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Document	Senator	Position	Committee	Status	Description
LB11	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions regarding voter registration and requests for ballots for early voting  <p><b>Relating to the Election Act, the registration application prescribed by the Secretary of State would include a permanent request for ballot for early voting for every statewide primary and general election, with the option for “Yes” or “No.” The Secretary of State, with the Department of Motor Vehicles, would also implement an electronic process for a registered voter who has a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator’s license or state identification card to request a ballot for early voting. The election commissioner or county clerk would send an electronic acknowledgement to the registered voter indicating whether the request is approved. A denial must be in writing, give the reasons for denial, and provide whether the registered voter can resubmit or provide additional information to be approved. The Secretary of State would also provide a process for a registered voter to be placed on a list to receive a ballot for early voting for every statewide primary and general election.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b></p>
LB12	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunications 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require a commuter rail service study by the Department of Transportation  <p><b>The Department of Transportation would conduct a study for commuter rail service between Omaha and Lincoln and would include cost estimates, timelines, and economic impacts for the creation of such service.</b></p>
LB13	Blood		Judiciary 03/03/2021	General File 03/11/2021	Prohibit possession of a deadly weapon by the subject of a foreign protection order  <p><b>Regarding Section 28-1206, which describes the offense of possession of a deadly weapon, a “domestic violence protection order” would mean a protection order issued pursuant to section 42-924 or a protection order that meets the criteria set forth in section 42-391 regarding protection orders issued by a court in any other state or a territory, possession, or tribe.</b></p>
LB28	Wayne		Judiciary 01/29/2021	General File 03/16/2021	Provide for motions for new trial based on newly discovered evidence  <p><b>Regarding criminal procedure, newly discovered evidence would include testimony or evidence from a witness who previously asserted a testimonial or constitutional privilege and refused to testify or produce evidence in a prior proceeding. This would apply to everyone whether convicted prior to, on, or subsequent to the effective date of this act.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b></p>
LB31	Wayne		Judiciary 03/10/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Authorize punitive damages as prescribed and provide for distribution  <p><b>This bill would authorize punitive damages and require that punitive damages be appropriated for the use of the common schools which could be used to provide property tax relief. Unless waived by all parties, trier of fact determines whether to award punitive damages. Any award of punitive damages would be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose</b></p>
LB32	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Judiciary 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for Class ICA and IDA felony classifications and change penalties  <p><b>This bill would add Class ICA felony (maximum of 50 years imprisonment and minimum of 5 years imprisonment) and Class IDA felony (maximum of 50 years imprisonment and minimum of 3 years imprisonment). When an offense is a Class IC or ICA felony (or between ID or IDA felony), the prosecutor would be able to elect to charge the offense as either a Class IC or ICA felony (or ID or IDA felony) at their own discretion. Where a Class IC or ID felony is mentioned, Class ICA or IDA is added to attach with it.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b></p>

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<a href="#">LB34</a>	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Judiciary 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under twenty-one years of age  <b>Minimum imprisonment for a person convicted of Class IC or ID felony under 21 years of age would not be a mandatory minimum but a minimum term only. The death penalty or life imprisonment would not be imposed on anyone younger than 21 years old (as opposed to 18 years old). For someone younger than 21 years old, the penalty for a conviction of Class IA (IB) felony would be a maximum sentence of not greater than 80 (60) years imprisonment and a minimum of not greater than 40 (20) years imprisonment. If the defendant was under 21 years old at the time the crime was committed, the court would consider mitigating factors prior to sentencing.</b>  <b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB43</a>	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions  <b>Each election commissioner would execute a bond with penalties of \$10,000. If a vacancy occurs in the office, the new election commissioner appointed by the county board would serve for the unexpired term until January 2022, and if a vacancy occurs thereafter the office would be filled provided in section 32-567 (vacancies; offices listed; how filled). Anything regarding the chief deputy election commissioner is struck. An election commissioner would be elected in each county having a population of more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 for a 2-year term and in 2024 and each 4 years thereafter, and in counties having a population of not less than 40,000 nor more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 and each 4 years thereafter. They would be elected on the nonpartisan ballot.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB47</a>	Hansen, M.		Judiciary 01/29/2021	General File 02/16/2021	Change procedures relating to obligees in child support proceedings  <b>All orders, decrees, or judgments for temporary or permanent child support payments or judgments for modification of such support payments would include a notice to the obligee that informs them they may file an Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause with the court if they are owed court-ordered child support and it is delinquent. Obligees would be able to use other collection methods as well. Any known obligee would be joined in as a real party in interest to such action where the purpose is to establish paternity or securing, modifying, suspending, or terminating child or medical support.</b>  <b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB52</a>	Lathrop	Monitor	Judiciary 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for immunity for injury or death resulting from COVID-19 exposure  <b>Under this bill, no person would be liable in any civil action for any injury or death resulting from an alleged exposure to COVID-19 if such exposure occurred after the effective date of this act.</b>  <b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Metropolitan Area Planning Agency position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</b>
<a href="#">LB54</a>	Lathrop	Monitor	Judiciary 02/18/2021	Select File 05/18/2021	Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act  <b>Under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from such an act that is the direct result of the negligent failure of a political subdivision or an employee of a political subdivision to protect a person to whom the political subdivision or employee owes a duty of care. Under the State Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from such an act that is the direct result of the negligent failure of a state agency or an employee of the state to protect a person to whom the agency or employee owes a duty of care.</b>

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					<p>This bill attempts to address a change in the court's interpretation of the intentional tort exception to the wavier of sovereign immunity found in Moser v. State of Nebraska, 307 Neb.18 (2020).</p> <p>The Judiciary Committee advanced the bill with AM1268. The amendment narrows the scope of the proposed exception in LB 54 by replacing the original proposed language with new language that allows claims for intentional torts where the political subdivision (or state agency ) failed to use reasonable care to control someone under their charge or protect a person in their care or custody from intentional torts by non-employees.</p> <p>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of Concern Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose Metropolitan Area Planning Agency position: Monitor Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys position: Support Nebraska State Education Association position: Support Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association position: Oppose City of Omaha position: Oppose Nebraska Attorney General position: Oppose</p>
LB71	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to intentional tort claims under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act
					<p>Similar to LB54, under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from acts committed by a 3rd party as a result of negligence by a political subdivision or an employee of a political subdivision. Under the State Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from acts committed by a 3rd party as a result of negligence by a state agency or an employee of the state.</p> <p>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of Concern Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose Metropolitan Area Planning Agency position: Monitor</p>
LB73	Geist	Support	General Affairs 02/01/2021	General File 04/13/2021	Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies
					<p>For the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, 25% of the tax is already remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located. 10% of the distribution remitted would be distributed to the county agricultural society in the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located, if such county agricultural society has been formed in the county under the County Agricultural Society Act. Following any distribution to a county agricultural society, the remaining funds would be distributed by the county treasurer.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose Nebraska Association of Fair Managers position: Support Lancaster County Board of Commissioners position: Support Lancaster County Event Center position: Support Lincoln Independant Business Association position: Support City of Lincoln position: Oppose City of Omaha position: Oppose Nebraska Farm Bureau position: Support Dakota Thurston County Fair position: Support Douglas County Fair position: Support</p>

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		<b>South Sioux City position: Oppose</b> <b>Lincoln Chamber of Commerce position: Oppose</b>			
LB79	Briese		Revenue 02/10/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the minimum amount of relief provided under the Property Tax Credit Act
		<b>Regarding the Property Tax Credit Act, the minimum amount of relief provided for tax years 2020-23 are already \$275 million. For tax year 2024 and each tax year thereafter, the minimum amount of relief granted under the Act would be the minimum amount from the prior tax year increased by the allowable growth percentage as defined in section 77-6702 (for purposes of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act).</b>			
		<b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Neutral</b>			
LB82	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change motor vehicle tax schedules
		<b>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the motor vehicle tax schedules would be changed. For the first year, the fraction amount would be 0.90. For the second year, the fraction amount would be 0.80 (3rd - 0.70; 4th - 0.60; 5th - 0.45; 6th - 0.35; 7th - 0.25; 8th - 0.20; 9th - 0.15; 10th and 11th - 0.12; 12th and 13th - 0.05; 14th and older - 0.01 or \$1, whichever amount is greater).</b>			
		<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b>			
LB89	Morfeld		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care
		<b>This bill would allow someone 18 years of age or older to make health care decisions for themselves without the consent of a parent or guardian. It would also allow someone under 19 years of age and who is committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care to consent to, and make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the Department without the consent of a parent of guardian except as required in section 71-6902 (performance of abortion; notarized written consent required).</b>			
		<b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</b>			
LB91	Brandt		Agriculture 01/26/2021	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Change germination seed testing provisions under the Nebraska Seed Law
		<b>Under the Nebraska Seed Law, germination seed testing provisions would be changed. Agricultural seed would include seeds of habitat restoration or maintenance. The definition of native plant and nonnative plant would be included. It would now be unlawful for any person to sell any agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds within this state unless the test to determine the percentage of germination or the test to determine the percentage of viability as indicated by a tetrazolium (TZ) test has been completed for native plant species, within a 15-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale. It would still be a 9-month period for nonnative plant species.</b>			
		<b>The Agriculture Committee advanced LB91 with AM96 which makes the following changes: (1) strikes the proposed revision to the definition of "agricultural seed" and revises the definitions of native and non-native plant species to include plant species indigenous to North America prior to European settlement; (2) strikes the inclusion of yellow bluestem in Section 2 of the bill; (3) in Section 3, replaces introduced new subdivision 1(a)(i). The substitute text reduces the allowable period after germination or viability (TZ) testing native seeds may be offered for sale without being mislabeled from 15 months to 12 months and removes the option for viability (TZ) testing of hermetically sealed seeds of non-native seeds; (4) revises the harmonization made in Section 4 of the bill to be consistent with changes elsewhere in the amendment.</b>			

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<a href="#">LB98</a>	Walz		Revenue 02/10/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation
<p>Relating to property taxes, in counties with a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants, land would qualify for special valuation if all of the following criteria are met: (a) the land would have to be located outside the corporate boundaries of any sanitary and improvement district, (b) the land would have to be agricultural or horticultural land, and (c) if the land consists of 5 contiguous acres or less, the owner or lessee of the land would have to provide and IRS Schedule F documenting a profit or loss from farming for 2 out of the last 3 years.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Neutral</p>					
<a href="#">LB102</a>	Dorn	Monitor	Judiciary 02/25/2021	General File 02/16/2022	Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates
<p>Beginning 7/1/2023, in any county that has an elected clerk of the district court, the county board would be able to vote to eliminate the office of this clerk when a vacancy occurs or when the incumbent does not file for reelection by the deadline. If such an office is eliminated, the duties of the clerk of the district court would be performed by the clerk magistrate for such county under the direction of the district court judge for the county and the State Court Administrator. The final decision with respect to maintaining, increasing, or reducing office space provided by such county for this clerkship would be made by the county board. All financial records and bank accounts related to district court functions would be transferred to the Supreme Court.</p> <p>In a county where the clerk magistrate has taken over, they would account for and pay any fees, revenue, prerequisites, or receipts not later than the 15th day of the month following the calendar month in which they were received in the following manner: (a) of the \$42 docket fee, \$1 to the General Fund and \$6 to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, (b) of the \$27 docket fee, \$2 to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, and (c) the remaining fees, revenue, prerequisites, or receipts would be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</p>					
<a href="#">LB107</a>	McCollister		Executive Board 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Redistricting Act
<p>This bill would adopt the Redistricting Act. The purpose of this Act would be to establish procedures to divide the State of Nebraska into districts by designating boundary lines based on population for the election or appointment of representatives from the State of Nebraska to the US House of Representatives, judges of the Supreme Court, and members of the Legislature, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Public Service Commission, and the State Board of Education. The districts would be established by maps incorporated by reference into legislation enacted by the Legislature. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee would be elected by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the committee. The maps drawn under this Act would be drawn using politically neutral criteria. The committee would conduct at least one public hearing in each congressional district to receive public comment on the maps.</p> <p>No changes other than corrective amendments would be allowed to the initial version of the maps to be established under this Act or the legislative bills incorporating the maps. If the Legislature would fail in providing district boundaries prior to the adjournment of the legislative session, the Governor would call a special session within 30 days after the adjournment sine die of the session and the director and committee would begin with a new initial version of the map during the special session and otherwise comply with the Act.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</p>					
<a href="#">LB109</a>	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Judiciary 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide that photographing or recording a peace officer is not obstruction of justice
<p>This bill would make it so that photographing or recording a peace officer while the peace officer is acting under color of such peace officer's official authority if the person taking the photograph or recording is in a public place or in a place the person has the right to be is not obstruction of justice.</p> <p>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Oppose</p>					

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LB110	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change and provide duties relating to use of force in law enforcement

Relating to the use of force in law enforcement, a peace officer would be required to intervene to prevent or stop another peace officer from using excessive force, without regard for the chain of command. The intervening peace officer would report the incident to the peace officer's immediate supervisor or to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice within 10 days after the incident. A law enforcement agency or any of its employees, officers, or agents would not be able to discipline or retaliate in any way against a peace officer for intervening or reporting. Additional definitions are provided for excessive force, peace officer, actor, assent, bodily harm, serious bodily harm, reckless, and unlawful force.

Use of force would be justifiable if the peace officer has exhausted reasonable alternatives to the use of force or the peace officer reasonably believes that such alternatives would unduly place a peace officer or other person at risk of bodily harm or death. Deadly force would be justified if the peace officer reasonably and in good faith believes that someone is in imminent danger of being killed or suffering serious bodily harm and a lesser degree of force would be inadequate to prevent the imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm. A private person would be justified in using force to assist a peace officer to the same extent as a peace officer, but they must be assisting a peace officer or reasonably believe someone is a peace officer.

Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Oppose  
League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose

LB111	Albrecht	Support	Judiciary 02/24/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety
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Relating to public safety crimes and offenses, criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class IV felony if the property involved in the offense belongs to a peace officer, active duty member in the armed services of the US, judge, or elected or appointed government official and the offense was committed with the intent to harass or intimidate such person because of such person's status. Criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class I misdemeanor if the property involved in the offense belongs to the government, a hospital, or a school. Upon conviction for these violations, the court would, in addition to any other punishment imposed, order the defendant to make restitution as provided in sections 29-2280 to 29-2289 and for a second or subsequent violation involving government property, impose a fine of \$5,000. The definitions of school, public safety officer, assault on a public safety officer (such penalty in third degree would be a Class IIIA felony with fine of at least \$1,000), strangulation, suffocation, and offensive substance.

Additionally, a person would not be able to knowingly aim a laser pointer (or aim or deploy any other device with intent to cause serious bodily injury or interference with their sight or hearing) toward the head of a public safety officer while they are engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties. This violation would be a Class I misdemeanor and have a fine of \$5,000, and the defendant would be ordered to make restitution. Definitions would be included for correctional officer, participate, and riot.

A person would also not be able to knowingly participate in a riot or organize 6 or more persons to engage in a riot. This would be a Class I misdemeanor (unless serious bodily injury results, then Class IV felony). A person would also not be able to intentionally interfere with a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance (Class II misdemeanor). A person would also commit an offense by, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly obstructing a public way or disobeying a reasonable request or order to move issued by someone with the authority to control use of the public way.

Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Support  
Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Support  
Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch  
League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Monitor

LB112	Albrecht	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act
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This bill would require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act, except for closed sessions pursuant to section 84-1410.

Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association position: Oppose  
Nebraska State Education Association position: Support

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LB114	McCollister		Judiciary 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Clean Slate Act
<p>This bill would adopt the Clean Slate Act. The state would provide a clean slate remedy under this Act to provide an incentive for offenders to remain crime-free, provide hope to offenders who are trying to rehabilitate themselves, save the state money that must be spent when offenders recidivate, and ensure appropriate access to criminal history record information by criminal justice agencies and for other purposes essential to the health and safety of the public. Exceptions for qualified offenses are laid out.</p> <p>Beginning 1/1/2022, a person would automatically be eligible for clean slate relief for a qualified offense that is a misdemeanor if (a) the qualified offense was committed on or after 1/1/2017, (b) such person has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony anywhere in the US during the eligibility period, and (c) such person has paid all court-ordered financial obligations related to such qualified offense. A person would also be able to petition for clean slate relief.</p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Conditional Support</b></p>					
LB116	McCollister		Judiciary 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to handgun transfer certificates and require suicide prevention training and informational materials
<p>Upon receipt of an application for a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun, the chief of police or sheriff would be permitted up to 5 days instead of 3, but no sooner than 48 hours after receipt of the application, to conduct an investigation to determine whether the applicant is prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing a handgun. When issuing a certificate under this section, the chief of police or sheriff would include with the certificate informational materials regarding suicide prevention and firearm safety. Such material would provide evidence-based information aligned with best practices in suicide prevention. An appeal for a denial of certificate would be able to be made within ten days after expiration of a certificate not issued within the 5-day period mentioned above.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Support</b></p>					
LB118	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change duration of harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse protection orders and change requirements for affidavits
<p>Relating to protection orders, a petition and affidavit under this section would not be required to be signed and acknowledged before a notary public. A petition and affidavit under this section would include a written, self-authenticated declaration under penalty of perjury in a form provided. Additionally, the duration of protective orders for harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse would change from one year to five years.</p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b></p>					
LB119	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act
<p>Regarding the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act, in any youth rehabilitation and treatment center or Department of Correctional Services adult correctional facility that incarcerates, detains, or houses women, a prisoner or detainee or a juvenile placed at such youth rehab and treatment center who is lactating would be given the opportunity to either nurse such prisoner's, detainee's, or juvenile's infant or express milk to be given to such infant. Any infant would not be separated from a prisoner, detainee, or juvenile who birthed such infant unless the administrator of the facility documents that allowing this would present a clear and imminent danger to such infant. A parent separation policy would also be developed for the process for placing an infant born, information regarding the parental rights, and the plan to provide for a lactating prisoner, detainee, or juvenile. These women would be allowed to live in a space dedicated for mothers and their infants to live together, prior to giving birth, as space allows.</p>					
LB125	McCollister	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for ranked-choice voting for certain elections
<p>Regarding the Election Act, this bill would allow for ranked-choice voting for certain elections. Ranked-choice voting means an election voting system in which a voter uses a ranked ballot to indicate the voter's preference between candidates and the results are determined using the ranked-choice voting count. The Secretary of State would provide for the proper and efficient administration of elections determined by ranked-choice voting. This method would be different from the traditional "fill-in-the-one-oval" method, as each candidate would have to be ranked. The specific process is described.</p>					

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LB129	McCollister		Health and Human Services 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act
<p>Relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act, the department would adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1936a(e)(12), as such section existed on 1/1/2021, to provide for a period of continuous eligibility for a child who is under 19 years of age and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance under the Medical Assistance Act. The department would provide that the child remains eligible for medical assistance, without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the earlier of (a) the anniversary of the date on which the child's eligibility was determined, (b) the child's 19th birthday, or (c) the child moves out of Nebraska.</p> <p>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Support Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Support Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Testimony- Support</p>					
LB130	McCollister		Judiciary 02/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole
<p>This bill would change membership provisions for the Board of Parole. Beginning with members appointed for terms beginning after 1/1/2023, at least one member of the board would have to have experience as a professional treating mental illness of substance abuse. The members of the board would elect one member to serve a 4-year term. The members appointed for terms beginning prior to 1/1/2023 still have terms of office of 6 years, while the members appointed for terms beginning after 1/1/2023 would have terms of office of 8 years. A member of the board would not be able to be reappointed for a consecutive term.</p>					
LB133	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes
<p>This bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. EPIC stands for the elimination of property (imposed pursuant to Chapter 77), income (state income and state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967), and corporate taxes. The inheritance tax imposed pursuant to sections 77-2001 to 77-2040 would also be repealed. This would become effective 12/31/2024. The Nebraska Taxpayer's Bill of Rights would also be established, stating that citizens of Nebraska are entitled to a fair and just tax system. Beginning on 1/1/2024, there would be a tax imposed on the use or consumption in the State of Nebraska of taxable property or services. The rate would be 10.64%. Land, purchase of fuel, taxable property or service purchased for a business purpose in a trade or business, investment purpose, educational purpose, and used property among other listed items would not be subject to the consumption tax.</p> <p>The formula for consumption tax monthly allowance is provided as the product of the consumption tax rate and the monthly poverty level for a family of the size of the qualified family. The process related to qualified families is provided in detail. The Consumption Tax Transition Fund would be created in order to pay the consumption tax monthly allowance to the heads of households of qualified families. It would be a destination principle tax. The process related to registered sellers is provided in detail. There would be a penalty of \$500 for anyone who is required to register under this but fails to do so. This would not limit the ability of counties, cities, or villages from imposing a separate consumption tax within their limits. Beginning 1/1/2024, the primary source of funding for all public and elementary schools and for all educational service units would be the taxes collected under this Act.</p> <p>The State Treasurer would transfer \$240 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Consumption Tax Transition Fund on or before 12/31/2023. The Community College Aid Act would apply until 1/1/2024. After this, community colleges would be funded as provided under this Act.</p> <p>CHAMBER SUMMARY: "LB133 eliminates all state income, sales and use taxes, property taxes and inheritance taxes. Refer to LR 11 CA for the related Constitutional Amendment. Beginning January 1, 2024, there is hereby imposed a tax on the use or consumption in the State of Nebraska of taxable property or services. The rate of the consumption tax shall be ten and sixty-four hundredths percent (10.64%). The person purchasing taxable property or services in the State of Nebraska shall be liable for the tax. The bill creates numerous exemptions for purchases such as fuel, used property, property or service purchased for a business purpose in a trade or business, property or service used for educational purposes, etc.</p> <p>Funding for schools would be through a collective request through the Department of Education. Funding for other political subdivision would go through the local county. All local political subdivisions would have to work with the county within their jurisdiction to have the county submit a total budget request to the Legislature."</p> <p>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Oppose</p>					



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LB137	Vargas		Education 01/25/2021	General File 03/11/2021	<p>Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System</p> <p>Regarding the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act, beginning 9/1/2022, each employee of a program as defined in section 71-1910 (Child Care Licensing Act) would report his or her educational degrees and professional credentials held, relevant training completed, and work history to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.</p> <p>Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch</p>
LB138	Vargas		Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	<p>Require jails and law enforcement agencies to provide public notice before entering into agreements to enforce federal immigration law</p> <p>Beginning 9/15/2021, a law enforcement agency or jail would, 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 30 days prior to entering into such agreement. The notice would be filed with the governing body and it would be included in the agenda of subjects of the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing body. This would not apply to agreements between public agencies, including the US Department of Homeland Security, relating to investigating violations of and enforcing laws prohibiting human trafficking. Within 60 days after entering into an agreement described above, a law enforcement agency or jail would provide written copies of any such agreement, the notice, and minutes of any public meeting to the commission. Failure to provide this information may result in an audit from the Auditor of Public Accounts.</p> <p>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</p>
LB150	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/11/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	<p>Increase the indigent defense court filing fee</p> <p>Relating to courts, the amount of the indigent defense fee would be (a) beginning on the effective date of this act and until 6/30/2022, \$5, (b) beginning 7/1/2022 and until 6/30/2023, \$6, (c) beginning 7/1/2023 and until 6/30/2024, \$7, (d) beginning 7/1/2024 and until 6/30/2025, \$8, and beginning 7/1/2025, \$9.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support</p>
LB151	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	<p>Adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act</p> <p>This bill would adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act. Definitions are included for case number, charge, disposition, policy, prosecutor, and unique identifier. For each case prosecuted, a prosecutor would collect and provide to the Attorney General specific information that is defined in the bill, including case number, indictment number, docket number, unique identifier, and the defendant's race and gender, among other things. A prosecutor would collect and publish the policies of the prosecutor's office regarding specific information that is defined in the bill, including plea bargains, grand juries, discovery, and witnesses, among other things. A prosecutor would collect and publish specific information for every attorney employed in the prosecutor's office, with names and other personally identifying information redacted or replaced by an anonymizing identifier, including age, gender, race, date hired, title, and disciplinary history. A prosecutor would also collect and publish specific information such as the number of attorneys on staff and cases handled per year per attorney, among other things. A prosecutor would maintain a record of all information required to be collected and published for at least 5 years.</p> <p>Beginning 1/1/2022, they would post on the prosecutor's website all of the above information. The Attorney General would develop a set of uniform reporting requirements and procedures to receive this information and develop an implementation schedule and plan by which each prosecutor in the state would report all such information to the Attorney General by 1/1/2024. An annual report would be produced by the Attorney General that analyzes this information. The Prosecutorial Transparency Advisory Board would be created, consisting of 7 members appointed by the Governor by 12/1/2021, and would meet with the Attorney General no less often than once per calendar quarter and provide the Attorney General with input and guidance on carrying out the Prosecutorial Transparency Act. This Board would not be compensated but would be reimbursed for incurred expenses in their official duties.</p>

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LB164	Erdman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/01/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	<p>Change provisions relating to the establishment of speed limits by local authorities</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road, on all highways within their corporate limits, except on state-maintained freeways which are part of the state highway system, incorporated cities and villages would have the same power and duty to alter the maximum speed limits as the department if the change is based on engineering and traffic investigation or hazardous conditions as determined by the city council or village board, except that no imposition of speed limits on highways which are part of the state highway system in cities and villages under 500 inhabitants.</p> <p>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: <b>Likely Oppose</b></p>
LB165	Erdman	Oppose Testimony	Revenue 02/10/2021	General File 02/23/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage</p> <p>Relating to property taxes, damaged real property would replace the term destroyed real property. Any events causing significant property damage that occurs with enough frequency in this state would be made to grant property tax relief to owners of real property adversely affected by such events. Significant property damage would no longer include damage exceeding 20% of the property's assessed value in the current tax year as determined by the county assessor. The county assessor would also inspect and review all properties for which a report has been filed under this section and would submit a comprehensive report of all such properties to the county board of equalization on or before July 20 of the current assessment year.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: <b>Oppose</b> League of Nebraska Municipalities position: <b>Monitor</b></p>
LB167	Geist		Judiciary 02/26/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	<p>Protect religious freedoms as prescribed and provide for certain tort claims</p> <p>The government would permit a religious organization to continue operating and engage in religious services during a state of emergency, and no public official would be able to prohibit religious organizations from operating in this state or in a geographic area of this state during a state of emergency as proclaimed by the Governor. A religious organization would be able to assert a violation of this act as a claim against the government or as a defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding without regard to whether the proceeding is brought by or in the name of the government, any private person, or any other party. Sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunities to suit and from liability are waived and abolished under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act to the extent of liability created by this act, and a religious organization would be able to sue the government, except state courts, for damages as allowed by the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act.</p>
LB168	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs 02/16/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	<p>Terminate authorization for creation of sanitary and improvement districts</p> <p>No petition filed to create a sanitary and improvement district would be heard by the district court on or after 7/1/2021, and such court would not declare any sanitary and improvement district a public corporation of this state on or after such date.</p>
LB173	Hansen, B.		Judiciary 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	<p>Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon</p> <p>Relating to firearms, the offense of carrying a concealed weapon would not apply to 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.</p> <p>The provisions of this bill were amended into LB236 by AM1388.</p>

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<a href="#">LB179</a>	Linehan	Oppose Letter	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/19/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Transition from elected to appointed county assessors
<p>Starting on 1/1/2023, the county board of every county which has an elected county assessor would appoint a county assessor or designate the county clerk to serve as county assessor. Each county having a population of more than 3,500 inhabitants and having more than 1,200 tax returns in any tax year would have a county assessor appointed by the county board and each other county would have a county assessor or would have the county clerk serve as county assessor as determined by the county board.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</p>					
<a href="#">LB186</a>	Hilkemann		Judiciary 02/24/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to offense of criminal child enticement
<p>Relating to the offense of criminal child enticement, this bill would change the age of children to any child 16 years of age or younger (no longer under the age of 14).</p> <p>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Support</p>					
<a href="#">LB188</a>	Halloran	Recommend: Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Second Amendment Preservation Act
<p>This bill would adopt the Second Amendment Preservation Act. Other than compliance with an order of a court, no agency or political subdivision of this state, or employee of an agency or political subdivision of this state acting in such employee's official capacity, would be able to (1) knowingly and willingly participate in any way in the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation regarding a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition if the act, law, order, rule, or regulation does not exist under the laws of this state or (2) utilize any assets, state funds, or funds allocated by the state to local entities on or after the effective date of this act, in whole or in part, to engage in any activity that aids a federal agency or corporation providing services to the federal government in the enforcement or any investigation pursuant to the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation regarding a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition if the act, law, order, rule, or regulation does not exist under the laws of this state. This would be a civil penalty not to exceed \$300,000 for credit to the General Fund, and for a second or subsequent violation, a Class I misdemeanor.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</p>					
<a href="#">LB191</a>	Hughes		Natural Resources 01/27/2021	IPP (Killed) 04/12/2022	Redefine elector for the Irrigation District Act
<p>Regarding the Irrigation District Act, the definition of elector would include for any irrigation district or proposed irrigation district which borders another state and comprises less than 2,000 acres and in which one-half or more of the landowners, leaseholders, or entrymen of government lands are not residents of the State of Nebraska, any person who (A) owns not less than 15 acres of land within any such district, (B) is an entryman of government land within any such district, or (C) holds a leasehold estate in not less than 40 acres of state land within any such district for a period of not less than 5 years from the date at which such elector seeks to exercise the elective franchise.</p>					
<a href="#">LB192</a>	Wishart	Support Letter	Appropriations 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	State intent regarding appropriations for law enforcement training and certification
<p>This bill would state that the intent of the Legislature would be to appropriate \$140,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for each of FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 for in-person and online training for law enforcement officer to be certified through an accreditation agency approved by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.</p> <p>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</p>					

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<a href="#">LB193</a>	Wishart	Support Letter	Appropriations 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	State intent regarding appropriations for law enforcement training
<p><b>This bill would state that the intent of the Legislature would be to appropriate \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for FY 2021-22 for the purchase of 2 law enforcement training systems and software to simulate real life encounters of law enforcement officers. It would also be their intent that the systems and software be designed for law enforcement officers to train on the use of nondeadly force and that the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council direct the location of such systems so that they are not located where similar systems are in place for law enforcement officers.</b></p> <p><b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Support</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB199</a>	Vargas		Judiciary 03/11/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act. It would be unlawful for any governmental entity to obtain, retain, access, or use any face surveillance system or any information obtained from a face surveillance system. None of this information collected or derived would be able to be received in evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. The information would have to be deleted upon discovery. Any person injured by this would be able to bring a civil action for appropriate relief against the governmental entity committing such violation.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b>  <b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB201</a>	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction over juveniles
<p><b>Relating to juveniles, the accused would be able to be arraigned in county court or district court if the alleged offense is a traffic offense and the accused was 11 years of age or older at the time the alleged traffic offense was committed, or if the accused was 16 or 17 years of age when an alleged offense was committed, following a transfer from juvenile court. The juvenile court would have exclusive original jurisdiction as to any juvenile who was under 18 years (no longer 16) of age at the time the alleged offense was committed, except that proceedings initiated under this subdivision would be able to be transferred to county court or district court if the juvenile was 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age at the time the alleged offense was committed.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association position: Oppose</b>  <b>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Support</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB204</a>	Slama		Judiciary 03/04/2021	General File 03/16/2021	Change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act
<p><b>Regarding the Sex Offender Registration Act, it would also apply to any person who on or after 1/1/2022 (i) has ever pled guilty to, pled nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of sex trafficking or sex trafficking of a minor or (ii) has ever pled guilty to, pled nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any offense that is substantially equivalent to a registrable offense by any village, town, city, state, territory, commonwealth, or other jurisdiction of the US, by the US Government, by court-martial or other military tribunal, or by a foreign jurisdiction, notwithstanding any other procedure to nullify a conviction other than by pardon. Additionally, any person required to register or who is registered under the Act would inform the sheriff of the county in which such person resides, in person, and complete a travel notification document, if such person intends to travel to another country, at least 21 days prior to such travel.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB207</a>	McDonnell		Business and Labor 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
<p><b>Regarding the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, no compensation would be allowed for the first 3 (no longer 7) calendar days of disability, but if disability extends beyond the period of 3 (no longer 7) calendar days, compensation would begin on the 4th (no longer 8th) calendar day of disability, except that if such disability continues for 2 (no longer 6) weeks or longer, compensation would be computed from the date disability began. This is the same proposition as LB170.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b></p>					

