



**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STAFF MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - THE BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
8:30 A.M.**

Location Announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act: A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is located on the wall at the back of the room.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2020

Documents:

[Staff Meeting Minutes 1.16.20.pdf](#)

2. 8:30 A.M. - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Joe Kohout and Brennen Miller, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC

3. 9:00 A.M. - IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE GRANT

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director

Documents:

[Lancaster County Grant Form - ICJR.pdf](#)

4. 9:15 A.M. - MENTAL HEALTH FITNESS FOR CONFINEMENT

Brad Johnson, Corrections Director

**5. 9:30 A.M. - ASSISTED OUT PATIENT (AOP) GRANT APPLICATION
(\$4M) TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)**

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director

6. 9:45 A.M. - CENTRALIZED PAYROLL

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer; Kevin Nelson, County Clerk
Accountant; and Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human
Resources Director

Documents:

[2020-01-23 Payroll Project Update \(002\).pdf](#)

7. 10:00 A.M. - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Sue Eckley, Risk Manager

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Chief Administrative Officer Search

B. 2020 Legislative Process Discussion

Discussion on 2020 Legislative Process.

9. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Mutual Aid Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2020

Schorr / Flowerday

B. District Energy Corporation (DEC)

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Schorr

C. Human Services Joint Budget Committee

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Schorr

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioners Present: Sean Flowerday, Chair; Rick Vest, Vice Chair; Deb Schorr, Christa Yoakum and Roma Amundson

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

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska web site and provided to the media on January 15, 2020.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2020

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the January 9, 2020 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Schorr, Vest, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Joe Kohout and Brennen Miller, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC

Joe Kohout, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC provided a weekly legislative report (Exhibit 1), including bill information (Exhibit 2) and the upcoming hearing schedule (Exhibit 3).

Kohout noted two bills of interest had debate this week – LB230 (Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed) and LB148 (Change requirements for public hearings on proposed budget statements and notices of meetings of public bodies). LB230 was amended to address concerns regarding the cost of continuous monitoring. There was discussion regarding whether the provisions of the bill would be applicable to juveniles held in a county jail. An amendment is expected to provide clarification. LB148 requires some notifications and a publication statement. Kohout said the League of Municipalities, the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) and others signed off on the amendment which advanced with little debate.

With regard to Lancaster County priorities, LB267 (Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy) Kohout said he is optimistic regarding prioritization but it could also come up next week in the regular order. He said some changes have been proposed to LB335 (Authorize a 24/7 sobriety program permit for operating a motor vehicle as a condition of bail) which County staff are reviewing.

In reference to mental health commitment, Miller indicated Senator Geist is working with the State Patrol on some language which will be reviewed by Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director. Schorr felt there was misinformation going around related to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) so educating senators would be critical. Kohout agreed that this should be addressed head on with committee members so they understand that HIPAA does not apply.

Kohout briefly discussed upcoming hearings (see page 3 of weekly report). Regarding LB836 (Change provisions governing certain contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program), Kohout noted that this is the response to a recent \$44,000,000 overpayment to a Medicaid managed care company. The proposal is to place future overpayments into the Healthcare Cash Fund which is then distributed to beneficiaries such as public health departments. Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Director, said LB974 (Change taxation and school funding provisions) is primarily impacting schools. Kohout recommended the County monitor the bill. Scott Gaines, Deputy County Assessor/Register of Deeds, added they are monitoring some minor technical issues. Kohout also recommended the County monitor LB823 (Provide for a special election prior to the exercise of eminent domain for the transmission lines in certain circumstances).

Schorr asked Eagan to summarize a recent conversation with Jon Cannon, NACO Deputy Director, regarding a proposal which would restrict District Court appeals on a county special use permit to a petition in error. NACO was asked to carry the bill, which has not been introduced, since it was thought to impact the entire state. Schorr added it appears there is now some confusion about this bill only applying to Lancaster County.

Eagan clarified that the draft does apply to the entire state. The real issue is whether the County Board, as a political body, making a decision under its zoning regulations, is the appropriate place for a final decision. He referenced two recent appeals of Lancaster County Board decisions related to commercial feedlots. If the statute is not amended, then the applicant gets a second appeal chance as everything that happened at the county board level is now irrelevant. He emphasized that District Courts are not equipped to handle large public hearings and that doing so could place an even larger burden on the courts. He said appeals could be restricted to a petition in error whereby the District Court makes a decision based upon the record but it is restricted to whether there is arbitrary and capricious activity by a county board and no evidence in the record to support it. Eagan said this is an important bill that NACO needs to carry.

Schorr said NACO feels strongly that this is a Lancaster County bill. She asked Commissioners if they felt this bill should be added to the County's priority list should NACO decide not to carry it. Amundson and Yoakum both agreed that it is important. Eagan indicated he would contact Cannon to further discuss the bill as he felt strongly that this is a statewide issue. He added he would also be willing to testify before the Legislature.

Joe Nigro, Public Defender, noted two bills of interest – LB1007 (Change provisions relating to competency to stand trial and be sentenced) and LB1017 (Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court). Flowerday suggested those be included in next week's report.

3. (A) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO UPDATE; AND (B) FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION'S RV CLUB EVENT UPDATE – Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director

Amy Dickerson, Managing Director, Lancaster Event Center (LEC), provided an update on the 2020 National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) to be held in Lincoln in July (Exhibit 4). She also introduced Greg Rook, Operations Director, Lancaster Event Center.

The following national publications were distributed which included event advertisements:

1. 3rd Annual Rodeo Roundup (2020)
2. NHSRA Times (July, 2019; Volume 40/No. 11)
3. NHSRA Times (September, 2019; Volume 41; No. 1)
4. Rodeo News (November, 2019)

NOTE: Copies of the above publications were not provided to the County Clerk's Office.

Also distributed were a poster and brochure promoting the event (Exhibits 5 and 6) and the volunteer coordinator's business card (Exhibit 7).

Schorr inquired about waste removal. Dickerson said septic trucks will be used to pump waste from LEC campsites.

Dickerson said the grandstand came in \$44,000 over budget but savings were found in other areas. She added there is currently \$109,000 in the contingency fund. This money will be reserved for rock and for changes requested by the NHSFR prior to Lincoln hosting the 2026-27 events.

Various other events being held in conjunction with the rodeo were discussed. Dickerson said many sponsorships are in the works and naming rights for the grandstand are underway, although, the latter is a long and convoluted process.

Dickerson suggested the County Board may want to welcome contestants upon arrival. She said she would forward possible dates of interest to the Board. She also clarified the event timeline noting the event itself officially spans four days but contestants, vendors, staff, etc., arrive days in advance.

Another large event now under contract is the Family Motor Coach Association's international convention which will be at the LEC in August. Dickerson estimated the event to have a \$8,000,000 to \$15,000,000 economic impact (on top of the \$16,000,000 impact of the rodeo).

Flowerday exited the meeting at 9:33 a.m. and returned at 9:35 a.m.

4. PENSION REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON FEE LEVELING

Eagan gave an overview of the Pension Review Committee's analysis of fee leveling related to the 401(a) Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program.

NOTE: See agenda packet for a comprehensive, written summary of the analysis and recommendation.

Eagan explained that revenue sharing is used to cover the Plan's administrative costs and there is inequity among participants in covering these costs as revenue sharing varies across funds and share

classes. Additionally, under the current fee method excess administrative revenue is also being collected. Fee leveling was proposed as an alternative method for managing administrative costs. Under fee leveling all participants pay the same administrative fee, regardless of expense ratios or individual investment holdings. Eagan felt that fee leveling is clearly in the best interest of all Plan participants.

The Pension Review Committee's unanimous recommendation is as follows:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners should adopt fee leveling with a flat fee per participant, in an amount to be determined, for both the 401(a) Lancaster County Employees Retirement Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program, subject to approval by all labor unions representing Lancaster County employees.

Joe Nigro, Public Defender and Pension Review Committee member, noted he is a big advocate of index funds due to the low fees. He would also like the number of funds reduced, especially those with higher fees. But, after further review, he agreed that fee leveling is the right thing to do, in part, because of greater transparency.

It was confirmed that this change cannot occur until all labor unions have either approved the change or waived their right to negotiate on its implementation. Regarding unrepresented employees, Schorr said should this change be approved, it should occur at the same time for all employees and be well publicized.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to forward the recommendation to a Tuesday meeting. Schorr, Yoakum, Vest, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

5. APPROVAL OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY – Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Control Superintendent

Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Control Superintendent, provided a brief overview of the following items: Control Plan, Activity Report, Budget Report, Board Roster, Infestation Report and the Watch List Form (see agenda packet). He said State law requires these reports to be filed.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Schorr seconded approval of the reports. Schorr, Vest, Yoakum, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

6. APPEAL OF PC-01682 (SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 19051, CAMP A WAY DEVELOPMENT); AND (B) COUNTY TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 19001, PROPOSED CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS – David Cary, Planning Director; Steve Henrichsen, Planning Development Review Manager; Tom Cajka, Planner; and Jen Holloway, Deputy Lancaster County Attorney

Steve Henrichsen, Planning Development Review Manager; and Tom Cajka, Planner, provided a brief overview of Text Amendment No. 19001 and Special Permit No. 19051. Two separate public hearings on these items will be held before the County Board on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Henrichsen reviewed the text amendment changes which include the conditions for campgrounds (Section 13.014) and signage (Section 16.003)(Exhibit 8). The length of stay was discussed. In response to Yoakum's question, Henrichsen confirmed that a calendar year is generally defined as January 1 – December 31.

Regarding Special Permit No. 19051, Henrichsen provided an overview of the site plan (see agenda packet) noting that not all 240 sites will be developed at once. He added most comments at the Planning Commission's public hearing dealt with water and traffic. It was noted the Planning Commission approved both items by a 5-2 vote.

Vest questioned the water testing. Henrichsen said the Natural Resources District is the expert in this area and representatives will be at Tuesday's meeting to answer questions. He added test wells indicated there was an adequate water supply for the proposed use. Vest asked what water impact there might be to this area. Henrichsen said it is difficult to determine the long-term impact. He added there are currently no restrictions on new wells in this area. It was also noted that the lagoons will be licensed through the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Discussion followed on the proposed length of stay of up to 180 days for 35% of the sites. Vest noted concerns about creating a possible municipality versus a recreational campsite. Henrichsen said this is something the Board can change as part of the text amendment. He noted the applicants indicated that some people want to stay longer than 60 days for a variety of reasons.

Amundson asked how many irrigation wells are in the area. Henrichsen said he would find out.

Regarding the public hearing procedures, Deputy County Attorney Jen Holloway confirmed that two separate public hearings will be conducted with the first being the text amendment. Action on this item will be taken prior to the hearing on the special permit. She explained that the text amendment language change on 13.014(c) was to shore up a loop hole so that people would not be able to stay 29 days then leave for one day and return. Also, on 13.014(f), Holloway noted that this was a proposed legal change but was not before the Planning Commission so next Tuesday's version will be slightly different.

Flowerday reiterated that two public hearings will be conducted on Tuesday. He explained that the text amendment consists of general county regulations and the special permit is specific to the campground application. Testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes each. If no new information is available, he asked that citizens only speak once if possible.

7. JUVENILE JUSTICE STATISTICS – Dr. Richard Wiener, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Also present for the discussion were Megan Berry and Taylor Petty.

Dr. Richard Wiener, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, reviewed the Juvenile Justice statistics (Exhibit 9). Copies of page six were disseminated (Exhibit 10).

The Board thanked Dr. Wiener and staff for their work. Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, recognized the collaboration efforts of multiple agencies.

Schorr suggested this information be presented at a future Justice Council meeting.

Flowerday asked how the Board could continue to support these efforts. Dr. Weiner said as the project grows funding may be needed for another graduate student. He felt things are going well now and hoped that they could continue to help the County make good decisions.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Pension Review Committee (PRC) Membership

Eagan discussed possible changes to the PRC membership including adding a County Commissioner and a retired person. All unions have a representative but only FOP 32 has regular attendance. Kevin Nelson, Accounting Operations Manager, and Kenneth Nolan, FOP 77, have also expressed an interest in attending. A replacement will also be needed for Eagan. Appointments will be placed on a future Tuesday Board meeting for approval.

B. County Board Representative to Commissioners' Award of Excellence Program

Eagan recommended that Danielle Buck, Administrative Secretary to the County Board, be appointed to replace Minette Genuchi who retired. It was noted that Lori Gokie served in this capacity at the request of the Board upon Genuchi's departure but would be replaced now by Buck. Eagan said he would forward this item to a Tuesday agenda. It was also suggested that Gokie be contacted about the change and thanked for her service.

C. Claim for Review

Claim for review from County Engineer, Pam Dingman, for voucher #667671 in the amount of \$550.00. The claim exceeds the 90-day time frame for claims to be paid, and is contrary to Resolution number R-19-0012 (claiming per diem of other travelers and not properly itemized).

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, discussed the circumstances surrounding her claim for review. She indicated that she covered the meal cost on her personal credit card for employees attending a conference and that she spoke to the County Board Chair at that time (Jennifer Brinkman) about this issue. She added the original receipt was lost by staff and then the email containing a copy was quarantined. She now has a copy of the receipt. She also noted that the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) reimbursed the County Engineer's Office the actual cost not per diem. Dingman said her expenses are not to be signed by anyone but Eagan and that didn't happen.

Flowerday expressed his discomfort about one person claiming another person's per diem.

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Director, commented on efficiency versus policy noting that the County Clerk's Office has to spend a lot of time on claim reviews and if policies are not being followed then they should be changed otherwise it is wasting the Clerk's time.

Kevin Nelson, Accounting Operations Manager, County Clerk's Office, added that in addition to the extra time it takes for his staff to review these claims and missing the 90-day statutory requirement, the reimbursement is crossing budget years.

Amundson felt the policy was clear that per diem reimbursements for others is not permitted.

Dingman said it was not her intent to ignore the policy/resolution and that she did this after discussion with other Commissioners and previous Chairs. She added this type of expenditure has been approved four or five times in the past. She confirmed the NDOT reimbursement was received in the current budget year.

MOTION: Amundson moved to deny the claim.

Eagan said this item would need to be forwarded to a Tuesday meeting for formal action.

Dingman inquired if reimbursements off receipts could be allowed in the future for this training.

Schorr asked how this can be prevented in the future. Ames said the easiest option would be for each employee to submit a per diem reimbursement which aligns with the current policy and is how other employees are handling similar requests. She added this approach could be done now, too, and the employees could simply pay Dingman back.

Dingman reiterated that NDOT reimburses based of the actual receipt not a per diem. This will potentially cause the County to make a profit which is not right.

Nelson said it might be possible to include a caveat in the Purchasing Card (P-Card) policy allowing food purchases which are reimbursed by another entity. Schorr said this could benefit other departments as well. Meyer felt exceptions would need to be approved in advance.

Eagan stated that these rules were specifically put into place after the last discussion.

Flowerday restated that there is a motion to forward the claim to a Tuesday for denial.

Flowerday seconded the motion.

Schorr said the State's reimbursement from the receipt, not the per diem, sets wrong with her. Yoakum agreed and felt that there should be a way to make this fit within the County's policy for future consistency.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Schorr and Yoakum voted no. Motion carried 3-2.

It was noted that the claim will appear on the January 28 County Board agenda.

Ames said she did speak with the County Attorney's Office regarding whether or not the County can even approve the claim since it is outside of the existing policy.

9. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Lapel Pin Distribution

Schorr said pins will be given to County Leadership Academy participants, Commissioners' Award of Excellence recipients, directors and elected officials.

10. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Home Builders Association of Lincoln (HBAL) Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Vest / Amundson

Amundson and Vest attended the meeting. Herb Reese was elected the 2020 HBAL President.

OTHER MEETING INFORMATION

Vest noted that he attended the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The decision was made to retain and repair Cascade Foundation and reduce the footprint. A picnic area will also be included.

11. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

Schorr suggested two separate management team meetings – one for directors and one for elected officials - be scheduled on a Tuesday or Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., to discuss the Chief Administrative Officer transition.

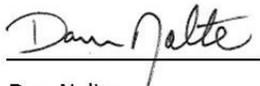
Schorr reminded all Commissioners to forward meeting information to Danielle Buck for the calendar.

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn at 12:16 p.m. Vest, Amundson, Yoakum, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout
Brennen L. Miller

DATE: January 16, 2020

RE: Weekly Report

Good Morning. Please accept this as your weekly report for the 2020 session of the Legislature for the date noted above.

We would note that today is day 7 of the 2020 session which also means that at the conclusion of today's session, we will be 70% of the way through bill introduction. As of the close of business yesterday, over 350 bills have been introduced. We are still reading through and summarizing each one. Bill introduction will be complete on January 23rd, or the tenth day of the session.

This week, the Legislature took up full-day debate before it commences committee hearings next Tuesday. During this week, two bills of interest to Lancaster County have been discussed and advanced by the full Legislature. These are noted here:

LB230 (Pansing-Brooks) Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed. NEUTRAL. Under LB230, additional rules are mandated to juvenile facilities regarding placement in room confinement of a juvenile in a juvenile facility specifically, room confinement of a juvenile for longer than one hour during a twenty-four-hour period shall be documented and approved in writing by a supervisor in the juvenile facility. It is the intent and purpose of this rule shall not be avoided by the use of consecutive periods of room confinement. New rules relating to confinement are outlined in the bill also, for example, notice to the juvenile's parent or guardian, rooms having adequate lighting, amongst others.

When a similar measure was introduced in 2017, Commissioners Brinkman and Schorr met with Senator Pansing-Brooks to discuss the bill. The Board did request that we meet with Senator Pansing-Brooks to discuss a requirement in the bill requiring continuous monitoring. She indicated that she is willing to clarify the record on the continuous monitoring language of the bill to mean electronic or every 15 minutes.

The Judiciary Committee did advance LB230 with a committee amendment attached (AM450). The bill was not prioritized during the 2019 Session.

The bill was debated on General File on Tuesday of this week. The bill was advanced after an hour or so of debate following adoption of AM450. There was some concern raised on the floor regarding the potential impact of a juvenile being placed into a county jail. An amendment is being formulated between General and Select File debate to work through this language.

LB148 (Groene) Change requirements for public hearings on proposed budget statements and notices of meetings of public bodies. MONITOR.

Under LB148, and for the purposes of the Nebraska Budget Act, “governing body” was amended by the bill to also include any joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act that receives tax funds generated under section 2-3226.05.

The bill would require that each governing body, each year or biennial period, conduct a public hearing on its proposed budget statement. Such hearing shall be held separately from any regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body and shall not be limited by time. At such hearing, the governing body shall make a detailed presentation of the proposed budget statement and shall make at least three copies of the proposed budget statement available to the public. Any member of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget statement shall be allowed to address the governing body and shall be given a reasonable amount of time to do so.

The bill increased cost to political subdivisions by requiring that notice shall be given by publishing in a newspaper of the general circulation within the public bodies jurisdiction and, if available, in a digital advertisement on such newspapers website. In addition to search required methods of notice, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such a public body or advisory committee.

At the hearing, a few supporters showed up for the bill which were mostly citizens. Opposition was raised by NRDs, the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the City of Omaha. NACO appeared in a neutral capacity agreeing with amendments suggested by the League. Following the hearing, Dan Nolte sent us an email indicating that he believes this bill could have a financial impact on Lancaster County. Subsequently, we received a series of amendments from Senator Carol Blood which were to be presented at the Government Committee executive session. One of them was on LB148. After talking to several folks who had appeared at the hearing in opposition - including NACO - it became clear to us that the opposition to this bill had evaporated.

The bill was advanced to General File on March 5, 2019 however it was not prioritized. Senator Justin Wayne, responding to Senator Groene’s efforts to derail LR14CA (constitutional amendment to allow for 20 year TIF in cases of “extreme” blight), filed an amendment that would apply the provisions of that bill only to a city located in a county with a population between 35,000 and 40,000. That amendment will be pending if and when the bill comes up on General File.

The bill was debated on Wednesday briefly where Senator Wayne withdrew his amendment; the committee amendment that addressed many of the concerns was adopted and the bill advanced to Select File on a 35-0 vote.

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LB267 (Bolz) Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy. This would allow for financing of County Bridges under Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-120(3)(b). Introduced during the 2019 session by Senator Bolz, the bill currently sits on General File after unanimously advancing from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Discussions are ongoing seeking a priority designation for the bill, which will assist in moving it towards floor debate by the full body. Additionally we have engaged in discussions to get the bill considered early in the session.

We are beginning the process of potentially identifying a senator to prioritize of the bill.

LB335 (M. Hansen) Authorize a 24/7 sobriety program permit for operating a motor vehicle as a condition of bail. Statutory Changes to Implement Statewide 24/7 Sobriety Program. Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen during the 2019 session, LB335 currently sits in the Judiciary Committee. This interim brought conversations with opposition, which brought fruitful developments towards producing an amendment. We are currently reviewing the redline response provided in recent days.

Amend the Mental Health Commitment Act to allow Sharing of Mental Health Information Among Providers and Law Enforcement Agencies. After numerous meetings with stakeholders over the interim, produced by LR183 introduced by Senator Geist, the initial draft and subsequent revisions have been completed, and we are currently awaiting the revised version from the revisers' office. The next steps are to approve/edit the revised draft, and if sufficient, have it introduced by Senator Geist who has agreed to carry the legislation.

LB247 (Bolz) Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act. Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act under LB247. Introduced by Senator Bolz during the 2019 session, the bill is held by the Judiciary Committee. In our conversations with the senator, she has indicated that she has possibly reached a tentative agreement with opposition parties including the Bar Association on language to address their concerns, and to advance the bill early this session for consideration by the full body.

HEARINGS IN THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Urban Affairs Committee
LB799 (Hansen, M.) Change provisions relating to cities of the primary class

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Health & Human Services Committee
LB836 (Arch) Change provisions governing certain contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program

Revenue Committee
LB974 (Revenue Committee) Change taxation and school funding provisions

Judiciary Committee

LB823 (Brewer) Provide for a special election prior to the exercise of eminent domain for transmission lines in certain circumstances

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

LB890 (Hilgers) Provide for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act

Judiciary Committee

LB777 (DeBoer) Provide for set-asides of infractions and violations of city and village ordinances and county resolution – Judiciary

This concludes our report for this week.

Kissel Kohout ES Associates LLC
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
106th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
Hearing Date 01/20/2020 - 01/24/2020

Document	Senator	Position	Committee	Status	Description
LB777	DeBoer		Judiciary 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide for set-asides of infractions and violations of city and village ordinances and county resolutions <i>Amends 29-2264. Changes "infraction, a misdemeanor, or a felony" to "offense" throughout. Defines offense as any violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision of this state including, but not limited to, any felony, misdemeanor, infraction, traffic infraction, violation of a city or village ordinance, or violation of a county resolution. Adds provision that say the setting aside of a conviction in accordance with the Nebraska Probation Administration Act shall not: affect the assessment or accumulation of points under section 60-4,182; or affect eligibility for, or obligations relating to, a commercial driver's license. These additions would apply to all people eligible under the section regardless of the date of the conviction looking to be set aside.</i>
LB785	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/21/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change vehicle size, weight, and load provisions, provide for stinger-steered automobile transporters and towaway trailer transporter combinations, and define emergency vehicle <i>LC - FN REQ</i>
LB799			Urban Affairs 01/21/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions relating to cities of the primary class
LB823	Brewer		Judiciary 01/22/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide for a special election prior to the exercise of eminent domain for transmission lines in certain circumstances
LB836	Arch		Health and Human Services 01/22/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions governing certain contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program
LB881	Hansen		Judiciary 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Prohibit deductions of fines from bonds
LB890	Hilgers		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Provide for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act
LB912	Brandt		Judiciary 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions relating to examination of witnesses by telephonic, videoconferencing, and similar methods <i>LC - FN REQ</i>
LB925	Chambers		Judiciary 01/24/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions relating to standing to file a petition for a declaratory judgment <i>LC - FN REQ</i>

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LB4	Stinner		Revenue 01/25/2019	Final Reading 03/05/2019	Change mileage reimbursement and filing fees under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act <i>LB4 mandates that because of the commission shall have three commissioners, one from each congressional district, and because a commissioner shall be a qualified voter and resident of the state and a domiciliary of the district he or she represents each commissioner shall be reimbursed for mileage for actual round-trip travel from the commissioner's residence to the state office building in Lincoln or to the location of any hearing or other official business of the commission. Reimbursement requests shall be based on the rate established by the Department of Administrative Services. Funds expended for parking may be requested in addition to mileage. Also, LB4 mandates that when an appeal or petition is filed with the commission regarding the taxable value of a parcel of real property, the filing fees shall be: Forty dollars (\$40) if the taxable value of the parcel is less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$0-249,999) ; Fifty dollars (\$50) if the taxable value of the parcel is at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$250,000-\$499,999); Sixty dollars (\$60) if the taxable value of the parcel is at least five hundred thousand dollars but less than one million dollars (\$500,000-\$999,999); or Eighty-five dollars (\$85) if the taxable value of the parcel is at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000+). For any appeal or petition filed with the commission not regarding the taxable value of a parcel of real property, the filing fee shall be forty dollars (\$40). No filing fee (\$0) shall be required for an appeal by a county assessor, the Tax Commissioner, or the Property Tax Administrator acting in his or her official capacity or a county board of equalization acting in its official capacity.</i>
LB9	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/21/2019	Failed to Advance 01/15/2020	Prohibit cities, counties, and villages from taxing or regulating distributed ledger technology <i>Designed to prohibit cities, villages, and counties from taxing or otherwise regulating the use of distributed ledger technology, which is a technology that is a uniformly ordered, redundantly maintained electronic record of transactions, or other data, validated by the use of cryptography.</i>
LB17	Briese		Judiciary 01/31/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	State a right of juveniles who have a parent with a disability <i>Designed to assure the right of each juvenile to be parented by his or her parent, which shall not be abridged based solely on a disability of the parent.</i>
LB20	Briese	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/24/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Require voter approval of public building commission bonds <i>Designed to require approval by the voters for the issuance of bonds by public building commissions and to repeal the original provision.</i>
LB28	Kolterman		Judiciary 01/24/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Authorize damages for property taxes and special assessment paid on property lost through adverse possession <i>Intended to authorize damages in causes of action arising on or after January 1, 2020, for property taxes and special assessments paid on property lost through adverse possession.</i>
LB35	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/05/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change provisions relating to reemployment, reinstatement, repayment, and age eligibility for certain members under the County Employees Retirement Act and State Employees Retirement Act <i>LB35 Amended into LB34 by ComAM591</i> <i>Designed to change provisions relating to reemployment, reinstatement, repayment, and age eligibility (proposed to be 18 years of age) regarding certain retirement system members under the County Employees Retirement Act and State Employees Retirement Act. To become operative January 1, 2020.</i>
LB38	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/05/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Provide for one license plate and In Transit decal per vehicle <i>Designed to provide for one license plate and In Transit decal per vehicle; to change provisions relating to license plates; to eliminate obsolete provisions.</i>
LB43	Bolz		Judiciary 02/22/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Adopt the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights Act <i>Designed to adopt the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights Act, which includes, among other things, the survivor's right to consult with and have present an advocate of his or her choosing during medical evidentiary or physical examination (regardless of whether or not said right has been previously waived), the right to a free forensic medical examination, the right to shower at no cost if the facilities are available, right to consult with or have an advocate available during an interview by police/prosecution/defense, the right to be interviewed by an interviewer the gender of the survivor's choosing, and to and interpreter for differences regarding primary language.</i>

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LB50	Vargas		Revenue 01/23/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change individual income tax brackets and rates <i>Increases income tax also creates a one percent (1%) tax rate on that portion of a taxpayer's Nebraska taxable income in excess of one million dollars and, a two percent (2%) tax rate on that portion of a taxpayer's Nebraska taxable income in excess of two million dollars.</i>
LB53	Scheer		Natural Resources 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change and provide duties for landowners or their tenants relating to removal of a blockage or obstruction in a watercourse and provide for court costs and attorney's fees <i>LB53 mandates landowners or their tenants removal of a blockage or an obstruction in a watercourse, slough, or drainage ditch or drainage course whenever such blockage or obstruction is caused by any of the acts of such landowner or tenant or with his or her knowledge or consent and to do so at least once a year between March 1st and April 15th, and, between April 15th and the following March 1st within thirty days after notification of such blockage or obstruction by a landowner or tenant having the same watercourse, slough, drainage ditch or drainage course running through the land owned or occupied by such landowner or tenant. Any person violating the above rule will be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined up to \$10 and be liable for all damages caused by reason of such obstruction, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees if: the person was properly notified at least 10 days before the filing of a complaint relating to the March 1st to April 15th time-frame, or if the person was properly notified at least 10 days before the filing of a complaint but after the thirty-day period provided for above</i>
LB54	Lowe		Judiciary 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon <i>LB54 creates an exemption to the carrying a concealed weapon statute. The statute would now allow for possessing, carrying, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm for any lawful purpose to or from any place where such firearm may be lawfully possessed or carried by a person if such firearm is unloaded and stored in a case and such person is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, carrying, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm. Here, "case" means case means (i) a hard-sided or soft-sided box, container, or receptacle intended or designed for the purpose of storing or transporting a firearm or (ii) the firearm manufacturer's original packaging.</i>
LB58	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Adopt the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act <i>Under LB58 a petitioner may file for an extreme risk protection order, requesting such order be issued ex parte to the respondent and without prior notice to the respondent, by including in the petition detailed allegations based on personal knowledge that the respondent poses a significant risk of causing personal injury to self or others in the near future by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm. The court shall hold a hearing on a petition for an ex parte extreme risk protection order on the day the petition is filed or on the judicial day immediately following the day the petition is filed. If the court finds reasonable cause, the extreme risk protection order shall issue ex parte as a temporary order. Upon notice of such an order, Respondent has five days to request a show-cause hearing, the court must calendar the such a requested hearing to be held within thirty days after receipt of the request. If the Respondent fails to appear at the show-cause hearing or fails to defeat a preponderance of the Petitioner's evidence, the court shall issue a final extreme risk protection order. The clerk of the court would be responsible for providing two certified copies to the Petitioner, as well as copies to law enforcement.</i>
LB68	Hansen		Urban Affairs 02/19/2019	General File 03/04/2019	Change provisions of the Business Improvement District Act as prescribed <i>LB68 addresses the Business Improvement District Act. Hearings must be called by city council now not only when simply expanding the district's boundaries, but now under LB68, hearings are required after any change in the boundaries have been proposed or any change the functions or provisions of an existing business improvement district have been proposed. If a city council has not acted to call a hearing to change the boundaries or change the functions or provisions of an existing business improvement district, it shall do so when presented with a petition signed by the users of thirty percent of space in a business area proposed to be added to or removed from an existing improvement district where an occupation tax is imposed, or by the record owners of thirty percent of the assessable front footage in a portion of a business area proposed to be added to or removed from an existing business improvement district, or if the recommendation is to change the functions or provisions of an existing business improvement district, by the record owners of thirty percent of the existing business improvement district.</i>
LB76	Williams		Revenue 02/08/2019	General File 03/13/2019	Change provisions relating to the nameplate capacity tax <i>"Nameplate capacity" means the capacity of a renewable energy generation facility to generate electricity as measured in megawatts, including fractions of a megawatt. LB76 adds the specificity that "nameplate capacity" shall be determined based on the facility's alternating current capacity.</i>
LB83	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony <i>LB83 allow for the restoration of an individual's voting rights immediately upon completion of that person's felony sentence or successful completion of probation for a felony, rather than after the two-year waiting period necessary under previous law.</i>

