

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018  
8:30 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; and 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 11, 2018.*

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

**1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 5, 2018**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Brinkman seconded approval of the April 5, 2018 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Avery abstained from voting. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

**2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Joe Kohout, Brennen Miller and Gordon Kissel, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates, LLC (Legislative Consultants)**

Joe Kohout, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates, LLC, gave a legislative update and presented legislative bill summaries (Exhibits A-C).

Schorr arrived at the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Kohout said the provisions of Legislative Bill (LB)1112 (Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles and permit an additional use of funds under the Community-based Juvenile Services Air Program) were amended into LB670 (Change provisions relating to the juvenile justice system) on Monday. He said the bill will be read on Final Reading next Wednesday. Amundson said Bruce Prenda, Chief Deputy County Attorney, emailed her with concerns that the omission of certain language removes the option for a judge to detain a juvenile for their protection and welfare. It was noted the County Board had submitted a letter supporting LB1112 to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) also supported the bill and the Nebraska County Attorneys Association took a neutral position. Wiltgen said it is too late to do anything at this point other than to try to "kill" LB670 on Final Reading. Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, appeared and said although she shares Prenda's concerns, LB670 also contains all the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) principles which the Board voted to implement. Pat

Condon, County Attorney, appeared and said the intent of supporting JDAI was to try to avoid having those types of treatments mandated. Hoyle said sometimes a juvenile who is at risk of harming themselves does not meet the medical necessity to be placed in the psychiatric residential unit at Bryan Medical Center. The only other safe alternative is detention. Wiltgen noted the legislation would not take effect until July of 2019 so the County has time to try to identify a legislative or administrative "fix".

## **DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

### **A. Region V Meetings**

Wiltgen said he attended the Region V Services Governing Board Meeting and said they discussed concerns that clients are not getting the services they need with the reduction in funding from the State.

Wiltgen also attended the Region V Systems Governing Board Meeting and said Jon Day, Executive Director, Blue Valley Behavioral Health, appeared and expressed concern that capacity access grants that are used to help fund his agency's programs may be eliminated. Wiltgen said it is unlikely the State will reallocate excess funds this year, noting Region V had used those funds to buy down excess service units. He said there are several providers in the community that are projected to have excess service units: Lutheran Family Services (\$175,000), Houses of Hope (\$200,000), and CenterPointe, Inc. (\$185,000). Wiltgen said they also discussed funding and service definition issues involving The Bridge Behavioral Health.

### **3. PUBLIC DEFENDER SOCIAL WORKER – Joe Nigro, Public Defender; Rebecca Meinders, Public Defender Social Worker**

Rebecca Meinders, Public Defender Social Worker, discussed her position as a social worker in the Public Defender's Office, explaining she has to be "welcomed" to work with a case by the attorney. She said one of her main goals is to help clients address the needs that brought them into the criminal justice system. Meinders said many of her clients have a dual diagnosis (mental illness and chemical dependency) and said much of her work involves getting them into treatment. She added, with her licensure, she can provide a diagnosis for clients with mental illness who are being held at the Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LCADF) which allows them to go to treatment. Her other duties include helping clients find a case manager so they can get their medications on a regular basis, preparing bond plans, mitigation, data tracking and, in some cases, preparing an alternate sentencing proposal. An example of one of her social work reports was provided (Exhibit D). Joe Nigro, Public Defender, noted that judges may be more likely to consider reducing a bond or consider probation if there is programming in place.

Schorr asked how she interacts with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) which provides inmate health care and behavioral health services at LCADF. Meinders said she collaborates with the discharge planners at LCADF and the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) to make sure discharge planning isn't duplicated. She added that if a patient who is being held at LRC is restored to competency, she collaborates with LRC and CCS to make sure their medications are continued when they are returned to LCADF so there isn't decompensation.

Wiltgen asked if she also facilitates the transition from CCS to a Region V provider when a client with mental health issues is released from LCADF. Meinders said she does, adding she tries to get the Region V provider in to meet with the client before they are discharged. She said funding is a barrier as many of the individuals she is working with are not on Medicaid so the only options for services are Lutheran Family Services (LFS) or Targeted Adult Service Coordination (TASC). Both have waiting lists.

Brinkman asked Meinders whether she reviews every case that comes through the Public Defender's Office. Meinders said she does not. Brinkman then asked whether Meinders can provide assistance when the Public Defender's Office has a conflict and the County has to engage outside counsel. Nigro explained that would be a conflict. Brinkman felt that providing access to the same services is an area that needs work.

Meinders said she has seen 422 cases in the 15 months she has worked in the Public Defender's Office. She said 111 cases were deemed to have significant social work impact by the attorneys and 40 mitigation plans that had alternative sentencing proposals had an impact.

Amundson inquired about Meinders' work with juveniles. Meinders said she has worked with 60 juveniles and done placement checks to ensure that the juveniles are safe and the judge's order is being followed. She said she might also be asked to provide support and resources to the families.

Schorr asked what percentage of her caseload are females. Meinders said she can pull that data and provide it to the Board.

Wiltgen inquired about Meinders' interaction with Community Corrections. Meinders said she tends to get pulled into cases where Community Corrections can't provide supervision, such as out-of-county treatment. Wiltgen then inquired about the failures to appear. Meinders said she has assisted clients who need support to get to court, such as those who lack transportation.

Nigro said he will explore setting up a contract with Dr. Mitchel Herian, PhD, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, to measure the success of having a social worker in the Public Defender's Office. He estimated the work would take 150-200 hours, noting Dr. Herian charges \$90 an hour. Nigro also indicated plans for an internship program that will allow them to serve more clients.

**4. LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS APPLICANT – Jeffrey A. Witt, Sr.**

Jeffrey A. Witt, Sr., candidate for appointment to the Lancaster County Board of Zoning Appeals, shared his background and reasons for seeking appointment.

**5. COUNTY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR – Pat Condon, County Attorney**

Pat Condon, County Attorney, noted his department hired former Lincoln Police Detective Sergeant Greg Sorensen earlier in the year as a temporary special investigator to assist with a specific criminal

case in which a lot of background work was required. He said he would like to expand Sorensen's role to investigate other criminal and civil matters that come into the County Attorney's Office through the end of the fiscal year. Sorensen would work 20-24 hours a week at an hourly rate of \$31.00. Condon said he plans to include a permanent part-time investigator position in the upcoming budget. In comparison, the Public Defender's Office has two full-time investigators and the Douglas County Attorney's Office has one part-time and four full-time investigators.

In response to a question from Schorr, Condon said Sorensen must maintain his law enforcement certification and can attend the Lincoln Police Department's (LPD's) training at no cost. He said Sorensen can also participate in a process through the Governor's Office to be named a special deputy.

**6. ABBOTT MOTOCROSS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer**

**NOTE:** The County and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) were co-applicants for the Recreational Trails Program Grant that funded construction of the track and under terms of their contract with the Nebraska Game and Parks Department for the project, they must operate and maintain the track for not less than 20 years following completion of the project (see County Contract No. C-08-0531).

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, presented the following documents (see agenda packet):

- 2017 Statement of Activities, Abbott Motocross Track
- 2017 Abbott Motocross Park Revenue
- 2017 Daily Public Riding Numbers

Meyer said he will finalize the statements and send it to the other partners in the project.

In response to a request from the Chair, Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, agreed to provide an update on how the County has benefited from its investment in the motocross facility.

**DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

**D. Public Building Commission (PBC) – Amundson/Brinkman**

Amundson said the remodel of space in the Courthouse Plaza Building for the Public Defender's Office is complete and the architect has requested final payment. She said they also received updates on deck repair for the Justice and Law Enforcement Center and security matters. Amundson also reported that the State's contract for leasing space in the K Street Building expires in 2019.

Brinkman said she doesn't understand why the City is "driving" the process to empty and dispose of the 233 Building if the PBC budgets for its operations. She said she requested further clarification regarding ownership of the building. Brinkman said Kerin Peterson, Facilities & Properties Director, requested clarification as to whether there is a desire for redevelopment of the K Street Building.

She said there isn't consensus on the PBC so they will try to exact flexibility from the State regarding notification and contract renewals.

**7. BREAK**

The meeting was recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

**8. INTRODUCTION OF JASON VARGA AND OVERVIEW OF HUMAN SERVICES FEDERATION (HSF) – Jason Varga, Human Services Federation (HSF) Executive Director**

Jason Varga, Human Services Federation (HSF) Executive Director, discussed HSF's mission to strengthen nonprofits to better serve the community through collaboration, education and advocacy. He noted rebranding plans and invited the Board to attend the launch event on May 3rd. The Board was also encouraged to sign up for The Collaborator, HSF's free bi-monthly newsletter.

Schorr thought it might be difficult for nonprofits to provide insurance benefits for their employees and said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) offers group insurance to small groups of related employees. Varga said HSF partners with UNICO to provide a group plan for dental and vision and said they hope to expand services.

Amundson exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Brinkman said Colleen Medill, Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), informed her there is new legislation that provides small employers affiliated with associations better access to health care. She agreed to provide Varga with Medill's contact information.

**9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. Denton Town Talk Newsletter Renewal (\$12.00)

There was consensus to approve the renewal.

**10. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

- A. Region V Meetings – Wiltgen

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

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

Meeting was cancelled.

- C. Lancaster County Board Chair/Vice Chair Meeting with Mayor – Wiltgen/ Brinkman

Meeting was cancelled.

D. Public Building Commission (PBC) – Amundson/Brinkman

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

E. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health – Avery

Avery said they had a briefing on vaping.

F. Lancaster County Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board – Avery

Avery said the lock issue is still not resolved and felt the Board should schedule discussion of the issue on the next Staff Meeting agenda. He also reported the Crisis Center's new Credible electronic health records (EHR) software will be fully implemented on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**11. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

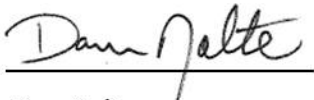
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**12. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Brinkman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. Brinkman, Schorr, Avery and Wiltgen voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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### LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout  
Brennen L. Miller  
Gordon E. Kissel

DATE: April 12, 2018

RE: Weekly Update

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Please accept this as your weekly report for the aforementioned date. Yesterday was the 59th day of the 2018 Legislature.

It has been a rough-and-tumble few days at the capitol since we last met with you. On Thursday after we left, the Legislature discussed LR1CA that would have enacted a constitutional provision requiring voter identification. That bill was filibustered and pulled from the agenda. The Legislature did take up LB1065 that would provide counties with an opportunity to utilize electronic poll books. The bill was advanced after Senators Murante and Morfeld reached an accommodation on language. Finally, they discussed LB1058, the Article V Faithful Delegate act. That bill failed to advance.

On Friday, Legislators spent much of the day debating LB1103 – an education funding bill that was being morphed into a broader property tax reduction bill. Following three hours of debate, the Speaker directed 5 members to meet with him on Saturday in his office to discuss the potential of tax relief. There was immediate blowback as to who was invited and the timing. Ultimately, six senators met with the speaker on Friday evening and again on Sunday afternoon – without any success. The group issued a statement on Sunday evening indicating as such.

On Monday, the Legislature took several bills on Select File. However, there started to be a movement among senators to request that the Secretary of State poll the members of the Legislature to come into Special Session this summer to deal with property tax relief. A letter was circulated and 13 members signed it. The letter was given to the Secretary of State on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, several measures were sent to the Governor for his review and Speaker clarified the process for the potential Special Session. They adjourned at about 1pm.

They will return next Wednesday for their final day of the 2018 session.

## LANCASTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

*Purchasing Thresholds.* Senator Mike Hilgers introduced LB1098 at the County's request. The hearing on this bill occurred Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bob Walla testified on behalf of Lancaster County. In addition NACO testified in support, as did Commissioner Brian Zuger of Sarpy County. He did offer testimony that indicated Douglas County supported the bill as well but Sean Kelley was sick and unable to testify.

LB1098 was advanced to General File on a 5-1-1 vote with Senators Murante, Lowe, Thibodeau, Hilgers, Brewer and Briese voting yes. Senator Wayne voted no and Senator Blood abstained.

The bill was advanced on Thursday, March 15, 2018 with no debate at General File. On Wednesday, March 28, 2018, the bill was advanced off of Select File and has been placed on Final Reading. **The bill passed on Final Reading on Wednesday, April 10, 2018 and was sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.**

*Competency Restoration.* Senator Matt Hansen introduced LB1010 at the County's request. Last week, Mr. Eagan and Brennen Miller met with Senator Hansen, his Legislative Aide, and Linda Wittmuss of the Division of Behavioral Health regarding the bill's requirement that the costs of the program fall to the county. This meeting did not result in a change to that language, with Senator Hansen indicating the hearing would be held on the introduced language, with more conversations to take place in the future. These meetings will work towards a new bill being introduced next year. The hearing took place on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, with Mr. Eagan and County Defender Mr. Nigro testifying in support. The Division of Behavioral Health sent a letter in opposition, based on the introduced copy, however they did indicate they are willing to continue work on this topic. Support from the committee was strong, with the majority of those Senators present voicing their interest in assisting in future conversations, and any bill introduced next year.

*Tax Reform.* As discussed in previous reports, there has been movement on the tax package. In particular, the Governor's bill, introduced by Senator Smith, was advanced by the Revenue Committee on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The bill appeared on the Legislative Agenda on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

The bill was debated on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and removed following three hours of debate. It did not return this year. **There is no longer an opportunity to try to pass something this year.**

On Monday, March 26, 2018 the Education Committee advanced LB1103 to General File. The bill in its advanced form would provide for a base-line level of funding for schools throughout the state. There has been a one-pager floated of a possible amendment that would replace the provisions of LB1103. Included in this is a cigarette tax increase of \$1.50. However, concerns about the germaneness of an amendment of this kind have been raised.

**The bill was debated on Friday, April 6, 2018 and was pulled from the agenda after 3 hours of debate. It was this bill that led to the speakers action noted above.**

## LANCASTER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS PRIORITIES

*LB93 (Hansen) Adopt the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act.* **SHERIFF WAGNER OPPOSE.** 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 may not be received into evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding, and any person who violates this act will be subject to damages.

The bill was signed by the Governor on February 14, 2018. Please note that an amendment was adopted that addressed Sheriff Wagner's concerns.

*LB672 (Krist) Provide for medical release for committed offenders. NEUTRAL.* LB672 allows for an offender who has been committed because of a medial or physical condition to be considered for medial release if they are determined to be terminally ill or permanently incapacitated. Prior to granting release, the department must review the medial, institutional, and criminal records of the offender and any additional medial evidence. To qualify for medial release, the offender must agree to placement for medical treatment. If, during medial release, the offender's condition improves such that they are no longer eligible for release, the department may direct that they be returned to custody pending a hearing. The offender will receive credit for time served on medial release toward the balance of their sentence.

There is a potential cost that could be incurred if the recently released go onto the County's General Assistance program. The hearing on this bill was held on January 17, 2018 before the Judiciary Committee. Sara Hoyle testified in a neutral capacity on behalf of Lancaster County. The bill remains held in committee.

In a previous report, we noted that LB852 as amended by AM2090, by Senator Bolz, that would provide for medical release of and additional rehabilitative options for committed offenders and allow the use of certain funds for peer and family support programs, has been included in the Judiciary Committee's omnibus corrections bill (LB841).

Subsequent to a previous staff meeting, we forwarded a copy of the amendment to Sara Hoyle for her review. She has reviewed it and recommends that a provision be included in the new language that directs the Department of Corrections to work with the individual to get them on Medicaid prior to discharge. Last week, we received the board's blessing to work on this point.

We did receive a copy of a fiscal note that was prepared by LT William McGlothlin that was filed on this bill that would be utilized if the Committee Amendment is adopted. That fiscal note indicates that the potential that the release of these individuals could cost Lancaster County \$450,000.

*LB677 (Krist) Change appropriations for certain health and human services programs.* **SUPPORT** LB677 increases the funding for behavioral health aid programs from 96,447,841 to 97,634,504. The additional funding is to be taken from the General Fund. LB677 also increased the funding for medical assistance programs to 2,034,850,498 for FY2017-18 and 2,085,328,775 for FY2018-19. The additional funding is to be taken from the General Fund. The funding for

Child Welfare Aid is increased to 198,794,731 in both FY2017-18 and FY2018-19. The additional funding is to be taken from the general fund. The funding for Developmental Disability Aid is increased to 158,764,372 in FY2017-18 and 157,627,794 in FY2018-19. The additional funding is to be taken from the general fund

This bill was heard before the Appropriations Committee on February 12, 2018 and remains in committee. It is likely that if the Committee decides favorably on this measure, that it will be included in any budget adjustment legislation advanced from the Committee.

*LB715 (Howard) State intent relating to appropriations to local public health departments.*  
**SUPPORT** LB715 states the intent to appropriate to the Department of Health and Human Services \$900,000 from the General Fund for FY2018-19. The Department shall distribute \$50,000 to each of the local public health departments for the purpose of improving preventative health and promoting worksite wellness.

This bill has been referred to the Appropriations had a public hearing on February 12, 2018. It remains in committee. It is likely that if the Committee decides favorably on this measure, that it will be included in any budget adjustment legislation advanced from the Committee.

*LB776 (McCollister) Provide requirements for inmate access to telephone or videoconferencing systems in county and city jails.* **OPPOSE IN PRESENT FORM/PREFER FCC GUIDELINES.** LB776 requires each county and city jail to make available either a prepaid telephone call system or collect telephone calls system for telephone services for inmates. The Jail Standards Board is required to ensure that county and city jails are providing inmates with affordable and meaningful means to communicate by telephone or videoconferencing with inmates' families, loved ones, and counsel.

There is some concern about what the term "reasonable" means in this legislation. The hearing on this measure was on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Kerry Eagan testified on behalf of Lancaster County in opposition to this measure.

The bill was advanced to General File by the Judiciary Committee with an amendment attached which clarifies that calls may be made to attorney or attorneys. The bill has reached General File debate agenda with the debate on the measure commencing yesterday. The Legislature debated the measure but did not take a final vote on the measure before adjourning for lunch on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

The bill reappeared on the agenda for Tuesday, March 5, 2018 and was discussed for close to two hours before Senator McCollister requested that the bill be placed on a "Speakers Hold" meaning that the bill would be pulled from the agenda so a potential compromise could be worked out. Senator Groene remains opposed to the bill but has signaled some willingness to work with Senator McCollister on potential compromise language.

Subsequent our meeting with the board two weeks ago, we did meet with Senator Groene's office. Furthermore, we did also discuss this with Senator McCollister. The two senators continue to discuss which version of their amendments should be agreed-to. On Tuesday of last week, Senator Groene filed an amendment that incorporates the language we presented last week. As noted in last week's report, we did not expect Senator McCollister to agree to this.

Last week, we were presented with language which Senator McCollister subsequently filed that Senator Groene has agreed to. That language was forward to Mr. Eagan, Brad Johnson, The

language is a bit broader in authority than what was originally presented by our first agreement with Senator McCollister, but ultimately something we can live with. We have attached the amendment with last weeks' report.

The bill was debated on Monday, March 26, 2018. The McCollister compromise amendment was adopted and the bill was advanced to Select File. On Friday, April 6, 2018 the bill was advanced to Final Reading and passed on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. It was sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.

*LB831 (Wayne) Provide annual salary limitations for elected officials of political subdivisions.*  
**OPPOSE.** LB831 prohibits political subdivisions from paying any elected member of their legislative body an annual salary that is more than two times the annual salary of the member of the Legislature. The hearing on this bill occurred on January 25, 2018 before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee, where it remains in committee.

*LB841 (Pansing-Brooks) Provide duties relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies.*  
**OPPOSE AM2092, SEC. 20.** This bill was advanced as the Judiciary Committee's omnibus "prison overcrowding" legislation. There are two provisions that are problematic, the first was noted above as the amended version of LB852. There is another provision that was raised as a concern by Brad Johnson and Pat Condon. It is in section 20 of that amendment which reads as follows:

13 (2)(a) The officer of the Nebraska State Patrol shall immediately  
14 respond to the correctional facility where the alleged assault occurred.  
15 (b) The officer shall arrest the person alleged to have committed  
16 the assault if probable cause exists that there has been a violation of  
17 section 28-929, 28-930, 28-931, or 28-931.01. The officer shall  
18 immediately remove the person from the correctional facility and  
19 transport him or her to the county correctional facility in the county  
20 that will have jurisdiction over the alleged assault.

What this language fundamentally says is that if an individual in a state correctional facility and assaults any officer, that the NSP shall transport them to a county correctional facility and be charged by the County Attorney in the county in which the state facility is located. Clearly, those counties which have state facilities in them would be most directly impacted – including Lancaster. It would not only create classification issues but it also provides an incentive to individuals incarcerated in state facilities to assault correctional officers. It is our understanding that the state corrections officers pushed to get this language into the amendment.

Since becoming aware of this language we met with Committee Counsel to express our concerns. We also advised the Governor's office of the same (including those provisions regarding the release of prisoners due to medical considerations).

Following the board meeting the week of March 19, 2018, we met (along with NACO, the County Sheriffs Association and Douglas County) with Senator Krist who advised that he had agreed with suggested language from Senator Ebke that would strike language above. That amendment was filed on Monday, March 26, 2018 – the night before the bill was debated on General File. Said amendment was forwarded to Mr. Eagan, Ms. Hoyle, Director Johnson and County Attorney Condon.

On Tuesday, March 27, 2018 the Legislature debated LB841 – and the Ebke amendment was ultimately adopted which struck the provisions above and made significant changes to the provisions dealing with medical release. However, an amendment offered by Senator Suzanne Geist at the request of Senator Ebke created some concern from Senators Chambers and Krist. Ultimately, the bill was debated past the three hour window and was pulled by the Speaker.

On Thursday, March 29, 2018, the Legislature once again took up LB841 shortly before breaking for the weekend. The bill advanced following a few comments by Senators Chambers, Krist and Senator Ebke who apologized to her colleagues for capitulating too quickly to the demands of the Executive Branch. The amendment referenced above remained intact.

On April 4, 2018, the bill was advanced from Select File to Final Reading. On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, the bill passed and was sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.

*LB861 (Watermeier) Require that certain prosecution costs be paid by the state. SUPPORT*  
LB861 requires the costs of prosecution in excess of the threshold amount be paid by the State if the county's costs of prosecution relating to a single correctional institution incident exceed the threshold amount

This bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee and had a public hearing on February 13, 2018. The bill was prioritized by the Appropriations Committee and advanced by the Committee.

The bill was advanced to Select File on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Senator Burke Harr filed an amendment to LB861 we attached to a previous report. This is a variation on a previous amendment for which the county received a fiscal note request. Senator Harr, as we understand it, has filed this version of the amendment to stop any impact on local political subdivisions.

The was taken up on Select File on April 9, 2018 and all amendments thereto were stricken from the bill and language requested by the State's Risk Manager was attached. The Harr amendments were withdrawn and the bill moved to Final Reading. The bill passed on Final Reading on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and was sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.

*LB870 (Pansing-Brooks) Provide for room confinement for juveniles as prescribed.*  
**MONITOR.** LB870 requires documentation of room confinement of a juvenile for longer than one hour over a twenty-four-hour period. LB870 prohibits room confinement of a juvenile as punishment, due to a staffing shortage, or for the purpose of retaliation by staff. LB870 also prohibits room confinement of a juvenile unless all other less-restrictive alternatives have been exhausted, and the juvenile poses an immediate and substantial risk of harm to self or others.

LB870 prohibits holding a juvenile in room confinement longer than necessary to eliminate the substantial and immediate risk of harm to self or others, and requires that room confinement only be done for a period that does not compromise or harm the mental or physical health of the juvenile. LB870 outlines various other requirements of room confinement of juveniles.

Commissioner Schorr, Commissioner Brinkman, Kerry Eagan and Joe Kohout met with Senator Pansing-Brooks and her legislative aid Chris Tribsch on Tuesday. The meeting was very fruitful with good, open conversation. Senator Pansing-Brooks is preparing an amendment that will address our key concerns.

As noted above, the Judiciary Committee held its hearing on LB870. The hearing brought numerous proponent testifiers, many of whom had at one point been youth subject to confinement in a facility. Their testimony, while very emotional, brought forward the issue of time youth can spend in solitary, which in the stories presented could be several hours, to several days.

Opponent testimony was presented by staff from Lancaster, Douglas, Sarpy, and Kearney facilities, as well as the Director of Facilities for the Department of Health and Human Services. These positions consistently addressed the proposed three-hour limit to confinement, noting that centers are using this as a last resort when needed to protect other youth, or staff. Given the mental health and behavioral needs of some youth, there are times that the three-hour limit is not enough. Senator Pansing-Brooks noted that everyone has agreed that there should be a time limit, due to that limit being crucial on the overall effects it has on those in confinement.

Senator Pansing-Brooks, in both her opening and closing statements on the hearing praised Lancaster County for coming forward with suggestions to address concerns presented by county staff members.