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LB213	Briese		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	<p>Provide for an efficiency review of state agencies</p> <p>Under this bill, the Department of Administrative Services would, in compliance with all statutes on contracts, contract for an efficiency review of state agencies listed in section 2 (stating all state agencies) of this act. The Department would electronically provide the results of the review to the Legislative Council no later than 1/1/2023. The efficiency review would be conducted by an independent source to provide an outside study of such state agencies to make the delivery of services more cost effective, identify outdated delivery practices that can be eliminated, identify increased efficiencies in service delivery, identify potential new sources of funding for services other than taxation, and make government more accountable to residents of the state.</p> <p>Nebraska Hospital Association position: <b>Monitor</b>  Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: <b>Monitor</b>  Nebraska State Education Association position: <b>Oppose</b></p>
LB214	Linehan		Revenue	General File 03/25/2021	<p>Define certain terms for purposes of property taxes</p> <p>Relating to property taxes, definitions would be included for “recreational land,” “primarily used,” and “wasteland.”</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: <b>Watch</b></p>
LB215	Hughes		Transportation and Telecommunications	Failed to Advance 03/23/2021	<p>Change 911 service surcharge provisions</p> <p>Relating to telecommunications, counties containing a city of the metropolitan class would no longer be an exception for the section stating that uniform service surcharges may be increased by an additional amount not to exceed 50 cents per month. Each wireless carrier would collect a surcharge of up to 70 cents on all active telephone numbers or functional equivalents every month from users of wireless service and would remit the surcharge, there would no longer be an exception for active telephone numbers in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class (up to 50 cents).</p> <p>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: <b>Support</b>  Nebraska Association of County Officials position: <b>Support</b></p>
LB216	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	<p>Prohibit certain public communications by a peace officer</p> <p>A peace officer who is participating or has participated in an investigation or litigation in the peace officer’s official capacity of a matter would not be able to make an extrajudicial statement that the peace officer knows or reasonably should know will be disseminated by means of public communication and will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding of the matter. A violation of this section would be a Class V misdemeanor. Statements that a peace officer would be able to make are also listed.</p> <p>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: <b>Oppose</b>  League of Nebraska Municipalities position: <b>Oppose</b></p>
LB217	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	<p>Provide a penalty for filing a false report by a peace officer</p> <p>Any peace officer who, while acting under color of peace officer’s official authority, intentionally files or submits any report, narrative, or entry relating to an official investigation that contains a materially false statement, which the peace officer knows to be false, would be guilty of filing a false report. This violation would be a Class IV felony.</p>

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LB226	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/01/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change motor vehicle tax exemptions as prescribed under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act  <b>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the first \$28,000 of the value when new of each motor vehicle owned and used exclusively by an organization or society qualified for a tax exemption provided in subdivision 1(c) or (d) of section 77-202 (property taxable; exemptions enumerated) would be able to be subtracted from such value for purposes of calculating value when new under section 60-3,190 (motor vehicle fee; fee schedules; Motor Vehicle Fee Fund; created; use; investment).</b>
					<b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Neutral Letter</b>
LB229	Hunt		Judiciary 02/24/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for enhanced penalties and a civil action for crimes committed because of a victim's gender identity or association with a person of a certain gender identity  <b>Relating to the Nebraska Criminal Code, gender identity would mean a person's internal sense of their own gender, regardless of the sex the person was assigned at birth. Enhanced penalties and a civil action would be available for crimes committed because of a victim's gender identity or association with a person of a certain gender identity.</b>
					<b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral</b>
LB230	Hunt		Judiciary 02/26/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit discrimination in public accommodations and under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity  <b>This bill would prohibit discrimination public accommodations and under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.</b>
LB242	Brandt	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/04/2021	General File 02/17/2021	Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act  <b>A political subdivision would be able to use a design-build contract or construction management at risk contract under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act for a project to repair, retrofit, reconstruct, or replace any bridge. The County Bridge Incentive Program would be created. The department would administer the program using funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund designated for the County Bridge Match Program, except that no more than \$10 million would be expended for the County Bridge Incentive Program. The purpose of this program would be to incentivize innovative solutions and provide funding to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient bridges on the county road system.</b>
					<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support</b>
LB249	Pansing Brooks		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit employers from inquiring about wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act  <b>This bill would prohibit employers from inquiring about, retaliating for failure to disclose, or rely on wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act. This would not apply to current employees applying for a position with the same employer, be construed to prohibit a job applicant from voluntarily sharing wage rate history with an employer, or apply to any actions taken by an employer pursuant to any federal, state, or local law that specifically authorizes the disclosure or verification of wage rate history for employment purposes.</b>
					<b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska State Education Association position: Support</b>

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<a href="#">LB258</a>	Vargas		Business and Labor 02/08/2021	Failed to Advance 05/10/2021	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the Health and Safe Families and Workplaces Act. Employees would accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe time for every 30 hours worked. Employees would not accrue more than 40 hours of paid sick and safe time in a calendar year unless the employer selects a higher limit. Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under 29 U.S.C 213(a)(1) would be assumed to work 40 hours in each work week for purposes of paid sick and safe time accrual unless their normal work week is less than 40 hours, in which case paid sick and safe time accrues based upon that normal work week. This time accrued could be used after the 60th calendar day of employment and would carry over to subsequent calendar years, except that the hours used still not exceed 40 hours in a given year unless a higher limit is selected by the employer. Any employer with a paid leave policy would not have to provide additional paid sick and safe time. All circumstances where an employer would allow an employee to use sick and safe time are listed in detail.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Neutral</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Neutral</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB259</a>	Halloran	Monitor	Judiciary 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Authorize a civil action for damages sustained by public safety officers
<p><b>A public safety officer would be able to bring a civil action against any person, group of persons, organization, corporation, or the head of an organization or corporation for (i) injury suffered during their official duties, (ii) abridgement of the officer's civil rights arising out of their civil duties, or (iii) the filing of a complaint against the officer, relating to the officer's performance of official duties, which the person filing knew was false when filed. Damages recoverable would include economic and noneconomic damages.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB263</a>	Briese		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Require occupational board to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction
<p><b>This bill would require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction. The process for an occupational board issuing an occupational license or government certification to an individual upon application based on private certification and work experience in another state or in the US Military is listed for when an applicant has work experience (and additionally holds a private certification) for an occupation in a state or in the US Military that does not use an occupational license or government certification to regulate an occupation with a similar scope of practice to an occupation for which this state requires an occupational license or government certification to regulate such occupation, as determined by the occupational board. The board would approve or deny an occupational license or government certification in writing within 60 days after receiving a complete application.</b></p> <p><b>LB263 was amended into LB709 via AM 1936.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB267</a>	McCullister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to municipal counties
<p><b>Relating to municipal counties, whenever the proposed creation of a municipal county involves a merger or consolidation between one or more counties and a city of the metropolitan class, within 30 days after the passage of the joint resolution or within 30 days after receipt of a petition by the registered voters, the governing bodies of the county or counties and the city of the metropolitan class involved would create an interjurisdictional planning commission (2 members from the counties, 2 members from the city of metropolitan class, and 3 members chosen by the first 4 members jointly). The purpose of the commission would be to create a plan of merger and to present the plan of merger to the governing bodies of the county or counties and city. The specifics of the plan are listed in detail. Both sides would hold a hearing and vote to approve or disprove of the plan within 45 days after receipt of the plan but no later than 90 days prior to the submission of the proposed merger.</b></p>					

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					<p>Whenever the proposed creation of a municipal county involves the merger or consolidation of a county or counties and a city of the metropolitan class, the municipal county mayor would be elected initially for a 3-year term beginning with the 1st general election following the formation of the municipal county, and thereafter to 4-year terms. It would have the same powers and duties of the county prior to the merger or consolidation, and, in addition, would have the power and duties of a city of the metropolitan class. Any other municipality located within the existing county that is not consolidated into the municipal county may be annexed by the new municipal county in accordance with the laws applicable to cities of the metropolitan class as long as the boundaries of the municipal county's urban service area are adjacent to the boundaries of such municipality.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>
<a href="#">LB281</a>	Albrecht		Education 02/23/2021	Select File 03/24/2021	<p>Require child sexual abuse prevention instructional programs for school students and staff</p> <p>Each school district would adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for students in kindergarten through grade five for implementation beginning in school year 2022-23. The details of the program are listed, including a minimum of four instructional sessions per school year, with each year's instruction building on the previous year's instruction and age-appropriate curriculum, including role-playing, discussion activities, and books to educate students regarding body safety that includes child sexual abuse prevention. Funding would be from money available under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. 6301, as the act existed on 1/1/2021.</p> <p>The committee amendment becomes the bill. The changes from LB281 are noted below. All other provisions from LB281 are included in the committee amendment. Removes "instructional" from the phrase "child sexual abuse prevention instructional program". Changes the grade levels such programs shall be implemented in from kindergarten through grade five to kindergarten through grade twelve. Requires the curriculum to be evidence based. References 79-879 when the act refers to grooming. Adds Sec. 2. to require training to be provided within the framework of existing training programs offered by the State Department of Education. The department is required to develop a list of approved training materials for the program. Allows the department to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska State Education Association position: Support</b></p>
<a href="#">LB284</a>	Cavanaugh, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/26/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	<p>Provide requirements regarding federal funds under the Governor's Emergency Program</p> <p>Regarding the Governor's Emergency Program, any expansion of federal programs during a declared emergency would be implemented for the duration of the declaration. Application for federal relief funds would be made for the maximum allowed by federal law. If such federal funds are made available, the Legislature would appropriate the funds from the state treasury to the Governor's Emergency Program or such other agency or program as appropriate to address the emergency. If the appropriation is required after the first 10 legislative days of a regular legislative session, a legislative bill would be introduced to provide for such appropriation. If the Legislature is not in session, the federal funds would not be expended until an appropriation is passed by the Legislature.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b></p>
<a href="#">LB290</a>	Cavanaugh, M.		Business and Labor 02/08/2021	General File 04/13/2021	<p>Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act</p> <p>This bill would adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. Beginning 1/1/2023, a covered individual would be able to take paid family and medical leave for the following qualifying reasons: (a) to care for a new child during the first year after birth, adoption, or placement through foster care of that child, (b) to care for a family member of the covered individual who has a serious health condition, (c) to care for a covered servicemember if the covered individual is a family member or the next of kin of the covered servicemember, (d) for qualifying exigency leave, or (e) because the covered individual has a serious health condition, including pregnancy, that makes the covered individual unable to perform the functions of the position held by such covered individual. The maximum amount of paid family leave and medical leave that a covered individual would be able to take would be 12 weeks or, for leave taken on an intermittent basis, 60 work days during any benefit year. Family and medical leave benefit calculations and claiming processes are listed in detail. The Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund would be created.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b></p>



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					<p>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose                      Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch                      AARP Nebraska position: Support                      ACLU of Nebraska position: Support                      Womens Fund of Omaha position: Support                      Nebraska Appleseed position: Support                      Nebraska State AFL-CIO position: Support                      Arc of Nebraska position: Support                      Nebraska State Education Association position: Support                      Voices for Children position: Support                      Lincoln Young Professionals Group position: Support                      Nebraska Department of Labor position: Oppose                      Lincoln Chamber of Commerce position: Oppose                      Omaha Chamber of Commerce position: Oppose                      Nebraska Bankers Association position: Oppose                      Lincoln Independant Business Association position: Oppose                      Nebraska Retail Federation position: Oppose                      Nebraska Restaurant Association position: Oppose                      Nebraska Federation of Independant Business position: Oppose                      Nebraska Insurance Federation position: Oppose</p>
LB292	Friesen		Revenue	General File	Change provisions relating to partial payments of property taxes
			02/17/2021	03/25/2021	<p>Relating to property taxes, the county treasurer (no longer any county board) would accept partial payments for the discharge of current or delinquent real property taxes, personal property taxes, or both or any charges for interest, publication, penalties, or other charges by reason of the delinquency of such taxes and would hold such payments in escrow or contract with another party to hold such payments in escrow.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</p>
LB294	Flood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	General File	Exempt certain agency deputy directors and legal counsel from the State Personnel System
			01/28/2021	03/09/2021	<p>Under this bill, certain people would be exempt from the State Personnel System, including all personnel employed as deputy directors of all agencies other than those already listed in the subsection and all personnel employees as agency legal counsel of agencies which have 200 or more employees other than the agencies already listed in the subsection. The definitions for deputy director and agency legal counsel.</p>
LB303	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee	Provide a budget limitation exception as prescribed
			02/04/2021	01/14/2021	<p>Introduced at the request of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Relating to political subdivisions, budget limitations laid out in section 13-519 would additionally not apply to restricted funds budgeted for law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support                      League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Support</p>
LB304	Hansen, M.	Support Letter	Appropriations	In Committee	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
			02/18/2021	01/14/2021	<p>This bill would appropriate \$172,000 from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to be used by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center to enforce sections 81-1456 (employment of law enforcement officer; submit personnel change in status form; record; contents; report of termination or resignation in lieu of termination) and 81-1457 (employment of law enforcement officer; waiver to prospective employer; contents; form; former employer; duties) relating to revocation of law enforcement officer certification.</p>

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<p><b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Support</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					
LB308	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Provide grants for juvenile indigent legal defense
<p>The Juvenile Indigent Defense Fund would be created, administered by the Commission on Public Advocacy, and would 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, which would also be created. Funds from the Fund would 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 would be able to apply for a grant under the program beginning 10/15/2022. Reporting methods for this program are listed in detail. A juvenile indigent defense fee of \$1 would be assessed as costs for each case filed in each county court, separate juvenile court, and district court, including appeals, and for each appeal and original action filed in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. The fees would go to the Fund.</p>					
<p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b></p>					
LB310	Clements	Oppose Testimony	Revenue 02/18/2021	Approved by Governor 02/17/2022 Clements Priority Bill	Change inheritance tax rates, inheritance tax exemption amounts, and individuals who are considered relatives of a decedent
<p>Relating to inheritance tax rates and exemption amount, in the case of a father, mother, grandparent, sibling, child, or child legally adopted, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 1% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$40,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 1% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$150,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 0.75% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$150,000; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 0.5% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$160,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$5,000.</p>					
<p>In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 13% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$15,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 11% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$60,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 9% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$62,500; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 6% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$65,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$2,500.</p>					
<p>In all other cases, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 18% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$10,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 15% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$40,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 12% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$42,500; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 9% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$45,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$2,500.</p>					
<p><b>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of High Concern</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB326</a>	Slama	Monitor	Judiciary 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide immunity for claims against first responders operating motor vehicles and arising from vehicular pursuits and provide for policies, training, and duties relating to vehicular pursuits
<p><b>Relating to tort claims, the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act would not apply to any claim against an employee of a political subdivisions arising out of certain conduct occurring within the court and scope of the employee's employment by the political subdivision and any claim arising from the collision of a motor vehicle being operated by a person fleeing a vehicular pursuit. A law enforcement agency would be able to, but would not be required to, adopt and implement a policy on vehicular pursuits and provide training on vehicular pursuits. Requirements, elements, and standards for any policy on vehicular pursuits are listed in detail. The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice would be able to develop and distribute a suggested model vehicular pursuit policy for use by law enforcement agencies, but the Commission would not mandate the adoption of the model policy. On or before 1/1/2022, the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council would develop a training program and develop standards and procedures relating to vehicular pursuits. The State Tort Claims Act would not apply to any claim against a law enforcement officer employed by the state arising out of a vehicular pursuit that occurred within the course and scope of the employee's employment or any claim arising from the collision of a motor vehicle being operated by a person fleeing a vehicular pursuit.</b></p> <p><b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB329</a>	Wayne	Support Letter	Revenue 03/04/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to taxes imposed on the average wholesale price of gasoline
<p><b>Introduced at the request of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. The minimum average wholesale price of gasoline to be used to calculate the tax in this section for tax periods, beginning on and after 7/1/2021, would be \$2.44. In no case would the average wholesale price of gasoline be less than the minimum amount required under this subsection. The Department would use at least 35% of the amount allocated to the Highway Cash Fund to pay for surface transportation projects, as defined in section 29-2702 (money received; disposition), of the highest priority as determined by the Department.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB330</a>	Wayne	Monitor	Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Raise the jurisdictional age limit for juvenile court to age twenty-one for certain purposes
<p><b>This bill would raise the jurisdictional age limit for juvenile court to age 21 years (no longer 18 or 19 years) for certain provisions. A person under 21 years of age arraigned in county court or district court prior to the effective date of this act would be able to file a motion to transfer the case to juvenile court if a conviction has not yet been obtained, whether by trial or plea of guilty or nolo contendere.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB331</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 03/04/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Prohibit contractual criminal enforcement of certain offenses related to animals
<p><b>Related to offenses against animals, such rules, regulations, and ordinances adopted by any city, village, or county would not provide for contractual criminal enforcement by any private entity.</b></p> <p><b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose through Testimony</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB333</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 02/11/2021	General File 03/04/2021	Change provisions relating to possession of an electronic communications device in Department of Correctional Services facilities
<p><b>The following persons would be allowed to bring electronic communication devices into a facility without preapproval from the director: (a) a member of the Legislature, (b) the Public Counsel or any employee of the Public Counsel, and (c) an attorney or an attorney's agent visiting a committed offender who is a client of such attorney.</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB335</a>	Flood	Monitor	Judiciary 02/10/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Require announcement of the average cost of incarceration at sentencing for sentences served at the Department of Correctional Services  <b>Beginning 9/15/2022, when sentencing a defendant to any term of imprisonment in an institution of the department, the court would announce in open court and on the record the total estimated cost to the taxpayers of such term of imprisonment. On or before 8/1/2022, and on or before each August 1 thereafter the Department would calculate the average cost of imprisonment for inmates in Department institutions for the preceding year and report such amount or amounts to the commission in a form and manner prescribed by the commission.</b>
<a href="#">LB339</a>	Bostelman	Oppose Testimony	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/16/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Require a utility coordination plan for certain highway and bridge contracts  <b>Any contract exceeding \$50,000 for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of a road, street, highway, bridge, or other related structure to which the Department of Transportation or any city of the metropolitan class, any city of the primary or first class, or any county with more than 25,000 inhabitants is a party would require a utility coordination plan.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB348</a>	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to succession to real property by affidavit  <b>Relating to decedents' estates and the affidavit of the successor, in the affidavit the value of the decedent's interest would be determined from the value of the property shown on the assessment rolls for the year in which the decedent died, as adjusted to 100% of fair market value as of the date of the affidavit, less real estate taxes and interest thereon if any is due at the time of death. Additionally, if claiming by devise under the will of the decedent, a copy of such will would be attached to the affidavit.</b>
<a href="#">LB349</a>	McKinney		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Create El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X Day and establish a holiday  <b>May 19 of each year would be El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X Day, and would be set apart for holding suitable exercises in the schools of the state in recognition of the sacrifices of the late El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X and his contributions to the betterment of society.</b>
<a href="#">LB352</a>	Lathrop		Judiciary 02/11/2021	General File 03/10/2021	Change the amounts of certain court fees  <b>Relating to court costs, the court automation fee would be \$10 (no longer \$8), the training fee would be \$2 (no longer \$1), and the dispute resolution fee would be \$1.50 (no longer \$0.75).</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter</b>
<a href="#">LB353</a>	Lathrop		Appropriations 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021 Lathrop Priority Bill	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services for a community corrections facility  <b>This bill would appropriate \$52 million from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 to the Department of Correctional Services for the construction or expansion of a community corrections facility with 300 new beds in the Omaha metropolitan area. The new or expanded facility would be consistent with the increase of community corrections capacity in the Omaha area recommended in Phase 1 of the Department of Correctional Services 2014 Master Plan Report.</b>  <b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Support</b>
<a href="#">LB357</a>	Hunt		Judiciary 01/28/2021	General File 03/12/2021	Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights  <b>This bill would create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights. It would be the policy of the Legislature to ensure that the quality of care provided to children placed in foster family homes, child-care institutions, or youth rehabilitation and treatment centers is as close as possible to the care a child would receive in a family setting. In order to accomplish such goals, the Department would provide developmentally appropriate information and notice to ensure certain rights for them that are listed in detail, including that each child would be in a placement that shares the child's religious beliefs when practical and each child would be free from unreasonable search and seizure as provided under the 4th Amendment to the Constitution of the US and as defined by state and federal law. Caseworkers would be trained on these rights and would make sure that each child knows they have these rights.</b>

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LB362	Halloran		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act
<p>Relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act, any registered voter who is permitted to vote early would be able to appoint an agent to return a marked ballot to the election commissioner or county clerk on behalf of such voter.</p>					
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b>					
LB370	Sanders		Judiciary 03/11/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Adopt the Personal Privacy Protection Act
<p>This bill would adopt the Personal Privacy Protection Act. notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary except as otherwise provided in this section, each public agency would be prohibited from (a) requiring any individual to provide personal information or otherwise compelling the release of personal information, (b) requiring any nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code to provide such public agency with personal information or otherwise compelling the release of personal information, (c) if in the possession of personal information, releasing, publicizing, or otherwise publicly disclosing such personal information, or (d) requesting or requiring a current or prospective contractor or grantee to provide such public agency with a list of nonprofit organizations holding certificates of exemption under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code to which such contractor or grantee has provided financial or nonfinancial support. Personal information would be exempt from disclosure under public record laws. A person alleging a violation of this Act would be able to be entitled to appropriate injunctive relief and damages, including a reasonable attorney's fee.</p>					
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Unstated</b>					
LB377	DeBoer		Revenue 02/18/2021	General File 03/12/2021	Change inheritance tax provisions
<p>Introduced at the request of the Nebraska State Bar Association. Relating to inheritance taxes, relatives of the decedent would additionally include relatives of a spouse or former spouse of the decedent's parent, grandparent, child, sibling, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew, if the decedent's parent, grandparent, child, sibling, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew was married to the spouse at the date of death of the decedent or at the date of death of such spouse.</p>					
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch Letter</b>					
LB394	Morfeld		Judiciary 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Public Health Emergency Housing Protection Act and change deadlines for trials in actions for possession and forcible entry and detainer
<p>This bill would adopt the Public Health Emergency Housing Protection Act. If a municipality finds that it is necessary to protect the public welfare from the spread of a virus or infectious disease, the municipality would be able to enact a moratorium on any evictions and foreclosures within the municipality, either through the governing body or the mayor or city manager of the municipality, by resolution or proclamation. The moratorium would end when either the governing body or mayor or city manager determines, except when the moratorium is enacted by the governing body and the mayor terminates it, the governing body would be able to reinstate the moratorium with a two-thirds majority vote. A local public health department and county board would also have these powers.</p>					
<p>During a moratorium period, the following would apply to any dwelling unit within the jurisdiction: (a) a landlord would not be able to terminate a rental agreement with a tenant, (b) a landlord would not be able to file a judicial eviction action against a tenant, (c) a court in which an eviction action is pending would not convene to hear it, (d) service of process would not be allowed against a tenant for an eviction action, (e) a court would not accept any eviction action filing, (f) all deadlines relating to eviction actions would be tolled for the duration of the period, (g) no eviction order would be served or executed on a tenant, and (h) a landlord would not assess fees, penalties, or other charges to a tenant for nonpayment of rent. The same restrictions would apply for foreclosure actions against mortgagors of real property.</p>					
<p>The Public Health Emergency Housing Assistance Fund would be created to provide housing assistance pursuant to this section. The deadlines for trials in actions for possession and forcible entry and detainer would remain the same, unless otherwise ordered by the court.</p>					
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Conditional</b>					

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LB404	Lowe		Judiciary 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change permit and renewal time periods under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act
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**Regarding the Concealed Handgun Permit Act, permit and renewal time periods would be 10 years (no longer 5).**

LB408	Briese	Oppose	Revenue 01/27/2021	General File 03/02/2021	Adopt the Property Tax Request Act
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**This bill would adopt the Property Tax Request Act and is the statutory equivalent of LR22CA. Definitions are included for approved bonds, political subdivision, property tax request, and real growth value. A political subdivision's property tax request for any year would not exceed its property tax request in the prior year by more than 3%, except as otherwise provided in this section. A political subdivision would be able to exceed the limit provided in this section by an amount approved by a majority of registered voters voting on the issue in a primary, general, or special election at which the issue is placed before the registered voters. The limit in this section would not apply to that portion of a political subdivision's property tax request that is needed to pay the principal and interest on approved bonds and that will be derived from the real growth value for the political subdivision.**

**The Committee Amendment becomes the bill. The changes from LB408, as introduced are noted below. All other provisions from LB408 are included in the Committee Amendment. Section 4 (Page 4, Lines 19-31 through Page 6, Lines 1-14) that a political subdivision's property tax request in any year shall not exceed its request authority. Request authority shall be equal to the political subdivision's tax request from the prior year multiplied by 103%.**

**By a majority vote of a political subdivision's governing board, the political subdivision may exceed the 3% limit for no more than 2 consecutive years. If this situation occurs, the property tax request of the political subdivision shall be reduced to ensure the increase in the property tax request does not exceed 9% over a 3-year period. The 3-year period will be measured using the year when the political subdivision exceeds the 3% limit as the first year. If the vote to exceed the 3% limit is for 2 consecutive years, the 3-year period shall be measured twice using each of the 2 consecutive years as the first year of the applicable 3-year period. The 3% limit shall not apply to a political subdivision's property tax request that will be derived from the real growth value of the political subdivision.**

**A political subdivision that chooses not to increase its property tax request by the full 3% may carry forward one-half of its unused request authority to future years as carryover request authority. Carryover request authority may be used in future years to increase the political subdivision's tax request above the 3% limit. The 3% limit shall apply to property tax requests set in 2022 through 2027. The 3% limit shall not longer apply to property tax request set in 2028 and thereafter. Section 13-506 is amended to require the presentation required at a budget hearing shall also include information showing the political subdivision is in compliance with the Property Tax Request Act.**

**Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of High Concern**  
**Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow**  
**ESU Coordinating Council position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Council of School Administrators position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska State Education Association position: Oppose**  
**Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Children Education position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska State Chamber position: None**  
**Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose**  
**Greater Nebraska Schools Association position: Oppose - Testify**  
**Lincoln Public Schools position: Oppose**

LB417	Halloran		Judiciary 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Authorize possession of a firearm on school grounds by a full-time, off-duty law enforcement officer
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**This bill would allow possession of a firearm on school grounds by a full-time, off-duty law enforcement officer.**

**Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow**  
**Nebraska State Education Association position: Oppose**  
**Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Neutral**  
**League of Nebraska Municipalities position: No Position**

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LB419	Cavanaugh, J.	Neutral	Judiciary 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require appointment of counsel in eviction proceedings and provide for a filing fee  <b>Relating to civil actions, at the commencement of any eviction proceeding, the court would appoint counsel for the tenant unless the tenant is already represented by counsel. The tenant would be able to waive court-appointed counsel or retain the tenant's own counsel and the cost of any court-appointed counsel would be paid by the county. Counsel appointed here would apply to the court before which the proceedings were had for fees for services performed. In addition to all other court costs assessed according to law, an eviction proceeding fee of \$50 would be assessed in each county court and district court. Additional information required for summons is listed in detail.</b>  <b>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of Concern</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b>
LB422	Briese		Revenue 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services  <b>Commencing 10/1/2022, the rate of sales tax levied pursuant to section 77-2703 (tax upon gross receipts from all sales of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state) would be 5%. The Tax Commissioner would adjust the sales tax at the beginning of the next four calendar quarters to a rate estimated to provide approximately the same amount of revenue for the state had the changes made by this legislative bill not gone into effect.</b>  <b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Undetermined</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: No Position</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b>
LB424	Brewer	Oppose Letter	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/26/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Provide and change zoning requirements for wind energy generation projects  <b>Beginning 9/1/2021, no wind energy generation project would be constructed unless the county in which the project would be located has zoning regulations or a zoning resolution meeting the requirements of this section. The zoning provisions would address fixed-distance setbacks, noise standards, any noise-measuring instruments, decommissioning terms and conditions, and fees for conditional use permits for wind energy generation projects. The procedure used to measure noise would meet the requirements of the American National Standards Institute, the International Electrotechnical Commission, or the International Organization for Standardization for the measurement of sound.</b>  <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b>
LB426			Appropriations 02/25/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require the Department of of Health and Human Services to conduct a cost analysis for capital improvement and structural changes at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and submit a report  <b>The Department of Health and Human Services would contract for the completion of a cost analysis for necessary capital improvements and structural changes to the facilities at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney within 60 days after the effective date of this act and submit a report to the Health and Human Services Committee on or before 12/15/2021.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b>
LB427		Monitor	Health and Human Services 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	State intent that substance abuse and behavioral health treatment for juveniles by the Department of Health and Human Services not be delayed  <b>It would be the intent of the Legislature that no institution under the supervision of the Department of Health and Human Services at which the department provides inpatient or subacute substance abuse or behavioral health residential treatment for juveniles under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court would delay such treatment to a juvenile when such treatment has been determined necessary or has been order by a juvenile court.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Support</b>

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LB429			Health and Human Services 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require notification by the Department of Health and Human Services to the Legislature prior to implementation of substantial changes to facilities and programs under the Office of Juvenile Services  <b>Prior to implementing any substantial changes to the facilities and programs under the jurisdiction of the Office of Juvenile Services, the Department of Health and Human Services would notify the Legislature of such intended substantial changes. Legislative consideration would be needed before any substantial changes.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b>
LB431			Revenue 03/03/2021	General File 04/07/2021	Change taxation provisions relating to improvements on leased lands, the assessment of undervalued and overvalued property, methods for giving notice, and the collection of certain taxes and fees  <b>Within 7 days after the county board of equalization's final decision relating to hearing protests, the county clerk would, for protested and nonprotested actions, send to the Property Tax Administrator a copy of the county assessor's report of undervalued and overvalued property under section 77-1315.01 and a copy of the county board of equalization's decision. The fees imposed by this section would be due and payable from retailers to the Tax Commissioner on or before the 25th day of the month following the monthly (required if a retailer's annual fee remittance is \$3,000 or more), quarterly (required if a retailer's annual fee remittance is \$900 or more but less than \$3,000), or annual period for filing returns (required if a retailer's annual fee remittance is less than \$900).</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b>
LB435	Hansen, B.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require an official watermark on certain ballots under the Election Act  <b>Regarding the Election Act, an official watermark designed by the Secretary of State would be required for all official ballots.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b>
LB441	Hansen, M.		Business and Labor 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions relating to compensation for individuals affected by COVID-19 under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act  <b>Regarding the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, an essential worker who otherwise qualifies for workers' compensation and (i) is confirmed as COVID-19 positive on or after 3/13/2020, (ii) has COVID-19 listed as the cause of death on their death certificate, or (iii) is quarantined at the direction of the employer due to suspected COVID-19 exposure, would be presumed to have suffered from an accident arising out of and in the course of his or her employment, and a claim would not be denied to an essential worker on the basis that the accident did not produce an unforeseen injury. The Retroactive COVID-19 Claims Fund would be created to pay for any costs from retroactive COVID-19 workers' compensation claims.</b>  <b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Undetermined</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose through letter</b>
LB443	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/25/2021	General File 03/09/2021	Exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act  <b>This bill would exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b>
LB444	Hansen, M.		Judiciary 02/10/2021	General File 03/04/2021	Change provisions relating to credit against jail terms  <b>If a person is arrested on one charge and prosecuted on another charge growing out of conduct which occurred prior to such person's arrest, credit against the term of any sentence resulting from such prosecution would be given for all time spent in custody under the former charge which has not been credited against another sentence.</b>



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LB447	Cavanaugh, M.		Health and Human Services 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions relating to immunization under the Child Care Licensing Act
<p>Regarding the Child Care Licensing Act, the bill removes the option to enroll in childcare without a cavvination using a parent statement, instead allowing only for children to enroll who have immunizations or a doctors note stating a medical reason for not being immunized. The department would maintain a database for the submission of any report required for each program under this section. Any identification of individual children in such reports would not be public information</p>					
<b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Support</b>					
<b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Testimony- Support</b>					
LB450	McKinney		Business and Labor 02/01/2021	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 McKinney Priority Bill	Adopt the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act and the Small Business Assistance Act
<p>LB450 would adopt the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act. An innovation hub or iHub means a partnership between interrelated firms, local governments, economic development organizations, educational entities, and industries that collectively drive economic growth within a defined geographic area. The Department of Economic Development is charged with designating innovation hubs to stimulate partnerships, economic development, and job creation by leveraging assets to provide an innovation platform for startup businesses, economic development organizations, business groups, and venture capitalists. The assets may include, but are not limited to, research parks, technology incubators, universities, and federal laboratories.</p> <p>The Business and Labor Committee advanced the bill with AM739 attached. AM739 defines an Economic redevelopment area in reference to the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act. Sec 3. (4) Economic redevelopment area means an area in the State of Nebraska in which: (a) The average rate of unemployment in the area during the period covered by the most recent federal decennial census or American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate by the United States Bureau of the Census is at least one hundred fifty percent of the average rate of unemployment in the state during the same period; and (b) The average poverty rate in the area is twenty percent or more for the federal census tract in the area</p>					
<b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Monitor</b>					
<b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b>					
LB454	Friesen		Revenue 02/11/2021	Failed to Advance 05/04/2021	Adopt the School Property Tax Stabilization Act and change the valuation of agricultural land
<p>This bill would adopt the School Property Tax Stabilization Act. On or before 9/15/2021, the State Department of Education would determine the total school property tax stabilization payment to be paid to each eligible school district for the 2021-22 school fiscal year. On or before 6/30/2022 and each year thereafter, the Department would do the same for the ensuing year. A school district would be eligible for a school property tax stabilization payment if the school district property tax requirement exceeds 75% for the formula need calculated for such school district for the school fiscal year for which a total school property tax stabilization payment is being calculated. The requirement for each district would equal the formula need minus the sum of the amount to be distributed pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Act and other actual receipts for which a total school property tax stabilization payment is being calculated. The school property tax stabilization base would equal the amount by which the requirement exceeds the difference of 75% of the formula need minus the sum of the amount to be distributed pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Act and other actual receipts for such school district. The total payment to be paid to an eligible school district would equal the school property tax stabilization base for such school district multiplied by 50%. The applicable percentage for agricultural and horticultural land to be used for school district taxation purposes would be 65 for tax year 2022 and 55 for tax years 2023 and after. The applicable percentage range for other property to be used for school district taxation purposes would be 59 to 65 for tax year 2022 and 49 to 55 for tax years 2023 and after. For agricultural and horticultural land, the adjusted valuation used for the calculation of aid for school FY prior to 2022-23, 72% of actual value (followed by 62% for FY 2022-23 and 52% for FY 2023-24 and after).</p> <p>The Revenue Committee advacnced LB454 with AM789. The amendment creates the School Property Tax Stabilization Act. School districts that qualify for a school property tax stabilization payment will receive the payment in 10 equal installments beginning on the last business day in September and through the last business day in June. School districts receiving less than \$1,000 total payment will receive the lump sum on the last business day in December.</p>					

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The total school property tax stabilization payment paid to an eligible school district will be equal to 50% of the school property tax stabilization base. The school property tax stabilization base shall equal the amount the eligible school district's property tax requirement exceeds 70% of the formula need calculated for school fiscal year 2012-22; 65% of the formula need for school fiscal year 2022-23; 65% of the formula need for school fiscal year 2022-23; 60% of the formula need for school fiscal year 2023-24; and 55% of the formula need for school fiscal year 2024-25 and each school fiscal year thereafter.