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LB89	Wayne		Judiciary 03/20/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change certain marijuana penalties <i>Unlawful knowing or intentional manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance shall be guilty of a Class IV felony with respect to 5 pounds or less of marijuana and shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony for more than 5 pounds of marijuana. Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing more than 3 ounces (up from 1 ounce) but not the more than 1 pound shall be guilty of a shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing more than 1 pound but not more than 5 pounds (up from 1 pound) shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. Any person guilty of knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana wings 1 ounce or less shall be guilty, for their second offense, of a class IV misdemeanor. And for that person's third or all subsequent offenses, shall be guilty of a Class IIIA misdemeanor.</i>
LB90	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary 03/20/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Make post-release supervision optional for Class IV felonies <i>LB90 Amended into LB686 by ComAM1737</i> <i>Under the Nebraska Criminal Code, the penalty for a Class IV felony shall be a Maximum: two years imprisonment and twelve months post-release supervision or \$10,000 fine, or both, and a Minimum: no imprisonment and no post-release supervision. BEWARE: the changes made to the penalty above shall apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this act, and offenses committed prior to the effective date of this act and on or after August 30, 2015, for which a final judgment has not been entered. For purposes here, an offense shall be deemed to have been committed prior to August 30, 2015, if any element of the offense occurred prior to such date.</i>
LB91	Wayne		Judiciary 03/20/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Provide for deferred judgments by courts as prescribed <i>LB91 Amended into LB686 by ComAM1737</i> <i>A court may defer the adjudication of guilt and the imposition of a sentence and place the defendant on probation after hearing from the prosecution and defense. Upon a showing by the prosecuting attorney that the defendant is intentionally violating the conditions of probation, the court may revoke, pronounce judgment, and impose such new sentence as would have been imposed originally for the crime convicted. Whereas upon fulfillment of the conditions of probation, the defendant shall have his or her charge dismissed without entry of judgment.</i> <i>A defendant is not eligible for a deferred judgment if he or she has been previously convicted of a felony anywhere in the United States for, prior to the commission of the offense the defendant had been granted a deferred judgment or two or more time anywhere in the United States (with limited exceptions) OR, prior to the commission of the offense the defendant has been granted a deferred judgment anywhere in the United States within the proceedings five years (measured from the date of granting of the prior deferred judgment to the date of the commission of the offense) OR, the defendant is not eligible for probation or, they defendant is a business entity and not a person. (Other restrictions on disqualification exist as well.)</i> <i>The clerk of the court is mandated to keep a statewide data base (including a permanent record of the deferred judgment), which shall serve as the deferred judgment docket created and maintained by the State Court Administrator.</i>
LB94	Wayne		Judiciary 01/30/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Designate Nebraska State Patrol as agency to investigate criminal activity within Department of Correctional Services correctional facilities <i>Under LB94, the Nebraska state patrol would be authorized to conduct investigations of any criminal activity that takes place within any correctional facility be operated by the Department of Corrections Services. When the act becomes operative, the Nebraska State Patrol shall employ and have oversight over any investigators employed by the Department of Correctional Services (as well as all the funds used by the Department of Correctional Services for the administration of salaries for such investigators).</i> <i>The Nebraska state patrol shall provide information regarding any investigations conducted here in to the Inspector General of the Nebraska correctional system. With very limited exception, these are not public records and shall not be subject to discovery by any other person or entity.</i>
LB95	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/12/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change applicability provisions for building codes <i>Allstate agencies shall comply with the state building code except that the construction or repair of any building or structure beginning on or after January 1, 2020, which is owned by the state or any state agency, the state agency shall comply with the local building and construction codes and acted, administered, or enforced to the extent that such codes meet or exceed the standards of the state building code. Related fees shall not exceed the actual expenses incurred by such county, city, or village.</i>

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LB97	Wayne		Revenue 03/27/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Change provisions relating to highway funding
<p><i>Under LB 97, the Legislature finds that safe and modern highway infrastructure is of great importance to Nebraska. That it is in the interest of Nebraska taxpayers to leverage historically low interest rates to offset the challenges that construction inflation and uncertain Federal highway funding pose to adequately financing the state's infrastructure needs. It is the intent of the legislature to conservatively utilize the bond financing by issuing bonds, not to exceed \$200 million in the aggregate principal amount with a maturity on or before July 1, 2039.</i></p> <p><i>Upon the recommendation of the department of transportation, the commission acting for and on behalf of the state meet issues from time to time bonds under the Nebraska highway behind act in such principal amounts as determined by the commission for accelerating completion of the highway construction projects under the Build Nebraska act. No bonds shall be issued with a fixed interest rate exceeding 5% or with a variable interest rate. No bonds shall be issued after June 30, 2022, except for refunding bonds issued in accordance with the Nebraska Highway Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant therein shall be paid off by July 1, 2039.</i></p> <p><i>The Build Nebraska Bond Fund is created, and shall consist of money credited to the fund herein. At least 25% of the proceeds shall be used for construction of the expressway system and federally designated highway priority corridors and the remaining proceeds shall be used to pay for service transportation projects at the highest priority as determined by the department. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska state funds investment, and the fund shall retain any earnings related thereto.</i></p> <p><i>Such bonds shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Article XIII, section 1, of the constitution of Nebraska.</i></p>					
LB106	Dorn		Judiciary 03/28/2019	General File 04/26/2019	Change provisions relating to disclosure of DNA records under the DNA Identification Information Act
<p><i>Under LB106, all DNA samples and related records submitted to the State DNA sample bank or the State DNA database are confidential except as otherwise provided in the DNA Identification Information Act. The Nebraska State patrol shall make DNA records in the State DNA database available to law enforcement agencies and forensic DNA laboratories which serve such agencies and which participate in the combined DNA index system.</i></p>					
LB108	Bolz		Judiciary 02/06/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change provisions relating to placement of Department of Correctional Services inmates in county jails
<p><i>LB108 creates annual limits on placements in county jails such that: in any year the department of corrections may contract with county jail facilities to house no more than 150 committed offenders. This limit shall apply to the entire state. Committed offenders eligible for placement in the county jails shall only include those within one year of parole or release eligibility or those requiring only community-based or minimum-security supervision.</i></p> <p><i>The department shall only place a committed offender for housing in a county jail if the county jail facility has the capacity and agrees to offer services to meet one or more of the offenders prerelease programming requirements when such programming is needed for the offender to become eligible for parole or release. The department may place a committed offender who does not have prerelease programming requirements in a county jail facility in which such programming is not offered.</i></p> <p><i>The department may not withhold good time or in any other way sanction a committed offender solely based upon his or her with usual to participate in placement in a county jail related hereto.</i></p>					
LB109	Bolz		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/14/2019	General File 05/13/2019	Require the position classification plan and salary or pay plan for state employees to include certain positions
<p><i>Under LB109, the State Director of Personnel shall, for fiscal year 2021-22 and each fiscal year thereafter, include the following positions within the position classification plan (and the salary or pay plan) of the Department of Correctional Services: Corrections Corporal I, Corrections Corporal II, and Corrections Corporal III. Each position listed here shall be assigned to a different pay grade with in the salary or pay plan. Corrections Sergeant I, Corrections Sergeant II, and Corrections Sergeant III. Each position listed here shall be assigned to a different pay grade within the salary or pay plan. Corrections Unit Caseworker I, Corrections Unit Caseworker II, and Corrections Unit Caseworker III. Each position listed here shall be assigned to a different pay grade with in the salary or pay plan.</i></p>					
LB110	Wishart		Judiciary 01/25/2019	General File 05/10/2019	Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act
<p><i>Adopts the Medical Cannabis Act. Establishes the act, dispensaries, the Marijuana Enforcement Division, patient registries, additional assistant attorneys general, violations, and other definitions. The act also sets forth those illnesses that would qualify for the use of medical marijuana including symptoms caused by cancer, HIV, multiple sclerosis, terminal illness with probable life expectancy of under one year, or any other illness which cannabis could provide relief as determined by a health care practitioner. Nothing in the act requires a private insurer to reimburse for any costs related to the use of medical cannabis, however they are required to continue coverage for the underlying medical condition(s).</i></p>					

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					<p><i>Patients seeking the use of medical cannabis will apply to the newly created division for enrollment in a registry. Those enrolled may consume marijuana legally, possess three or less ounces on themselves, six or fewer plants or seeding plants, one ounce or less of concentrated substance, seventy-two ounces or less of edibles, or eight ounces or less in a residence.</i></p> <p><i>The act also sets forth requirements for acting as a caregiver, including background checks, age requirements, and limiting the number of patients per caregiver at no more than one unless patients reside in the same residence.</i></p> <p><i>The act allows for up to ten producers and ten processors in each congressional district by November 1, 2020. Requirements of both the producers and the processors are set forth. Processors must begin supplying dispensaries before May 1, 2021. The Medical Cannabis Board may extend any required start date. Specific requirements of both applicant producers and processors are included.</i></p>
LB113	Blood		Judiciary 01/30/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	<p>Require the Department of Correctional Services to disclose certain records</p> <p><i>The Department of Correctional Services shall provide the Public Counsel and the Inspector General with access to all documents or information submitted for entry into the department's criminal information data base. This includes documents and information submitted by department staff and related to activity or action that has taken place within departmental correctional facilities. This also includes physical documents maintained by department staff to document what has been submitted for entry into the data base.</i></p> <p><i>This section does not require the department to provide access to documents or information collected and submitted for entry into the data base by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.</i></p> <p><i>For purposes of this section, criminal information data base means a data base developed, maintained, and secured by the department that includes intelligence information.</i></p>
LB118	Arch		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/08/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	<p>Provide a procedure to withhold residential address of physicians in county records</p> <p><i>Unless requested by a member of the public in writing, the county assessor and register of deeds shall withhold from the public the residential address of a physician or an osteopathic physician licensed under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act who applies to the county assessor in the county of his or her residence to have such address withheld. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the county assessor and shall include the name, address, and medical license number of the physician or osteopathic physician and the parcel identification number for his or her residential address. The county assessor shall notify the register of deeds regarding the receipt of a complete application. The county assessor and the register of deeds shall withhold the address of a physician or an osteopathic physician who complies with this section for five years after receipt of a complete application. The physician or osteopathic physician may renew his or her application every five years upon submission of an updated application. A change of address requires a new application.</i></p>
LB131	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 03/15/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	<p>Change certain provisions relating to minimum sentences</p> <p><i>Except when a term of life imprisonment is required by law, in imposing a sentence upon an offender for any class of felony other than Class III, IIIA, or IV felony, the court shall fix the minimum and maximum terms of the sentence to be served within the limits provided by law.</i></p> <p><i>The maximum term shall not be greater than the maximum limit provided by law, and: The minimum term fixed by the court shall not be less than the minimum or mandatory minimum provided in section 28-105 and shall not be greater than 1/3 of the maximum limit provided by law, or the minimum term shall be the minimum limit provided by law.</i></p> <p><i>Further, when a maximum term of life is imposed by the court for a Class IB felony, the minimum term fixed by the court shall be any term of years not less than the minimum limit provided by law. (The rule from this paragraph is amended by LB131 to remove "a term of life imprisonment" from the potential minimum terms imposed by the court herein.)</i></p>
LB132	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	<p>Change penalties for certain felonies committed by persons under nineteen years of age</p> <p><i>The minimum term of imprisonment for any person convicted of a Class IC or Class ID felony for an offense committed when such person was under nineteen years of age shall not be a mandatory minimum but a minimum term only.</i></p>

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LB133	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Change provisions relating to structured programming and deferral of parole <i>Within 30 days after receiving a notice of deferred parole, the department shall provide the committed offender an opportunity to enroll in the earliest offered treatment or programming as recommended by the board. If the committed offender refuses to enroll or participate in such treatment or programming, the department shall obtain a written statement from the committed offender in which a committed offender expresses his or her refusal and any reason is relevant to his or her decision. The department shall provide the written statement to the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska correctional system. If the committed offender refuses to provide such written statements or reasons, the department shall document in writing it's attempts to obtain such written statement or reasons. An annual report shall also be provided by the department to the office regarding any committed offender whose parole was deferred with all relevant information on treatment and programming received, refusals to enroll or participate in treatment and programming, and the reasons for such refusals.</i>
LB144	Hughes		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Provide for voter approval of nonpartisan nomination and partisan election of county officers <i>All county officers elected pursuant to sections 32-517 to 32-529 shall be nominated and elected on a partisan ballot except as otherwise provided in this section. The county board in counties with a population of fifteen thousand or fewer inhabitants may adopt a resolution requiring the submission of the question to the voters of the county proposing the nomination of all officers elected pursuant to sections 32-517 to 32-529 without a political party designation on a nonpartisan ballot and the election of such officers with a political party designation on the general election ballot. Specific resolution requirements and procedure are mandated herein.</i>
LB148	Groene	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/06/2019	General File 03/05/2019	Change requirements for public hearings on proposed budget statements and notices of meetings of public bodies <i>Under LB148, and for the purposes of the Nebraska Budget Act, "governing body" shall now also include any joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act that receives tax funds generated under section 2-3226.05. (That is: River-flow enhancement bonds; costs and expenses of qualified projects; occupation tax authorized; exemption; collection; accounting; lien; foreclosure.)</i> <i>Each governing body shall each year or biennial period conduct a public hearing on its proposed budget statement. Such hearing shall be held separately from any regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body and shall not be limited by time. At such hearing, the governing body shall make a detailed presentation of the proposed budget statement and shall make at least three copies of the proposed budget statement available to the public. Any member of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget statement shall be allowed to address the governing body and shall be given a reasonable amount of time to do so.</i> <i>Notice shall be given by publishing in a newspaper of the general circulation within the public bodies jurisdiction and, if available, in a digital advertisement on such newspapers website. In addition to search required methods of notice, such notice me also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such a public body or advisory committee.</i>
LB150	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/08/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees <i>Under LB 150, the persons interested in the examination of public records are divided into residents and nonresidents. "Resident" means a person domiciled in this state and includes news media without regard to domicile. For non-residents of Nebraska, the actual added cost used as the basis for the calculation of a fee for records may 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>
LB151	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/20/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act <i>LB 151 creates the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. Its purposes are to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, non-discriminatory, and efficient administration in completion of construction projects funded, assisted, or awarded by a governmental unit.</i> <i>The act defines bidder, collective-bargaining agreement, construction, governmental unit, public benefit, public contract, public contractor, real property, and subcontractor. Unless otherwise required by federal law, a governmental unit challenge sure that any requests for proposals or bid specifications for public contract or the procurement procedures for a public contract do not contain barriers to entering into or adhering to a collective bargaining agreement relating to construction under the public contract or that discriminates beast on related collective-bargaining agreements.</i>

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LB158	Brewer	Oppose	Revenue 01/24/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Change provisions relating to the assessed value of real property <i>The bill caps property taxes at the 2019 level for a period of four tax years, 2020-2023. The bill includes provisions that accommodate changes in valuation of property accounting for improvements or destruction that would affect the assessed value of the property. Absent these material changes that would alter the value of property, it shall remain at the 2019 level.</i>
LB162	Hunt		Revenue 03/01/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Impose sales and use taxes on certain services <i>LB 162 proposes to tax the gross income received for body piercing, tattooing, tanning, and electrolysis hair removal services.</i>
LB163	Hunt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Permit counties to conduct elections by mail <i>Under LB 163 the election commissioner (which has been added) OR the county clerk may apply to the Secretary of State for the mailing of ballots for all elections held after approval of the application to registered voters of any or all of the precincts in the county in lieu of establishing polling places for such precincts.</i>
LB171	Pansing Brooks		Appropriations 03/14/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services <i>LB171 Amended into LB297 by ComAM1482</i> <i>There is hereby appropriated \$150,000 from the Capitol Buildings Parking Revolving Fund for FY2019-20 to the Department of Administrative Services, for Program 560, to aid in carrying out the provisions of this section. The Department of Administrative Services shall enter into a contract with a parking consultant for a professional analysis of existing parking and future parking needs around the Capitol. Such parking analysis shall include a state-needs analysis of existing facilities, future facilities, and capacity to supply parking for state employees in and around the Capitol, a list of best practices for such a parking system, and recommendations for where any new parking structures should be built. The study shall also include identification of the optimum site of such structures, any suggestions regarding multi-use opportunities, and the possibility of public-private and intergovernmental partnerships as to aid in future growth related to state, city, and neighborhood parking needs. The analysis shall be completed no later than January 1, 2020, and shall be submitted electronically to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, and the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.</i>
LB174	Bolz	Support	Appropriations 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	State intent relating to appropriations for the Office of Violence Prevention <i>LB174 Amended into LB294 by ComAM1329</i> <i>The bill seeks to appropriate one million five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars each fiscal year beginning with FY2019-20 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the Office of Violence Prevention. The office shall use such appropriation to increase total grant awards, develop an annual statewide strategic plan, increase administrative capacity, and develop a technical assistance partnership with the University of Nebraska through the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health.</i>
LB176	Chambers		Judiciary 03/15/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties <i>LB 176, for purposes of the Nebraska criminal code, proposes to change the mandatory minimum 5 years imprisonment for a Class IC felony to simply a minimum of 5 years imprisonment (no longer mandatory). Further, it proposes to change the mandatory minimum 3 years imprisonment for a Class ID felony to simply a minimum of 3 years in prison (no longer mandatory).</i>
LB182	Bolz		Revenue 02/13/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Adopt the School District Local Option Income Surtax Act <i>LB182 relates to the School District Local Option Income Surtax Act. By majority vote the school Board of any school district may impose a local option income surtax, upon individuals who reside in the school district, for property tax reduction or building construction, remodeling, and site acquisition, A school board may pass a resolution which calls for a vote on such resolutions no more than once each calendar year. Certain rules apply if the resolution calls for a vote at a primary or general election, or for a vote at a special election. Department of revenue me adopting promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the school district the local option income surtax tax.</i>
LB183	Briese		Revenue 01/24/2019	Select File 03/01/2019	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for purposes of certain school district taxes <i>Creates an exception to the 75% valuation rule for agricultural and horticultural land that states that for the purposes of payment of principal and interest on bonds issued for a school district, the appropriate percentage is 1%.</i>

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LB204	Briese	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/24/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Require approval of voters for bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act <i>Prohibits bonds from being issued by any joint entity on or after the effective date of the act until the question has been submitted to the voters of each public agency which is part of the joint entity.</i>
LB211	Crawford		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Provide for nonpartisan nomination and election of county officers <i>Under LB211, the register of deeds, county assessor, county sheriff, county treasurer, county attorney, public defender, clerk of the district court, county surveyor, county engineer, county supervisors, and county commissioners would now be elected on the nonpartisan ballot.</i>
LB213	McCullister		Judiciary 01/25/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Provide for setting aside certain infraction, misdemeanor, and felony convictions <i>Nebraska law allows for courts to set aside a conviction after a defendant completes his or her sentence. Currently, the only people who can request a set aside are those offenders who were sentenced to probation or ordered to pay a fine. A set aside is a limited remedy, and it results in a restoration of some privileges or rights which were lost as a result of the criminal conviction. LB 213 would extend the rehabilitative remedy and allow for an offender who was sentenced to a year of imprisonment or less after the offender completes his or her sentence. The factors that a judge considers under current law in determining whether to issue a set aside order remain the same. The extension of the set aside remedy proposed in this bill would not apply to a person convicted of a traffic offense resulting in jail time or of any offense which would require the offender to register pursuant to the sex offender registration act.</i>
LB216	Kolterman		Judiciary 02/06/2019	In Committee 01/15/2019	Prohibit releasing a person in custody to avoid medical costs <i>A law enforcement officer having custody of a person shall not release such person from custody merely to avoid the cost of necessary medical services while the person is receiving such medical services from a health care provider unless the health care provider consents to such release or unless the release is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. If the law enforcement officer is satisfied that probable cause no longer exists to believe such person committed a crime based upon an ongoing investigation or if the prosecuting attorney gives notice that no charges will be filed at the time such person is in custody, the law enforcement officer may release such person from custody.</i> <i>Upon the date of notification to the health care provider that the person is being released from custody because the ongoing investigation indicates that probable cause no longer exists or because of a decision by the prosecuting attorney that no charges will be filed, the law enforcement agency shall no longer be responsible for the cost of such person's medical services.</i>
LB226	Quick		Appropriations 03/26/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	State intent relating to appropriations for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva <i>It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$3,948,965 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 250, for the purpose of hiring and training staff at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva to maintain (1) a youth-staff ratio of no greater than eight to one at any time without use of mandatory overtime, (2) evidence-based programming and mental health treatment for youth while committed, and (3) re-entry planning and transition supports and services for the youth exiting treatment at these centers.</i> <i>A portion of such appropriation shall also be used by the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an academic institution to complete an independent evaluation of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva on the evidence-based spectrum. Such evaluation shall assess the existence and role of the facilities in an evidence-based juvenile justice system, whether the programs and operations of the facilities are evidence-based, whether the facilities improve short-term and long-term public safety, whether the facilities effectively address the needs of committed youth, and whether commitment reduces the risk that a youth will reoffend. Evaluation measures shall include, but not be limited to:</i> <i>(1) Measures of youth and staff safety during the period of commitment;</i> <i>(2) Educational, vocational, or educational and vocational attainment of youth during the period of commitment;</i> <i>(3) Educational, vocational, or educational and vocational attainment of youth subsequent to release from commitment;</i> <i>(4) The outcome of the juvenile court case under which commitment was ordered, including whether completion of juvenile probation is successful or unsuccessful;</i> <i>and</i> <i>(5) Recidivism rates of committed youth in the three years following release from commitment which include the following information:</i> <i>a. Subsequent adjudications in juvenile court;</i>

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					<p><i>b. Subsequent criminal convictions in county or district court; and</i></p> <p><i>c. For any sentence of incarceration in county or district court, the length of sentence ordered to be served.</i></p> <p><i>The department shall enter into such contract in FY2019-20 and evaluation shall begin no later than FY2020-21. The department shall electronically transmit the evaluation to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.</i></p>
LB230	Pansing Brooks	Neutral	Judiciary 02/14/2019	General File 02/26/2019	<p>Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed</p> <p><i>For LB230, additional rules are mandated to juvenile facilities regarding placement in room confinement of a juvenile in a juvenile facility specifically, room confinement of a juvenile for longer than one hour during a twenty-four-hour period shall be documented and approved in writing by a supervisor in the juvenile facility. The intent and purpose of this rule shall not be avoided by the use of consecutive periods of room confinement. Rules relating to confinement are outlined in the bill also, for example, notice to the juvenile's parent or guardian, rooms having adequate lighting,</i></p> <p>LC - FN REQ AM450</p>
LB231	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 03/06/2019	General File 03/18/2019	<p>Change provisions relating to legal defense of juveniles</p> <p><i>Change provisions relating to legal defense of juveniles</i></p> <p><i>The Juvenile Indigent Defense Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the Commission on Public Advocacy and shall only be used to provide legal services to juveniles in juvenile court, provide resources to assist counties in fulfilling their obligation to provide for effective assistance of legal counsel for indigent juveniles, and pay the costs of administering the Juvenile Indigent Defense Grant Program. There is created a separate and distinct budgetary program within the Commission on Public Advocacy to be known as the Juvenile Indigent Defense Grant Program. Funds from the Juvenile Indigent Defense Fund shall be used to provide grants to counties to help offset the cost of providing legal counsel for indigent juveniles and for the administrative costs of the commission. A county may apply for a grant under the program beginning October 15, 2020.</i></p>
LB232	Slama		Appropriations 03/14/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Reduce the threshold amount for claims against the state for prosecution costs</p> <p><i>Reduce the threshold amount for claims against the state for prosecution costs</i></p> <p><i>Under LB232, threshold amount would now mean the amount of property tax revenue raised by a county from a levy of one and \$0.015 per \$100 of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. (Amended from \$0.025 per every \$100). The threshold amount shall be determined using valuations for the year in which the correctional institution incident occurred. Original section 81-8,236, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is repealed.</i></p>
LB233	Wayne		Judiciary 01/30/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Prohibit bringing a cell phone into a detention facility</p> <p>LB233 Amended into LB686 by ComAM1737</p> <p><i>Prohibit bringing a cell phone into a detention facility</i></p> <p><i>LB233 creates a Class I misdemeanor for if a person unlawfully introduces within a detention facility, or unlawfully provides an inmate with, any weapon, tool, mobile or cellular telephone, or other thing which may be useful for escape. An inmate commits an offense if he or she unlawfully procures, makes, or otherwise provides himself or herself with, or has in his or her possession, any such item or implement of escape. "Detention facility" means a jail, prison, penitentiary, house of correction, or other place of penal detention, whether operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state;</i></p>
LB240	Hansen	Support	Judiciary 02/20/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Change procedures for determining competency to stand trial</p> <p>LB240 Amended into LB686 by ComAM1737</p>

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					<p><i>Change procedures for determining competency to stand trial LB240, replaces the term 'accused', under 29-1823 as it relates to competency to stand trial, with the term 'defendant'. Further, should the judge determine after a hearing that the defendant accused is mentally incompetent to stand trial and that there is a substantial probability that the defendant accused will become competent within the foreseeable future, the judge shall order the defendant accused to be committed to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide appropriate treatment to restore competency, which may include commitment until such time as the disability may be removed, to: a state hospital for the mentally ill; another or some other appropriate state-owned or state-operated facility; a private facility; a facility, other than a jail, operated by a political subdivision, or; on an outpatient basis at any such facility for appropriate treatment.</i></p> <p><i>If the department determines that treatment outside of a state hospital for the mentally ill is appropriate, the department shall file a report outlining its determination with the court. The court may approve or deny the alternative treatment plan. A defendant shall not be eligible for outpatient treatment under this section if he or she is charged with an offense for which bail is prohibited or if the judge determines that the public's safety would be at risk.</i></p>
LB242	Lindstrom		Revenue 02/22/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue</p> <p><i>Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue. Funds received under this legislation shall be used exclusively to assist in: (a) Paying for infrastructure improvements relating to constructing, upgrading, redeveloping, or replacing sewer and water infrastructure facilities; (b) Paying for the redevelopment and replacement of obsolete water or sewer facilities; or (c) Repaying bonds issued and pledged for such work. The state shall assist political subdivisions and sewer and water utilities by turning back a percentage of certain state sales tax revenue to political subdivisions and sewer and water utilities as provided in this section.</i></p> <p><i>Taxes refunded according to this schedule: For sales taxes imposed from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021: Two percent; for sales taxes imposed from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023: Three percent; and for sales taxes imposed on and after July 1, 2023: Four percent.</i></p> <p><i>The Department of Revenue shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act.</i></p>
LB247	Bolz	Support	Judiciary 02/01/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act</p> <p><i>Adopt the Advance Mental Health Care Directives Act. An individual may use such a directive to: 1) Set forth instructions for mental health care, including consent to inpatient mental health treatment, psychotropic medication, or electroconvulsive therapy; 2) Dictate whether the directive is revocable during periods of incapacity and consent to treatment despite illness-induced refusals; 3) Choose the standard by which the directive becomes active; 4) Designate an agent to make mental health care decisions for the individual and 5) List all health care professionals, mental health care professionals, family, friends, and other interested individuals with whom treatment providers are allowed to communicate if the individual loses capacity. Under the bill, an individual's decision-making capacity is evaluated relative to the demands of a particular mental health care decision as an individual may lose capacity without being eligible for civil commitment in Nebraska.</i></p>
LB250	Walz		Revenue 01/30/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Change provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land receiving special valuations</p> <p><i>Change provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land receiving special valuations. LB250 reworks the requirements for special valuation of agricultural or horticultural land, with differing rules depending on whether in a county of population greater than or less than 100,000 inhabitants.</i></p>
LB253	McCollister		Executive Board 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/16/2019	<p>Adopt the Redistricting Act</p> <p><i>Adopt the Redistricting Act. The Redistricting Act would recognize that decennial redistricting is a significant part of the legislative and political process and must be administered in an equitable and transparent manner to ensure citizen confidence in government. It is the intent of the Legislature to create and approve districts that have an equal distribution of population, as directed by Article I, section 2, of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature to create the Independent Redistricting Citizen's Advisory Commission for the purpose of assisting the Legislature in the process of redistricting in 2021 and thereafter.</i></p> <p><i>In preparation for developing redistricting plans on the basis of census data, the director shall acquire and maintain temporary and permanent equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, software, and staff as necessary to assist the commission. The Legislature shall appropriate funds to the office of Legislative Research to be used for the purchase or lease of temporary or permanent equipment, materials, supplies, facilities, software, or staff for the explicit purpose of carrying out the Redistricting Act only and with the prior approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.</i></p> <p><i>The director shall act as a liaison between the commission, the Secretary of State, and the Legislature, among many other responsibilities under the bill.</i></p>

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LB254	McCollister	Monitor	Business and Labor 02/04/2019	Final Reading 03/12/2019	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act
<p><i>An employer or employment agency shall not ask an applicant to disclose, orally or in writing, information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history, including any inquiry on any employment application, until the employer or employment agency has determined the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications. Prior to determining whether an applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications, an employer or employment agency may ask the applicant to disclose, orally or in writing, information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history, including any inquiry on any employment application, if:</i></p> <p><i>(a) The applicant is applying for a position for which: a criminal history record information check is required by federal or state law; or, to any position for which 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; AND (b) The inquiry or request for disclosure is limited to the types of criminal offenses that the employer or employment agency is required to conduct a check for or that disqualify the applicant.</i></p> <p><i>Exemptions and other regulations exist, such as school exemptions and opportunities for applicants to explain their answers.</i></p>					
LB265	La Grone		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/12/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	Adopt the Unsecured Consumer Loan Licensing Act and clarify licensing provisions under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act
<p><i>Adopt the Unsecured Consumer Loan Licensing Act and clarify licensing provisions under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act</i></p> <p><i>LB265 relates to the Unsecured Consumer Loan Licensing Act. The bill updates and/or (re)defines: Annual percentage rate, check, default, department (Dept. of Banking and Finance), director, financial institution, licensee, Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, person, and unsecured consumer loan business.</i></p> <p><i>The Unsecured Consumer Loan Licensing Act shall not apply to a financial institution organized under the laws of this state or the laws of the United States.</i></p> <p><i>The bill outlines the process for application for a license. Licensees under the Unsecured Consumer Loan Licensing Act are required to be licensed and registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. The department is authorized to contract with certain entities to fulfill the purposes of the act. The bill further provides for duties of the director, bond requirements, publication and hearing and related waivers, expenses paid by applicants, when the director shall issue licenses, appeal procedures, etc.</i></p> <p><i>There are in this bill requirements impressed upon the licensees, such as disclosure within thirty days of material developments, like bankruptcy or corporate reorganization, felony convictions against the licensee, etc. As well as numerous rules relating to the specifics of lending hereinunder.</i></p> <p><i>Original sections 45-901 and 45-1001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.</i></p>					
LB267	Bolz	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/07/2019	General File 04/23/2019	Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy
<p><i>Provide a duty for the county board relating to deficient bridges and authorize a tax levy</i></p> <p><i>LB267 requires, under 23-120, in addition to already existing mandates, that the county board is authorized to and shall repair, retrofit, reconstruct, or replace any bridge owned by the county and deemed deficient by Department of Transportation standards.</i></p>					
LB275	Hansen		Judiciary 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law attempt to obtain a handgun purchase permit or concealed handgun permit
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					<p><i>Certain definitions relating to sections 69-2401 to 69-2425 are changed, including commission, prohibited processor. Notification requirements are mandated on the chief of police and/or the sheriff when purchases would be in violation of federal law. The Nebraska State Patrol shall be notified under certain circumstances. Changes to the Concealed Handgun Permit Act would be made as well, including definitions and rules relating, again, to the term "prohibited processor". The Nebraska State Patrol will now have affirmative obligations for notification to the commission in the event an application for renewal is made by a prohibited processor, and to peace officers is such peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that the permitholder is a prohibited possessor.</i></p> <p><i>If a permit is revoked under subsection (3) of this section because the permitholder is found to be a prohibited possessor, the attorney who prosecuted the case shall electronically send a notification of prohibited possessor to the commission pursuant to section 20 of this act. If the county attorney refused or was unable to prosecute the case, the Attorney General shall report such fact to the commission, along with any explanation for why the county attorney refused or was unable to prosecute the case. A notification of prohibited possessor that is required shall be sent in a form and in a manner prescribed by the commission. The notification shall include the identity of the prohibited possessor, and other information, including, any other information deemed relevant by the commission.</i></p>
LB277	McCullister		Judiciary 02/06/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	<p>Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole</p> <p><i>Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole</i></p> <p><i>Specifically, beginning with members appointed in 2020, at least one member of the board shall have experience as a professional treating mental illness or substance abuse.</i></p> <p><i>The members of the board shall elect one member to serve a four-year term as chairperson (previously designated by the Governor).</i></p> <p><i>The members of the Board of Parole appointed for terms beginning prior to January 1, 2019, shall have terms of office of six years, and the members appointed for terms beginning after January 1, 2019, shall have terms of office of eight years and until their successors are appointed. The successors shall be appointed in the same manner as provided for the members first appointed, and a vacancy occurring before expiration of a term of office shall be similarly filled for the unexpired term. A member of the board may not be reappointed for a consecutive term.</i></p> <p><i>The members of the board may be removed only for disability, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office by the Board of Pardons after a hearing. The Board of Pardons shall promptly file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of the charges, its findings and disposition, and a complete record of the proceedings.</i></p> <p><i>Original sections 83-189 and 83-190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.</i></p>
LB278	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/11/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	<p>Provide a veteran notation on an operator's license or a state identification card for certain commissioned officers as prescribed</p> <p><i>Provide a veteran notation on an operator's license or a state identification card for certain commissioned officers as prescribed</i></p> <p><i>LB278 applies to 60-4, 189 relating to operator's licenses and state identification cards. Specifically, (1) An operator's license or a state identification card shall include a notation of the word "veteran" on the front of the license or card as directed by the department if the individual applying for such license or card is eligible for the license or card by meeting verification requirements outlined in the bill.</i></p>
LB282	Hansen	Monitor	Judiciary 02/13/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	<p>Change provisions relating to bail</p> <p><i>Change provisions relating to bail</i></p> <p><i>As before, any bailable defendant shall be ordered released from custody pending judgment on his or her personal recognizance unless the judge determines in the exercise of his or her discretion that such a release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required or that such a release could jeopardize the safety and maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other persons in the community however, under LB282, this rule would get increased specificity as it relates to what defendants fall under it.</i></p> <p><i>To wit: the rule would apply to any bailable defendant who is charged with a Class IIIA, IV, or V misdemeanor OR a violation of a city ordinance. (Except when the victim is an intimate partner as defined in section 28-323)</i></p> <p><i>Any bailable defendant described in this subsection shall be ordered released from custody pending judgment on his or her personal recognizance unless:</i></p> <p><i>i. The defendant has previously failed to appear in the instant case; AND</i></p> <p><i>ii. The judge determines in the exercise of his or her discretion that such a release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required or that such a release could jeopardize the safety and maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other persons in the community.</i></p> <p><i>If the court requires a defendant to execute an appearance or bail bond, the court shall appoint counsel for the defendant if the court finds the defendant to be indigent.</i></p>
LB286	McCullister		Judiciary 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	<p>Create the Coordinated Reentry Council</p> <p><i>The Legislature finds and declares that there shall be a coordinated effort to establish a comprehensive and successful system of correctional reentry programs throughout this state and to include an array of interests in the establishment and growth of this system. To further such policy, the Coordinated Reentry Council is created. For administrative and budgetary purposes, the council shall be within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.</i></p>