We received an amendment from Senator Pansing-Brooks' office which was forwarded for review. We did receive some comment asking for clarification on the "continuous monitoring" requirements.

The Judiciary Committee did advance its omnibus juvenile justice legislation. The bill, at this point, does not contain LB870.

As promised in previous reports, we indicated that we would monitor for any developments in this area. We followed up with Senator Pansing-Brooks – apparently concerns have been raised by Boys Town about this legislation and the bill will not go anywhere this year.

*LB884 (Harr) Change and eliminate provisions relating to county sales and use taxes.*  
**MONITOR.** LB884 allows for the imposed sales and use taxes to be used for economic development or manufacturing/industrial site development. LB884 also eliminates applicability to municipalities in certain sections. The hearing on this measure was January 18, 2018 before Revenue Committee. Commissioner Schorr testified on behalf of NACO. The hearing was very balanced and committee members asked good questions. We do not expect the measure to advance from committee. The bill remains held in committee.

*LB885 (Harr) Change provisions relating to property tax protests.* **OPPOSE.** LB885 requires property tax protests to indicate whether the person signing the protest is the owner of the property. If the person signing the protest is not the owner of the property, the county clerk must mail a copy of the protest to the owner.

This legislation was introduced by Senator Harr at the request of NACO. Dan Nolte sent a letter with the permission of the Board. There was support from NACO and others at the hearing.

The bill was advanced to General File with AM1626 attached. The bill was not prioritized thus weakening its chance for passage this session unless amended into something else.

*LB899 (Erdman) Provide for an adjustment to the assessed value of destroyed real property.*  
**MONITOR.** LB899 defines destroyed real property as real property that is destroyed by fire or other natural disaster after January 1 and before October 1 or any year. LB898 also makes it the

duty of the county assessor to report to the county board of equalization all real property in their county that becomes destroyed real property during any year. After receipt of this report, the county board of equalization must adjust the assessed value of the destroyed real property as prescribed in LB899. The hearing on this bill was on January 25, 2018 before the Revenue Committee. Several testifiers appeared in support and several in opposition. Most indicated that a provision in LB1089, a bill by Senator Jim Smith, represented a better way to address this issue.

The hearing on LB889 was January 25th. LB1089 was heard on February 7. At that hearing, only one person appeared in opposition – the Nebraska Assessors.

LB1089 did advance from the Revenue Committee on February 23, 2018 with a committee amendment (AM2049) attached. We attached that amendment with the March 1, 2018 report. Upon review, Scott Gaines advised the board that the provisions regarding destroyed real property were not included in the committee amendment. We will continue to monitor for developments in this area.

*LB905 (Kuehn) Change the burden of proof for certain protests of real property valuations.* **OPPOSE.** LB905 places the burden of proof on the county assessor to show that their assessed value is equitable and in accordance with the law at any hearing on a protest regarding real property. The hearing on this bill occurred on January 19, 2018 before Revenue Committee. The bill had no proponents and several opponents. We do not expect the measure to advance from the Revenue Committee.

The bill remains held in committee.

*LB943 (Wishart) Redefine a term relating to budget limitations.* **SUPPORT.** LB943 changes the definition of allowable growth to mean, for governmental units other than community colleges, the percentage increase in taxable valuation. For community colleges, allowable growth is the percentage increase in excess of the base limitation established in section 77-3446. The hearing on this bill was on January 31, 2018 before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee.

Proponents of the bill included Lancaster County, the City of Lincoln through the Finance Director and Chief of Police, the League of Nebraska Municipalities, Four Lanes for Nebraska, and the City of Norfolk. Opposition came only from LIBA.

The bill remains held in committee.

*LB963 (Smith) Change how often real property is inspected and reviewed for property tax purposes.* **OPPOSE.** LB963 requires that real property be inspected and reviewed for property tax purposes no less frequently than every three years.

The hearing on this bill occurred on February 7, 2018 before the Revenue Committee. It was taken with LB961 and LB962. At the hearing, no one appeared in support of any of the bills and no one appeared in opposition; only letters of opposition were read into the record. The bill remains held in committee.

*LB964 (McDonnell) Authorize mental health professionals to take a person into emergency protective custody under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act.* **OPPOSE IN CURRENT FORM.** LB964 allows for mental health professionals, who have probable cause to

believe that a person is mentally ill and dangerous or a danger sex offender, to take such person into emergency protective custody.

Following the board's decision to oppose the bill, we had a series of conversations. What we were able to determine is that the intent of the bill was to include the definition of "mental health professional" that is located at 71-906 which defines a mental health professional as "a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or psychology in this state under the Uniform Credentialing Act or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act who has proof of current certification in a psychiatric or mental health specialty." While the language is more limiting, however, both Kim and Scott Etherton continue to have concerns with the language. To be fair, they remain nervous about practitioners not understanding imminent dangerousness, which is required to take someone's civil rights from them. The concerns remain that emergency room doctors could be loading up the crisis center. The question is whether the system is broken and what is trying to be fixed.

In further conversations, it appears that this may be a solution for the Omaha metropolitan area with police needing to be called to emergency rooms to conduct an EPC.

The hearing was held February 14, 2018 before the Judiciary Committee. The bill remains held in committee and is not likely to advance.

*LB977 Make post-release supervision optional for Class IV felonies. **SUPPORT.*** LB977 allows for post-release supervision to be imposed for Class IV felonies at the discretion of the judge.

The hearing on this bill occurred before the Judiciary Committee on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Support for the bill was registered by the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association and Lancaster County via letter.

**The bill was placed on General File on March 8, 2018.**

*LB997 (Murante) Provide limits on salaries of administrative employees of political subdivisions. **OPPOSE.*** LB997 prohibits political subdivisions from spending more than five percent of its budgets for salaries and benefits for administrative employees whose primary responsibilities are supervisory or supportive in nature. The hearing on this bill was on January 25, 2018 before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. No one appeared in support of the measure and many, many organizations appeared in opposition. The bill remains in committee.

*LB1075 (Friesen) impose a fee on transfers of real estate. **MONITOR.*** Imposes a fee on the grantor executing a deed upon the transfer of a beneficial interest in or legal title to real estate.

The hearing on the bill occurred before the Revenue Committee on Thursday, February 22, 2018 and only the Nebraska Farmers Union appeared in support. The Realtors and the Nebraska Bankers Association appeared in opposition. We do not expect the bill to advance.

*LB1076 (Friesen) Increase the documentary stamp tax and provide for the use of the revenue. **MONITOR.*** The documentary stamp tax would be increased to two dollars and seventy-five cents for every one thousand dollars in value. Fifty cents of such amount shall be appropriated to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

The hearing on this bill occurred before the Revenue Committee on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. No one appeared in support, opposition or neutral. We do not expect the bill to advance.

*LB1102 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to distribution of taxes collected, license renewals and fees, and the tax on gross proceeds for county and city lotteries. **OPPOSE.*** LB1102 allows for lottery licenses to be renewed annually. LB1102 requires counties, cities, and villages who conduct a lottery to submit to the department on a quarterly basis a tax of four percent of the gross proceeds. Such tax will be remitted by the Department to the State Treasurer for credit as follows: (1) two percent to the Charitable Gaming Operations fund; and (2) Two percent to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund.

This bill was referred to the General Affairs Committee and had a public hearing on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The bill had no supporters testify, and had 4 opponents. We do not expect it to be prioritized or advanced, but continued monitoring will take place

*LB1104 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to the special valuation of agricultural or horticultural land.* LB1104 adds a new qualification in order for agricultural or horticultural land to receive a special valuation. For land that is located in a county with a population of 100,000 inhabitants or more and that consists of no more than five contiguous acres, the owner or lessee of the land must prove that either: (1) they derived at least 15% of their gross income from agricultural or horticultural activities in the preceding year; or (2) they land produced at least one thousand dollars of gross revenue from agricultural or horticultural activities in the preceding year.

The hearing on this bill occurred before the Revenue Committee on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Indications are that Senator Friesen would be willing to make the bill applicable statewide no matter the size of county.

*LB1112 (Vargas) Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles and permit an additional use of funds under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. **SUPPORT.*** LB1112 prohibits juveniles from being placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center unless such placement is a matter of immediate and urgent necessity. LB1112 also prohibits juveniles under the age of fourteen from being placed in such centers. LB1112 also prohibits juveniles from being detained unless the physical safety of persons in the community would be seriously threated or detention is necessary to secure the presence of the juvenile at the next hearing. Children twelve years or younger may not be placed in detention under any circumstances. Juveniles may not be placed into detention: (1) to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility; (2) to punish, treat, or rehabilitate; (3) to permit more convenient administrative access; (4) to facilitate further interrogation or investigation; or (5) due to lack of more appropriate facilities.

LB1112 also allows for funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program to be used one time by an aid recipient: (1) to convert an existing juvenile detention facility or the existing structure for use as an alternative to detention as defined; (2) to invest in capital construction, including both new construction and renovations, for a facility for use as an alternative to detention; or (3) for the initial lease of a facility for use as an alternative to detention.

According to Senator Vargas, the bill is his "JDAI Bill" and would move the state further in that direction.



This bill was heard before the Judiciary Committee on February 22, 2018. A letter of support was submitted for the hearing. Those who appeared in support of the bill at the hearing included Juliet Summers (a juvenile law lawyer from Omaha), Christine Henningsen (Director Nebraska Youth Advocates at UNL- Center for Children, Families and the Law), Rico Zavala, Elaine Menzel for NACO, Anne Hobbs (JJI at UNO). No one appeared in opposition and Shakil Malk (Deputy County Attorney, Douglas County).

We had all but given up on this bill for this year. However, on Monday of this week while LB670 was being considered on Select File, Senator Tony Vargas filed AM2874 which was the provisions of LB1112 and it was amended into LB670 on a 25-3 vote. The bill was then advanced to Final Reading on a voice vote. It will be read on Final Reading next Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

*LR281CA (Morfeld) Constitutional amendment to state that affordable health care is a right and to expand eligibility under the medical assistance program. SUPPORT* The provisions are an amendment to the Nebraska constitution that would state as follows: "Affordable health care is a right forever preserved for the people of Nebraska subject to reasonable restrictions as prescribed by law." It then goes on to state that "The Legislature shall provide health insurance under the medical assistance program to adults under the age of sixty-five years with incomes under one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII)." This is Medicaid expansion in the form of a constitutional amendment.

This bill was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee and the hearing was held on February 21, 2018. A letter was submitted in support under Vice-Chairwoman Brinkman's signature. At the hearing, the LR saw a significant level of support – as well as opposition from the administration. We do not believe it will advance from Committee.

There was an announcement by Senators Morfeld, Pansing-Brooks and others announcing a petition drive to obtain enough signatures to put the providing Medicaid expansion as possible law enacted by the people of Nebraska at the ballot. Signature collection on this effort has commenced.

### **LANCASTER COUNTY SPREADSHEET AND PRIORITY SPREADSHEET**

Attached, please find two documents: the first is the weekly spreadsheet that we update on a daily basis during session. This is provided to you each Thursday and again over the weekend.

The second is a list of the bills prioritized by individual senators, committees and the speaker.

This concludes our report for the week.

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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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/23/2017	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 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 are not the mandatory minimum is proper and what the proper sentence should be. Sentencing judges would also be allowed to conduct hearings that will aid their determination whether the mandatory minimum sentence is proper. Arguments may be presented by each attorney during the determination of a proper sentence.</i>
LB55	Schumacher		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds  <i>LB55 requires landowners to mow to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches along their lands at least three times each year. The first before June 5, the second before July 10, and the third before August 15.</i>
LB66	Hansen		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/28/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Change provisions relating to stacking of coverage under the Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Coverage Act  <i>LB66 permits the stacking of separate policies for individuals living together when determining the limit of insurance coverage available to an injured person for any one accident.</i>
LB68	Hilgers	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	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	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act  <i>LB72 renames the Nebraska Governmental Unity Security Interest Act to the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest and Pledge Act. The NGUSIPA governs the perfection, priority, and enforcement of all security interests created governmental units. LB72 makes the pledge of any bond-pledged revenue source by a governmental unit to the payment of the principle, premium, and interest on bonds valid and binding and deemed continuously perfected from the time of the bonds or notes or other financing obligations are issued. Specific terms for different types of bonds are set forth in Section 5 of LB72.</i>
LB75	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	Governor Vetoed 05/02/2017 Wayne Priority Bill	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony (Motion made by Sen Wayne, found on Journal Page 1282)  <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	Approved by Governor 02/28/2018	Change provisions relating to relinquishment or abandonment of any portion of a state highway system  <i>LB78 allows for department, political, and governmental subdivisions to negotiate the terms or conditions of any relinquishment of a public highway that the state has decided to abandon. This petition and a written memorandum of understanding will be filed as a public record. After the filing of the petition and memorandum, the section of the highway becomes the responsibility of the subdivision. If there is an unforeseen economic change, the subdivision is allowed to request a renegotiation of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.</i>
LB80	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/18/2017	Approved by Governor 03/08/2017	Provide for unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act  <i>LB80 includes Law clerks and students employed by the country attorney or public defender as unclassified service under the County Civil Service Act.</i>
LB81	Blood	Support	Judiciary 02/02/2017	IPP (Killed) 01/09/2018	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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	Change provisions relating to opening bids  <i>LB86 eliminates the requirement that bridge bids be opened in the presence of the county board.</i>

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LB89	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	Change published notice of hearing requirements under the Nebraska Budget Act as prescribed  <i>LB89 changes the requirement for notice of a public hearing from five days to four calendar days. Four calendar days will include the date of publication but not the day of the hearing.</i>
LB90	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2017	In Committee 01/09/2017	Require public entity provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination  <i>LB90 requires public entities to provide suitable accommodations when any employee of the Auditor of Public Accounts conducts an audit or examination of them.</i>
LB93	Hansen	Monitor	Judiciary 01/19/2017	Approved by Governor 02/15/2018	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	IPP (Killed) 02/15/2018	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>

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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>
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. 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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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	Approved by Governor 02/15/2018	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	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 05/02/2017 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>

**Amended Bills:** LB27, LB89, LB90

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LB152	Thibodeau	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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>
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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/10/2017	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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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>



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LB176	Bostelman		Natural Resources 01/26/2017	Approved by Governor 05/10/2017	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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	Provide for sexual assault protection order  <i>LB178 allows for any victim of sexual assault o file a petition and affidavit for a sexual assault protection order. This protective order shall be effective for two years unless renewed. Any knowing violation of such protective order will be a Class I Misdemeanor. LB178 also affords full faith and credit to sexual assault protection orders issued in other states or jurisdictions.</i>
LB179	Bolz		Health and Human Services 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence  <i>LB179 requires any child who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement in the six months prior to attaining nineteen years of age to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. The Office of Probation is required to identify such individuals and provide the information. LB179 also provides factors for a court to consider when deciding whether it is necessary for the juvenile to remain in the court-ordered out-of-home placement. LB179 also provides for medical care under the medical assistance program for young adults for such juveniles.</i>
LB180	Bolz		Judiciary 01/26/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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>

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LB193	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/10/2017	Approved by Governor 02/15/2018	Change provisions relating to courts

*LB193 changes terminology of statutes dealing with courts. The term "docket" is replaced with "file." The term "trial docket" is used to reference the lower court's schedule. LB193 requires clerks to enter judgements in the judgment index instead of the judgment record or journal.*

*LB193 requires sheriffs to file a notice on the record whenever the levy of attachment or execution on real estate is to be used as notice. LB193 also allows offers for settlements for the recovery of money to be served on the parties' attorneys as well as the parties themselves.*

*LB193 requires clerks to send a the final order after the entry of any final judgment either through the United States mail or by service through the court's electronic case management system. LB193 requires that sureties for stays of execution be recorded on the register of actions and entered by the clerk on the judgment index.*

*LB193 requires every clerk to maintain and preserve a file and record of all papers delivered to them in every action or special proceedings. Retention and disposition of the records shall be determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act. The clerk of the district court is required to maintain records on the court's electronic case management system. Retention and disposition of the records shall be determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act. The case file is required to be in chronological order and contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgement, verdicts, postjudgement actions, and other documents in the case file. The case file may be maintained as an electronic document through the court's electronic case management system. The file may also be maintained in a paper volume and disposed of when determined by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the Records Management Act.*

*LB193 requires the trial docket be available for the court on the first day of each month. The docket must set forth each case pending in the order of the filing of the complaint to be called for trial.*

*LB193 adds new definitions that apply to clerk of other courts of record. Definitions for Fee Record, General Index, Judge's Notes, Judgment Index, Register of Actions, and Trial Docket are added.*

*LB193 requires, whenever there is a transfer order from county court to district court, the county court must file the Certification of the proceedings, all original documents of the action, certification of the transcript of the register of actions, and the certification of the court costs within ten days.*

*LB193 requires that, when there is a change of venue, the clerk of the original court must file all original documents and a certification of the transcript of the register of actions, certification of the proceedings, and certification of the court costs to the clerk of the new court.*

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

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

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LB194	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/21/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Vargas Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act  <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>  <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>  <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 03/15/2017	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 01/27/2017	General File 01/22/2018	Eliminate certain state aid to counties for law enforcement and jail operations  <i>LB199 repeals sections 23-362 and 23-362.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Both these sections that provide funds for counties in which Indian Reservations are located for the purpose of law enforcement and jail operations.</i>
LB200	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2017	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	Change provisions relating to county engineers, county surveyors, and county highway superintendents in certain counties as prescribed  <i>LB200 requires a county surveyor in counties with a population of seventy-five thousand but less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants to perform all the duties and possess all the powers and functions of the county highway superintendent.</i>
LB201	Lowe		Judiciary 03/02/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants  <i>LB201 allows for law enforcement officers to request the assistance of any other law enforcement officer in executing a search warrant if the person or place to be searched is not within the named officer's jurisdiction. LB201 also allows for unsworn statements to be made under the penalty of perjury and subject to the same punishments as perjury.</i>
LB202	Lowe		Judiciary 02/03/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant  <i>LB202 creates the offense of obstructing government operations if a person intentionally and willfully refuses to submit to a chemical test authorized by a search warrant.</i>

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LB207	Krist		Executive Board 01/20/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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>
<b>Amended Bills:</b> LB6					
LB212	Hansen		Business and Labor 01/23/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act  <i>LB212 requires compensation to be paid if a law enforcement officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty. For deaths occurring during 2018, compensation shall be fifty thousand dollars. For deaths occurring 2019 and each subsequent year, compensation shall be the compensation of the previous year increased by the Consumer Price Index.</i>
LB216	Harr		Executive Board 01/30/2017	In Committee 01/12/2017	Adopt the Redistricting Act  <i>LB216 creates an Independent Redistricting Citizen's Advisory Commission for the purpose of assisting the Legislature in the process of redistricting in 2021 and thereafter. LB216 also creates The Redistricting Fund for the purpose of assisting the commission for travel and actual expenses of the members of the commission. Principles are provided for the commission to follow in the course of their duties in sections 28 and 29.</i>
LB217	Harr		Revenue 02/02/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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.</i>
<b>Amended Bills:</b> LB49, LB228, LB233, LB238, LB251, LB288, LB387					
LB219			Nebraska Retirement Systems 01/31/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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.</i>  <i>LB219 requires that, for judges hired after July 1, 2017, the determinations will be based on a mortality table using seventy-five percent of the male table and twenty-five percent of the female table and an annuity rate specified by the board. Both the mortality table and the annuity rate must be recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i>  <i>LB219 requires that, for school employees hired after July 1, 2017, the determinations will be based on a mortality table using twenty-five percent of the male table and seventy-five percent of the female table and an annuity rate specified by the board. Both the mortality table and the annuity rate must be recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i>  <i>LB219 requires that, for State Patrol Officers hired after July 1, 2017, the determinations will be based on a mortality table using seventy-five percent of the male table and twenty-five percent of the female table and an annuity rate specific by the board. Both the mortality table and the annuity rate must be recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i>  <i>LB219 requires that, for state employees hired on or after January 1, 2018, the mortality assumption used for purposes of converting the member cash balance account must be a mortality table using a unisex rate that is fifty percent male and fifty percent female that is recommended by the actuary and approved by the board.</i>

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LB225	Crawford	Monitor	Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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.</i> <i>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</i> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB297, LB298, LB336
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>
LB230	Watermeier		Executive Board 01/26/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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>

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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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness for workers' compensation  <i>LB244 allows frontline state employees to receive workers' compensation for mental injuries if they can establish, by preponderance of the evidence, that their employment conditions causing the mental injury or illness were extraordinary and unusual and that the medial causation between the mental injury or illness and the employment. A frontline employee means an employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Health and Human Services whose duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk individuals.</i>
LB245	Bolz		Judiciary 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Provide for a corrections-related emergency and overtime as prescribed  <i>LB245 requires that employees of the Department of Corrections must have at least eight consecutive hours off work before a shift. Overtime of such employees is also limited to thirty-two hours during a period of two consecutive weeks. However, in the event of a serious disturbance at a correctional facility, the director may declare an emergency and the overtime restrictions may be suspended for up to two weeks or until the director rescinds the declaration.</i>
LB249	Harr		Revenue 02/23/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Expand business inventory property tax exemption  <i>LB249 expands business inventory property tax exemptions to personal property that is equipment useable for construction, agriculture, or manufacturing.</i>
LB250	Harr		Judiciary 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to probationers' rights  <i>LB250 takes away a probationer's right to a prompt consideration of a motion or information to revoke probation when the probationer has failed or refused to report to their probation officer as ordered by the court.</i>
LB251	Harr		Revenue 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Redefine agricultural or horticultural purposes for revenue and taxation purposes  <i>LB251 requires that, when determining whether a parcel of land is primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, no regard may be given to whether some or all of the parcel is platted and subdivided into separate lots or developed with improvements such as streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, sewer lines, water lines, or utility lines.</i>
LB253	Crawford		Revenue 02/24/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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	Approved by Governor 03/21/2018	Adopt the Vacant Property Registration Act  <i>LB256 adopts the Vacant Property Registration Act. The purpose of this act is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Nebraska residents by providing authority for municipalities to enact vacant property registration ordinances. These ordinances should allow communities to identify and register vacant properties, collect fees to compensate for the public costs of vacant properties, plan for the rehabilitation of vacant properties, and encourage the occupancy of vacant properties. These registration ordinances may apply to either residential or commercial buildings, but not to property owned by the federal government, the State of Nebraska, or any political subdivision.</i>

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LB258	Hansen		Judiciary 02/16/2017	Passed 04/11/2018	Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state identification card or renew 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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017 Hansen Priority Bill	Adopt and change competency and financial ability provisions relating to court proceedings as prescribed  <i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</i> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB145, LB395, LB526
LB261	Hansen		Business and Labor 02/13/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act  <i>LB261 adopts the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. The purpose of this act is to protect workers and communities by requiring advance notification of large-scale employment loss. The act requires an employer, before ordering a mass layoff, to provide notice to possibly affected parties at least sixty days in advance. For actions that will result in employment loss for two hundred fifty or more employees, such notice must give one hundred twenty days in advance. This notice must include the number of employees who will be terminated, a statement of the reasons for the mass layoff, a statement of any employment that may be available at other establishments, a statement of employee rights, and a statement concerning information about public programs available to the employee. LB261 also allows for an employee, the Attorney General, the commissioner, or an affected city, village, or county who has been aggrieved by an employer's failure to comply with the notice requirement to proceed with a civil action against the employer.</i>
LB262	Groene		Urban Affairs 02/21/2017	IPP (Killed) 02/15/2018	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	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 05/02/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB54, LB70, LB143, LB164, LB294, LB355, LB418, LB459, LB460, LB483
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>