The school district property tax requirement will be equal to the formula need calculated for each school district minus the sum of the amount of TEEOSA Aid and other actual receipts. To be eligible for the school property tax stabilization payment, the property tax requirement for the school district must exceed 70% of the formula need calculated for school fiscal year 2021-22; 65% of the formula need calculated for school fiscal year 2022-23; 60% of the formula need for school fiscal year 2023-24 and 55% of formula need for school fiscal year 2021-25 and each school fiscal year thereafter.

The Department of Education will determine the total school property tax stabilization payments for each eligible school district in school year 2021-22 on or before September 15, 2021. For each school year thereafter, the Department of Education will determine the total school property tax stabilization payments on or before June 30.

All monies received from the School Property Tax Stabilization Act shall be shown as budgeted non-property-tax receipts and deducted prior to calculating the property tax request in the local system's general fund budget statement as provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts. The amendment contains intent language to appropriate the funds necessary to carry out the School Property Tax Stabilization Act; and to fully fund the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act before funding the School Property Tax Stabilization Act.

- Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow
- Nebraska Council of School Administrators position: Oppose
- Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association position: Oppose
- Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Children Education position: Oppose
- Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch
- Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support
- Greater Nebraska Schools Association position: Oppose - Testify
- FAIR Nebraska position: Support
- Open Sky Policy Institute position: Oppose
- Omaha Public Schools position: Oppose

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<a href="#">LB455</a>	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/08/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Broadband Pole Attachment Act

LB455 would adopt the Broadband Pole Attachment Act, which is intended to promote the deployment of broadband services. Each electric utility must: charge rates and fees for attachments to utility poles by communications service providers that are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory regardless of the services furnished; make the electric utility's easements available to a communications service provider and, where necessary, obtain expansions of such easements to accommodate the communications service provider's attachments on a nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral basis; establish terms and conditions for attachments to utility poles by any communications service provider that are nondiscriminatory, competitively neutral, commercially reasonable, and consistent with federal laws and regulations; if consistent with the National Electrical Safety Code, rearrange, expand, replace, or otherwise reengineer any utility pole upon the request of a communications service provider if necessary to accommodate the communications service provider's new attachment. If the replacement of a utility pole is necessary pursuant to this subdivision, an electric utility shall not require reimbursement of costs associated with such pole replacement from a communications service provider beyond recovery of the electric utility's actual and reasonable costs of advancing the retirement of the existing utility pole. Such costs shall be measured by the net book value of the existing utility pole plus the incremental cost, if any, of installing a utility pole with greater capacity than the utility pole such electric utility would have installed in the normal course of its operations, and any other incremental costs proved by the electric utility, except that such incremental costs shall in no event include any costs associated with the installation of a utility pole the electric utility would have installed at the same location; complete utility pole replacement or other make-ready work within 90 days of receipt of a complete attachment request from a communications service provider; allow a communications service provider or its designee to use boxing techniques, extension arms, attachments below existing attachments where space is unavailable above existing attachments, temporary attachments, or other methods or equipment, except that such use shall comply with the National Electrical Safety Code or other applicable safety codes; not require a communications service provider to comply with utility pole attachment specifications or requirements that exceed National Electrical Safety Code specifications, applicable fire safety codes, or any building code or similar code of general applicability for the protection of public health, safety, or welfare that were adopted by the applicable local governmental jurisdiction prior to the filing of a utility pole attachment application, except that any such specifications or requirements adopted by a local governmental jurisdiction that owns or controls an electric utility shall be just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to expand the power of any local governmental jurisdiction; and negotiate in good faith with communications service providers to enter into pole attachment agreements consistent with the Broadband Pole Attachment Act and to conform existing pole attachment agreements to be consistent with the Broadband Pole Attachment Act. Complaints may be filed and disputes resolved with the Public Service Commission. Terms and timelines are established regarding the negotiation of pole attachment agreements. Jurisdictional utilities governed by the Natural Gas Regulation Act will defer to the provisions of such act.

Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch  
League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose  
Nebraska Child Health & Education Alliance: Monitor

<a href="#">LB460</a>	Brandt		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/09/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission
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LB460 would provide that any agency or political subdivision of the state may lease or license its dark fiber and related infrastructure under such terms as determined by such agency or political subdivision pursuant to its duly adopted and promulgated rules and regulations, issued orders, written policies, enacted ordinances, or adopted resolutions. The bill would also eliminate prescribed powers of the Public Service Commission relating to such matters.

Nebraska State Chamber Position: Neutral look at in conjunction with concepts embodied in LB600, LB656.

<a href="#">LB462</a>	Dom	Support Letter	Appropriations 02/25/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
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This bill would provide a rate increase for behavioral health services of 3% for FY 2021-22 and 3% for FY 2022-23 to Agency No. 25, Department of Health and Human Services, Program 348, Medical Assistance, and Program 349, Medicaid Expansion.

Nebraska Hospital Association position: Support  
Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Support  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Support  
Nebraska Child Health & Education Alliance: Monitor

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<a href="#">LB472</a>	DeBoer		Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require law enforcement officers to intervene when excessive force is used and require policies on excessive force

**A law enforcement officer would be required to intervene to prevent or stop another law enforcement officer from using what the first officer reasonably believes to be excessive force against a member of the public, without regard for the chain of command, if the first officer can reasonably do so.**

**Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Oppose**  
**League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose**

<a href="#">LB474</a>	Wishart		Judiciary 03/10/2021	General File 03/31/2021	Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act
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**This bill would adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act. Any school, health care facility or health care service licensed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, licensed child care facility, or foster care facility would be able to adopt reasonable restrictions on the use of cannabis by students, residents, or persons receiving care or services, including that (a) the school, facility, or service and agents thereof are not responsible for providing the cannabis, (b) cannabis may not be inhaled using vaporization, and (c) cannabis may be consumed only in a place specified by the school, facility, or service. The department would establish and maintain a voluntary registry program for patients and caregivers. A certified patient or nonresident would be able to engage in the medicinal use of cannabis and not be subject to any civil penalties. The application and registration process is listed in detail. A producer of cannabis would provide a reliable and ongoing supply of cannabis needed for the registry program. Prior to dispensing any cannabis, a dispensary would verify that the person requesting the distribution of cannabis is a certified patient, a designated caregiver, a nonresident patient, or a nonresident caregiver using verification procedures prescribed by the department. The Medicinal Cannabis Regulation Fund would be created for purposes of regulation of cannabis and administration of this Act.**

**The Judiciary Committee advanced LB474 with an amendment - AM824. AM 824 makes two changes to the original version of LB 474. First it replaces section 24, which defined qualifying medical condition as any illness for which cannabis might provide relief with a list of specific diseases or conditions. Second, the amendment rewrites the continuing medical education provisions to require eight hours of CME prior to issuing a certification and requiring eight hours of MCE approved by another state until the Board approves CME courses.**

**Nebraska County Attorneys Association position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor**  
**Nebraska State Chamber position: Neutral**  
**Governor Pete Ricketts position: Noted as a Bad Bill in April 13, 2021 Column**  
**Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health & Division of Behavioral Health position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Medical Association position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska State Patrol position: Oppose**  
**Smart Approaches to Marijuana Nebraska position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Hemp Company position: Neutral**  
**Nebraska Pharmacists Association position: Support**  
**Nebraska Families for Medical Cannabis position: Support**  
**Epilepsy Foundation of Nebraska position: Support**  
**ACLU of Nebraska position: Support**  
**Heartland Relief LLC position: Support**  
**Attorney General's Office position: Oppose**  
**Heartland Family Service position: Oppose**  
**Lancaster County Sheriffs Office position: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Sheriffs Association position: Oppose**

<a href="#">LB480</a>	McKinney		Business and Labor 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change the minimum wage as prescribed
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**The minimum wage would be raised to \$10 per hour on and after 1/1/2022, through 12/31/2022 and increase by \$1 per hour every year until it reaches \$20 per hour on and after 1/1/2032, through 12/31/2032. The adjusted hourly rate after this would be determined by the Commission of Labor and would be equal to the minimum wage from the previous calendar year increased by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12 months ending on June 30th of such previous calendar year.**

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					<p>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor Nebraska State Chamber position: Oppose Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor Nebraska State Education Association position: Support</p>
LB481	McKinney		Judiciary 02/19/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	<p>Adot the Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act, decriminalize possessory marijuana and synthetic cannabinoid offenses and drug paraphernalia offenses, and change related provisions</p> <p><b>This bill would adopt the Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act and decriminalize possessory marijuana and synthetic cannabinoid offenses and drug paraphernalia offenses. Beginning 6/1/2023, a person would automatically be eligible for clean slate relief of this Act for a qualified offense if the person was sentenced for such offense on or after 1/1/1994 and if, as of 6/1/2023, such person has completed the sentence for such offense, including payment of all court-ordered financial obligations related to such offense. An order for clean slate relief would nullify the conviction, remove all civil disabilities and disqualifications imposed as a result of the conviction, and notify the person in interest that such person should consult with an attorney regarding the effect of the order, if any, on such person's ability to possess a firearm under state or federal law. It would no longer be an offense for a person to possess mariuana or possess marijuana with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, prepare for delivery, or offer for delivery.</b></p> <p>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</p>
LB483	Cavanaugh, J.		Natural Resources 02/11/2021	IPP (Killed) 04/12/2022	<p>Provide for a climate change study and action plan</p> <p><b>The University of Nebraska would develop an evidence-based, data-driven, strategic action plan to provide methods for adapting to and mitigating the impacts of extreme weather events or climate change. What this action plan would include is listed in detail, along with the process for developing the action plan. An amount of \$250,000 in total from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Collection Fund would be transferred to the University of Nebraska on or before 12/15/2022.</b></p>
LB490	Cavanaugh, M.	Monitor	Health and Human Services 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	<p>Require youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to obtain a license from the Division of Public Health</p> <p><b>On or before 10/15/2021, a youth rehabilitation and treatment center would be required to obtain a license from the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to operate such a facility.</b></p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</p>
LB492	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	<p>Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System</p> <p><b>This bill would create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System. The purpose of the Body would be to develop a plan to create and sustain a unified juvenile justice and child welfare data system in Nebraska which would answer key questions about youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and guide future investment in preventing involvement in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. The membership of this Body is listed in detail. The Body would propose a plan to develop the System, a statewide education, juvenile justice, and child welfare unified data system created to improve the coordination and streamlining of services, guide resource allocation, and provide greater accountability for investments in juvenile justice and child welfare services. The System would begin on 7/1/2023 and be managed by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute.</b></p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</p>
LB496	Hilkemann		Judiciary 03/04/2021	Final Reading 01/21/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to postconviction relief and require collection of DNA samples from persons arrested for crimes of violence or burglary</p> <p><b>A person who is arrested for an alleged crime of violence on or after the operative date of this act, who does not have a DNA sample available for use in the State DNA Sample Bank, would have a DNA sample collected by a law enforcement official at the receiving criminal detention facility during the booking process. If the first appearance of such a person in court for the alleged crime of violence is not due to arrest but by a citation or summons, the court immediately would order, and a law enforcement officer would take or cause to be taken, a DNA sample of the person.</b></p> <p>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Support</p>

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<b>Amended Bills: LB316</b>					
LB504	Cavanaugh, J.		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/23/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change certain penalty provisions for the suspension, revocation, or impoundment of a motor vehicle operator's license  Regarding the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, for a first offense (Class IV misdemeanor), the court would be able to order such a person not to operate any motor vehicle for any purpose for a period of 6 months. For a subsequent offense (Class III misdemeanor), the court would be able to order such a person not to operate any motor vehicle for any purpose for a period of 1 year. For a suspended license offense, a first offense would be a Class V misdemeanor, a second or third offense would be a Class IV misdemeanor (with suspension of operating a vehicle for 6 months), and a fourth or subsequent offense would be a Class III misdemeanor (with suspension of operating a vehicle for 1 year). A person would be able to, at the time of sentencing, show proof of reinstatement of his or her suspended operator's license and would only be fined an amount not to exceed \$100.
<b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b>					
LB512	Brewer		Business and Labor 03/01/2021	General File 02/15/2022 Business and Labor Priority Bill	Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act  This bill would adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act. Utilities would maintain a list of critical infrastructure utility workers by position description without listing individual names and would be made available to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency upon request. In the event of any civil defense emergency, disaster, or emergency involving a severe threat to human health, the Governor would take all necessary measures to provide available federal funds for the adequate protection and care of critical infrastructure utility workers.  The Business and Labor Committee advanced LB512 with AM1620 that strikes the emergency clause in section 6. It also redefines Critical infrastructure utility worker in section 2 to mean an essential critical infrastructure worker as identified in the Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 4.0, as released on 7 August 18, 2020, by the United States Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Finally AM1620 adds the words in accordance with federal law and regulations regarding eligibility in section 5 when referring to applying available federal funds to workers. Effectively ending the state funding of the act.
LB515	McKinney		Urban Affairs 02/02/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act  This bill would adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act. On or before 1/1/2022, each city would create a citizen police oversight board by ordinance, specifying its composition, jurisdiction, and powers as provided in this Act. Each board would consist of 7 members who serve for 5 year terms. The powers of the board are listed in detail. An oversight board would be able to summarily dismiss a grievance or complaint filed by a member of the public without investigation when the board makes the determination that it would be necessary. A city would provide its board with sufficient funding and resources to adequately perform its duties under the Act. The investigation process for the board is listed in detail.  <b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Oppose</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose</b>
LB520	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/08/2021	General File 04/13/2022	Provide for applications for the collocation of certain wireless facilities  Would provide for application, procedures and fees for the collocation of certain wireless facilities. Collocation means to install or place a wireless facility on or adjacent to existing structures, including, but not limited to, buildings, electrical transmission towers, poles, towers, water towers, and other structures capable of supporting the attachment of wireless facilities in compliance with applicable codes.  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose</b>

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<a href="#">LB525</a>	Wishart	Monitor	Judiciary 02/10/2021	General File 03/31/2021	Provide duties and requirements for transitional housing facilities and change powers of the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System
<p>A provider who receives money from the state or a county to house residents in a transitional housing facility would (a) abide by all zoning and occupancy standards of the jurisdiction in which it is located, (b) provide the community supervision agency with a phone number for a manager or supervisor of the provider who is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and (c) post in a conspicuous location on the exterior of the transitional housing, in a location visible to the public, a sign indicating the occupancy limit of the transitional housing. A community supervision agency or its employees, agents, or designees would be able to enter and inspect a transitional housing facility at any time without prior notice if such agency has jurisdiction over a resident of such facility or is paying for the housing of a resident of such facility. The Division of Parole Supervision would be given more powers that are listed under this act.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</p>					
<a href="#">LB537</a>	Geist		Judiciary 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions relating to placement and commitment of juveniles
<p>A court of competent jurisdiction would be able to detain a juvenile at any hearing, and the following would apply: (i) the juvenile would be detained if they were arrested or charged with a firearm offense, Class IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felony, or a felony when they violated probation, (ii) the juvenile would be able to be detained if the physical safety of someone was threatened, the juvenile fled or is missing, or the juvenile poses a serious threat to themselves. A juvenile who must appear before a court of competent jurisdiction need not have formal service of the hearing but the Office of Probation Administration would ensure the juvenile has notice of such hearing.</p> <p>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</p>					
<a href="#">LB539</a>	Walz		Transportation and Telecommunications 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Provide for a limit on the length of trains
<p>The bill restricts a railroad from allowing to or running a freight or work train that exceeds 7,500 feet in length on a main track or branch line.</p> <p>Nebraska State Chamber Position: Oppose</p>					
<a href="#">LB542</a>	Walz		Revenue 03/03/2021	General File 03/31/2021	Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act
<p>The bill allows for Neb. Dept. of Transportation to issue bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act for the purpose of accelerating completion of highway construction projects. This is allowed only through June 30, 2027. Total bonding authority shall not exceed \$400 million dollars.</p> <p>Revenue Committee advanced LB542 with AM401 that becomes the bill. The changes in the amendment include: Increasing the total amount of bonds that may be issued from \$400 million to \$450 million; Appropriating the proceeds from the sale of the bonds to the State Highway Capital Improvement Fund ("the Fund"), rather than the Highway Cash Fund; Clarifying that the money credited to the Fund under section 77-27,132 is to be used first for repayment of the bonds. If money remains in the Fund, then it is to be used according to current law; Proceeds from the sale of bonds that are credited to the Fund are to be used 75% first for the expressway system and federally designated high priority corridors and the remaining proceeds are to be used for surface transportation projects, all as determined by the Department of Transportation</p> <p>Nebraska State Chamber position: Support Letter Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce position: Support Letter Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support Letter American Council of Engineering Companies position: Support Letter Associated General Contractorrs Nebraska Chapter position: Neutral League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Support Testimony Governor Pete Ricketts position: Noted as a Bad Bill in April 13, 2021 Column</p>					

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					City of Norfolk position: Support City of Columbus position: Support City of Fremont position: Support City of Wahoo position: Support 4 Lanes 4 Nebraska position: Support York County Development Corporation position: Support
<a href="#">LB546</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 02/19/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Marijuana Control Act and the Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act  <b>This bill would adopt both the Marijuana Control Act and the Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act. The Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act is laid out in LB481. The Marijuana Control Act would set forth the exclusive means by which a person in Nebraska would be able to engage in the cultivation, manufacture, sale, distribution, transfer, dispensing, testing, possession, and use of marijuana. The following conduct relating to marijuana would be lawful under state and local law when conducted in accordance with this Act. An individual 21 years of age or older would be able to (1) possess, process, transport, purchase, obtain, or give away to persons 21 years of age or older without any compensation whatsoever, not more than one ounce of marijuana in any form, (2) possess, grow, plant, cultivate, harvest, dry, or process marijuana plants as prescribed in this Act (not more than 6 living plants at a time), (3) smoke, ingest, or otherwise consume marijuana, and (4) possess, transport, purchase, obtain, use, manufacture, or give away marijuana accessories to persons 21 years of age or older without any compensation whatsoever. The offenses and penalties related to marijuana under this Act are listed in detail. For the purpose of regulating and controlling the licensing of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of marijuana in this state, The Nebraska Enforcement Commission would be created. For a license, the application fee would be \$300 and the initial issuance fee would be \$1,500 (\$4,400 for a transporter). Edible marijuana products sold under this Act would be subject to the Nebraska Pure Food Act to the same extent as other items of food.</b>  Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch
<a href="#">LB547</a>	Wayne		Revenue 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Nebraska Small Business Act and provide tax incentives  <b>Establishes the Small Business Development Tax Incentive Act to provide tax credits in economic redevelopment areas which are areas of the state in which the average rate of unemployment is at least 150% of the average rate of unemployment in the state and the average poverty rate in the area is 20% or more for the federal census tract in the area. Eligible taxpayer is one who hires at least 5 employees and invests at least \$150,000 and pays a minimum wage of 70% of statewide average wage. The amount of the credit shall be \$3,000 for each new employee or \$4,000 if the employee lives in an economic redevelopment area. The amount of the credit shall be 5% of the investment, or 6% if investment is greater than \$500,000.</b>  Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor
<a href="#">LB551</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change and provide qualifications for and duties relating to certification of law enforcement officers, require accreditation of law enforcement agencies, prohibit chokeholds in law enforcement, require policies on excessive force, and create a public data base of law enforcement officer misconduct  <b>Relating to law enforcement, each sheriff would be required to attend 40 hours (no longer 20) of continuing education each year following their first term of office. The words "law enforcement reserve force" would be struck from the bill. Law enforcement officer would additionally mean any person who has successfully completed an entry-level law enforcement certification from a training academy among the other requirements. Serious misconduct would mean improper or illegal actions taken by a law enforcement officer in connection with the officer's official duties. The council (membership listed in detail) would be able to revoke or suspend certain certificates or diplomas for reasons including (a) final conviction of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor, (b) serious misconduct, or (c) a violation of the officer's oath of office, code of ethics, or statutory duties. As part of entry-level law enforcement certification, each training academy would require the completion of 40 hours of instruction relating to de-escalation and 8 hours of anti-bias and implicit bias training. Additionally, except when the use of deadly force is authorized, a law enforcement officer would not be able to intentionally use a chokehold on any person.</b>  Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Neutral Letter League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose



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<a href="#">LB557</a>	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/25/2021	General File 04/20/2021	Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances  <b>Recordings created by body-worn cameras which depict or record circumstances in which a person died while being apprehended by, or while in the custody of, a law enforcement officer or detention personnel, including duplicates of such recordings, would be public records. For nonresidents of Nebraska, the actual added cost used as the basis for the calculation of a fee for records would include a charge for the proportion for the existing salary or pay obligation to the public officers or employees, including a proportional charge for the services of an attorney to review the requested public records for the time spent searching, identifying, physically redacting, copying, or reviewing such records.</b>  <b>The Committee advanced LB557 with AM 1021. AM 1021 eliminates all provisions of the bill as introduced except the material relating to recordings from body-worn cameras that "depict or record circumstances in which a person died while being apprehended by" law enforcement or "while in the custody of" law enforcement or detention personnel. With AM 1021, these records would be subject to disclosure upon request, but only after the conclusion of related grand jury proceedings.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose</b> <b>Consumer Data Industry Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Power Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Omaha Police Department position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Attorney Generals Office position: Oppose</b> <b>ACLU of Nebraska position: Support</b> <b>Media of Nebraska position: Support</b> <b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Retail Federation position: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB559</a>	Vargas		Judiciary 02/10/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions relating to restrictive housing under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act  <b>Regarding the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act, no inmate who is a member of a vulnerable population would be placed in restrictive housing. Additionally, serious mental illness would mean any mental health condition that current medical science affirms is caused by a biological disorder of the brain.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Support</b>
<a href="#">LB560</a>	Briese		General Affairs 02/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act  <b>Regarding the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, definitions would be added for collegiate sporting event, commission, designated sports wagering area, international sporting event, racing license, and sports wagering. The Act would be governed by the Commission. The Commission would additionally establish a process to allow a person to be voluntarily excluded from wagering in any game of chance under the Act, and have the authority to issue directives without having to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act relating to the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations. Any person for a gaming operator license pursuant to this Act would be subject to fingerprinting and a check of such person's criminal history record information maintained by the Identification Division of the FBI for the purpose of determining if the Commission has the basis to deny, suspend, cancel, or revoke a license. Any person who knowingly cheats at a game of chance would be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. Other penalties under this Act are listed in detail. If any person liable to pay any tax or fee under this Act neglects or refuses to pay such tax or fee after demand, the tax or fee would be a lien in favor of the gaming commission upon all property and rights to property owned by the person thereafter and prior to the expiration of the lien. This process is described in greater detail.</b>
<a href="#">LB568</a>	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Judiciary 02/05/2021	Select File 05/18/2021	Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the Commission Grant Program, and compulsory education  <b>This bill would accommodate for excessive absenteeism from juveniles. When a county attorney received a referral from a school that a juvenile is excessively absent, after a school has made a brief assessment, the county attorney would work with the school to refer the juvenile and his or her family to community-based resources available to address the juvenile's behaviors, provide crisis intervention, and maintain the juvenile safely in the home.</b>

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					<p>The majority of the changes in LB568 are to replace the term "truancy" with "excessive absenteeism". Section 4 would amend Sec. 43-247 to remove school truancy from the juvenile court's (3)(b) jurisdiction. This section would clarify that a juvenile court may address excessive absenteeism in other cases, but is no longer an independent basis for juvenile court jurisdiction. Section 9 would amend Sec. 43-260.03 to add providing services to juveniles with excessive absences from school to the goals of juvenile pretrial diversion programs. Section 10 would amend Sec. 43-260.04, Section 11 would amend Sec. 43-260.05, Section 12 would amend Sec. 43-274, and Section 13 would amend Sec. 43-276 to include and harmonize references to allow juvenile diversion programs to offer such services. Section 16 would amend Sec. 43-2404.02 to expand the allowable uses of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid distributed to counties to include reducing the risk of juveniles coming into contact with the juvenile justice system. Section 17 would amend Sec. 43-2404.03 to change the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$10 million per year to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. The current stated amount is \$5 million. Section 18 would amend Sec. 43-2405 to make a change related to applicants for Community-based Juvenile Services Aid. Under current law, the applicants (counties and tribes) are allowed to "give consideration to contracting with private nonprofit agencies for the provision of programs". This section would eliminate the reference to "private nonprofit". The effect of this change is unclear. Applicants are not currently specifically restricted from "giving consideration" to agencies that are not private nonprofits.</p> <p>The Committee amendment would change Section 17 to change the increase in Community-based Juvenile Services Aid to \$8.5 million and delay the change until FY2024.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow            Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose            Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Support</p>
LB569	Pansing Brooks		Health and Human Services 02/04/2021	General File 03/30/2021	Provide for certain treatment options for patients with Lyme disease
					<p>If a physician licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act diagnoses a patient with Lyme disease, the physician would be able to prescribe, administer, or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic purpose to eliminate infection or control a patient's symptoms if such diagnosis and treatment are documented in the patient's medical record by the prescribing licensed physician.</p>
LB577	Bostar	Neutral Letter	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Establish Election Day as a holiday and change provisions relating to early voting and automatic voter registration
					<p>Election Day, the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year, would be a holiday. 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 would not be considered a violation of section 32-1502 or 32-1503 and the document submitted would 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. An applicant would be given the opportunity to choose not to use his or her information for voter registration, otherwise the applicant would complete the voter registration portion that is transmitted to the election commissioner or county clerk to register the applicant to vote or update his or her voter registration record.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose Letter</p>
LB580	Moser		General Affairs 02/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions relating to the operation of games of chance under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act
					<p>Regarding the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, the operating on games of chance would be permitted by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures as provided in the Act.</p>
LB584	Vargas		Agriculture 02/02/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Mobile Food Unit Act and change fees for a mobile food unit
					<p>This bill would adopt the Mobile Food Unit Act. The maximum fees for a Mobile Food Unit would be \$75 (no longer \$86.19) for an initial permit fee or \$40 (no longer \$43) for a no food preparation area, unit, or units annual inspection fee. No person would be able to operate a mobile food unit in Nebraska after 7/1/2022 without a permit for each mobile food unit. An application for a permit or renewal of a permit would be made to the department on a form provided by the department and accompanied by a fee. The department would be able to require an inspection fee not to exceed \$40. The required information for an application is listed in detail. The department would remit fees collected under this Act for credit to the Mobile Food Unit Cash Fund, which would be created.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</p>

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<b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: More review necessary</b>					
LB585	Vargas	Support Letter	Appropriations 02/25/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Appropriate funds for local public health departments
<p><b>There would be appropriated \$5 million from the General Fund to Agency No. 25, Program No. 502, for FY 2021-22. Such funds would be provided for local public health departments. Included in the appropriation in this section would be \$75,000 for critical health services aid to be allocated to each of the 18 public health departments and \$3.65 million for proportional health services aid to be distributed proportionally based on population among the 18 public health departments.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					
LB590	Groene	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change time periods for ballots for early voting
<p><b>Ballots for early voting to be mailed would be ready for delivery to registered voters at least 20 (no longer 35) days prior to each statewide primary or general election and at least 15 days prior to all other elections. A registered voter of this state who anticipates being absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of any election would be able to appear in person before the election commissioner or county clerk not more than 15 (no longer 30) days prior to the day of election and obtain his or her ballot.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b></p>					
LB594	Slama		Business and Labor 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Rural Workforce Crisis Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the Rural Workforce Crisis Act. The director would have the authority to waive, alter, or otherwise modify the education, licensing, and supervision requirements for individuals performing tasks necessary for construction of a qualified project when (a) the taxpayer provides evidence to demonstrate there is an insufficient workforce within a 50-mile radius of construction to complete all or some of the construction and the size, scope, and timeframe for completion of the qualified project is not unreasonable, and (b) the waiver, alteration, or other modification will not impact the compliance of the real property with applicable building codes.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Oppose</b></p>					
LB599	Lindstrom		Revenue 03/04/2021	General File 03/12/2021	Change an exemption from the documentary stamp tax
<p><b>The documentary stamp tax would additionally not apply to deeds to or from a family-owned entity to or from a member of such family, or a spouse thereof, or another family-owned entity owned by the same family, in each case for no consideration other than permitted consideration as defined in this subdivision.</b></p>					
LB600	Brandt		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/09/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Provide and change powers and duties of public power districts and electric cooperatives regarding broadband facilities and infrastructure
<p><b>The bills adds broadband facilities and infrastructure to support economic development and job creation in rural areas as an eligible infrastructure project for use of funds according to the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund. Only cities of the first class, second class and villages are eligible for this additional use of funds. The bill specifies that bonds issued in support of infrastructure projects according to the act shall have a final maturity not later than 30 years after date of issuance. The bill also states that public power districts can utilize funds from federal agencies for the development of broadband facilities and infrastructure. The bill would also allow public power districts to own, construct, operate or contract to operate or lease broadband facilities and infrastructure to promote economic development and job creation in rural areas.</b></p> <p><b>The bill would allow electric cooperatives to utilize funds from federal agencies for the development of broadband facilities and infrastructure to provide grants or loans or to provide technical or management assistance to businesses within their service area. The bill would allow electric cooperatives to own, construct, operate, or contract to operate or lease broadband facilities and infrastructure to promote economic development and job creation.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska State Chamber Position: Neutral look at in conjunction with concepts embodied in LB460, LB656</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					

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<b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</b>					
LB601	McKinney		Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require law enforcement agencies to maintain records regarding officer discipline and create a public data base of law enforcement officer misconduct  Each law enforcement agency or agency employing a law enforcement officer would, on a quarterly basis, transmit to the commission any records generated under this section in a form and manner prescribed by the commission. Each law enforcement agency or agency employing a law enforcement officer would maintain a record regarding any officer discipline, including the name of the officer, disciplinary findings, discipline imposed, where there was an appeal or grievance, and if so, its outcome, and any other information required by the commission. The commission would maintain a public database of these records.  Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Oppose League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose
LB603	Aguilar		Judiciary 02/25/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Organized Consumer Product Theft Protection Act  This bill would adopt the Organized Consumer Product Theft Protection Act. An online marketplace would require that any high-volume third-party seller on the online marketplace provide the online marketplace with the following information within 24 hours after becoming a high-volume third-party seller: (a) bank account information, (b) contact information, (c) a business tax identification number or, if the seller does not have a business tax identification number, a taxpayer identification number, and (d) a statement regarding whether the seller is exclusively advertising or offering the consumer product or products on the online marketplace or if the seller is currently advertising or offering for sale the same consumer product or products on any other Internet web sites other than the online marketplace. An online marketplace would verify the information provided in this section within three days after receipt and would verify any changes to such information within three days after receipt of such changes from a high-volume third-party seller. An online marketplace would require a high-volume third-party seller in such online marketplace to provide to such online marketplace the following information: (a) the identity of the high-volume third-party seller and (b) any other information determined to be necessary to address circumvention or evasion of the requirements of this section. A violation of this Act would be a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
LB605	Wishart		Executive Board 02/24/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Create the Outdoor Recreation and Education Study Committee of the Legislature  This bill would create the Outdoor Recreation and Education Study Committee of the Legislature. Membership details are listed. The Committee would bring together a diverse group of outdoor recreation and education stakeholders and interests in Nebraska to identify short-term and long-term statewide goals to improve outdoor recreation and education in the state. On or before 1/31/2022, the Committee would develop and provide a report electronically to the Legislature which contains the following: (1) a listing of policies, programs, projects, and activities to meet the goals described in this bill, (2) research, data, and modeling needed to assist the state in meeting such goals, and (3) recommendations for the prioritization of policies, programs, projects, and activities to be funded. Their goals would include supporting the outdoor recreation economy of Nebraska and working towards equitable and inclusive access to the outdoors, among other things related to strategically improving outdoor recreation and education in the state.
LB608	Hilgers		General Affairs 02/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Eliminate obsolete provisions relating to the State Racing Commission  Regarding the State Racing Commission, the membership makeup that was to be effective until 7/15/2010 would be struck from the bill.
LB611	Hilgers		Revenue 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Correct a reference to a defined term relating to property taxes  Relating to property taxes, the term "special value" as defined in section 77-1343 would be corrected to "special valuation."  Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch
LB613	Erdman	Oppose Letter	Revenue 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions relating to hearings and decisions on appeals under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act  This bill adds a 'speedy hearing right' to TERC appeals; if no decision by TERC has been reached within nine months after the filing date of the appeal, the appeal shall be decided in favor of the property owner.  Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of High Concern Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose