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					<i>The council will have voting and nonvoting members and will be populated with individuals from pertinent fields, including two judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Two members of the Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. Members will have terms of varying length. Among other things the council shall develop and implement a plan to establish the statewide operation and use of a continuum of reentry programs, review efforts by individuals and organizations that provide reentry services in Nebraska and, review best practices regarding reentry policies and programs in other states.</i>
LB288	Linehan		Revenue 04/03/2019	General File 05/16/2019	Change income tax rates <i>Change income tax rates Applies the individual income tax brackets and rates for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2014 those beginning before January 1, 2020. Creates individual income tax brackets and rates for the taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2020.</i>
LB289	Linehan	Monitor	Revenue 04/24/2019	General File 05/02/2019	Change provisions relating to county assessor inspections of real property for property tax purposes <i>The county assessor shall determine the portion to be inspected and reviewed each year to assure that all parcels of real property in the county have been inspected and reviewed no less frequently than every 3 years. (Amended from no less frequently than every 6 years.)</i>
LB290	Linehan		Revenue 02/01/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	Change the sales and use tax rate <i>LB290 amends the sales and use tax of 5.5% commencing on the start of the first calendar quarter after July 20, 2002 so that it extends until July 1, 2020. Further, the bill opens discussion to a new sales and use tax rate commencing July 1, 2020.</i>
LB303	Lindstrom		Revenue 02/27/2019	General File 04/11/2019	Change the amount of relief under the Property Tax Credit Act <i>LB303 states, in pertinent part, that it is the intent of the Legislature to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008 using available revenue. For tax years year 2017 and 2018, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars (\$224M). For tax year 2019 and each tax year thereafter, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be no less than two hundred seventy-five million dollars (no less than \$275M). The relief shall be in the form of a property tax credit which appears on the property tax statement.</i>
LB306	Crawford		Business and Labor 01/28/2019	Final Reading 02/22/2019	Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law <i>Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law LB306 provides that persons who leave work to care for a family member with a serious health condition are eligible for unemployment benefits. It adds "caring for a family member with a serious health condition" to the list of reasons which are considered good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under employment security law.</i>
LB313	Bolz		Executive Board 02/20/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System with oversight authority over regional centers <i>LB313 is designed to rename, amend, and add to the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, which would now be named the Correctional System and Mental Health Facilities Oversight Act. The Department of Health and Human Services (and the regional centers) will now be included in the content of investigations conducted and reports created hereinunder. The bill proposes to provide authority for an independent form of inquiry for concerns regarding the actions of individuals and agencies responsible for the supervision, treatment, and release of persons in the regional centers. It provides duties for the Division of Behavioral Health. It proposes to change provisions relating to qualifications of the Inspector General. And it requires a report.</i>
LB322	Crawford		Judiciary 02/01/2019	General File 02/26/2019	Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions <i>LB 322 establishes a uniform process for tobacco compliance checks to be performed for the purpose of deterring licensees from providing nicotine products to persons under eighteen years of age. It provides that persons at least fifteen but under eighteen years of age may assist law enforcement or a tobacco prevention coalition in conducting a compliance check with written consent of a parent or guardian.</i>
LB323	Crawford		Health and Human Services 02/28/2019	Final Reading 05/22/2019	Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act for certain disabled persons <i>The associated federal rule has changed and therefore eligibility is now as allowed under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) and (XVI). A qualifying family's premiums shall be graduated based on family income and shall not exceed 7.5% of family income and the department shall not include assets or available resources in the determination of eligibility.</i>

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LB324	La Grone		Judiciary 03/21/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Change immunity from liability under the 911 Service System Act <i>Under LB324, any local governing body, the commission, or any public safety agency and their employees, including employees of public safety answering points, involved in the provision of next-generation 911 service, shall, except for failure to use reasonable care or for intentional acts, be immune from liability or the payment of damages in providing next-generation 911 service.</i>
LB325	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/26/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide for motor vehicle tax exemptions for one hundred percent service-connected disability compensation rated veterans and dependency and indemnity compensation recipients <i>LB325 provides (one) motor vehicle tax exemptions for one hundred percent service-connected disability compensation rated veterans and dependency and indemnity compensation recipients.</i>
LB327	Bolz	Support	Appropriations 03/26/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	State intent to appropriate funds for an increase in rates paid to behavioral health service providers <i>LB327 Amended into LB294 by ComAM1329</i> <i>The Legislature finds that the initial report from the cost model study project (ten years in the making) shows rates paid to behavioral health providers from seven percent below the actual cost of providing services to thirty-five percent below the actual cost of providing services and that the average rate paid is eighteen and one-tenth percent below the actual cost of providing services. Therefore, this bill earmarks for related appropriations.</i>
LB328	Bolz		Health and Human Services 03/07/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Adopt the Nebraska Family First Act, provide for non-court-involved response to reports of child abuse or neglect, and provide for a family finding project <i>Under the Nebraska Family First Act proposed by LB328, the department of health and human services shall provide prevention and family services and programs in accordance with the requirements for up to 12 months before a child is removed from their home to be placed into foster care. The bill mandates the department maintain a written prevention plan for each foster care candidate.</i>
LB331	Bolz		Judiciary 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration <i>LB331 as proposed would require reports from the Board of Parole and the Office of Probation Administration. It would change provisions relating to release or reentry plans. The obtaining state identification cards or renewing motor vehicle operator's licenses for inmates would undergo rule changes. The duties for the reentry program and the Vocational and Life Skills Program will be moved from the Department of Correctional Services to the Board of Parole. The bill further states intent regarding appropriations. It requires the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole to develop a plan to transition responsibility for community corrections from the department to the board, requires the Board of Parole to develop a plan to transition responsibility for post-release supervision from the Office of Probation Administration to the board.</i>
LB335	Hansen	Support	Judiciary 02/13/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Authorize a 24/7 sobriety program permit for operating a motor vehicle as a condition of bail <i>A 24/7 sobriety program shall coordinate efforts among various state and local governmental agencies for finding and implementing alternatives to incarceration for offenses that involve operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. :</i>
LB336	Hansen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/07/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Change the vote required to exceed certain budget limitations <i>Under LB336, a governmental unit may exceed the limit on their budget for a fiscal year by up to an additional one percent upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the governing body. (Previously 75% of the governing body.)</i>
LB338	Wayne		Revenue 03/27/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Change calculation of gasoline tax and distribution of proceeds <i>The minimum average wholesale price of gasoline to be used to calculate the tax for tax periods beginning on and after July 1, 2019, shall be two dollars and forty-four cents.</i>
LB341	Arch		Health and Human Services 02/08/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Change provisions relating to a determination of ongoing eligibility for a child care subsidy <i>LB341 Amended into LB460 by ComAM1211</i>

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					<i>Limits the amount of transitional care received to the remainder of a family's eligibility period—OR—until the family income exceeds one hundred eighty-five percent of the state median income as reported by the United States Bureau of the Census, whichever occurs first. When the family's eligibility period ends, the family shall continue to be eligible for transitional child care assistance if the family's income is below one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level. The family shall receive transitional child care assistance through the remainder of the transitional eligibility period or until the family income exceeds eighty-five percent of the state median income as reported by the United States Bureau of the Census, whichever occurs first. (If a family's income falls to one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level or below, the twenty-four-month time limit in this subsection shall ongoingly apply.)</i>
LB351	Morfeld		Education 03/19/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide for school district levy and bonding authority for cybersecurity and violence prevention <i>On and after April 19, 2016, the school board of any school district may make a determination that an additional property tax levy is necessary for a specific project to address (amended from specific abatement to address). This bill adds cybersecurity, violence protection, and other possible specific projects allowed under this rule.</i>
LB353	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 03/28/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide powers and duties for University of Nebraska police departments and police officers as prescribed <i>LB353 proscribes racial profiling by all University of Nebraska police departments. Further, it places mandates on all University of Nebraska police departments, including the recording of the information using the form developed and promulgated pursuant to section 20-505 relating to traffic stops, and several others.</i>
LB366	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/26/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Change registration fee for alternative fuel-powered motor vehicles <i>In addition to any other fee required under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, a fee for registration of each motor vehicle powered by an alternative fuel shall be charged. The fee shall be \$75 for each such motor vehicle registered in 2019, \$85 dollars for 2020, \$95 for 2021, \$105 dollars for 2022, \$115 dollars for 2023, and \$125 dollars for 2024 and every year thereafter. The fee shall be collected by the county treasurer and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.</i>
LB369	Vargas		Judiciary 03/28/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	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>Beginning September 15, 2019, a law enforcement agency or jail shall, before becoming a party to an agreement with any other public agency to enforce immigration law or to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes pursuant to such agreement, notify the governing body of any political subdivision overseeing such law enforcement agency or jail, in writing, at least thirty days prior to entering into such agreement. The notice shall be filed with the governing body and the governing body shall include the notice in the agenda of subjects of the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing body.</i> <i>If such an agreement existed prior to September 15, 2019, such law enforcement agency or jail shall notify the governing body of any political subdivision overseeing such law enforcement agency or jail, in writing, on or before October 15, 2019. The notice shall be filed with the governing body and the governing body shall include the notice in the agenda of subjects of the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing body.</i>
LB373	Brewer	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/31/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide setback and zoning requirements for wind energy generation projects <i>LB373 defines wind energy generation project. The bill requires zoning provisions prior to construction of wind energy projects as prescribed, including notices. It provides for fees, eliminates provisions relating to zoning regulations, limits agreements relating to school lands, repeals the original sections, and to declares an emergency.</i>
LB376	Friesen	Support	Judiciary 02/06/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide for safekeeping of prisoners <i>All sentences for maximum terms of imprisonment of less than one year shall be served in the county jail. authority of a sheriff or other county official having a prisoner in lawful custody, when necessary for the safekeeping of such prisoner, to convey such prisoner to and confine such prisoner in the jail of any city or county of this state, any juvenile detention facility of this state, an institution under the control of the Department of Correctional Services, or any other secure and convenient place of confinement in this state, to be procured by such sheriff or other county official having such prisoner in custody.</i> <i>The authority to determine what is necessary for the safekeeping of a prisoner shall rest with the sheriff or other county official having such prisoner in lawful custody. The sheriff or other county official may determine that a prisoner cannot safely serve his or her sentence or otherwise be safely kept in a particular place of confinement if the place of confinement is not staffed or equipped to safely keep the prisoner for any reason, including, but not limited to, the medical or mental health needs of a prisoner or because the prisoner presents a danger to himself, herself, or others.</i>

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LB377	DeBoer		Judiciary 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/18/2019	Provide for voidability of certain releases from liability <i>LB377 reads: An agreement to release another person or entity from liability for personal injury or death, if entered into within thirty days after the date the personal injury or death occurred, shall be voidable by the releasor. The agreement shall be void upon written notification by the releasor to the other party or parties to the agreement. Such notification must occur within one hundred twenty days after the initial execution of the agreement. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act to Chapter 25, article 21.</i>
LB379	Kolterman		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/12/2019	General File 03/15/2019	Change provisions under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act <i>This bill defines Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. Licensees under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act are required to be licensed and registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. In order to carry out this requirement, the department is authorized to participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. For this purpose, the department may establish requirements as necessary by adopting and promulgating rules and regulations or by order. The requirements may include, but are not limited to: background checks, criminal history checks through fingerprint data bases, credit checks, etc.,</i>
LB386	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/21/2019	In Committee 01/22/2019	Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act <i>LB386 proposes to amend section 13-504 in order to change provisions relating to cash reserves, provide an operative date of July 1, 2019, repeal original section 13-504, and declare an emergency.</i>
LB387	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 03/14/2019	General File 04/15/2019	Change and modernize provisions relating to juries <i>LB387 would be the Jury Selection Act, to become operative January 1, 2020. The bill would define terms and change terminology relating to juries. The bill would transfer, change, and eliminate provisions relating to jury commissioners, juror qualifications, exemptions and excuses from jury service, jury lists and summoning juries, initial and subsequent jury panels, excess jurors, special jury panels in criminal cases, extra jurors, tales jurors, grand juries, jurors' notes, jurors viewing property or a place material to litigation, and compensation for jurors. It would provide duties for clerk magistrates and change terminology relating to verdicts and court proceedings, as well as change penalty provisions. It would repeal the original sections and outright repeal sections 25-1609, 25-1626.02, 25-1627.01, 25-1629.03, 25-1629.04, 25-1633.01, 25-1634.03, 25-1642, and 25-1643.</i>
LB391	Hansen		Judiciary 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/22/2019	Change duties of peace officers taking juveniles into custody or interrogating juveniles and prohibit use of statements taken in violation of the rights of a juvenile <i>This bill relates to the Nebraska Juvenile Code. It proposes to amend sections 29-401, 43-248.01, and 43-249, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-250 and 43-2, 129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018. In addition to defining a term, this bill would require notification of a juvenile's parent, guardian, custodian, or relative when a juvenile is taken into custody, require an advisement of a juvenile's rights to be given when a juvenile is taken into custody, require that a juvenile's parent, guardian, custodian, or relative be present when requested, and prohibit the use of certain statements in court proceedings. And repeal the original sections.</i>
LB394	Wishart		Appropriations 03/21/2019	In Committee 01/22/2019	State intent relating to an appropriation to the Department of Transportation <i>The proposed bill reads: It is the intent of the Legislature that fifteen million dollars be appropriated from the General Fund for FY2019-20 for a program to fund municipal innovation projects focused on transportation technology that improve safety, efficiency, and mobility. The Department of Transportation shall administer the program through a grant process, and the program shall be known as the Nebraska Innovation and Transportation Technology Program. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out this section. Immediate effect proposed due to an emergency.</i>

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LB412	Geist	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/07/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	Require an election regarding creation of a joint public agency
<i>Beginning on the effective date of this act, before any agreement is entered into regarding the creation of a joint public agency which involves a political subdivision of this state that has authority to levy a tax or issue bonds, the question of the creation of the joint public agency shall be submitted to the registered voters of each such political subdivision which intends to be a party to the agreement at an election held in conjunction with the statewide primary election or statewide general election. No agreement shall be entered into until the question has been submitted to the registered voters of each such political subdivision and a majority of all the voters voting on the question have voted in favor of creating the joint public agency, at an election called for the purpose, upon notice given by the governing body of each political subdivision at least twenty days prior to such election. The same measure, either in form or in essential substance, shall not be submitted to the people, either affirmatively or negatively, for a period of six months from and after the date of such election. Certain procedural requirements are mandated by the bill in the event a related question is submitted to voters.</i>					
LB415	Friesen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/13/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	Repeal recall provisions for political subdivisions
<i>LB415 proposes political subdivision ballot questions shall no longer include recalls.</i>					
LB420	Bolz		Revenue 02/21/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act
<i>The purpose of the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act is to provide tax relief through a refundable income tax credit for taxpayers with limited income available to pay property taxes.</i>					
<i>A qualifying residential (or agricultural) taxpayer may apply to the Department of Revenue for a refundable income tax credit under the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act from January 1 to April 15 of each year beginning in 2020. The application shall be made on a form developed by the department.</i>					
<i>Qualifying residential taxpayer means an individual who owns or rents his or her principal residence in the State of Nebraska and who has federal adjusted gross income of less than one hundred thousand dollars for a married filing jointly taxpayer or fifty thousand dollars for any other taxpayer.</i>					
<i>Qualifying agricultural taxpayer means an individual who owns agricultural land and horticultural land that is located in this state and that has been used as part of a farming operation which has federal adjusted gross income of less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars in the most recently completed taxable year.</i>					
<i>The department may certify tax credits under this section of up to one hundred seven million six hundred thousand dollars for each taxable year. If the total amount of tax credits calculated under subsection (2) of this section for all applications received in any year exceeds one hundred seven million six hundred thousand dollars, the department shall certify tax credits in proportionate percentages based upon the ratio of the amount of tax credits requested in each application to the total amount of tax credits requested in all applications so that the limitation in this subsection is not exceeded</i>					
LB429	Wayne		Revenue 03/27/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	Change tax provisions for cigars, cheroots, and stogies
<i>Section 77-4008, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, would be amended so as to read:</i>					
<i>77-4008</i>					
<i>(1)</i>					
<i>(a) A tax is hereby imposed upon the first owner of tobacco products to be sold in this state.</i>					
<i>(b) The tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies shall be twenty percent of</i>					
<i>(i) the purchase price of the cigars, cheroots, or stogies paid by the first owner OR</i>					
<i>(ii) the price at which a first owner who made, manufactured, or fabricated the cigars, cheroots, or stogies sells the items to others, except that the maximum tax imposed under this subdivision (b) shall be fifty cents for each cigar, cheroot, or stogie.</i>					
<i>(c) The tax on snuff shall be forty-four cents per ounce and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of an ounce. (Such tax shall be computed based on the net weight as listed by the manufacturer.)</i>					

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					<p>(d) The tax on tobacco products other than cigars, cheroots, stogies, and snuff shall be twenty percent of (i) the purchase price of such tobacco products paid by the first owner or (ii) the price at which a first owner who made, manufactured, or fabricated the tobacco product sells the items to others.</p> <p>(e) The tax on tobacco products shall be in addition to all other taxes.</p> <p>(2) Whenever any person who is licensed under section 77-4009 purchases tobacco products from another person licensed under section 77-4009, the seller shall be liable for the payment of the tax.</p> <p>Amounts collected pursuant to this section shall be used and distributed pursuant to section 77-4025, that is, the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund.</p> <p>This act becomes operative on October 1, 2019. Original section 77-4008, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.</p>
LB438	Wishart		Judiciary 01/30/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Designate Nebraska State Patrol as agency to investigate criminal activity within Department of Correctional Services facilities and the Lincoln Regional Center</p> <p><i>This bill requires a report by the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System. It would designate the Nebraska State Patrol as the agency to investigate criminal activity within correctional facilities operated by the Department of Correctional Services and the Lincoln Regional Center (and provide the related powers and duties for the patrol). No less than ten so-assigned investigators. The bill also to provides for confidentiality of certain records.</i></p> <p>Operative date: January 1, 2020. Repeal original sections.</p>
LB446	McDonnell	Support	Appropriations 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>State intent relating to appropriations for the County Justice Reinvestment Grant Program</p> <p><i>LB446 amended into lb298 by comam1498</i></p> <p><i>It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one million dollars to the County Justice Reinvestment Grant Program within the Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for FY2018-19 and FY2019-20 to alleviate county jail populations through programming and services. The programming and services shall include, but not be limited to, the inmates who are diagnosed as mentally ill.</i></p>
LB455	Arch		Judiciary 03/27/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Change medical services payment provisions relating to jails</p> <p><i>For purposes of sections 47-701 to 47-705, which governs responsibility for payment of the costs of medical services for any person ill, wounded, injured, or otherwise in need of such services at the time such person is arrested, detained, taken into custody, or incarcerated. Here, medical services include: medical and surgical care and treatment, hospitalization, transportation, medications and prescriptions, examinations to determine fitness for confinement, and other associated items.</i></p> <p><i>Associated references are to be amended elsewhere, namely, 47-703.</i></p>
LB458	Lathrop		Judiciary 03/15/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Change provisions relating to child abuse or neglect</p>
LB466	Howard		Executive Board 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Adopt the Redistricting Act</p> <p><i>The purpose of the Redistricting Act is to establish procedures to divide the State of Nebraska into districts by designating boundary lines based on population for the representatives from the State of Nebraska to the United States House of Representatives, the judges of the Supreme Court, and the members to be elected to the Legislature, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Public Service Commission, and the State Board of Education. The districts shall be established by maps incorporated by reference into legislation enacted by the Legislature.</i></p> <p><i>If the Legislature fails to enact legislation to provide for district boundaries for any entity listed in section 3 of this act prior to adjournment of the legislative session, the Governor shall call a special session within thirty days after the adjournment sine die of such legislative session and the director and the committee shall begin with a new initial version of the map during the special session and otherwise comply with the Redistricting Act.</i></p>

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					<p><i>For purposes of the Redistricting Act: 1) Committee means the Redistricting Committee of the Legislature; 2) Director means the Director of Research of the office of Legislative Research or his or her designee. The maps to be established under the Redistricting Act shall be drawn using state-issued computer software and politically neutral criteria, including: Equal population; No political affiliation; No previous voting data; Only data and demographic information from the United States Bureau of the Census; Deference to county and municipal boundary lines when appropriate; and Contiguous districts.</i></p> <p><i>The director shall deliver initial versions of the maps to be established under the Redistricting Act to the Legislature to be placed on General File no later than fifteen calendar days after the director receives the federal decennial census data from the United States Bureau of the Census in the year after the census. The legislative bills incorporating the initial version of the maps shall not be placed on the agenda for General File consideration until after the committee delivers its report under this act.</i></p> <p><i>No changes other than corrective amendments shall be allowed to the initial version of the maps to be established under the Redistricting Act or the legislative bills incorporating the maps. If one or more of the legislative bills incorporating the initial version of the maps fail to pass on Final Reading or are vetoed by the Governor, the director shall prepare a second version of the map for each such legislative bill as provided in this act.</i></p>
LB467	Vargas		Executive Board 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Prohibit consideration of certain factors in redistricting</p> <p><i>In drawing boundaries for legislative districts, no consideration shall be given to the political affiliation of registered voters, demographic information other than population figures, or the results of previous elections, except as may be required by federal law and the Constitution of the United States.</i></p>
LB473	Dorn		Revenue 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Change revenue and taxation provisions relating to judgments against public corporations and political subdivisions, authorize certain loans, and provide powers and duties to the State Treasurer</p> <p><i>If constitutional or statutory provisions prevent any public corporation or political subdivision from budgeting sufficient funds to pay any judgment in its entirety, the governing body of the public corporation or political subdivision shall pay that portion that can be paid under the Constitution of Nebraska and laws of this state and then shall make application to the State Treasurer for the loan of sufficient funds to pay the judgment in full.</i></p> <p><i>When application is made for such a loan, the State Treasurer shall make such investigation as he or she deems necessary to determine the validity of the judgment and the inability of the public corporation or political subdivision to make full payment on the judgment, and the period of time during which the public corporation or political subdivision will be able to repay the loan. After determining that such loan will be proper, the State Treasurer shall make the loan from funds available for investment in the state treasury, which loan shall carry an interest rate of one-half of one percent per annum. The State Treasurer shall determine the schedule for repayment, and the governing body of the public corporation or political subdivision shall annually budget and levy a sufficient amount to meet the schedule until the loan, with interest, has been repaid in full.</i></p>
LB474	Dorn		Judiciary 02/21/2019	In Committee 01/23/2019	<p>Change provisions relating to claims against the state for wrongful incarceration and conviction</p> <p><i>A claimant under the Nebraska Claims for Wrongful Conviction or Incarceration and Imprisonment Act shall recover damages found to proximately result from the wrongful conviction or wrongful incarceration and that have been proved based upon a preponderance of the evidence. LB474 replaces imprisonment references, largely, into "incarceration."</i></p> <p><i>A successful claimant and the political subdivision against which such claimant obtained a final judgment may, jointly or individually, file a claim with the State Claims Board for full payment of any such judgment, or any part of such judgment, which exceeds the available financial resources and revenue of the political subdivision required for its ordinary purposes. A claim under this subsection shall be filed within two years of the final judgment and shall be governed by the State Miscellaneous Claims Act.</i></p>
LB480	Quick		Appropriations 03/25/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	<p>State intent relating to appropriations to local public health departments</p> <p><i>The Legislature finds that by focusing on preventive health and medicine the state will decrease the amount of serious health complications and disease among its residents. By improving health and promoting wellness in the areas of preventive health, rather than waiting for serious illness or disease to strike, it will save money and lead to a healthier state as a whole.</i></p> <p><i>It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program No. 502, for FY2019-20 \$900,000 General Funds for state aid, for the eighteen local public health departments. The Department of Health and Human Services shall distribute \$50,000 to each of the local public health departments for the purpose of improving preventive health and promoting worksite wellness. The preventive health programs that will benefit from the funds shall be designed to: Increase physical activity; prevent complications from diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic diseases; improve access to medical homes and dental homes to offer prevention and wellness services; increase worksite wellness initiatives to prevent disease and disability; assure preventive services for children and adults; and promote preventive health and wellness in additional ways.</i></p>

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LB482	Erdman		Revenue 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Provide for an adjustment to the assessed value of destroyed real property <i>For purposes of Chapter 77 and any statutes dealing with taxation, unless the context otherwise requires, "destroyed real property" means real property that is destroyed by fire or other natural disaster after January 1 and before October 1 of any year.</i> <i>It shall be the duty of the county assessor to report to the county board of equalization all real property in his or her county that becomes destroyed real property during any year.</i> <i>If the county board of equalization receives a report of destroyed real property pursuant to the above, the county board of equalization shall adjust the assessed value of the destroyed real property to an amount as the bill describes.</i>
LB483	Erdman		Revenue 02/21/2019	General File 03/20/2019	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land <i>'Agricultural land and horticultural land' means a parcel of land, excluding land associated with a building or enclosed structure located on the parcel, which is primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, including wasteland lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticultural land.</i> <i>Agricultural land and horticultural land shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of property taxation, shall be subject to taxation, unless expressly exempt from taxation, and shall be valued at its agricultural productivity value.</i> <i>For tax year 2020 and each tax year thereafter, the agricultural productivity value of agricultural land and horticultural land shall be determined based upon the land's capitalized net earning capacity (as prescribed).</i>
LB484	Lowe		Judiciary 03/15/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Change provisions relating to assault on certain employees and officers <i>This bill is cleaning up sections related to assault on a public safety officer (including, peace officers, probation officers, firefighters, out-of-hospital emergency care providers, employees of DHHS working at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center or at a regional center, employees of the DHHS if the person committing the offense is committed as a dangerous sex offender under the Sex Offender Commitment Act.</i> <i>It outlines penalties, mental states necessary for violations, and defines terms (such as, public safety officer or health care professional in the first, second, or third degree).</i>
LB490	Wayne	Neutral	Judiciary 02/08/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Consolidate offices of clerk of the district court and clerk magistrates <i>The position of appointed clerk of the district court shall be consolidated with the position of clerk magistrate into the position of clerk of the courts; and the clerk of the courts and any transferred employees shall become state employees. The clerk of the courts shall have all the duties, obligations, and powers of the clerk of the district court and clerk magistrate.</i> <i>Consolidation under this section shall occur: (a) On July 1, 2021, for district court judicial district numbers 8, 10, 11, and 12; (b) On July 1, 2022, for district court judicial district numbers 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9; and (c) On July 1, 2023, for district court judicial district numbers 2 and 4.</i> <i>A consolidation plan shall be submitted to the State Court Administrator in a format prescribed by the administrator within 120 days after the request by the Supreme Court. A majority of the judges affected by the consolidation shall approve the plan prior to submission to the State Court Administrator. A consolidation plan shall not become effective unless approved and adopted by the Supreme Court. If a plan is not submitted within such 120 days, the Supreme Court shall develop a substitute consolidation plan.</i> <i>At the request of the Supreme Court, the judges of the district court, county courts, and separate juvenile court of a district court judicial district, in conjunction with any remaining clerk of the district court or clerk magistrate and any representative of a vacated office, shall develop a plan to consolidate the positions of clerk of the district court and clerk of the county court into the position of clerk of the courts for the county.</i>

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					<i>Each consolidation plan shall address, but not be limited to, the facilities, assignment of magistrate duties to a clerk or to an existing court employee who will become part of the consolidated office under the plan, selection of an administrative judge from within the district for the purposes of administration of the consolidated office of the clerk of the courts, and personnel structure. Each plan shall also identify other employees who are not employed by the clerk of the district court or clerk magistrate at the time of the consolidation but who are integral to the operation of the court, and employees so identified shall remain county employees. In developing the consolidation plan, interests and comments from the public and attorneys who regularly practice in the county shall be considered.</i>
LB493	Wayne		Revenue 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Change provisions relating to property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act <i>This bill repeals the requirement that real property tax exemptions under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act be for properties "wholly owned" controlled affiliates of a housing agency.</i>
LB500	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/13/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Prohibit participation in pretrial diversion programs for certain driving under the influence and driver's license offenses <i>No person arrested for a violation of section 60-4,164, 60-6,196, 60-6,197, 60-6,197.04, 60-6,211.01, or 60-6,211.02 (all of which relate to driving under the influence) after having once been convicted of a violation of any such section, nor any person arrested for a violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 punishable as provided in subdivision (2), (5), (6), (8), or (10) of section 60-6,197.03, charged with a violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 shall be eligible for pretrial diversion under a program.</i>
LB502	Hunt		Judiciary 03/28/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Adopt the Limited Immigration Inquiry Act <i>The purpose of the Limited Immigration Inquiry Act is to promote the health and safety of all residents of Nebraska by encouraging immigrants to cooperate with the government, especially in reporting violations of the law.</i> <i>Unless required by court order or federal law or required or permitted by state law, no peace officer or government employee or official shall inquire into the immigration status of any person who interacts with such peace officer, employee, or official or with a government agency or law enforcement agency or ask for such person's social security number or other information that would disclose such person's immigration status.</i> <i>Each law enforcement agency and each government agency to which residents regularly walk in to report violations of the law or to complain about government operations shall post prominent signs describing the policy under the Limited Immigration Inquiry Act of not asking about residents' immigration status.</i> <i>Nothing in the Limited Immigration Inquiry Act is intended to prevent peace officers or government employees or officials from knowing a person's immigration status or viewing a document that might provide evidence of a person's immigration status, so long as the person has volunteered the information or document to the peace officer, employee, or official.</i> <i>Unless required by court order or federal law or required or permitted by state law, if a peace officer or government employee or official learns of a person's immigration status, the peace officer, employee, or official shall keep such status confidential and not disclose it to third parties, including other peace officers, law enforcement agencies, government employees or officials, or government agencies.</i> <i>A peace officer may inquire into a person's immigration status if required by state or federal law.</i> <i>The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice shall develop training to assist law enforcement agencies and other government agencies in understanding and complying with the Limited Immigration Inquiry Act.</i>
LB529	Groene		Revenue 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption for hospitals <i>For property tax exemption purposes under 77-202: Property owned by educational, religious, charitable, or cemetery organizations, or any organization for the exclusive benefit of any such educational, religious, charitable, or cemetery organization, and used exclusively for educational, religious, charitable, or cemetery purposes, when such property is not (i) owned or used for financial gain or profit to either the owner or user, (ii) used for the sale of alcoholic liquors for more than twenty hours per week, or (iii) owned or used by an organization which discriminates in membership or employment based on race, color, or national origin.</i> <i>For tax year 2020 and each tax year thereafter, in order for property of a hospital to qualify for exemption under the above rule, the hospital must permit licensed medical practitioners in the community to use the hospital's facilities regardless of whether the practitioner is employed by the hospital, except that a hospital may prohibit a practitioner from using its facilities if good cause is shown. If a hospital meets such requirement, the property of such hospital shall be exempt in proportion to the percentage of the hospital's services that are provided gratuitously. A hospital shall establish such percentage by providing documentation to the applicable county assessor showing the hospital's gross revenue for the most recently completed fiscal year and an estimate of the value of the services that the hospital provided gratuitously during such year.</i>