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					<p><i>LB266 also allows for the commission to increase or decrease the value of real property. For the purpose of school district taxation, agricultural and horticultural tax ranges may be: 44 to 50 for tax year 2018; 34-40 for tax year 2019; and 24-30 for tax years 2020 and after.</i></p> <p><i>State aid means, for agricultural and horticultural land, a percentage of the actual value of the land. For tax year 2018, 47%, for tax year 2019, 37%, and for tax years 2020 and after, 27%.</i></p>
LB268	Schumacher		Judiciary 02/01/2017	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 Schumacher Priority Bill	<p>Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement</p> <p><i>LB268 gives county courts concurrent original jurisdiction with the district court to determine contribution rights under section 68-919. LB268 changes the fee schedule for recording certificates of foreclosure.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 requires notice of appointment of personal representatives to be provided to DHHS if the decedent was 55 years or older. The notice must be provided to the department in a delivery manner and at an address designated by the department. Any notice that fails to conform with such manner is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 changes the term "Medicaid" to "medical assistance" for purposes of reimbursement of claims after a trustor has died. If no medical assistance payment is due, DHHS may waive this restriction after receipt of the trustee's request.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 allows for part of a deed filing fee to be used for preserving and maintaining public records of a register of deeds office that has been consolidated with another county officer and for the modernization and technology needs relating to those records.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 eliminates the uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate or notice affecting the lien pursuant to the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 also changes the Medical Assistance Act. LB268 requires any applicant for medical assistance to disclose their interests in any real estate, trust, corporation, LLC, or other entity. Applicants must also disclose any income derived from such interests and whether the income is generated directly or indirectly. Any assistance obtained after a willful failure to disclose will be deemed unlawfully obtained and recovery may be sought. If, during the transferor's lifetime, an interest in real estate is irrevocably transfers to a related transferee for less than full consideration, the related transferee will be subject to a lien in favor of the State of Nebraska for medical assistance reimbursement to the extent necessary to secure payment subject to stipulated restrictions. LB268 also states that a medical provider shall have the authority of a guardian and conservator for the limited purpose of making application for medical assistance on behalf of a person whom the provider is treating if the person is unconscious or otherwise unable to apply for medical assistance and does not have an existing power of attorney or a court-appointed official to apply on their behalf. When DHHS provides medical assistance to a person because of third party's wrongful act or negligence, the department has the right to recover the medical assistance costs from that third party.</i></p>
LB271	Hilgers		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/23/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Geist Priority Bill	<p>Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity</p> <p><i>LB271 allows the Department of Roads to assume all or part of the responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation concerning environmental assessment and review. LB271 also waives the State of Nebraska's immunity from civil liability solely for the compliance, discharge, or enforcement of the assumed responsibilities.</i></p>
LB275	Hughes		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/06/2017	Approved by Governor 02/28/2018	<p>Provide duties for law enforcement agencies and private towing services and rights and duties for private property owners regarding abandoned vehicles</p> <p><i>LB275 allows for law enforcement officers and private property owners to remove or cause removal of an abandoned vehicle from private property upon request of the private property owner whose property the vehicle is abandoned on.</i></p>
LB277	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	<p>Change population requirements for election precincts</p> <p><i>LB277 lowers the population requirements for election precincts from one thousand seven hundred fifty registered voters to one thousand registered voters.</i></p>



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LB278	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/03/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/15/2017	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	Thibodeau		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/21/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act and change provisions of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act  <i>LB286 adopts the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act. This act prohibits a person, unless they are exempted, from engaging in the business of making a flexible credit loan to a resident without first obtaining a license as a flexible credit lender. The director must issue a license to an applicant within sixty days after receiving a complete application unless the applicant is insolvent, fails to demonstrate financial responsibility, failed to pay the required fee of \$500, or fails to maintain at least twenty-five thousand dollars in readily available assets. All advertisements of a licensee must comply with the federal Truth in Lending Act. Licensees are prohibited from providing a flexible credit loan to a consumer with more than one outstanding flexible credit loan. LB286 also includes interest rate caps for certain categories of consumers. LB286 stipulates that, for closed-end credit, the term of the flexible credit loan may not exceed twenty-four months.</i>
LB288	Harr		Revenue 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/13/2017	Change provisions relating to service of notice when applying for a tax deed and the laws governing tax sale certificates  <i>LB288 permits the use of certified mail and designated delivery in order to serve notice upon every person in actual possession or occupancy of real property that qualifies as an owner-occupant. If certified mail or designated delivery service is used, the certified mail return receipt of a copy of the signed delivery receipt must be filed with and accompany the return of service. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
LB289	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/23/2017	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 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 LB188, LB178 &amp; LB394 have been amended into LB289.</i> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB178, LB188, LB191, LB394
LB290	Vargas	Monitor	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>

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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 and change the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act and the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as prescribed  <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>
LB297	McCollister		Health and Human Services 02/23/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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 Officer of Chief Information Officer, the Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of Developmental Disabilities of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services.</i>
LB298	Baker		Health and Human Services 02/23/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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>

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LB299	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Ebke Priority Bill	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	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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	Approved by Governor 02/15/2018	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 country a copy of the five-year plan and annual plan.</i>
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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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	Approved by Governor 02/28/2018	Change provisions relating to bridge carrying capacities and weight limits and operation restrictions for implements of husbandry  <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>

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LB312	Briese	Oppose	Revenue 02/22/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions
<p><i>LB312 eliminates Motor vehicles, motorboat trade-ins, newspapers, laundromats, and telefloral deliveries from being included under "consumer goods" for the purpose of a report created by the department for the purpose of reviewing the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. From the same report, under "nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities" the Nebraska lottery, admissions to school events, and fine art purchases by a museum are eliminated. From the same report, all provisions are eliminated under "services purchased for nonbusiness use" and replaced with only household professional services. Prepaid calling arrangements are also eliminated from "telecommunications."</i></p> <p><i>LB312 also removes the exemptions under gross income received for animal specialty services for the purpose of determining gross receipts for providing a service. Other sources of gross are added to the definition of gross receipts for providing a service are added in section 2.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 allows the credit from trading in motor vehicles, motorboats, all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles to be used when computing the Sales price.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 removes prepared food, food, and food ingredients served by public or private schools from sales tax exemption. Fees and admissions charged by a public or private school are also removed from sales tax exemption. Fees and admissions charged for participants in any activity provided by a nonprofit are also removed from sales tax exemption.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 removes from the definition of "food and food ingredients" soft drinks, candy, and bottled water.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 allows for a refundable credit against the income tax up to ten percent of the allowed federal credit for taxable years beginning or deemed to be before January 1, 2018 and seventeen percent for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2018.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 requires the Tax Commissioner, from the amounts collected under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, credit to the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund an amount equal to the net increase in state tax revenue received as a result of the changes made by this legislative bill.</i></p> <p><i>LB312 creates the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund. This fund will be used to provide a property tax credit to owners of real property. To determine the amount of this credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the county by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total real property valuation in the county. The amount dispersed to each county will be equal to the amount in the Excess Revenue Property Tax Credit Fund multiplied by the ratio of the real property valuation in the county to the real property valuation in the state.</i></p>					
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
<p><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></p>					
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
<p><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></p>					
LB316	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change election provisions relating to technology and funding
<p><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></p>					

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LB317	Hughes		Urban Affairs 01/24/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for a relevy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed
<p><i>LB317 allows special assessments to be relevied or reassessed whenever the special assessment is found to be invalid and uncollectable.</i> <i>Portions of LB133 have been amended into LB317 via AM19.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB133</p>					
LB327	Scheer	Oppose	Appropriations 02/21/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/15/2017	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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/23/2017 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled
<p><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></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB417, LB495</p>					
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
<p><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></p>					
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
<p><i>Beginning November 2019 and every November thereafter, LB337 requires the Tax Rate Review Committee to examine the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts from the Current Fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year. If the expected rate of growth does not exceed three and one-half percent, the Committee shall declare that the income tax rate reduction under section 77-2715.03 be deferred. If such a deferral is declared, the highest individual income tax rate under 77-2715.03 for the current year will remain in place. For 2020 through 2026, this deferral will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds four and two-tenths percent for the upcoming fiscal year. For 2027 and thereafter, and deferrals will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds three and one-half percent for the upcoming fiscal year.</i></p> <p><i>LB337 also adds additional tax bracket tables.</i></p>					
LB338	Brasch		Revenue 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Brasch Priority Bill	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act
<p><i>LB338 adopts the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act. Agricultural and horticultural land will be valued at its agricultural use value as determined by the Act regardless of any value which such land might have for other purposes. In order for land to receive agricultural use value, it must be located outside the corporate boundaries any district, city, or village and be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. LB338 requires the county assessor to use an income-approach calculation to determine the agricultural use value for each year.</i></p>					

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					<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	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 05/02/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications 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	General File 03/15/2018	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>
LB345	Thibodeau		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/06/2017	Approved by Governor 02/28/2018	Eliminate an experience requirement for abstractors  <i>LB345 eliminates a provision requiring at least one year of verified land title-related experience satisfactory to the board for individuals desiring to become a registered abstractor.</i>
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>

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LB354	Kolowski		Business and Labor 02/27/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Adopt the Wage Disclosure Act  <i>LB354 adopts the Wage Disclosure Act. This act makes it unlawful for an employer to screen job applicants based on their current or prior wages, request or require that a job applicant disclose his or her current or prior wages, or seek information regarding an applicant's current or prior wages. Violations of this act will be a Class IV misdemeanor.</i>
LB357	Bolz	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/28/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs  <i>LB357 places a fee of twenty-five dollars for each original certificate of title issued to a person by a county for a vehicle or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state after the first original title is issued. LB357 also allows for voluntary contributions of \$2 to be made as a donation to programs for persons suffering from brain injury.</i>
LB359	Kolterman		Judiciary 02/15/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession  <i>LB359 allows persons who have lost title to real property due to a successful claim of adverse possession to recover damages for all taxes and special assessments paid during the period of adverse possession.</i>
LB365	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2017	General File 03/15/2017	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees  <i>LB365 makes, for nonresidents of Nebraska, the actual added cost used as the basis for the calculation of a fee for records include a charge for the existing salary or pay obligation to the public officers or employees, including a charge for the services of an attorney to review the requested public records.</i>
LB367	Krist	Oppose	Judiciary 02/24/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters  <i>LB367 requires the county to pay the costs associated with transportation when a peace officer takes a juvenile into temporary custody and a probation officer determines the need for detention or an alternative placement. LB367 requires the Office of Probation Administration to pay for costs that are related to treatment or service provisions.</i>
LB369	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/16/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds  <i>LB369 eliminates the provision that ended the ten-dollar fee received by the register of deeds and the county clerk for recording a deed, mortgage, or release, recording and indexing of a will, recording and indexing of a decree in a testate estate, recording proof of publications, or recording any other instrument. LB369 allocates two dollars and fifty cents of this fee to the preservation and maintenance of public records.</i>  <i>LB369 eliminates the uniform fee for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate of notice affecting the lien. LB369 also eliminates the provision that ended the uniform fee for presenting for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating or for filing, releasing, continuing, or subordinating each tax lien.</i>
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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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>

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LB378	McCollister		Appropriations 03/06/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services  <i>LB378 appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2016-17 to the Department of Correctional Services, for Program XXX. The appropriation shall only be used to house prison inmates at county jails where such inmates have been classified as community corrections inmates and are housed at county jails in the general area where the inmates on parole or release will be located</i>
LB381	Harr		Judiciary 02/01/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017	Change provisions relating to jury sequestration  <i>LB381 allows the court to order a jury sequestered during trial or after a case is finally submitted to the jury on the court's own motion or on motion by a party for good cause shown. LB381 also prohibits jurors that are sequestered from reading, listening, or viewing any reports of the case in the media.</i>
LB382	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/16/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/15/2017	Change provisions relating to budget limitations for counties  <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	Approved by Governor 05/10/2017	Change membership provisions for certain municipal 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	IPP (Killed) 01/10/2018	Change the rate of interest to be charged on installment loans under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act  <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>
LB389	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	General File 02/23/2018 Low 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>



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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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	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	Approved by Governor 02/15/2018	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	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	Change a retirement application timeframe for judges and Nebraska State Patrol officers as prescribed and change supplemental lump-sum cost-of-living adjustments under the Judges Retirement Act  <i>LB413 requires a judge's application for retirement to be filed no more than one hundred twenty days in advance of qualifying for retirement. LB413 also changes the word "adjustment" to "payment" in terms of lump-sum cost of living. LB413 also changes the definition of Officer to exempt law enforcement officers who have been granted an appointment conditioned on satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council.</i>
LB415	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/27/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/23/2017 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to certain retirement plans as prescribed  <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>

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*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 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.*

*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.*

*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 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 Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act.*

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					<p><i>Under LB415, termination of employment for State employees does not occur if: an employee enters into an employer-employee relationship in any capacity with the same or another county which participates in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties; if the employee provides services to an employer participating in a retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i></p> <p><i>On or after July 1, 2017, a retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as a new member and make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment. Upon termination of such new employment, the member will receive, in addition to the retirement benefit which commenced at the time of the previous retirement: if the member has accrued ten year or more of vesting credit after their return to employment, a retirement benefit shall be calculated solely on the basis of the vesting credit accrued and earned after the member's return to employment and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form; or if the member has not accrued ten or more years of vesting credit after their return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the return to employment. A member's vesting credit which was accrued prior to a previous employment may not be considered as part of the member's vesting credit after their return to employment for any purpose of the State Employees Retirement Act.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB31, LB32, LB110, LB219, LB278, LB413, LB532</p>
LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Riepe Priority Bill	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare</p> <p><i>LB417 eliminates provisions concerning the alternative response implementation plan. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring associations that receive juveniles under the Nebraska Juvenile Code to report to the department its condition, management, and competency. LB417 also eliminates a provision requiring the department to submit an annual summary and analysis of the medical assistance program to the Medicaid Reform Council. LB417 eliminates a provision requiring the department to report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Medicaid Reform Council on the implementation of rules and regulations, Medicaid state plan amendments, and waivers adopted under the Medical Assistance Act and their effects.</i></p> <p><i>LB417 eliminates provisions requiring the divisions to notify the Governor and Legislature when the occupancy of the licensed psychiatric hospital beds of any regional center reaches twenty percent or less of its capacity. LB417 also eliminates provision that have been outdated.</i></p> <p><i>LB417 allows senior volunteers to receive transportation expenses, one free meal, and an annual physical examination. LB417 eliminates provisions that provided senior volunteers with an hourly stipend.</i></p> <p><i>LB417 requires the department to make annual grants in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. As a condition to receiving a grant, an application must obtain at least ten percent matching funds from local sources. LB417 also requires the department to develop a quality assurance plan to promote and monitor quality relating to services for persons with developmental disabilities.</i></p>
LB418	Briese		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2017	IPP (Killed) 05/23/2017	<p>Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers</p> <p><i>LB418 changes the date from "2016" to "2017." LB418 also adopts the rules of practice for FMCSA. LB418 also updates civil penalty amounts to match federal regulations for commercial carriers.</i></p>
LB420	McCullister		Business and Labor 03/13/2017	General File 03/21/2017	<p>Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act</p> <p><i>LB420 adopts the Fair Chance Hiring Act. This act prohibits employers and employment agencies from asking an applicant to disclose information concerning the applicants criminal record or history unless such disclosure it needed to determine if the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications of the position. Such positions include those in which a criminal history record information check is required by law or federal or state law specifically disqualifies an applicant with a criminal background even if such law allows for a waiver that would allow such applicant to be employed.</i></p>

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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	General File 02/23/2018	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
LB427	Vargas		Education 01/30/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 Vargas Priority Bill	Authorize schools and the State Department of Education to adopt policies relating to pregnant and parenting students, authorize training regarding such policies, and authorize 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB428
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>
LB432	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2017	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 05/02/2017 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>

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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	Thibodeau		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 severed owned or managed by it. LB437 also allows independent instrumentalities to provide information that is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Taxpayer Transparency Act by providing the State Treasurer with a link to a web site or document containing such information that is stored on a server owned or managed by the independent instrumentality. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i>
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	Walz		Judiciary 03/03/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB244
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>
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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017 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>
<b>Amended Bills:</b> LB314					
LB458	Harr		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2017	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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	Krist	Oppose	Revenue 02/15/2017	In Committee 01/19/2017	Change revenue and taxation provisions  <i>LB468 eliminates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act exemption and compensating exemption factor for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates an exemption from taxation for the first ten thousand dollars of valuation on tangible property for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 also eliminates the reduction in the value of tangible personal property owned by each railroad, care line company, public service entity, and air carrier for tax years 2018 and 2019. LB468 ends reimbursement to taxing subdivisions for tax revenue that will be lost because of personal property tax exemptions for tax years 2018 and 2019.</i>  <i>LB468 allows resident individuals from electing to subtract from federal gross adjusted income the extraordinary dividends paid on and the capital gain from sale or exchange of capital stock for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018 and taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. LB468 ends the credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund on July 1, 2017, and ends the credit to the Highway Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2019. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved into law.</i>
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	Approved by Governor 02/28/2018	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	Approved by Governor 02/28/2018	Provide requirements relating to health insurance policies and coverage for insureds in temporary 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	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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	General File 05/15/2017	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	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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	IPP (Killed) 02/15/2018	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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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	Final Reading 04/10/2018 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 permit holder may carry a concealed weapon  <i>LB501 requires that, in order for a permit holder to violate the section, there must be a posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited and the property owner must make a request that the permit holder leave, which the permit holder defies. LB501 also makes this violation a Class II misdemeanor.</i>
LB502	Brewer		Judiciary 03/23/2017	In Committee 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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	Change population threshold for the county civil service system and change provisions relating to personnel policy boards and boards of county commissioners  <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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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 nonforfeitability of the member's accrued benefits and the accrual of benefits under the plan. LB532 makes the county employing the member liable for funding any obligation of the plan to provide the benefits based upon such period of service. The state will be liable to fund the obligation of the plan for judges and State Patrol Officers. The employer shall be liable for funding any obligations for the school employee.</i>
LB539	Krist		Executive Board 02/08/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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>

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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>  <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>

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LB577	Hilgers		Judiciary 03/03/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Create offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush  <i>A person commits the offense of assault on a peace officer, firefighter, or out-of-hospital emergency care provider by ambush if they knowingly and intentionally attack such a person while they are engaged in the performance of their official duties and the attacker either attacks without warning from a concealed position or approaches an unsuspecting officer and intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury. This offense is a Class IB Felony and required a minimum sentence of forty years and possibly a fine up to one hundred thousand dollars.</i>
LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services 03/15/2017	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 McDonnell Priority Bill	Adopt the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act  <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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds along roads  <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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB55
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 Crawford Priority Bill	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>

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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>
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	Clements		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>

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LB624	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2017	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017	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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act  <i>LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city or village located in whole or in part within such county.</i>
LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property  <i>LB628 prohibits cities, villages, and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or 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	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 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>

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LB656	Baker		Judiciary 03/09/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated  <i>LB656 makes a successful claimant one who had a claim against a political subdivision arising from their wrongful incarceration or conviction, which claim was precluded by the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and who obtained a final judgment against such political subdivision from a federal court under 42 U.S.C. 1983 for a violation of their rights protected by the Constitution and arising out of such wrongful incarceration. A successful claimant and the political subdivision against which the claimant obtained final judgment may file a claim with the State Claims Board for full payment of such judgment, or any part of such judgment, which exceeds the available financial resources and revenue of the political subdivision required for its ordinary purpose.</i>
LB658	Wayne	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>
LB664	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Prohibit a political subdivision from using taxes or fees to employ a lobbyist  <i>LB664 prohibits a political subdivision from using revenue from any tax or free to employ or contract with a lobbyist.</i>
LB665	Kuehn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2017	In Committee 01/20/2017	Require a statement of activity regarding certain lobbying activity  <i>LB665 requires every lobbyist who is registered or required to be registered file with the Clerk of the Legislature a statement activity within 24 hours after the lobbyist's initial contact with an official in the executive branch of an official in the legislative branch regarding a legislative bill. The statement must indicate the legislative bill number, the name of the lobbyist, and the principle for whom the contact was made.</i>
LB670	Krist		Judiciary 01/24/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the juvenile justice system  <i>LB 670 requires that the coalition be comprised of no less than 15 and no more than 33 members. Additionally, LB 670 prohibits a majority of the coalition members, including the chairperson, from being full-time employees of federal, state, or local government. At least one-fifth of the members must be under the age of twenty-four on the date of their appointment. LB 670 also lists required members of the coalition that must be appointed one or after June 15, 2018.</i>
LB672	Krist	Neutral	Judiciary 01/17/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Provide for medical release for committed offenders  <i>LB672 allows for an offender who has been committed because of a medial or physical condition to be considered for medial release if they are determined to be terminally ill or permanently incapacitated. Prior to granting release, the department must review the medial, institutional, and criminal records of the offender and any additional medial evidence. To qualify for medial release, the offender must agree to placement for medical treatment. If, during medial release, the offender's condition improves such that they are no longer eligible for release, the department may direct that they be returned to custody pending a hearing. The offender will receive credit for time served on medial release toward the balance of their sentence.</i>
LB673	Krist		Judiciary 01/24/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change procedures for certain hearings for juveniles  <i>LB673 eliminates the requires that the preliminary hearing be held before an impartial person other than the juvenile's probation officer or any other person directly involved in the case.</i>
LB675	Krist		Judiciary 01/17/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change provisions relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies  <i>LB675 requires the Director to certify a list of the inmates who are presently parole eligible anytime an overcrowding emergency is declared.</i>

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LB676	Krist		Judiciary 01/17/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Allow certain committed persons to participate in substance abuse or rehabilitative treatment, seek residency or employment, and participate in structured programming  <i>LB676 allows for certain committed persons to participate in substance abuse or rehabilitative treatment, seek residency or employment, and participate in structured programming</i>
LB677	Krist	Support	Appropriations 02/12/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change appropriations for certain health and human services programs  <i>LB677 increases the funding for behavioral health aid programs from 96,447,841 to 97,634,504. The additional funding is to be taken from the General Fund. LB677 also increased the funding for medical assistance programs to 2,034,850,498 for FY2017-18 and 2,085,328,775 for FY2018-19. The additional funding is to be taken from the General Fund. The funding for Child Welfare Aid is increased to 198,794,731 in both FY2017-18 and FY2018-19. The additional funding is to be taken from the general fund. The funding for Developmental Disability Aid is increased to 158,764,372 in FY2017-18 and 157,627,794 in FY2018-19. The additional funding is to be taken from the general fund.</i>
LB680	Krist		Judiciary 02/27/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Adopt the Interstate Placement for Involuntarily Admitted Patients Agreement Act  <i>LB680 adopts the Interstate Placement for Involuntary Admitted Patients Agreement Act. Under this Act, a health care facility in Nebraska may contract to provide behavioral health services to residents of other authorized states. Such a contract may be entered into for persons who are servicing a sentence after conviction of a criminal offense, are on probation or parole, are the subject of a presentence investigation, or have been committed involuntary in Nebraska under the Mental Health Commitment Act.</i>  <i>LB680 also outlines the requirements for each contract to treat those residing in another state.</i>
LB688	Blood		Judiciary 01/25/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Provide for the possession, use, and application of sunscreen for children and students and provide immunity  <i>LB688 allows for any child attending recreation facility, center, or program operated by a political or governmental subdivision to possess and use a broad spectrum topical sunscreen while attending. Such recreational facility, center, or program may also allow an employee or volunteer to assist in the application of sunscreen in possession of the child with the written consent of such child's parent or guardian.</i>  <i>LB688 also provides immunity-except in cases of gross negligence, willful misconduct, or intentional wrongdoing-for any decision made or action taken that is based on a good faith implementation.</i>
LB691	Blood		Judiciary 02/07/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Adopt the Nebraska Virtual Currency Money Laundering Act and define and redefine terms under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act  <i>LB691 adopts the Nebraska Virtual Currency Money Laundering Act. The Act makes it unlawful for any person who knows the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of an unlawful activity to conduct such financial transaction. Any person who violates this act is guilty of a felony ranging from a Class II misdemeanor to a Class IV felony. Any person who violates this act will also be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed the value of the financial transaction involved or \$25,000, whichever is greater.</i>  <i>The Act also permits authorities to seek injunctions against virtual currency they believe to be involved in the violation of the Act. The Act also requires that any person who receives more than \$10,000 in a single or multiple related transactions file certain information with the Department of Revenue.</i>
LB693	Blood		Judiciary 02/23/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Regulate and create criminal offenses regarding the use of unmanned aircraft systems  <i>LB693 makes it a criminal offense to use an unmanned aircraft to enter the property of another to secretly peep or spy into or through a window, door, or other aperture of a dwelling. A violation of this provision is a Class I misdemeanor.</i>  <i>LB693 also prohibits the use of an unmanned aircraft to violate a protective order. LB693 also prohibits the use of unmanned aircraft at height less than 300 feet above a critical infrastructure facility, penal institution or a school without permission.</i>  <i>LB693 also allows law enforcement to disclose and use information acquired through operation of an unmanned aircraft with restrictions.</i>
LB694	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	General File 03/13/2018	Prohibit cities and villages and counties from taxing or regulating distributed ledger technology  <i>LB694 prohibits cities, villages, and counties from taxing or regulating distribution ledger technology.</i>



