		Judiciary 03/17/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to dangerous dogs, seizure of animals, and animal control authorities  <i>LB585 requires the county attorney where an animal is seized to file an application for a hearing to determine the disposition and the cost for the care of the animal within thirty days after seizure. LB585 also changes the definition of dangerous dog. The requirement of animal control authority records has been eliminated, and a dog can be considered dangerous if it has conflicted serious bodily injury on a domestic animal without provocation that required medical treatment. LB585 prohibits any person knowingly, recklessly, or negligently owning, keeping, or harboring a dangerous dog without complying with specific laws.</i>
LB589	Crawford		Judiciary 03/02/2017	General File 03/13/2017	Provide for depositions of a child victim or child witness  <i>LB589 prohibits depositions of a child being taken when the child has undergone a video-recorded forensic interview at a child advocacy center, except by agreement of the parties or by approval of the court. If a request to depose a child is granted, the court must make any protective order that justice requires to protect the child from emotional harm, distress, harassment, undue influence, or intimidation.</i>
LB591	Crawford		Urban Affairs 02/07/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for enforcement of building codes under the Contractor Registration Act  <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>  <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>

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LB597	Groene		Urban Affairs 02/21/2017	IPP (Killed) 03/09/2017	Provide for application process through county assessor and Tax Commissioner prior to using tax-increment financing  <i>LB597 requires any governing body that seeks to use tax-increment financing to submit an application to the county assessor. This application must include the information reasonably required to determine the eligibility of the governing body, the redevelopment plan, and the parcel or parcels for such tax-increment financing. This application will be forward by the county assessor to the Tax Commissioner if the county assessor determines that the certain requirements of the application have been met. The Tax Commissioner will then review the application to ensure all provision of the Constitution of Nebraska, the Community Development Law, and tax-increment financing have been satisfied.</i>
LB599	Groene		Revenue 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Exempt certain improvements on land from taxes as prescribed  <i>LB599 exempts from personal property tax any improvements on land of infrastructure, redevelopment, or new construction intended for business or housing purposes until occupied, sold, or leased.</i>
LB602	Erdman		Revenue 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land  <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>  <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>
LB607	Kintner		Revenue	IPP (Killed) 02/21/2017	Provide a homestead exemption for certain first responders  <i>LB607 provides homestead exemptions for first responders who are drawing compensation from the state or a political subdivision or is receiving workers' compensation benefits because of a one hundred percent disability received in the line of duty.</i>
LB613	Wayne		Revenue 03/16/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act  <i>LB613 requires any housing agency or controlled affiliate provide notice of a property tax exemption to the county assessor on or before December 31 of the year preceding the year for which the exemption is sought.</i>
LB619	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Permit certain counties to conduct elections by mail  <i>LB619 allows the election commissioner to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for elections.</i>
LB623	Wishart		Judiciary 03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to assault on an officer, certain employees, or a health care professional  <i>LB623 eliminates provisions that specify assaults on officials and replaces them with the term "public officer."</i>
LB624	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2017	General File 02/27/2017	Provide procedure to withhold from the public law enforcement officers' residential addresses in county records  <i>LB624 requires the county assessor and register of deeds to withhold from the public the residential address of a law enforcement officers who applies and pays a \$25 fee.</i>
LB625	Larson	Monitor	Urban Affairs 02/14/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2017 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act  <i>LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city of village located in whole or in part within such county.</i>