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LB531	Vargas		Appropriations 03/13/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Create a fund and provide for a transfer of funds
<p><i>The Election Administration Fund is hereby created. The fund shall consist of federal funds, state funds, gifts, and grants appropriated for the administration of elections. The Secretary of State shall use the fund for voting systems, provisional voting, computerized statewide voter registration lists, voter registration, training or informational materials related to elections, and any other costs related to elections. The Secretary of State shall transfer two hundred thousand dollars from the Election Administration Fund to the Enhanced Motor Voter Fund on or before June 30, 2019. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.</i></p> <p><i>The Enhanced Motor Voter Fund is hereby created. The fund shall consist of federal funds, gifts, and grants appropriated for the improvement of voter registration processes occurring at the Department of Motor Vehicles or other state agencies.</i></p> <p><i>It is the intent of the Legislature that the fund be used by the Secretary of State to increase the number of eligible Nebraskans who create, update, or affirm their voter registrations while interacting with state agencies.</i></p> <p><i>Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.</i></p> <p><i>Original section 32-204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is repealed.</i></p> <p><i>Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.</i></p>					
LB545	Wayne		Revenue 02/06/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Change income tax provisions relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and authorize employer contributions to the trust
<p><i>LB545 amended into lb 470 by ComAM383</i></p> <p><i>LB 545 is designed to authorize and provide an income tax deduction for employer contributions as a participant in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust or contributions to an account established under the achieving a better life experience program made for the benefit of a beneficiary, as provided in sections 77-1401 to 77-1409, to the extent not deducted for federal income tax purposes, but not to exceed five thousand dollars per married filing separate return or ten thousand dollars for any other return.</i></p> <p><i>For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2020, a participant in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust may include, in any reduction taken pursuant to this subdivision, employer contributions as defined in section 85-1802 that are made to such participant's account.</i></p> <p><i>Further, [b]eginning with tax year 2020, the Tax Commissioner shall include space on the individual income tax return form in which the individual taxpayer may, if a refund is due, designate any amount of such refund as a contribution to an account established under the Nebraska educational savings plan trust. The Tax Commissioner shall determine the total amount of contributions designated pursuant to this section each year, and the State Treasurer shall transfer such amount from the General Fund to the College Savings Plan Program Fund for deposit into the appropriate accounts within the College Savings Plan Program Fund.</i></p> <p><i>A government program administered by any agency of the state that provides benefits or aid to individuals based on financial need, except as may be otherwise provided by federal law or the provisions of any specific grant applicable to the federal law, shall not take into account and shall not consider employer contributions to a participant's account in determining the income of such participant.</i></p>					
LB552	McDonnell		Appropriations 03/04/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Change appropriations relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program
<p><i>Legislative intent: Deal with dead and dying trees that create public safety issues. Appropriation requested: \$3,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2019-20 and for each FY thereafter until the Legislature finds that ash trees are no longer a safety issue for cities and villages.</i></p>					

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					<i>The Nebraska Forest Service of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall administer the program through a grant process (the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program). The forest service shall designate an application deadline and grants shall not be awarded later than 90 days after such date. Grant money shall be used to plant, remove, or dispose of only those trees located on land owned by state or local governments, including parks, public grounds, and city rights-of-way.</i>
LB554	Wishart		Health and Human Services 02/22/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	Change provisions relating to prescription drugs not on the preferred drug list under the Medical Assistance Act
					<i>Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) or (3) of this section, a health care provider may prescribe a prescription drug not on the preferred drug list to a medicaid recipient if: the prescription drug is medically necessary, the provider certifies that the preferred drug has not been therapeutically effective, or with reasonable certainty is not expected to be therapeutically effective, in treating the recipient's condition—or—the preferred drug causes or is reasonably expected to cause adverse or harmful reactions in the recipient, AND the department authorizes coverage for the prescription drug prior to the dispensing of the drug. The department shall respond to a prior authorization request no later than twenty-four hours after receiving such request.</i>
					<i>A health care provider may prescribe an antidepressant, antipsychotic, or anticonvulsant prescription drug to a medicaid recipient if the prescription drug is medically necessary.</i>
					<i>A health care provider may prescribe a prescription drug not on the preferred drug list to a medicaid recipient without prior authorization by the department if the provider certifies that: the recipient is achieving therapeutic success with a course of antidepressant, antipsychotic, or anticonvulsant medication or medication for human immunodeficiency virus, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, cancer, or immunosuppressant therapy OR the recipient has experienced a prior therapeutic failure with a medication.</i>
					<i>A managed care organization shall not substitute a generic equivalent for an antidepressant, antipsychotic, or anticonvulsant medication.</i>
LB565	Bolz		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/12/2019	In Committee 01/24/2019	State legislative intent relating to a designated beneficiary determination under certain retirement systems
					<i>LB565 amended into LB34 by ComAM591</i>
					<i>LB565 proposes the following statement of intent be added to the County Employees Retirement Act: It is the intent of the Legislature that if a member of the retirement system is married at the time of his or her death and there is no designated beneficiary on file with the board, then the spouse married to the member on the date of the member's death is determined to be the beneficiary. If the member is not married on the date of his or her death and there is no surviving designated beneficiary on file with the board, then the benefit shall be paid to the member's estate.</i>
					<i>LB565 further proposes the following statement of intent be added to the School Employees Retirement Act: It is the intent of the Legislature that if a member of any retirement system established under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act is married at the time of his or her death and there is no designated beneficiary on file with the board of trustees, then the spouse married to the member on the date of the member's death is determined to be the beneficiary. If the member is not married on the date of his or her death and there is no surviving designated beneficiary on file with the board of trustees, then the benefit shall be paid to the member's estate.</i>
					<i>LB565 also proposes the following statement of intent be added to the State Employees Retirement Act: It is the intent of the Legislature that if a member of the retirement system is married at the time of his or her death and there is no designated beneficiary on file with the board, then the spouse married to the member on the date of the member's death is determined to be the beneficiary. If the member is not married on the date of his or her death and there is no surviving designated beneficiary on file with the board, then the benefit shall be paid to the member's estate.</i>
					<i>LB565 creates an additional duty of the Public Employees Retirement Board for the administration of the retirement systems provided for in the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act, specifically:</i>

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					<i>To adopt and promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the intent of the Legislature that if a member of the deferred compensation plan is married at the time of his or her death and there is no designated beneficiary on file with the board, then the spouse married to the member on the date of the member's death is determined to be the beneficiary. If the member is not married on the date of his or her death and there is no surviving designated beneficiary on file with the board, then the benefit shall be paid to the member's estate.</i>
LB589	Chambers	Monitor	Judiciary 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Prohibit peace officers from serving as school resource officers <i>Except as provided, no peace officer shall serve or work as a school resource officer, whether or not such officer is on duty as an employee of a law enforcement agency at the time of such service or work. The provisions do not apply to a peace officer who is responding to a specific request for assistance from a student, school employee, or member of the public regarding a safety threat or a criminal act, or who is providing security for an extracurricular event or activity.</i> <i>Law enforcement agency would mean an agency or department of this state or of any political subdivision of this state that is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime, the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of this state or any political subdivision of this state, and the enforcement of arrest warrants. Law enforcement agency includes a police department, an office of a town marshal, an office of a county sheriff, the Nebraska State Patrol, and any department to which a deputy state sheriff is assigned as provided in section 84-106; Peace officer would mean any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency authorized by law to make arrests.</i>
LB596	Quick		Executive Board 02/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Adopt the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Public Health <i>LB596 would adopt the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Public Health Act and create within the Office of Public Counsel for the purpose of conducting investigations, audits, inspections, and other reviews of state-owned facilities providing health care and state-licensed health care facilities as defined in section 71-413. The Inspector General shall be appointed by the Public Counsel with approval from the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.</i> <i>The Inspector General shall be appointed for a term of five years and may be reappointed. During his or her employment, the Inspector General shall not be actively involved in partisan affairs. The Inspector General shall employ such investigators and support staff as he or she deems necessary to carry out the duties of the office within the amount available by appropriation through the office of Public Counsel for the office of Inspector General. The Inspector General shall be subject to the control and supervision of the Public Counsel, except that removal of the Inspector General shall require approval of the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.</i>
LB599	Walz		Executive Board 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Provide data to the Public Counsel from the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services <i>The bill would add the following section to the Health and Human Services Act: The Director of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services shall make any data available to the Public Counsel upon request, including any triage complaint data base.</i>
LB612	Erdman	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/12/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Authorize the display of roadside memorials <i>LB612 directs the Nebraska Department of Transportation to erect blue triangular road signs memorializing those who have died on Nebraska's roadways. Signs may contain the name and a photographic image of the deceased. Signs shall also contain one of four safety messages. Signs shall not be posted for drunk drivers who died on Nebraska's roadways. Signs shall be posted for ten years, but can be renewed by way of an application and fee for an additional ten years.</i>
LB613	Crawford		Revenue 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change application deadlines under certain tax incentive programs <i>Repurposes the thirty million dollars saved from no longer accepting applications under the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, and the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act be used to increase the appropriation to the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2019-20 and each fiscal year thereafter. Contains the emergency clause.</i>
LB615	Hilgers		Revenue 02/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Reduce income tax rates and provide for certain transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund <i>Beginning in November 2019 and each November thereafter until the top corporate and individual income tax rates are set at five and ninety-nine hundredths percent, the Tax Rate Review Committee shall examine the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts from the current fiscal year to the upcoming fiscal year, as determined by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, and shall determine the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund.</i>

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					<p><i>If the expected rate of growth in net General Fund receipts is at least three and one-half percent for the upcoming fiscal year and the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund is at least five hundred million dollars, the Tax Rate Review Committee shall: (a) Certify such rate of growth and balance to the Tax Commissioner. Upon receipt of each such certification, the Tax Commissioner shall reduce the top corporate income tax rate in accordance with subdivision (1)(c) of section 77-2734.02 and shall reduce the top individual income tax rate in accordance with subsection (3) of section 77-2715.03; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) Certify such rate of growth and balance to the State Treasurer. Upon receipt of each such certification, the State Treasurer shall make the transfer prescribed in subsection (13) of section 84-612.</i></p> <p><i>Each time the State Treasurer receives certification from the Tax Rate Review Committee pursuant to subsection (3) of section 77-2715.01, he or she shall transfer seventy-five million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.</i></p>
LB620	Kolowski		Transportation and Telecommunications 03/04/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Provide for enforcement of handheld wireless communication devices as a primary action <i>LB 620 changes the violation of texting while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense.</i>
LB621	Kolowski		Judiciary 02/21/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change provisions relating to solar energy and wind energy, declare certain instruments void and unenforceable, and provide for a civil cause of action
LB625	Pansing Brooks		Appropriations 03/18/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services <i>There would be appropriated \$5,800,000 from the General Fund for FY2019-20 to the Department of Correctional Services to provide for programming, programming portables, and programming staffing costs.</i>
LB627	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/07/2019	General File 02/19/2019	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity <i>LB627 prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Under LB627 it would be an unlawful employment practice for an employer, an employment agency, or a labor organization to discriminate against an individual on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The Act applies to employers having 15 or more employees, employers with state contracts regardless of the number of employees, the State of Nebraska, governmental agencies and political subdivisions. Current law prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, marital statute or national origin.</i>
LB631	Morfeld	Support	Executive Board 02/22/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Create the Medicaid Expansion Implementation Task Force <i>The task force shall consist of six voting members: The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee, and three members of the Legislature chosen by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.</i> <i>The task force shall also include seven nonvoting members chosen by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, as follows: a health care provider licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act, a behavioral health care provider licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act, a health care consumer or consumer advocate, a hospital representative, a business representative, a representative from a political subdivision likely to have its constituency impacted by medicaid expansion, and a rural health care provider.</i> <i>The task force will report annually by December 1 (beginning 2019).</i> <i>The task force terminates on December 31, 2020, unless reauthorized by the Legislature.</i>
LB633	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change provisions relating to real property owner information available to the public <i>When a county board's annual inventory of all real estate and real property is made and filed with the county clerk of such county, such inventory shall not include the residential address or name of any owner of such real estate. The county clerk shall retain such inventory for filing as a public record in his or her office in a manner convenient for reference and in a manner that protects the identity and residential address of any owner unless a request is made in writing to the county assessor to provide such information.</i>

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LB636	Stinner		Executive Board 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Create the Financial Condition of Counties and Municipalities Task Force <i>The task force shall: (a) Consider whether it is advisable to create a system to effectively detect, monitor, and prevent financial distress in counties and municipalities; (b) Consider whether it is advisable to provide a rating criterion to evaluate the financial health of counties and municipalities; and (c) Provide recommendations as to the state's role in alleviating any such financial distress. The task force shall report electronically to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council no later than December 1, 2019. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate fifty thousand dollars to carry out this section.</i>
LB643	McDonnell		Judiciary 03/14/2019	General File 04/15/2019	Change death and disability-related prima facie evidence provisions relating to emergency responders <i>This bill relates to 35-1001, regarding circumstances where a firefighter's death is presumed, prima facie, to have been caused in the line of duty. When the other already existing criteria are met, breast cancer and ovarian cancer are hereinunder causes which shall be considered occurring "in-the-line-of-duty".</i>
LB646	Chambers	Monitor	Judiciary 02/13/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Eliminate cash bail bonds, appearance bonds, and related provisions <i>Eliminates subsection (c) from section 29-901, and related provisions elsewhere relying on appearance bonds.</i>
LB648	Wayne		Urban Affairs 03/05/2019	Introduced 01/23/2019	Change the Community Development Law <i>LB648 proposes to provide requirements, in addition to those found in 18-2109, for certain redevelopment plans such that an authority shall not prepare a redevelopment plan that will divide ad valorem taxes pursuant to section 18-2147 for a period of more than fifteen years unless the governing body of the city in which the redevelopment project area is located has, by resolution adopted after the public hearings required under this section, declared more than fifty percent of the property in such redevelopment project area to be an extremely blighted area in need of redevelopment. Prior to making such declaration, the governing body of the city shall conduct or cause to be conducted a study or an analysis on whether the area is extremely blighted and shall submit the question of whether such area is extremely blighted to the planning commission or board of the city for its review and recommendation.</i> <i>The planning commission or board shall hold a public hearing on the question after giving notice of the hearing as provided in section 18-2115.01. Such notice shall include a map of sufficient size to show the area to be declared extremely blighted or information on where to find such map and shall provide information on where to find copies of the study or analysis conducted pursuant to this subsection. The planning commission or board shall submit its written recommendations to the governing body of the city within thirty days after the public hearing. Upon receipt of the recommendations of the planning commission or board, or if no recommendations are received within thirty days after the public hearing, the governing body shall hold a public hearing on the question of whether the area is extremely blighted after giving notice of the hearing as provided in section 18-2115.01.</i> <i>Such notice shall include a map of sufficient size to show the area to be declared extremely blighted or information on where to find such map and shall provide information on where to find copies of the study or analysis conducted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. At the public hearing, all interested parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the proposed declaration. After such hearing, the governing body of the city may make its declaration.</i>
LB651	Wayne		Judiciary 02/14/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change funding provisions for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program <i>Beginning on the effective date of this act, funding under the program shall only be available for services provided directly to juveniles or services provided to carry out express statutorily authorized functions. Any government entity applying for funds from the program shall develop policies governing the distribution of the funds that are adopted by the governing board of the entity after a public hearing.</i>
LB652	Wayne		Judiciary 03/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change a penalty for controlled substance possession as prescribed <i>A person knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance, except marijuana or any substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(25) of Schedule I of section 28-405, unless such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a medical order issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by the act, is subject to the following penalties: (i) If the controlled substance is an amount constituting only residue, such person is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor; OR (ii) If the controlled substance is an amount constituting more than residue, such person is guilty of a Class IV felony.</i>

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LB659	Wayne		Judiciary 02/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Remove cannabidiol from list of controlled substances <i>Cannabidiol means processed cannabis plant extract, oil, or resin that contains more than ten percent cannabidiol by weight, but not more than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinols by weight, and delivered in the form of a liquid or solid dosage form, regardless of whether or not the cannabidiol is contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or obtained pursuant to sections 28-463 to 28-468. The following are the schedules of controlled substances referred to in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, unless specifically contained 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: Tetrahydrocannabinols, including, but not limited to, synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant or in the resinous extractives of cannabis, sp. or synthetic substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity such as the following: Delta 1 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol and their optical isomers, excluding dronabinol in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; Delta 6 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol and their optical isomers; and Delta 3,4 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol and its optical isomers. Since nomenclature of these substances is not internationally standardized, compounds of these structures shall be included regardless of the numerical designation of atomic positions covered. This subdivision does not include tetrahydrocannabinols in cannabidiol.</i>
LB666	Dorn		Appropriations 03/12/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund provisions and provide for a transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for a program to train first responders and emergency medical technicians in rural areas <i>The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred thousand dollars for FY2019-20 and two hundred thousand dollars for FY2020-21 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be used for the Simulation in Motion program to train first responders and emergency medical technicians in rural areas.</i>
LB684	Lathrop		Judiciary 03/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change provisions relating to post-release supervision for Class IV felonies <i>LB684 amended into LB686 by ComAM1737 LB684 would allow judges to decide whether to require post-release supervision for persons sentenced to county jail for committing class IV felonies. A minimum of nine months of post-release supervision would still be required for felony offenders imprisoned with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In case of a violation, LB684 would also allow judges to revoke a person's post-release supervision and order them imprisoned for a period as long as their original post-release supervision term, rather than just for the remainder of the time they were to spend on post-release supervision.</i>
LB687	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/14/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Provide for voter registration of applicants for driver's licenses and state identification cards <i>Specifically, the voter registration application shall be designed so that the elector's information is transmitted to the election commissioner or county clerk via electronic transmission for each applicant verified by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be a citizen of the United States and at least eighteen years of age or will be eighteen years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the then-current year, unless the elector specifies on the form that he or she does not want to register to vote or update his or her voter registration record. The voter registration application shall contain the information required (pursuant to section 32-312) and shall be designed so that it does not require the duplication of information in the application for the motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card, except that it may require a second signature of the applicant. The department and the Secretary of State shall make the voter registration application available to any person applying for an operator's license or state identification card. The application shall be completed at the office of the department by the close of business on the third Friday preceding any election to be registered to vote at such election. A registration application received after the deadline shall not be processed by the election commissioner or county clerk until after the election. If a voter registration application is submitted under this section with the signature of the applicant but the applicant is not eligible to register to vote, the submission shall not be considered a violation of section 32-1502 or 32-1503 and the document submitted shall not be considered a valid or completed voter registration application for purposes of registration or enforcement of the Election Act unless the applicant has willfully and knowingly taken affirmative steps to register to vote knowing that he or she is not eligible to do so. Any deputy registrar, judge or clerk of election, or other officer having the custody of records, registers, copies of records or registers, oaths, certificates, or any other paper, document, or evidence of any description by law directed to be made, filed, or preserved who uses the voter registration records for any purpose other than voter registration, election administration, or enforcement of the Election Act shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.</i>

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LB700	Bostelman	Monitor	Natural Resources 03/06/2019	General File 04/05/2019	Provide for decommissioning and reclamation of a wind energy conversion system <i>Under LB700, any person owning, operating, or managing a wind energy conservation system in this state shall be responsible for all decommissioning or reclamation costs necessary for removal of such system, including the removal of any aboveground equipment and restoration of the land to its natural state. For purposes of this section reclamation means restoration of the area on which a wind energy conservation system is constructed to the condition that existed prior to construction.</i>
LB701	Bostelman		Health and Human Services 03/20/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Require billing for emergency medical services <i>An emergency medical service shall transmit a request for payment to a recipient of services involving transportation of the recipient to a health care facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act or to his or her parent or legal guardian if the recipient is a minor or under guardianship.</i>
LB703	Vargas	Support	Appropriations 03/06/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice <i>There would hereinunder LB703 be appropriated \$2,500,000 from the General Fund for FY2019-20 to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to be used by the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program to aid in supporting alternatives for juvenile detention.</i>
LB704	McCullister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/15/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Provide for a request for proposals for renewable energy for state-owned buildings and a study regarding state vehicles <i>Under LB704, it is the intent of the Legislature that the State Energy Office shall continue implementing the energy efficiency and consumption policy for the state without further General Fund appropriations—AND—the Department of Administrative Services use an appropriation of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2021-22 to analyze and compile the results of the Nebraska Benchmarking and Beyond Initiative to assess utilization of resources, including using in-state renewable energy generation for state-owned buildings, reduction of energy consumption in state-owned buildings, and other measures to increase energy efficiency in state-owned buildings. The Department of Administrative Services shall prepare a request for proposals for contracts for purchase of energy to meet the requirements of this bill. Of all energy purchased for state-owned buildings, the State of Nebraska, including the University of Nebraska, shall purchase at least 50% from renewable energy sources by 2022, at least 60% from renewable energy sources by 2025, at least 75% from renewable energy sources by 2028, and at least 80% from renewable energy sources by 2031.</i>
LB707	Erdman		Revenue 03/13/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Authorize the Tax Equalization and Review Commission to hold certain hearings by videoconference and telephone conference <i>A single commissioner of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission may hear an appeal and cross appeal and appeals and cross appeals consolidated with any such appeal and cross appeal when: a) The taxable value of each parcel is one million dollars or less as determined by the county board of equalization; AND b) The appeal and cross appeal has been designated for hearing pursuant to this section by the chairperson of the commission or in such manner as the commission may provide in its rules and regulations. Under LB707, when such a hearing is held, before a single commissioner, such hearing may now be held by means of videoconferencing or telephone conference.</i>
LB710	Cavanaugh	Support	Revenue 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change provisions relating to tobacco including sales, crimes, a tax increase, and distribution of funds <i>LB710 eliminates many, if not all, distinctions between “tobacco products”. The rules of chapter 28, 71, and 77 are titivated so as to reflect that linguistically minor but wide-encompassing change, for instance the elimination of “vapor products” as a defined term. Also, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act would get an additional section which reads: [t]he Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund is created. The fund shall consist of money credited to the fund pursuant to section 77-2602, any gifts, grants, or donations from any source, and any other funds appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be used to support reimbursement of behavioral health services providers through provider rates within, but not limited to, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, the Medical Assistance Act, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act. The money credited to the fund pursuant to section 77-2602 shall be used to the greatest extent possible to leverage federal funds for behavioral health services provider rate reimbursement under such program and acts. The Legislature finds that, in order to provide Nebraska residents with appropriate access to behavioral health services and providers, provider rates need to be adequate and stable in order to attract and maintain the number and variety of behavioral health services providers necessary to maintain an adequate behavioral health services provider network. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning July 1, 2020, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of \$47,400,000 (amended up from one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars) of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. In addition, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of \$13,000,000 of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to ensure future sustainability of the fund.</i>

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					<p><i>Further, beginning with fiscal year 2020-21, and every fiscal year thereafter, one dollar and fifty cents of the two dollars and fourteen cents special privilege tax under subsection (1) of section 77-2602 shall be distributed as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. In addition to the forty-nine cents of such tax under subsection (2) of section 77-2602, seventeen percent to the General Fund;</i> <i>ii. One-half of one percent to the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund;</i> <i>iii. One percent to the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Creighton University Medical Center for cancer research;</i> <i>iv. Two and one-half percent to the Building Renewal Allocation Fund;</i> <i>v. Three percent equally distributed to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Creighton University Medical Center, and Boys Town Center for Neurobehavioral Research in Children for children's behavioral research;</i> <i>vi. Twenty-five percent for Medicaid expansion;</i> <i>vii. Four percent to Nebraska public health departments;</i> <i>viii. Two percent to the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health;</i> <i>ix. Two percent for federally qualified health centers;</i> <i>x. Five percent for smoking cessation and addiction services;</i> <i>xi. One percent for area health education centers;</i> <i>xii. Four percent for cancer and smoking-related disease research;</i> <i>xiii. One percent to the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska at the University of Nebraska Medical Center;</i> <i>xiv. One percent for emergency protective custody services and resources;</i> <i>xv. Two percent to the Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund for behavioral health rate basing;</i> <i>xvi. Six percent to the State Children's Health Insurance Program to increase eligibility by thirty-seven percent;</i> <i>xvii. Two percent to improve health care delivery systems under the Patient Safety Improvement Act;</i> <i>xviii. One percent on emergency medical services workforce training and recruitment;</i> <i>xix. One percent on other emergency medical services sustainability initiatives;</i> <i>xx. Two and one-half percent for paid family and medical leave start-up costs;</i> <i>xxi. Two percent to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System;</i> <i>xxii. Five percent for grades kindergarten through twelve education;</i> <i>xxiii. Two percent for health services in county corrections;</i> <i>xxiv. One-half percent to the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund;</i> <i>xxv. Two and one-half percent for all telehealth services;</i> <i>xxvi. Four percent for beds in county hospitals and county-owned health centers for mental health treatment in counties containing a city of the metropolitan class and a county-owned health center; AND</i> <i>xxvii. One-half percent to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund for traumatic brain injury research.</i>
LB712	Friesen		Judiciary 03/14/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	<p>Prohibit joint entities and joint public agencies from taking action against representative for their speech</p> <p><i>LB712 proposes the two following additions:</i></p> <p><i>First, under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 13-801 to 13-827, a joint entity shall not prohibit a representative of its members or of any joint board from, or censure such representative for, expressing his or her opinion or speaking on any matter related to the joint entity or joint board if such speech is otherwise lawful. And under the Joint Public Agency Act, Sections 13-2501 to 13-2550, a joint public agency shall not prohibit a representative of its member public agencies or of any board from, or censure such representative for, expressing his or her opinion or speaking on any matter related to the joint public agency or board if such speech is otherwise lawful.</i></p>
LB718	Hunt	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/14/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	<p>Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties</p> <p><i>This bill is an addition to the Election Act:</i></p> <p><i>The election commissioner in a county with a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants shall provide additional office hours during which ballots for early voting may be picked up or returned pursuant to section 32-941 or registered voters of the county may vote or pick up or return a ballot for early voting pursuant to section 32-942. The additional hours shall be provided for any primary or general election, but not for special elections, beginning at least two</i></p>

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					<i>weeks prior to the day of the election and shall include at least four hours on each of the two Saturdays preceding the day of the election and at least five hours during each week of such two-week period in addition to normal business hours on business days.</i>
LB720	Kolterman		Revenue 03/06/2019	General File 05/10/2019 Kolterman Priority Bill	Adopt the ImagiNE Nebraska Act and provide tax incentives
					<i>LB605 amended into LB720 by ComAM1614</i>
					<i>Under LB720, the Legislature finds that it is the policy of this state to modernize its economic development platform in order to (1) encourage new businesses to relocate to Nebraska, (2) encourage existing businesses to remain and grow in Nebraska, (3) encourage the creation and retention of new, high-paying jobs in Nebraska, (4) attract and retain investment capital in Nebraska, (5) develop the Nebraska workforce, (6) simplify the administration of the tax incentive program created in the ImagiNE Nebraska Act for both businesses and the state, and (7) improve the transparency and accountability of such program. SECTION 28 of the Act describes the application process for a taxpayer to request an agreement. If the director fails to make his or her determination within the prescribed ninety-day period, the application is deemed approved. Within ninety days after approval of the application, the director shall prepare and deliver a written agreement to the taxpayer for the taxpayer's signature. The taxpayer and the director shall enter into a written agreement. The taxpayer shall agree to increase employment or investment at the qualified location or locations, report wage and hours data at the qualified location or locations to the Department of Labor annually, and report all qualified property at the qualified location or locations to the Property Tax Administrator. The director, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, shall agree to allow the taxpayer to use the incentives contained in the ImagiNE Nebraska Act. The application, and all supporting documentation, to the extent approved, shall be considered a part of the agreement. There shall be no new applications for incentives filed by a taxpayer after December 31, 2029.</i>
LB736	Murman	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/28/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Provide restrictions on occupation taxes, license fees, and regulation by counties and municipalities
					<i>Under current law, counties and cities of the metropolitan, primary, first, second and villages shall have power to tax for revenue, license, and regulate any person within the limits of the city by ordinance except as otherwise provided in this section. Such tax may include both a tax for revenue and license. Under LB726, beginning January 1, 2020, (i) no occupation tax or license fee imposed under the above paragraph shall be greater than \$25 annually; (ii) No occupation tax or license fee shall be imposed by a city or county on a profession or business that provides goods or services unless the profession or business was subject to an occupation tax or license fee under this subsection on January 1, 2020; and (iii) No licensing requirements shall be imposed by a city of the metropolitan class on any profession or business which is subject to state licensing requirements.</i>
LB739	Vargas		Judiciary 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/25/2019	Change procedures and requirements for use of restrictive housing of inmates
					<i>LB739 amended into LB686 by ComAM1737</i>
					<i>This act shall be known and may be cited as the Adult Institutions Disciplinary Procedures Act. All adult disciplinary action within the system of the Department of Correctional Services shall be pursuant to the Adult Institutions Disciplinary Procedures Act. Inmates shall be informed of rules of behavior and discipline. Such rules shall be posted or otherwise made available to the inmates. Restrictive housing means conditions of confinement that provide limited contact with other inmates, strictly controlled movement while out of cell, and out-of-cell time of less than twenty-four hours per week. Member of a vulnerable population means an inmate who is eighteen years of age or younger, pregnant, or diagnosed with a serious mental illness, a developmental disability, or a traumatic brain injury. On and after July 1, 2019, no inmate who is a member of a vulnerable population shall be placed in restrictive housing. In line with the least restrictive framework, an inmate who is a member of a vulnerable population may be assigned to immediate segregation to protect himself or herself, staff, other inmates, or inmates who are members of vulnerable populations pending classification. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding restrictive housing to address risks for inmates who are members of vulnerable populations. The department shall not place or retain an inmate in restrictive housing for more than ninety days in any calendar year, whether consecutive or not, due to a security threat posed by the inmate unless there is an individualized determination made by a specialized inmate classification committee. Such committee has extensive procedural requirements for prompt and thorough review of the specialized inmate issue. Many due process type requirements are mandated, such as, timely notice, the right to be heard in person, the right to confront/cross witnesses, and an established appeal process. Beware: many other requirements and duties stem from this act. For example: Inmates shall be informed of rules of behavior and discipline. Such rules shall be posted or otherwise made available to the inmates. (And more.)</i>