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LB695	Blood		Judiciary 02/07/2018	General File 02/26/2018	Authorize and define smart contracts and authorize use of distributed ledger technology as prescribed  <i>LB695 allows for smart contracts to be used in commerce. A smart contract will not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because such a contract is a smart contract or contains a smart contract provision.</i>
LB696	Ebke		Judiciary 01/19/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Increase the number of district court judges in Douglas County  <i>LB696 increases the number of district court judges in Douglas County to seventeen.</i>
LB697	Ebke		Judiciary 01/19/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change certain district court judicial district boundaries  <i>LB697 moves Clay and Nuckolls counties to District No. 10, and moves Otoe county to District No. 1.</i>
LB708	Bolz		Judiciary 01/24/2018	Passed 04/10/2018	Change provisions relating to juvenile court bridge orders  <i>LB708 requires juvenile courts, when necessary and feasible, to obtain child custody determinations from foreign jurisdictions pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. LB708 also prohibits filing fees and other court costs when transferring jurisdiction from a juvenile court to a district court.</i>
LB715	Howard	Support	Appropriations 02/12/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	State intent relating to appropriations to local public health departments  <i>LB715 states the intent to appropriate to the Department of Health and Human Services \$900,000 from the General Fund for FY2018-19. The Department shall distribute \$50,000 to each of the local public health departments for the purpose of improving preventative health and promoting worksite wellness.</i>
LB720	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/13/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change applicability provisions for building codes  <i>LB720 requires all state agencies to comply with local building and construction codes to the extent that such codes meet or exceed the standards of the state building code.</i>
LB729	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary 01/25/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Allow certain claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit under the State Tort Claims Act  <i>LB729 allows for claims arising out of misrepresentation and deceit under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act.</i>
LB730	Wayne		Revenue 01/24/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Adopt the Ammunition Excise Tax Act  <i>LB730 adopts the Ammunition Excise Tax Act. The Act imposes a tax upon the sale of ammunition by a retail dealer equal to 10% of the sales price of the ammunition sold. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be credited to the Wildlife Conservation Fund and Fifty percent will be credited to the Violence Prevention Case Fund. The tax will not apply to ammunition that is sold to federal or state agencies, or if the ammunition is blank ammunition.</i>
LB733	Thibodeau		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/16/2018	Passed 04/10/2018	Change provisions relating to licenses of county highway and city street superintendents  <i>LB733 allows for the holder of a Class B county highway or city street superintendent license who also hold a Class A license to extend the renewal date of their Class B license to coincide with the three-year renewal cycle of their Class A license.</i>
LB735	Blood		Urban Affairs 02/06/2018	General File 02/15/2018	Provide for interlocal agreements regarding nuisances  <i>LB735 allows for cities and villages to enter into interlocal agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act with a county to provide for joint and cooperative action regarding nuisances within the city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. Such agreement must be approved by the governing body of such city or village and the county board of such county.</i>

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LB741	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/22/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/06/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to real property appraisers  <i>LB741 changes the meaning of assignment to only the valuation service performed by an appraiser as a consequence of an agreement with a client. LB741 also states that an assignment result is the opinion or conclusions developed by an appraiser with performing valuation services. LB741 also eliminates real property associates as credential holders for purposes of section 76-2207.10.</i>  <i>LB741 allows for assessment reports to be transmitted to a party authorized by the client. Lb741 also eliminates appointment requirements for the Real Property Appraiser Board. LB741 allows for reciprocal credentialing if the applicants jurisdiction of practice meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria as adopted and promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation. LB741 also eliminates some credentialing requirements relating to classroom work and continuing education.</i>
LB745	Watermeier		Revenue 02/01/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Require notice relating to certain refunds of local sales and use taxes  <i>LB745 requires the Tax Commissioner to notify the affected city, village, county, or municipal county of a refund claim of at least \$5,000 within 20 days after receiving the claim. If the refund is granted, the Tax Commissioner must give the city, village, county, or municipal county the option of having such refund deducted form its tax proceeds in either one lump sum or twelve equal monthly installments.</i>
LB748	Hansen		Urban Affairs 01/16/2018	General File 01/17/2018	Change provisions relating to determination of municipality population thresholds and references to cities, villages, and governing bodies  <i>LB748 allows for population thresholds to be determined by the most revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census.</i>
LB752	Brewer		Judiciary 02/08/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Limit the authority of certain political subdivisions to acquire rights-of-way  <i>LB752 prohibits authorization of rights-of-way acquired on behalf of a third-party accessing the infrastructure to sell electric energy.</i>
LB758	Hughes		Natural Resources 01/17/2018	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 02/28/2018 Natural Resources Priority Bill	Provide for voluntary payments in lieu of taxes on water augmentation project lands as prescribed  <i>LB758 requires natural resource districts that acquire private land to develop and operate water augmentation projects for streamflow enhancement to collaborate with representatives of the county in which such land is located. The purpose of this collaboration is to lessen any impacts to such county's property tax base while also ensuring the objectives of the project are met.</i>
LB760	Hughes		Revenue 01/17/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/06/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act  <i>LB760 provides that a volunteer member's service and activities during 2016 and 2017 shall count toward qualification as an active emergency responder, active rescue squad member, or active volunteer firefighter for each respective year if certain steps are taken.</i>
LB770	McCullister	Support	Health and Human Services 02/07/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  <i>LB770 states the intent of the Legislature that hard work be rewarded and no disincentives to work exists for SNAP participants and that SNAP participants be enabled to advance in employment. It is also the intent of the Legislature that participants in employment and training pilot programs be able to maintain SNAP benefits while seeking employment with higher wages.</i>

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LB772	Walz		Revenue 01/19/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change provisions relating to agricultural land that receives special valuation  <i>LB772 creates separate requirements for special valuation based on the population of the county. If the county has a population of one hundred thousand or more, the land must be located outside the corporate boundaries of any sanitary and improvement district, city, or village and the land must be agricultural or horticultural. In counties with a population of less than one hundred thousand, the land must be located outside the corporate boundaries of any sanitary or improvement district and the land must be agricultural or horticultural.</i>
LB774	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/24/2018	General File 01/30/2018	Change peace officers' duties regarding encounters with certain juveniles  <i>LB774 eliminates expired provisions concerning peace officers' taking certain juveniles into temporary custody.</i>
LB776	McCollister	Oppose	Judiciary 01/18/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 McCollister Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Jail Standards Board and provide requirements for inmate access to telephone or videoconferencing systems in county and city jails  <i>LB776 requires each county and city jail to make available either a prepaid telephone call system or collect telephone calls system for telephone services for inmates. The Jail Standards Board is required to ensure that county and city jails are providing inmates with affordable and meaningful means to communicate by telephone or videoconferencing with inmates' families, loved ones, and counsel.</i>
LB781	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/09/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change penalties for certain felonies committed by persons under nineteen years of age  <i>LB781 prohibits mandatory minimum sentencing for any person convicted of a Class IC or Class ID felony when such person was under nineteen years of age.</i>
LB784	Vargas		Business and Labor 01/22/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change the Employee Classification Act to prohibit contractors with unpaid fines from contracting with the state or political subdivisions  <i>LB784 prohibits any contractor with unpaid fines for a violation of the Employee Classification Act from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such fines are paid.</i>
LB786	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/17/2018	Passed 04/10/2018	Change terminology related to county government  <i>LB786 changes references to "he" to the title of the position.</i>
LB789	Ebke		Revenue 01/24/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Eliminate the marijuana and controlled substances tax  <i>LB789 eliminates the marijuana and controlled substances tax.</i>
LB796	McDonnell		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/16/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change allocation of the fee for an ignition interlock permit as prescribed  <i>LB796 allocates \$25 of the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Violence Prevention Fund and \$15 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund.</i>
LB797	McDonnell		Judiciary 02/21/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change penalties for second and third degree arson  <i>LB797 makes Arson in the second degree a Class IIA felony. LB797 also makes arson in the third degree, if the damages are one thousand dollars or more, a Class IIIA felony. If the damage is between five hundred and one thousand dollars, it is a Class IV felony. For damages less than five hundred, a Class I Misdemeanor.</i>
LB810	Harr		Judiciary	Withdrawn 01/19/2018	Change provisions of State Tort Claims Act relating to certain claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit by the Department of Health and Human Services (Motion made by Sen. Harr, found on Journal Page 318.)  <i>LB810 exempts from the State Tort Claims Act any claim arising out of a misrepresentation or deceit. This exemption will not apply to claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit by the Department of Health and Human Services for failing to warn, notify, or inform of a ward's history as a victim or perpetrator of sexual abuse in cases of adoption or placement.</i>

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LB818	Chambers		Judiciary 01/18/2018	General File 02/20/2018	Change powers and duties relating to the Jail Standards Board  <i>LB818 eliminates a provision restricting the powers of the Jail Standards Board and gives the Board the authority over and responsibility for correctional facilities that are accredited by a nationally recognized correctional association.</i>
LB825	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/17/2018	General File 03/12/2018	Change provisions relating to budgets and public hearing notice for certain governmental entities  <i>LB825 eliminates the definition of qualified sinking fund. LB825 also exempts from the limitations in section 13-520 restricted funds pledged to retire bonds as defined in subdivision (1) of section 10-134 and approved according to law and restricted funds. LB825 also changes the notice requirement for special public hearings associated with property taxes. Under LB825, notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least four calendar days prior to the hearing. Those four calendar days include the day of publication, but not the day of the hearing.</i>
LB829	Erdman		Revenue 01/25/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018 Erdman Priority Bill	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act  <i>LB829 adopts the Property Tax Relief Act. Under this Act, each taxpayer is allowed a refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in the amount of 50% of the school district taxes levied on the taxpayer's property.</i>
LB831	Wayne	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/25/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Provide annual salary limitations for elected officials of political subdivisions  <i>LB831 prohibits political subdivisions from paying any elected member of their legislative body an annual salary that is more than two times the annual salary of the member of the Legislature.</i>
LB834	Howard		Health and Human Services 01/24/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Provide for waiver of certain occupational and licensing fees as prescribed  <i>LB834 waives all initial occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements for low-income individuals, military families, and young workers.</i>
LB841	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/17/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to parole administration and correctional services  <i>LB841 requires the Board of Parole to submit a proposed plan before December 1, 2018 describing the process of implementing the accelerated parole review process.</i>
LB842	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/01/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change provisions relating to certain minimum sentences  <i>LB842 requires that the minimum sentence for any class of felony other than Class III, IIIA, or IV not be less than the minimum or mandatory minimum provided and not greater than one-third of the maximum term.</i>
LB846	Briese		Urban Affairs 01/30/2018	IPP (Killed) 02/15/2018	Change provisions relating to findings and the enforceability of certain agreements under the Community Development Law  <i>LB846 requires the findings of a governing body regarding redevelopment plans be supported by clear and convincing evidence and documented in writing. The governing body's reasons for making such findings must also be documented, include an analysis of the redevelopment project's return on investment, and supported by at least two affidavits from experts in the field of public finance.</i>  <i>LB846 also provides that in any suit, action, or proceeding against the validity of an agreement for a redevelopment project, the agreement will be valid and enforceable only if the city, village, or authority proves, by clear and convincing evidence, that the redevelopment plan is not economically feasible without the use of tax-increment financing and the project would not occur in the community redevelopment area without the use of tax-increment financing.</i>
LB848	Ebke		Judiciary 01/19/2018	Passed 04/10/2018	Correct a provision relating to possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person  <i>LB848 makes a provision relating to possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person grammatically correct.</i>

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LB850	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/31/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Require disclosure of the anticipated cost to a political subdivision to pay off its bonds  <i>LB850 requires a subdivision that issues bonds on or after August 1, 2018 to disclose the anticipated cost to the political subdivision of paying off the bonds according to their terms.</i>
LB852	Bolz		Judiciary 02/01/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Provide for medical release of and additional rehabilitative options for committed offenders and allow the use of certain funds for peer and family support programs  <i>LB852 allows for offenders who, because of a medial or physical condition, are determined to be terminally ill or permanently incapacitated to be considered for medical release. Medical release may only be granted after a review of the offender's relevant records and any such additional medical evidence determined to be necessary. The department must require the offender to agree to placement for medical treatment for a definite or indefinite period of time. If the condition of the offender improves, the department may direct that they return to the custody of the department to await a hearing to determine whether the medical release should be terminated.</i>
LB853	Bolz		Judiciary 02/01/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	To authorize certain Department of Correctional Services contracts  <i>LB853 allows for the Department of Correctional Services to continue to contract with county jail facilities to house certain inmates on a temporary basis.</i>
LB854	Quick		Urban Affairs 01/23/2018	General File 01/26/2018	Expand the number of municipalities which why create a land bank and change land bank powers and board requirements  <i>LB854 eliminates restrictions on the definitions of municipalities for purposes of the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act. LB854 allows for persons designated by a village board of trustees to sit on the boards of created land banks.</i>
LB855	Lindstrom		Judiciary 02/07/2018	General File 02/12/2018	Change Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act provisions to provide for charges or offenses that have been pardoned  <i>LB855 allows for persons who have received a pardon to petition with the county or district court for an order to seal the criminal history information related to such charges and conviction.</i>
LB861	Watermeier	Support	Appropriations 02/13/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Appropriations Priority Bill	Authorize claims to the state for certain costs relating to correctional incident prosecutions as prescribed  <i>LB861 requires the costs of prosecution in excess of the threshold amount be paid by the State if the county's costs of prosecution relating to a single correctional institution incident exceed the threshold amount.</i>
LB862	Howard		Health and Human Services 02/22/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Adopt the Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Act  <i>LB862 adopts the Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Act. The Act applies to the manufacturer of a prescription drug that is purchased or the price of which is reimbursed by either a state purchaser in Nebraska, a health maintenance organization producer, a health insurer authorized to transact sickness and accident insurance benefits, a fraternal benefit society, or a pharmacy benefit manager. The Act requires manufacturers of prescription drugs with ah wholesale acquisition costs of more than forty dollars to provide notice if the increase in the acquisition costs is more than 16%. The notice must be issued at least sixty days prior to the increase. Pharmacy benefit managers who receive notice of an increase must provide notice to contracting public and private purchases which provide coverage for more than five hundred lives. The Act also requires manufacturers to provide, each quarter, specific information to the Department for each prescription drug for which they were required to give notice of an acquisition cost increase.</i>  <i>The Act also requires manufacturers to notify the department in writing if they introduce a new prescription drug to market at a wholesale acquisition cost that exceed the threshold set for a specialty drug under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 at least three days after the release.</i>

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LB869	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/09/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change provisions relating to sealing of juvenile records  <i>LB869 requires county and city attorneys to inform juveniles that their record will be automatically sealed if the criminal petition is dismissed, if the juvenile has completed a diversion program, or if the juvenile has completed their imposed sentence. The notice must also inform the juvenile that, if the record is not sealed, the juvenile's parent or guardian may file a motion to seal with the court when the juvenile reaches the age of majority or six months have passed since the case was closed. LB869 also creates new authorized persons that may inspect records that have been ordered sealed.</i>
LB870	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Judiciary 01/24/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Provide for room confinement for juveniles as prescribed  <i>LB870 requires documentation of room confinement of a juvenile for longer than one hour over a twenty-four-hour period. LB970 prohibits room confinement of a juvenile as punishment, due to a staffing shortage, or for the purpose of retaliation by staff. LB970 also prohibits room confinement of a juvenile unless all other less-restrictive alternatives have been exhausted, and the juvenile poses an immediate and substantial risk of harm to self or others.</i>  <i>LB870 prohibits holding a juvenile in room confinement longer than necessary to eliminate the substantial and immediate risk of harm to self or others, and requires that room confinement only be done for a period that does not compromise or harm the mental or physical health of the juvenile. LB970 outlines various other requirements of room confinement of juveniles.</i>
LB871	Wishart		Appropriations 02/13/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services  <i>LB871 appropriates \$XXX from the General Fund for FY2018-19 to the Department of Correctional Services for Program 200. This appropriation must be used to fund a longevity pay plan for all employees of the department who are employed beginning no later than January 1, 2019.</i>
LB872	Harr		Judiciary 02/21/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change provisions relating to appeals by prosecutors  <i>LB872 allows the prosecuting attorney to take exception to any ruling or decision of the court made during the prosecution of a cause by filing with the clerk of the district court a notice of intention to prosecute an appeal within thirty days after the entry of a judgment, decree, or final order. LB872 prohibits any judgment of the court being reversed in any manner when doing so would violate the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Constitution. LB872 allows for prosecutors to appeal the sentence of misdemeanors when they have a reasonable belief that the sentence is excessively lenient.</i>
LB874			Urban Affairs 01/30/2018	Approved by Governor 03/21/2018 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change the Community Development Law  <i>LB874 requires each city that has created a community development authority or limited community development authority to give to governing body of each county and school district the opportunity to appoint a nonvoting member of the authority or limited authority.</i>  <i>LB874 also allows the Auditor of Public Accounts to audit, or cause to be audited, any authority established or any redevelopment plan of such authority when the Auditor determines such audit is necessary or when requested by the governing body. LB874 also includes in the definition of Redevelopment project work undertaken to clear structures in the redevelopment project area which exceed minimum building and design standards in the community and prevent the recurrence of substandard and blighted conditions. LB874 also adds and eliminates other definitions associated with the Community Development Law.</i>  <i>LB874 requires that any loan made for the purpose of financing a redevelopment project that includes the division of taxes only be used for such purpose, and any proceeds form repayment of the loan must be deposited in the city's general fund and may not be used to establish a revolving loan fund.</i>  <i>LB874 also requires the governing body of a city, prior to declaring an area substandard or blighted, to conduct a study or an analysis on whether the area is actual substandard and blighted. The planning commission must then hold a public hearing on the question after giving reasonable notice at least once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing. After such hearing, the planning commission must submit their recommendations to the governing body. The governing body must then hold a public hearing on those recommendations.</i>  <i>Under LB874, governing authorities must include impacts on the student population of school districts in their cost-benefit model analysis of the redevelopment project. LB874 requires that copies of the cost-benefit analysis be posted on the city's website or made available for public inspection. LB874 prohibits a reimbursement of costs incurred prior to the approval of the redevelopment project for projects that include the division of taxes, with exceptions.</i>

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					<i>LB874 requires each city that as approved one or more redevelopment plans include in their report to the Property Tax Administrator a list of all projects that have been audited since the last report and a list of all projects to be audited in the next twelve months. LB874 also includes new reporting requirements for planning commissions and governing bodies of cities.</i>
					<i>LB874 requires any contract for a redevelopment plan or project that includes the divisions of taxes include a provision requiring the redevelopment to retain copies of all supporting documents associated with the plan or project for three years.</i>
LB875	Bolz		Judiciary 02/09/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by persons under the age of eighteen  <i>LB875 prohibits the death penalty or life imprisonment from being imposed upon any person for an offense committed with such person was under the age of eighteen. LB875 also sets the penalty for any person conceited of a Class IB felony for an offense committed while under the age of eighteen. The maximum of such sentence shall be no greater than life imprisonment and the minimum sentence must be twenty years.</i>
LB878	Ebke	Monitor	Judiciary 01/18/2018	General File 01/30/2018	Provide requirements for testimony by jailhouse informants  <i>LB878 presumes that the testimony of a jailhouse informant is unreliable. LB878 applies to any case in which a suspect or defendant is charged with any offense. LB878 requires prosecutors to keep a record of the use of testimony or information provided by a jailhouse informant against a suspect or defendant's interest while the informant was imprisoned or confined, and any benefits offered or provided to the informant in exchange for such testimony.</i>  <i>Under LB878, if a prosecutor intends to use the testimony of a jailhouse informant, they must disclose to the defense any information in their possession, custody, or control including the criminal history of the informant, any benefit or deal made with the informant, the specific statements allegedly made by the defendant against which the informant will testify, any previous testimony by the informant, and any occasion in which the informant had previously recanted testimony. This information must be disclosed as soon as practicable, and no later than thirty days before trial.</i>  <i>LB878 requires the court to conduct a hearing to determine whether testimony from the jailhouse informant is reliable, unless waived by the defendant. The prosecutor must demonstrate reliability by clear and convincing evidence. LB878 also provides a standard cautionary instruction to be delivered by the court to the jury anytime the testimony of a jailhouse informant is used.</i>
LB881	Schumacher		Revenue 01/18/2018	General File 01/24/2018	Change inheritance tax provisions relating to life insurance proceeds  <i>LB881 exempts from the inheritance tax proceeds of life insurances receivable by a trustee or either an inter vivos trust or a testamentary truest unless the beneficiary of the trust is the decedent's estate.</i>
LB882	Schumacher		Revenue 01/18/2018	General File 01/24/2018	Change provisions relating to certain inheritance tax proceedings  <i>LB882 updates some language concerning certain inheritance tax proceedings.</i>
LB884	Harr	Monitor	Revenue 01/18/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Change and eliminate provisions relating to county sales and use taxes  <i>LB884 allows for the imposed sales and use taxes to be used for economic development or manufacturing/industrial site development. LB884 also eliminates applicability to municipalities in certain sections.</i>
LB885	Harr	Oppose	Revenue 01/19/2018	Passed 04/10/2018	Change provisions relating to property tax protests  <i>LB885 requires property tax protests to indicate whether the person signing the protest is the owner of the property. If the person signing the protest is not the owner of the property, the county clerk must mail a copy of the protest to the owner.</i>
LB887	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/18/2018	General File 02/23/2018	Clarify requirements for exceeding budget limitations under the Nebraska Budget Act  <i>LB887 clarifies that an affirmative vote of at least 75% of all members of the governing body are required before a governmental unit may exceed the provided limit by up to an additional one percent.</i>

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LB896	Geist		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/22/2018	General File 01/25/2018	Change provisions relating to electronic certificates of title, salvage vehicles, and the electronic dealer services system and Vehicle Title and Registration System maintained by the Department of Motor Vehicles  <i>LB896 contains new provisions concerning the issuance of title regarding the transfer of ownership of a motorboat or vehicle by either inheritance, sold to satisfy storage or repair charges, or repossession. LB896 also requires a wrecker or salvage dealer to report electronically to the DMV using an electronic reporting system beginning on the implementation date designated by the Director. LB896 also requires electronic reporting by insurance companies regarding salvaged vehicles.</i>  <i>LB896 also requires assignments of identification numbers for trailers which are not required to have a certificate of title.</i>  <i>LB896 states the intent of the Legislature that the DMV maintain and further improve the Vehicle Title and Registration System and provide for technological updates to electronic certificates of title. The DMV is also required to provide for an electronic reporting system for salvage and junked motorboats and vehicles.</i>
LB899	Erdman	Monitor	Revenue 01/25/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Provide for an adjustment to the assessed value of destroyed real property  <i>LB899 defines destroyed real property as real property that is destroyed by fire or other natural disaster after January 1 and before October 1 or any year. LB899 also makes it the duty of the county assessor to report to the county board of equalization all real property in their county that becomes destroyed real property during any year. After receipt of this report, the county board of equalization must adjust the assessed value of the destroyed real property as prescribed in LB899.</i>
LB900	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/23/2018	General File 02/07/2018	Adopt and update references to federal law relating to transportation and increase fines for violations of certain motor carrier statutes and regulations  <i>LB900 updates references to federal law. LB900 exempts from the hazardous materials endorsement Class A commercial driver's license holders if the driver is operating with the state and acting within the scope of their employment as an employee of a custom harvester operation, an agrichemical business, a farm retail outlet and supplier, or a livestock feeder. The driver must also be operating a service vehicle that is transporting diesel in a quantity of one thousand gallons or less that is clearly marked with a flammable or combustible placard.</i>  <i>LB900 also provides that the maximum gross weight for any vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limitations provided in subsection (3) in an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the natural gas tank and fueling system carried and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system as long as the gross weight does not exceed 82,000 pounds.</i>  <i>LB900 allows the superintendent to impose a civil penalty up to \$15,727 against a motor carrier transporting persons or property in interstate commerce for violation of subdivision (2)(e) of section 60-4,162. LB900 also allows the superintendent to impose a civil penalty against a driver operating a commercial motor vehicle in violation of an out-of-service order of at least \$3,034 for a first violation and at least \$6,068 for subsequent violations.</i>
LB902	Bostelman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/18/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Bostelman Priority Bill	Authorize the withholding from the public of information regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use  <i>LB902 authorizes the withholding of records concerning information obtained by any government entity regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use that is obtained for the purpose of an application permitted or required by law.</i>
LB904	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/23/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Prohibit the charging of certain fees under the Credit Services Organization Act  <i>LB904 prohibits a credit services organization from charging any brokerage fees or any other fees in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act.</i>
LB905	Kuehn	Oppose	Revenue 01/19/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Change the burden of proof for certain protests of real property valuations  <i>LB905 places the burden of proof on the county assessor to show that their assessed value is equitable and in accordance with the law at any hearing on a protest regarding real property.</i>