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LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property  <i>LB628 prohibits cities, villages, and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or 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>
LB644		Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/24/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions governing boards, commissions, and similar entities  <i>LB644 eliminates the state noxious weed advisory committee and the Nebraska Potato Development Committee. LB644 also prohibits a quorum of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications from being present unless all members appointed by the Governor are present. All citizen members of this commission must be affiliated with the political party of the Governor. LB644 also eliminates a requirement that lawyer members of this commission be members of the Nebraska bar and reside in the judicial district served by the commission.</i>  <i>LB644 requires the State Treasurer to transfer any funds in the Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund.</i>  <i>LB644 also eliminates the Board of Emergency Medical Services and gives its power to the department and the Division of Public Health.</i>  <i>LB644 eliminates the Perfusionst Committee.</i>  <i>LB644 gives a licensee who had their motor vehicle operator license revoked because of a mental, medical, or vision problem the right to an immediate appeal to the director. Whenever a director reviews the denial or cancellation of a license because of mental, medical, or vision problems, the director may consider records and reports from a qualified physician. LB644 also eliminates the Health Advisory Board's role in the making of this decision.</i>
LB649	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Health and Human Services 03/17/2017	Introduced 01/18/2017	Prohibit additional services or populations under the medicaid managed care program  <i>LB649 prohibits the department from adding any additional service or population to the Medicaid managed care program in effect on January 1, 2017 until at least January 1, 2018 or until a critical evaluation is performed of the at-risk capitated managed care program and the success of such managed care program is proven.</i>
LB656	Baker		Judiciary 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated  <i>LB656 makes a successful claimant one who had a claim against a political subdivision arising from their wrongful incarceration or conviction, which claim was precluded by the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and who obtained a final judgment against such political subdivision from a federal court under 42 U.S.C. 1983 for a violation of their rights protected by the Constitution and arising out of such wrongful incarceration. A successful claimant and the political subdivision against which the claimant obtained final judgment may file a claim with the State Claims Board for full payment of such judgment, or any part of such judgment, which exceeds the available financial resources and revenue of the political subdivision required for its ordinary purpose.</i>
LB658	Wayne	Oppose	Judiciary 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings  <i>LB658 grants the right to one appointed expert witness during any adjudication or disposition proceeding to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile who is the subject of the proceeding. If the parent, guardian, or custodian is indigent, the reasonable fees and expenses of such expert witness will be paid by the county.</i>
LB663	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a copy of a lobbying contract for lobbyist registration as prescribed  <i>LB663 requires a copy of the lobbying contract for lobbyist registration if the principle receives public funds including taxes, fees, and grants.</i>

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LB664	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit a political subdivision from using taxes or fees to employ a lobbyist
<i>LB664 prohibits a political subdivision from using revenue from any tax or fee to employ or contract with a lobbyist.</i>					
LB665	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a statement of activity regarding certain lobbying activity
<i>LB665 requires every lobbyist who is registered or required to be registered file with the Clerk of the Legislature a statement activity within 24 hours after the lobbyist's initial contact with an official in the executive branch or an official in the legislative branch regarding a legislative bill. The statement must indicate the legislative bill number, the name of the lobbyist, and the principle for whom the contact was made.</i>					



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**3rd Quarter, FY 2017**

We respectfully submit the quarterly report of our office and activities as compiled from office records for the period January 1st, 2017 thru March 31, 2017. The Veterans Service Center staff provided the following services during these past three months:

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr</u>
<u>Office Visits</u>				
Federal Benefits	646	649	661	
State Benefits	511	489	508	
County Benefits	70	85	82	
<u>Phone Calls</u>				
Incoming	3168	2910	3077	
Outgoing	1676	1521	1601	
	1492	1389	1476	
<u>Home Visits</u>				
	9	7	6	

Assistance

The Lancaster County Veterans Service Office administers the County Veterans Aid program. The annual budget for this fund is **\$16,000 .00**

County Veterans Aid Fund

Applications	0	2	3
Vouchers Issued	0	2	3
Amount Issued	\$ 0.00	\$ 634.00	\$ 1932.87
Year to date total	\$ 0.00	\$ 634.00	\$ 2566.87

The Lancaster County Veterans Service Office assisted 29 veterans apply for assistance from the Nebraska Veteran Aid Fund.

Apps Received	25	29	33
Apps Approved	11	22	24
Amount Received	\$ 21,115.60	\$ 29,588.47	\$ 53,126.02
Year to Date Total	\$ 21,115.60	\$ 50,704.07	\$ 103,830.09

**APPROVED BUDGET \$ 305,406.00**

Expenditures for this quarter are as follows:

	<b>Jul - Sep</b>	<b>Oct - Dec</b>	<b>Jan - Mar</b>	<b>Apr-Jun</b>
Personnel Services (100)	\$ 70,790.85	\$ 68,525.72	\$ 71,951.94	
Supplies (200)	\$ 118.54	\$ 129.08	\$ 165.95	
Other Services & Charges	\$ 7262.41	\$ 6,381.32	\$ 4,870.91	
Capital Outlay (400)	\$ 0	0	0	
Totals	\$ 78,171.80	\$ 75,036.12	\$ 76,988.80	
Year to Date	\$ 78,171.80	\$ 153,207.92	\$ 230,196.72	

Respectfully Submitted;

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 Chairman, Veterans Service Committee

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 County Veteran Service Officer