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LB742	Blood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change penalty, sentencing, and hearing application provisions relating to offenses against animals <i>Amend sections 28-1009, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019; Adds "or a Class IV felony" to §28-1009 (4) which relates to cruelty to animals. Changes "seven" to "ten" 28-1012.01 regarding the number of days the county attorney has to file an application with the court. Changes "IV" to "IIIA" and adds "a Class IIIA felony or a Class IV felony under section" 28-1009 to 28-1019(1)(a) pertaining to stipulations of owning, possessing, or residing with an animal after being convicted under 28-1005 and 28-1009.</i> LC - FN REQ
LB744	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/10/2020	Authorize appointment of county engineer in certain counties and change powers and duties <i>Amends 23-1901. Renumbers multiple sections; Amendment to subsection 2(a); Allows a county board to appoint a county engineer; Adds that If a county engineer is appointed, the county engineer shall be a professional engineer as provided in the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act; Amendments to subsection 3 and 6 are updates to make sure the wording is corrected to include the appointed engineer.</i> LC - FN REQ
LB745	Blood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide duties for law enforcement and prosecutors regarding federal immigration forms relating to victims of certain crimes LC - FN REQ
LB746	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/14/2020	Adopt the Nebraska Consumer Data Privacy Act
LB749	Blood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2020	Adopt the Nebraska Anti-Terrorism Act LC - FN REQ
LB754	Blood		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide for a new certificate of birth and amendment of a certificate of birth <i>Amends 71-604.01 relating to the amendment of a birth certificate.</i> <i>Requires the Department to issue a new birth certificate with an amended sex upon the receipt of a complete application that is accompanied by (a) an affidavit from a physician stating such amendment to the certificate is warranted along with documentary evidence to substantiate such amendment or (b) a certified copy of a court order directing amendment of the certificate</i> <i>Allows for a person desiring for the sex to be change on their birth certificate to petition the district court as long as they have been a resident of the country filed for at least a year.</i> <i>Directs the District Courts duty to decide where there exists proper and reasonable cause for changing the sex of the petitioner, to order and direct a change of sex of such petitioner and that an order for the purpose be entered by the court.</i>
LB759	Kolterman		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/10/2020	Require consultation with school districts regarding placement of children <i>Amends 43-284, 43-905, 43-1311, 43-1312, and 43-1312.01.</i> <i>Requires the Person, Court, or Department responsible for a juvenile who was adjudged under 43-247 to consult with school districts who may be receiving said juvenile when the school district is not the students resident district. The consultation would discuss necessary services for the juvenile, availability of educational programming, and identification of the juvenile's resident school district who would be responsible for the costs of the educational programming.</i> <i>Court would be required to provide the receiving school a portfolio of educational information regarding the juvenile at least two days prior to the consultation.</i> <i>This would occur prior to making a final plan regarding placement, prior to entering into a contract regarding placement, prior to making a final determination regarding the school the child should attend, prior to a permanency hearing which may affect the school district in which the child is attending school, or prior to establishing guardianship.</i>
LB761	Dorn		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change motor vehicle registration fees and provide funding for the simulation in motion program <i>Amends 60-3,156.</i> <i>Adds a \$.50 fee on registrations for motor vehicles and trailers that will be credited to the University of Nebraska Medical Center Simulation in Motion-Nebraska Fund.</i> <i>Creates the Nebraska Medical Center Simulation in Motion-Nebraska Fund which will be used to carry out the simulation in motion program.</i>

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					<i>Any money not used in the fund will be used to fund expenses related to the depreciation of the equipment used in the simulation in motion program. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the State Investment Officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.</i>
LB771	Gragert		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change a one-license-plate registration provision <i>Amends 60-3,100. Allows for one license plate to be issues for any truck with a gross weight rating of seven tons or less which is not manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to display a license plate. LC - FN REQ</i>
LB777	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide for set-asides of infractions and violations of city and village ordinances and county resolutions <i>Amends 29-2264. Changes "infraction, a misdemeanor, or a felony" to "offense" throughout. Defines offense as any violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision of this state including, but not limited to, any felony, misdemeanor, infraction, traffic infraction, violation of a city or village ordinance, or violation of a county resolution. Adds provision that say the setting aside of a conviction in accordance with the Nebraska Probation Administration Act shall not: affect the assessment or accumulation of points under section 60-4,182; or affect eligibility for, or obligations relating to, a commercial driver's license. These additions would apply to all people eligible under the section regardless of the date of the conviction looking to be set aside.</i>
LB781	Stinner		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide for annual continuing education for treasurers of certain local governments and provide a duty for the Auditor of Public Accounts <i>Amends 14-553, 15-317, 16-318, 17-605, 17-606, 23-1601, and 84-304 Requires county, city, and village treasurers to complete continuing education annually through a program approved by the Auditor of Public Accounts. Treasurer must provide proof of completion to the Auditor. Expense for the continued education will be paid by the county, city, or village of the treasurer. Requires a city or village clerk acting as a city or village treasurer to comply with requirements in subsection (3) of 17-606. Adds duty for the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually approve continuing education programs for county, city, and village treasurers. Auditor must also maintain records of program attendance and notify the county board, city council, or village board if their treasurer is not in compliance. Auditor is also responsible for notifying the Attorney General and county attorney of the county in which a treasurer is located if compliance is not met for the continuing education.</i>
LB785	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change vehicle size, weight, and load provisions, provide for stinger-steered automobile transporters and towaway trailer transporter combinations, and define emergency vehicle <i>LC - FN REQ</i>
LB786	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change rules on the use of restrictive housing and require screenings of inmates for serious mental illness, developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries
LB789	Slama		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change school bus stop signal arm violation provisions <i>LC - FN REQ</i>
LB797	Hansen		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change restrictions on municipal annexation <i>Amends 19-3052 Would not allow a municipality, first class, or second class city to annex territory less than 5 months before a primary election in which city council or village board trustees are nominated. Previously was 80 days.</i>
LB799			Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions relating to cities of the primary class

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LB801			Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change and eliminate provisions of the Community Development Law <i>Amends 18-2109, 18-2115, 18-2117.02, 18-2117.03, 18-2142.05, 18-2101.02, 18-2103, and 18-2115.01; Removes the requirement that a planning commission or board provide a map or information on where to find a map of an area declared extremely blighted before a hearing is held from each individual section and inserts it in 18-2115.01 explicitly. Creates the requirements that the governing body of the city shall not approve a redevelopment plan unless the governing body has, by resolution adopted after the public hearings required under this section, declared such area to be a substandard and blighted area in need of redevelopment. New definition for "substantial modification" A change to a redevelopment plan that (a) materially alters or reduces existing areas or structures otherwise available for public use or access, (b) substantially alters the use of the community redevelopment area as contemplated in the redevelopment plan, or (c) increases the amount of ad valorem taxes pledged under section 18-2150 by more than five percent, if the amount of such taxes is included in the redevelopment plan. 18-2115.01 Reorganizes hearing notice requirements. 18-2117.02 Requires each authority, or such other division or department of the city as designated by the governing body to compile information including the addition of active redevelopment project and the number of redevelopment projects for which financing has been paid in full during the previous calendar year and for which taxes are no longer being divided pursuant to section 18-2147. 18-2117.03 adds a section that clarifying that there is no requirement to reimburse legal fees incurred prior to approval of the redevelopment project.</i>
LB810	McCollister		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2020	Impose sales tax on bottled water, candy, and soft drinks
LB812	McCollister		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change acceptable ranges and authorize orders for rehearings under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act
LB815	Morfeld		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/10/2020	Prohibit certain section 1115 waivers under the Medical Assistance Act
LB818	Brewer		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2020	Adjust the nameplate capacity tax for inflation
LB823	Brewer		Judiciary 01/22/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Provide for a special election prior to the exercise of eminent domain for transmission lines in certain circumstances
LB829	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions relating to certain in lieu of tax payments made by the Game and Parks Commission <i>LC - FN REQ</i>
LB830	Erdman		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/27/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions relating to the establishment of speed limits by local authorities <i>LC - FN REQ</i>
LB836	Arch		Health and Human Services 01/22/2020	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions governing certain contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program
LB841	Crawford		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions relating to certain certifications for homestead exemptions
LB851	McCollister		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/10/2020	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act
LB876	Walz		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas
LB881	Hansen		Judiciary 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Prohibit deductions of fines from bonds

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LB890	Hilgers		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Provide for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act
LB893	Bostelman		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions relating to emergency care providers and provide for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics
LB896	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2020	Require notice of construction and expansion of structures near military installations as prescribed
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB898	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/13/2020	Provide for the collocation of certain wireless facilities
LB912	Brandt		Judiciary 01/23/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions relating to examination of witnesses by telephonic, videoconferencing, and similar methods
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB913	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change arson, trespass, and graffiti provisions
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB916	Lathrop		Appropriations	In Committee 01/13/2020	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services for a community corrections facility
LB919	Wayne		Agriculture	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change requirements for approval or denial of licenses or licensing agreements under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act
LB922	Kolterman		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/13/2020	Require electronic issuance of prescriptions for controlled substances as prescribed
LB924	Chambers		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions relating to racial profiling and require law enforcement training
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB925	Chambers		Judiciary 01/24/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change provisions relating to standing to file a petition for a declaratory judgment
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB930	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/13/2020	Require a minimum amount of tax relief under the Property Tax Credit Act
LB931	Halloran		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/27/2020	In Committee 01/13/2020	Change a harvested products maximum weight overload exception under the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB932	Wishart		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/13/2020	Require expansion of the medical assistance program as prescribed
LB963	Brewer		01/27/2020	Introduced	Change provisions relating to workers' compensation for injuries to first responders and frontline state employees
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB973	Kolowski			Introduced	Adopt the Homeowner Association Act
	<i>LC - FN REQ</i>				
LB974			Revenue	Introduced	Change taxation and school funding provisions

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LB978	Murman		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2020	Provide for county, city, and village jail reimbursement
		LC - FN REQ			
LB985	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2020	Provide for Class ICA and IDA felony classifications and change penalties
		LC - FN REQ			
LB1002	Bostelman			Introduced 01/15/2020	Change provisions relating to wholesale drug distribution for emergency medical reasons
LB1003	Walz			Introduced 01/15/2020	Provide annexation powers to cities of the second class and villages for relocation due to catastrophic flooding
LB1007	Hansen			Introduced 01/15/2020	Change provisions relating to competency to stand trial and be sentenced
LB1013	Linehan			Introduced 01/15/2020	Change the cigarette tax and exempt certain transactions
LB1017	Geist			Introduced 01/15/2020	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court
LB1018	Vargas			Introduced 01/15/2020	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB1021	Groene			Introduced 01/15/2020	Provide for an expedited review of certain redevelopment plans under the Community Development Law
LR3CA	Erdman		Revenue 02/07/2019	In Committee 01/14/2019	Constitutional amendment to provide income tax credits for property taxes paid
	<p><i>New VIII-14 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Legislature shall provide by law for a refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the State of Nebraska in an amount equal to thirty-five percent of the property taxes that were: (a) Levied on real property located in this state; and (b) Paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year. (2) The Legislature shall make the credit available for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021. Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:</i></p> <p><i>A constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to provide a refundable state income tax credit in an amount equal to thirty-five percent of the property taxes that were levied on real property located in this state and paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year. For OR Against.</i></p>				
LR8CA	Linehan	Oppose	Revenue 02/27/2019	In Committee 01/17/2019	Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions
	<p><i>LR8CA proposes to add a new section 14 to Article VIII:</i></p> <p><i>VIII-14 (1) Notwithstanding Article VIII, section 1 or 5, of this Constitution or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, the total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in any fiscal year shall not be more than three percent greater than the amount raised in the prior fiscal year, except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in a fiscal year may exceed the limitation in subsection (1) of this section by an amount approved by a majority of legal voters voting on the issue at an election called for such purpose upon the recommendation of a majority of the governing body of the political subdivision. Such recommendation shall include the amount by which the property tax revenue would exceed the limitation in subsection (1) of this section for the fiscal year. All costs of the election shall be paid by the political subdivision seeking to exceed such limitation.</i></p> <p><i>(3) The limitation in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to the amount of property tax revenue needed to pay the principal and interest on bonded indebtedness that has been approved according to law.</i></p> <p><i>(4) For purposes of this section, property tax revenue means revenue raised from a tax that is assessed annually upon the value of real and personal property. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:</i></p> <p><i>A constitutional amendment to provide that the total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in any fiscal year shall not be more than three percent greater than the amount raised in the prior fiscal year, except for amounts approved by voters and amounts needed to pay bonded indebtedness.</i></p>				

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106th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

Document	Senator	Position	Committee	Status	Description
LR281CA	McCollister		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2020	Constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to enact legislation authorizing courts to reduce sentences
LR284CA	Brewer		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2020	Constitutional amendment to eliminate the state income tax over a four-year period
LR285CA	Brewer		General Affairs	In Committee 01/14/2020	Constitutional amendment to provide for use of lottery proceeds for prison overcrowding prior to use for the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act

NHSFR Lincoln Website

Launched June 2019
Content finalized Oct 2019

Visit at:
NHSFRLincoln.org



The screenshot shows the NHSFR Lincoln website interface. At the top left is the "NATIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS • RODEO Lincoln" logo. To the right is a "SUBSCRIBE" button and a search bar. A date banner for "July 19-25, 2020" is positioned above the "Lancaster EVENT CENTER" logo. The main navigation bar includes links for "COMPETE", "VISIT", "WATCH", "SHOP", "EAT", "CONTACT", and "ABOUT".

The central banner features a cowboy on a horse with the text "BE AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL" overlaid on a cityscape background. To the right, a social media section titled "FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA" displays an Instagram post from "gistsilversmiths" showing a "2019 WORLD CHAMPION" medal for "CLAYDEN HARMON".

Below the banner are three video thumbnails: "NHSFR LINCOLN VIDEO", "BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY" (with "5,000 HOTEL ROOMS" text), and "VISIT NEBRASKA". To the right of these is a vertical list of red buttons: "BE A VENDOR", "BE A SPONSOR", "BE A VOLUNTEER", and "QUALIFIER NEWS".

The footer section contains logos for "SPONSORS" (Nebraska), "LINCOLN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE", "CASNR", and "Kimr CHARITABLE FOUNDATION". At the very bottom, there are links for "CAREERS", "SUPPLIERS", and "PRIVACY POLICY", along with the organization's address and phone number: "A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to growing community through events like yours, and the Super Fair. | 4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507 | 402-441-6545".

Be sure to check out these videos at [NHSFRLincoln.org](https://www.nhsfrlincoln.org)

Video for social media takeover Fall 2019 of NHSRA Facebook, Instagram etc.

personal invites to Lincoln from: Governor, Children's Zoo, UNL Rodeo in Memorial Stadium, Children's Museum etc.



NHSFR Lincoln overview video



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TAKE SUMMER BY THE HORNS



July 19 - 25, 2020

World's Largest Rodeo Comes to Lincoln, July 19-25, 2020

Whether you're new to the rodeo or a long-time fan, don't miss this chance to watch, shop & eat, Western-style! The top 1,700 high school rodeo athletes from 43 U.S. states, 5 Canadian provinces, Mexico and Australia will compete right before many go pro!

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Ultimate Rodeo Destination

Come for the rodeo and stay a while! There's plenty to do for the whole family. With 5,000+ hotel rooms and scenic campsites (many at local lakes), make a vacation of it!

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Reach: 30,000 subscribers
Ran: Nov 2019

Region's Largest Western Trade Show

Shop the region's biggest Western-themed vendor event at this rodeo, with free parking/admission. Don't miss Lincoln's many malls & downtown Haymarket District as well!

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Rodeo Fans Won't Go Hungry

A variety of local & regional food vendors from BBQ to funnel cakes are coming for the rodeo, plus you're an easy drive to 900 restaurants in Lincoln!

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High School Rodeo Rides to Nebraska in 2020-21

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO Lincoln

Centrally-located Lincoln's Lancaster Event Center is a new destination for the NHSFR.

Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director, pictured with site improvement plans that include additional and upgraded campgrounds, expanded outdoor multi-purpose arena and a new covered grandstand. Below: "Welcome NHSFR" sign in Lincoln, Nebraska on Lancaster Event Center's grassy fairgrounds.

By Amy Dickerson, Lancaster Event Center Managing Director

Summer is in full swing with student athletes like you packing up and traveling to pursue the fun and thrills of rodeo competition. While you're busy honing your skills, we're hard at work in Lincoln, Nebraska, preparing the Lancaster Event Center to host the NHSFR in 2020 and 2021.

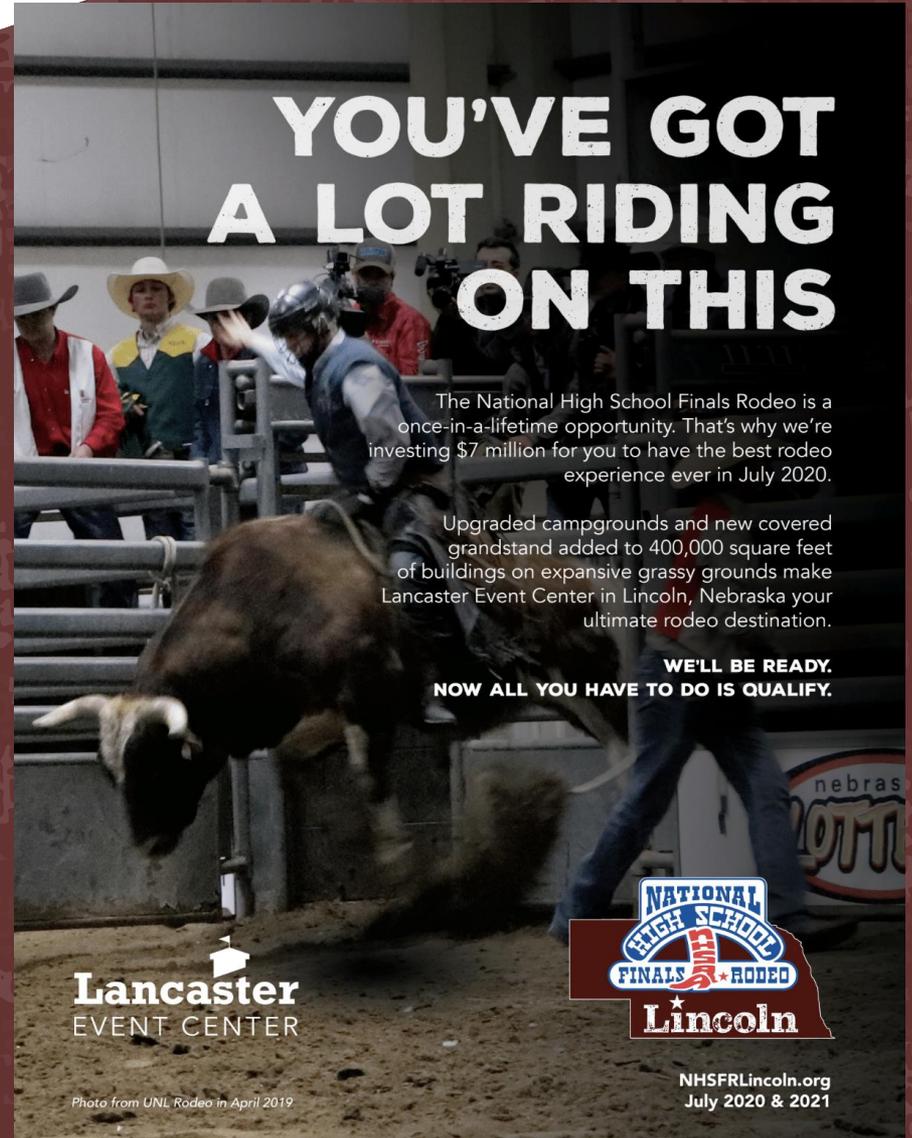
Plain and simple, the Lancaster Event Center is where the good times grow. With 400,000 square feet of buildings on our grassy fairgrounds, there's plenty of room for all parts of the NHSFR. We're investing \$7 million toward improvements, which include additional and upgraded campgrounds, an expanded outdoor multi-purpose arena and a new covered grandstand. In addition to having great facilities, the Lancaster Event Center is proud to have four NHSFR Alumni on staff who competed from 1978 to 2017. Our staff knows first-hand how it feels to compete. We're committed to providing you an incredible rodeo experience.

Located in the middle of America, the Lancaster Event Center is truly at the center of it all, making it the ultimate rodeo destination. Lincoln is a well-known place

to visit where you're sure to encounter the "Nebraska Nice" hospitality on your travels and during the NHSFR. In fact, Lincoln was named #3 Best Places to Visit in 2017 (Lonely Planet), #4 Most Giving Cities in the U.S. (Travelocity.com), and #5 Top 10 Cities for Stretching a Dollar (Successfulmeetings.com). Lincoln offers lots of amenities and attractions for contestants, families and friends to enjoy. Just off I-80 and near I-29, the city of Lincoln features more than 70 hotels with over 5,000 rooms ranging from full-service Hiltons and Marriotts to economy options. Lincoln also has more than 900 restaurants, plenty of shopping and a variety of places to go for family fun including nationally-recognized attractions like the Lincoln Children's Museum, Lincoln Children's Zoo, Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed, and the University of Nebraska State Museum of Natural History and Mueller Planetarium. The world-renowned Omaha's Henry Dooley Zoo & Aquarium, Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum, water parks, an outlet mall and other opportunities are also within a short driving distance.



In the Event Center team's multiple visits to the NHSFR since 2016, we've seen that an exciting event this is. It's a fantastic opportunity to give it your all and be surrounded by a great extended "family" support system. When the rodeo rides into Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Lancaster Event Center, you're going to experience that and so much more. Learn more about NHSFR 2020 by visiting NHSFRLincoln.org. In the meantime, good luck to all those lucky enough to compete in Rock Springs!



YOU'VE GOT A LOT RIDING ON THIS

The National High School Finals Rodeo is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. That's why we're investing \$7 million for you to have the best rodeo experience ever in July 2020.

Upgraded campgrounds and new covered grandstand added to 400,000 square feet of buildings on expansive grassy grounds make Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska your ultimate rodeo destination.

**WE'LL BE READY.
NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS QUALIFY.**

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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO Lincoln

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Photo from UNL Rodeo in April 2019

NHSRA Times – Sept 2019 (national 15K reach)

New Season, New Finals, New Faces for 2020

Five staffers at Lincoln facility with NHSFR experience

By Chas Skillett, Lancaster Event Center Operations Manager & NHSFR Alum



Lancaster Event Center staff who have also been NHSFR contestants include Chas Skillett, Masen Maher and Hoyt Kraeger.



Chas Skillett, Lancaster Event Center Operations Manager & NHSFR alum, at the 2002 Bullriders of America Finals in Mark Twain Lake, Missouri.

The Finals are over and it's time to gear up for a new season. Whether you're coming from the junior high level or coming back for round two, three or four - it's a new season. A fresh start. Another chance to prove yourself. Another chance to qualify for a championship buckle.

As a NHSFR alum (Bull Riding, 2001), I have a good idea of the hard work you put into caring for your animals, all the practice, rough falls, losses and wins of every competition throughout the year. I know the support that comes from your family, like bucking the barrel for you late at night, driving to rodeos and taking video so you can see what you're doing right and wrong. I get it and so does the team at the Lancaster Event Center (LEC).

The Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, is the chosen location for the next two years' finals. With five LEC staff having NHSFR experience and our know-how hosting national horse shows, I'm confident that we have what it takes to put on a smooth-running quality, national rodeo. We are proud to announce that Greg Rook, who worked with 13 NHSFRs in Gillette, Wyoming, has just joined our team as Operations Director. We'll make sure contestants are moved in safely, panels are set up to stock contractors' and directors' liking, and the footing in the arenas is ready.

Our friendly, professional team is here to make sure spectators, contestants and exhibitors have what they need. That's just what we do year-round for 320 events, including Nebraska's largest county fair put on entirely by our staff over 10 days each August. From the front office to operations, and from the General Store to the cafés, our entire team at the Lancaster Event Center is committed to giving you the best rodeo experience come July 2020.

So, while you work, train and compete during this new season, know you're not just working to qualify for the NHSFR. You're qualifying for a new Finals in a new location with new faces who are experienced and ready to help you be all you can be. Learn more about NHSFR 2020 by visiting NHSFRLincoln.org or following us on social media @NHSFRLincoln. 🤠

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With 5,000+ hotel rooms, 900 restaurants and lots of fun things to do, in town and within a short drive, Lincoln is your perfect rodeo destination.

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Pictured: Masen, LEC Operations Crew Member and 2016, 2017 NHSFR Alum.



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Special Feature | National High School Finals Announcement

LIFE CHANGING SITUATION BRINGS RODEO EXPERT TO NEBRASKA

story by Greg Rook, Lancaster Event Center Operations Director & 13 NHSFR experiences

Rodeo touches the lives of so many throughout the world—especially thousands of youth in National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), known for having the world's largest rodeo. While I've been a rodeo athlete, I've spent most of my career behind the scenes of National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) ensuring it runs smoothly and is a memorable experience for all the participants.

In 2019 my life changed when my daughter pursued a job opportunity in Omaha, Nebraska. Having successfully coordinated 13 NHSFR's in Wyoming, when NHSRA announced Lancaster Event Center (LEC) in Lincoln, Nebraska as the NHSFR location for July 2020, 2021, 2026 & 2027, I approached LEC about potential job opportunities. Being offered the position of LEC Operations Director gave my wife and I the chance to move near our daughter and make a big impact on NHSFR and all LEC events. Ready for new adventures, we took the leap.

Our transition to Nebraska's capital city has been great. We've found Lincoln to be very friendly, with a small community feel in a big town setting. Located in the middle of America, LEC is truly at the center of it all, a big reason it attracts 120+ regional and national events annually and making it your ultimate rodeo destination. Just off I-80 and near I-29, Lincoln has 70+ hotels with over 5,000 rooms, from full-service to economy options; over 900 restaurants; plenty of shopping; and numerous places offering family-friendly fun including feeding giraffes at the Lincoln Children's Zoo. Plus, there's plenty to see and do as you make the drive to Lincoln.

Transitioning to LEC has been a breeze too. My first week here was during the Lancaster County Super Fair, Nebraska's



above: Greg Rook, Lancaster Event Center Operations Director & 13 NHSFR experiences
inset: Annual Car Swap Meet at Lancaster Event Center

largest county fair with 130,000 attendees, giving me my first look at the amazing LEC staff. The genuine care the entire staff has for the facility and its numerous events has impressed me the most in my first months here. They're willing to do almost anything to ensure all events run smoothly and are successful. LEC is proud to have four NHSFR Alumni on staff, competitors from 1978 to 2017, meaning we know first-hand how it feels to compete and we're all the more committed to providing you an incredible rodeo experience.

As Operations Director, I'm focused on ensuring NHSFR preparation is on track for July 2020. With 400,000 square feet of buildings on our grassy fairgrounds, I'm excited for the rodeo to be less spread out than previous locations. LEC received \$7 Million in funding to make improvements to host NHSFR, including additional and upgraded campgrounds, expanded outdoor multi-purpose arena and new 3,500-person covered grandstand.

Driving from Wyoming to Nebraska, it was easy to see how rodeo skills continue to be an integral part of Nebraska life, as they are in mine. I'm eager to continue making NHSFR's great for thousands of youth at LEC with this incredible, dedicated staff. We hope to see you when the world's largest rodeo rides into Lincoln, July 19-25, 2020! Children's Zoo. Plus, there's plenty to see and do as you make the drive to Lincoln.

While making your plans to attend NHSFR Lincoln or if you want to volunteer, are a vendor or sponsor, reach out to us on [NHSFRLincoln.org](https://www.nhsfrlincoln.org) and follow us on social media @NHSFRLincoln.



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Rodeo Roundup 2020 by Rodeo News (national 80K reach)

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RODEO ROUNDUP 2020

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO

\$7 Million upgrade finishing up for NHSFR Lincoln

July 19-25, 2020

Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, Nebraska



NHSFR, we were pleased to report that the City of Lincoln recently doubled lanes near our main entrances.

With NHSFR 2020 returning to centrally located Nebraska, we're expecting many rodeo fans to join us in Lincoln from near and far (historical fact: The first NHSFR hosted by Nebraska was held in Harrison in 1970). Lincoln has 5,000+ hotel rooms and ample campgrounds at nearby lakes which allows more visitors to stay near the NHSFR site than recent history. There are lots of fun, unique things to do for all ages both in town and throughout Nebraska.

far left: One of 125 annual regional/national events at the Lancaster Event Center

inset: Hoyt Kraeger, Lancaster Event Center Business Development & NHSFR Alum

above: LEC is eager to welcome the world's largest rodeo to Lincoln in 2020 and 2021

We're hard at work here in the nation's #1 Cattle on Feed state preparing the Lancaster Event Center (LEC) to host the NHSFR in 2020 and 2021. With incredible support from Lancaster County, City of Lincoln, State of Nebraska and the dedication of the LEC's board and crew, we're finishing \$7 million in improvements on our grounds. With plenty of existing inside space, the upgrades are focused outdoors on the campground, main performance arenas and stalling area.

Earlier this year the crew expanded the LEC campground from 200 existing sites to over 1,250—each with water and electricity. We will also be offering dry camping sites for those interested. Work has also begun on the new covered grandstand and the two new Rough Stock and Timed event arenas with room for 5,000 fans. These arenas are laid out with extensive input to maximize efficiency moving stock and contestants between events while emphasizing everyone's safety. The Cutting and Reined Cow Horse arenas

will be inside our Pavilion 3 and 4 buildings with minimal setup as most of our current rodeo and livestock events take place in these arenas. The addition of more livestock pens and arena footing outdoors will not be a major task as these are everyday activities the LEC's operations managers take great pride in delivering.

In fact, amongst our 320+ annual events we have had very particular rodeo and equine disciplines, nationally renowned trainers and show promoters give us rave reviews on our arena footing. Arena Director Chas Skillet (one of LEC's five NHSFR alums) is our footing expert. He's constantly monitoring the footing in each arena to make sure it's correct and safe for each event. Honestly, I think he dreams about "dirt."

LEC is conveniently located on the eastern boundary of Lincoln with both a Walmart and farm ground as our neighbors, yet with easy access to the rest of Lincoln's amenities. With many people and livestock constantly moving on and off of the grounds during

For those who like to shop, the NHSFR Lincoln Rodeo Tradeshow & Horse Expo will be the region's largest Western and equine shopping event. In addition Lincoln has two large shopping malls in town, there is a regional outlet mall nearby, and Omaha has many options as well. LEC and partners will be offering the best of local cuisine right on grounds, plus Lincoln has over 900 restaurants to explore between performances. So whether folks like to watch, shop or eat—we'll have visitors covered.

I hope to see you all at NHSFR Lincoln (where you can ask me how an unpaid LEC internship got this rodeo kid involved in another High School Rodeo adventure!). Check out NHSFRLincoln.org and follow us @NHSFRLincoln for tips to plan your trip.