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LB906	Williams		Judiciary 01/26/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the schedules of controlled substances  <i>LB906 provides exemptions for substances on the list of exempted products of the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice as the list existed on November 9, 2017.</i>
LB907	Baker		Revenue 02/01/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Change provisions relating to a sales and use tax exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment  <i>LB907 includes a definition for agricultural machinery and equipment in the exemption from sales and use tax on gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental or depreciable agricultural machinery and equipment for use in commercial agriculture. Agricultural machinery and equipment means tangible personal property that is used directly in cultivating or harvesting a crop, raising or caring for animal life, protecting the health and welfare of animal life, or collecting or processing an agricultural product on a farm or ranch.</i>
LB910	Bolz		Revenue 02/23/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act and change the funding of the Property Tax Credit Act  <i>LB910 adopts the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act. The purpose of the Act is to provide tax relief though a refundable income tax credit for taxpayers with limited income available to pay property taxes. The Act allows for qualifying agricultural taxpayers to apply to the department for a refundable income tax credit from Jan 1 to April 15. If the department determines that the taxpayer qualifies for the tax credit under the Act, the taxpayer will be granted a tax credit in an amount equal to the amount of property taxes paid on agricultural and horticultural land during the most recent tax year minus seven percent of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income. The department is prohibited from certifying tax credits in excess of one hundred five million dollars for each taxable year.</i>  <i>The Act also allows for qualifying residential taxpayer to apply to the department for a refundable income tax credit from Jan 1 to April 15 of each year. If the department determines that the taxpayer resided at the property described on the application for at least six months of the most recent taxable year, the department must grant the taxpayer a tax credit calculated pursuant to the Act. The Act provides the computations tax credits concerning residential taxpayers. The department is prohibited from certifying tax credits in excess of one hundred nineteen million dollars for each taxable year.</i>
LB911	Bolz		Revenue 02/14/2018	In Committee 01/09/2018	Adopt the School District Local Option Income Surtax Act  <i>LB911 adopts the School District Local Option Income Surtax Act. The Act allows the school board of any school district to impose a local option income surtax for property tax reduction or building construction, remodeling, and site acquisition. This surtax will be imposed upon individuals who reside in the school district. The surtax must be equal to the individual's state income tax liability, less any amount of nonrefundable credits allowed under state law, multiplied by a rate determined by the school board, not to exceed twenty percent. The Act also allows a school board, by majority vote, to pass a resolution to place the issue of enacting a local option surtax before the registered voters of the school district at any primary, general, or special election. The surtax will be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the state individual income tax. The Tax Commissioner will then determine the total local option income surtax owed to each school district and distribute such amounts accordingly.</i>
LB913	McDonnell		Judiciary 01/31/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 McDonnell Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer  <i>LB913 includes health care professionals in the definition of public safety officers for purposes of assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer.</i>
LB922	Vargas		Health and Human Services 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Adopt the All Kids Health Care Program Act  <i>LB922 adopts the All Kids Health Care Program Act. The Act creates the All Kids Health Care Program. Children under 19 with a family income equal to or less than two hundred percent of the OMB income poverty guidelines who meet all eligibility requirements under the Medical Assistance Act but for their immigration status will be eligible for the All Kids Health Care Program. Eligible children will not be considered nonresidents of Nebraska based solely upon their immigration status. The Program will provide eligible children with the same benefits and services provided under the medical assistance program. The Program will be separate from the medical assistance program, but will be administered by DHHS in the same manner to the greatest extent possible.</i>

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LB923	Morfeld		Judiciary 01/31/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide immunity for certain law enforcement employees administering naloxone and change provisions relating to immunity for persons reporting or experiencing alcohol overdoses
<p><i>LB923 includes a definition for law enforcement employees. Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such contractor who regularly, as part of their duties, handles, processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or property which may include or contain opioids.</i></p> <p><i>LB923 also requires that any request for emergency medial assistance in response to a possible alcohol overdose be made in good faith in order for immunity to apply.</i></p>					
LB924	Riepe		Health and Human Services 01/24/2018	General File 03/20/2018	Change provisions of the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act, the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, and the Uniform Credentialing Act
<p><i>LB924 eliminates references to "out-of-hospital emergency care providers" and adds a definition for Emergency Care Provider. LB924 subjects those who are applying for an initial license to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse to a criminal background check. LB924 also adds definitions for advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technician-intermediate, and paramedic.</i></p> <p><i>LB924 also requires at one of the three physician members of the board be specialized in pediatrics. LB924 also requires the board to adopt rules and regulations necessary to create licensure requirements for advanced emergency medical technicians, critical care paramedics, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. LB924 also limits temporary licenses so that they only allow a person to practice in association with a</i></p> <p><i>licensed emergency care provider under physician medical direction. A provision that required the board to establish requirements for orientation of registered nurses, physician's assistances, and physicians involved in the supervision of emergency medical personal and establish supervisory and training requirements of the physician medical director or other person in charge of the medical staff is eliminated. A provision that adopted the United States Department of Transportation National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards and the National Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice is eliminated.</i></p> <p><i>LB924 requires the department to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that provide for the inspection, review, and termination of basic life support emergency medical services and advanced life support emergency medical services.</i></p> <p><i>LB924 also eliminates the references to licensure requirements from nationally recognized medial associations and makes all licensure requirements subject to board approval.</i></p>					
LB925	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/09/2018	Introduced 01/09/2018	Change provisions relating to certain sex crimes and crimes against children
<p><i>LB925 makes child abuse a Class IIA felony if the offense is committed negligently and results in serious bodily harm. LB925 also makes child abuse a Class II felony if the offense is committed negligently and results in the death of such child. LB925 also exempts from prosecution for labor trafficking or sex trafficking unless the indictment is found by the grand jury within seven years after the offense has been committed or within seven years next after the victim's 16th birthday.</i></p>					
LB926	Crawford		Revenue 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Exempt members of the armed forces on active duty and their spouses from motor vehicle taxes
<p><i>LB926 exempts from motor vehicle taxes members of the armed forces on active duty and their spouses.</i></p>					
LB927	Howard		Judiciary 02/22/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Change provisions relating to juveniles' out-of-home placement, care, and custody
<p><i>LB927 gives responsibility for juvenile placement and care with the Division of Children and Family Services within DHHS after July 1, 2019.</i></p>					
LB930	Hansen		Judiciary 02/09/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Prohibit use of juveniles' statements made as a result of custodial interrogation
<p><i>LB930 prohibits use of a juvenile's statement made as a result of custodial interrogation unless the juvenile's parents, guardian, or custodian was present, and the juvenile was advised of his right to counsel and right to remain silent and a knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waiver of those rights was made.</i></p>					

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LB931	Howard		Judiciary 01/26/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 Howard Priority Bill	Provide requirements for opiate prescriptions  <i>LB931 prohibits practitioners from prescribing more than a seven-day supply of opiates to a patient younger than nineteen years of age for outpatient use. The practitioner may only prescribe more than a seven-day supply if, in the professional medical judgment of the practitioner, more than a seven-day supply is necessary for the treatment of chronic pain management or pain associated with a cancer diagnosis or for palliative care.</i>
LB932	Howard		Judiciary 02/01/2018	Introduced 01/09/2018	Provide discharge planning duties for the medical director of the Department of Correctional Services  <i>LB932 requires the medical director of the Department of Correctional Services to development a system of general discharge planning, including a protocol to determine whether or not an inmate soon to be released should be prescribed and dispensed a medication-assisted treatment that could assist in reducing or eliminating the inmate's use of opiates.</i>
LB933	Lindstrom		Judiciary 01/26/2018	General File 02/12/2018	Provide prescription requirements for certain controlled substances  <i>LB933 requires medical practitioners to discuss enumerated topics with patients eighteen years or younger prior to prescribing a controlled substance listed in Schedule II or any other opiate not listed in Schedule II.</i>
LB934	Kuehn		Judiciary 01/26/2018	General File 02/12/2018	Require identification prior to receipt of dispensed opiates  <i>LB934 requires a customer to display a valid identification prior to receiving dispensed opiates listed in Schedule II, III, or IV.</i>
LB937	Stinner		Revenue 02/23/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Change filing fees for appeals to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission  <i>LB937 establishes that, for each appeal or petition regarding the taxable value of a parcel of real property, the filing fee will be: (1) forty dollars if the taxable value of the parcel is less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars; (2) fifty dollars if the taxable value of the parcel is at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than five hundred thousand dollars; (3) sixty dollars if the taxable value is at least five hundred thousand dollars but less than one million dollars; or (4) one hundred dollars if the taxable value of the parcel is at least one million dollars. For any other appeal or petition filed with the commission, the filing fee will be forty dollars.</i>
LB938	Stinner		Appropriations 02/08/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Change provisions relating to the transfer of excess General Fund net receipts to the Cash Reserve Fund  <i>LB938 requires the tax commissioner to determine, within 15 days after the end of each fiscal year: actual General Fund net receipts minus estimated General Fund new receipts; and fifty percent of the product of actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year times the difference between the annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net receipts and the average annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund new receipts of the ten previous fiscal years.</i>  <i>IF one or both of the numbers determined are positive, the greater of the two numbers must be certified by the Commissioner and transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund. If such transfer causes the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund to exceed sixteen percent of the total budget General Fund expenditures for the current fiscal year, such transfer must be reduced so that the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund does not exceed such amount.</i>
LB941	Wayne		Revenue 02/27/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Change the calculation of the tax on the average wholesale price of gasoline  <i>LB941 establishes that the minimum average wholesale price of gasoline to be used to calculate the tax be two dollars and forty-for cents beginning on and after July 1, 2018.</i>
LB943	Wishart	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/31/2018	In Committee 01/10/2018	Redefine a term relating to budget limitations  <i>LB943 changes the definition of allowable growth to mean, for governmental units other than community colleges, the percentage increase in taxable valuation. For community colleges, allowable growth is the percentage increase in excess of the base limitation established in section 77-3446. The provisions of LB943 do not affect school district budgets or TEOSSA.</i>

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LB947	Smith		Revenue 01/31/2018	General File 03/21/2018 Smith Priority Bill	Adopt the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act, change income tax rates, and eliminate certain exemptions and credits  <i>LB947 adopts the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act. The Act allows to each resident individual who is an owner of a homestead a refundable income tax credit equal to a percentage of the property taxes paid on such homestead, not to exceed the prescribed limitations. For taxable year 2018, the refundable credit will be 10%, and the percentage will increase as prescribed by the Act but may not exceed 30%. If the property taxes on a homestead are paid by a corporation, partnership, LLC, a trust, or an estate, the amount of property taxes paid will be allocated to the shareholders, partners, members, or beneficiaries in the same proportion that the income is distributed.</i>  <i>The Act also allows for a refundable income tax credit for each resident individual equal to the percentage of property taxes paid during the taxable year on agricultural and horticultural land, farm sites, and improvements on farm sites. LB947 eliminates the exemption provided in the Personal Property Tax Relief Act after 2019. LB947 also eliminates reductions in value of tangible personal property owned by railroads after 2019. Exemptions for air carriers are also eliminated after 2019. LB947 also creates new tax brackets and rates for taxable years after 2019 for both individuals and corporations.</i>  <i>LB947 also requires the State Treasurer to transfer the unobligated balance from the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before September 2018. LB947 also discontinues relief under the Property Tax Credit Act for tax year 2018 and every tax year after. LB947 requires, beginning July 2019, the State Treasurer to transfer excess amounts from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve fund if the excess amount is less than one percent of the estimated General Fund new receipts for the fiscal year. If the excess amount is one percent or more, the State Treasurer must transfer the amount by which the excess exceeds one percent from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund.</i>  <i>The State Treasurer must transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Job Training Cash Fund on or before July 15, 2018 and another \$5,000,000 on or before July 15, 2019.</i>
LB963	Smith	Oppose	Revenue 02/07/2018	In Committee 01/11/2018	Change how often real property is inspected and reviewed for property tax purposes  <i>LB963 requires that real property be inspected and reviewed for property tax purposes no less frequently than every three years.</i>
LB964	McDonnell	Oppose	Judiciary 02/14/2018	In Committee 01/11/2018	Authorize mental health professionals to take a person into emergency protective custody under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act  <i>LB964 allows for mental health professionals, who have probable cause to believe that a person is mentally ill and dangerous or a danger sex offender, to take such person into emergency protective custody.</i>
LB971	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary 01/26/2018	General File 02/12/2018	Change a penalty for possession under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act  <i>LB971 makes possession of a controlled substance in an amount up to and including one gram or fewer than ten pills a Class I misdemeanor. For amounts weighing more than one gram or more than ten pills, a Class IV felony.</i>
LB977	Wayne	Support	Judiciary 02/23/2018	General File 03/08/2018	Make post-release supervision optional for Class IV felonies  <i>LB977 allows for post-release supervision to be imposed for Class IV felonies at the discretion of the judge.</i>
LB982	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/14/2018	Passed 04/11/2018	Provide for persons eighteen years of age or older to consent to certain behavioral health services  <i>LB982 allows for individuals eighteen years of age or older to consent to mental health services for themselves without the consent of their parent or guardian.</i>
LB985	Howard		Appropriations 02/12/2018	In Committee 01/17/2018	Provide for state funding of prenatal care under the medical assistance program  <i>LB985 requires the Legislature to ensure that sufficient funds are appropriated to cover the costs of prenatal care if federal funding is no longer available.</i>

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LB989	Wishart		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/13/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Wishart Priority Bill	Authorize automated-driving-system-equipped vehicles, automated driving systems, and driverless-capable vehicles as prescribed  <i>LB989 allows a city of the primary class or a partnership of such city and a private entity to conduct pilot projects involving the testing of autonomous vehicles without a driver, a driver's seat, a steering wheel, a brake pedal, or an accelerator pedal. The testing must be limited to a specific area designed by the city, the autonomous vehicle may only operate at speeds less than 35 mph, and the city must obtain insurance and submit a description of the testing to the Department of Transportation.</i>
LB990	Wayne		Judiciary 02/08/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Wayne Priority Bill	Create the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender  <i>LB990 states that a person under the age of twenty-five who knowingly possesses a firearm commits the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender if they:  have previously been adjudicated as offender for an act that would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; are a fugitive from justice; or the subject of a current and validly issued domestic violence protection order. Possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender is a Class IIIA felony for a first offense and a Class III felony for a second or subsequent offense. LB990 also allows for juveniles who are prohibited to petition the court for exemption from such prohibition and provides guidelines for the court to consider when considering such petition.</i>
LB992	Bolz		Judiciary 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/17/2018	Provide for release from a residential lease for a victim of domestic violence and eviction of a perpetrator of domestic violence  <i>LB992 prohibits a landlord from taking action against a tenant or household member if such person is a victim of domestic violence that seeks assistance from a qualified third party. If a landlord terminates a lease because of the perpetration of domestic violence on the property, the landlord may elect to terminate the rental agreement as to the perpetrator alone. Even if the perpetrator is evicted, they are still liable for all amounts due under the terms and condition of the rental agreement. LB992 also allows for victims of domestic violence to obtain a release from a rental agreement if they have obtained a protective order or sought assistance form a qualified third party.</i>
LB993	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/05/2018	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 04/04/2018 Geist Priority Bill	Create the 911 Service System Advisory Committee and change the 911 Service System Act and eliminate the act's termination date  <i>LB993 creates the 911 Service System Advisory Committee. The committee will advise the commission concerning the implementation, coordination, operation, management, maintenance, and funding of the 911 service system and provide input on technical training and quality assurance. LB993 also eliminates a responsibility of the commission to consult with and seek advice and assistance from stakeholders. LB993 also adds new responsibilities of the commission. LB993 allows the commission to apply for any federal or other funds available for next-generation 911 service and distribution such funds consistent with their applicable directives. LB993 provides immunity for any person involved in the provision of next-generation 911 services in certain situations.</i>
LB997	Murante	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/25/2018	In Committee 01/17/2018	Provide limits on salaries of administrative employees of political subdivisions  <i>LB997 prohibits political subdivisions from spending more than five percent of its budgets for salaries and benefits for administrative employees whose primary responsibilities are supervisory or supportive in nature.</i>

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LB999	Vargas		Education 02/13/2018	In Committee 01/17/2018	Change provisions relating to the Student Discipline Act
<p><i>LB999 requires principals to send written statements to students after a suspension describing the student's conduct or violation within forty-eight hours. LB999 also requires suspended students to be given an opportunity to complete any classwork and homework missed during the suspension. The opportunity to complete missed classwork and homework shall not require the student to attend the district's alternative program for expelled students. LB999 also requires districts to accept nonduplicative and grade-appropriate credits earned by an expelled student during the term of their expulsion at any accredited institution. LB999 states that a personal injury will be considered caused by accident when the damage or consequences of the act that caused the injury were unintentional, unforeseen, or unexpected. LB999 also requires that, in order for possession of a controlled substance to be grounds for discipline, the possession must be done knowingly. LB999 requires that any decision to recommend discipline must be made within two school days after the alleged student misconduct. LB999 allows for students to request designation of a hearing officer other than that selected by the superintendent. LB999 requires that school districts make available witnesses who have knowledge or were involved in the alleged misconduct and subsequent discipline and who are under contract with the school district if requested by the student or student's parent, guardian, or representative. Superintendents must notify the student or student's parent or guardian of their determination within five days after receipt of the hearing examiner's report. LB999 requires that, if the misconduct occurred prior to the last ten school days of the first semester, and the expulsion takes effect in the second semester because the recommendation for expulsion was appealed to a hearing officer or board, the length of the expulsion may not exceed the number of days it would have been in effect had the appeal not been made.</i></p>					
LB1000	Briese	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/11/2018	Require a bond election under the Public Facilities Construction and Finance Act
<p><i>LB1000 requires that any bonds issued by a qualified public agency, for purposes of the Public Facilities Construction and Finance Act, be subjected to a vote prior to issuance. A majority of all the qualified electors must vote in favor of issuance before any bond can be issued. The question of issuing bonds may be submitted at a special election or at an election held in conjunction with the statewide primary or general election. A defeated bond question may not be resubmitted in substance for a period of six months following defeat. A special notice of the bond question in the election must be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the qualified public agency at least twenty days prior to the election. LB1000 also outlines requirements that a submitted bond question must comply with for both special and general elections. Prior to the issuance of bonds under the Public Facilities Construction and Finance Act, the qualified public agencies participating must make a written statement of all the proceedings relative to the vote upon issuance of the bond.</i></p>					
LB1005	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/02/2018	Final Reading 04/03/2018 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	Change county and school retirement provisions
<p><i>LB1005 states that, in the event that the board determines that a governmental entity currently participating in the retirements system no longer qualifies under Section 414(d) of the I.R.C. as a participating employer in a governmental plan, the entity will be liable for: (1) funding any obligation of the retirement system to provide benefits for the affected plan members; (2) the cost of any actuarial study necessary to aid the board in determining the amount of such obligation; and (3) any administrative costs incurred by the board or the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System in connection with the entity's removal from the retirement system.</i></p> <p><i>Any governmental entity contemplating a business transaction that may result in loss of qualifying status under section 414(d) must notify the board in writing as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than one hundred eighty days before the transaction is to occur. Upon notification, the board must make several prescribed determinations designed to assist the entity with the decision.</i></p> <p><i>LB1005 also requires that, prior to January 1, 2019, any governmental entity with specific statutory authority to elect or discontinue participation in the retirement system must make an election regarding whether to participate. On or after January 1, 2019, no governmental entity may elect or discontinue participation in the retirement system and the board will make determinations whether a governmental entity qualifies for participation. These changes will apply to both county and school retirement systems.</i></p>					
LB1006	McCullister		Revenue 02/23/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Change provisions relating to rehearings under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act
<p><i>LB1006 requires that, for rehearing applications involving an order issued pursuant to section 77-5028, the full commission to grant a rehearing if relevant evidence is discovered after the date of the order.</i></p>					

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LB1009	Murante		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/06/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Hughes Priority Bill	Change a rural highway classification and maximum highway speed limits as prescribed  <i>LB1009 creates a classification for super-two rural highways. A super-two consists of two-lane highways designated primarily for through traffic with passing lanes spaced intermittently and on alternating sides of the highways to provide predictable opportunities to pass slower moving vehicles. The speed limit on a super-two will be sixty-five miles per hour. LB1009 also allows for the maximum speed limit to be increased up to five miles per hour over seventy-five miles per hour upon the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as authorized by the Department of Transportation based on an engineering and traffic investigation.</i>
LB1010	Hansen		Judiciary 02/21/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Change procedures for determining competency to stand trial in counties containing a city of the primary class  <i>LB1010 establishes a new procedure for determining competency to stand trial in counties containing a city of the primary class. LB1010 gives the judge of the district or county court the authority to determine whether or not the defendant is competent to stand trial. The judge may also order a medical, psychiatric, or psychological examination of the defendant if the judge believes it to be necessary. The cost of examination will be the expense of the county. If a defendant is committed for treatment to a provider other than DHHS and such provider determines that the defendant should be committed to a different treatment alternative, the provider must submit a report to the department. If the department agrees, it must file the report with the court. If the department disagrees, it must file the report with the court and state a reason why. If a defendant is committed for treatment to DHHS and DHHS believes that the defendant should be committed to a different treatment alternative, they must file a report with the court. Within 21 days after the filing of such report, the court must hold a hearing to determine whether the defendant should be placed in a different treatment alternative. Within six months after commencement of the treatment ordered by the court, and every six months thereafter, the court must hold a hearing to determine whether the defendant is competent to stand trial or whether or not there is a substantial probability that the defendant will become competent in the foreseeable future. If it is determined that there is not a substantial probability that the defendant will become competent in the foreseeable future, the court must either commence the applicable civil commitment proceeding or release the defendant. The state must pay the cost of maintenance and care of the defendant during the period of time ordered by the court for treatment to remove the disability. The defendant will not be eligible for outpatient treatment if they are charged with an offense for which bail is prohibited or denied.</i>
LB1011	Harr		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/12/2018	General File 03/12/2018	Provide a duty for drivers approaching certain stopped vehicles on a roadway as prescribed under the Nebraska Rules of the Road  <i>LB1011 requires drivers who are approaching a vehicle operated by a towing or vehicles recovery service, a publicly or privately owned utility maintenance vehicle, a highway maintenance vehicles, or vehicle operated by a solid waste and recycling collection service which is stopped and displaying flashing red, yellow, or amber lights to proceed with due care and caution and either: (1) move into another lane that is at least one moving lane apart from the stopped vehicles if possible under existing traffic and safety conditions; or (2) if such lane change is impossible, unsafe, or prohibited, reduce their speed to a reasonable speed below the posted limit and be prepared to stop.</i>
LB1013	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/09/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Limit the habitual criminal enhancement to violent felonies  <i>LB1013 limits habitual criminal enhancement to multiple convictions of violent felonies.</i>
LB1014	Pansing Brooks		Business and Labor 02/12/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Name the Discriminatory Wage Practices Act, change provisions relating to wage discrimination on the basis of sex, and provide protections for employees relating to wage disclosure  <i>LB1014 renames sections 48-1219 to 48-1227.01 "The Discriminatory Wage Practices Act." LB1014 adds a definition of "comparable work" to the Act. Comparable work means work that is substantially similar in that it requires substantially similar skill, effort, and responsibility and is performed under similar working conditions. Employers are prohibited from discriminating between employees on the basis of sex by paying wages to any employee at a wage rate less than that the employer pays other employees of the opposite sex for comparable work. LB1014 also allows the commission to issue regulations to develop a standard model for self-evaluation of pay practices for employers to implement in eliminating wage differentials for comparable work based on sex. LB1014 also allows the Attorney General to bring legal action against employers who are in violation of the Act. If legal action is brought against an employer, it is an affirmative defense if the employer has completed a self-evaluation of its pay practices in good faith within three years and can demonstrate reasonable progress has been made toward the elimination of any wage differentials for comparable work based on sex. This affirmative defense will not be available to employers who cannot demonstrate that the evaluation was reasonable in detail and scope. Employers who have not completed a self-evaluation will not be subject to any negative or adverse inference as a result of not having completed a self-evaluation. LB1014 makes it a Class III misdemeanor for any person to discharge employees who has made a complaint concerning violation of the Act, instituted any proceeding related to the Act, or who has testified in any proceeding relating to the Act. An employer will be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor if they fail to keep the records required by the Act, fail to furnish such records upon request, falsifies such records, interferes with the enforcement of the Act, or refuses the commission entry into any place of employment which the commission is authorized to inspect. LB1014 also prohibits employers from requiring nondisclosure of wages or waiver of an employee's right to discuss their wages. Employers also may not threaten to take or take any adverse action against an employee in retaliation for such employee disclosing their wages.</i>