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<a href="#">LB619</a>	Sanders	Recommend: Oppose	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change excavation requirements under the One-Call Notification System Act
<p>Regarding the One-Call Notification System Act, excavation would not include fine grading of lots used for single-family residential property construction. Any underground facilities installed after 1/1/2022, would be installed at the following minimum depths: (a) 36 inches for electric energy underground facilities, (b) 24 inches for oil, gas, or hazardous liquids underground facilities, and (c) 18 inches for electronic communications, telephonic communications, telegraphic communications, or cable television underground facilities, including, but not limited to, fiber optic cables.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Neutral</p>					
<a href="#">LB620</a>	Vargas	Monitor	Judiciary 02/10/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement
<p>Relating to treatment and corrections, restrictive housing would include out-of-cell time of less than 24 hours per week or less than two hours per day. Solitary confinement would mean the status of confinement of an inmate for at least 22 hours per day in an individual cell having solid, soundproof doors and which deprives the inmate of all visual and auditory contact with other persons, has reduced or no natural light, involves a restriction or deprivation of reading material, television, radios, or other property, includes significant restrictions on visitation, or restricts the ability to participate in group activities, including eating with others. No inmate would be held in restrictive housing or solitary confinement for more than 15 consecutive days.</p>					
<a href="#">LB622</a>	Friesen		Revenue 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Limit the growth of real property valuations and provide for adjustments to assessed values
<p>This bill will create an annual limit on real property value increases at 3% over the previous year for both “agricultural and horticulture” and “non-agricultural” and calls for action by the Tax Commissioner to reduce if the increase exceeds 3%.</p> <p>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Bill of High Concern Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Follow Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</p>					
<a href="#">LB626</a>	Vargas		Health and Human Services 02/19/2021	General File 03/30/2021	Change provisions of the Child and Maternal Death Review Act
<p>Regarding the Child and Maternal Death Review Act, preventable maternal death would mean the death of a pregnant or postpartum woman where there was at least some chance of the death being averted by one or more reasonable changes to the patient, the patient’s family, the health care provider, facility, or system, or community factors. There would be separate teams created for maternal and child deaths, creating the State Child Death Review Team and the State Maternal Death Review Team. Membership requirements for these teams are listed in detail, and, additionally, a mental health provider would be a core member that would serve on both teams. The team data abstractor would (a) possess qualifying nursing experience and soft skills to deal with the job, (b) request records for identified cases, (c) upon receipt of such records, review all pertinent records to complete fields in child and maternal death databases, (d) summarize findings in a maternal death database, and (e) report all findings to the team coordinators. The members would review the maternal death case abstracts in accordance with evidence-based best practices in order to determine if the death is pregnancy-related, the cause of death, if the death was preventable, the factors that contributed to the death, recommendations and actions that address those contributing factors, and the anticipated impact of those actions if implemented.</p> <p>LB626 was amended into LB741 via AM1683.</p> <p>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</p>					
<a href="#">LB629</a>	Morfeld		Appropriations 02/08/2021	General File 03/16/2021	Create a grant program to provide financial assistance to entities affected by event cancellations
<p>The Department of Revenue would establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to eligible recipients that have experienced a negative financial impact as a result of the cancellation of events due to COVID-19. These events would include events supported under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act, events at an eligible sports arena supported under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act, and events that would have been held by a county agricultural society. The Legislature would appropriate \$8 million from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 for the purpose of this section.</p>					

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<p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b></p>					
LB631	Bostar	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/11/2021	General File 02/26/2021	Prohibit counties from prohibiting the use of residential property as short-term rentals
<p>A county would not adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or other regulation that expressly or effectively prohibits the use of a property as a short-term rental. A county would be able to adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or other regulation that specifically regulates property used as a short-term rental only if the county demonstrates that the primary purpose of the ordinance, resolution, or other regulation is to protect the public's health and safety. A county would be able to additionally adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or other regulation that imposes a sales tax or an occupation tax on short-term rentals if the tax is otherwise permitted by applicable law and that limits or prohibits the use of a short-term rental only if the law limits or prohibits the use of a short-term rental.</p>					
<p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					
LB635	Cavanaugh, J.	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions regarding nomination and election of certain partisan candidates
<p>Relating to elections, the ballot at the statewide primary election would only designate political party affiliation for partisan county, city, and village offices and for presidential and vice presidential candidates and would not in any way refer to or designate the political party affiliation of a candidate for any other partisan or nonpartisan office on the ballot. The two candidates for an officer, other than a partisan county, city, or village office, who receive the most votes at the statewide primary election would be placed on the ballot at the statewide general election, and if the office is a partisan office, the political party affiliation of each candidate or the candidate's nonpartisan status as stated on the candidate filing form would be noted on the ballot at the statewide general election next to the candidate's name.</p>					
<p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					
LB636	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 03/04/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Eliminate cash bail bonds, appearance bonds, and related provisions
<p>Relating to criminal procedure, cash bail bonds, appearance bonds, and all related provisions would be eliminated. A judge would be able to release a defendant on personal recognizance. In determining this, the judge would be able to take into account, among other things, the nature and circumstances of the offense, yet to be collected evidence, alleged victims, potential witnesses, or members of the general public, the defendant's family ties, employment, the length of the defendant's residence in the community, the defendant's record of criminal convictions, and the defendant's record of appearances at court proceedings or of flight to avoid prosecution or of failure to appear at court proceedings. Other considerations for releasing someone on personal recognizance are listed in detail. The approval or denial process is also described.</p>					
<p><b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association Position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch Letter</b></p>					
LB637	Vargas		Health and Human Services 02/19/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change provisions relating to the control of contagious or infectious disease
<p>In addition to the authority already listed in this section, any health department established as provided by section 71-1626 to 71-1636, except those established pursuant to subsection (4) of section 71-1630, would, except to the extent limited by section 71-502, have exclusive control and authority over the investigation of the existence of any contagious or infectious disease and be authorized to adopt such measures, which would have the force and effect of law, as it deems necessary to limit the spread and ameliorate the presence of such disease within the territorial boundaries of the health department.</p>					
<p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB638</a>			Judiciary 02/05/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require a report by the State Court Administrator regarding juveniles discharged from youth rehabilitation and treatment centers  <b>Beginning on 1/1/2022, the report required over juveniles in Nebraska's justice system would separately present information on juveniles who have been discharged from the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. This section of the report would include demographic information on rates of recidivism, the number of such juveniles completing probation, the number of motions to revoke probation, and the number of probation revocations, and the number of such juveniles accessing services providing through Program No. 437, the types of services received, and the number of such juveniles receiving each type of service.</b>
<a href="#">LB643</a>	Hansen, B.		Health and Human Services 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Protect an individual liberty right to accept or decline a vaccination under a mandatory directive  <b>It would be the right of each citizen, the right of parents with respect to their dependents, and the right of each business with respect to its employees, to accept or decline a mandatory vaccination directive by the Nebraska state government. Declining a mandatory vaccination directive would deliver no implication, penalty, litigation, or punishment by the State to the citizen, parent, or business.</b>  <b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Letter- Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB645</a>	Hansen, B.		Health and Human Services 02/04/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Provide for enhanced penalties for violations of directed health measures committed by public officials  <b>Any public official who signs, authorizes, or enacts a directed health measure and violates such measure would be punished as follows: (a) if a violation of the directed health measure is punishable as a criminal offense, it would be punished by the imposition of the next higher penalty classification than the penalty classification prescribed for such violation, and (b) if a violation of the directed health measure is punishable by a fine only, the amount of the fine imposed would be three times the amount otherwise prescribed.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB652</a>	Wayne		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/19/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Historically Underutilized Business Program Act  <b>This bill would adopt the Historically Underutilized Business Program Act. A business desiring to be certified as a HUB would be required to complete a form prescribed by the Department of Labor or participate in the Department of Transportation's Nebraska Unified Certification Program. The Department of Labor would be able to request any additional information determined necessary to evaluate a business' qualifications for certification prior to a decision to certify an applicant as a HUB. The certification would remain in place for 5 years as long as the certification status of the business does not change, and a business would be able to recertify. Each government entity would make a good faith effort to utilize HUBs in contracts for construction, services, including professional and consulting services, and commodities purchases. Each government entity that considers entering into a contract with an expected value of \$200,000 or more over the life of the contract, including any renewals, would, before the government entity solicits bids, proposals, offers, or other applicable expressions of interest, determine whether subcontracting opportunities are probable under the contract. The Department of Labor would compile, in the most cost-efficient form, a directory of businesses certified as HUBs, and would post the directory on the department's web site.</b>  <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b>
<a href="#">LB653</a>	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/23/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require goals for using historically underutilized businesses under the Community Development Law  <b>Regarding the Community Development Law, the definition for HUB (historically underutilized business) would be included. After the effective date of this act, each city which approves a redevelopment project that includes the division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147 for which the amount of divided taxes exceeds \$200,000 would establish goals to utilize HUBs in such redevelopment project for construction, services, including professional and consulting services, and commodity purchases. The report regarding redevelopment projects would include (1) the number and dollar amount of contracts related to each such redevelopment project approved by the governing body in the previous calendar year which were awarded and paid to HUBs and (2) the most recent goals for the utilization of HUBs in redevelopment projects.</b>

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<b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b>					
LB654	Wayne		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/23/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Adopt the Public Entities Investment Trust Act  <b>This bill would adopt the Public Entities Investment Trust Act. A trust created pursuant to this Act would be established within the office and oversight of the State Treasurer and they would administer the trust. Eligible entities would be able to invest funds for purpose of deposit, investment, or reinvestment of such funds by the trustee or trustees. The policies regarding the trust are listed in detail.</b>
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose Letter</b>					
LB655	Wayne		Revenue 03/03/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Change tax provisions relating to cigars, cheroots, and stogies  <b>The tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies would be 20% of (i) the purchase price of the cigars, cheroots, or stogies paid by the first owner or (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 would be fifty cents for each cigar, cheroot, or stogie.</b>
LB657	Vargas	Support Letter	Executive Board 03/01/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills  <b>Beginning in the second session of the 107th Legislature, the office of Legislative Research would prepare and provide racial impact statements for designated bills or resolutions as determined by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. A racial impact statement would clearly summarize the estimated impact of a bill on racial populations in the state and the estimated impact of the bill on racial disparities in the state.</b>
LB658	McDonnell		Executive Board 02/18/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System to commission a study  <b>The Inspector General would commission a study regarding preparedness of individuals to return to society from the Nebraska correctional system. The Inspector General would be able to, subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, contract for professional services to undertake this study. The study would include all reports produced or provided by the officer regarding this topic. At the conclusion of the study, a report would be produced which includes the results of the study. The Legislature would appropriate \$250,000 for FY 2021-22 from the General Fund to the Legislative Council for the purposes of this section.</b>
LB661	McDonnell		Judiciary 02/24/2021	General File 03/16/2021 Speaker Priority Bill	Prohibit assault on a public transportation driver and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals  <b>Under this bill, a person would commit the offense of assault on a public safety officer, health care professional, or public transportation driver in the first degree if such person intentionally or knowingly causes serious bodily injury to such listed worker while the worker is engaged in the performance of their official duties. It would be assault in the second degree if such person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to the worker with a dangerous instrument and such offense is committed while the worker is engaged in the performance of their official duties. It would be assault in the third degree if such person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to such worker while the worker is engaged in the performance of their official duties.</b>
<b>Nebraska Hospital Association position: Support</b>					
LB662	McDonnell		Appropriations 02/25/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services  <b>There would be appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Agency No. 25, for Program No. 354, for FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 \$1.98 million General Funds, for domestic violence services.</b>



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<a href="#">LB663</a>	Geist	Support	Judiciary 02/03/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to create a mental health indicator in a criminal justice information system to alert emergency dispatch operators
<p><b>If the Department of Health and Human Services takes custody of a subject under this section, the department would provide the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with the name, address, birth date, social security number, and any other information of the subject as is strictly necessary to properly identify the subject using an indicator within a criminal justice information system maintained in this state. The indicator would not include any information other than that a subject was ordered to inpatient treatment and committed to the custody of the department. The commission would grant access to the indicator to emergency dispatch operators or other persons designated by the commission to carry out the purposes of this subdivision.</b></p> <p><b>Omaha Police Officers Association/Fraternal Order of Police position: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Not on list</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB670</a>	Murman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/16/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Authorize design and placement of highway memorial signs
<p><b>In order to raise public awareness about highway safety and the dangers of impaired driving and to afford families an opportunity to memorialize family victims any qualified relative would be able to apply for a memorial sign on a form prescribed by the Department of Transportation. The application would have a fee of \$75 and would be credited to the Highway Trust Fund. The application would be made no more than 10 years after the death of the person killed on a Nebraska roadway. If any qualified relative other than the applicant object in writing to such memorial sign, the application would be denied without prejudice. Signs giving specific information regarding person killed on Nebraska roadways would be able to be erected by or at the direction of the Department of Transportation and maintained within the right-of-way at appropriate distances from roadways of the state primary system, but not within any municipality, as would conform with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department to carry out this section. Reasonable efforts would be made to place such signs as close to the location requested by a qualified relative as practicable. The design and contents of the signs are listed in detail, and they would be posted for five years (applications could be made again for more five year periods).</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB679</a>	Linehan		Revenue 03/04/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Require the Tax Commissioner to collect lodging taxes as prescribed
<p><b>Beginning 1/1/2022, any lodging tax imposed by any city or village in this state would be collected and enforced by the Tax Commissioner. All such taxes would be due and payable to the Tax Commissioner monthly on or before the 25th day of the month next succeeding each monthly period. The amount that the Tax Commissioner would remit to the cities and villages imposing the tax would be reduced by 3% as an administrative fee necessary to defray the cost of collecting the tax and the expenses incident to such collection.</b></p> <p><b>Douglas County Board of Commissioners position: Watch/Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Oppose</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB687</a>	Blood		Revenue 02/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act. Under this Act, qualifying agricultural taxpayers and qualifying residential taxpayers with limited income available to pay property taxes may receive tax relief through a refundable income tax credit.</b></p> <p><b>An agricultural taxpayer who owns land used as part of a farming operation with an adjusted gross income of less than \$350,000 in the most recently completed taxable year may apply to the department for a refundable tax income. The department would then grant a qualifying agricultural taxpayer a tax credit in an amount equal to the amount of property taxed paid on the land during the most recently completed taxable year minus seven percent of the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income report.</b></p> <p><b>A residential taxpayer who resides at the property for at least six months of the most recently completed tax may apply for a refundable income tax credit. The department would grant the qualifying residential taxpayer an amount equal to the total amount of such property taxes paid on the principal residence exceeds the sum of an amount calculated using a table that</b></p>					

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					<p>The taxpayer should claim the tax credit by filing a form developed by the Tax Commissioner and attaching the tax credit certification issued by the department. No more than \$74 million of tax credit for the qualifying agricultural taxpayers and \$126 million for the qualifying residential taxpayers for each year of 2023 and 2024. If the amount were to exceed either amount, the tax credits should be certified in proportionate amounts 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. Only one tax credit may be claimed per parcel of land for agricultural taxpayers and one per residence for residential taxpayers.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>
LB688	Blood	Revenue 01/19/2022		In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Adopt the Property Tax Reduction Act and eliminate credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p>This bill would adopt the Property Tax Reduction Act and eliminate credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act. Under the adopted Act, the Property Tax Reduction Cash Fund is created and the money within the fund shall be invested by the state investment officer. Beginning with the tax year 2022, each eligible taxpayer would receive a credit equal to the credit percentage for the year multiplied by the amount of school district taxes levied against the taxpayer's property for such year. The credit percentage for the tax year 2022 through 2025 will be set the same way they were to be set within section sections 77-6703 (these sections would then be revoked from that section). For the property tax revenue lost because of these credits, the State of Nebraska would reimburse school districts an amount equal to the total amount of credits for the year multiplied by the ratio of the total school districts taxes levied by the school district to the total school district taxes in the state. This amount will be determined by September 15th by the Property Tax Administrator and the disbursements to the school districts would be made in two equal payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before April 1st.</p> <p>If the eligible taxpayer qualifies for a homestead exemption under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, they also qualify for the credit provided in the Property Tax Reduction Act to the extent of any remaining liability after calculation of the relief provided by the homestead exemption. If the credit results in a property tax liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the unused credit would be returned by the school district to the Property Tax Administrator by July 1st of the year the amount was distributed, and that credit should be returned to the Property Tax Reduction Cash Fund.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b></p>
LB691	Blood	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2022		Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	<p>Include kidnapping victims under the Address Confidentiality Act</p> <p><b>The Address Confidentiality Act would include kidnapping survivors.</b></p>
LB693	Blood	Revenue 01/21/2022		In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to motor vehicle tax exemptions, motor vehicle fee exemptions, and property tax exemptions for certain veterans</p> <p>This bill would change the provisions of a disabled veteran for motor vehicle tax exemptions, motor vehicle fee exemptions, and property tax exemptions. Under this bill, blind veterans would have the same provisions and exemptions as before, but a disabled veteran's motor vehicle tax exemption would be based on the veteran's disability rating percentage (the higher the disability rating's percentage, the higher percentage by which the motor vehicle tax will be reduced). This same exemption would also be applied to motor vehicle fees and taxes for mobile homes. This act would become operative on January 1, 2023.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>
LB695	Blood	Urban Affairs 01/25/2022		General File 02/08/2022	<p>Prohibit conditional use permits and zoning exceptions for delinquent property taxpayers</p> <p>Cities of the metropolitan class or the primary class would not be able to grant a conditional use permit or zoning change to a person who is delinquent in the payment of any real property tax owed to that city until such taxes are paid and collected in full. This would also extend to cities of the first class and second class or a village.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b></p>

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<a href="#">LB706</a>	Williams		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act
<p>Relating to the Real Property appraiser Act, this bill would provide to change provisions relating to continuing education, experience, and educational requirements for real property appraisers. For a new real property appraiser credentialed pursuant to section 76-2233 who held a valid credential of the same class to engage in real property appraisal practice under the laws of another jurisdiction on January 1 of the year in which the credential was issued, the two-year continuing education period would mean the period of twenty-four months commencing on January 1 of the year in which the credential was issued. For a new real property appraiser that did not hold a valid credential of the same class under the laws of another jurisdiction but was credentialed pursuant to section 76-2233 prior to July 1, the two-year continuing education period would mean the period commencing on the date of initial credentialing and completed on December 31 of the following year. If the new real property appraiser was credentialed pursuant to section 76-2233 on or after July 1, the two-year continuing education period would mean the period of twenty-four months commencing on January 1 of the year following the date of initial credentialing.</p> <p>People wanting to qualify for a credential as a licensed residential real property appraiser, a certified residential real property appraiser or a certified general real property appraiser would also have the option to successfully complete a PAREA program (practical applications of real estate appraisal program) instead of having the specified number of hours of experience prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board. The composition of the semester hours of the College-Level Examination Program for becoming certified as a certified residential real property appraiser has changed to requiring more college composition credit hours and college mathematics credit hours.</p> <p>LB706 was amended into LB707 via AM1859.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB714</a>	Geist		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/18/2022	General File 01/19/2022	Change the distribution of fees for certain motor vehicle operators' licenses and state identification cards
<p>This bill would change the distribution of fees for a Class O or M operator's license and a state identification card that are valid for five years. The distribution would raise three dollars to go towards the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund (\$10.25 to \$13.25) and would lower three dollars to go towards the State General Fund (\$10.25 to \$7.25).</p>					
<a href="#">LB717</a>	Morfeld	Monitor	Business and Labor 01/24/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Pansing Brooks Priority Bill	Change the amount of compensation under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act
<p>Relating to the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act, this bill would increase the amount of compensation for deaths occurring during the calendar year 2022 to two hundred fifty thousand dollars.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB719</a>	Morfeld	Monitor	Business and Labor 01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act relating to physicians, compensation, and benefits and require cost-of-living adjustments and payment for interpreter services
<p>Relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, if an employee is not proficient in the language spoken by the service provider, examining physician, or independent medical examiner, the employer would be liable for all reasonable costs of interpretation services. The employee also would have the right to select a physician within a certain timeframe if they do not have one that has maintained their medical records prior to the injury.</p> <p>Relating to the compensation for disability, for total disability the compensation would be eighty percent of the wages received at the time of the injury. For partial disability, the compensation would be seventy-five percent of the difference between the wages received at the time of the injury and the earning power of the employee thereafter and will be paid during the period of such disability not going beyond five hundred weeks. For disability resulting from permanent injury, the compensation would be in addition to the amount paid for temporary disability. Compensation will be seventy-five percent of daily wages for a period amount of time that is determined based on the permanent injury (this is discussed in detail). Beginning in 2023, weekly income benefits for disabilities would be adjusted to account for increases in the cost of living. This adjustment should be determined on January 1 every year moving forward and if a person is receiving weekly income benefit for more than twelve months, it should automatically be adjusted at the end of each twelve-month period.</p>					

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					<p>Starting on January 1, 2023, and commencing on every January 1 thereafter, the maximum weekly income benefit under sections 48-121 and 48-122 would be two hundred percent of the state average weekly wage. The minimum would be fifty percent of the state average weekly wage except that if at the time of injury an employee receives wages of less than such amount, the minimum weekly income benefit for such employee shall be the full amount of such wages per week. The Governor may, before November 15th each year, conduct a public hearing to consider if they should issue an order to suspend the effectiveness of the change in the maximum weekly income benefit.</p> <p>In the case that death results from injuries, the dependants of the deceased that relied on their earnings would receive compensation. This bill would slightly increase the percent of the deceased's wages that are paid depending on the number and relation of the dependant. This compensation would also be adjusted to account for the increase in the cost of living. If there is no spouse or children or any other dependant, twenty-five thousand dollars would go to the personal representative of the estate of the deceased.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Oppose</b></p>
LB723	Briese		Revenue 01/19/2022	General File 01/20/2022 Murman Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to the calculation of tax credits under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentives Act, for the calendar year 2024 and each year after, the department would set the credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable years would be the maximum amount of credits allowed in the prior year increased by the allowable growth percentage. This is changed from what the original statute says having the credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for 2024 would be three hundred seventy million dollars.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b></p>
LB724	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs 01/18/2022	General File 02/22/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to economic development programs under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act</p> <p>Regarding the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, an economic development program would also include payments for salaries and support of city staff to implement the economic development program or develop an affordable housing action plan, or payments for the contracting of such program implementation or plan development to an outside entity.</p> <p>LB724 was amended into LB800 via AM2035.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber Economic Development Council: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support</b></p>
LB725	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs 02/08/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Authorize guidelines for approval of certain redevelopment projects under the Community Development Law</p> <p>Relating to the Community Development Law, the governing body of a city may develop guidelines for the consideration or approval of redevelopment projects that are financed in whole or part through the division of taxes. These guidelines may establish priorities or limitations for the use of these funds.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>

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<a href="#">LB729</a>	Lindstrom		Revenue 02/09/2022	Select File 04/11/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Adopt the Quick Action Closing Fund Act
<p>This bill would adopt the Quick Action Closing Fund Act. Money that is transferred to the fund by the Legislature or by donations would be used for the purpose of economic development and related infrastructure development. Business establishments wanting to qualify for any money from this fund must be engaged in qualified business activity. The Governor would not be able to approve payments from the Quick Action Closing Fund unless the Department of Economic Development has first conducted a complete analysis of the potential in place of the applicant's business activity. The Director of Economic Development can recommend expenditures to the Governor if the director determines that such expenditures are expected to result in a net economic benefit to the state through, but not limited to, creation of new jobs, maintenance of existing jobs, investment in new property, or additional revenue in property or sale taxes. Upon approval by the Governor, the department would enter into an agreement that would set forth the conditions for the payment of money from the Quick Action Closing Fund. It is also described in detail what would happen if any of the amount awarded is used to build a capital investment or if the recipient does not use the funds for its intended purpose.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber Economic Development Council: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB731</a>	Cavanaugh, J.		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide requirements under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act
<p>Relating to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act, an authority may require that a wireless provider provide reasonable notification to adjacent property owners prior to the installation of a small wireless facility. An authority may also require that prior to installation of any utility pole in a right-of-way, certification from the wireless provider that such installation complies with the federal law and regulations as such existed on January 1, 2022, and with section 86-1236.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure: Watch</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB735</a>	Bostar		Revenue 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds
<p>This bill would provide that for any refund or claim under section 77.1736.06, interest would accrue on the unpaid balance at a rate of fourteen percent beginning thirty days after the date the county assessor certifies the amount of property tax refund.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB742</a>	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Provide for minutes to be kept in an electronic record under the Open Meetings Act
<p>This bill would combine the subsections regarding how minutes should be kept (subsection 5 discussed written and subsection 6 discussed electronic) under the Open Meeting Act.</p> <p><b>Speaker Hilgers ruled this bill as eligible for Consent Calendar in 2022.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b> <b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB743</a>	Erdman	Oppose Letter	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to when closed sessions may be held under the Open Meetings Act
<p>Under the Open Meeting Act, this bill would allow subcommittees of the public body to hold a closed session.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>					

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<b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</b>					
LB745	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary 02/16/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change and eliminate provisions relating to marriage
<b>This bill changes the terminology used in relation to who can marry and of what age one can marry. Examples of this change would include "brother and sister" being changed to siblings or "husband or wife" being changed to spouse. The bill also specifies that the application, license, and certificate of marriage would refer to parties as Spouse 1 and Spouse 2. The certificate of marriage must also be signed by the minister or magistrate that was present at the ceremony.</b>					

LB750	Friesen	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications 01/18/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/20/2022 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to transportation
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This bill would allow a person who owns a vehicle or motorboat for which a certificate of title may be issued pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act or the State Boat Act may use a transfer-on-death certificate for said vehicle or motorboat. The registration period for apportioned vehicles would need to be renewed monthly, quarterly, or annually at the discretion of the director. Such registration period expires on the last day of the registration period and renewal is delinquent on the first day of the second full month following such expiration date. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to establish a staggered registration system for apportioned vehicles. Also, when the department receives an application for historical license plates, Choose Life License Plates, or license plates for a fleet of apportionable commercial vehicles, they would deliver the plates and registration certificate by US mail and this postage and handling fee may be charged to the registrant. The department would remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

Former military vehicles would be able to tow farm trailers, deal-plated trailer, cabin trailer or a utility trailer. The Nebraska Safety Center would also not be required to offer a department-approved driver safety course once a year in counties where no approved course is offered.

If a nonresident who applies for an initial operator's license or a commercial driver's license in this state would present a physical or mobile license for which they are applying from another state, the department can choose to not require the person to take the examination normally needed. If this would happen, the license from the other state would be surrendered to the department and they would notify the other state to invalidate such license.

This bill would also be removing all the provisions that originally were set to expire January 1, 2021 and replacing them with the provisions that were said to begin on January 1st, 2021. All taxes, interest, and penalties collected pursuant to the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act would be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund, except as otherwise provided under the act or an agreement entered pursuant to the act.

The Committee advanced LB750 with the provisions of several bills in AM1966. These bills include:

LB 913 seeks to amends section 39-1320 to provide that the construction, reconstruction, relocation, improvement, and maintenance of highway approaches are deemed to be a state highway purpose. Section 39-1337 is amended to provide that the construction and maintenance of a highway approach damaged due to an extreme weather event or faulty engineering shall be the responsibility of the Department of Transportation. Any construction or repair of a highway approach shall be subject to the department's sufficiency rating system. "Extreme weather event" is defined as a weather event that generates extraordinary costs caused by such an event. LB 913 was amended by the Committee to define the term "faulty engineering" and to provide authority to the Department of Transportation that in the event of faulty engineering of a highway approach on the part of another entity the department may seek reimbursement from the responsible party.

LB 1022 seeks to modify the distribution of fees for the 24/7 sobriety program permit established in 2021. The bill provides that the portion of the permit fee distributed to the county shall be distributed to the county which issued the permit, not the county of residence of the individual receiving the permit.

LB 1145 seeks to mmends motor vehicle accident report requirements. Current law provides that motor vehicle accident reports when filed shall not disclose to the public the date of birth or operator's license number included on the report. As introduced the bill provides that for any accident report filed, the year of birth of the vehicle operator shall not be confidential and shall be considered a public record. The Committee amended the bill to provide that nothing shall prohibit a law enforcement agency from disclosing the age of an operator included in any motor vehicle accident report.