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**LEC national
campground**
(east side of
fairgrounds)

Four towers to hold electric panels to
power national campground
(1 not shown)

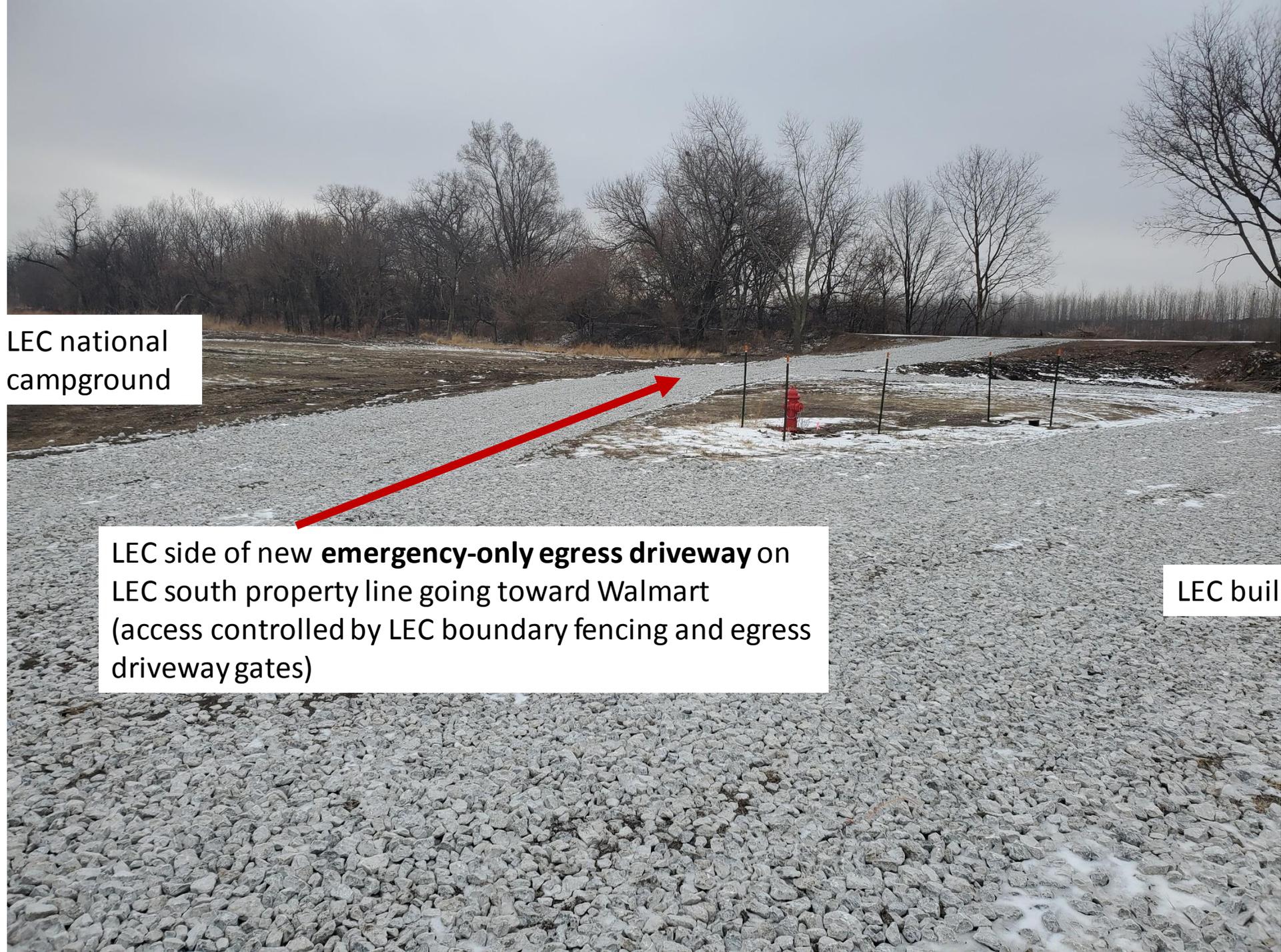


LEC Transformer Pad



**Sample campsite
w/ water & electrical hookups**





LEC national
campground

LEC side of new **emergency-only egress driveway** on
LEC south property line going toward Walmart
(access controlled by LEC boundary fencing and egress
driveway gates)

LEC buildings



3300 person covered grandstand



1 of 36 concrete footings
to hold new grandstand structure

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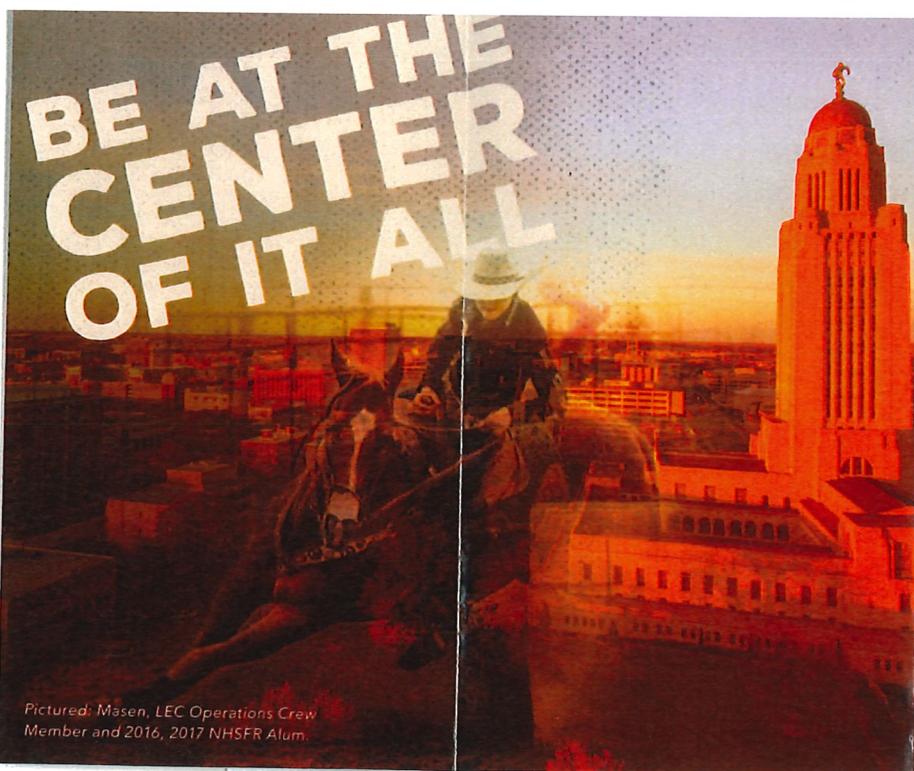
Pictured: Mason, LEC Operations Crew
Member and 2016, 2017 NHSFR Alum.

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THINGS TO DO IN LINCOLN:

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- Lincoln Children's Museum
- Feed a giraffe at Lincoln Children's Zoo
- International Quilt Museum
- Larsen Tractor Museum
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- Wildlife Safari Park
- Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum
- Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium
- Tank or Canoe the Niobrara River
- Hike or horse ride the Cowboy Trail
- Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park
- Chimney Rock
- Legacy of the Plains Museum
- Scottsbluff National Monument
- Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Site

Within an hour



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July 2020, 2021
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Pictured: Masen, LEC Operations Crew
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13.014. Campground

Campground may be allowed by special permit in the AG zoning district under the following conditions:

a. The campground shall have a minimum of 40 campsites and shall be supplied with a water supply and sewage disposal facilities, including washing, toilets, and similar facilities, all of which meet all applicable codes and regulations.

b. A front yard of fifty (50) feet and side and rear yard of sixty (60) feet shall be maintained on the campground.

c. No campground may be occupied by the same person or persons for more than thirty (30) consecutive days.

However if the campground provides recreation and support facilities including but not limited to a swimming pool, convenience goods shop, and office up to thirty-five (35) percent of the campground campsites may be occupied by the same person or persons for no more than 180 consecutive days in any calendar year.

d. Signs are allowed within the front yard setback.

e. The campground shall take access to and from a paved public road,

f. All campground operators shall keep accurate records as to the length of time a person stays in the campground, and shall make said records available to the County upon request.

g. One dwelling unit or a campground site occupied by the owner or caretaker year round is permitted.

16.003. General Provisions

No sign or part thereof shall be erected or maintained in any zoning district except in conformance with the provisions of this article.

a. No sign shall be erected or maintained in a required yard, except as otherwise provided, encroach upon or overhang any adjacent property, or any other land or public right-of-way.

Progress Report on Lancaster County Juvenile Justice Data Project

**Richard L, Wiener, PhD.
Megan Berry, & Taylor Petty, MS.**

University of Nebraska/Lincoln

January 16, 2020



Not all evaluation data are created equal!

Aggregate data: reports for a class of people or a class of programs

- Percent of youth in diversion, or
 - Percent of boys in detention
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- These data are reported out for particular programs
 - Disadvantage: Stand alone and can't be compared across programs or time
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Not all evaluation data are created equal!

Individual data: the data point is the individual with multiple pieces of information recorded over a period of time

- **Allows one to ask and answer specific questions about groups of individuals:**
 - **Do different racial groups recidivate at a higher rate?**
 - **Do youth that are SRO referred wind up in jail at a faster rate than youth that are referred by other officers?**

UNL organized data that Lancaster County regularly collects into a data base that tracks individual youth over time who have come into contact with the juvenile justice system in Lancaster County.

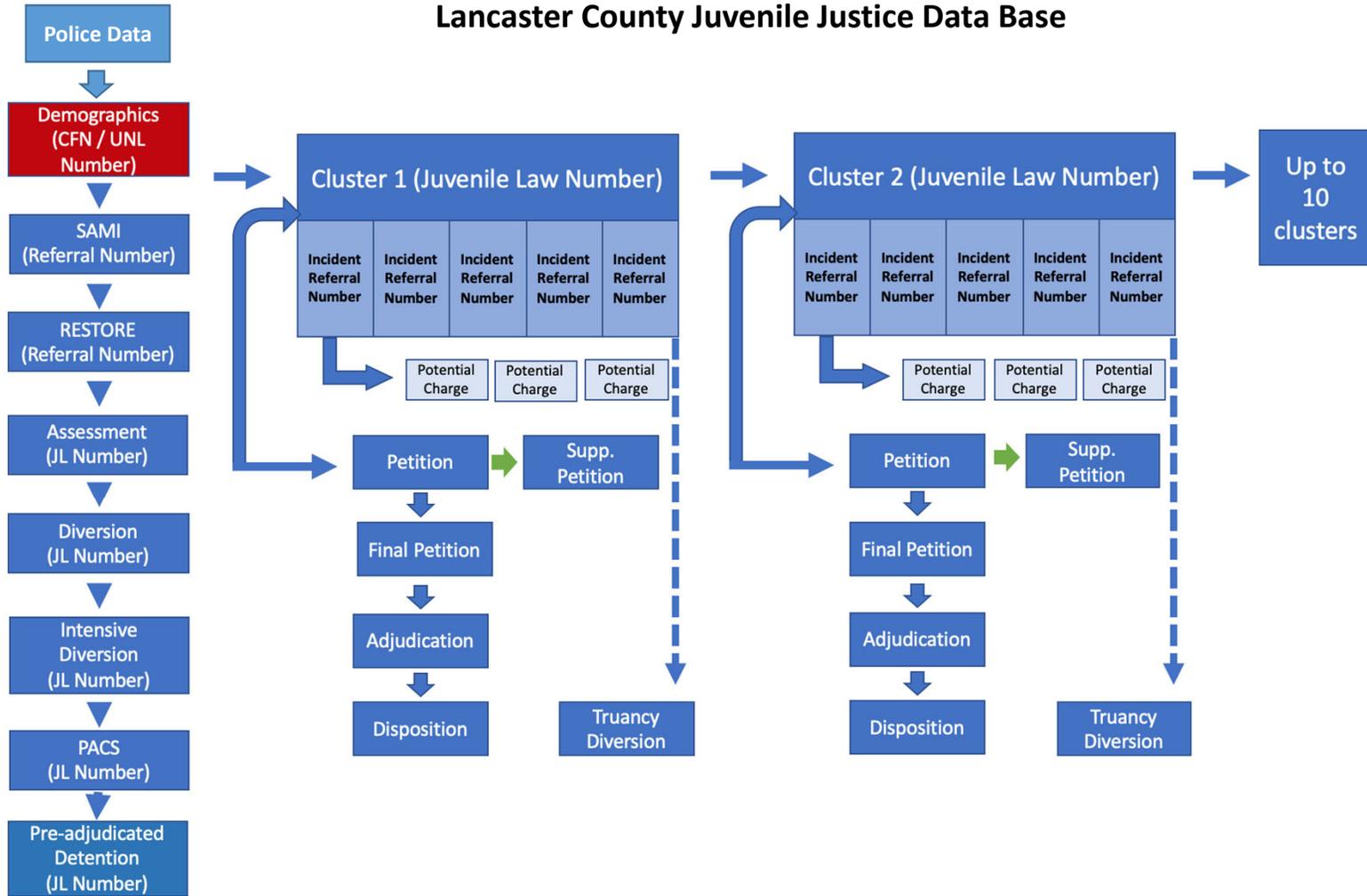
- This is data owned by Lancaster County
- Youth are only identifiable by random numbers assigned by Mark Wieting – Systems Project Supervisor

Data Aggregation Process:

Every month, the state government agencies send data to Mark Wieting who redacts all identifying information and assigns a random number to each record

- Mr. Wieting deposits the data in a secure web location and the evaluation team adds it to the ongoing data base for purposes of analysis using sophisticated statistical software**
- The UNL evaluation team cannot identify any individuals in the database – they are only numbers to the team**

Lancaster County Juvenile Justice Data Base



Definitions

- **Cluster** - Each cluster of incidents pertains to a closed ended time period of related incidents that the county attorney considers at one time.
 - **Petition** – Refers to county attorneys official statutory action
 - **Adjudication** – Refers to the outcome of the official action in court
 - **Disposition** – Refers to the substantive court order for the youth (i.e., the activities assigned to the youth)
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Definitions

- **SAMI** – School based alcohol and marijuana Intervention
 - **RESTORE** – School based offenses of assault or disturbing the peace
 - **Assessment** – Risk assessment screening using the Nebraska Youth Screen (NYS) for diversion eligible youth
 - **Diversion** – Activity assigned to the youth that does not result from formal adjudication in court for eligible offenses
 - **Detention** – Provides temporary levels of detention for youth who are being processed by the juvenile justice system
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Description of the aggregated data:

November 2018 – August 2019 – 10 months (so far ongoing)

- **1535 unique records of youth**
 - **Between and 1 and 7 police referrals or tickets – most had only 1**
 - **Between 0 and 3 JL Clusters – most had 1 JL number**
 - **Data from 8 juvenile justice organizations, where some juveniles appear only once, some multiple times**
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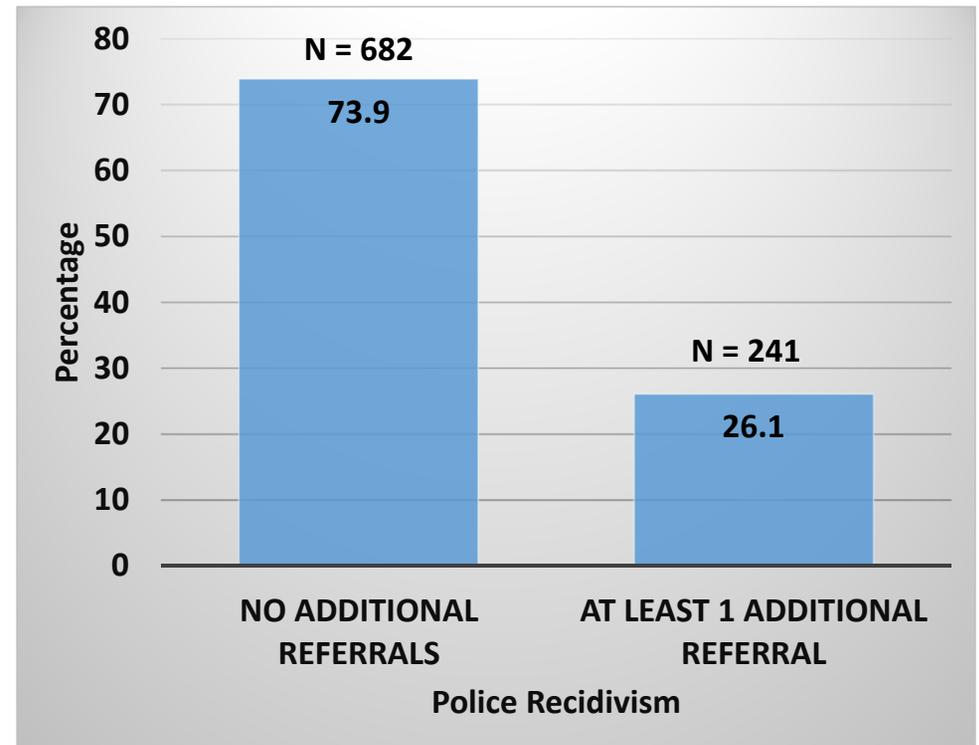
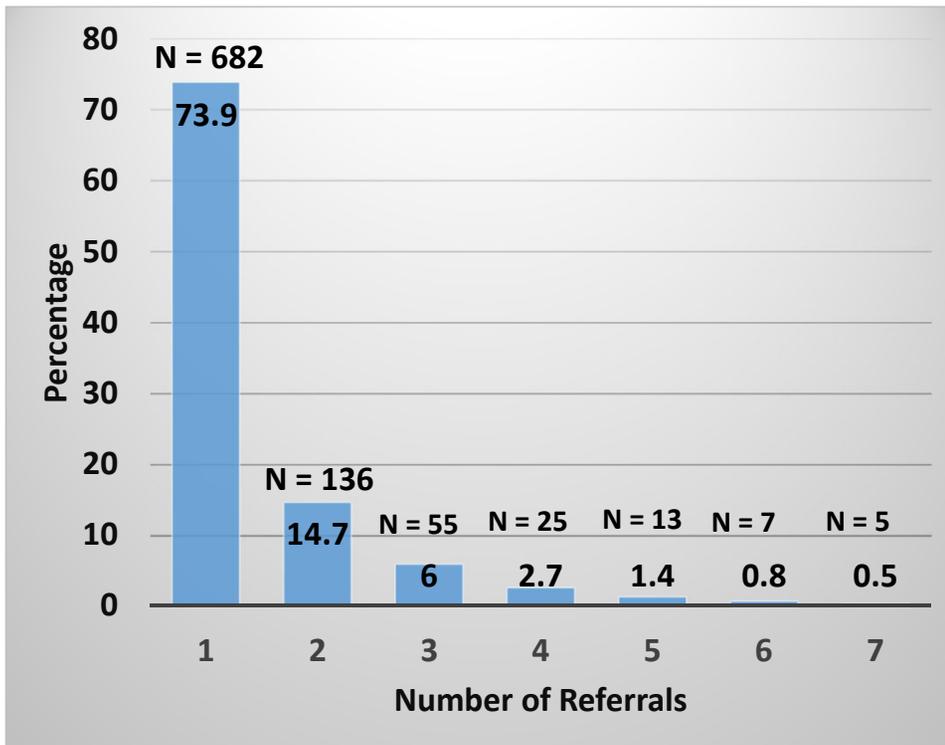
**Some highlights from
data analysis to date:**



LPD Focused Data

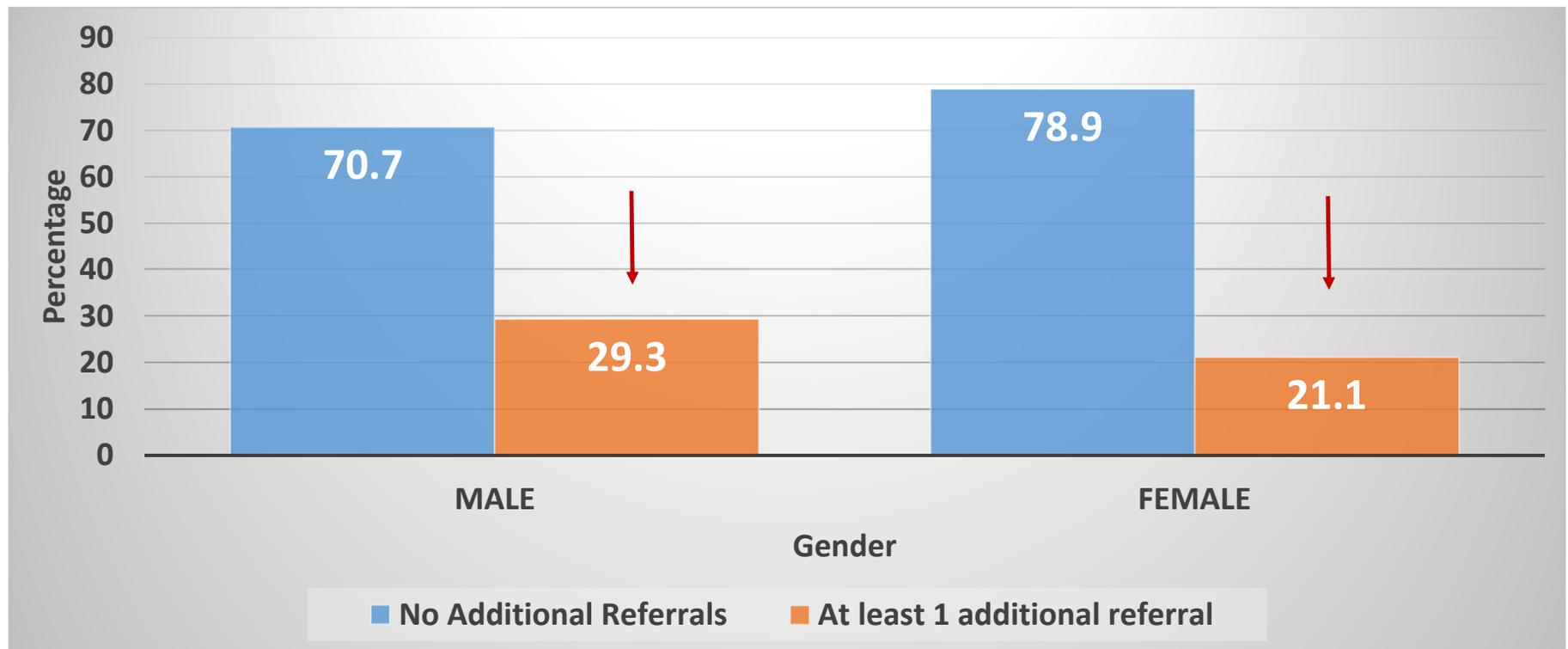
- **Summary of referrals**
 - **Recidivism across 10 months**
 - **Adjudication outcomes**
 - **Activities of school resource officers (SRO)**
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Total Referrals/Return to Police



Police recidivism and sex of juvenile (boys are more likely to pick up another referral)

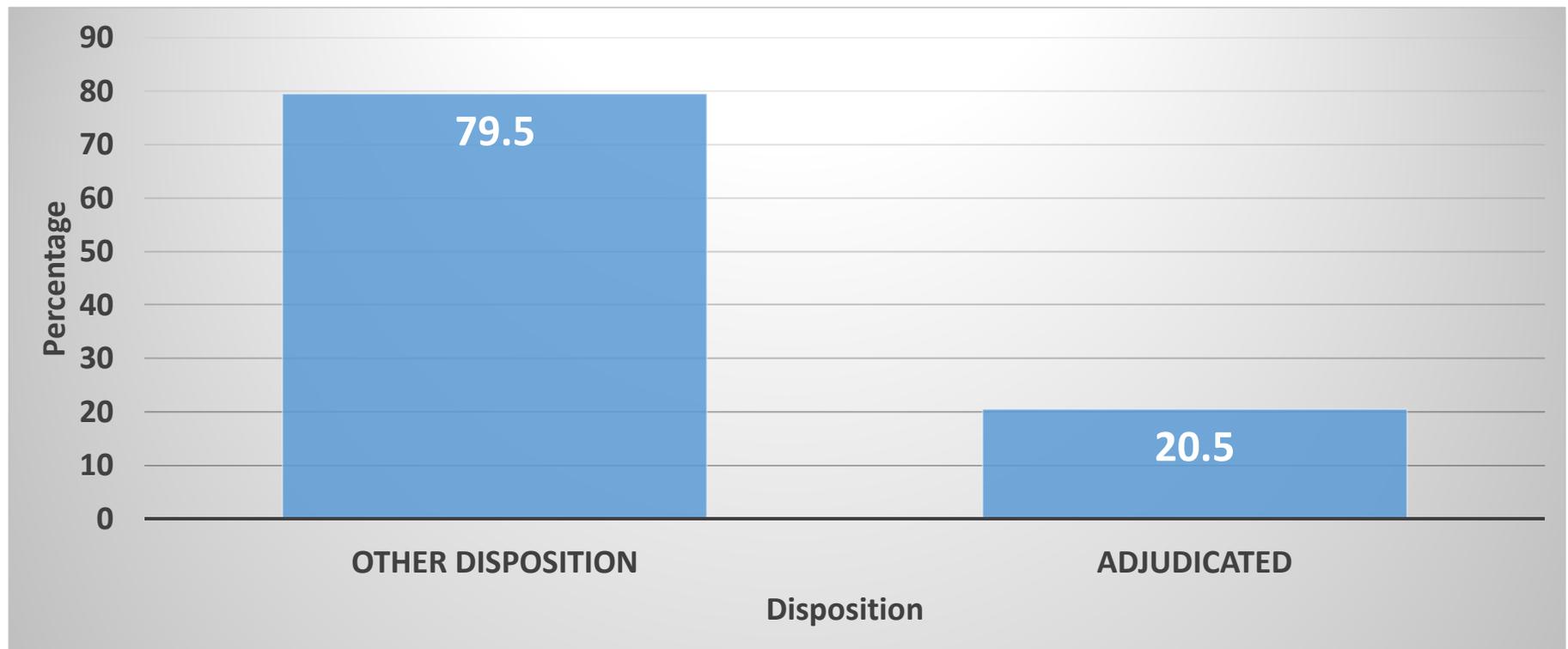
$\chi^2(1) = 7.46, p = 0.01^*$



Disposition Classification:

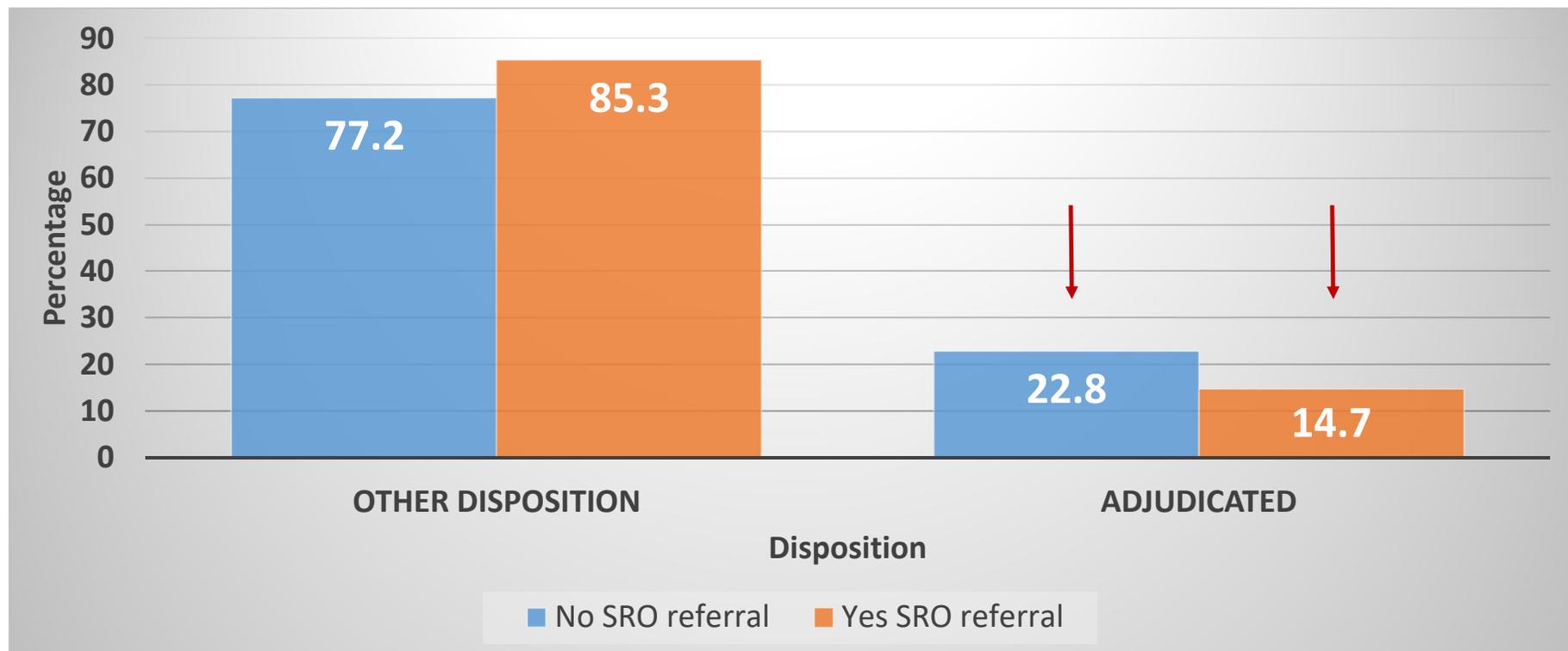
- **Adjudication:**
 - Admitted guilt
 - Found guilty by court
 - Pled guilty
 - Admitted to amended petition
- **Other Disposition:**
 - Dismissed
 - Jurisdiction terminated
 - Jurisdiction transferred

Disposition frequency



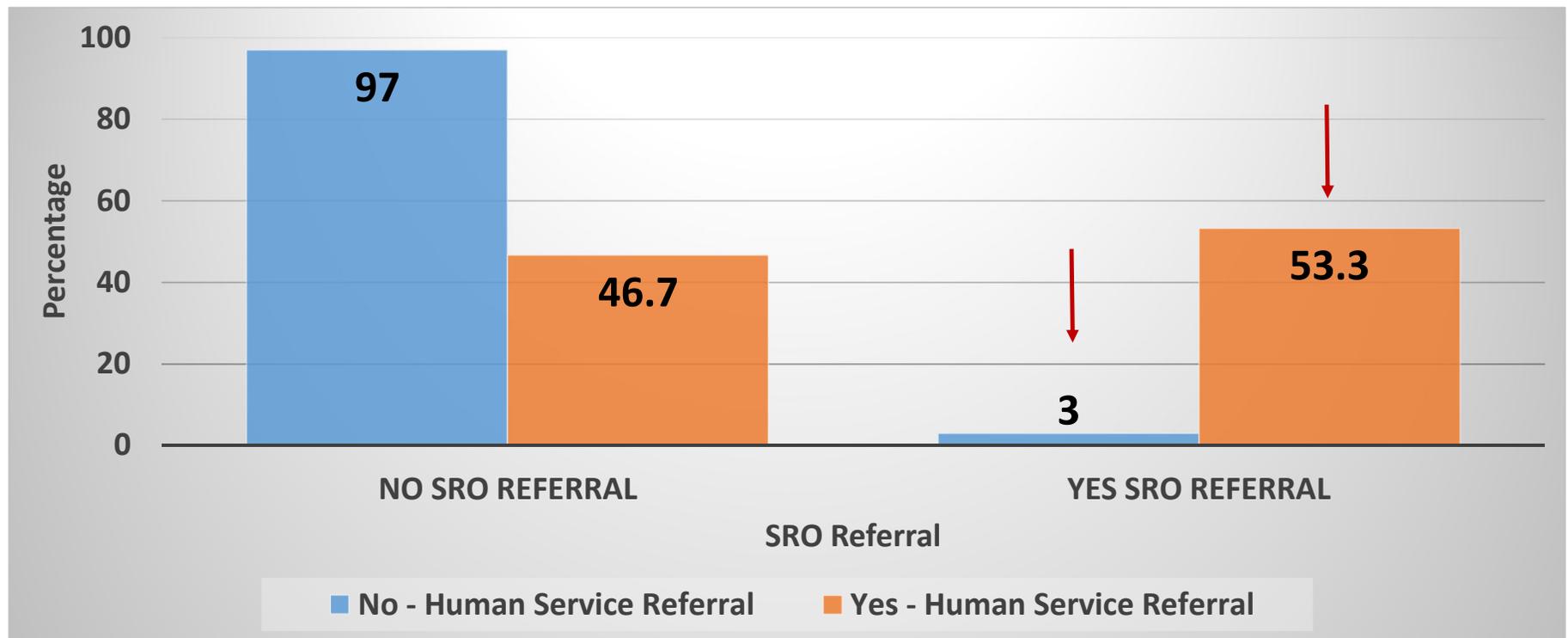
If there is an SRO referral, the youth is less likely to be adjudicated

$\chi^2(1) = 7.40, p = 0.01^*$



When there is an SRO referral, the incident is likely to be sent to Human Services (e.g. SAMI or RESTORE)

$\chi^2(1) = 330.41, p = 0.00^*$



When there is an SRO referral, that referral is 70 times more likely to have originated with the school than with the victim.