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LB1017	Krist		Natural Resources	Withdrawn 01/24/2018	Change and eliminate pipeline siting provisions and eminent domain provisions  <i>LB1017 only allows for companies, corporations, or associations requiring a right-of- way associated with the transportation of crude oil to use eminent domain if there is a showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the pipeline is for a public use and just compensation is provided. "Just Compensation" includes compensation that takes into consideration whether the taking of the property provides economic benefit to a for-profit entity and, if so, the amount of such economic benefit in comparison to the potential benefits and liabilities to the property owner, affected political subdivision, and members of the public. "Public use" means the provision of services directly to members of the public and the transportation of a commodity with direct benefits to members of the public. LB1017 also limits a provision that expired rights if condemnation procedures have not been commenced within two years after the Governor's approval is granted or receipt of an order approving an application under the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act. LB1017 states the Legislative findings that the right to own property is fundamental to the fabric of American Law and justice and both the Constitution of Nebraska and the Constitution of the United States provide that private property cannot be taken without due process and that such taking must be for the public use with just compensation. LB1017 eliminates a legislative finding that the construction of major oil pipelines in Nebraska is in the public interest of Nebraska and the nation to meet the increasing need for energy. LB1017 creates new requirements for approval of applications for the construction of a pipeline. The applicant must present proof of a construction and performance bond of at least one hundred million dollars and provide a plan for periodic payments to landowners for the use of their land to cover the term the pipeline is being used. The applicant must also provide a decommissioning plan that provide for removal of the pipeline at the end of its useful life and restoration of the property to its original state upon removal.</i>
LB1022	Schumacher		Revenue 02/21/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Adopt the Irrigation Tax Act and change the valuation of agricultural land for property tax purposes  <i>LB1022 adopts the Irrigation Tax Act. The Act imposes a tax upon the use of water to irrigate agricultural land and horticultural land. The tax will be equal to one cent for every ten gallons of water pumped from a covered water well and will be paid by the owner of the land being irrigated. All taxes paid under the Act will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the School Aid Fund to be used as provided. LB1022 also disregards the added value associated with irrigated land for purposes of determining land's taxable value. LB1022 also creates the School Aid Fund. The fund will consist of irrigation tax revenue credited to the fund and will be administered by the State Board of Education. The fund will be used to provide payments to school districts that did not receive equalization aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.</i>
LB1025	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/13/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Create the Building Codes Advisory Committee and change building code provisions  <i>LB1025 creates the Building Codes Advisory Committee. The committee must review new editions of the state building code and make recommendations to the Legislature on whether such new edition should be adopted as a component of the state building code. LB1025 also makes the state building code applicable to each county, city, or village that has not adopted a local building or construction code.</i>
LB1026	Wayne		Revenue 02/27/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Authorize issuance of highway bonds, create a fund, and change existing highway funding provisions  <i>LB1026 states the Legislative findings that safe and modern infrastructure is of great importance to Nebraska's residents, agricultural economy, business economy, and future economic growth. LB1026 allows for the commission acting for or on behalf of the state to issue bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act in such principle amounts as determined by the commission for the purpose of accelerating completion of the highway construction projects identified and to be identified for funding under the Build Nebraska Act. The Highway Cash Fund may be pledged for repayment of such bonds. The proceeds from the sale of any bonds issued, net of costs, capitalized interest, and necessary or appropriate reserve funds, must be deposited in the Build Nebraska Bond Fund for use as provided in the Build Nebraska Act. Bonds issued will be a special obligation of the state payable from any lawfully available funds of the states and any other funds specifically pledged by the commission for such purpose. LB1026 creates the Build Nebraska Bond Fund. The Fund will consist of money credited to the fund as described and any other money determined by the Legislature. At least twenty-five percent of the proceeds of bonds must be used for construction of the expressway system and federally designated high priority corridors. The remaining proceeds must be used to pay for surface transportation projects of the highest priority.</i>
LB1028	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/06/2018	In Committee 01/18/2018	Adopt the Abandoned and Dilapidated Housing Act  <i>LB1028 adopts the Abandoned and Dilapidated Housing Act. The Act requires that any person entitled to redeem real property under sections 77-1801 to 77-1863 must paid the reasonable and necessary costs paid by the holder of the tax sale certificate, including materials and labor of all preservation improvements made on the property, within interest. The tax sale certificate holder must provide notice at least thirty days prior to making any improvements on the property to the person to whom the property is assessed. The notice must set forth the identification number of the parcel, the proposed improvements, the estimated costs, and the name and address of the holder. Prior to redeeming the property, the person entitled to redeem must contact the county treasurer to determine if a notice concerning preservation improvements has been filed. If such notice has been filed, the person must make written demand upon the holder of the tax sale certificate for an itemized statement of the amount claimed as the costs for all preservation improvements. The maximum amount of costs for preservation improvements that a holder of a tax sale certificate may be entitled to recover may not exceed twenty-five percent of the tax assessed value of the property as of the date the tax sale certificate was issued.</i>



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LB1036	Kolowski	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Passed 04/11/2018	Change the expenditure limit for a recognition dinner under the Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditure Act  <i>LB1036 increases the expenditure limit for one recognition dinner to a maximum cost of \$50 per person.</i>
LB1038	Thibodeau		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/11/2018	Provide a deadline for electronic voter registration  <i>LB1038 requires that completed electronic voter applications be completed prior to midnight on the third Friday before the election.</i>
LB1060	Wayne		Health and Human Services 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Adopt the Healthy Kids Act and require tests for lead-based hazards in housing  <i>LB1060 adopts the Healthy Kids Act.</i>  <i>The following requirements of the Act apply to the sale of residential real property located in Nebraska when the seller is required to provide the written disclosure provided for in section 7602, 120 and the sale includes any dwelling unit constructed prior to 1978. The Act requires that, prior to completing a sale, the seller must cause to be performed a lead dust wipe assessment of the residential real property. The assessment must be conducted no earlier than ninety days prior to the sale and will be performed at the seller's expense. The following requirements of the Act apply to any rental of a dwelling unit that is subject to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and that is, or is within, a premise constructed prior to 1978. Before entering into a rental agreement, the landlord must cause to be performed a lead dust wipe assessment on the premises. The assessment must be done no earlier than ninety days prior to entering in to the rental agreement and must be performed at the landlord's expense. The results of the assessment must be disclosed prior to entering into a rental agreement.</i>  <i>The Act also requires DHHS to develop a safe housing registry containing a list of all residential real properties and premises for which the department has issues a lead-free certification.</i>
LB1062	McDonnell		Appropriations 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	State intent relating to appropriations for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program  <i>LB1062 states the intent of the Legislature to include in the appropriation to Agency No. 25, Program No. 39, for FY2018-19 an additional two million four hundred thousand dollars for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.</i>
LB1064	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/08/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Require election officials to check voter records for deceased individuals and require the Secretary of State to check the citizenship status of all registered voters and applicants to register to vote  <i>LB1064 allows for election commissioners and county clerks to check to determine whether a voter is deceased if a notice is sent to the voter and not returned within thirty days. LB1064 also requires election officials to check the citizenship status of individuals who register to vote if such individual is not currently registered to vote in Nebraska. LB1064 requires the Secretary of State, prior to August 6, 2018, to check the citizenship status of each registered voter and remove those who are not citizens from the registry. If the Secretary of State checks the citizenship status of an applicant and determines that the individual is ineligible to vote but has either attempt to register to vote or successfully registered to vote, the Secretary must provide that information to the Attorney General.</i>
LB1065	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/14/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Provide for electronic poll books and change provisions relating to digital signatures  <i>LB1065 states the intent of the Legislature to permit the use of electronic poll books for purposes of deterring and detecting voter fraud, improving and modernizing election procedures, and safeguarding voter confidence. Each electronic poll book for a precinct must contain the list of registered voters and the sign-in register for the precinct combined in one data base and shall include the registration information, the digital image, and the digital signature of the registered voters of the precinct.</i>
LB1066	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/08/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Require photographic identification for purposes of voting  <i>LB1066 lists the documents that qualify as photographic identification if the document is current and valid at the time of the election for which it is displayed, if it displays a photograph or digital image of an individual, and if it displays the name of the individual depicted in the photograph or digital license.</i>  <i>LB1066 requires the Secretary of State to provide any elector who applies a photographic identification without fee.</i>  <i>LB1066 requires voters to present a photographic identification card which meets the outlines requirements prior to being handed a ballot. LB1066 also contains new rules for the use of provisional ballots and photographic identification.</i>

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LB1068	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/14/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Provide for seventeen-year olds to vote in special elections, provide requirements for adjusting political subdivision boundaries, and change voter registration, special election, recall, and initiative and referendum provisions  <i>LB1068 requires that a recall petition filing form be signed and filed prior to the issuance of petitioner papers for a recall. LB1068 also provides that lists of registered voters and information on those voters must be made available, but not for purchase. The information on these voter sheets is also limited by LB1068. LB1068 requires governing boards of political subdivisions who wish to adjust election district boundaries to provide the election commissioner or county clerk a revised election district boundary map that has been approved by the governing board and subjected to all public review and challenge ordinances of the political subdivision. LB1068 allows for seventeen-year- old residents of Nebraska, who attain the age of eighteen on or before the day of the special election but after the second Friday preceding the special election may appear in person at the polling place and vote a provisional ballot if the election occurs in the month of January in any even-numbered year or in the month of January, November, or December of an odd-numbered year. LB1068 requires sponsors of initiatives, at the time of filing the signed petitions, to sign an affidavit certifying that the petitioners have at least the number of signatures necessary to place the issue on the ballot if each signature were found to be valid. If the total number of signatures on the filed petitions is not at least the required number of signatures, the sponsors will be jointly and severally liable for the cost to the state and the counties of the signature verification process. LB1068 allows the Secretary of State to instruct the election commissioners and county clerks to stop verifying signatures on petitions if the Secretary receives reports that signatures in excess of one hundred ten percent of the number necessary have been successfully verified.</i>
LB1071	Lindstrom		Revenue 02/02/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turn back of state sales tax revenue  <i>LB1071 adopts the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act. The Act requires the State to assist municipalities and sewer and water utilities by turning back XXX percent of the state sales tax revenue collected on sewer and potable water fees by the state to the municipalities and sewer and water utilities. This turnback will be used to assist in infrastructure replacement costs and construct, upgrade, redevelop, and replace sewer and water infrastructure facilities on a per capita percentage directly to each participating political subdivision or utility based on state sales tax paid.</i>
LB1072	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Change a preference in awarding public contracts and eliminate reciprocal preference provisions  <i>LB1072 requires that, when a public contract is awarded to the lower bidder, preference must be given to purchasing Nebraska products and good and services form a resident bidder over a nonresident bidder if the bid submitted by the resident bidder is comparable in price to the bid submitted by a nonresident bidder and otherwise meets the required specifications.</i>
LB1075	Friesen	Monitor	Revenue 02/22/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Impose a fee on transfers of real estate  <i>LB1075 imposes a fee on the grantor executing a deed upon the transfer of a beneficial interest in or legal title to real estate. This fill will be equal to one percent of the value of the real estate. This fee does not apply to any instrument that is exempt from the documentary stamp tax under section 76-902. The fee will be determined once the deed is offered for recordation. A refund may be claimed if the payment was either the result of a misunderstanding or honest mistake of the person paying the fee; the result of a clerical error on the part of the register of deeds or the person paying the fee; or invalid for any reason.</i>
LB1076	Friesen	Monitor	Revenue 02/22/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Increase the documentary stamp tax and provide for the use of the revenue  <i>LB1076 increases the documentary stamp tax to two dollars and seventy-five cents for every one thousand dollars value. LB1076 appropriates fifty cents of such amount to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund.</i>
LB1078	Crawford		Executive Board 02/12/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 Executive Board Priority Bill	Require reporting of sexual abuse allegations as prescribed  <i>LB1078 requires the department, the juvenile services division, each juvenile detention facility, and each staff secure juvenile facility to report to the office all allegations of sexual abuse of a state ward, juvenile on probation, juvenile in a detention facility, and juvenile in a residential child-caring agency. LB1078 also requires the department to report to the Health and Human Services Committee the number of sexual abuse allegations that occurred for children being served by the Division of Children and Family Services of DHHS and placed at a residential child-caring agency and the number of corresponding screening decision occurrences by category, open investigations by category, and agency substantiations, court substantiations, and court-pending status cases.</i>

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LB1082	Vargas	Monitor	Judiciary 02/14/2018	General File 03/08/2018	Require jails, law enforcement agencies, and the Nebraska State Patrol to provide public notice before entering into agreements to enforce federal immigration law and to allow audits of noncomplying entities
					<i>LB1082 requires jails and law enforcement agencies to notify governing bodies of any overseeing political subdivision prior to entering into any agreement with any other public agency to enforce or investigation immigration laws. If such agency fails to provide notice, the Auditor of Public Accounts may conduct an audit of such agency.</i>
LB1083	Hansen		Judiciary 02/07/2018	In Committee 01/19/2018	Provide for discovery of telephone numbers and email addresses of witnesses in criminal cases
					<i>LB1083 allows for the telephone number and email addresses of witnesses in criminal cases to be inspected by a defendant.</i>
LB1084	Briese		Revenue 02/08/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018 Briese Priority Bill	Adopt the Property Tax Request Limitation Act, provide sunset dates for certain tax exemptions and incentives, and change other revenue and taxation provisions

*LB1084 adopts the Property Tax Request Limitation Act. The Act prohibits, with exceptions, a school district's property tax request for any year from exceeding the school district's property tax request authority, except for requests that are needed to pay the principle and interest on approved bonds. LB1084 provides the method that each school board of each school district must use to calculate the district's property tax request authority each year. This determined amount must be reported to the State Department of Education. If the department determines that such amount was correctly calculated, it must approve and certify the amount. This certified amount will then be the district's property tax request authority.*

*The district may exceed its property tax request authority by an amount approved by a majority of the legal voters voting on the issue at a special election called for such purpose. The property tax request amount may also exceed its authority by a percentage approved by an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the school board, with specified limitations.*

*School districts are not required to increase its property tax request by the full amount allowed in a particular year. If the district elects to not increase to the full amount, they may carry over to future years the amount of unused property tax request authority.*

*LB1084 provides sunset dates of January 1, 2019 for certain tax exemptions and incentives.*

*LB1084 imposes a surtax after January 1, 2019 upon an individual who is subject to state income tax under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and who has federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year of five hundred thousand dollars or more. This surtax will be in addition to any other taxes owed and will be equal to the individual's state income tax liability multiplied by a rate of either: (1) 2.5% if the individual's federal adjusted gross income is at least \$500,000 but less than one million; or (2) five percent if the individual's federal adjusted gross income is at least one million.*

*LB1084 sets the state tax levied pursuant to section 77-2703 at six percent starting October 1, 2018. LB1084 also includes more services under the definition for "gross receipts for services."*

*LB1084 requires persons who lack physical presence in the state and who make retail sales of property to purchasers in the state to have the duties and responsibilities of a seller for the purpose of sales and use taxes if such person either: (1) made retail sales of property totaling one hundred thousand dollars or more; or (2) make retail sales of property in two hundred or more separate transactions.*

*LB1084 eliminates an exception against sales and use taxes for prepared food and food ingredients serviced by schools, admissions fees charged for political events charged by ballot question committees, admissions fees charged by schools, admissions fees charged for participants in any activity provided by a nonprofit sporting event, and admissions fees charged for participation in an activity provided by a nonprofit youth development and healthy living event.*

*LB1084 provides a new way to calculate individual income tax for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2019. The tax will be a percentage of each individual's federal adjusted gross income as modified, plus a percentage of the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions for qualified retirement plans. The additional taxes will be recomputed by (i) substituting Nebraska taxable income for federal taxable income, (ii) calculating what the federal alternative minimum tax would be on Nebraska taxable income and adjusting such calculations for any items which are reflected differently in the determination of federal taxable income, and (iii) applying Nebraska rates to the result. The federal credit for prior year minimum tax, after the recomputations required by the act, shall be allowed as a reduction in the income tax due. LB1084 also provides a new way to compute the taxes imposed on all resident estates and trusts for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2019. The tax will be a percentage of the federal taxable income of such estates and trusts as modified in section 77-2716, plus a percentage of the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans.*

*These additional taxes will be recomputed by (A) substituting Nebraska taxable income for federal taxable income, (B) calculating what the federal alternative minimum tax would be on Nebraska taxable income and adjusting such calculations for any items which are reflected differently in the determination of federal taxable income, and (C) applying Nebraska rates to the result.*

*LB1084 requires residents of Nebraska who are shareholders of a small business corporation to included in their Nebraska taxable income, to the extent includable in federal gross income, their proportionate share of such corporation's or LLC's federal income without any adjustments.*

*LB1084 requires the tax commissioner to credit to the Property Tax Credit Cash fund an amount equal to the net increase in state sales and use tax revenue and state income tax revenue as a result of the changes made by LB1084m minus the increase in funds paid to school districts under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and two hundred thousand dollars to account for money spend on an education study.*

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					<i>LB1084 calculates each local school system's allocated income tax funds by multiplying the local system's income tax liability by twenty percent. LB1084 requires the State Department of Education to oversee and in-depth review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary schools.</i>
LB1085	Wayne		Urban Affairs 01/30/2018	IPP (Killed) 02/15/2018	Change the Community Development Law and provisions relating to tax-increment financing  <i>LB1085 changes the definitions under the Community Development Law. LB1085 prohibits an authority from preparing a redevelopment plan for a redevelopment project which includes an extremely blighted area unless the governing body of the city in which such redevelopment project area is located has declared more than fifty percent of the property in the area to be an extremely blighted area in need of redevelopment. LB1085 also provides the maximum term for dividing ad valorem taxes for redevelopment projects. The maximum term for dividing will be either (1) twenty years after the identified effective date in the project development contract if more than fifty percent of the property in the redevelopment area has been declared extremely blighted, or (2) fifteen years after the identified effective date if no such declaration has occurred.</i>
LB1087	Wayne		Revenue 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change tax provisions for cigars, cheroots, or stogies  <i>LB1087 stipulates that the tax on cigars, cheroots, or stogies will be twenty percent of either the purchase price paid by the first owner or the price at which the manufacturer sells the items. The maximum tax allowable will be fifty cents for each cigar, cheroot, or stogie.</i>
LB1089	Smith	Monitor	Revenue 02/07/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/11/2018 Revenue Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to confidential tax information, refundable income tax credits, and homestead exemptions  <i>LB1089 states that the audit and examination of selection criteria and standards, the discovery techniques, the design of technological systems to detect fraud and inconsistencies, and all other techniques utilized by the Department of Revenue to discover fraud, misstatements, inconsistencies, underreporting, and tax avoidance are to be considered confidential information. LB1089 allows for property owners whose property was destroyed or damages by a major calamity between the assessment date and July 15 to petition the county assessor for a reassessment of the property's value for that year. LB1089 also provides a homestead exemption for unmarries surviving spouses of servicemen or service women who died while on active duty or a surviving spouse of such servicemen or servicewoman who remarries after attaining the age of 57. LB1089 eliminates a requirement that each claimant who wants a homestead exemption file an application with the county assessor on or before June 30 of each year.</i>
LB1095	Hilgers		Revenue 02/22/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change the information included in certain tax notices and receipts  <i>LB1095 requires the county treasurer to include in tax notices, for local taxes levied against real property, the office mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the governing board of each political subdivision; and the website or mailing address where the budget of each political subdivision can be obtained.</i>
LB1097	Hilgers		Revenue 02/22/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds  <i>LB1097 allows for purchasers of real estate that has not been redeemed to apply to the county treasurer for a tax deed.</i>
LB1098	Hilgers		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change dollar threshold for certain purchasing requirements under the County Purchasing Act  <i>LB1098 changes the dollar thresholds for purchases of personal property or services by a county board or purchasing agents. Property or Services for an estimated value of fifty thousand dollars or more must be made through a competitive sealed bidding process. Property or Services for an estimated value of less than fifty thousand dollars, but more than ten thousand, may be made by securing and recording at least three informal bids. Property or Services worth less than ten thousand dollars can be purchased in the open market.</i>

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LB1100	Erdman		Revenue 02/23/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land  <i>For tax years 2019 and after, the actual value of agricultural and horticultural land will be determined based upon the land's capitalized net earning capacity. Capitalized net earning capacity will be determined by using an agricultural land valuation manual developed and updated by the Agricultural Land Valuation Board. Except for wastelands, the actual value of agricultural and horticultural land will be determined by: (1) dividing agricultural and horticultural land into the major use categories and dividing such categories into subclasses based on soil productivity classifications; (2) computing a gross revenue based on a three-year average of annual gross incomes; and dividing the gross revenue by a discount rate determined by the Agricultural Land Valuation Board. The actual value for wasteland will be computed base don five percent of the assessed value of all agricultural and horticultural land in the crop reporting district.</i>  <i>Agricultural land and horticultural land will be separated into five major categories: (1) sprinkler irrigated cropland; (2) gravity irrigated cropland; (3) dryland cropland; (4) grassland; and (5) wasteland. Intensive agricultural uses such as nurseries, feedlots, and orchards will be categorized as sprinkler irrigated cropland, gravity irrigated cropland, or dryland cropland. LB1100 also creates the Agricultural Land Valuation Board. The membership and responsibilities of the Board are outlined in LB1100.</i>
LB1101	Vargas		Appropriations 02/12/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	State intent relating to appropriations to behavioral health services providers  <i>LB1101 includes in the appropriation to Agency No. 25, for program No. 348, \$XX General Funds for FY2018-19 to provide for a provider rate increase of five percent for providers of short-term residential treatment services, intensive outpatient treatment services, and substance use assessment services. LB1101 also includes in the appropriation to Agency No. 25, for Program No. 67, \$XX General Funds for FY2018-19 to provide for a provider rate increase of five percent for providers of short-term residential treatment services, intensive outpatient treatment services, and substance use assessment services. LB1101 includes in the appropriation for Agency No. 25, for Program No. 28, \$XX General Funds for FY2018-19 for a provider rate increase of five percent for providers of short-term residential treatment services, intensive outpatient services, treatment services, and substance use assessment services.</i>
LB1102	Friesen	Oppose	General Affairs 02/12/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change provisions relating to distribution of taxes collected, license renewals and fees, and the tax on gross proceeds for county and city lotteries  <i>LB1102 allows for lottery licenses to be renewed annually. LB1102 requires counties, cities, and villages who conduct a lottery to submit to the department on a quarterly basis a tax of four percent of the gross proceeds. Such tax will be remitted by the Department to the State Treasurer for credit as follows: (1) two percent to the Charitable Gaming Operations fund; and (2) Two percent to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund.</i>
LB1104	Friesen		Revenue 02/23/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change provisions relating to the special valuation of agricultural or horticultural land  <i>LB1104 adds a new qualification in order for agricultural or horticultural land to receive a special valuation. For land that is located in a county with a population of 100,000 inhabitants or more and that consists of no more than five contiguous acres, the owner or lessee of the land must prove that either: (1) they derived at least 15% of their gross income from agricultural or horticultural activities in the preceding year; or (2) they land produced at least one thousand dollars of gross revenue from agricultural or horticultural activities in the preceding year.</i>
LB1105	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/05/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change the transaction loan period under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act  <i>LB1105 prohibits licensees from holding or agreeing to hold a check for less than 34 days.</i>
LB1106	Linehan		Revenue 02/14/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change requirements for overriding property tax limits  <i>LB1106 requires ballot questions for exceeding property tax limits be placed on a ballot as provided. The ballot question may include any terms and conditions set forth in the resolution or petition and must include a required statement regarding the amount of property tax proposed. If the ballot question is placed on the ballot at a state wide primary or general election and a majority of the voters cast are in favor of such tax, the ballot question will be considered approved. If the ballot question is placed on the ballot for a special election and a majority of the voters are in favor of such tax, and if the number favorable votes is at least equal to one-half of registered voters voting at the immediately preceding statewide primary election in the political subdivision plus one, the ballot question will be approved.</i>