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					<p>LB 1259 provides that commencing January 1, 2023 new motor vehicle license plate issuance shall occur every 10 years rather than every 6 years. The bill also increases the issuance fee for new license plates and renewal tabs from not more than \$3.50 to not more than \$5.00 per plate. The Committee amended the bill to retain the current 6-year replacement cycle for license plates and to increase the per plate issuance fee from \$3.50 to not more than \$5.25.</p> <p>LB 1266 amends section 75-126. The section prescribes a number of actions that regulated common carriers may not engage in. The section also sets forth an exception when a regulated common carrier may offer free or reduced rates. An additional exception is created. Individuals 65 years or older may receive free or reduced rates.</p>
LB751	Arch		Appropriations 01/27/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Change a funding limitation for the Economic Opportunity Program</p> <p><b>This bill would remove the funding limitation for the Economic Opportunity Program from the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund. The limit originally was twenty million dollars.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Economic Development Council: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support</b></p>
LB756	Brandt		Health and Human Services 02/17/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to properties contaminated by methamphetamine</p> <p><b>This bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 of federal funds for FY2022-23 from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the Independent Processor Assistance Program.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b></p>
LB757	Brandt		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/18/2022	Withdrawn 01/13/2022	<p>Change and eliminate distance restrictions for oversize loads under the Nebraska Rules of the Road</p> <p><b>Regarding the Nebraska Rules of the Road there will be no exceptions when trying to obtain a special permit for operating vehicles for up to 120 miles that is over the maximum weight by greater than 15% or over the maximum length by greater than 10%. The distance restriction for transporting grain or other seasonally harvested product from the field or the place of storage that exceeds the by over 15%, the maximum load has increased from seventy miles to one hundred and twenty miles.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>
LB760	Dorn	Support Letter	Appropriations 02/23/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to licensed emergency medical services programs</p> <p><b>This bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund allocated to the State of Nebraska to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to licensed emergency medical services for the one-time purchase of life-saving equipment. Priority in awarding the grants will be given to an emergency medical services program that is volunteer-based, located in a community with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants, and has high needs.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Support</b></p>
LB762	Dorn	Support	Appropriations 01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for behavioral health services</p> <p><b>This bill would provide a rate increase for behavioral health services of ten percent for FY2022-23 to Agency No. 25, Department of Health and Human Services, Program 344, Children's Health Insurance, Program 348, Medical Assistance, and Program 349, Medicaid Expansion Aid.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Support</b></p>

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<b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support, testify in person</b>					
LB765	Aguilar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2022	General File 02/15/2022	Change provisions relating to authorized uses for a County Visitors Improvement Fund
<b>Proceeds from the County Visitors Improvement Fund would be used to improve a facility in which parimutuel wagering is conducted only if such facility also serves as the site of a state fair or district or county agricultural society fair.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>					
LB773	Brewer		Judiciary 01/20/2022	Select File 03/14/2022 Brewer Priority Bill	Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit and prohibit regulation of such carrying by cities, villages, and counties
<b>This bill would allow for the carrying of a concealed weapon without a permit unless they are prohibited from doing so or they are under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. The only requirement for carrying a concealed weapon would be carrying a form of personal identification. A person who is transporting or storing a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle for a lawful purpose does not violate this bill if the weapon is unloaded, kept separate from ammunition, and enclosed in a case. It also would be prohibited to regulate the carrying of concealed weapons by cities, villages, and counties.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b>					
LB774	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/19/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the First Freedom Act
<b>This bill would adopt the First Freedom Act. State action would not be allowed to substantially burden a person's right to the exercise of religion or restrict a religious organization from engaging in their religious services during a state of emergency. State action to require these organizations to comply with neutral and generally applicable health, safety, or occupancy requirement issued by the government is not prohibited unless they impose a substantial burden on a religious service.</b>					
<b>If a person whose exercise of religion or religious service was burdened or restricted, they would be able to bring a civil action under this act. The First Freedom Act would apply to all state and local laws, and the implementation of those laws, whether statutory or otherwise, regardless of whether adopted before or after the effective date of this act.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>					
LB778	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act
<b>This bill would adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act whose purpose would be to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, nondiscriminatory, and efficient administration and completion of construction projects funded, assisted, or awarded by a governmental unit. The terms related to this act are defined in detail along with terms that requests for proposals, procurement proceeds, or bid specifications for a public contract should not contain. Nothing within this act would prohibit employers or other parties from entering into agreements or engaging in any other activity protested under federal law or interfering with labor relations of parties that are protected under federal law.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>					
<b>Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Support</b>					
LB784	Groene		Revenue 02/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption for hospitals
<b>In order for a hospital to be exempt from property tax starting in 2023, the hospital must permit licensed medical practitioners in the community to use the hospital's facilities regardless of whether they are employed by the hospital (unless good cause is shown). If this requirement was met, the hospital would be exempt in proportion to the percentage of the hospital's services that are provided gratuitously. This percentage would be established 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 throughout the year.</b>					



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					<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b> <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Health Care Council: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>
<a href="#">LB785</a>	Groene		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to early voting  <b>Ballots for early voting to be mailed would need to be mailed by non-forwardable first-class mail to registered voters not sooner than twenty-two days prior to each statewide primary or general election. If a registered voter anticipates being absent from their county of residence on the day of any election, they may appear in person before the election commissioner or county clerk no more than twenty-two days prior to the day of the election and obtain their ballot.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB787</a>	Groene		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2022	General File 02/15/2022	Redefine a term and change applicability provisions under the Nebraska Budget Act  <b>The Nebraska Budget Act should not apply to any governing body for any fiscal year in which they will not have a property tax request or receive state aid except that a joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act that receives tax funds from the parties to the interlocal agreement would be subject to the Nebraska Budget Act regardless of whether or not such joint entity will have a property tax request or receive state aid.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watching</b>
<a href="#">LB791</a>	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2022	Approved by Governor 03/14/2022	Change a population requirement relating to county surveyors, engineers, and highway superintendents  <b>This bill would change the minimum population requirement of sixty thousand to one hundred thousand regarding filling the role of county surveyors, engineers, and highway superintendents.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b>
<a href="#">LB792</a>	Lowe		Appropriations 01/28/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Legislature's Planning Committee Priority Bill	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex  <b>There is \$15,046,000 from the General Fund for FY2022-23 appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 900, Office of Juvenile Services, for new construction, renovation, and equipment replacement at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney. The fund would be used to build two new housing unit at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney, design and renovate the treatment and program center, and replace the pump and elevator.</b>  <b>The Appropriations Committee advanced the bill with AM2430 which strikes the original provisions and becomes the bill. The amendment appropriates funds from the General Fund to the University of Nebraska for the operating expenses of the Rural Health Complex. Funds appropriated are as follows: \$3,000,000 for FY22-23; \$9,000,000 for FY23-24; and \$15,000,000 for FY24-25. Start up costs and constructions costs for this project are appropriated to the University in LB1014 from funds received by the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>

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<a href="#">LB793</a>	McCollister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/23/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for ranked-choice voting for certain city and village offices

This bill would allow for ranked-choice voting for elections for certain city and village offices which are detailed. Ranked-choice voting would be used if there are three or more candidates for an election. Ranked-choice voting means an election voting system in which a voter uses a ranked ballot to indicate the voter's preference between candidates and the results are determined using the ranked-choice voting count. It would be the duty of the Secretary of State to provide for the proper and efficient administration of elections determined by ranked-choice voting. Details on how an individual would fill out a ranked-choice voting ballot is described.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose**

<a href="#">LB796</a>			Urban Affairs 01/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change certain reporting requirements under the Community Development Law
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The report regarding community development financed through division of taxes that each city department must submit to the governing body of the city, and the governing bodies whose property taxes are affected by such division of tax, should also include the amount of outstanding indebtedness related to each such redevelopment project and an estimated date by which such indebtedness is expected to be paid in full.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**

<a href="#">LB797</a>			Urban Affairs 01/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for the removal of certain blighted designations under the Community Development Law
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This bill would provide for the removal of substandard and blighted area designations and extremely blighted area designations upon a finding that the area is no longer substandard, blighted, or extremely blighted by the governing body of the city declaring so by resolution. Removal of such designation should not affect the validity of any redevelopment plan or redevelopment project involving such area that was approved prior to the removal of such designation or any bond, security for such bond, redevelopment contract, or agreement relating to such a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project.

**Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support**  
**Nebraska Association of County Officials: Watch**

<a href="#">LB798</a>			Urban Affairs 01/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to extremely blighted areas under the Community Development Law
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This bill would provide that the designation of an area as an extremely blighted area be valid for a period of twenty-five years from the effective date of the resolution declaring such area to be an extremely blighted area.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**

<a href="#">LB800</a>			Urban Affairs 01/18/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/20/2022 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to cities of the metropolitan class, sanitary and improvement districts, sanitary drainage districts, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the Civic and Community Center Financing Act, the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, and the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act
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This bill would remove the heading of each category that a city of the metropolitan class would have power by ordinance to do and incorporates that category into what the statute says they have the power to do. Some changes regarding the specific authority of these cities include:

1. Regarding weeds, the three-mile zoning district will be changed to a city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction
2. These cities would not regulate the tire width of vehicles
3. Punishments for people who are abusive towards their families and suspicious people who can't reasonably account for themselves would no longer be regulated by cities of this size
4. Horseracing or other racing of animals would not be regulated by these classified cities

The other changes to the bill are mainly rewording sentencing and restructuring sections to say the same thing but in an easier to understand or overall better way. Sections 14-1701 to 14-175 would also be named the Parking Authority Law.

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					<p>AM 2035 makes several additional clean-up changes to the underlying bill and incorporates the provisions of six other municipal-related bills into the bill: LB 555, LB 724, LB 727, LB 799, LB 842 (as amended by AM 2033), and LB 1189 (as amended by AM 1953).</p> <p>The Urban Affairs Committee advanced LB800 with AM 2035 that makes several additional clean-up changes and restores references to daily legal newspapers which were inadvertently struck from the bill.</p> <p>LB 555 would require that reports filed under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act include the percentage of residential areas in the city which have been declared substandard and blighted or extremely blighted under the Community Development Law.</p> <p>LB 724 would amend the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, commonly referred to as LB 840, to authorize the use of funds under the Act for the development and implementation of an affordable housing action plan. LB 724 would also authorize cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and villages to include grants, loans, and funds for the construction of housing as part of an affordable housing action plan under the Act.</p> <p>LB 727 would eliminate unnecessary and redundant language related to sanitary and improvement district (SID) elections.</p> <p>LB 799 would update and clarify reporting requirements under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act.</p> <p>LB 842 (as amended by AM 2033) would authorize tribal governments to apply for and receive grants under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act (CCCFA).</p> <p>LB 1189 (as amended by AM 1953) would provide that if a sanitary drainage district which lies solely within the zoning jurisdiction of a city is discontinued, all funds, property, property rights, legal obligations, taxes, or assessments owned by or owed to the district shall revert to the city or a riverfront development authority created by the city. Under the bill, a riverfront development authority shall only take title to and ownership of property or property rights of the discontinued sanitary drainage district contained within the boundaries of the riverfront development district managed by the authority. AM 2035 adds the emergency clause, but only for the provisions of LB 1189 (as amended by AM 1953).</p>
LB805	Hughes	Support Letter	Agriculture 01/18/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Agriculture Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act, the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act, and the Noxious Weed Control Act</p> <p>This bill would change the prioritization of applications for assistance under the Noxious Weed Control Act to include looking at if the project would reduce or prevent the total population of a noxious weed or invasive plant. It also states that the Legislature has the intent to appropriate three million dollars (an increase from one million) annually for the management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream starting in the fiscal year 2022-23.</p> <p>The Agriculture Committee advanced LB905 with AM1976 which strikes the original sections and becomes the bill. The effect of the amendment is to add the provisions of LB 712 and LB 802 as introduced. The original substantive provision of LB 805 is retained as Section 1 of the amendment. Section 14 of the amendment is a revised repealer section to incorporate new sections added by the amendment. The new provisions of LB 805 added by the amendment are summarized below.</p> <p>In AM1976, the amendment adds provisions of LB 802 which revises powers and duties of the Wheat Board to expressly authorize additional avenues for commercializing new wheat varieties developed with checkoff funds and clarifies points in commerce when the checkoff is assessed and collected. Also, the amendment includes provisions of LB 712 that makes a series of revisions to the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act to address or remove constitutionally questionable provisions of the current law.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</p>

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<a href="#">LB807</a>	Brandt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Change provisions relating to county historical associations
<p><b>A nonprofit county historical association or society that received funding from the county should provide the county board with a detailed written accounting of how the funds have been used and should be presented during an open meeting of the county board no later than one year after receiving the funding. The nonprofit county historical association or society shall be ineligible to receive further county funding until after such accounting and presentation is made. If a nonprofit county historical association or society is receiving such funding from the county, under this bill they would also be subject to the Nebraska Budget Act regardless of the approved requested amount (originally, the requested amount had to be more than \$5,000).</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watching</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB810</a>	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 01/19/2022	General File 02/16/2022	Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports
<p><b>In regards to juvenile facilities, room confinement of a juvenile for longer than one hour during a twenty-four-hour period would need to be approved in writing by a supervisor in the juvenile facility. Room confinement of a juvenile, in general, would need to be documented by the juvenile facility including the duration of confinement in hours and minutes. Starting September 15, 2022, and by September 15 thereafter, the juvenile facility would be required to submit an electronic annual summary report to the Legislature for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The use of consecutive periods of room confinement would no longer be prohibited.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB814</a>	McKinney		Executive Board 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills
<p><b>Beginning in the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, the office of Legislative Research would prepare and provide racial impact statements for legislative bills as designated by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The primary focus for preparation of racial impact statements would be legislative bills that relate to the criminal justice system, the juvenile justice system, prisons, jails, probation, or parole and that, if passed, may have a disparate impact on racial minority populations. A racial impact statement would clearly summarize the estimated impact of a legislative bill on racial minority populations in the state and the estimated impact of the legislative bill on racial disparities in the state. The purpose of this would be to fulfill the obligation that the Legislature has to reduce the racial disparities of our criminal justice system and to identify legislative bills that are likely to exacerbate or ameliorate these disparities.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB815</a>	McKinney		Business and Labor 02/28/2022	General File 03/08/2022	Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act which would require that Every place of public accommodation constructed or substantially renovated after the operative date of this act with restrooms open and accessible to the public should provide at least one baby diaper changing station in the women's restroom and one in the men's restroom or one baby diaper changing station in a gender-neutral or family restroom. Signage should also be near or at the entrance of such restroom or location indicating the presence of a baby diaper changing station. The exceptions to this act are described in detail.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watching</b> <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB816</a>	McKinney		Judiciary 01/28/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require collection of certain data upon commitment to the Department of Correctional Services
<p><b>Relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act, upon admission an individual would have a file established that contained their admission summary which included their last known address and the legislative district in which it was located at the time of admission.</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB817</a>	Linehan		Revenue 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change the ImagiNE Nebraska Act and certain tax reporting requirements
<p><b>This bill would change the provision relating to the examination of financial records to include allowing the Tax Commissioner to examine the social security numbers of employees of state and local subdivisions, persons, and corporations. The specified reports done by the Tax Commissioner would move to a fiscal year timeline. Reports would be prepared by October 31 for the previous fiscal year. The Department of Revenue would, on or before December 15, present the report at a joint hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature. All related deadlines would also be moved according to the change of the reports from a calendar year to a fiscal year.</b></p> <p><b>This bill would also provide that improvements to real estate would qualify as investment even if the entire project is not completed or ready for use. The percent of completion would determine the portion of the investment that has occurred for any given year.</b></p> <p><b>LB817 as amended by AM1727 was amended into LB1150 via AM2009.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watching</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Economic Development Council: Conditional Support</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB820</a>	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs 01/18/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Change population thresholds for cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class
<p><b>This bill would categorize a city having a population of more than one hundred thousand and less than three hundred thousand inhabitants as a city of the primary class in a statute discussing watercourse within a sanitary drainage district.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB821</a>	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs 02/22/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act
<p><b>LB821 would create the Aid to Municipalities Act. The purpose of the act is to provide state aid to municipalities in the form of grants which may be used to pay for infrastructure projects within the municipalities. The bill also creates a new fund in DED to be used to provide aid under the act and defray departmental expenses for administration of the program. The bill contains intent language to appropriate \$15 million each fiscal year for to provide grants and administrative expenses incurred by DED for the Aid to Municipalities Act. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the General Fund will be used for this program. LB821 specifies that the grants are open to all cities, and that the grants are to be considered in the order that they are received and may be approved as long as funds are available each year. No grant may exceed \$5 million. DED may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carryout the provisions of the act.</b></p> <p><b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB822</a>	Hansen, M.		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to reinstatement fees for motor vehicle operators' licenses
<p><b>Under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, the reinstatement fee required for an operator's licenses will be waived for any license reinstated following a license suspension order.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB826</a>	Lindstrom		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Redefine a term under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act
<p><b>Relating to the Public Funds Deposit Security Act, one of the potential definitions of "securities" would be redefined to include bonds or obligations of another state, or a political subdivision of another state, which are rated within the two highest classifications by at least one of the standard rating services, with such classifications to include the underlying credit rating or enhanced credit rating, whichever is higher, with respect to bonds or obligations of a political subdivision of another state.</b></p> <p><b>LB826 was amended into LB707 via AM1859.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>					

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LB829	DeBoer		Judiciary 03/02/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Change provisions relating to offenses against animals
<p>Relating to offenses against animals, the deadline for filing a hearing application relating to seized animals would increase from within seven days to within ten days following the date of seizure.</p> <p>Speaker Hilgers ruled this bill as eligible for Consent Calendar in 2022.</p>					
LB831	Cavanaugh, M.	Monitor	Judiciary 01/27/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for caregiver diversion programs and conditional release of pregnant and postpartum inmates
<p>This bill would name the sections regarding diversion programs the Criminal Justice System Diversion Act. These diversion programs would be on a voluntary basis by a defendant and at the completion of such program, the county attorney or city attorney would either not file charges against the defendant or would dismiss the charges.</p> <p>This bill would also establish a caregiver diversion program that would be limited to defendants who are primary caregivers and who are charged with one or more eligible offenses which are detailed. With regards to a driver's safety training program, if any organization or government entity desires to offer such program, they would need to obtain a certificate from the department that would need to be renewed annually. There would be a certificate fee and an annual renewal fee each being fifty dollars. This diversion program would not apply for offenses other than minor traffic violations.</p> <p>The department would be able to conditionally release eligible inmates who gave birth within twelve months of the date of commitment for up to one year postpartum and those who were pregnant at the time of commitment for the duration of the pregnancy and for up to one year postpartum. These eligible inmates may be conditionally released to community-based programming for the purposes of participation in prenatal or postnatal care programming and to promote maternal bonding. The components of such program are described in detail along with the guidelines for what would make an inmate eligible.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</p>					
LB833	Pahls		Judiciary 01/21/2022	General File 03/14/2022 Pahls Priority Bill	Change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child
<p>This bill would provide that there would not be any time limitations for bringing an action against any person other than the individual that directly caused the injuries suffered by the plaintiff when the plaintiff was a victim of sexual assault of a minor if this violation occurred before the effective date of this act and if such action was not previously time-barred. This would not extend the SOL applicable to a claim subject to the State Torts Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.</p> <p>The Judiciary Committee advanced LB833 with AM2335. The amendment rewrites section 1 of the bill by striking a new subsection (2) and replacing it with language that clarifies that the provisions do not apply to the State or Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Oppose</p>					
LB836	Hunt		Urban Affairs 02/08/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require the review of substandard and blighted area designations and extremely blighted area designations
<p>Beginning on or before July 1, 2024, and on or before July 1 of every fifth year thereafter, each city containing an area that has been designated as a substandard and blighted area or an extremely blighted area for more than thirty years would review such area to determine whether the area is still eligible for such designation. This review would require the city to examine the conditions of the area and any study or analysis of such area conducted to determine whether the area still qualifies to the relevant designation.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</p>					

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<a href="#">LB840</a>	Brewer		General Affairs 02/14/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to publication and rates for legal notices

Beginning October 1, 2022, all legal publications and notices of whatever kind that by law are required to be published a certain number of days or a certain number of weeks would also be posted by the newspaper publishing such legal publications or notices on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers.

From October 1, 2022 until October 1, 2023, the legal rate for the publication of all legal notices other than those exceptional legal notices described in section 33-142 will be increased. The calculation of fees for such publication are given in an official conversion table. Starting October 1, 2023, the legal rate will increase again and the calculation of fees for publications after this date are given in an official conversion table as well.

General Affairs Committee advanced LB840 with AM1915 attached. AM1915 clarifies that a website posting, or a failure to make the website posting does not affect the legal validity of the publication of the notice as required.

Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral  
Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow

<a href="#">LB841</a>	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for applications to register to vote and obtain ballots for Nebraska National Guard members and certain emergency response providers
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Members of the Nebraska National Guard ordered into the active service of the state or of the United States who are also residents of Nebraska would be allowed to register to vote and make application for ballots for all elections in a calendar year through the use of the Federal Post Card Application.

A registered voter serving as an emergency response provider outside of the voter's county of residence for a period beginning on or after the forty-five days prior to any election may request an early voting ballot via facsimile transmission or electronic mail using a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

LB841 was amended into LB843 via AM2075

Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support

<a href="#">LB843</a>	Brewer	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to elections
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In the case where a person is disabled and cannot write their name or symbol on an election ballot, they may substitute either a mark if someone writes their own name and the mark is near their name, or an impression made using a signature stamp. If a person renders assistance in writing one's name, next to the mark or impression, they should also write their name and address. Regarding the appointment of election workers, if authorized by the Secretary of State, the election commissioner, or the county clerk, may appoint an elector residing outside the county as a precinct inspector, district inspector, judge of election, or clerk of election unless the elector resides in a county which conducts all elections by mail the no authorization would be needed. Any person, other than the Secretary of State, an election commissioner, a county clerk, the State Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, or the Department of Motor Vehicles, distributing voter registration application should use the form prescribed by the Secretary of State that contains the identity of who is distributing the forms in bold type at the top of the front page and some statements that are described.

A registered voter's name should be removed from the register and their registration should be canceled if the election commissioner or county clerk has received information from the Department of Motor Vehicles that the registrant has changed the registrant's state of residence by surrendering the registrant's Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card to another state. The Secretary of State will make available to each jury commissioner a list of registered voters with the authorized information and the registrant's motor vehicle operator's license number or state identification card number.

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Any issue to be submitted to the registered voters at a special election by a political subdivision must be certified by the clerk of the political subdivision to the election commissioner or county clerk on or before the eighth Friday prior to the election. A political subdivision that has submitted such issue for a special election may cancel the election or withdraw the issue from ballot if the Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk receives a resolution adopted by the political subdivision regarding such matter for cancelation on or before the fourth Thursday prior to the election or for withdrawal no later than March 1 prior to a statewide primary election or September 1 prior to a statewide general election. No cancelation or withdrawal will be effective after their respective date.

In regards to an early voter ballot being destroyed or not received, if the voter may mail or use electronic mail for the submission of a statement stating so, the election commissioner or county clerk should not mail a replacement ballot to such voter unless the statement is received by 6 pm on the second Friday preceding the election. They should also verify the signature on the statement with the signature appearing on the voter registration records.

It would also be added that no person will do any electioneering or circulate a petition within two hundred feet of any secure ballot drop-box and no person will conduct an exit poll, a public opinion poll, or any other interview with a voter seeking to determine voter preference within twenty feet of any secure ballot drop-box.

The Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee voted to advance LB843 with AM 2075 that amends some provisions from LB 843 and adds material from six other bills relating to elections and election campaigns:

LB 849 with AM 1972. Election officials who (1) willfully engage in conduct prohibited by the Election Act or who (2) neglect or omit their duties under the Election Act are subject to conviction of a Class I misdemeanor. This bill would apply that same penalty to any member of a political subdivision governing body relating to their recall election duties under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 32-1306(2). The provisions of LB 849 incorporated in the committee amendment include procedural changes recommended by the Secretary of State.

LB 861 with AM 1835. The original version of LB 861 would require that candidate filing forms include an email address for the candidate. With the changes proposed by AM 1835, the form would provide "email address" as an optional field but would not require that candidates have an email address as a qualification for office.

LB 858. This bill would prohibit the funding of elections from any source other than appropriations from the federal government, the State of Nebraska, and Nebraska political subdivisions. It includes exceptions for (1) "in-kind" contributions of food or beverages for election workers and (2) the use of buildings as polling places or election worker training sites.

LB 928 with AM 1863. LB 928 would require that candidates for certain elective offices make their campaign advertisements more accessible to persons with disabilities. This bill would forbid the dissemination of campaign advertisements (1) on television, unless the advertisement includes closed captioning or a transcript of the advertisement appears on the candidate's or campaign committee's website, and (2) on radio, unless a transcript of the advertisement is posted on the candidate's or campaign committee's website. These requirements would apply to persons seeking election to any of the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, University of Nebraska Board of Regents, Public Service Commission, and Legislature. Changes proposed in AM 1863 clarify that this new duty is specifically imposed on candidates and campaign committees rather than on broadcasters or other third parties.

LB 1263 with AM 1718. This bill would amend the Election Act to provide requirements for secure ballot drop boxes. These include a requirement that dropboxes be securely anchored, locked, and in compliance with accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The bill would require that dropboxes be opened to receive ballots no later than the sixth Friday preceding a primary or general election, and no later than the fourth Friday preceding a special election. The bill also mandates daily collection of ballots by election workers. The Secretary of State would be granted permissive authority to promulgate rules and regulations related to these requirements. The changes proposed in AM 1718 clarify that the requirement to keep the dropboxes open and available to voters during an election only extends to the deadline for the receipt of ballots.

LB 841. This bill would allow emergency response providers who are responding to an emergency declaration by the President or Governor, including National Guard members, to simultaneously register to vote and to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year. Such voters would be able to make such a request via "facsimile transmission or electronic mail" on a form designated by the Secretary of State. The provisions of LB 841 included in the committee amendment to LB 843 would be modified to also include utility workers and others participating in a mutual aid agreement relating to emergency response.



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					<p>LB 843. Section 35 of the original version of LB 843 would have required that the Secretary of State reject certain revisions of initiative or referendum language where such revisions differ from changes suggested by the Revisor of Statutes and from the initial filing. The committee amendment would authorize the Secretary's approval of such changes so long as they do not address "a subject that is substantially different in form or substance" from the initial filing.</p> <p>On General File, Senator J. Cavanaugh offered, and the Legislature adopted, AM2139 which contained the provisions of LB733.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</p>
LB847	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2022	Approved by Governor 03/14/2022	<p>Redefine political subdivision under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act</p> <p><b>Relating to the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act, this bill would redefine political subdivision to include a metropolitan utilities district, public power district, public power, and irrigation district.</b></p>
LB849	Bostar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Provide a penalty for violations relating to recall elections</p> <p><b>Regarding the Election Act, in addition to those originally stated, any member of a governing body of a political subdivision upon whom any duty is imposed by subsection (2) of section 32-1306 relating to elections who willfully does anything prohibited by the act for which no other penalty is provided or neglects to perform any synch duty will be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor and will forfeit their office.</b></p> <p>LB849 as amended by AM1972 was amended into LB843 via AM2075.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</p>
LB850	Bostar		Revenue 02/11/2022	General File 02/28/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to the cancellation and extinguishment of certain delinquent property taxes</p> <p><b>This bill would remove provisions relating to the cancellation and extinguishment of real estate taxes levied on a mobile home, cabin trailer, manufactured home, or similar property assessed and taxed as improvements to leased land.</b></p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</p>
LB853	Day		Revenue 01/21/2022	Select File 03/29/2022 Day Priority Bill	<p>Provide a homestead exemption for certain disabled veterans</p> <p><b>Beginning January 1, 2023, a homestead for veterans who are discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general and who are fifty percent or more disabled (but less than totally disabled) due to a non-service-connected accident or illness would receive an exemption from taxation. The claimant would need to get certification from the Department of Veteran Affairs affirming that they are disabled and what their disability percentage is. The taxation exempt amount would be multiplied by the applicable percentage found in subsection (2) that is based on the household income of the claimant and then that amount would be multiplied again by a percent from subsection (3) that is based on the disability percentage of the claimant. This bill would also create a subsection (3) that has two columns, one with the disability percentage of the claimant and the other with a percentage to apply to the amount found from subsection (2).</b></p> <p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB853 with AM1601. The amendment moves the language to the correct section of statute that proposes the partial homestead exemption for military veterans. Therefore the proposed partial exemption applies to service-related disability injuries.</p> <p>On General File, Senator Sanders offered AM2371 which was the provisions of LB1080 as amended by the Revenue Committee. The amendment states that if a 100% service-related permanently disabled veteran dies during the five-year homestead period the surviving spouse does not need to refile until the five-year period is up. The notice sent by the county assessor to a homestead claimant shall only be for those taxpayers that are required to refile in the current year. The amendment strengthens the penalty provision for failure to comply with the homestead law.</p>

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LB858	Clements	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Restrict funding for elections under the Election Act
<p><b>Any election conducted pursuant to the Election Act should be funded only by an appropriation from the federal government, the State of Nebraska, a political subdivision, or a combination of such sources. The Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks should not solicit, accept, or use any grants or donations from any private entity for preparing for, administering, or conducting an election.</b></p> <p><b>LB858 was amended into LB843 via AM2075.</b></p>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watching</b>					
LB859	Clements	Oppose Testimony	Health and Human Services 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures
<p><b>This bill would require that the board of health obtain approval from the Department of Health and Human services before they may investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious disease and adopt measures or enact rules and regulations for the protection of public health and the prevention of communicable diseases within its jurisdiction.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose-Letter</b> <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b></p>					
LB860	Pahls		Revenue 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change the valuation of certain real property for property tax purposes
<p><b>If a county has imposed a sewer tax levy, it would be based on the taxable value of all the taxable property within any such county instead of its actual value.</b></p> <p><b>In regards to all real property in the state, it should be subject to taxation and should be valued at its actual value for tax years prior to tax year 2023 and at ninety percent of its actual value for tax year 2023 and each tax year thereafter.</b></p> <p><b>Historically significant real property, when being evaluated for the purposes of assessment, should take into consideration the current year assessed value rather than the actual value.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b></p>					
LB876	Briese		General Affairs 01/24/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/20/2022 General Affairs Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission, wagering on and conduct of horseraces, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, taxation of gaming activities, and public records
<p><b>As introduced, LB876 would apply to racing or race meetings. Under the bill, a license would be able to be issued for a period of up to five years. Beginning January 1, 2026, any racetrack that is issued a license to conduct races or race meetings or a racetrack enclosure that has an authorized gaming operator, that is in existence and operational as of the effective day of this act, would be required to hold a minimum of five live racing meet days annually. If they are in existence and operational after the effective date, they would be required to hold at least one live racing meet day annually for their first three years and then at least five live racing meet days every year after. At the time of the application and licensure, no racetrack should be issued a license to conduct a race or race meeting if they are located within a fifty-mile radius of another racetrack operating games of chance under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act unless they are located in Lancaster, Adams, Hall, Douglas, Platte, or Dakota county.</b></p>					

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					<p>The Racing and Gaming Commission will establish a list of people self-excluded from licensed racetrack enclosures in Nebraska. People on this list agree that during any period of voluntary exclusion, they are not eligible to collect any winnings or recover any losses resulting from gaming at a licensed racetrack enclosure. This winning instead will go to the commission to be used for problem gambling treatment. The process related to this application is given in detail.</p> <p>All crimes regarding cheating, intent to cheat, use of unlawful currency, possession or usage of paraphernalia for manufacturing slugs for cheating, usage or modification or possession of any gaming device in violation of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, participating in a game of chance when under 21 years of age, or violation or attempt to violate any provision of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act where no punishment is given will be guilty of a Class IV felony (originally was a Class I misdemeanor).</p> <p>The security standards, procedures, policies, plans, access lists, and other security-related records of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and those people or entities with which the gaming commission has entered into a contract with along with the people on the self-excluded list may be withheld from the public by the lawful custodian of the records.</p> <p>The General Affairs Committee advanced LB876 to General File with AM 2188 which replaces the original bill. What follows is a summary of AM2188:</p> <p>Section 1 of the amendment amends section 2-1201 by adding new language that makes a violation of section 2-1219 by a member of the commission cause for removal. It also changes the requirement set in the initiative for one member of the commission to be a member of the organization representing the majority of licensed owners and trainers of horses at racetracks in Nebraska to a person who has experience in the Nebraska Horseracing Industry.</p> <p>Section 2 amends section 2-1202 to require the commission to meet at least eight times per year.</p> <p>Section 3 amends section 2-1203 by increasing a fine from fifteen hundred dollars to five thousand dollars when the commission finds that a rule or regulation has been violated.</p> <p>Section 4 amends section 2-1203.02 by adding language to indicate that only persons between the ages of 16 and 75 need to be fingerprinted for purposes of the Commission.</p> <p>Section 5 amends section 2-1205 to change the horseracing license to a 5 year term from its current 1 year term. New language is added to require a minimum of 5 live racing days and fifty live horseraces annually by January 1, 2026 and increase to a minimum of fifteen live racing days and one hundred twenty live horseraces annually by January 1, 2031. This section also contains new language which establishes a schedule for racetracks built and operational after the effective date of this act that requires them to hold a minimum of one live racing day annually for the first three years of operation, a minimum of five live racing days with fifty live horseraces annually for the fourth year through the seventh year of operation, and beginning in the eighth year of operation they must hold a minimum of fifteen live racing days and one hundred twenty live horseraces annually.</p> <p>Any racetrack that fails to meet the minimum requirements set forth in this subsection is subject to discipline by the commission, up to and including a revocation of their racing license. Subsection (3) gives permission for a racetrack in existence as of the date of this act to apply to the Commission to move their racetrack location to another county in Nebraska that does not have a racetrack. They may only do this one time, and cannot be applied for until after the initial issuance of the market analysis and socioeconomic-impact studies conducted by the Commission pursuant to section 9-1106 found in section 4 of the bill.</p> <p>Section 6 of the amendment amends section 2-1208 by increasing the amount paid to the commission by the licensed racetracks, but to increase it over time. Beginning on the effective date of the act through June 30, 2023, the amount of one half of one percent of the gross sum wagered on parimutuel wagers at the licensed racetrack during the previous calendar year. From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, it increases to one percent, and beginning on July 1, 2024, it increases the final time to two percent of the gross sum wagered by the parimutuel method at the licensed racetrack during the previous calendar year and remains at two percent thereafter. It also increases the amount paid by the licensee to the Commission from fifty dollars to one hundred dollars for each live racing day that the licensee serves as the host for intrastate simulcasting and fifty dollars instead of twenty-five dollars for any other live racing day.</p> <p>Section 7 of the amendment changes the requirements in section 2-1211 of records that must be kept and submitted to the commission by the licensed racetracks. It first removes the requirement that tracks include the number of admissions upon free passes or complimentary tickets in their reporting. This section also changes the date the reports must be submitted from the end of each race meeting day to annually by March 30 of the previous calendar year.</p> <p>Section 8 amends section 2-1213 by removing current section (1)(a) which will remove the restrictions for racing on a Sunday in Nebraska.</p> <p>Section 9 makes it a felony IV to conduct any horserace in connection with the parimutuel system of wagering without a license. Currently the penalty is a class I misdemeanor.</p> <p>Section 10 increases the penalty for drugging horses from a class I misdemeanor to a class IV felony as found in section 2-1218.</p> <p>Section 11 amends section 2-1219 to address conflicts of interest for both members of the commission and employees of the commission. This is the section that is addressed in section 1 of the bill (above). Any violation of this section by a member of the commission shall be considered cause for removal by the Governor in accordance with section 2-1201.</p>