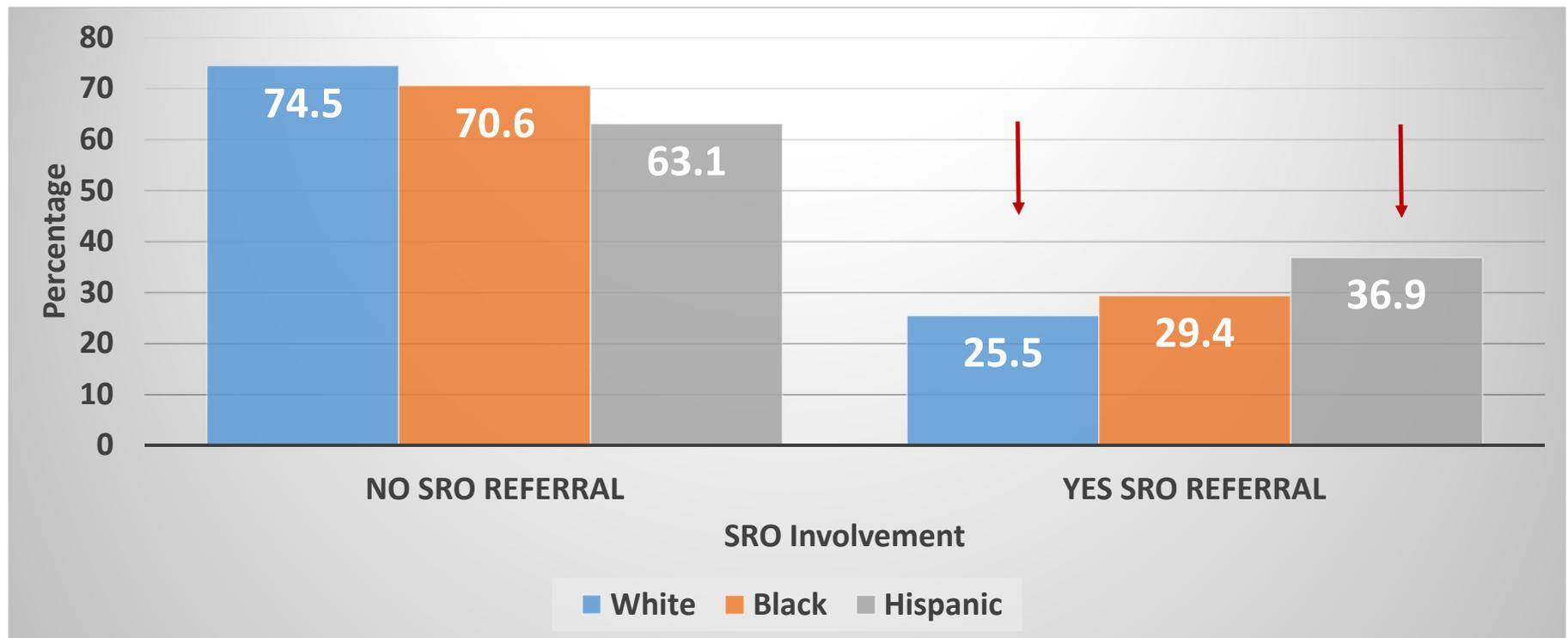
(Schools initiate most SRO referrals)

	B	S.E.	Wald	df	Sig.	Odds Ratio
Victim brought			304.02	3	.00	
Officer brought compared to victim	0.18	0.37	0.24	1	.63	1.20
School brought compared to victim	4.25	0.27	256.70	1	.00*	70.00
Parent brought compared to victim	0.29	0.38	0.56	1	.45	0.09

Logistic Regression predicting SRO involvement

Hispanic youth are more likely to have an SRO referral than white youth

$\chi^2(1) = 6.40, p = 0.04^*$



County Attorney Focused Data

- **Violence recidivism**
- **Filings and charges**
- **Time table of actions**

Violent Recidivism – Subsequent Assault

If charged with assault as compared to another charge, a youth is 11.95 times more likely to recidivate with one or more subsequent assaults

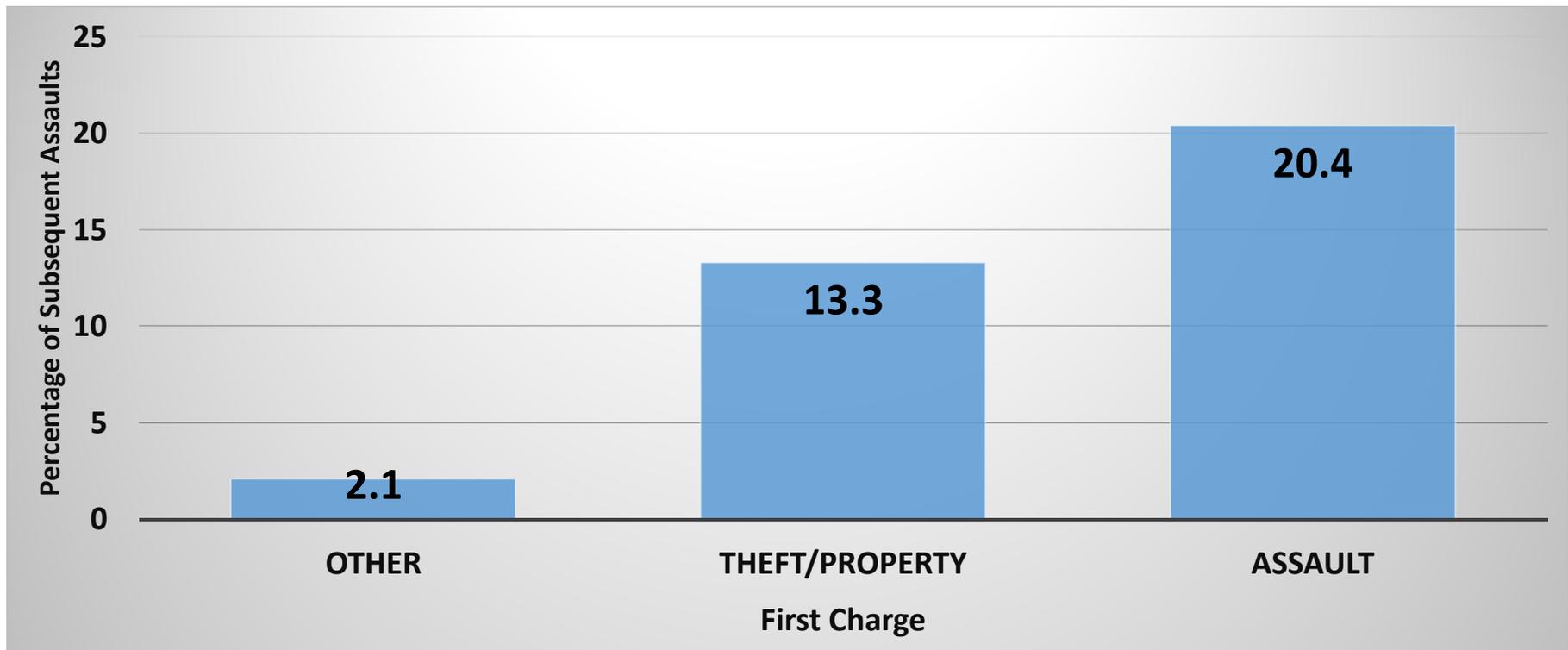
If charged with theft as compared to another charge, a youth is 7.12 times more likely to recidivate with one or more subsequent assaults

	B	S.E.	Wald	df	Sig.	Odds Ratio
Other			20.05	2	.00	
Compared to Theft	1.96	.51	15.1	1	.00*	7.12
Compared to Assault	2.48	.57	18.65	1	.00*	11.95

Logistic regression predicting violent recidivism

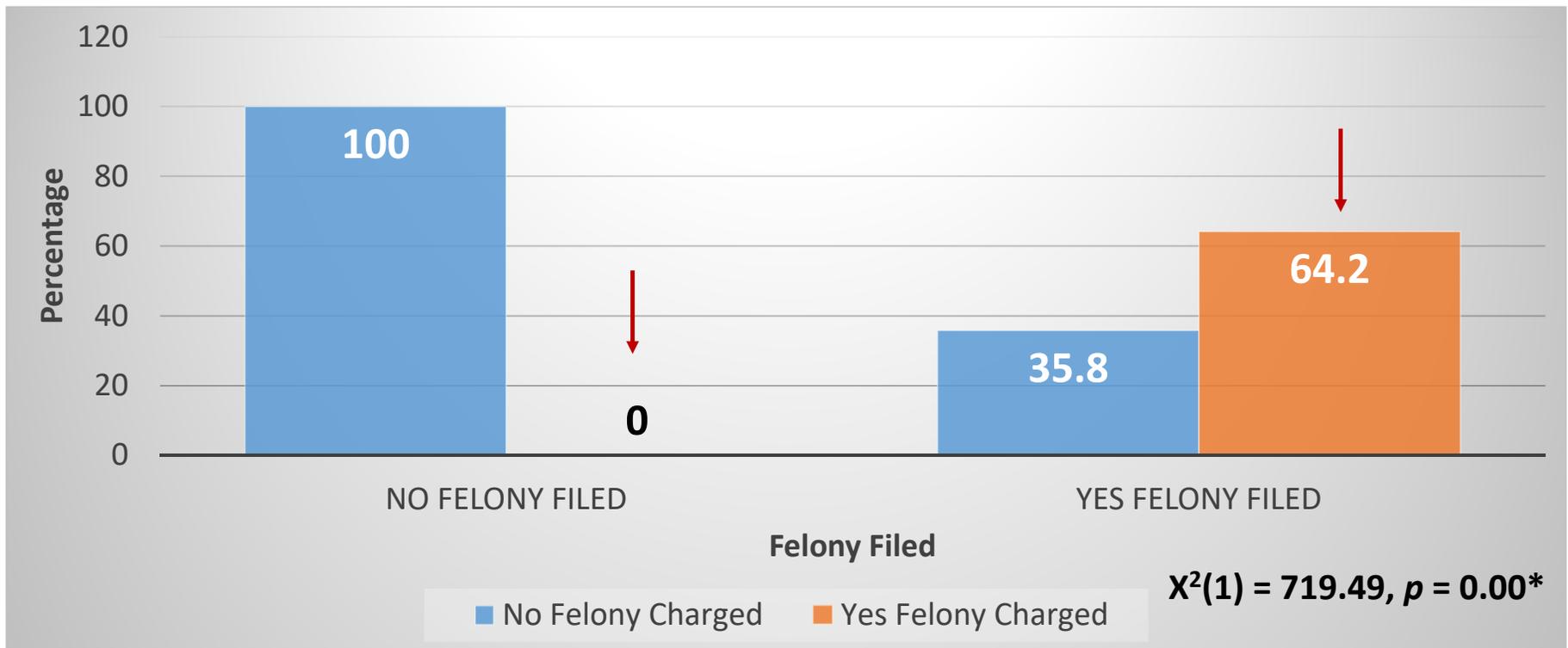


Percentage of subsequent assaults based on first charges

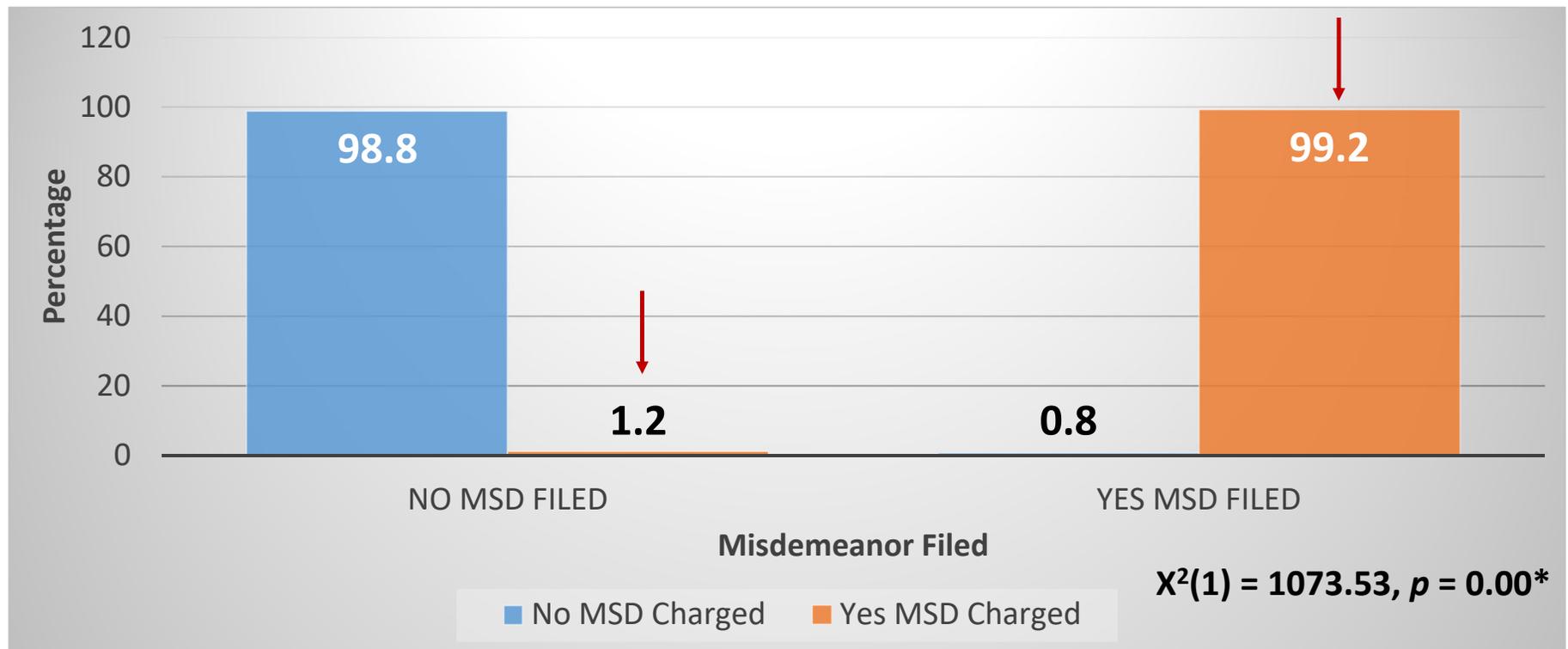


$\chi^2(2) = 27.19, p < 0.001$

If a felony is not filed, no felony is charged. If a felony is filed, it is most likely charged as a felony

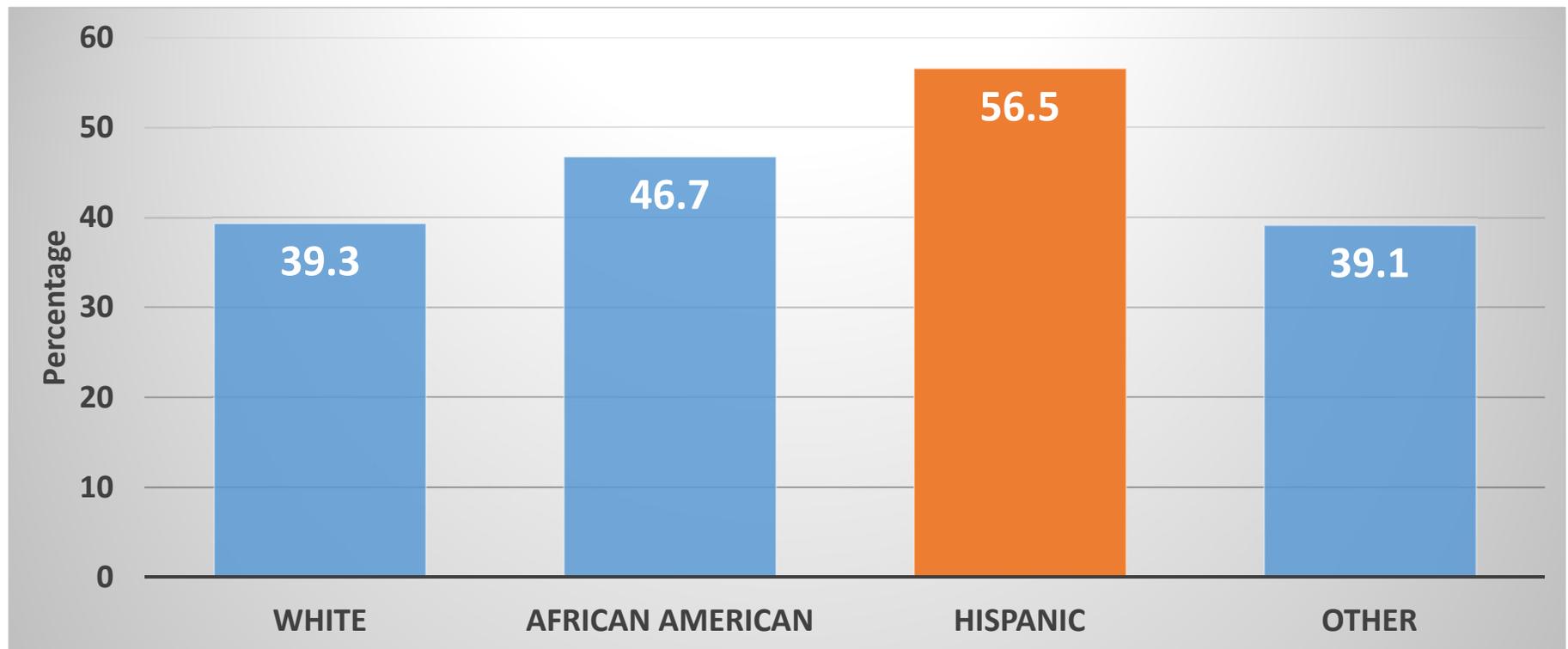


If a misdemeanor is not filed, almost none are charged. If a misdemeanor is filed, it is almost certainly charged as a misdemeanor.



More petitions are filed against Hispanic youth than White youth

$\chi^2(3) = 16.87, p = 0.01^*$



Mean days (and standard deviations) between all County Attorney actions

--- All actions occur in a reasonable timely manner

	Violation	Opened	Filed	Prosecution Declined	Diversion	Disposition	Probation Disposition
Violation	--	6.51 (12.76)	28.73 (34.26)	25.74 (41.30)	26.69 (26.95)	91.81 (55.52)	175.78 (107.33)
Opened	--	--	34.03 (50.36)	19.78 (38.86)	21.72 (25.71)	98.82 (63.53)	168.39 (103.72)
Filed	--	--	--	---	59.9 (41.30)	62.31 (48.72)	160.39 (97.63)



Lancaster County Human Services (HS)

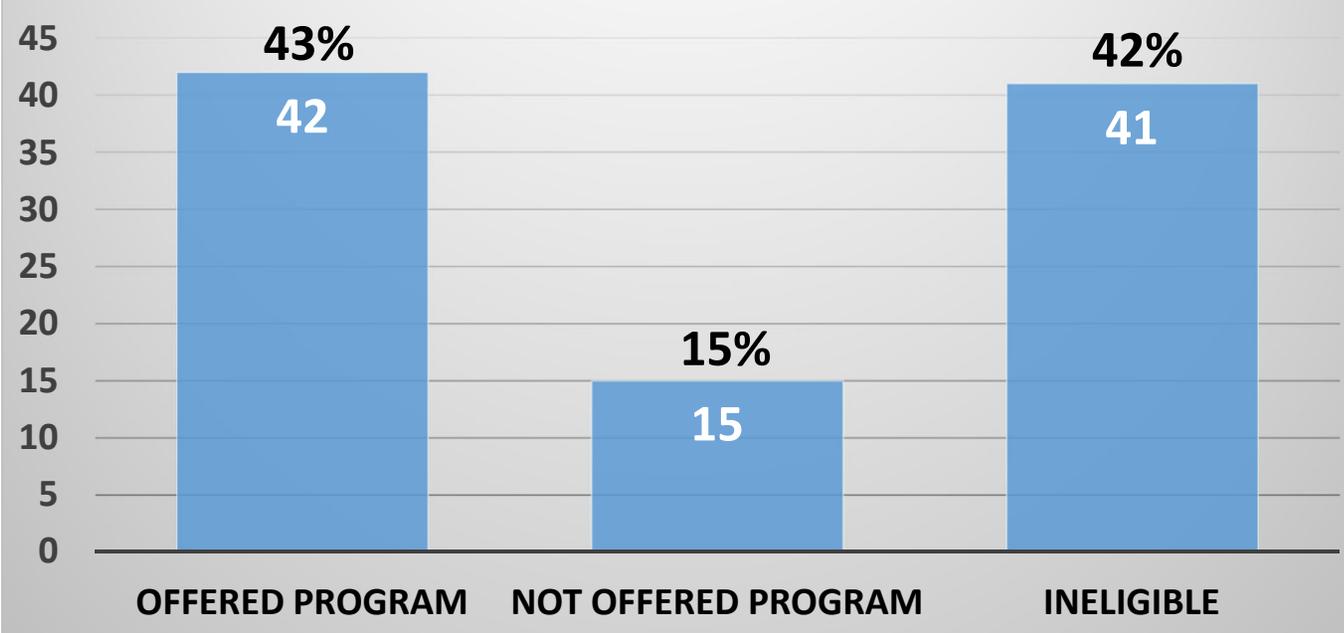
- **SAMI**
 - **RESTORE**
 - **Assessment**
 - **Diversion**
 - **Detention**
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SAMI – School based alcohol and marijuana intervention



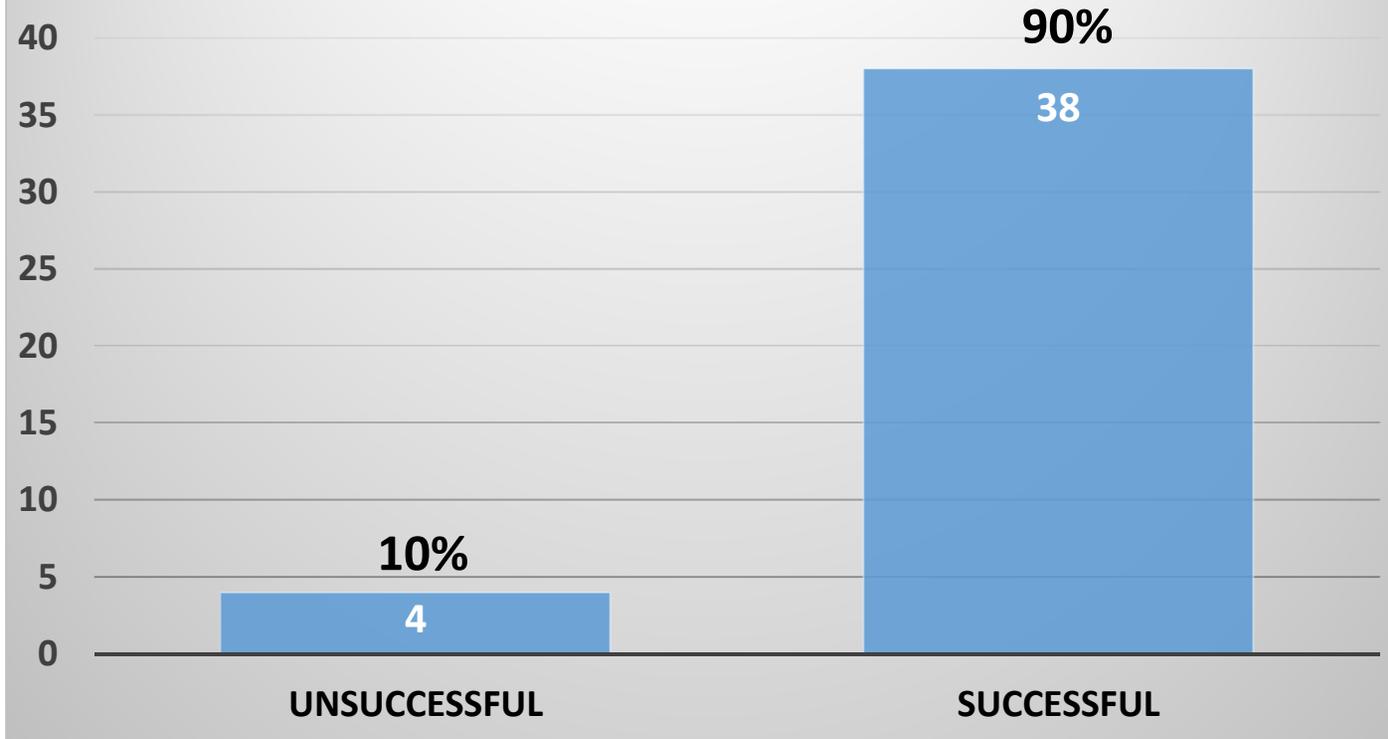
SAMI Program Status

(N = 98)



SAMI Success Frequency

(N = 42)



Mean days (and standard deviations) between referral and SAMI processing stages

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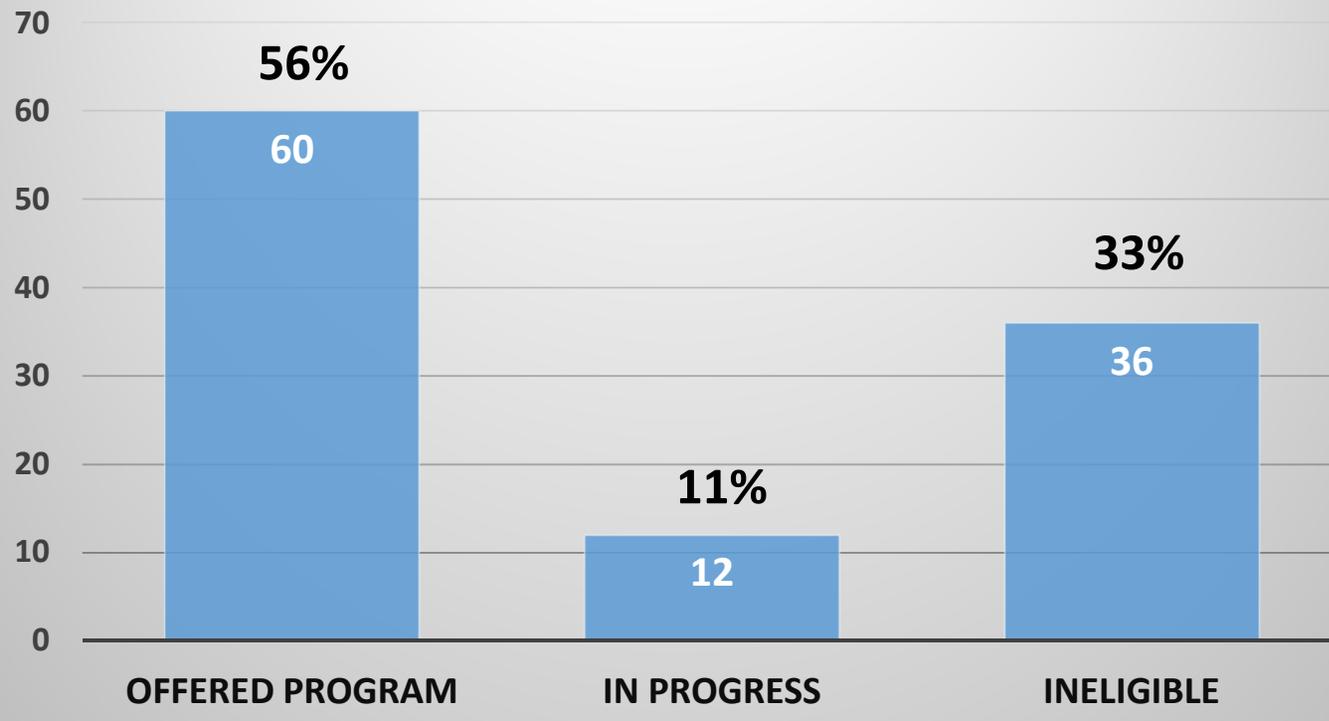
SAMI Case Processing Times		
	Mean	Standard Deviation
LPD to County Attorney Notice	3.24	7.08
CA Notice to SAMI Referral	2.34	6.76
SAMI Referral to Discharge	12.07	15.57
LPD Offense to Discharge	17.55	18.07

RESTORE – School based offenses of assault or disturbing the peace



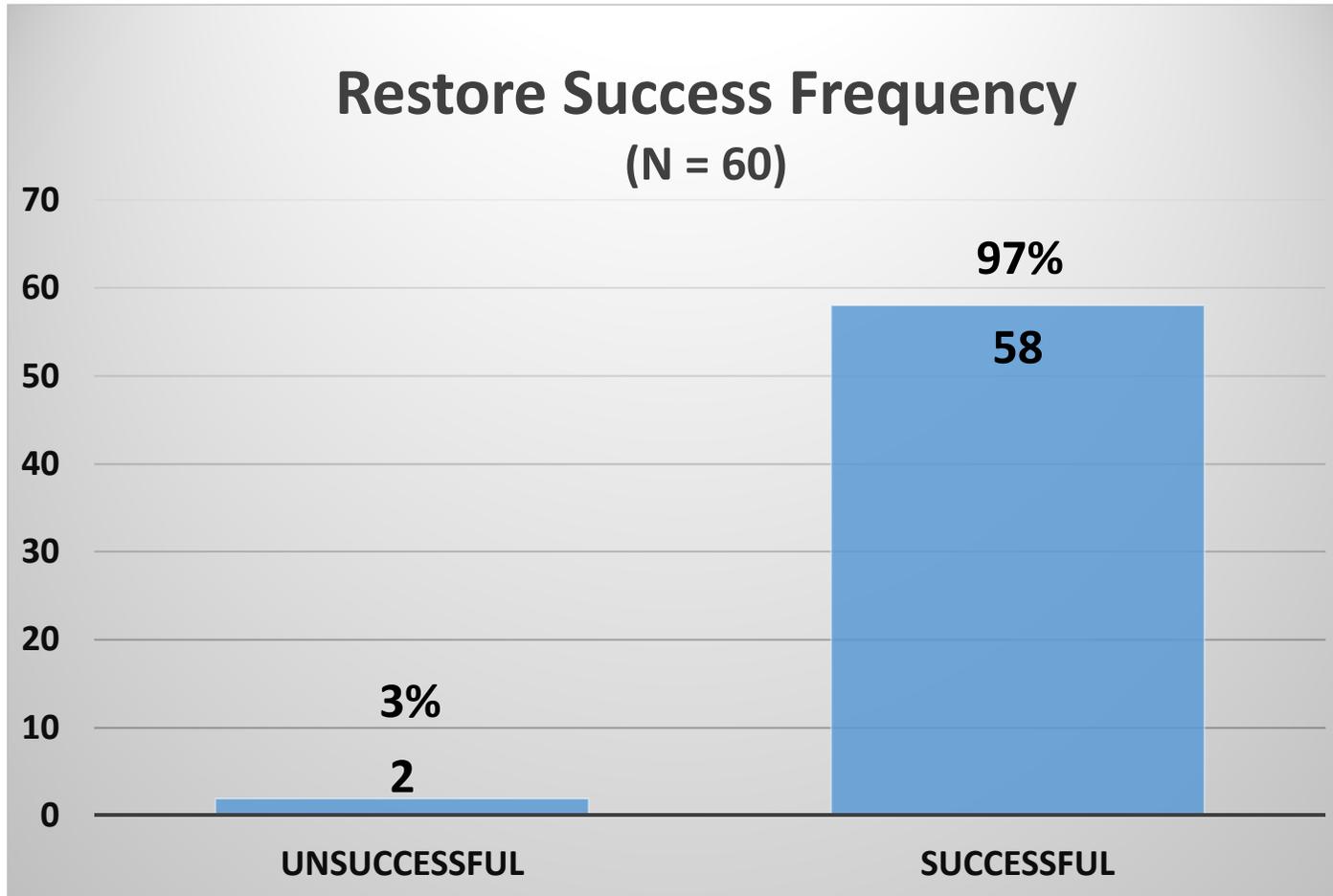
Restore Program Status

(N = 108)



Restore Success Frequency

(N = 60)



*Unsuccessful due to new charges

Mean days (and standard deviations) between referral and RESTORE processing stages