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LB1111	Stinner	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/07/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Adopt the Fiscal Stress Management Act  <i>LB1111 adopts the Fiscal Stress Management Act. The Intent of the Legislature in enacting the Act is to encourage the fiscal integrity of villages, cities, or counties. Under the Act, the auditor must review annually or biennially the financial indicators of taxing authorities to determine if the conditions for a fiscal watch have been met. Beginning in FY2020-21, the auditor must declare a taxing authority as being under the status of a fiscal watch by the occurrence of one or more of the following financial indicators: (1) the FY-end unencumbered cash balances of the village, city, or county have decreased over the past three years; (2) the outstanding bonded indebtedness at FY-end has reached a ratio equal to or more than 20% of revenue; (3) if a comprehensive annual financial report has been completed and all liabilities as reported on the comprehensive annual financial report at FY-end have reached a ratio equal to or more than 20% of revenue; (4) the village, city, or county is at a maximum levy rate over the past three years; or (5) the unused restricted funds authority has decreased over the past three years.</i>
LB1112	Vargas	Support	Judiciary 02/22/2018	General File 03/08/2018	Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles and permit an additional use of funds under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program  <i>LB1112 prohibits juveniles from being placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center unless such placement is a matter of immediate and urgent necessity. LB1112 also prohibits juveniles under the age of fourteen from being placed in such centers. LB1112 also prohibits juveniles from being detained unless the physical safety of persons in the community would be seriously threatened or detention is necessary to secure the presence of the juvenile at the next hearing. Children twelve years or younger may not be placed in detention under any circumstances. Juveniles may not be placed into detention: (1) to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility; (2) to punish, treat, or rehabilitate; (3) to permit more convenient administrative access; (4) to facilitate further interrogation or investigation; or (5) due to lack of more appropriate facilities. LB1112 also allows for funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program to be used one time by an aid recipient: (1) to convert an existing juvenile detention facility or the existing structure for use as an alternative to detention as defined; (2) to invest in capital construction, including both new construction and renovations, for a facility for use as an alternative to detention; or (3) for the initial lease of a facility for use as an alternative to detention.</i>
LB1117	Crawford		Revenue 02/15/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Change certain cigarette and tobacco products tax rates  <i>LB1117 increases the tax on cigarette packages to two dollars and fourteen cents per package. Beginning July 1, 2018, the State Treasurer will place on dollar and ninety-nine cents of such tax in the General Fund. The tax on snuff is increased to one dollar per ounce, and the tax on other tobacco products is increased to forty-five percent of the purchase price.</i>
LB1118	Krist		Judiciary 02/14/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Create the Coordinated Reentry Council  <i>LB1118 creates the Coordinated Reentry Council. The purpose of this Council is to establish a comprehensive and successful system of correctional reentry programs and to include an array of interests in the establishment and growth of such system. The Council must: (1) advise the Department of Correctional Services on the utilization of funds administered by the Vocational and Life Skills Programming Fund; (2) develop and implement a plan to establish the statewide operation and use of a continuum of reentry programs; (3) review efforts by individuals and organizations that provide reentry services; (4) review best practices regarding reentry policies and programs in other states; and (5) make recommendations to the Legislature and Governor.</i>
LB1128	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/31/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Prohibit counties, local governments, and certain state entities from spending legislative appropriations under certain conditions  <i>LB1128 prohibits any county or other local government which engages in adjudicative functions not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act from spending funds appropriated by the Legislature if such entity conducts a program that is in any way funded by a nongovernmental source.</i>
LR11	Riepe		Health and Human Services	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to assess the Nebraska medical assistance program and the options for health care reform for Nebraska  <i>Priority 3/30</i>
LR28	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to research how the state and each of the counties handle, process, and test sexual assault evidence collection kits  <i>Priority 8/15</i>
LR60			Urban Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine issues related to the use of tax-increment financing  <i>Priority 1/8</i>

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LR81	Wayne		Urban Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the adoption and enforcement of state fire codes
		<i>Priority 4/8</i>			
LR92	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the requirement that the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions
		<i>Priority 3/3</i>			
LR109	Larson		Urban Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the collection of annual assessments under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act
		<i>Priority 5/8</i>			
LR114			Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine Nebraska's statutes relating to geriatric or compassionate release laws for elderly inmates
		<i>Priority 6/15</i>			
LR132	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine elections conducted by and on behalf of political subdivisions
		<i>Priority 2/6</i>			
LR138	Crawford		Urban Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the tools, mechanisms, and funding sources available to municipalities to provide for condemnation or demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings
		<i>Priority 3/8</i>			
LR139	Bolz		Appropriations	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to analyze the best use of the state's child welfare resources in line with its goals
		<i>Priority 2/8</i>			
LR146	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
		<i>Priority 5/6</i>			
LR147	Crawford		Health and Human Services	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of the Nebraska State Immunization Information System and to examine opportunities to increase the rate of immunizations reported to the system across the state
		<i>Priority 19/30</i>			
LR158	Williams		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine whether the unclaimed property laws of Nebraska should be updated
		<i>Priority 1/2</i>			
LR163	Smith		Revenue	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the structure and administration of, and compliance with, real and personal property taxes
		<i>Priority 1/6</i>			
LR164	Quick		Appropriations	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the need for restoration, development, and capital improvement of sites that attract tourists to and within Nebraska
		<i>Priority 6/8</i>			
LR172	Wishart		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to review recruitment and retention efforts that are currently or could potentially be undertaken by the Dept. of Correctional Services
		<i>Priority 3/15</i>			

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LR173	Wishart		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to review the work detail and work release efforts at the community corrections centers
		<i>Priority 7/15</i>			
LR174	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to review the implementation of the 911 Service System Act
		<i>Priority 2/9</i>			
LR182	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the extent of voter fraud in Nebraska
		<i>Priority 1/6</i>			
LR184	Walz		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be amended
		<i>Priority 2/2</i>			
LR187	Howard		Health and Human Services	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the five primary service areas of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Dept. of Health and Human Services
		<i>Priority 6/30</i>			
LR188	Howard		Health and Human Services	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to review policies and procedures relating to sustainability, organization, and best practices for data collection by the Division of Public Health relating to public health, epidemiology, and syndromic surveillance
		<i>Priority 9/30</i>			
LR189	Morfeld		Health and Human Services	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine ways in which Nebraska could increase access to health insurance, including medicaid
		<i>Priority 18/30</i>			
LR191	Ebke		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine possible legislative reforms to Nebraska's mandatory minimum sentencing laws
		<i>Priority 4/15</i>			
LR194	Hilkemann		Health and Human Services	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the 407 process as it relates to scope of practice changes for health professions
		<i>Priority 7/30</i>			
LR195	Hilkemann		Revenue	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the system of valuing automobiles for calculation of the motor vehicle tax
		<i>Priority 3/6</i>			
LR196	Ebke		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to track the progress of the Dept. of Correctional Services and to ensure the intentions set forth by the Legislature are being complied with and carried out
		<i>Priority 1/15</i>			
LR197	Pansing Brooks		Natural Resources	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the utilization of wood generated from the emerald ash borer infestation
		<i>Priority 7/9</i>			
LR198	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the impact of incarceration on children in Nebraska
		<i>Priority 2/15</i>			



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LR201	Linehan		Business and Labor	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to review reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals with respect to workers' compensation services in Nebraska
	<i>Priority 3/7</i>				
LR202	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine bona fide severance of employment compliance requirements under the Internal Revenue Code as related to maintaining section 401 (a) qualified defined benefit retirement plans
	<i>Priority 1/3</i>				
LR206	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the potential for counties to have additional authority to pass ordinances within county boundaries
	<i>Priority 3/6</i>				
LR208	McCollister		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the cost of telephone calls made by people housed in county jails in Nebraska
	<i>Priority 15/15</i>				
LR209	Stinner		Appropriations	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the volatility of Nebraska's revenue portfolio to determine a set of evidence-based savings targets for the Cash Reserve Fund
	<i>Priority 4/8</i>				
LR210	Stinner		Appropriations	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine fiscal distress among local political subdivisions in Nebraska and how the Legislature could establish an early warning system to identify and respond to such fiscal distress
	<i>Priority 5/8</i>				
LR214	Wayne		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine contracting and procurement by the Dept. of Roads
	<i>Priority 4/9</i>				
LR215	Hilgers		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the feasibility of a pilot project involving autonomous shuttles in a city of the primary class
	<i>Priority 7/9</i>				
LR216	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the policies, practices, and laws that govern the safeguarding and sealing of juvenile records
	<i>Priority 10/15</i>				
LR217	Riepe		Education	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the programs and majors offered by the University of Nebraska at the Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney campuses
	<i>Priority 8/13</i>				
LR218	Riepe		Education	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the feasibility of consolidating the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha to create a single University of Nebraska institution in Omaha
	<i>Priority 7/13</i>				
LR219	Hansen		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of section 29-901, which relates to the imposition of bail, and section 29-2206, which relates to the imposition of fines, fees, and court costs
	<i>Priority 9/15</i>				
LR220	Hansen		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to investigate the purpose and benefits of creating conviction integrity units in Nebraska
	<i>Priority 13/15</i>				

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LR221	Hansen		Judiciary	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine possible reforms to Nebraska's sentencing laws to accommodate an option of deferred judgment probation
		Priority 5/15			
LR223	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine Nebraska statutes governing the use of personally identifiable information
		Priority 6/6			
LR224	Blood		Revenue	In Committee 05/15/2017	Interim study to examine cross-county assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes
		Priority 6/6			
LR241	Vargas		Judiciary	In Committee 05/23/2017	Interim study to examine the distribution and use of funds from the Federal Title X program
		Priority 14/15			
LR281CA	Morfeld	Support	Health and Human Services 02/21/2018	In Committee 01/17/2018	Constitutional amendment to state that affordable health care is a right and to expand eligibility under the medical assistance program
		<i>The provisions are an amendment to the Nebraska constitution that would state as follows: "Affordable health care is a right forever preserved for the people of Nebraska subject to reasonable restrictions as prescribed by law." It then goes on to state that "The Legislature shall provide health insurance under the medical assistance program to adults under the age of sixty-five years with incomes under one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII)." This is medicaid expansion in the form of a constitutional amendment.</i>			
LR290CA	Kuehn		Revenue 02/14/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to value real property for property tax purposes at its market value on date of acquisition
LR295CA	Vargas		Executive Board 02/21/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018	Constitutional amendment to change the annual legislative salary to fifty percent of the median household income

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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	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill	Provide for governmental unit bond priority under the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act and rename the act  <i>LB72 renames the Nebraska Governmental Unity Security Interest Act to the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest and Pledge Act. The NGUSIPA governs the perfection, priority, and enforcement of all security interests created governmental units. LB72 makes the pledge of any bond-pledged revenue source by a governmental unit to the payment of the principle, premium, and interest on bonds valid and binding and deemed continuously perfected from the time of the bonds or notes or other financing obligations are issued. Specific terms for different types of bonds are set forth in Section 5 of LB72.</i>
LB75	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	Governor Vetoed 05/02/2017 Wayne Priority Bill	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony (Motion made by Sen Wayne, found on Journal Page 1282)  <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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB27, LB89, LB90

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LB152	Thibodeau	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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>					
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	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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>					
LB194	Vargas		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/21/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Vargas Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act
<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>					
<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>					

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					<p><i>LB194 creates various restrictions on Delayed Deposit Loans. LB194 makes Delayed Deposit Loans precomputed loans that are payable in substantially equal instalments of principle, fees, interest, and charges combined. The total monthly payment may not exceed the greater of either five percent of the borrower's verified gross post-tax monthly income or six percent of the borrower's verified net post-tax monthly income. Before initiating any transaction, the licensee must make a reasonable determination of the borrower's verified income. The only fees a licensee may receive are interest of no more than thirty-six percent per annum, a month maintenance fee of either five percent of the loan amount or twenty dollars, and other charges permitted for the presentation of nonnegotiable instruments. All fees collected may not exceed fifty percent of the original loan amount. In the event of a default, the licensee may exercise all civil means authorized by law to collect the face value of the loan. The licensee may not collect fees as a result of the default. Licensees are not allowed to charge a fee associated with prepayment of a loan. Licensees are not allowed to lend any amount greater than \$500, plus allowable fees and interest, to any borrower. Borrowers will have the right to rescind a loan on or before 5 p.m. the next business day following the transaction. Licensees are not allowed to enter into more than one delayed deposit loan with the same borrower at any one time. The written loan agreement for a delayed deposit loan may provide that the entire unpaid loan balance be due and payable if the loan has been in default for ten days.</i></p> <p><i>LB194 also creates a duty of licensees to report, on an annual basis, certain information regarding their operations to the director.</i></p>
LB207	Krist		Executive Board 01/20/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Executive Board Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
					<p><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></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB6</p>
LB217	Harr		Revenue 02/02/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 Revenue Priority Bill	Change revenue, taxation, economic development, and tax incentive provisions
					<p><i>LB217 allows for interest to accrue on the amount of tax due thirty days after the county assessor receives approval from the county board to remove or reduce a homestead exemption from the tax rolls of the county.</i></p> <p><i>Portions of LB49, LB228, LB238, LB288, LB387 &amp; LB233 have been amended into LB217 via AM634.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB49, LB228, LB233, LB238, LB251, LB288, LB387</p>
LB225	Crawford	Monitor	Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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
					<p><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.</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB297, LB298, LB336</p>

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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	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017 Hansen Priority Bill	Adopt and change competency and financial ability provisions relating to court proceedings as prescribed
<p><i>LB259 provides for competency determinations in cases pending before county courts.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB145, LB395, LB526</p>					
LB263			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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>					

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					<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> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB54, LB70, LB143, LB164, LB294, LB355, LB418, LB459, LB460, LB483</p>
LB268	Schumacher	Judiciary 02/01/2017		Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 Schumacher Priority Bill	<p>Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement</p> <p><i>LB268 gives county courts concurrent original jurisdiction with the district court to determine contribution rights under section 68-919. LB268 changes the fee schedule for recording certificates of foreclosure.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 requires notice of appointment of personal representatives to be provided to DHHS if the decedent was 55 years or older. The notice must be provided to the department in a delivery manner and at an address designated by the department. Any notice that fails to conform with such manner is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 changes the term "Medicaid" to "medical assistance" for purposes of reimbursement of claims after a trustor has died. If no medical assistance payment is due, DHHS may waive this restriction after receipt of the trustee's request.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 allows for part of a deed filing fee to be used for preserving and maintaining public records of a register of deeds office that has been consolidated with another county officer and for the modernization and technology needs relating to those records.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 eliminates the uniform fee, payable to the Secretary of State, for presenting for filing and indexing and for filing and indexing each notice of lien or certificate or notice affecting the lien pursuant to the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act.</i></p> <p><i>LB268 also changes the Medical Assistance Act. LB268 requires any applicant for medical assistance to disclose their interests in any real estate, trust, corporation, LLC, or other entity. Applicants must also disclose any income derived from such interests and whether the income is generated directly or indirectly. Any assistance obtained after a willful failure to disclose will be deemed unlawfully obtained and recovery may be sought. If, during the transferor's lifetime, an interest in real estate is irrevocably transfers to a related transferee for less than full consideration, the related transferee will be subject to a lien in favor of the State of Nebraska for medical assistance reimbursement to the extent necessary to secure payment subject to stipulated restrictions. LB268 also states that a medical provider shall have the authority of a guardian and conservator for the limited purpose of making application for medical assistance on behalf of a person whom the provider is treating if the person is unconscious or otherwise unable to apply for medical assistance and does not have an existing power of attorney or a court-appointed official to apply on their behalf. When DHHS provides medical assistance to a person because of third party's wrongful act or negligence, the department has the right to recover the medical assistance costs from that third party.</i></p>
LB271	Hilgers	Transportation and Telecommunications 01/23/2017		Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Geist Priority Bill	<p>Authorize the Department of Roads to assume certain responsibilities under federal environmental laws and provide for limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity</p> <p><i>LB271 allows the Department of Roads to assume all or part of the responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation concerning environmental assessment and review. LB271 also waives the State of Nebraska's immunity from civil liability solely for the compliance, discharge, or enforcement of the assumed responsibilities.</i></p>
LB289	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary 02/23/2017		Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 Judiciary Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim</p> <p><i>LB289 makes pandering a Class II felony. LB289 also includes services under the definition of Labor for the purpose of defining "Labor Trafficking." LB289 also eliminates the "knowing" requirement for sex trafficking of a minor, and includes solicitation in the offense. LB289 makes labor or sex trafficking of a minor a Class IC Felony, unless the actor uses or threatens force on a victim under the age of sixteen, in such case the charge would be a Class IB Felony. LB289 also makes solicitation of a trafficking victim a Class II Felony. LB289 exempts trafficking victims from being charged if they benefit from or participate in the trafficking venture.</i></p> <p><i>Portions of LB188, LB178 &amp; LB394 have been amended into LB289.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB178, LB188, LB191, LB394</p>

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<a href="#">LB291</a>	Larson		Revenue 03/01/2017	Select File 04/10/2018 Larson Priority Bill	Adopt the Special Economic Impact Zone Act and change the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act and the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as prescribed
<p><i>LB291 adopts the Special Economic Impact Zone Act. The purpose of this act is to utilize the tax incentives provided in the act to encourage the formation and expansion of businesses on reservations in Nebraska. This act designates each reservation in the state as a special economic impact zone. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a qualified business located in a special economic impact zone may exclude any income derived from sources within a special economic impact zone when calculating its income tax liability to the state. Beginning January 1, 2018, such businesses are also exempt from the sales and use taxes due for the first ten million dollars of eligible purchases made each year.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also requires that, when allocating any federal low-income housing tax credits, the authority must give a bonus to any project located in a special economic impact zone.</i></p> <p><i>LB291 also allows for the governing bodies of federally recognized Indian Tribes to enter into revenue sharing agreement with the Department of Revenue.</i></p>					
<a href="#">LB299</a>	Ebke		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2017	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Ebke Priority Bill	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations
<p><i>LB299 adopts the Occupational Board Reform Act. The purpose of this act is to require occupational boards to respect the fundamental right of an individual to pursue an occupation and to ensure that occupational boards and individual members of occupational boards avoid liability under federal antitrust laws. The act allows for individuals with criminal history to petition the relevant occupational board to determine if such criminal history would disqualify them from certification. An individual's criminal history will only disqualify them for a felony conviction, that felony conviction is expressly listed as a disqualifying offense, and the occupational board concludes that the state has an important interest in protecting public safety.</i></p> <p><i>LB299 also creates the Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards. The purpose of this board is to monitor occupational boards and ensure compliance with the act.</i></p> <p><i>LB299 also creates the Legislative Office of Occupational Regulations. The duties and responsibilities of the Office as specified in Section 23 of the act.</i></p>					
<a href="#">LB300</a>	Krist		Judiciary 02/24/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child
<p><i>LB300 eliminates the statute of limitations for civil actions arising from sexual assault of a child.</i></p>					
<a href="#">LB317</a>	Hughes		Urban Affairs 01/24/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide for a relevy or reassessment of a special assessment for cities of the second class or villages as prescribed
<p><i>LB317 allows special assessments to be relevied or reassessed whenever the special assessment is found to be invalid and uncollectable.</i></p> <p><i>Portions of LB133 have been amended into LB317 via AM19.</i></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB133</p>					



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<a href="#">LB333</a>	Scheer	Oppose	Health and Human Services 01/25/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/23/2017 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled
<p><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></p> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB417, LB495</p>					
<a href="#">LB337</a>	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
<p><i>Beginning November 2019 and every November thereafter, LB337 requires the Tax Rate Review Committee to examine the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts from the Current Fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year. If the expected rate of growth does not exceed three and one-half percent, the Committee shall declare that the income tax rate reduction under section 77-2715.03 be deferred. If such a deferral is declared, the highest individual income tax rate under 77-2715.03 for the current year will remain in place. For 2020 through 2026, this deferral will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds four and two-tenths percent for the upcoming fiscal year. For 2027 and thereafter, and deferrals will remain in effect until the Committee finds that the expected rate of growth exceeds three and one-half percent for the upcoming fiscal year.</i></p> <p><i>LB337 also adds additional tax bracket tables.</i></p>					
<a href="#">LB338</a>	Brasch		Revenue 02/08/2017	In Committee 01/17/2017 Brasch Priority Bill	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act
<p><i>LB338 adopts the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act. Agricultural and horticultural land will be valued at its agricultural use value as determined by the Act regardless of any value which such land might have for other purposes. In order for land to receive agricultural use value, it must be located outside the corporate boundaries any district, city, or village and be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. LB338 requires the county assessor to use an income-approach calculation to determine the agricultural use value for each year.</i></p> <p><i>LB338 also requires the Property Tax Administration to establish capitalization rates to be applied to each class or subclass of agricultural and horticultural land in each county.</i></p>					
<a href="#">LB339</a>	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/30/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation
<a href="#">LB389</a>	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2017	General File 02/23/2018 Lowe Priority Bill	Adopt the Small Wireless Facilities Act
<p><i>LB389 adopts the Small Wireless Facilities Act. The purposes of this Act are to secure public access to advanced wireless technology and information, promote the public benefits from such wireless technology, and confirm that communications service providers and facilities have a right to occupy and utilize public rights-of-way. The Act allows communications service providers and facilities providers to place poles and wireless facilities in an authority right-of-way. An authority may require an application for a permit for such placement. The authority must approve the application unless it does not meet the applicable industry construction standards. Approved permits shall remain valid for at least ten years and be approved automatically for at least three five-year periods. Small wireless facilities shall be permitted use in all zoning districts other than areas outside the authority right-of-way that are zoned and used for single family residential use.</i></p>					

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LB415	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/27/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/23/2017 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to certain retirement plans as prescribed

*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 a retirement system provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, or the State Employees Retirement Act; or if the member accepted an early retirement incentive and, within three years after accepting and ceasing such employment, subsequently provides services any capacity to an employer participating in the above mentioned retirement systems.</i></p> <p><i>On or after July 1, 2017, a retired member of a retirement system who is hired or rehired in any capacity by an employer participating in the above-mentioned retirement plans must: certify under oath that, prior to retirement, they did not have a prearranged agreement to work after retirement with that employer; and meet the requirements for termination of employment as defined. Any retired member that complies with these requirements will participate in the retirement system as 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> <p><b>Amended Bills:</b> LB31, LB32, LB110, LB219, LB278, LB413, LB532</p>
LB417	Riepe		Health and Human Services 02/01/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 Riepe Priority Bill	Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare
					<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 Legislation, 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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<a href="#">LB427</a>	Vargas		Education 01/30/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 Vargas Priority Bill	Authorize schools and the State Department of Education to adopt policies relating to pregnant and parenting students, authorize training regarding such policies, and authorize 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB428
<a href="#">LB432</a>	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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>
<a href="#">LB444</a>	Walz		Judiciary 03/03/2017	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB244
<a href="#">LB447</a>	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>
<a href="#">LB451</a>	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2017	Approved by Governor 05/15/2017 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> <b>Amended Bills:</b> LB314
<a href="#">LB470</a>	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>

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LB481	Kuehn		Health and Human Services 02/02/2017	Approved by Governor 05/09/2017 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	Approved by Governor 05/02/2017 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	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Williams Priority Bill	Define and redefine terms under the Community Development Law  <i>LB496 includes the construction of workforce housing, in cities of the first and second class and villages, into the definition of redevelopment project under the Community Development Law. LB496 also includes a definition for workforce housing. Workforce housing means single-family or multi-family housing for which the municipality receives a housing study that is current, prepares an incentive plan for construction targeted to house existing or new workers, holds a public hearing on such incentive plan with notice, and after the public hearing finds that such incentive plan is necessary to prevent the spread of blight and substandard conditions within the municipality.</i>
LB539	Krist		Executive Board 02/08/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 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>
LB578	McDonnell		Health and Human Services 03/15/2017	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 McDonnell Priority Bill	Adopt the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act  <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>

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					<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>
LB589	Crawford		Judiciary 03/02/2017	General File 03/13/2017 Crawford Priority Bill	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>
LB625	Larson	Monitor	Urban Affairs 02/14/2017	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/02/2017 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act  <i>LB625 allows a municipality to create a clean energy assessment district anywhere within the municipality, except a district may not be created that includes any area within the corporate boundaries of any city or village located in whole or in part within such county.</i>
LB628	Larson		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2017	General File 03/15/2017 Speaker Priority Bill	Prohibit ordinances and resolutions prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property  <i>LB628 prohibits cities, villages, and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or resolutions that prohibits the use of property as a short-term rental. Short-term rental means a residential property that is rented wholly or partly for a fee for a period not longer than thirty days. However, LB628 allows the regulations of short-term rentals by cities, villages, and counties.</i>
LB644		Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/23/2017	Approved by Governor 05/23/2017 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>

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LB670	Krist		Judiciary 01/24/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the juvenile justice system
<i>LB 670 requires that the coalition be comprised of no less than 15 and no more than 33 members. Additionally, LB 670 prohibits a majority of the coalition members, including the chairperson, from being full-time employees of federal, state, or local government. At least one-fifth of the members must be under the age of twenty-four on the date of their appointment. LB 670 also lists required members of the coalition that must be appointed one or after June 15, 2018.</i>					
LB697	Ebke		Judiciary 01/19/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change certain district court judicial district boundaries
<i>LB697 moves Clay and Nuckolls counties to District No. 10, and moves Otoe county to District No. 1.</i>					
LB729	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary 01/25/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Allow certain claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit under the State Tort Claims Act
<i>LB729 allows for claims arising out of misrepresentation and deceit under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act.</i>					
LB741	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/22/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/06/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to real property appraisers
<i>LB741 changes the meaning of assignment to only the valuation service performed by an appraiser as a consequence of an agreement with a client. LB741 also states that an assignment result is the opinion or conclusions developed by an appraiser with performing valuation services. LB741 also eliminates real property associates as credential holders for purposes of section 76-2207.10.</i>					
<i>LB741 allows for assessment reports to be transmitted to a party authorized by the client. Lb741 also eliminates appointment requirements for the Real Property Appraiser Board. LB741 allows for reciprocal credentialing if the applicants jurisdiction of practice meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria as adopted and promulgated by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation. LB741 also eliminates some credentialing requirements relating to classroom work and continuing education.</i>					
LB745	Watermeier		Revenue 02/01/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Require notice relating to certain refunds of local sales and use taxes
<i>LB745 requires the Tax Commissioner to notify the affected city, village, county, or municipal county of a refund claim of at least \$5,000 within 20 days after receiving the claim. If the refund is granted, the Tax Commissioner must give the city, village, county, or municipal county the option of having such refund deducted from its tax proceeds in either one lump sum or twelve equal monthly installments.</i>					
LB758	Hughes		Natural Resources 01/17/2018	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 02/28/2018 Natural Resources Priority Bill	Provide for voluntary payments in lieu of taxes on water augmentation project lands as prescribed
<i>LB758 requires natural resource districts that acquire private land to develop and operate water augmentation projects for streamflow enhancement to collaborate with representatives of the county in which such land is located. The purpose of this collaboration is to lessen any impacts to such county's property tax base while also ensuring the objectives of the project are met.</i>					