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					<p>Section 12 amends section 2-1220 by increasing the penalty for fraud regarding the prior racing record, pedigree, identity, or ownership of a registered animal in any matter related to breeding, buying, selling, or racing of such animal to a class III felony from the current fine and possible imprisonment listed in this section.</p> <p>Section 13 amends section 2-1222 by clarifying the cash fund in this section is the Racing and Gaming Commissions racing cash fund.</p> <p>Section 14 of the amendment adds sections 17 and 18 of this act to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.</p> <p>Section 15 of the amendment adds a new subsection to 9-1104 which requires the authorized gaming operator to cease operating games of chance if the racetrack where they are located does not hold the minimum number of live racing days and races required each year. They may not resume operations until the Commission determines the deficiency has been corrected.</p> <p>Section 16 of the amendment increases the one-time gaming operator license fee from one million dollars to five million dollars, and allows the fee to be paid over a period of five years, with one million dollars required at the issuance of the license in subsection (6) of section 9-1106. In subsection (8) of section 9-1106, the amendment returns the term of the gaming license to twenty years and makes it subject to an annual review by the commission and an annual review fee of fifty thousand dollars. Subsection (14) changes administrative fines and penalties that may be imposed by the Commission for violations of the act or rules and regulations by licensed gaming operators. For any licensed facility operating games of chance for one year or less, the fine is set at fifty thousand dollars per violation. For any licensed facility operating games of chance for more than one year, the fine is set at three times the highest daily amount of gross receipts derived from wagering on games of chance during the twelve months preceding the violation at the licensed facility per violation. New language creates subsection (24) to section 9-1106. This subsection requires the Commission to have a statewide horseracing market analysis study conducted in the state as the market currently exists across the state and within the six counties that currently have licensed racetracks. New subsection (25) requires the Commission to have a statewide comprehensive assessment and analysis of the potential casino gaming market across the state and in the six counties that currently have licensed racetracks. New subsection (26) requires the Commission to have a statewide socio-economic impact study of horseracing and casino gaming across the state and at each county that currently has a licensed racetrack. All three studies are to be completed as soon as practicable but no later than January 1, 2025. New subsection (27) has language proscribing under what conditions the Commission must approve or deny an application for any new licensed racetrack enclosure based on the most recent issuance of the three market studies discussed above.</p> <p>Section 17 of the amendment contains new language requiring the Commission to create a self-exclusion list for individuals to use to exclude themselves from gambling, and gives the Commission permission to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to regulate this program.</p> <p>Section 18 of the amendment contains requirements that must be included in any application for an authorized gaming operator license. They must include a market assessment that includes the feasibility and sustainability of the proposed licensed racetrack enclosure for operating games of chance in that proposed location as part of the market in Nebraska at the time of the application. This study must include the impact of the proposed facility on both horseracing and the operation of games of chance in the state, an analysis of the anticipated impact on infrastructure including water, electricity, natural gas, roads, and public safety, including police and fire departments, zoning and initial planning approval from the city nearest the site of the proposed racetrack location, a full disclosure of the applicants record as a racetrack and game of chance operator, including all multi-jurisdictional experience, evidence of how the proposed racetrack will improve and give back in a meaningful and sustained way to the community in which the applicant is proposing to build their facility, and any other information required by the commission. This section also specifically states the commission may reject an application that does not meet the requirements of this section.</p> <p>Section 19 of the amendment has small administrative changes to harmonize the Racing and Gaming Commission's racetrack gaming fund with the Commission's racing fund.</p> <p>Section 20 of the amendment adds new language to section 9-1110 to allow a parimutuel wager to be placed in the designated sports wagering area within the licensed racetrack enclosure.</p> <p>Section 21 of the amendment increases the penalty in section 9-1114 for any person who submits an application, book, or record required to be maintained or submitted to the commission, from a class I misdemeanor to a class IV felony for knowingly making a false or misleading statement or entry, or fails to maintain or make an entry that is required by the act or the commission.</p> <p>Section 22 amends section 9-1205 to make administrative changes for the commission to better enable them in their collection of taxes.</p> <p>Section 23 amends section 9-1206 to also assist the commission in their administrative capacity.</p> <p>Section 24 amends section 9-1207 by increasing the penalty for any authorized gaming operator that willfully fails, neglects, or refuses to make any report required by the act or by rules and regulations to the commission a class IV felony instead of a class I misdemeanor.</p> <p>Section 25 amends section 84-712.05 to create a new section in the exceptions to the public records act to exempt the security standards, procedures, policies, plans, specifications, diagrams, and access list and other security-related records of the commission, persons or entities holding a contractual relationship with the commission, and the names of any individuals on the self-exclusion list to be exempt from a public records act request.</p> <p>Sections 26 and 27 are the repealer sections.</p> <p>Section 28 contains an emergency clause.</p>

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<a href="#">LB878</a>	Cavanaugh, J.	Monitor	Judiciary 01/28/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for automatic review of bail and conditions of release for misdemeanors or violations of city or village ordinances  <b>Relating to criminal procedure, if a defendant remains in custody for fourteen continuous days for an alleged violation of a misdemeanor offense or city/village ordinance after a judge other than a district court judge imposes bail or any other conditions of releases, as a result of the defendant's inability to fulfill such condition or conditions, such judge should review such bail or other conditions of release.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Conditional Support</b>
<a href="#">LB879</a>	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 01/19/2022	General File 02/16/2022	Provide for answers of no contest in adjudication hearings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code  <b>Relating to the Nebraska Juvenile Code, courts in an adjudication hearing would be able to accept either an answer of no contest or an admission by the juvenile of all or any part of the allegations in the petition if the court has determined from examination of the juvenile and those present that the admission or answer of no contest is intelligently, voluntarily, and understandingly made and with an affirmative waiver of rights and that a factual basis for such admission or answer of no contest exists.</b>
<a href="#">LB880</a>	McKinney	Oppose	Judiciary 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide requirements for commissaries in detention facilities and adult correctional facilities  <b>Any goods sold in a commissary within a county jail, city jail, or a Department of Correctional Services adult correctional facility should not be marked up more than ten percent over the cost to purchase such goods.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB881</a>	McKinney		Revenue 02/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products and require detention facilities to provide feminine hygiene products to prisoners free of charge  <b>Sales and use taxes would not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, storage, use, or other consumption in this state of feminine hygiene products. This bill would also provide that if any female prisoner in a detention facility needs a feminine hygiene product, the facility should supply such products to the prisoner free of charge.</b>  <b>LB881 was amended into LB984 via AM2130.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b>
<a href="#">LB882</a>	McKinney		Judiciary 02/09/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change requirements regarding law enforcement records and require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists  <b>Each law enforcement agency should maintain any and all records of officer conduct which could constitute grounds for revocation or suspension of law enforcement certification by the commission. Such a record should also contain the name of the law enforcement officer that violated such officer conduct and the report should be permanently retained and never destroyed.</b>  <b>Beginning June 1, 2023, each city and county attorney and the Attorney General should maintain a Brady and Giglio list identifying law enforcement officers who, due to misconduct or otherwise, have impaired their own credibility such that disclosure to the defendant is required. The list should also contain a description of why disclosure is required. This list will be a public document and should be posted on the city, county, and state website. On or before January 1, 2023, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice should adopt and promulgate rules and regulation to carry such a list out.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>
<a href="#">LB883</a>	McKinney		Judiciary 01/19/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require confidentiality of prosecutions of minors tried as adults and change and provide requirements regarding custody and interrogation of a juvenile  <b>Beginning on January 1st, 2023, any prosecution of a person who was under eighteen years of age when the alleged offense was committed would be conducted in a way to maintain the confidentiality of the identity of the defendant during all stages of such proceedings. A court would be able to release confidential information: To anyone who is providing services to the defendant; To any court who has jurisdiction over the defendant; Upon written request by the Office of Public Counsel;</b>

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					<p>To any person at the request of the defendant;            To law enforcement officers, county attorneys, and city attorneys;            To the Nebraska Probation System, the Department of Correctional Services, a jail, or other detention facilities as necessary for the custody and care of such defendant;            To the Department of Health and Human Services or other provider assigning the defendant in restoration;            To persons engaged in bona fide research, with the permission of the court or the State Court Administrator; or            To a law enforcement agency if the defendant applies for employment with the law enforcement agency.            Any person receiving such confidential information would need to maintain the confidentiality of such information and of the defendant's identity. Courts would also not accept a plea from a juvenile until finding that the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile has been notified or that reasonable efforts have been taken to notify such person.</p> <p>Before initiating a custodial interrogation of a juvenile, law enforcement personnel would need to provide an advisement to the juvenile in substantially the following form:            "You have the right to remain silent, which means you do not have to say anything to me unless you want to. It is your choice.            If you choose to talk to me, whatever you tell me I can tell a judge in court.            You have the right to have your parent or guardian with you while you talk to me.            You have the right to have a lawyer with you while you talk to me. You may have the right to get a free lawyer. If you get a lawyer, he or she can help you if you decide that you want to talk to me.            These are your rights. Do you understand what I have told you?            Do you want to talk to me?"            When a peace officer takes a juvenile into custody, they must also describe to the juvenile the efforts the officer made to notify the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian. Reasonable efforts to notify said person would include letting them know immediately that the juvenile is in custody, their current location or where they will be transferred, and the reason that the juvenile was taken into custody. If the juvenile wants to speak to a parent, guardian, custodian, or attorney before or during a custodial interrogation, the investigation must pause until such person arrives. The peace officer is then to leave the juvenile and person to consult alone and in private at the place of custody unless there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the parent, guardian, or custodian is involved in a crime related to the juvenile's detention or is a danger to the juvenile. Any statements made by the juvenile taken in violation of this statute would not be admissible against them in any criminal proceeding or any proceeding under the Nebraska Juvenile Code.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>
LB886	Cavanaugh, M.	Neutral	Judiciary 01/27/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Provide requirements relating to pregnant prisoners and detainees</p> <p><b>A prisoner or detainee who is pregnant will be permitted to have at least one support person of her choice accompany her to the delivery room and remain present during labor and recovery. The support person or persons will be notified immediately after a prisoner or detainee goes into labor, or immediately after a caesarean section or termination is scheduled. Written notice should be given to any woman confined in a detention facility and should receive a second notice at the time she is pregnant. This bill would also require that under no circumstances should any restraints on the abdomen, waist, or chest be used on any pregnant prisoner or detainee.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b>  <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b></p>
LB893	Stinner	Support	Appropriations 01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	<p>Appropriate funds for provider rate increases for developmental disability services</p> <p><b>There would be \$26,403,499 appropriated from the General Fund for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 424, Developmental Disability Aid. There would also be \$41,297,781 appropriated from the General Fund for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348,, Medical Assistance.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>

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<a href="#">LB896</a>	Lathrop		Judiciary 01/27/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Change and provide requirements for program evaluation under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act

Relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act, each evaluation of the quality of programs funded by the department should include a rating of effectiveness of the program and feedback to the department and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System. The evaluation should also make recommendations regarding the availability of programs throughout the correctional system, the ability to deliver the programs in a timely manner, the therapeutic environment in which such programs are delivered at each facility and include a cost benefit analysis of each program, if applicable.

The Division of Parole Supervision should evaluate the quality of programs funded by the division and they should also contract with an independent contractor or academic institution for program evaluations. These evals should include a site visit, interviews with key staff and offenders, adherence to concepts linked with program effectiveness, recommendations regarding the therapeutic environment, cost-benefit analysis, rating of the level of effectiveness, and feedback to the division and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System regarding program strengths and weaknesses and recommendations for better adherence to evidence-based programming, if applicable.

The Judiciary Committee advanced LB896 with AM1930 which is a white copy amendment that makes three changes to the original version of LB 896. The first change is striking sections 2 and 3 of the original bill. Section 2 required the Division of Parole Supervision to evaluate various programs within the Division and Section 3 eliminates a cross reference to section 2. The second change is striking independent contractor in section 1 of the original bill (page 3 In 15). The last change is adding "treatment " in the nonclinical program description to harmonize with another subsection (p. 4, line 10 of the original bill).

**Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Letter of Support**

<a href="#">LB897</a>	Lathrop		Executive Board 02/01/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022 Executive Board Priority Bill	Provide, change, eliminate, and transfer provisions regarding the offices of Inspector General of Child Welfare and Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System
<a href="#">LB906</a>	Hansen, B.	Monitor	Health and Human Services 01/27/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 02/28/2022 Hansen, B. Priority Bill	Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services

This bill would provide that the Department of Health and Human Services develop a vaccine exemption form for an individual that refuses to receive the vaccine because of their strong moral, ethical, or philosophical belief or conviction. This form would be available online. An employer that requires applicants or employees to be vaccinated would allow for an exemption to such a requirement based on their strong moral, ethical, or philosophical belief or conviction. The employer may require an employee granted exemption to be periodically tested (at the employer's expense) and wear personal protective equipment provided by the employer.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**  
**Nebraska Hospital Association: Neutral**  
**Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Conditionally Oppose**  
**Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow**

<a href="#">LB907</a>	DeBoer		Judiciary 02/23/2022	General File 03/08/2022	Adopt the Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act and change provisions relating to court jurisdiction
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This bill would adopt the Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act. The property that this act applies to is described and one-half of such property would belong to the surviving community-property spouse of a decedent and is not subject to disposition by the decedent at death. The other half of the property belongs to the decedent and is subject to such disposition by the decedent at death. At the death of a community-property spouse, the surviving community-property spouse or a personal representative, heir, or nonprobate transferee of the decedent may assert a right based on such act of the surviving community-property spouse or decedent during the marriage or other relationship under which community property then could be acquired or the decedent that takes effect at the death of the decedent.

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The surviving community-property spouse of the decedent may assert a claim for relief with respect to a right under the Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act. In doing so with regards to property, the surviving community-property spouse must not later than one year after the death of the decedent, commence an action against an heir, devisee, or nonprobate transferee of the decedent that is in possession of the property or not later than six months after appointment of the personal representative of the decedent, send a demand in a record to the personal representative. To bring an action other than a right to property, they must not later than six months after the appointment of the personal representative of the decedent, send a demand in a record to the personal representative or if a personal representative is not appointed, commence the action not later than one year after the death of the decedent. An heir, devisee, or nonprobate transferee of the decedent may also bring an action for the same reason against the surviving community-property spouse of the decedent but must follow the same rules described.

LB908	McDonnell	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/16/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Provide additional requirements for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act
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Relating to the Open Meetings Act, a public body may hold a meeting by virtual conference if the purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body, no action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting, and the public body complies with section 84-1411 subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

Speaker Hilgers ruled this bill as eligible for Consent Calendar in 2022.

Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support  
Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow

LB909	McDonnell	Neutral Letter	Judiciary 02/25/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process
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The Department of Health and Human Services shall create a certification process for licensed independent mental health practitioners to exercise the authority relating to emergency protective custody. The requirements for such certification that a physician must be trained in are described. A licensed independent mental health practitioner who has probable cause to believe that a person is mentally ill and dangerous and that the harm described in section 71-908 is likely to occur before mental health board proceedings under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act may be initiated to obtain custody of the person may take such person into emergency protective custody, cause him or her to be taken into emergency protective custody, or continue his or her custody if he or she is already in custody.

Mental health board proceedings should be deemed to have commenced upon the earlier of: the filing of a petition under section 71-921 or notification by the county attorney of their intention to file such petition to the the law enforcement officer, mental health professional, or licensed independent mental health practitioner who took the subject into emergency protective custody, the the administrator of the treatment center or medical facility having charge of the subject, or the administrator of a jail or Department of Correctional Services facility if the person is being held at a jail or correctional facility.

Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching  
Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor

LB913	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/24/2022	IPP (Killed) 03/31/2022	Changes provisions relating to construction of highways and roads
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The construction, reconstruction, relocation, improvement, or maintenance of a highway approach damaged or destroyed due to an extreme weather event or faulty engineering shall be under the authority and responsibility of the department. The relative urgency of proposed improvements on the highway approaches may also be considered in addition to the state highway system.

LB913 was amended into LB750 via AM1966.

Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support



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<a href="#">LB914</a>	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/08/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a broadband map and data repository
<p><b>On or before July 1, 2024, the Public Service Commission should create and maintain an official Nebraska location fabric broadband access map showing broadband availability and quality of service for all serviceable locations in Nebraska and create and maintain a repository for broadband data and information in Nebraska which is specified. The commission may contract with private parties to create, improve, and maintain the map and repository, and should maximize the use of federal funding when developing and implementing such maps. Any information provided to the commission by a provider of broadband services that is confidential, proprietary, or a trade secret should be treated as such by the commission. Any recipient of support from the Nebraska Telecommunication Universal Service Fund and any grant recipient under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act or of federal broadband funding administered by the Public Service Commission should comply with this provision section. After the Federal Communications Commission completes the national Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric and accompanying National Broadband Availability Map, the Public Service Commission should annually evaluate whether the continued maintenance of an annually updated Nebraska location fabric broadband access map is necessary. The Public Service Commission will report its annual findings to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.</b></p>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>					
<a href="#">LB915</a>	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/01/2022	General File 02/16/2022	Provide a requirement for grant eligibility under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
<p><b>Relating to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act, a nonprofit development organization that has previously received any under such act will not be eligible for an additional grant unless the organization has expended at least seventy-five percent of the funds from such previous grants.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB916</a>	Wayne		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/15/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act. Beginning January 1, 2024, a municipality may provide broadband services or Internet services on a retail or wholesale basis within the corporate limits and extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of 3 such municipality if such municipality is located in an underserved area or unserved area and meets the requirements of the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act. A municipality may initiate the process of developing a broadband network by conducting a feasibility study and ordering the preparation of a resolution of intent to develop such broadband network in accordance with this act by a vote of the majority of the members of the governing body of the municipality. A municipality will not develop a broadband network under this act on after January 1, 2034, except that a municipality may continue to provide broadband services or Internet services after such date using any broadband network developed by such municipality prior to January 1, 2034.</b></p>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Conditional Support</b>					
<a href="#">LB917</a>	Wayne		Revenue 02/17/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Wayne Priority Bill	Provide an income tax credit for certain wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony
<p><b>For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after 30 January 1, 2023, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income will be reduced by sixty-five percent of the wages paid by the taxpayer to an individual who has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state. Such deduction will only be allowed with respect to wages paid during the first twelve months of such an individual's employment with the taxpayer, and the total deduction taken with respect to any one individual shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB918</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications
<p><b>This bill would increase dollar amounts thresholds for criminal penalties for certain offenses that are specified. The changes made to these specific penalties would apply to offenses committed before or after the effective date of the act for which final judgment has not been entered as of the effective date of this act.</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB920</a>	Lathrop	Support Letter	Judiciary 01/26/2022	General File 03/16/2022 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force

This bill would change provisions regarding problem-solving court. District court may establish a problem-solving court that will function within the existing structure of the court system. The Legislature intends to appropriate funds separately to the Supreme Court so that each district court may operate at least one problem-solving court and should ensure that each district has at least one of these courts by January 1, 2023. An individual may participate in a problem-solving court through a pretrial diversion program, as a condition of probation, as a response to a technical violation of parole, as a sentence imposed by a court, or as otherwise provided by the Supreme Court's rules.

The State Court Administrator will create a pilot program to utilize physical space and information technology resources within Nebraska courts to serve as points of access for virtual behavioral health for court-involved individuals. The pilot program will be limited to a single probation district chosen by the State Court Administrator. A report should be electronically submitted to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature regarding the program. The Legislature would also intend to appropriate XXX dollars from General Funds for FY2022-23 in order to carry out this pilot program.

Regarding crimes involving possession of a controlled substance, if the total weight of the substance or mixture is one-half of one gram or less, one will be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor or if the total weight of the substance or mixture is more than one-half of one gram, they would be guilty of a Class IV felony. Burglary would be separated into three degrees determined by the nature of the crime.

When determining whether to impose a consecutive or concurrent sentence, a court will impose a concurrent sentence unless the court, on the record, identifies one or more aggravating factors that necessitate a consecutive sentence unless a consecutive sentence is required by statute. Possible aggravating factors that would apply would be if the offenses occurred on different days, they involved the use of force or threat of serious bodily harm against separate victims, one of the offenses was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel or manifested exceptional depravity by ordinary standards of morality and intelligence, or one of the offenses was a violation of section 28-316.01, 28-319, 28-319.01, 28-320, 28-320.01, 28-320.02, 28-322.01, 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-322.04, or 28-322.05 or otherwise involved a sexual assault. "Covered felony" is also defined.

Relating to the Nebraska Probation Administration Act, two pilot programs would be created, One would be a program to hire additional assistant probation officers, and the other would be a program to establish a probationer incentive program. This bill would also create a Justice Reinvestment Oversight Task Force to monitor and guide analysis and policy development in all aspects of the criminal justice system in Nebraska within the scope of the justice reinvestment initiative. The task force will prepare and submit an annual report of its activities and findings and may make recommendations to improve any aspect of the criminal justice system. The Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight would be also be terminated on September 30, 2022.

In regard to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act, financial aid provided through student loans for a doctorate-level mental health student or master's level mental health student, through the medical resident incentive program for a psychiatrist, through loan repayments pursuant to the act for psychiatrists, psychologists, and mental health practitioners should be the full amount of such loan or qualified education debts if such person practices psychiatry, psychology, or mental health practice for at least five years in a designated health profession shortage area and if all or a majority of such practice consists of the treatment of members of the community supervision population.

The requirements for determining when a committed offender or committed offenders sentenced to consecutive terms are eligible for parole are changed and described. The bill would also have different requirements regarding parole eligibility for a committed offender serving a sentence with one or more mandatory minimum terms imposed on or after the effective date of this act. The board will conduct a parole review not later than sixty days prior to the date a committed offender becomes eligible for parole. A section is also added regarding what the parole review might involve depending on whether they are a qualified offender or not. A qualified offender is defined as a committed offender who is serving an indeterminate sentence under which the committed offender may become eligible for parole and who is not serving a sentence for a violent felony. The bill also describes when a committed offender might be eligible for geriatric parole.

Lastly, this bill would allow the Division of Parole Supervision and the department shall create a pilot program to establish a technical parole violation residential housing program to provide accountability and intensive support for individuals on parole who commit technical violations, without revoking them fully back to prison.

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					<p>The Judiciary Committee advanced LB920 with AM2286 which replaces the original bill. The amended version of Section 1 adds additional detail to the information required in the annual report. The amended version of Section 2 removes the appropriations intent language. The amended version of Section 7 excludes fentanyl and synthetic fentanyl from the misdemeanor level offense for possession of a controlled substance. The amended version of Section 18 would allow probation to choose the probation district for the assistant probation officer pilot project. The amended version would also provide additional detail to the information required in the annual report. The amended version of Section 23 would assign the Crime Commission to provide staff support to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Task Force. Section 33 would be amended to correct a drafting error and replace a reference to "maximum" with "total minimum." Section 36 is amended to increase requirements for geriatric parole eligibility up to age seventy-five and serving at least fifteen years of a sentence. The amended version of Section 38 would remove appropriations intent language and remove a requirement that the Director of the Department of Correctional Services to designate a facility for Parole's housing program.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Conditional Opposition</b> <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: In Person Testimony (Support)</b></p>

LB921	Lathrop	Oppose Testimony	Judiciary 01/27/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Cavanaugh, J. Priority Bill	Provide for reimbursement for lodging of certain defendants, require medicaid enrollment assistance for inmates, change priority for admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill and require minimum numbers of beds at the Lincoln Regional Center, and create the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee
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As originally introduced, the bill would change where certain sentences of imprisonment are served. All sentences for maximum terms of imprisonment for one year or more for Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felonies will be served in institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correctional Services. All sentences for Class III, IIIA, or IV felonies, regardless of the length of the terms of imprisonment, and all sentences for maximum terms of imprisonment of less than one year will be served in the county jail. If a person is sentenced as described in both categories, the sentence will be served in an institution under the jurisdiction of the department. Sentences of imprisonment in misdemeanor cases will be served in the county jail unless it is served concurrently or consecutively with a term for conviction of a Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felony and the combined sentences total a term of one year or more. In that case, such sentences will be served in institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correctional Services.

The Judiciary Committee advanced LB921 with AM2503 whihc replaces the original bill. Sections 1, 3, and 4 contain an amended version of provisions originally included in LB1223. Section 2 contains an amended version of provisions originally included in LB952. Section 1 would amend Sec. 29-1823 to require the Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") to reimburse a county jail if a person is ordered to be committed to DHHS to restore competency but remains housed in the county jail. The rate of reimbursement is \$100/day and will be adjusted for inflation annually starting July 1, 2023. Section 2 would amend Sec. 47-706 to require DHHS to provide medical assistance program enrollment assistance for people prior to leaving incarceration. For people with more than 60 days notice of their release date, DHHS would be required to provide enrollment assistance at least sixty days prior to release. For people with less than 60 days notice of their release date, DHHS would be required to provide enrollment assistance as soon as practicable. The enrollment assistance can be provided in person or via telephone or video and DHHS can contract with a third-party provider. Section 3 would amend Sec. 83-338 to add people that have been found incompetent to stand trial and remain in county jail as a priority group for admission to state hospitals. This section would also be amended to require a minimum percentage of available capacity for the priority groups identified in the subsection (1). Fifteen percent of capacity would be reserved for people that have been found incompetent to stand trial and remain in county jail.

Section 4 is a new section that would create the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee. The committee would be required to contract with an independent consultant to determining the necessary capacity of inpatient mental health care in Nebraska.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose**

LB922	Lathrop		Judiciary 02/17/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to judges, jury commissioners, child support, and the Risk Management Program, prohibit criminal trespass by electronic device and criminal impersonation by stolen valor, and exempt the Judicial Resources Commission from the Open Meetings Act
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In the fourth district, there will be eighteen judges of the district court.

The Judiciary Committee advanced LB922 with AM2332 adds five bills to LB 922:

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					<p>LB 1059, which would add the Judicial Resources Commission to the list of entities excluded from the definition of public bodies under the Open Meetings Act. The bill would also remove the Commission from the list of public bodies that may conduct virtual hearings with certain limitations</p> <p>LB 1171 establishes the clerk of district court as the jury commissioner in all counties, replacing language for other offices acting as jury commissioner based on population and providing for additional compensation as determined by district court judges</p> <p>LB 870 amends two state revolving funds to allow payment of attorneys' fees, by allowing fees associated with agency legal counsel or hired outside legal counsel to be paid from the revolving funds. The revolving funds involved are the State Self-Insured Indemnification Fund and the State Self-Insured Liability Fund.</p> <p>LB903 as amended by AM2285 replaces the original bill and creates a new type of second-degree trespass that criminalizes flying a drone over the property of another with the intent to observe the person without their consent in a place of solitude of seclusion.</p> <p>LB 990 creates the offense of stolen valor and provides a penalty. LB 990 would create a new section that creates a new Class I misdemeanor for fraudulently obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit through falsely representing that a person is a member or veteran of the U.S. armed forces or a recipient of a military decoration. AM1654 to LB 990 replaces the original bill. The amendment reorganizes the new offense as a type of criminal impersonation. The amendment also requires the intent to deceive or harm.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b></p>
LB934	Cavanaugh, J.		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/24/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	<p>Make certain license plate and registration decal provisions secondary violations and change penalties</p> <p><b>Relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, no person will be allowed to attach to or display on a motor vehicle or trailer any fictitious or altered license plates or registration certificates, or any that are assigned to another vehicle or trailer. Enforcement of this by law enforcement will be accomplished only as a secondary action when the driver has been cited or charged with another violation or offense. A person should not operate or park a motor vehicle or trailer on any highway unless it has not been properly registered. Violation of this is a Class IV misdemeanor. If it is properly registered but the registration has expired, the person will not be in violation unless thirty days have passed from the expiration of the prior registration.</b></p>
LB935	Bostar	Support Letter	Business and Labor 02/14/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	<p>Adopt the County Minimum Wage Option Act</p> <p><b>This bill would adopt the County Minimum Wage Option Act in which a county may by ordinance enact a county minimum wage pursuant to such act that is higher than the minimum wage provided for in the Wage and Hour Act, including different rates for persons compensated by way of gratuities and student-learner employees as described in section 48-1203 and training wages as described in section 48-1203.01. This ordinance would apply throughout the entire county and an employer who fails to pay the minimum wage required would be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor and would be subject to prosecution by the county attorney.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b>  <b>Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Oppose</b></p>
LB942	Slama		Judiciary 02/10/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	<p>Change powers, duties, and training requirements for noncertified conditional officers and law enforcement reserve officers and provide for notice of expiration of certification as a qualified firearm instructor</p> <p><b>This bill would provide for the notice of expiration of certification as a qualified firearm instructor ninety days before it is set to expire.</b></p> <p><b>Subsection 6 of section 81-1412 will be repealed and rewritten to change a subsection that allows a non certified conditional officer to be employed as a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances to allow such employment for a period not to extend one year in a low-population county and sixteen consecutive weeks in a high-population county. Granting of an extension to exceed such time limits by the council remains the same. Provisions relating to a reciprocity program for law enforcement officers certified in another state would be eliminated.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b></p>

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<a href="#">LB946</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 01/19/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to certain juveniles
<p><b>Juveniles in the custody of the state or the court would not be prescribed off-label medications. Off-labeled medication would mean the unapproved use of an approved drug.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: In Person Testimony (Oppose)</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB948</a>	Wayne		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/22/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Require insurers to reveal certain liability coverage limits to injured parties
<p><b>Any insurer doing business in Nebraska will reveal to an injured party making a claim against an insured of such insurer, the amount of the limits of such insured's liability coverage upon receiving a request in writing for such information from the injured party or the attorney for such injured party. A reply will be made in writing to the injured party or the attorney for such injured party within twenty-one days of receiving such request. Any insurer who fails to comply with this section will be liable to pay the injured party the sum of five hundred dollars plus reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in obtaining such coverage information from the insurer.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB949</a>	Friesen		Revenue 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Change provisions relating to property tax statements
<p><b>In any county in which a city of the metropolitan class is located, all statements of taxes would also include notice that special assessments for cutting weeds, removing litter, and demolishing buildings are due. In every other county, all statements of taxes shall include the following language: "Please check with the county to determine if special assessments are due."</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB952</a>	Cavanaugh, J.	Support Testimony	Judiciary 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Provide medicaid enrollment assistance to inmates prior to release from incarceration
<p><b>For individuals who are inmates and have at least sixty days prior notice of their anticipated release date, the Department of Health and Human Services should provide onsite medical assistance program enrollment assistance to each inmate at least sixty days before the inmate's release from a public institution. The department should process all medical assistance program applications prior to an inmate's release so that the coverage is automatically effective for an eligible individual no later than their release day. For the individuals who have less than sixty days prior notice of their anticipated release date, the department should provide the same assistance to each inmate as soon as practically possible to the inmate's release.</b></p> <p><b>The provisions of LB952 have been amended into LB921 as part of AM2503.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b> <b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Letter of Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB954</a>	Wayne		Health and Human Services 02/17/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Preempt certain county and municipality resolutions or ordinances relating to electronic smoking devices under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act
<p><b>No county or municipality will adopt an ordinance or resolution more restrictive than the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act as it applies to electronic smoking devices, including the banning of certain electronic smoking device methods or flavors.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose Letter</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB956</a>	Murman		Health and Human Services 02/17/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Change provisions relating to confidential public health information
<p>Any reports of (a) communicable diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases and other reportable diseases; illnesses; or poisonings, (b) notifications of positive laboratory findings, (c) resulting investigations, or (d) information regarding the prescription, provision, or dispensing of prescription drugs and the records pertaining to such reports that are provided to the Department of Health and Human Services, a county or city board of health, a local public health department, a city health department, a local health agency, or a local public official exercising the duties and responsibilities of a board of health or health department will be confidential. Except as provided in this section, these records will not be subject to subpoena, will be privileged and inadmissible in evidence in any legal proceeding of any kind or character, and will not be disclosed to any person, including any other department or agency of the State of Nebraska. Such report may be disclosed to federal, state, county, or municipal agencies of government or agencies of Native American tribal governments for purposes of public health activities as provided in 45 C.F.R. 165.512(b) or to avert a serious threat to public health as provided in 45 C.F.R. 165.512(j)(1). The person receiving the report may publish analyses of such reports for scientific and public health purposes in such a manner as to ensure that the identity of any individual who is the subject of such report cannot be ascertained, discuss the report or notification with the attending physician, or make such investigation as deemed necessary.</p> <p>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>					
<a href="#">LB972</a>	Hansen, M.		Revenue 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/12/2022	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation
<p>Agricultural or horticultural land that has been subdivided into lots for residential construction and no construction has started on such lots other than communal infrastructures, such as streets and sewers, may receive special valuation if such land is within the corporate boundaries of a city or village.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</p>					
<a href="#">LB973</a>	Hansen, M.		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/08/2022	In Committee 01/12/2022	Redefine terms and change powers under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act
<p>This bill would redefine “economic-impact project” under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act to include any land, building, real or personal property, any equipment which constitutes a qualified opportunity zone business located in one or more certified qualified opportunity zones which are financed in whole or in part through one or more investments acquired by one or more qualified opportunity funds as authorized pursuant to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The terms “residential housing” and “rental housing” would also be redefined. It would also change the provisions regarding the powers of the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority to allow them to enter into financing agreements with private parties for the purpose of financing infrastructure in connection with the development of affordable housing and would strike out the provision that did not allow the authority to operate any project as a business or in any manner except as the lessor or seller of such project.</p> <p>LB973 was amended into LB707 via AM1859.</p>					
<a href="#">LB980</a>	McKinney		Judiciary 01/26/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Provide for release for medical treatment, change provisions relating to medical parole, and provide for parole eligibility for persons serving sentences of life imprisonment
<p>The Director of Correctional Services would be able to provide a release of an inmate for medical treatment. The director may authorize such for an inmate with a terminal illness, permanent incapacity, or debilitating medical condition, leave the facility to receive medical care and treatment and return to the same or another facility. This placement may be for a definite or indefinite period of time suitable to the person’s medical condition.</p> <p>This bill would also allow a committed offender serving a life sentence to be eligible for parole upon serving twenty-five years of such sentence. A committed offender that is serving a consecutive term of years, in addition to a sentence of imprisonment, should be eligible for parole when the offender has served the greater of twenty-five years or a total of one-half of the minimum term for any and all sentences for a term of years.</p> <p>It is the intent of the Legislature that the changes of this act by this legislative bill apply to all committed offenders under sentence or on parole on or after the effective date of this act, and to all persons sentenced on and after such date.</p> <p>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</p>					

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LB981	Hilkemann		Natural Resources 01/26/2022	General File 02/23/2022 Hilkemann Priority Bill	Revive the Trail Development Assistance Act and state intent to transfer funds

This bill would revive the Trail Development Assistance Act and would appropriate fifteen million dollars to be transferred from the General Fund to the Trail Development Assistance Fund for FY2022-23. The Game and Parks Commission would use seven hundred fifty thousand dollars annually beginning in FY2022-23 for ongoing maintenance of designated rail-trails.