--- All actions occur in a reasonable timely manner

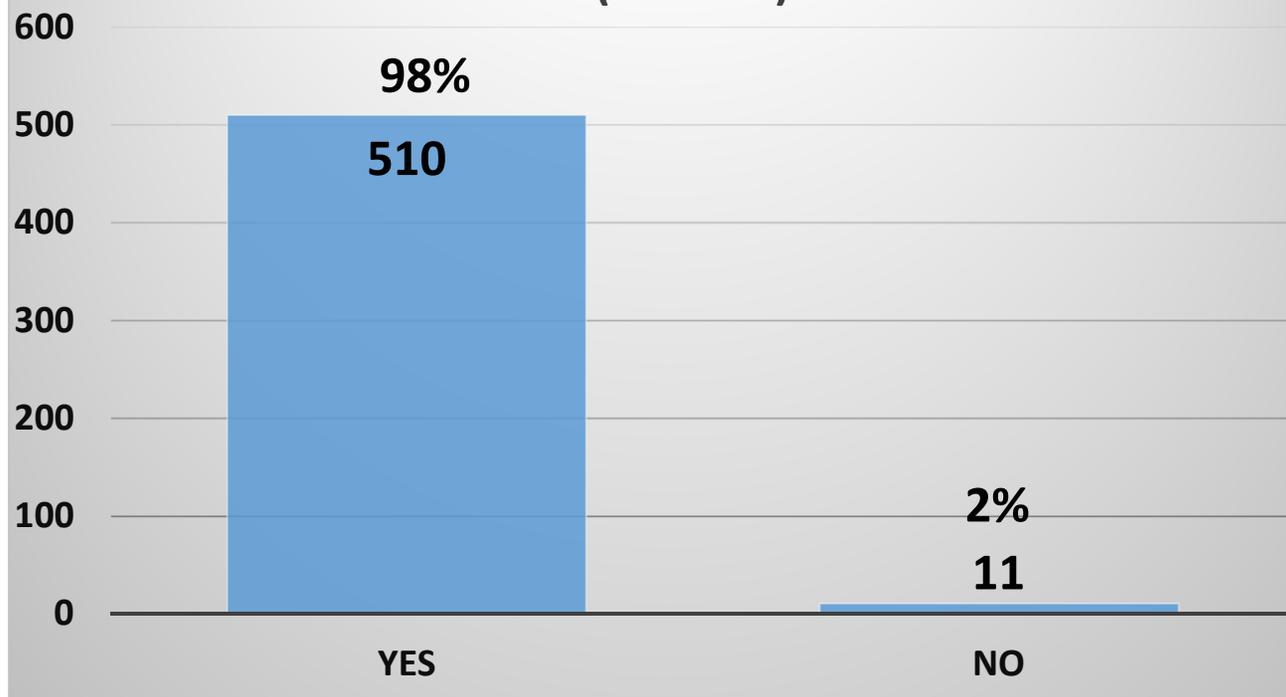
Restore Case Processing Times		
	Mean	Standard Deviation
LPD Referral to County Attorney Notice	3.44	4.50
CA Notice to Restore Referral	1.92	2.15
Restore Referral to Intake	10.59	10.67
Intake to Discharge	39.22	12.81
LPD Referral to Discharge	54.67	15.36

Assessment – Risk assessment screening using the Nebraska Youth Screen (NYS) for diversion eligible youth



Assessment Acceptance

(N = 521)



Mean days (and standard deviations) between referral and Assessment processing stages

--- All actions occur in a reasonable timely manner

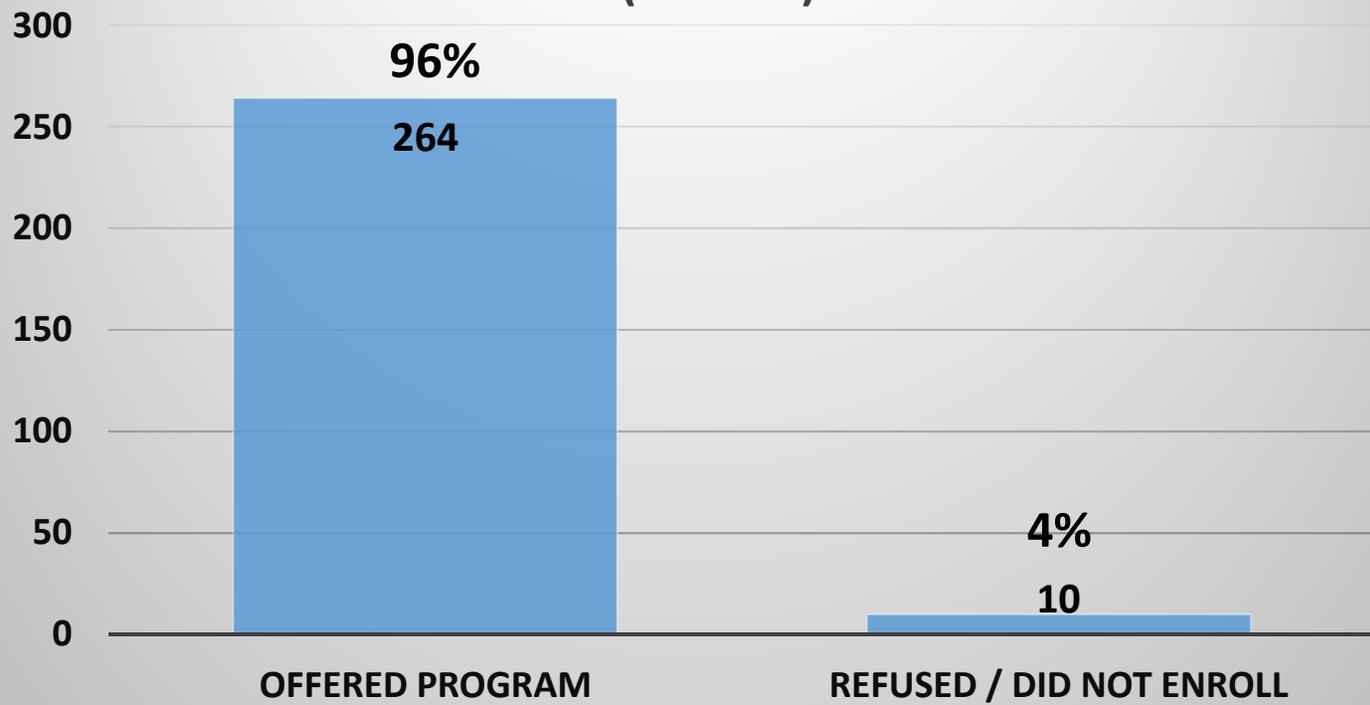
Assessment Case Processing Times		
	Mean	Standard Deviation
LPD referral to County Attorney Notice	7.54	26.57
CA Notice to Assessment Referral	6.20	21.80
Assessment referral to Intake	3.05	7.09
Intake to Discharge	21.88	20.00
LPD referral to Discharge	33.86	30.85

Diversion – Activity assigned to the youth that does not result from formal adjudication



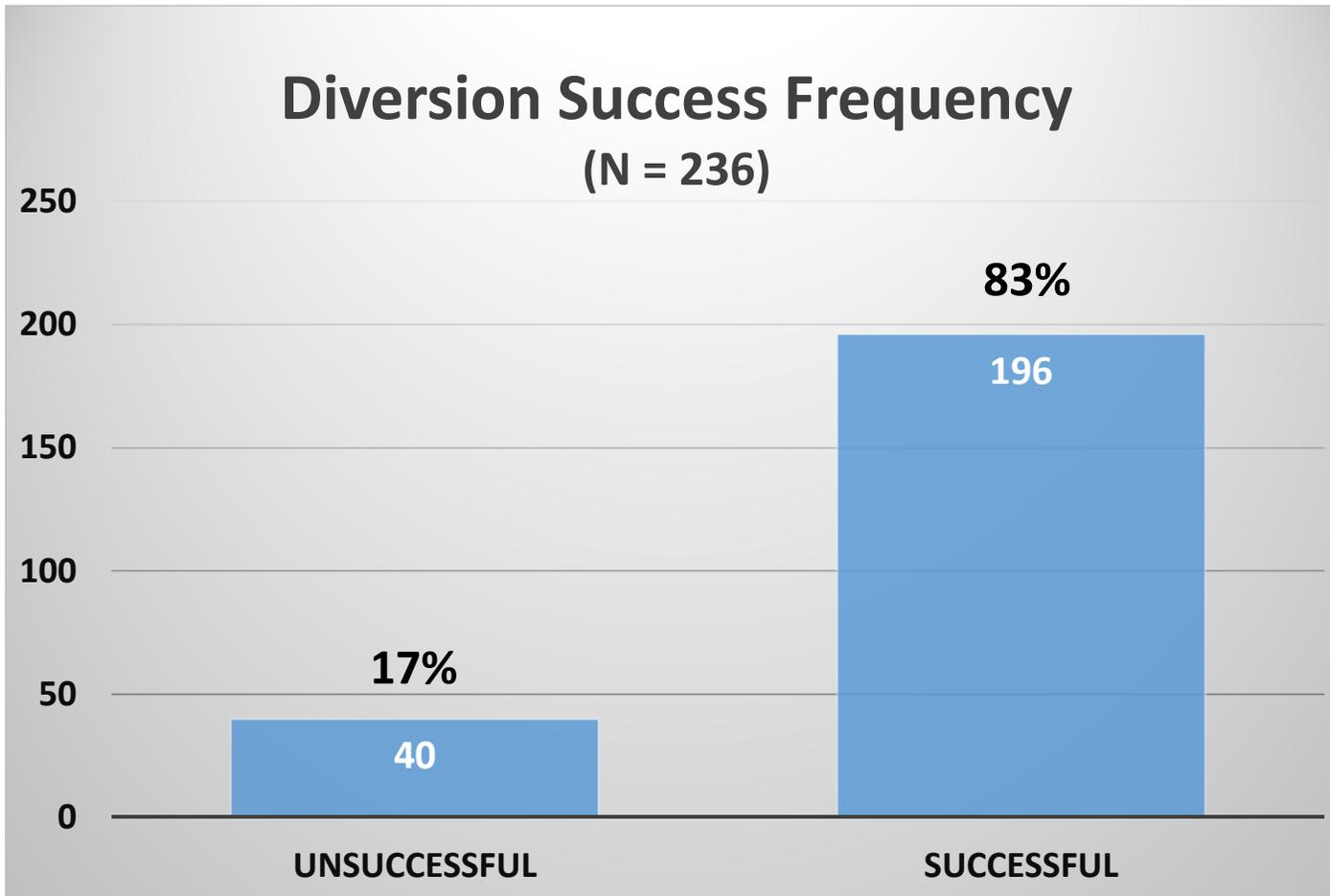
Diversion Status

(N = 274)

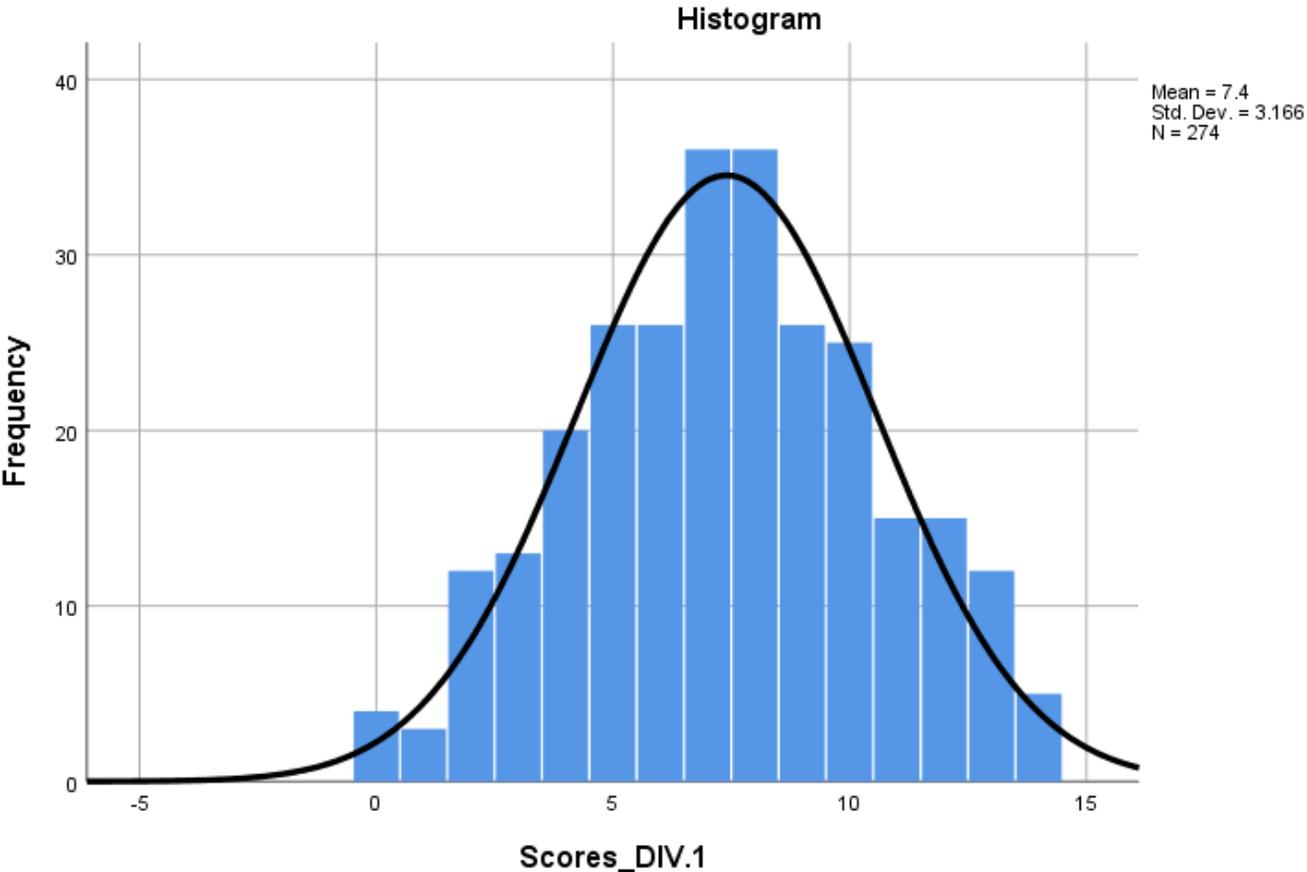


Diversion Success Frequency

(N = 236)

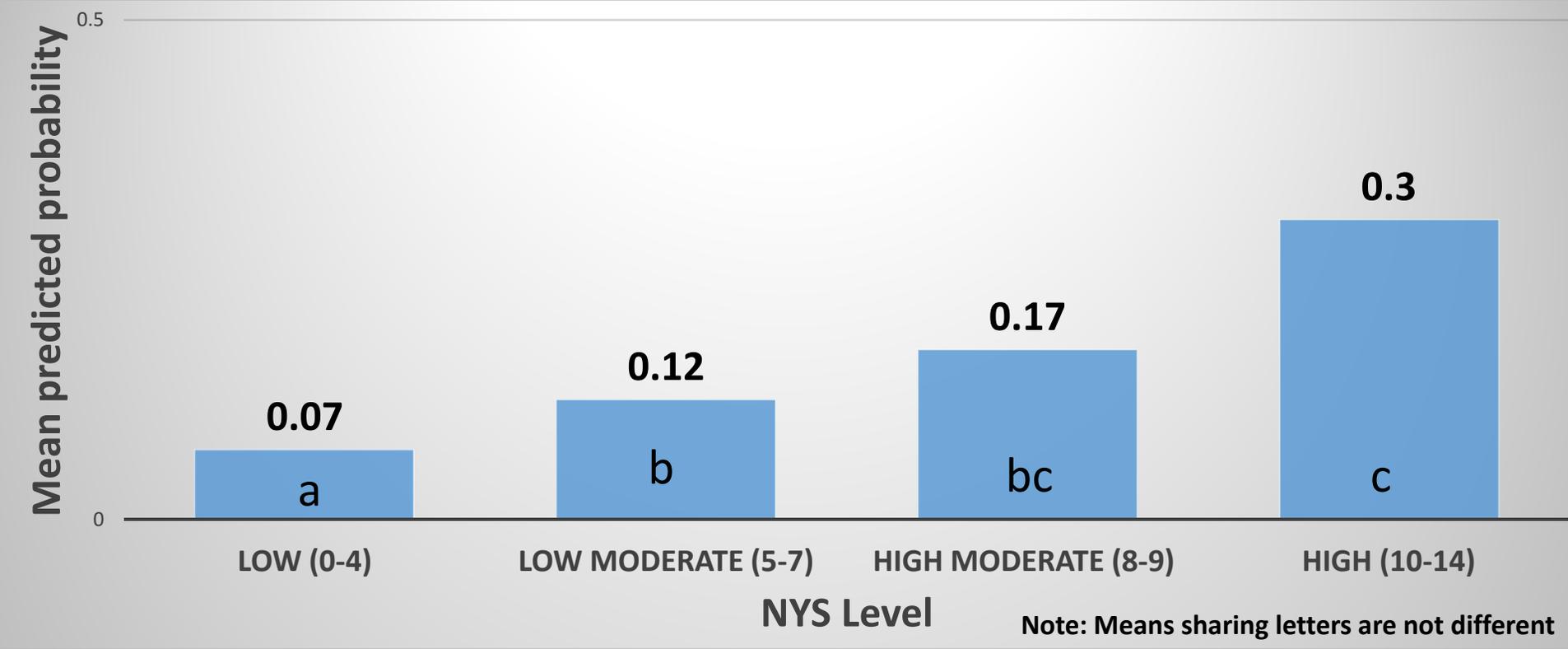


Assessment Results: NYS Score for Diverted Youth Distribution (Mean = 7.4)



Mean Probability Of Failure At Each NYS Level (N=236)

$\chi^2 (3) = 12.30, p = .006$



Mean days (and standard deviations) between referral and Diversion processing stages

--- All actions occur in a reasonable timely manner

Diversion Case Processing Times		
	Mean	Standard Deviation
LPD referral to County Attorney Notice	7.65	25.02
CA Notice to Diversion Referral	23.00	27.54
Diversion Referral to Enrollment	13.50	49.99
Enrollment to Discharge	90.10	43.96
LPD referral to Discharge	116.71	52.87

**Detention – for youth who are being processed by the
juvenile justice system**



Breakdown of Length of Stay by Race and Gender

1 Black male
stayed
375 days

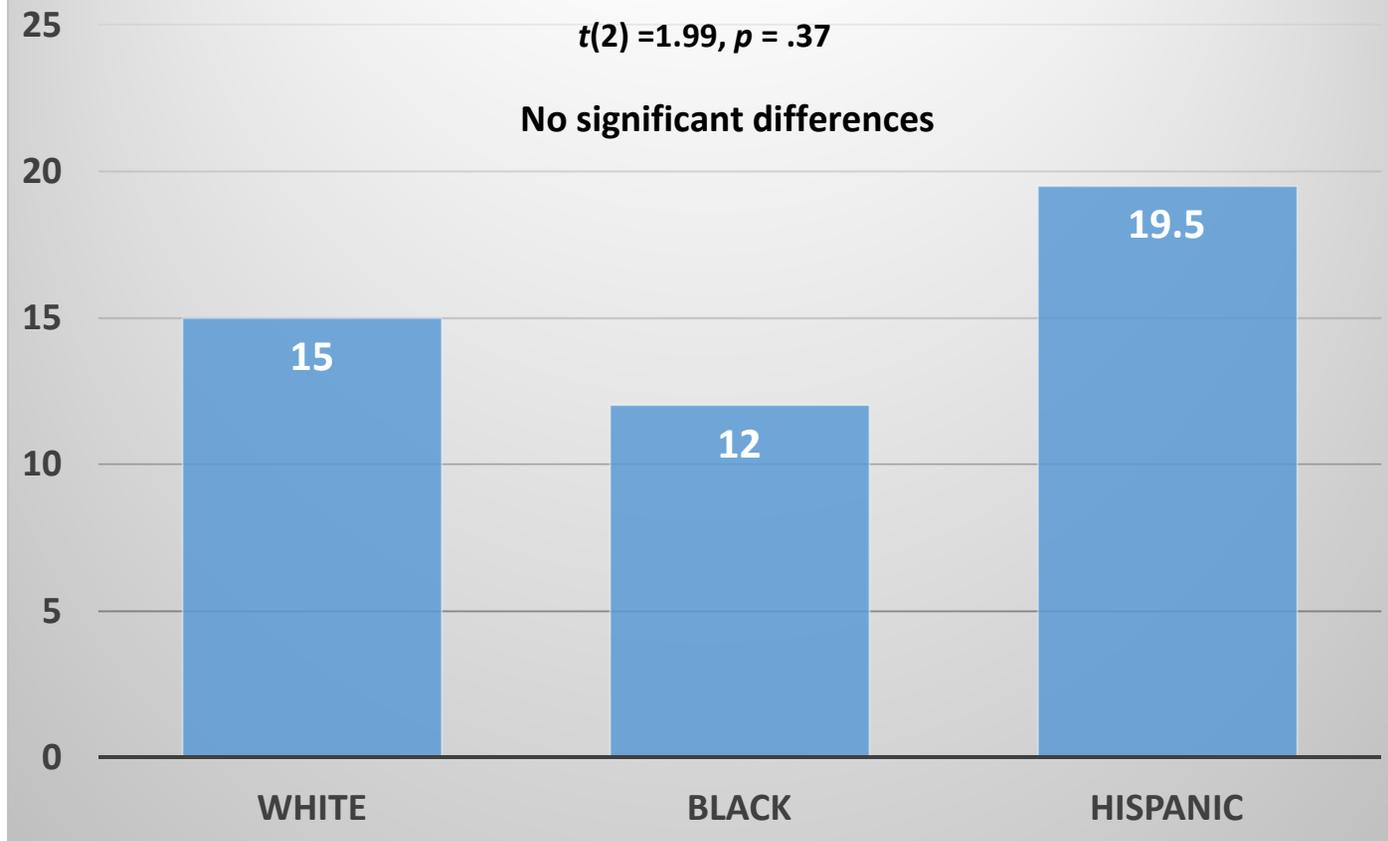
Detention Length of Stay (Days)					
Gender	Race	Mean	Median	Maximum	Minimum
Male	White	25.28	17.00	137	0
	Black	47.35	13.00	375	0
	Hispanic	26.42	20.00	83	0
Female	White	18.13	11.50	114	0
	Black	22.18	10.50	104	0
	Hispanic	27.44	19.00	118	1

Median Length of Stay by Race (Days)

N = 222

$t(2) = 1.99, p = .37$

No significant differences



Next Steps

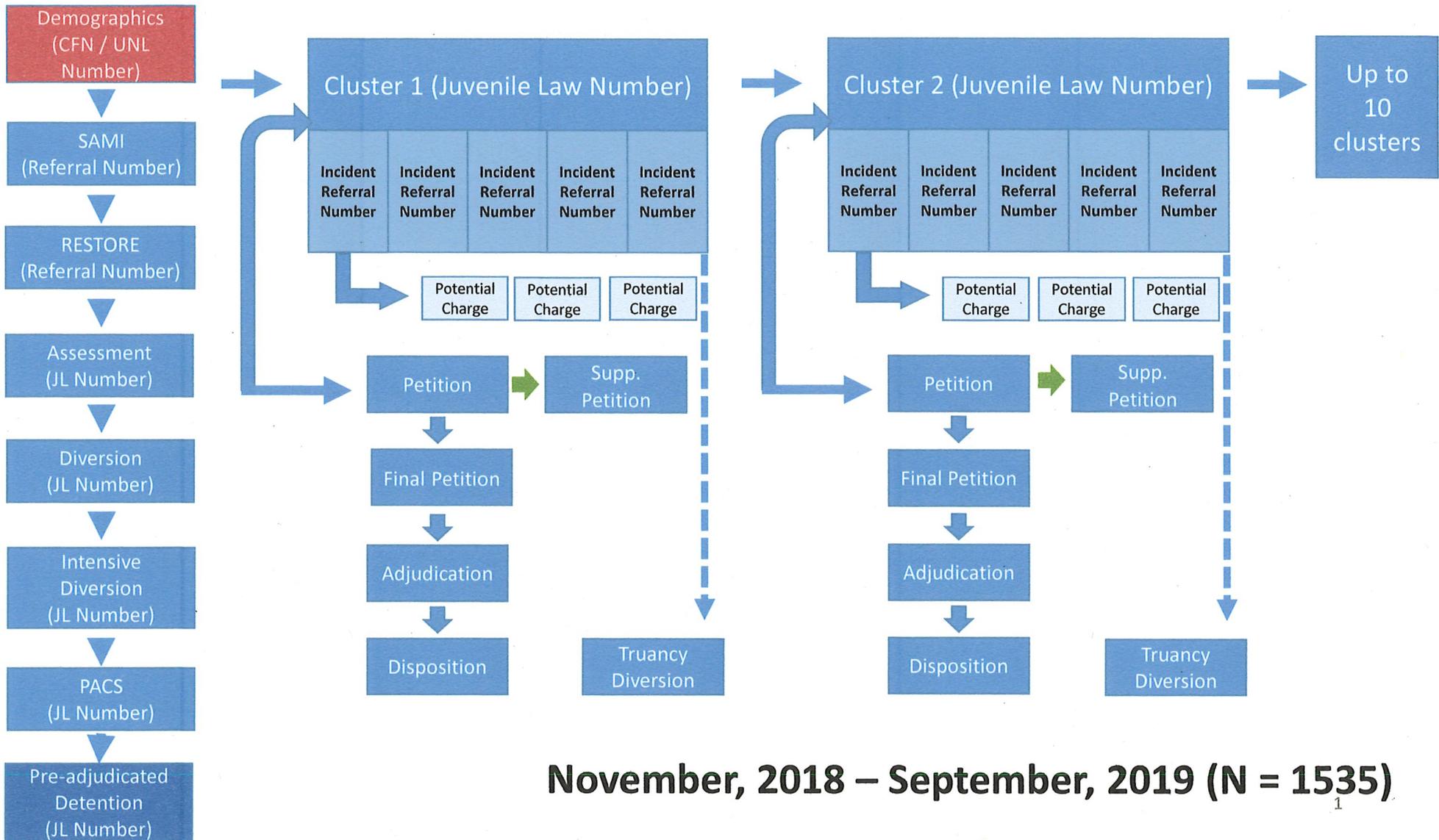
- **Continue to add data to the database**
 - **Data will accrue over 2 or 3 years allowing tests of much more nuanced relationships**
 - **Conduct outcome studies, these are mostly implementation analyses**
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Thank You for Listening!

Questions?

January 16, 2020



LANCASTER COUNTY GRANT FORM

Submitted by: Sara Hoyle Today's date: 01/21/2020

1. Funding source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
2. Grant due date: Jan. 27, 2020
3. Amount requested: \$500,000
4. Other sources of funding anticipated: None
5. Project Contact: Sara Hoyle
Phone Number: 402-441-6868
6. Number of years grant will run if funded: 3 years from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2023.
7. This grant is: New Continuation
8. General purpose for grant: (2-3 sentences)
This grant seeks to:
 - Improve investigations of adult sexual assault crimes, including sex-based trafficking cases and intimate partner sexual violence by hiring a fulltime LPD sexual assault investigator.
 - Improve advocacy for sexual assault, intimate partner violence, trafficking and sexual violence-related stalking by hiring advocates at Voices of Hope and a .7 FTE advocate with LPD's Victim Assistance Unit.
 - Improve the response to sexual assault in the county through training.
 - Improve the county's coordinated response with improved investigations, advocacy, prosecutions and outreach.
9. Attach a one page summary of grant.
10. Attach a one page budget of grant.

	Total
Voices of Hope	\$85,329
Family Violence Council	61,552
LPD	251,886
LPD Victim Assistance	87,303
Training	10,000
Indirect to county	3,930
Total	\$500,000

This grant application is to the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program (ICJR). The application is for three years and a total of \$500,000. If funded, the grant period would be Oct. 1, 2020 through Sept. 30, 2023.

The focus of this grant is to improve the county's coordinated response to adult sexual assault including trafficking and intimate partner sexual violence primarily by improving investigations and advocacy. The grant also provides money for training that will be shared by members of the county's Sexual Assault Response Team.

Project partners are the Lincoln Police Department (LPD), Voices of Hope (VOH), and the Family Violence Council (FVC).

The new LPD sexual assault investigator position would mirror a longstanding Domestic Violence investigator position at LPD that has been annually funded primarily through an OVW STOP grant since 1996.

This new Sexual Assault investigator will review all adult sexual assault cases, coordinate follow up, investigate cases, provide feedback and assistance to other investigators/officers, be a liaison with prosecutors, advocacy groups, medical partners and others. The investigator will train others on sexual assault investigations using a trauma-informed approach.

The SA investigator will also work closely with LPD's Victim Assistance Unit (VA), VOH and others to improve victim safety and experience with the criminal justice system.

The grant improves advocacy by creating .7 FTE in LPD's Victim Assistance Unit to provide advocacy, outreach and referrals to victims of adult sexual assault, sex trafficking, intimate partner sexual violence and sexual violence-related stalking. The grant will also partially fund three fulltime advocates, including the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, the Advocacy Coordinator and a bilingual advocate as well as VOH on-call advocates to provide advocacy services.

The new sexual assault investigator and the VA sexual assault advocate will serve on the SART along with the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator to work with that group to improve the county's coordinated response.

Lancaster County will contract with FVC for its executive director to serve as project coordinator. FVC coordinates the county's SART and has managed most CRT-related grant-funded projects. FVC will be responsible for planning local grant-funded training and insuring partners attend appropriate national trainings.



Payroll Project Update

CAPP'S MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2020

Steering Committee

- ▶ Membership
 - ▶ Dennis Meyer – County Finance
 - ▶ Dan Nolte – County Clerk
 - ▶ Kevin Nelson – County Payroll
 - ▶ Tan Ngo – County Payroll
 - ▶ Brandon Kauffman – City Finance
 - ▶ David Young – City Information Technologies
 - ▶ Doug McDaniel – City Human Resources
 - ▶ Skip Philson – Project Manager

Project Team

- ▶ Membership
 - ▶ Skip Philson – Project Manager
 - ▶ Kevin Nelson – County Payroll
 - ▶ Tan Ngo – County Payroll
 - ▶ Amzi Avila – City Human Resources
 - ▶ Karen Eurich – City Human Resources
 - ▶ Bill Thoreson – City Human Resources (Benefits Only)
 - ▶ Paula Lueders – City Human Resources (Benefits Only)
 - ▶ Dale Wenzl – City Information Technologies
 - ▶ Madalyn Popken – City Payroll
 - ▶ Michele Maly – City Payroll

Oracle HCM

- ▶ HCM = Human Content Management
- ▶ Five Modules
 - ▶ Human Resources
 - ▶ Benefits
 - ▶ Absence Management
 - ▶ Time & Labor
 - ▶ Payroll
- ▶ Phased in Implementation Approach

Tentative Implementation

Human Resources Module

- ▶ Approximate Go Live Date = April 1, 2020
- ▶ Will necessitate dual systems for a six month period of time

Benefits Module

- ▶ Approximate Go Live Date = Fall 2020
- ▶ City will go first
- ▶ All employees will make their 2021 benefit elections using this module
- ▶ Employees will need to review their beneficiaries and dependents

Tentative Implementation

Absence Management Module

- ▶ Approximate Go Live Date – Summer 2020
- ▶ Employees will request paid time off through Oracle HCM
- ▶ Supervisors will approve paid time off through Oracle HCM
- ▶ Implementation of comp time will need to be evaluated

Time & Labor Module

- ▶ Approximate Go Live Date – Summer 2020
- ▶ A few Departments will be conducting a pilot starting in March
- ▶ Multiple card readers will be purchased
- ▶ Employees will have the ability to clock in at their desk or even by phone

Tentative Implementation

Payroll

- ▶ Approximate Go Live Date – October 1, 2020
- ▶ Must go live at the beginning of a quarter
- ▶ End of Tesseract

Benefits of Oracle HCM

- ▶ Employee Self-Service
 - ▶ Employees will make their own changes to their tax withholdings, address, beneficiaries, dependents, etc.
 - ▶ Changes in benefits elections will not need to be manually entered
- ▶ No More Paper/Increase Accuracy
 - ▶ Electronic time cards and leave requests with electronic submission and approval
 - ▶ Electronic benefit election
- ▶ More Modern Solution
 - ▶ Mainframe versus Cloud
 - ▶ Employee Reimbursements can be added

Challenges

- ▶ Five Union Contracts plus multiple resolutions for Unrepresented, Elected, and MSS Employees
- ▶ Differences in interpretation of rules and regulations
- ▶ FLSA differences
- ▶ Decentralized processes
- ▶ Training 23 payroll clerks across the County to utilize Oracle HCM