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LB760	Hughes		Revenue 01/17/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/06/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act  <i>LB760 provides that a volunteer member's service and activities during 2016 and 2017 shall count toward qualification as an active emergency responder, active rescue squad member, or active volunteer firefighter for each respective year if certain steps are taken.</i>
LB776	McCollister	Oppose	Judiciary 01/18/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 McCollister Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Jail Standards Board and provide requirements for inmate access to telephone or videoconferencing systems in county and city jails  <i>LB776 requires each county and city jail to make available either a prepaid telephone call system or collect telephone calls system for telephone services for inmates. The Jail Standards Board is required to ensure that county and city jails are providing inmates with affordable and meaningful means to communicate by telephone or videoconferencing with inmates' families, loved ones, and counsel.</i>
LB829	Erdman		Revenue 01/25/2018	In Committee 01/08/2018 Erdman Priority Bill	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act  <i>LB829 adopts the Property Tax Relief Act. Under this Act, each taxpayer is allowed a refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in the amount of 50% of the school district taxes levied on the taxpayer's property.</i>
LB841	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/17/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to parole administration and correctional services  <i>LB841 requires the Board of Parole to submit a proposed plan before December 1, 2018 describing the process of implementing the accelerated parole review process.</i>
LB861	Watermeier	Support	Appropriations 02/13/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Appropriations Priority Bill	Authorize claims to the state for certain costs relating to correctional incident prosecutions as prescribed  <i>LB861 requires the costs of prosecution in excess of the threshold amount be paid by the State if the county's costs of prosecution relating to a single correctional institution incident exceed the threshold amount.</i>
LB874			Urban Affairs 01/30/2018	Approved by Governor 03/21/2018 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change the Community Development Law  <i>LB874 requires each city that has created a community development authority or limited community development authority to give to governing body of each county and school district the opportunity to appoint a nonvoting member of the authority or limited authority.</i>  <i>LB874 also allows the Auditor of Public Accounts to audit, or cause to be audited, any authority established or any redevelopment plan of such authority when the Auditor determines such audit is necessary or when requested by the governing body. LB874 also includes in the definition of Redevelopment project work undertaken to clear structures in the redevelopment project area which exceed minimum building and design standards in the community and prevent the recurrence of substandard and blighted conditions. LB874 also adds and eliminates other definitions associated with the Community Development Law.</i>  <i>LB874 requires that any loan made for the purpose of financing a redevelopment project that includes the division of taxes only be used for such purpose, and any proceeds form repayment of the loan must be deposited in the city's general fund and may not be used to establish a revolving loan fund.</i>



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					<p><i>LB874 also requires the governing body of a city, prior to declaring an area substandard or blighted, to conduct a study or an analysis on whether the area is actual substandard and blighted. The planning commission must then hold a public hearing on the question after giving reasonable notice at least once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing. After such hearing, the planning commission must submit their recommendations to the governing body. The governing body must then hold a public hearing on those recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>Under LB874, governing authorities must include impacts on the student population of school districts in their cost-benefit model analysis of the redevelopment project. LB874 requires that copies of the cost-benefit analysis be posted on the city's website or made available for public inspection. LB874 prohibits a reimbursement of costs incurred prior to the approval of the redevelopment project for projects that include the division of taxes, with exceptions.</i></p> <p><i>LB874 requires each city that as approved one or more redevelopment plans include in their report to the Property Tax Administrator a list of all projects that have been audited since the last report and a list of all projects to be audited in the next twelve months. LB874 also includes new reporting requirements for planning commissions and governing bodies of cities.</i></p> <p><i>LB874 requires any contract for a redevelopment plan or project that includes the divisions of taxes include a provision requiring the redevelopment to retain copies of all supporting documents associated with the plan or project for three years.</i></p>
LB902	Bostelman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/18/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Bostelman Priority Bill	Authorize the withholding from the public of information regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use
					<p><i>LB902 authorizes the withholding of records concerning information obtained by any government entity regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use that is obtained for the purpose of an application permitted or required by law.</i></p>
LB906	Williams		Judiciary 01/26/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the schedules of controlled substances
					<p><i>LB906 provides exemptions for substances on the list of exempted products of the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice as the list existed on November 9, 2017.</i></p>
LB913	McDonnell		Judiciary 01/31/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 McDonnell Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer
					<p><i>LB913 includes health care professionals in the definition of public safety officers for purposes of assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer.</i></p>
LB923	Morfeld		Judiciary 01/31/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Provide immunity for certain law enforcement employees administering naloxone and change provisions relating to immunity for persons reporting or experiencing alcohol overdoses
					<p><i>LB923 includes a definition for law enforcement employees. Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such contractor who regularly, as part of their duties, handles, processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or property which may include or contain opioids.</i></p> <p><i>LB923 also requires that any request for emergency medial assistance in response to a possible alcohol overdose be made in good faith in order for immunity to apply.</i></p>

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<a href="#">LB931</a>	Howard		Judiciary 01/26/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 Howard Priority Bill	Provide requirements for opiate prescriptions
<i>LB931 prohibits practitioners from prescribing more than a seven-day supply of opiates to a patient younger than nineteen years of age for outpatient use. The practitioner may only prescribe more than a seven-day supply if, in the professional medical judgment of the practitioner, more than a seven-day supply is necessary for the treatment of chronic pain management or pain associated with a cancer diagnosis or for palliative care.</i>					
<a href="#">LB947</a>	Smith		Revenue 01/31/2018	General File 03/21/2018 Smith Priority Bill	Adopt the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act, change income tax rates, and eliminate certain exemptions and credits
<i>LB947 adopts the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act. The Act allows to each resident individual who is an owner of a homestead a refundable income tax credit equal to a percentage of the property taxes paid on such homestead, not to exceed the prescribed limitations. For taxable year 2018, the refundable credit will be 10%, and the percentage will increase as prescribed by the Act but may not exceed 30%. If the property taxes on a homestead are paid by a corporation, partnership, LLC, a trust, or an estate, the amount of property taxes paid will be allocated to the shareholders, partners, members, or beneficiaries in the same proportion that the income is distributed.</i>					
<i>The Act also allows for a refundable income tax credit for each resident individual equal to the percentage of property taxes paid during the taxable year on agricultural and horticultural land, farm sites, and improvements on farm sites. LB947 eliminates the exemption provided in the Personal Property Tax Relief Act after 2019. LB947 also eliminates reductions in value of tangible personal property owned by railroads after 2019. Exemptions for air carriers are also eliminated after 2019. LB947 also creates new tax brackets and rates for taxable years after 2019 for both individuals and corporations.</i>					
<i>LB947 also requires the State Treasurer to transfer the unobligated balance from the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before September 2018. LB947 also discontinues relief under the Property Tax Credit Act for tax year 2018 and every tax year after. LB947 requires, beginning July 2019, the State Treasurer to transfer excess amounts from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve fund if the excess amount is less than one percent of the estimated General Fund new receipts for the fiscal year. If the excess amount is one percent or more, the State Treasurer must transfer the amount by which the excess exceeds one percent from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund.</i>					
<i>The State Treasurer must transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Job Training Cash Fund on or before July 15, 2018 and another \$5,000,000 on or before July 15, 2019.</i>					
<a href="#">LB989</a>	Wishart		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/13/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Wishart Priority Bill	Authorize automated-driving-system-equipped vehicles, automated driving systems, and driverless-capable vehicles as prescribed
<i>LB989 allows a city of the primary class or a partnership of such city and a private entity to conduct pilot projects involving the testing of autonomous vehicles without a driver, a driver's seat, a steering wheel, a brake pedal, or an accelerator pedal. The testing must be limited to a specific area designed by the city, the autonomous vehicle may only operate at speeds less than 35 mph, and the city must obtain insurance and submit a description of the testing to the Department of Transportation.</i>					
<a href="#">LB990</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 02/08/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Wayne Priority Bill	Create the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender
<i>LB990 states that a person under the age of twenty-five who knowingly possesses a firearm commits the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender if they:</i>					
<i>have previously been adjudicated as offender for an act that would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; are a fugitive from justice; or the subject of a current and validly issued domestic violence protection order. Possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender is a Class IIIA felony for a first offense and a Class III felony for a second or subsequent offense.</i>					
<i>LB990 also allows for juveniles who are prohibited to petition the court for exemption from such prohibition and provides guidelines for the court to consider when considering such petition.</i>					

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LB993	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/05/2018	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 04/04/2018 Geist Priority Bill	Create the 911 Service System Advisory Committee and change the 911 Service System Act and eliminate the act's termination date  <i>LB993 creates the 911 Service System Advisory Committee. The committee will advise the commission concerning the implementation, coordination, operation, management, maintenance, and funding of the 911 service system and provide input on technical training and quality assurance. LB993 also eliminates a responsibility of the commission to consult with and seek advice and assistance from stakeholders. LB993 also adds new responsibilities of the commission. LB993 allows the commission to apply for any federal or other funds available for next-generation 911 service and distribution such funds consistent with their applicable directives. LB993 provides immunity for any person involved in the provision of next-generation 911 services in certain situations.</i>
LB1005	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/02/2018	Final Reading 04/03/2018 Nebraska Retirement Systems Priority Bill	Change county and school retirement provisions  <i>LB1005 states that, in the event that the board determines that a governmental entity currently participating in the retirements system no longer qualifies under Section 414(d) of the I.R.C. as a participating employer in a governmental plan, the entity will be liable for: (1) funding any obligation of the retirement system to provide benefits for the affected plan members; (2) the cost of any actuarial study necessary to aid the board in determining the amount of such obligation; and (3) any administrative costs incurred by the board or the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System in connection with the entity's removal from the retirement system. Any governmental entity contemplating a business transaction that may result in loss of qualifying status under section 414(d) must notify the board in writing as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than one hundred eighty days before the transaction is to occur. Upon notification, the board must make several prescribed determinations designed to assist the entity with the decision. LB1005 also requires that, prior to January 1, 2019, any governmental entity with specific statutory authority to elect or discontinue participation in the retirement system must make an election regarding whether to participate. On or after January 1, 2019, no governmental entity may elect or discontinue participation in the retirement system and the board will make determinations whether a governmental entity qualifies for participation. These changes will apply to both county and school retirement systems.</i>
LB1009	Murante		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/06/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Hughes Priority Bill	Change a rural highway classification and maximum highway speed limits as prescribed  <i>LB1009 creates a classification for super-two rural highways. A super-two consists of two-lane highways designated primarily for through traffic with passing lanes spaced intermittently and on alternating sides of the highways to provide predictable opportunities to pass slower moving vehicles. The speed limit on a super-two will be sixty-five miles per hour. LB1009 also allows for the maximum speed limit to be increased up to five miles per hour over seventy-five miles per hour upon the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as authorized by the Department of Transportation based on an engineering and traffic investigation.</i>
LB1065	Murante		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/14/2018	Final Reading 04/10/2018 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Provide for electronic poll books and change provisions relating to digital signatures  <i>LB1065 states the intent of the Legislature to permit the use of electronic poll books for purposes of deterring and detecting voter fraud, improving and modernizing election procedures, and safeguarding voter confidence. Each electronic poll book for a precinct must contain the list of registered voters and the sign-in register for the precinct combined in one data base and shall include the registration information, the digital image, and the digital signature of the registered voters of the precinct.</i>
LB1078	Crawford		Executive Board 02/12/2018	Approved by Governor 04/04/2018 Executive Board Priority Bill	Require reporting of sexual abuse allegations as prescribed  <i>LB1078 requires the department, the juvenile services division, each juvenile detention facility, and each staff secure juvenile facility to report to the office all allegations of sexual abuse of a state ward, juvenile on probation, juvenile in a detention facility, and juvenile in a residential child-caring agency.</i>

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*LB1078 also requires the department to report to the Health and Human Services Committee the number of sexual abuse allegations that occurred for children being served by the Division of Children and Family Services of DHHS and placed at a residential child-caring agency and the number of corresponding screening decision occurrences by category, open investigations by category, and agency substantiations, court substantiations, and court-pending status cases.*

LB1084	Briese		Revenue 02/08/2018	In Committee 01/22/2018 Briese Priority Bill	Adopt the Property Tax Request Limitation Act, provide sunset dates for certain tax exemptions and incentives, and change other revenue and taxation provisions
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*LB1084 adopts the Property Tax Request Limitation Act. The Act prohibits, with exceptions, a school district's property tax request for any year from exceeding the school district's property tax request authority, except for requests that are needed to pay the principle and interest on approved bonds. LB1084 provides the method that each school board of each school district must use to calculate the district's property tax request authority each year. This determined amount must be reported to the State Department of Education. If the department determines that such amount was correctly calculated, it must approve and certify the amount. This certified amount will then be the district's property tax request authority.*

*The district may exceed its property tax request authority by an amount approved by a majority of the legal voters voting on the issue at a special election called for such purpose. The property tax request amount may also exceed its authority by a percentage approved by an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the school board, with specified limitations.*

*School districts are not required to increase its property tax request by the full amount allowed in a particular year. If the district elects to not increase to the full amount, they may carry over to future years the amount of unused property tax request authority.*

*LB1084 provides sunset dates of January 1, 2019 for certain tax exemptions and incentives.*

*LB1084 imposes a surtax after January 1, 2019 upon an individual who is subject to state income tax under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and who has federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year of five hundred thousand dollars or more. This surtax will be in addition to any other taxes owed and will be equal to the individual's state income tax liability multiplied by a rate of either: (1) 2.5% if the individual's federal adjusted gross income is at least \$500,000 but less than one million; or (2) five percent if the individual's federal adjusted gross income is at least one million.*

*LB1084 sets the state tax levied pursuant to section 77-2703 at six percent starting October 1, 2018. LB1084 also includes more services under the definition for "gross receipts for services."*

*LB1084 requires persons who lack physical presence in the state and who make retail sales of property to purchasers in the state to have the duties and responsibilities of a seller for the purpose of sales and use taxes if such person either: (1) made retail sales of property totaling one hundred thousand dollars or more; or (2) make retail sales of property in two hundred or more separate transactions.*

*LB1084 eliminates an exception against sales and use taxes for prepared food and food ingredients serviced by schools, admissions fees charged for political events charged by ballot question committees, admissions fees charged by schools, admissions fees charged for participants in any activity provided by a nonprofit sporting event, and admissions fees charged for participation in an activity provided by a nonprofit youth development and healthy living event.*

*LB1084 provides a new way to calculate individual income tax for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2019. The tax will be a percentage of each individual's federal adjusted gross income as modified, plus a percentage of the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions for qualified retirement plans. The additional taxes will be recomputed by (i) substituting Nebraska taxable income for federal taxable income, (ii) calculating what the federal alternative minimum tax would be on Nebraska taxable income and adjusting such calculations for any items which are reflected differently in the determination of federal taxable income, and (iii) applying Nebraska rates to the result. The federal credit for prior year minimum tax, after the recomputations required by the act, shall be allowed as a reduction in the income tax due. LB1084 also provides a new way to compute the taxes imposed on all resident estates and trusts for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2019. The tax will be a percentage of the federal taxable income of such estates and trusts as modified in section 77-2716, plus a percentage of the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans.*

*These additional taxes will be recomputed by (A) substituting Nebraska taxable income for federal taxable income, (B) calculating what the federal alternative minimum tax would be on Nebraska taxable income and adjusting such calculations for any items which are reflected differently in the determination of federal taxable income, and (C) applying Nebraska rates to the result.*

*LB1084 requires residents of Nebraska who are shareholders of a small business corporation to included in their Nebraska taxable income, to the extent includable in federal gross income, their proportionate share of such corporation's or LLC's federal income without any adjustments.*

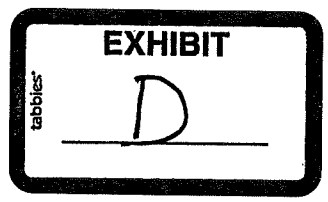
*LB1084 requires the tax commissioner to credit to the Property Tax Credit Cash fund an amount equal to the net increase in state sales and use tax revenue and state income tax revenue as a result of the changes made by LB1084m minus the increase in funds paid to school districts under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and two hundred thousand dollars to account for money spend on an education study.*

*LB1084 calculates each local school system's allocated income tax funds by multiplying the local system's income tax liability by twenty percent.*

*LB1084 requires the State Department of Education to oversee and in-depth review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary schools.*

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<a href="#">LB1089</a>	Smith	Monitor	Revenue 02/07/2018	Passed with E- Clause 04/11/2018 Revenue Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to confidential tax information, refundable income tax credits, and homestead exemptions
<p><i>LB1089 states that the audit and examination of selection criteria and standards, the discovery techniques, the design of technological systems to detect fraud and inconsistencies, and all other techniques utilized by the Department of Revenue to discover fraud, misstatements, inconsistencies, underreporting, and tax avoidance are to be considered confidential information.</i></p> <p><i>LB1089 allows for property owners whose property was destroyed or damages by a major calamity between the assessment date and July 15 to petition the county assessor for a reassessment of the property's value for that year. LB1089 also provides a homestead exemption for unmarries surviving spouses of servicemen or service women who died while on active duty or a surviving spouse of such servicemen or servicewoman who remarries after attaining the age of 57.</i></p> <p><i>LB1089 eliminates a requirement that each claimant who wants a homestead exemption file an application with the county assessor on or before June 30 of each year.</i></p>					
<a href="#">LB1098</a>	Hilgers		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2018	Passed 04/11/2018 Speaker Priority Bill	Change dollar threshold for certain purchasing requirements under the County Purchasing Act
<p><i>LB1098 changes the dollar thresholds for purchases of personal property or services by a county board or purchasing agents. Property or Services for an estimated value of fifty thousand dollars or more must be made through a competitive sealed bidding process. Property or Services for an estimated value of less than fifty thousand dollars, but more than ten thousand, may be made by securing and recording at least three informal bids. Property or Services worth less than ten thousand dollars can be purchased in the open market.</i></p>					



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Social Work Report

[REDACTED]

Case Number: [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]  
Judge: Hon. Matthew Acton  
Defendant's Attorney: Yohance Christie

Date: 12-30-2017  
County Attorney: Jason Cooper

*"When I think of my life, I think I must be crazy. It's like a nightmare every day. I basically lost hope at a little boy age." ---Gatyok Keey*

Since its' independence in 1956, Sudan has been wrought with conflict. In 1972, a 10-year peace treaty was signed. It divided Sudan into two distinct regions, Sudan and South Sudan. It was during this period that [REDACTED] was born. He cannot tell you what year he was born, but believes it to be 1980-1984. In 1978, oil was found in Southern Sudan and in 1980, Sudan vacated the peace agreement. They redrew the country lines to place the oil fields out of South Sudan's control, and mandated that South Sudan give up autonomous religious practice and convert to strict Islamic practices.

Sudanese forces invaded Southern Sudan and the South Sudanese rebels (Sudan People's Liberation Army--SPLA) fought to keep their county by any means necessary. [REDACTED] recalls the night the SPLA came to his village. He reports that his parents willingly gave [REDACTED] to the SPLA when he was 5-7. They were reassured by the SPLA they would protect [REDACTED] from the invading Sudanese government and provide him with an education. Instead, [REDACTED] was forced into battle and trained as a fighter for SPLA. He recalls, *"We saw killings, a lot of very bad things that give me nightmares. I have no beautiful memories of that life."*

To this day, [REDACTED] does not know what became of his village, or if his parents and siblings are alive or dead. [REDACTED] reports he was taken in the summer during a major drought and heat wave. He reports seeing many of the other boys die of dehydration, malnutrition, or being eaten by wild animals. [REDACTED] made a thousand mile plus journey to a refugee camp in Ethiopia.

In 1991, Ethiopia overthrew its' government and the refugee camp was forced to disperse under helicopter fire, guns, and attack dogs. The "Lost Boys" (as they have been called, which includes [REDACTED]) were forced out of the camp fleeing through flooded rivers full of crocodiles and fast-moving currents. The Lost Boys were forced back into South Sudan. They were met with hostility and many continued to travel south to Kenya where their government had opened a refugee camp.

By 1995, [REDACTED] and the group of children he was traveling with made it to Kenya. A participant in Goodman's 2004 study stated:

*"shortage of food was the great thing which affected people in Kenya as refugees. We were given a very small amount of food-a very small quantity of raw wheat or some kind of corn. They just gave us one bowl, maybe two bowls, for fifteen days."*

Starting in 1999, the United States, in conjunction with the United Nations undertook a humanitarian

mission to relocate the Lost Boys to the United States. [REDACTED] was one of the fortunate 4,000 Lost Boys to be relocated to the US. [REDACTED] was relocated to Austin, TX. Since he was over 18 (they suspect), [REDACTED] did not qualify for foster home services. After living on his own since before his 10th birthday, [REDACTED] adjusted to life in America incredibly well. He states, "I only lived my life in jungles, walking in ditches, carrying guns. Then I move to Texas and there are cars and phones. I felt overwhelmed but I had hope."

In 2003, [REDACTED] heard from a fellow Lost Boy that Tyson Chicken in Norfolk, NE was hiring and had a growing population of South Sudanese refugees. [REDACTED] relocated to NE where, by all accounts, he was able to support himself and maintain steady employment. An injury followed by surgery put him out of work and he moved to Omaha, NE with another Lost Boy; eventually relocating in Lincoln to work for Smart Chicken in Waverly. By this time, [REDACTED] had managed to save up a respectable savings. [REDACTED] reports around this same time, his alcohol use increased and his Green Card expired (due to his lack of education on how to complete the process). His savings began to dwindle, and eventually he ended up homeless on the streets of Lincoln addicted to alcohol.

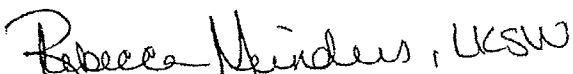
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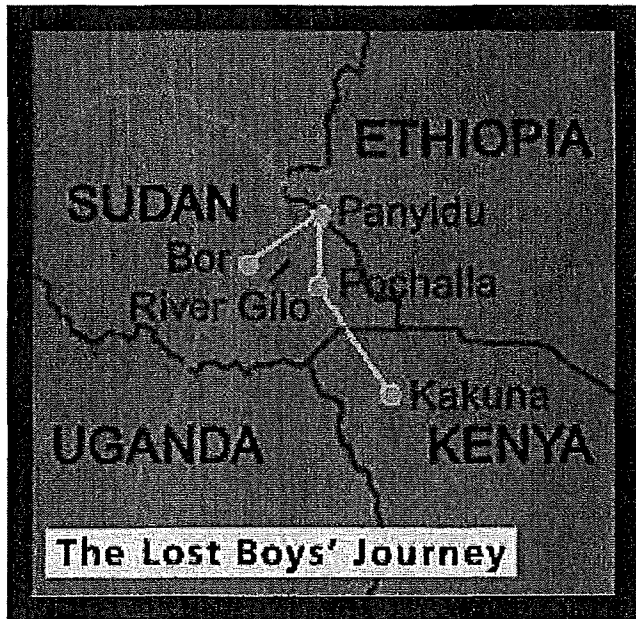
[REDACTED] states that the biggest barrier at this point for him is his lack of a current Green Card. Without this, he cannot legally work and it makes it difficult to secure housing. This social worker has been made aware of a program through Center for People in Need that will assist [REDACTED] in renewing his Green Card. He reports being highly motivated to work with the undersigned in completing this.

[REDACTED] also believes that his license is valid and able to be renewed. Lack of a valid photo ID/license is a barrier to accessing employment, setting up a bank account, and even seeing a primary care physician (which [REDACTED] has not done in close to 5 years, despite having epilepsy). Again, he is motivated to collaborate with this staff and CenterPointe to make this happen.

He remains on the list for housing subsidy through CenterPointe, although the lack of safe, affordable housing for tenants without basic identification remains problematic.

[REDACTED] will also benefit from intensive trauma-based therapy to assist him in coping with the atrocities he has seen. [REDACTED] reports he continues to live with nightmares that scare him. His understanding of how trauma affects his brain and interfaces with his addiction is minimal at best. As [REDACTED] has not yet completely processed his trauma, his body remains in a constant fight-or-flight response and has led to ongoing addiction and interface with the legal system.

  
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It is estimated an "average" Lost Boy walked more than 1,000 miles without shoes, water, or steady supply of food. This is equal to walking from Lincoln, NE to Pittsburgh, PA.



The Lost Boys of Sudan, 1992





Kakuma Refugee Camp June 18, 1992.