The Natural Resources Committee advanced LB981 with AM1983 that amends LB981 to conform to the primary purpose of the bill, which is to provide funding for the ongoing maintenance of the Cowboy Trail. The amendment appropriates \$750,000 from the General Fund for the program in fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24 and limits permanent and temporary salaries and per diems from funds appropriated to not exceed \$91,140 for each fiscal year.

LB983	Moser		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/11/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Change provisions relating to industrial development powers of counties, cities, and villages
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Relating to industrial areas, the owners of a tract of land have the burden of proving that the tract continues to be used for industry when a review hearing for such tract is requested. If the owners of the tract do not attend the hearing, the county board will remove the designation of the industrial area from such a tract.

Speaker Hilgers ruled this bill as eligible for Consent Calendar in 2022.

Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral

LB984	Moser		Revenue 02/23/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Moser Priority Bill	Change sales and use tax collection fees, provide a sales and use tax exemption for net wrap and feminine hygiene products, and require detention facilities to provide feminine hygiene products to female prisoners free of charge
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The purpose of LB 984 is to raise the amount businesses receive for collecting and remitting Nebraska sales taxes. The present amount retained per business location is 2.5 % of the first \$3,000 in sales tax collected. This equates to a maximum of \$75 per month (\$900 per year). LB 984 raises the maximum to 2.5% of the first \$6,000. This equates to a maximum of \$150 per month (\$1,800 per year).

The Revenue Committee advanced LB984 with AM2130 attached that included the following bills were amended into LB984 as amended: LB881, LB941 & LB1209. The amendment to LB984 sets the vendor discount fee at 3% of the first \$5,000 in sales tax collected and remitted. This equals \$150 per month per location in Nebraska.

LB881 will exempt feminine hygiene products from sales and use tax. Feminine hygiene products are defined as: Tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle but does not include grooming and hygiene products. Grooming and hygiene products are defined as soaps and cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, antiperspirants, and sun tan lotions and screens, regardless of whether the items meet the definition of over-the-counter drug in section 77-2704.09. This definition is consistent with the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement definition of the term. LB881 will provide that any female prisoner in a detention facility that needs a feminine hygiene product will receive the feminine hygiene product free of charge. Detention facility means any facility operated by the Department of Correctional Services, a city or county jail, juvenile detention facility or staff secure juvenile facility as such terms are defined in section 83-4,125, or any other entity or institution operated by the state, a political subdivision, or a combination of political subdivisions for the careful keeping or rehabilitative needs of prisoners or detainees. Prisoner means any adult or juvenile incarcerated or detained in any detention facility and includes, but is not limited to, any adult or juvenile who is accused of, convicted of, sentenced for, or adjudicated for violations of criminal law or the terms and conditions of parole, probation, pretrial release, post-release supervision, or a diversionary program. The bill has an operative date of October 1, 2022.

LB941 exempts net wrap purchased for use in commercial agriculture from sales tax. Net wrap is defined to mean plastic wrap used in the baling of hay. The bill has an operative date of October 1, 2022.

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					<p>LB1209 addresses an unintended consequence of Nebraska's contractor laws. Contractors must select an option -- 1, 2 or 3 -- for sales and use tax purposes: Option 1 -- Treated like other retailers; makes purchases tax free as a sales for resale and then collects sales tax from customers; Option 2 -- Treated as the consumer of all materials therefore must pay sales tax at time of purchase; Option 3 -- Treated as the consumer of all materials; makes purchases tax free and then remits use tax as materials are pulled from inventory and used for a project. The unintended consequence is when a manufacturer purchases new machinery or equipment from an Option 2 contractor. The contractor must pay sales tax on the machinery or equipment when purchased and there is no method for the manufacturer to obtain a refund, even though the manufacturing machinery and equipment is exempt from sales tax. This problem does not exist if the contractor is registered under Option1 or Option 3 because they may purchase the equipment tax free. LB1209 creates a Purchasing Agent Authorization for manufacturers. They may issue a PAA to the contractor so that the equipment may be purchased tax free. Nebraska has a similar program for nonprofit organizations and for taxpayers who qualify under the tax incentive programs. In both cases, the ultimate consumer may appoint a contractor to stand in their shoes and utilize the exemption as if the exempt entity were making the purchase directly.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching Nebraska Chamber Small Business Council: Support</p>

LB986	Briese		Revenue 01/20/2022	General File 01/28/2022 Briese Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act</p> <p>This bill would adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act. The State Department of Education would calculate each school district's property tax request authority on an annual basis as follows: The school district's property tax request from the prior year would be increased by which of the following is the highest percentage: The base growth percentage; The annual percentage increase in the student enrollment of the school district multiplied by four-tenths; The percentage found by dividing the annual increase in the number of English proficient students in the school district divided by the total number of students within the school district and then multiplying that by twenty-five hundredths; or The percentage found by dividing the annual increase in the number of poverty students within the school district by the total number of students within the school district and then multiplying that by twenty-five hundredths. The amount calculated from (a) would then be: Decreased by an amount equal to the amount by which the school district's total non-property-tax revenue for the current year exceeds the total non-property tax revenue for the prior year; or Increased by vice versa (prior year exceeds current year). This final calculated amount, once certified by the department, would be the school district's property tax return authority. A school district's property tax request may exceed its property tax request authority by an amount approved by a sixty percent majority of legal voters voting on the issue at a special election called upon the recommendation of the school board of such school district or upon the receipt by the county clerk or election commissioner of a petition requesting an election signed by at least five percent of the legal voters of the school district. A school district's property tax request may exceed its property tax request authority by a percentage approved by an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the school board of such school district with the percentage not exceeding: Seven percent for school districts with an average number of no more than 471 students Six percent for school districts with an average number of more than 471 but less than 3,044 students. Five percent for school districts with an average of more than 3,044 but less than 10,000 students. Four percent for school districts with an average of more than 10,000 students daily. A school district may choose to not increase its property tax request by the full amount and have it carried forward to future years as an unused property tax request authority. School districts would be required to submit a document prepared by the department to aid in calculating their property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority by September 20th of each year. This act would become operative on January 1, 2023.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Conditional Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</p>
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<a href="#">LB987</a>	Briese		Revenue 01/20/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act
<p><b>This bill would adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act. A school district's request authority for any year would be equal to their property tax request from the prior year increased either three percent or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, whichever is greater. The following amounts should be excluded from the school district's property tax request from the prior year:</b></p> <p><b>Any amount approved by voters that were included in the property tax request in the prior year; and</b></p> <p><b>Any amount that increased the school district's real property valuation that was included on the property tax request in the prior year.</b></p> <p><b>A school district may, by a majority vote of its school board, exceed the limit for no more than two consecutive years, in which case the school district's property tax request would be reduced in subsequent years to ensure that the average annual increase in the school district's property tax requests over any three-year period does not exceed three percent. Or A school district may also exceed the limit by an amount approved by a majority of registered voters voting on the issue in a primary or general election held in an even-numbered year or in a special election held during the month of May or November in an odd-numbered year. The limit discussed would not apply to that portion of a school district's property tax return that is budgeted for capital improvements or repairs caused by natural disasters or to pay for the portion of wages and benefits mandated by an order of the Commission of Industrial Relations or pledged to retire approved bonds.</b></p> <p><b>A school district may exceed the limit by an amount equal to the school district's property tax return from the prior year multiplied by their real growth percentage or by an amount equal to the reduction, if any, in the school district's certified state aid amount from the prior school fiscal year to the current school fiscal year wrestling from an increase in real property valuation. A school district may also choose to not increase its property tax request by the full amount in which cases, they may carry forward one-half of the unused request authority to future years as carryover request authority.</b></p> <p><b>The limit talked about in this act would only apply to property tax requests set in 2023 through 2028. For requests set in 2029 and after, such a limit will no longer apply. This act would become operative on January 1, 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Conditional Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB990</a>	Hansen, B.		Judiciary 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Create the offense of stolen valor and provide a penalty
<p><b>A person commits the offense of stolen vapor if that person knowingly, with the intent to obtain money, property, or any other tangible benefit fraudulently represents such person to be an active member or veteran of the United States Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, including armed forces reserves and the National Guard, through the unauthorized manufacture, sale, or use of military regalia or gear, including the wearing of military uniforms, or the use of falsified military identification or fraudulently represent such person to be a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force Combat Action Medal and obtains money, property, or another tangible benefit through such fraudulent representation. Any person committing the offense of stolen valor will be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.</b></p> <p><b>The provisions of LB990 have been amended into LB922 via AM2332.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB991</a>	Morfeld		Appropriations 01/27/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for high-speed commuter rail
<p><b>This bill would appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2022-23 to the Department of Transportation for Program 305 and for the purpose of using the funds to conduct a feasibility study for high-speed commuter rail service between Omaha and Lincoln. The study will include cost estimates, timelines, and economic impacts for creation of such service.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB994</a>	Lathrop		Judiciary 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Change provisions relating to sale of catalytic converters to secondary metals recyclers and change a penalty
<p><b>When a secondary metals recycler purchases regulated metal property, the vehicle identification number, year, make, and model of the motor vehicle from which a catalytic converter was obtained should be maintained on a record, but only if the person is delivering a catalytic converter. Violation of keeping this record would result in the person making such violation guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. Payment for any catalytic converter should be by check sent by United States mail, postage prepaid. A secondary metals recycler should keep all catalytic converters for five business days, not including the day of purchase. During such a time period, catalytic converters should be kept in the condition in which they were purchased. Violation of this would result in being guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.</b></p>					

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LB995	Linehan	Oppose	Revenue 02/24/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Limit the total amount reimbursed by the state for homestead exemptions  <b>The total amount reimbursed by the state for homestead exemptions should be the full amount except that the total amount for any year should not exceed one hundred million dollars. If this limit should be exceeded, the Tax Commissioner should proportionately reduce the amount to be reimbursed to each county so that the limit is not exceeded.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose</b>
LB998	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/15/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act  <b>Relating to the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act, this bill would provide for prioritization of inland port authority proposals by the Department of Economic Development and would provide for creation of an inland port authority upon application by a nonprofit economic development corporation.</b>  <b>Not more than twenty-five percent of the area within an inland port district may be noncontiguous with the remaining portions of such an inland port district. Such a noncontiguous area will be no more than one-quarter mile from the remaining portions of such an inland port district. Nothing in the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act would require that any real property located within the boundaries of an inland port district be owned by an inland port authority or the city or county or counties in which such real property is located.</b>  <b>The Urbain Affairs Committee advanced LB998 with AM1939 attached. The amendment strikes the provisions authorizing a port authority to grant funds to any business located within the boundaries of the inland port district.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>
LB1005	DeBoer		Revenue 02/23/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds  <b>Relating to the treasurer's tax deeds, the notice provided by section 77-1834 should be published three consecutive weeks, the last time not less than three months before applying for the tax deed. The purchaser or assignee should, within five days after the first publication of the notice, send by United States mail a copy of such published notice to the person in whose name the title to the real property appears of record. Along with filing the proof of publication, the purchaser or assignee should file in the county treasurer's office an affidavit affirming that a title search was conducted by a registered abstractor to determine those persons entitled to notice pursuant to section 77-1832 and affirming that a copy of the published notice was sent to the person in whose name the title to the real property appears of record.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Watching</b>
LB1009	Brandt		Judiciary 02/25/2022	General File 03/14/2022	Adopt the Domestic Abuse Death Review Act  <b>This bill would adopt the Domestic Abuse Death Review Act whose purpose would be to prevent future domestic abuse death by providing for the examination of the incidence, causes, and contributing factors of domestic abuse deaths in Nebraska, and developing recommendations for changes within communities, public and private agencies, institutions, and systems, based on an analysis of these causes and contributing factors which may serve to prevent future domestic abuse deaths. The State Domestic Abuse Death Review Team is created and would consist of members specified within the bill along with their responsibilities relating to the team. The purpose of the team would be to prevent future domestic abuse deaths by conducting domestic abuse death investigations to understand the contributing factors in domestic abuse deaths, examining the incidence, causes, and contributing factors of domestic abuse deaths, and developing recommendations for changes within communities, public and private agencies, institutions, and systems, based on an analysis of these causes and contributing factors of domestic abuse deaths which may serve to prevent future domestic abuse deaths.</b>

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					The Judiciary Committee advanced the bill with AM2165. The amendment is a white copy amendment that makes several changes suggested by the Attorney General. Included in these changes: Abuse must have occurred within 2 years of a suicide to be subject to an investigation. Strikes language regarding Attorney General approval for a review team investigation while a criminal investigation is ongoing (to obtain documents or records) and provides language that certain records are not available until completion of the criminal action response. Makes changes to membership of the review team including splitting advocacy nonprofits (2 in original bill) to 1 from rural areas and 1 from urban. Similarly the law enforcement members are split with 1 from rural areas and 1 from urban. The membership changes add a team coordinator as a member as well as a member from the Attorney General's office. A former judicial officer as a member is stricken. The amendment increases the number of meetings to 4 per year and provides jurisdiction language for Attorney General subpoenas.
LB1010	Geist		Judiciary 01/28/2022	General File 03/24/2022 Geist Priority Bill	Require information to be included in the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System and accessible to law enforcement
					The following information should be available to law enforcement and entered into the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System for each adult on probation and each juvenile on probation or parole: (a) the name of the offender; (b) the name of the probation officer; and (c) the conditions of probation. If a juvenile court orders or a probation officer determines that electronic monitoring is an alternative to detention, the data from the electronic monitoring device should be made available to any law enforcement officer immediately upon request.
					The Judiciary Committee advanced LB1010 with AM2435 which replaces the original bill. Section 1 would amend Sec. 29-2252 to add a duty for the state probation administrator to provide access to information to the Crime Commission for access for law enforcement through NCJIS in a readily accessible manner. Section 2 would amend Sec. 29-2262 to require any court that sentences a person to probation to enter an order to provide the offender's name, probation officer, and conditions of probation through NCJIS. Section 3 would amend Sec. 43-2,108 to require any court order that places a juvenile on electronic monitoring to also state whether the data from electronic monitoring be made available to law enforcement immediately upon request. This section would also require a juvenile's name, probation officer, and conditions of probation included in a publicly available order to be provided through NCJIS. Section 4 would amend Sec. 83-1,125.01 to require the Board of Parole to provide the name, parole officer, and conditions of parole for each parolee through NCJIS.
LB1011	Hilgers		Appropriations 01/24/2022	Veto Override 04/07/2022	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations
					This bill would provide the appropriations for each agency for each program from the respective funds for the general operations of state government, postsecondary education, capital construction, and state aid for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23.
					The Committee advanced the bill, amended by AM1999, as part of the mid-biennial budget package.
					<b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>
LB1012	Hilgers		Appropriations 01/24/2022	Veto Override 04/07/2022	Provide for funds transfers, create funds, and change and eliminate provisions regarding funds and reimbursement provisions
					This bill provides that the State Treasurer would transfer money from the General Fund to the Community College State Depends Fund in the amounts of \$500,000 on or before April 30th and \$1,000,000 on July 1, 2022, or as close to that date as possible. This Community College State Dependants Fund would be created and would be used to reimburse tuition expenses for dependents of Nebraska state employees enrolled in one of the state's six community colleges and would be reimbursed through the benefits administration program.
					This bill would also create the Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Fund. This fund would be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The State Treasurer would credit to the fund any money transferred by the Legislature and other money received from any federal or state agency or public or private source for water and recreational projects authorized by the Legislature.
					Finally, this bill would create The Perkins County Canal Project Fund which would also be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The State Treasurer would credit to the fund any money transferred by the Legislature and other money received from any federal or state agency or public or private source for use by the department for the canal project. After certification of the completion of the canal project by the Director of Natural Resources, the remaining money would be transferred to the Cash Fund Reserve.
					Any money in any of these three funds available for investment should be invested by the state investment officer in accordance with the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds investment Act.

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					<p>The Committee advanced the bill, amended by AM2000, as part of the mid-biennial budget package.</p> <p>Senator Arch has filed AM2389 as a Select File amendment that would require that UNMC file a report with the Legislature on the use of the HCCF dollars tranferered and used for Pancreatic Cancer research.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB1013	Hilgers		Appropriations 01/24/2022	Veto Override 04/07/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund</p> <p>The State Treasurer would transfer \$175 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after July 1, 2022, but before June 15, 2023, and would transfer \$400 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Perkins County Canal Project Fund on or before June 30, 2023. As a result of this bill, the amount transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the United States Space Command Headquarters Assistance Fund would decrease from \$50 million to \$5 million.</p> <p>The Committee advanced the bill, amended by AM2001, as part of the mid-biennial budget package.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB1014	Hilgers		Appropriations 01/25/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/13/2022 Appropriations Priority Bill	<p>Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021</p> <p>This bill describes in detail where the funds that were allocated to Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund are being appropriated for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23.</p> <p>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support                      Nebraska Hospital Association: Support                      Nebraska Chamber Economic Development Council: Support                      Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow                      Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support                      Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB1015	Hilgers		Natural Resources 02/09/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	<p>Adopt the Perkins County Canal Project Act</p> <p>This bill would adopt the Perkins County Canal Project Act which would provide that a canal and associated storage facilities (known as the Perkins County Canal Project) be developed, constructed, managed, and operated under the authority of the State of Nebraska consistent with the South Platte River Compact. The Department of Natural Resources would have the necessary authority to develop, construct, manage, and operate the Perkins County Canal Project consistent with the terms of the South Platte River Compact and pursuant to the Perkins County Canal Project Act.</p>
LB1016	Walz		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Provide for public-private partnerships and progressive design-build under the Transportation Innovation Act</p> <p>A public-private partnership delivery method may be used for projects under the Transportation Innovation Act. State contracts using this method shall be awarded by competitive negotiation. A contracting agency utilizing a public-private partnership will continue to be responsible for oversight of any function that is delegated to or otherwise performed by a private partner. The contents of what a request for proposals for a project utilizing a public-private partnership would include is described and the approval process.</p>

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					<p>The Transportation &amp; Telecommunications Committee adcaaed LB1016 with AM2128. The amendment substitutes for and replaces the bill. The introduced copy of LB 1016 is retained with the following changes: The term "Progressive Design-Build" is added and is defined as a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity that is selected through a qualifications based selection process at the earliest feasible stage of a project. Provides that for purposes of the Transportation Innovation Act the Department of Transportation may utilize the progressive design-build contracting process in addition to the design-build or construction manager-general contractor methods for contracting public projects pursuant to the Transportation Innovation Act.</p> <p>The following provisions of LB 1016, as introduced, are stricken from the bill: 1) Removes the requirement that when a request for proposal for a public-private partnership is issued for a capital project a copy shall be transmitted to the State Highway Commission. (Page 6, Lines 8-12 of the introduced copy); 2) Removes, in the case of a public-private partnership for a capital project having a value over \$100,000,000, the project shall be authorized by the Legislature. (Page 6, Lines 17-24 of the introduced copy); 3) Removes the requirement that the State Highway Commission shall review and approve a public-private partnership agreement entered into by the Department of Transportation. (Page 6, Lines 26 through Page 7, Line 2 of the introduced copy); and 4) Removes the requirement that a completed public- private partnership agreement be submitted to the Legislature for authorization. (Page 7, Lines 11-12 of the introduced copy).</p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerece Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastrucure: Watch</b></p>
LB1019	McKinney		Health and Human Services 01/28/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	<p>Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program</p> <p><b>This bill would provide that the Department of Health and Human Services would establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program for metropolitan class cities and provide funds for services at such centers twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The goals of the pilot program would be to provide resources to at-risk youth to prevent incarceration and minimize individual and community harm by keeping youths from becoming more involved in the juvenile justice system, social services, family services, and the adult criminal justice system.</b></p>
LB1020	Brewer		Revenue 02/24/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	<p>Change homestead exemption provisions relating to application requirements for certain veterans</p> <p><b>A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected disability who has been approved for a homestead exemption before should not be required to file for the exemption in subsequent years so long as such owner continues to own the homestead and no change in disability status has occurred.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>
LB1022	Friesen	Support Testimony	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/01/2022	IPP (Killed) 03/31/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to fees under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act</p> <p><b>The fee for a 24/7 sobriety program permit will be forty-five dollars. Twenty-five dollars of the fee will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. Fifteen dollars of the fee will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund. And the remaining five dollars of the fee will be remitted to the county treasurer for credit to the county general fund.</b></p> <p><b>The Committee advanced LB750 with the provisions of several bills in AM1966. This amendment includes the provisions of LB1022.</b></p> <p><b>LB1022 was amended into LB750 via AM1966.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b></p>

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LB1023	Hilgers		Natural Resources 02/10/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/20/2022 McDonnell Priority Bill	Adopt the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Act and the Water Recreation Enhancement Act and change provisions relating to the Statewide Tourism And Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Special Committee of the Legislature

This bill would adopt the Lake Development Act which has a purpose of constructing a lake at or near the floodway of the Platte River in Sarpy County. The state should manage the construction and development of the lake in a manner that encourages private donations and investments, including through the use of public-private partnerships, while also maintaining sufficient oversight to protect the state's investment in the lake. The Department of Natural Resources is granted all power necessary to carry out the purposes of the Lake Development Act. The department is also granted authority to select the land upon which the lake will be built in accordance with the listed requirements. The Lake Development Fund would also be created and would be the intent of the Legislature that the State Treasurer will transfer to such fund an amount not to exceed XX million dollars. The Department of Natural Resources will, no later than November 1 of each year, provide an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the use of the Lake Development Fund.

This bill would also create the Water Recreation Enhancement Act which has a purpose to expand water access and recreational opportunities at the Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area and the Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area through the construction of new marinas and to increase access to and the enjoyment of Niobrara State Park through the construction of an event center and lodge. The Game and Parks Commission is granted all the power necessary to carry out these purposes. The Water Recreation Enhancement Fund and would be the intent of the Legislature that the State Treasurer will transfer to such fund an amount not to exceed XX million dollars. The Game and Parks Commission will, no later than November 1 of each year, provide an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the use of the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund.

The Natural Resources Committee advanced the bill with AM1914 which contains several provisions that change the original LB1023. These include: Adds language to clarify lake project will not be built by damming the Platte River; Adds conflict of interest provisions to public-private partnerships; Adds provision encouraging engagement of local stakeholders; Remove references to "Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area" and replace with "Lake McConaughy"; Extends STARWARS committee for oversight to 2026; Removes appropriations provisions.

**Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support**

LB1029	Hunt		Business and Labor 02/28/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	Prohibit harassment by certain employers and provide an unlawful employment practice for a covered entity under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act
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**Relating to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, the term "employer" would be separated into two classes, Class I and Class II.**

It will be an unlawful employment practice for a Class II employer to harass any employee because of such employee's race, color, religion, sex, disability, marital status, or national origin. It will be an unlawful employment practice for a covered entity to discriminate against an individual, because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual is known to have a relationship or association, in regard to job application procedures, the hiring, advancement, or discharge of employees, employee compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**  
**Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Oppose**

LB1030	Friesen		Revenue 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax
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**Beginning January 1, 2023, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax.**

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Oppose**  
**Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Support**  
**Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow**

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<a href="#">LB1031</a>	McCollister		Judiciary 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	Provide requirements on contracts for telecommunications services for jails  For telephone calls, jails should not enter into a contract with a telecommunications provider that charges more than thirteen cents for jails with an inmate population of one thousand or more, fifteen cents for jails with an inmate population of more than three hundred fifty but less than one thousand, and twenty-one cents for jails with an inmate population of three hundred fifty or fewer. Ancillary fees for prepaid call accounts should be no more than two dollars for online payments and four dollars and ninety-five cents for live-operator payments. For transaction fees charged to recipients of collect calls, jails should not enter into a contract with a telecommunications provider that charges more than four dollars per call.  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Neutral</b>
<a href="#">LB1035</a>	Lathrop	Oppose	Judiciary 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	Change provisions relating to non-probation-based programs or services  Relating to the Nebraska Probation Administration Act, “non-probation-based programs or services” would be replaced with the term, “problem-solving court” throughout the act. Participants in problem-solving courts will pay the one-time administrative enrollment fee described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section (29-2262.06) and the monthly probation programming fee described in subdivision (3)(c) of this section (29-2262.06). In addition, judges presiding over problem-solving courts may require participants to pay the cost of tests to determine the presence of drugs or alcohol, psychological evaluations, offender assessment screens, and electronic monitoring.  <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Letter of Support</b>
<a href="#">LB1036</a>	Lathrop	Oppose	Judiciary 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/19/2022	Provide for problem-solving court referees  The Supreme Court may use problem-solving court referees to facilitate the establishment and expansion of problem-solving courts in district courts, separate juvenile courts, and county courts. Such referees may be employed by the Supreme Court to serve in more than one judicial district if deemed necessary. To be qualified as a referee, a person must be an attorney in good standing admitted to the practice of law in the State of Nebraska and be able to meet any other requirements imposed by the Supreme Court. A hearing before a problem-solving court referee should be conducted in the same manner as a hearing before the referring court. A referee should have the power to summon and enforce the attendance of parties and witnesses, administer all necessary oaths, supervise pretrial preparation pursuant to the rules of discovery adopted, grant continuations and adjournments, recommend the appointment of counsel for indigent parties, and carry out any other duties permitted by law and assigned by the Supreme Court by rule. A problem-solving court referee should orally announce their findings and recommendations to the parties or their attorneys and submit a written report to the referring court containing such findings and recommendations.  <b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>
<a href="#">LB1040</a>	McDonnell		Business and Labor 02/14/2022	General File 02/24/2022	Redefine a term under the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act  Relating to the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act, “law enforcement officer” should be redefined to have the same meaning as in section 81-1401.
<a href="#">LB1051</a>	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Provide for setting aside convictions and expunging records for convictions and adjudications for concealed weapon offenses  Following the completion of a sentence or disposition, a person convicted of a concealed weapon offense or adjudicated in juvenile court for such offense may file a motion to set aside any conviction or adjudication. The motion should be filed in the court where the movant was convicted or adjudicated. The court may grant the motion and issue an order setting aside the conviction or adjudication when in the opinion of the court the order will be in the best interest of the movant and consistent with the public welfare. Upon such motion being granted, the movant may file a motion with the same court for an order to seal the criminal history record information related to such conviction or adjudication.

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<a href="#">LB1053</a>	Lathrop	Support Letter	Judiciary 02/17/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Authorize courts to conduct proceedings using virtual conferencing

A judge may, in any proceeding authorized to do so, use virtual conferencing in a manner that promotes meaningful participation, ensures the preservation of an accurate record, allows parties to communicate confidentially with counsel, and is consistent with the public's access to the court. In any criminal case, with the consent of the parties, a judge may permit any witness who is to be examined by oral examination to appear by virtual conferencing. In any civil court proceeding involving live witness testimony cases, a judge has the discretion to use virtual conferencing upon a finding of good cause or with the consent of all parties. Such good causes for conducting a proceeding over virtual conferencing are described and listed. All court proceedings, communications, notices, orders, authorizations, and requests authorized or required in the Nebraska Juvenile Code may be conducted or done using virtual conferencing.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**  
**Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Conditionally Oppose**

<a href="#">LB1060</a>	Briese		Urban Affairs 02/08/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Change provisions relating to certain findings and the validity of certain agreements under the Community Development Law
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Relating to the Community Development Law, the written findings required for the approval of a redevelopment plan must be supported by clear and convincing evidence and at least two affidavits from experts in the field of public finance, and include the governing's body for making such finding and an analysis of the redevelopment project's return on investment both with and without the use of tax-increment financing.

In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforceability of an agreement for a redevelopment project that includes the use of tax-increment financing is brought within thirty days after the agreement has been formally entered into, the agreement will be valid and enforceable only if the city, village, or authority proves, by clear and convincing evidence that the redevelopment project is not economically feasible without the use of tax-increment financing and the redevelopment project would not occur in the community redevelopment area without the use of tax-increment financing.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**  
**Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Oppose**

<a href="#">LB1065</a>	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/08/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to declarations of substandard and blighted areas and redevelopment plans receiving an expedited review
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**SENATOR WAYNE ADOPTED THIS BILL FOLLOWING SENATOR GROENE'S RESIGNATION.**

Redevelopment plans that involve the redevelopment of vacant buildings with the same characteristics as an existing structure plan requires would now be eligible for expedited review relating to the Community Development Law. Redevelopment plans where the assessed value of the property within the redevelopment project area when the project is complete is estimated to be no more than three hundred fifty thousand dollars for a single-family residential structure, five million dollars for a multi-family residential structure or commercial structure, or fifteen million dollars for the revitalization of a structure included in the National Register of Historic Places would also be eligible for expedited review.

The Urban Affairs Committee advanced LB1065 with AM 1964 which makes several changes to the bill, including: Striking the increase in the maximum assessed value of property within a redevelopment project involving the revitalization of a structure included in the National Register of Historic Places that receives an expedited review; Reducing the increase in the maximum assessed value of property within a redevelopment project involving a multi-family residential structure or commercial structure; and Clarifying that a municipality may declare a portion of an area as substandard and blighted following a substandard and blighted study or analysis.

**Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching**

<a href="#">LB1080</a>	Sanders		Revenue 02/24/2022	General File 03/01/2022	Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties
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The exceptions described will apply to the homesteads of a veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected temporary disability. Application for exemption of homestead for those specified will be required once every five years and will include certification of the status described from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.



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					<p>If any person benefits from a claim for exemption and fails to notify the county assessor of a change in status of the veteran, an amount equal to the amount of taxes lawfully due but not paid by reason of such unlawful and improper acceptance of homestead exemption will be due and will upon entry of the amount thereof on the books of the county treasurer be a lien on such property until paid and a penalty equal to the amount of taxes lawfully due but claimed for exemption will be assessed. A penalty of twenty percent of the tax due on the homestead for each taxing period shall be applied.</p> <p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB1080 with AM2039 attached. The amendment states that if a 100% service-related permanently disabled veteran dies during the five-year homestead period the surviving spouse does not need to refile until the five-year period is up. The notice sent by the county assessor to a homestead claimant shall only be for those taxpayers that are required to refile in the current year. The amendment strengthens the penalty provision for failure to comply with the homestead law.</p> <p><b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>
LB1081	Bostar		Natural Resources 02/16/2022	IPP (Killed) 04/12/2022	<p>Provide for a grant program for the design, construction, and implementation of water transport infrastructure under the Department of Natural Resources and state intent to appropriate federal funds</p> <p><b>It is intended by the Legislature to appropriate two hundred million dollars from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for FY2021-22 to the Department of Natural Resources to establish procedure and criteria for awarding grants to a municipality that utilizes more than thirty million gallons per day of water to be used for the design, construction, and implementation of additional water supply projects.</b></p>
LB1093	Flood		Revenue 02/09/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	<p>Adopt the Enhancement Project Financing Assistance Act and provide for the use of certain sales tax revenue</p> <p><b>This bill would adopt the Enhancement Project Financing Assistance Act. Any applicant that has undertaken an enhancement project, approved a revenue bond issue or a general obligation bond issue to finance an enhancement project, or adopted a resolution authorizing the applicant to pursue a general obligation bond issue to finance an enhancement project may apply to the department for state assistance. No more than fifty percent of the final cost of the enhancement project should be funded by state assistance. The application process and what such applications should contain are described.</b></p> <p><b>The Enhancement Project Support Fund is created and upon receiving the quarterly certification, the State Treasurer transfers the amount certified to the fund. The funds will be transferred in quarterly distributions to any village for which an application was approved under such an act for an amount not to exceed seventy percent of the eligible state sale tax revenue collected by retailers doing business in the program area. The total amount of state assistance approved for an enhancement project should not exceed seven million dollars and should not be paid out for more than twenty years after the issuance of the first bond for the enhancement project. The thirty percent of eligible state sales tax revenue remaining after the appropriation to the approved villages should be appropriated by the Legislature and transferred quarterly as follows: Eighty-three percent of such revenue should be transferred to the Support the Arts Cash Fund and seventeen percent of such revenue should be transferred to the Convention Center Support Fund.</b></p> <p><b>The department will not accept applications for state assistance under the Enhancement Project Financing Assistance Act after June 30, 2023.</b></p>
LB1096	Halloran		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	<p>Provide for participation in trusts and investment pools by certain governmental entities</p> <p><b>Any eligible entity is authorized to participate in a trust or investment pool established within the office of the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer should administer and oversee such a trust or investment pool.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>
LB1111	McKinney		Appropriations 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	<p>Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for community corrections</p> <p><b>This bill would appropriate \$13,000,000 from the Prison Overcrowding Contingency for FY2022-23 to the Supreme Court, Program 435, for reentry and restorative justice programming for adult and juvenile offenders who are committed to a facility for adult and juvenile offenders who are released from commitment; reentry centers; 8 transitional, community, and half-way housing; supportive permanent housing; wrap-around services; facility-based programming, including unit-based programming; community corrections; front-end, middle, and back-end services and interventions; and family support. The State Court Administrator should submit a report electronically to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature regarding the expenditures pursuant to such funds in this section.</b></p>

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<b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Letter of Support</b>					
LB1121	Albrecht		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Require inspection of vote counting devices under the Election Act
<p><b>This bill would require that the Secretary of State should inspect all vote-counting devices used in the state prior to each primary, general, and the special election to ensure that such devices do not have any technology inside that could allow the device to be directly connected by Wi-Fi, hardware, or any unsecured outside source that could be hacked, and to also ensure that such devices are in proper working condition. An inspector employed by the Secretary of State will apply a seal on the outer case of the vote-counting device that will ensure the inner parts of the device cannot be accessed without breaking the seal. The Secretary of State should create a report listing all vote counting device serial numbers and the dates inspected.</b></p>					
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Watch</b>					
LB1123	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change procedures for counting ballots under the Election Act
<p><b>The election commissioner or county clerk will not permit the counting board to begin counting ballots whether such ballots were cast early in-person, received by mail, or cast in-person on the day of the election until all polling places in the state have closed on the day of the election.</b></p>					
<b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>					
LB1124	Erdman		Judiciary 02/17/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Change provisions relating to small estate affidavits under the Nebraska Probate Code
<p><b>Relating to decedents' estates, this bill would change the personal property value threshold to two hundred thousand dollars for collection of personal property by affidavit for small estates.</b></p> <p><b>The Judiciary Committee advaced LB1124 with AM2138 that reduces the proposed increase for the limit on a small estate affidavit process from \$200,000 to \$100,000.</b></p> <p><b>Speaker Hilgers ruled this bill as eligible for Consent Calendar in 2022.</b></p>					
LB1129	Morfeld		Health and Human Services 02/24/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Provide free contraceptives for women as prescribed
<p><b>The State of Nebraska shall provide free contraceptives that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to any woman who requests and needs such contraceptives. Such contraceptives will be distributed through distribution points, including, but not limited to, Title X clinics, family planning clinics, public health clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies. The costs for such contraceptives shall be covered through General Fund appropriations.</b></p>					
<b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b>					
LB1133	Morfeld		Business and Labor 01/31/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Include health care workers within provisions concerning compensability of mental injuries and mental illness under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
<p><b>Relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, specifically section 48-101.01 , this bill would redefine personal injury to include mental injuries and mental illness unaccompanied by physical injury of health care workers.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Labor Relations Council: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB1135</a>	Murman		Judiciary 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change provisions relating to conservation or preservation easements and property tax exemptions relating to such easements
<p><b>In regards to receiving comments from the local planning commission regarding land-use planning of a conservation or preservation easement, the commission will have ninety days starting on the date that the approving body makes the referral to them. If no comments are received within ninety days. The proposed acquisitions will be deemed denied by the local planning commission. Notice of the approval or denial by the appropriate governing body will be sent by the governing body to the owner of the land and the holder of the conservation or preservation easement within seven days of the governing body's decision.</b></p> <p><b>The duration of the conservation or preservation easement will be stated in the instrument creating the easement and the stated duration may not exceed ninety-nine years. At the transfer of ownership, or within six months of the stated end of the conservation or preservation easement, the landowner or holder of the easement may extend the duration of the easement by an instrument in which the purpose for the easement and extended duration is clearly stated. The instrument extending the easement must first be approved by the appropriate governing body.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Cond. Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1138</a>	Vargas	Support Letter	Appropriations 03/01/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for local public health departments
<p><b>This bill would appropriate \$16,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 502, for purposes of distributing such funds to local public health departments in the following manner:</b></p> <p><b>\$10,000,000 distributed evenly to local public health departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs, including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive measures, to combat the COVID-19 virus and any of its mutations; and</b></p> <p><b>\$6,000,000 distributed proportionately to local public health departments based on the number of individuals employed at each local public health department for premium pay to such individuals.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Support</b> <b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Letter of Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1141</a>	Vargas		Appropriations 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Commission on Public Advocacy for legal representation for indigent clients
<p><b>This bill would appropriate \$3,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Commission on Public Advocacy to use the funds for purposes for which money can be used under the Legal Aid and Service Fund including funding legal representation for indigent clients in matters of domestic violence, eviction, and other civil cases exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency and the administrative costs related to and public outreach to promote such legal representation.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1146</a>	Friesen	Oppose	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change provisions relating to the Interlocal Cooperation Act
<p><b>Relating to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, no joint entity proposed for creation by agreement pursuant to section 13-804 will be authorized and effective until such agreement is first approved by the eligible voters of the public agencies of this state which are party to such agreement. The proposed agreement will be submitted by each public agency that is party to the agreement to such eligible voters for approval at the next general election.</b></p> <p><b>Also relating to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, no joint entity will issue bonds for any building or infrastructure project proposed by such joint entity until such proposed project is first approved by the eligible voters of the public agencies of this state which comprise the joint entity. The project proposal will be submitted by the joint entity to such eligible voters for approval at the next general election.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LB1149</a>	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/22/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change registration fees for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel
<p><b>This bill would change the fee for registration of each motor vehicle powered by an alternative fuel that will be charged. The fee shall be seventy-five dollars for each such motor vehicle registered in 2022, ninety-three dollars for each such motor vehicle registered in 2023, one hundred eleven dollars for each such motor vehicle registered in 2024, one hundred thirty dollars for each such motor vehicle registered in 2025, one hundred forty-five dollars for each such motor vehicle registered in 2026, and one hundred fifty dollars for each such motor vehicle registered in 2027 and every year thereafter.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure: Watch</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1154</a>	McKinney		Judiciary 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change provisions relating to good time, parole eligibility, and service of a sentence of incarceration outside of a department facility and require eighty percent of eligible committed offenders to be placed in community corrections or transitional housing
<p><b>On or before January 1, 2023, the Department of Correctional Services, in consultation with the board, will adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to ensure that at all times at least eighty percent of committed offenders who are eligible for placement in community corrections or transitional housing are serving sentences in such placements.</b></p> <p><b>Whenever the board considers the release of a committed offender who is eligible for release on parole, it shall order his or her release unless there are substantial and compelling objective reasons that his or her release should be deferred. Such substantial and compelling objective reasons are described and listed.</b></p> <p><b>On or before January 1, 2023, the State Court Administrator will electronically submit two reports to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, one concerning the relationships between demographic factors and sentencing outcome, and the other regarding strategies to ensure that sentencing decisions are informed by individual risk assessment information and programming availability.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Letter of Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1160</a>	Wishart		Appropriations 03/03/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for reverse osmosis systems
<p><b>This bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Environment and Energy for the purpose of providing grants for small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems in community water systems where drinking water test levels are above ten parts per million of nitrate and, if appropriate, provide grant funds for use to install reverse osmosis systems if test levels for nitrate in drinking water pumped from private wells are above ten parts per million.</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1165</a>	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Change provisions of the Nebraska Budget Act
<p><b>This bill would change “principal or interest on bonds issued by the governing body” to “principal or interest on bonds issued or authorized to be issued by the governing body or the legal voters of the political subdivision” in sections 13-504, 13-506, and 13-508 under the Nebraska Budget Act.</b></p> <p><b>Speaker Hilgers ruled this bill as eligible for Consent Calendar in 2022.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>					
<a href="#">LB1171</a>	Sanders	Monitor	Judiciary 02/25/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Provide for the clerk of the district court to serve as the ex officio jury commissioner in all counties and change provisions relating to compensation
<p><b>This bill would provide that the clerk of the district court serve as the jury commissioner in each county of the State of Nebraska. In counties having a population in excess of one hundred seventy-five thousand inhabitants, the judges of the district court within such counties will determine whether the clerk of the district court will receive additional compensation to perform the duties of jury commissioner.</b></p> <p><b>The provisions of LB1171 have been amended into LB922 via AM2332.</b></p>					

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LB1173			Health and Human Services 02/09/2022	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 04/20/2022 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	Create a work group and strategic leadership group for child welfare system reform, provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services, require reports of child abuse or neglect, and change and eliminate provisions regarding lead agencies and a pilot project for child welfare system reform
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This bill would establish an intersectoral child welfare practice model workgroup, establish appropriate strategic leadership and guidance for practice and finance model development across the three branches of government, and appropriate funds for contractual support to build the practice and finance model for Nebraska. On or before December 1, 2023, the workgroup will electronically submit the written practice and finance model framework to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature. The workgroup and strategic leadership group would then terminate on December 31, 2023.

The Health and Human Services Committee advanced LB1173 with AM 1959 as a white copy amendment which incorporates LB 491, LB 541, and LB 854 into LB 1173. The provisions are as follows:

The provisions LB 491 would terminate the Department of Health and Human Services' authority to contract with another entity for child welfare case management. Currently under Nebraska law, child welfare case managers must be employees of DHHS, with the exception that the department can contract with a "lead agency" for a "case management lead agency model pilot project" in the Eastern Service Area. LB 491 would strike the statutory authority for such a contract. (Sec. 17.) Additionally, LB 491 strikes references to the lead agency model pilot project in sections of statute related to the family finding services pilot project, DHHS's electronic data collection system, child welfare reporting requirements, caseload requirements, and case manager training. (Secs. 8, 10-15, 18.) Finally, LB 491 outright repeals sections which relate specifically to the lead agency model pilot project or are obsolete, including the sections of statute related to DHHS monitoring and reporting requirements with respect to the pilot project, an evaluation of the child welfare system commissioned by DHHS, and an evaluation of the lead agency model pilot project commissioned by the Legislature. (Sec. 22.)

LB 541 provides for reimbursement for certain foster care services. The amended provisions of LB 541 are found in sections 9 and 16 of AM 1959. LB 541 would require the Division of Children and Family Services, in collaboration with the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, to implement additional statewide tiers of foster care reimbursement for specialized care giving with standardized rates by October 1, 2022. (Sec. 9.) Additionally, LB 541 would require the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and the Division of Children and Family Services to develop a plan to implement treatment family care services by October 1, 2022 and submit the plan to the Health and Human Services Commission and the Nebraska Children's Commission. (Sec. 16.) Finally, LB 541 would require that the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care implement treatment family care services by October 1, 2023. The Department of Health and Human Services must seek to maximize federal funding for the program, prior to utilizing state Medicaid funds. (Sec. 16.)

LB 854 requires notice to the Department of Health and Human Services in certain cases of alleged out-of-home child abuse or neglect. The provision of LB 854 are found in section 7 of AM 1959. LB 854 would require that when the Department of Health and Human Services receives a report of alleged out-of-home child abuse or neglect where the subject of the report is a child care provider or a child care staff member, the Division of Children and Family Services must immediately notify the Division of Public Health of receipt of the report, including whether or not an investigation is being undertaken by a law enforcement agency or the department.

On Select File, Senator Megan Hunt offered AM2200 which was an amended version of LB932. The amended version is the same as the version advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee as AM2241 to LB932. The amendment strikes the original sections and becomes the bill. Like the green copy, the amendment provides for notice and accounting when DHHS serves as the representative payee for social security benefits. The amendment does not include the provisions requiring DHHS to conserve the funds. The amendment provides that when DHHS serves as the representative payee for a child beneficiary of social security benefits, it must provide: Immediate notice to the child beneficiary, in an age-appropriate manner, and the child's guardian ad litem, of (i) the department's receipt of the child's first payment of social security benefits, including the amount received, and (ii) where the payment was deposited; Notice and accounting to the juvenile court on a biannual basis beginning January 1, 2023, regarding the department's receipt, use, and conservation of the child's social security benefits. Additionally, upon request from the child, their guardian ad litem or attorney, or parent-and upon termination of the department's role as the child beneficiary's representative payee-DHHS must provide all accounting records regarding its receipt, use, and conservation of the child's social security benefits.

**Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: In Person Testimony (Support)**

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<a href="#">LB1174</a>	Wayne		Executive Board 02/01/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Require state entities to report to the Legislature regarding operations and require a hearing by a legislative standing committee  Each state entity, including any state entity created by statute or the Constitution of Nebraska, will submit a report electronically to the committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction regarding the operations of the state entity and each budgetary program within such state entity once every five years. The report would review the operations of the state entity for the previous five years and would indicate whether there is a need for the continuation of the state entity. The committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction would hold a public hearing on the report with a representative of the state entity in attendance.
<a href="#">LB1178</a>	McCollister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022	Provide for the withholding of the residential address of a judge from the public in county records  This bill would provide that the county assessor and register of deeds withhold from the public the residential address of a judge who applies within the county of their residence.  Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral
<a href="#">LB1181</a>	Groene		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/02/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change provisions relating to required identification documents for registering to vote and voting and procedures for early voting  This bill would eliminate the provisions “after January 1, 2003, and has not previously voted in an election within the state” relating to a person registering to vote by mail.  An unseal identification envelope will be delivered with a ballot used for voting early. As an integral component, the identification envelope will have a separate, sealable pocket compartment on the outside of the envelope where the voter shall insert and seal the copy of the identification document. If the ballot will be returned by mail by the voter or by a person other than the voter, the voter must insert in the separate, sealable pocket provided on the identification envelope a copy of the voter’s photographic identification which is current and valid, or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or another government document which is dated within the sixty days immediately prior to the date of the election and which shows the same name and residence address of the voter that is on the precinct list of registered voters. Upon the separate, sealable pocket compartment should be printed: “Insert in this pocket a copy of your current and valid photographic identification or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document which is dated within the sixty days immediately prior to the date of the election and which shows your same name and residence address.”  Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose
<a href="#">LB1189</a>	Flood		Urban Affairs 02/15/2022	General File 02/16/2022	Change provisions relating to discontinuance of sanitary drainage districts  For a discontinued sanitary district that lies solely within the zoning jurisdiction of a city, title to all funds and all other property and property rights of the discontinued district, and all taxes, assessments, and demands of every kind due or owing to the discontinued district, will be vested in or paid to and collected by such city or the riverfront development authority established if such city has elected to create a riverfront development district. Such city or riverfront development authority will also be liable for and recognize, assume, and carry out all valid contracts and obligations of that portion of the discontinued district assumed by such city or authority, including all outstanding bonds, warrants, or other debts and financial obligations. The riverfront development authority will only take title to and ownership of that property or those property rights of the discontinued sanitary district contained within the boundaries of the riverfront development district managed by the authority. The city will take title to and ownership of any discontinued sanitary district property outside the boundaries of such riverfront development districts. The city or authority will thereafter maintain any drain way or drainage or sewage system of that portion of the discontinued district conveyed or transferred to the city or authority.  LB1189 as amended by AM1953 was amended into LB800 via AM2035.

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<a href="#">LB1194</a>	McDonnell		Appropriations 02/23/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Public Service Commission for public safety answering points and cloud-based software services to process 911 emergency calls  <b>This bill appropriates \$55,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Public Service Commission for Program 583. The Public Service Commission would use \$50,000,000 in aid pro rata to each of Nebraska's sixty-seven public safety answering points. By December 31, 2022, no more than \$2,000,000 will be used to provide cloud-based software to each public safety answering point as a service for smartphone 911 callers with HTML5 caller geolocation, face-to-face video conferencing between the call center and caller, two-way file sharing, pictograms for disabled callers, and real-time language translation for call takers of at least three languages commonly spoken in Nebraska. The commission would use \$3,000,000 to partner with the University of Nebraska for the purpose of establishing a public-private partnership to develop cloud-based software services that utilize artificial intelligence to improve the handling and processing of 911 emergency calls.</b>  <b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners:Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials:Support</b>
<a href="#">LB1195</a>	McDonnell		Appropriations 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to award sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska  <b>This bill would appropriate \$1,500,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development, fort Program 603, for the purpose of awarding major sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska that are recognized by an international governing body.</b>
<a href="#">LB1199</a>	McDonnell	Monitor	Appropriations 02/23/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Administrative Services for the Chief Information Officer to provide radios to volunteer departments  <b>This bill would appropriate \$25,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Administrative Services, for Program 101, for purposes of establishing interoperable communications between state agencies and volunteer departments by providing portable and mobile radios, programming, and installation of all radios and equipment and training for interoperability with the Statewide Radio System to connect volunteer departments and agencies to the Statewide Radio System through a grant program.</b>
<a href="#">LB1200</a>	Halloran		Judiciary 02/09/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Child Sexual Abuse Liability Act and exempt actions from the State Tort Claims Act and Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act  <b>This bill would adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Child Sexual Abuse Liability Act. The legislature declares that the state and its political subdivisions shall be liable in the same manner and to the same extent as a private individual or entity under like circumstances for all claims arising out of child sexual abuse. It further declares that the liability of the state and its political subdivisions for any claims arising out of child sexual abuse will not be subject to the State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act or the limitations or requirements in such acts, including, but not limited to, limits on recoverable damages, limits on the availability of a jury trial, notice requirements, and statutes of limitations.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB1207</a>	Friesen		Revenue 02/17/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Change taxation and school funding provisions  <b>All real property that is subject to taxation will be valued at a decreasing percentage from tax year 2022 to tax year 2024 and each tax year thereafter, from what was originally valued for purposes of taxes levied by school districts. Such percentages are described with their corresponding tax year.</b>  <b>For all real property for which a final certificate of rehabilitation has been issued and the eight-year base-year valuation period has expired, the valuation will then for the next four years be calculated as the base-year valuation plus specific percentage (that corresponds with the number of years since the expiration) of the difference in the base-year valuation and the current year assessed value.</b>  <b>This bill would provide powers and duties to the Tax Commissioner relating to foundation aid calculations to be paid to local school systems, the main duty being the need to certify certain tax collections for the department.</b>  <b>For school fiscal years prior to 2022-23 and 2023-24, net option funding will be the product of the net number of option students multiplied by the statewide average basic funding per formula student less the foundation aid credited and received for option students. For school fiscal year 2024-25 and each school fiscal year thereafter, net option funding will be the product of the net number of option students multiplied by the statewide average general fund property taxes per formula student.</b>

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LB1208	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/15/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Adopt the Broadband Pole Replacement Fund Act and appropriate federal funds</p> <p><b>This bill would adopt the Broadband Pole Replacement Rund Act and would create the Broadband Pole Replacement Fund. Money in the fund will be used by the Public Service Commission to provide reimbursements to qualified applicants under the broadband pole replacement program and for the administration of such program. The broadband pole replacement program is established. The commission will be responsible for receiving and reviewing applications for pole reimbursements and for award of program reimbursements. The commission should award pole reimbursements under the broadband pole replacement program for up to the lesser of five thousand dollars or fifty percent of the total amount paid or incurred by the applicant for eligible pole replacement costs and one hundred percent of the documented and reasonable administrative expenses incurred by such applicant in preparing and submitting the reimbursement application, including actual and reasonable administrative expenses charged by a pole owner, of an amount not to exceed five percent of eligible pole replacement costs. The commission should award and fund pole reimbursements until money available for such purpose is no longer available.</b></p> <p><b>Is is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$15,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Public Service Commission to be used for reimbursements made under the broadband pole replacement program.</b></p>
LB1223	Hansen, M.	Support	Judiciary 03/03/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Require reimbursement for lodging certain defendants in county jails and require state hospitals to maintain beds for certain patients</p> <p><b>If a judge orders a defendant to be committed to the Department of Health and Human Services to receive treatment to restore competency and such defendant remains lodged in the county jail, the department will reimburse the county for lodging the defendant. The costs for lodging the defendant would include the daily rate of lodging the defendant, food, medical services, transportation, and any other necessary costs incurred by the county to lodge the defendant.</b></p> <p><b>State hospitals would be required to provide a number of minimum beds for the mentally ill according to what the patient would be admitted for when faced with a lack of capacity. The reasons for admission are described and also matched with a corresponding number of beds required.</b></p> <p><b>The provisions of LB1223 have been amended into LB921 as part of AM2503.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Monitor</b> <b>Sarpy County Board of Commissioners: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support, Testify in person</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>
LB1224	Wayne		Appropriations 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for grants for new and upgraded tourism attractions</p> <p><b>This bill would appropriate \$100,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development to provide grants for new and upgraded tourism attractions.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Support</b></p>
LB1226	Wayne		Revenue 02/17/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Change provisions relating to land banks, service of notice, and the time periods for applying for a tax deed and for bringing certain tax-related foreclosure actions</p> <p><b>This bill would eliminate provisions that are outdated relating to real estate sold for delinquent property taxes (section 18-3417 subsection (3)). Vacated and abandoned real estate would also be defined.</b></p> <p><b>In the event that real property is not legally occupied and deemed vacant and abandoned, such personal or residence service will be made upon a person in actual possession or occupancy of the real property and upon the person in whose name the title to the real property appears on record. If either such person cannot be served by personal or residence service after three separate attempts at such service, service of the notice will be made upon such person by certified mail service or designated delivery service, and the notice will be sent to the address of the property and to the name and address to which the property tax statement was mailed.</b></p>



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					<p>When land has been sold for delinquent taxes and a tax sale certificate or tax deed has been issued, the holder of such tax sale certificate or tax deed may proceed in the district court of the county in which the land is situated to foreclose the lien for taxes represented by the tax sale certificate or tax deed and all subsequent tax liens thereon, excluding any lien on real estate for special assessments levied by any sanitary and improvement district which special assessments have not been previously offered for sale by the county treasurer, in the same manner and with like effect as in the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage. If the land represented by the tax sale certificate or tax deed is not legally occupied and deemed vacant and abandoned, such action should only be brought within nine months after the expiration of two years from the date of sale of the real estate for taxes or special assessments.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>
LB1227	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/15/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Allow land banks to receive federal funds under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act</p> <p><b>Relating to the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act, a land bank will have the power to receive federal funds from the state from the funds allocated to the state from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901, for the demolition of buildings.</b></p>
LB1229	Hilkemann	Support Letter	Appropriations 02/11/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to provide funds to a tax-exempt organization for certain sports and fitness programs, stipends for certain internships, and certain facility rental costs</p> <p><b>This bill would appropriate \$1,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development in order to provide the funds appropriated in this section to a Nebraska-based tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the operation of free sports and fitness programs, stipends for events and marketing internships for Nebraska college students, and facility rental costs for amateur sports and fitness events that attract out-of-state visitors and generate economic benefit for Nebraska communities.</b></p>
LB1242	Murman		Revenue 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	<p>Change the valuation of certain real property for purposes of property taxes levied by school districts</p> <p><b>This bill would provide that for purposes of taxes levied by a school district, commercial real property will be valued at zero percent of its actual value. This bill would also redefine what an acceptable range for the percentage of variation from a standard for valuation as measured by an established indicator of central tendency of assessment is.</b></p> <p><b>The county assessor will certify to the Commissioner of Education the tax levies of each school district and, for levies certified prior to January 1, 2017, learning community in which school land or saline land is located and the last appraised value of such school land, which value will be seventy-five percent for the purpose of applying the applicable tax levies for each district and, for levies certified prior to January 1, 2017, learning community in determining the distribution to the districts of such amounts.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>
LB1246	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/03/2022	Approved by Governor 04/20/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Require confidentiality for victims of sexual assault and sex trafficking in criminal proceedings prior to the filing of charges and change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act</p> <p><b>A criminal justice agency and any attorney involved in the investigation or prosecution of an alleged sexual assault or sex trafficking violation will maintain the confidentiality of the identity and personal identifying information of the alleged victim. Such information may be shared between such criminal justice agencies and attorneys as necessary to carry out their duties.</b></p> <p><b>Unless publicly disclosed in an open court, open administrative proceeding, or open meeting or disclosed by a public entity pursuant to its duties, the identity and personal identifying information of an alleged victim of sexual assault or sex trafficking may be withheld from the public by the lawful custodian of the records.</b></p> <p><b>The Judiciary Committee advanced LB1246 with AM1842. The amendment would provide an additional exception to the confidentiality requirement to allow criminal justice agencies to share information about an alleged victim with an educational entity.</b></p>

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<a href="#">LB1247</a>	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Provide for recognition of tribal mental health and dangerous sex offender commitment orders and for transportation of and commitment of persons civilly committed under tribal law  <b>A law enforcement officer may take a such person into emergency protective custody, cause them to be taken into emergency protective custody, or continue their custody if they are already in custody if the officer has probable cause to believe such person is mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender and that the harm is likely to occur before mental health board proceedings under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act or the Sex Offender Commitment Act may be initiated to obtain custody of the person or for a person residing within Indian country, that such person is mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender under tribal law and that harm comparable under the equivalent tribal law is likely to occur before mental health board proceedings under tribal law may be initiated to obtain custody of the person.</b>  <b>With respect to a subject living in Indian country, the State of Nebraska recognizes tribal hold orders, commitment orders, and emergency protective custody orders to the same extent as those initiated by any county in the state or as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act. This recognition applies for purposes of commitment to and acceptance for treatment at a treatment facility. If the applicable tribunal or court of a tribe finds that a subject living within Indian country is mentally ill and dangerous pursuant to tribal law, the tribunal or court may order the subject committed to the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services to receive inpatient treatment. This bill would provide for how transportation of and commitment of persons committed under tribal law should play out and if the payment of related costs will be reimbursed or not along with what documentation is needed.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Watch</b>
<a href="#">LB1250</a>	Hansen, B.		Revenue 03/02/2022	General File 03/08/2022	Change provisions relating to joint public hearings and postcards under the Property Tax Request Act  <b>Relating to the Property Tax Request Act, the following statement should be included at the top of the postcard that is to be sent to the participating political subdivision in the joint public hearing: "The following political subdivisions are proposing a revenue increase which would result in an overall increase in property taxes in (insert current tax year). THE ACTUAL TAX ON YOUR PROPERTY MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE. This notice contains estimates of the tax on your property as a result of this revenue increase. These estimates are calculated on the basis of the proposed (insert current tax year) data. The actual tax on your property may vary from these estimates.</b>  <b>A political subdivision that has complied with the Property Tax Request Act should not have its property tax request invalidated due to any other political subdivision's failure to comply with the Property Tax Request Act.</b>  <b>The Revenue Committee advanced LB1250 with AM2186. The amendment strikes the new matter on page 2, lines 26 and 27, and reinstates the original deadlines from LB664 (2021). Senator Ben Hansen has filed an amendment to LB927, AM2505, that contains the provisions of the amended version of LB1250.</b>  <b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Cond. Support</b>
<a href="#">LB1253</a>	Wayne		Urban Affairs 02/01/2022	General File 02/16/2022	Require the Department of Economic Development to apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and provide requirements for use of the grant funds in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class  <b>The Department of Economic Development should apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The department will use one-half of the grant money received for multipurpose community facilities located in any qualified census tract in cities of the metropolitan class and will use the other half for multipurpose community facilities located in any qualified census tract in cities of the primary class.</b>  <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB1263</a>	Clements		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Provide for secure ballot drop-boxes under the Election Act  <b>This bill would provide for secure ballot drop-boxes for voters to deposit completed ballots. The election commissioner or county clerk should inform the Secretary of State of each secure ballot drop box's location no later than forty-two days prior to any statewide primary or general election. They would also ensure that the ballots deposited in such dropboxes are collected and returned to the office of the election commissioner of the county clerk at least once during each business day.</b>

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LB1263 as amended by AM1718 was amended into LB843 via AM2075.					

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LB1264	McDonnell	Oppose	Revenue 02/23/2022	IPP (Killed) 03/31/2022	Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes
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The department will review the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. The report should indicate an estimate of the amount of the reduction in revenue resulting from the operation of all tax expenditures. The report should list each tax expenditure relating to sales and use tax under the categories listed and described within the bill. Services that would be taxed under LB1264 include the following: Maintenance, painting, and repair services to real property; Storage and moving services; Cleaning of tangible personal property; Investment counseling services; Taxi, limousine, and other transportation services; Weight loss services; Burial-related services; Accounting services; 20% of the cost of services of physicians, dentists, optometrists, and chiropractors (If you have insurance, your premium will be taxed); 40% of the sale lease or rental cost of durable medical equipment; Real estate agent and appraisal services; School supporting fundraisers.

For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2025, the brackets and rates charted in this bill are established for the Nebraska individual income tax.

A tax is imposed on the taxable income of every corporate taxpayer that is doing business in this state for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2028, at a rate equal to 4.00 percent on the first one hundred thousand dollars of taxable income and at the rate of 4.99 percent on all taxable income in excess of one hundred thousand dollars.

It is the intent of the Legislature to eliminate tax incentive programs in order to offset the reductions in General Fund revenue that occur as a result of the changes made in this legislative bill, except that the Legislature shall not eliminate the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act.

It is the intent of the Legislature to create a program to provide student loan relief of up to twelve thousand dollars annually for up to five years for recent graduates with a qualifying degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and to create a program to provide student loan relief of up to one thousand two hundred dollars annually for up to five years for recent graduates of a qualified trade program.

Nebraska Hospital Association: Oppose  
Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Conditional Support  
Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose

LB1270	Clements		Judiciary 02/10/2022	General File 03/14/2022	Adopt the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act
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This bill would adopt the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act whose purpose is to provide financial incentives to attract and retain law enforcement officers. The Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council will accept applications for incentive payments from individual enforcement officers in Nebraska. There would be two tiers pertaining to an incentive payment depending on how long the officer has been employed. The council will also accept applications for grants from law enforcement agencies. An agency would be eligible if they are not at the recommended level of staffing under standards set by the council or they are experiencing a twenty percent loss of law enforcement officers during the most recently completed fiscal year or a thirty-three percent loss of law enforcement officers over the course of the three most recently completed fiscal years. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate ten million dollars each fiscal year to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council for purposes of carrying out the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act.

The Judiciary Committee advanced LB1270 with AM1984 which would replace the original bill. Section 4 would create three tiers of law enforcement officer retention incentive payments based on service after July 1, 2022. Tier 1 would create an incentive for one year of service of \$750 for an officer employed by an agency with more than 75 officers and \$1,500 for officers employed by an agency with fewer than 75 officers. Tier 2 would create an incentive of \$2,500 for three years of service at an agency with fewer than 75 officers. Tier 3 would create an incentive of \$3,000 for five years of service at an agency with fewer than 75 officers. Section 5 would create a program for hiring bonuses at agencies with fewer than 150 officers and agencies does not meet the council's recommended staffing levels. Section 7 would sunset the bill on June 30, 2028.

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support

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<a href="#">LB1271</a>	Lindstrom		Judiciary 02/10/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Adopt the Law Enforcement Marketing Act  <b>This bill would adopt the Law Enforcement Marketing Act and would create the Law Enforcement Marketing Program that'll be administered by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council. Under such a program, the council will market and promote law enforcement opportunities in this state to law enforcement officers from other states in order to encourage such officers to relocate to Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one million dollars each fiscal year to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council for purposes of carrying out the Law Enforcement Marketing Act.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>
<a href="#">LB1272</a>	Halloran		Revenue 02/16/2022	IPP (Killed) 02/28/2022	Provide an income tax credit for law enforcement officers based on years of service and change provisions relating to a waiver of tuition  <b>This bill would provide an income tax credit for law enforcement officers based on how many years they served. Such amounts are described with their corresponding number of years served. A law enforcement officer would also be entitled to a waiver of one hundred percent of the resident tuition charges of any state university, state college, or community college if such officer meets the requirements originally listed.</b>  <b>LB1272 was amended into LB1273 via AM2005.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>
<a href="#">LB1276</a>	McKinney		Judiciary 02/09/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Provide for civil actions against law enforcement officers who commit misconduct and exempt such actions from the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act  <b>A person, other than a government employee, aggrieved by an actionable violation may bring a civil action against the law enforcement officer responsible for such violation and obtain appropriate relief. If the court finds that a law enforcement officer has committed an actionable violation, the court may assess a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars for each violation. This action would be exempt from the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Claims Act.</b>  <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>
<a href="#">LB1277</a>	Clements		Appropriations 02/09/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to provide funds to a county agricultural society with facilities within a city of the primary class  <b>This bill would appropriate \$7,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of providing the funds to a county agricultural society with facilities within a city of the primary class. Such funds will be used for critical upgrades.</b>
<a href="#">LR2CA</a>	Wayne		Judiciary 02/19/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to legalize cannabis for persons twenty-one and older and to require legislation  <b>This constitutional amendment would legalize cannabis for persons 21 and older and require the Legislature to pass appropriate legislation, to be effective on or before 10/1/2023, relating to the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, consumption, and sale of cannabis in any form.</b>  <b>Nebraska County Attorneys Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Governor Pete Ricketts position: Noted as a Bad Bill in April 13, 2021 Column</b>
<a href="#">LR3CA</a>	Slama	Oppose Letter	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/17/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to require verification of identity prior to voting  <b>This constitutional amendment would require verification of identity prior to voting in order to combat voter fraud, preserve the relative power of each eligible citizen's right to vote, modernize the election infrastructure of the state, and ensure the integrity of the elections of the state so as to preserve the public confidence in the legitimacy of the elected government. A poll worker would review a photograph or digital image of each voter to verify the identity of the voter in a manner determined by the Legislature prior to allowing the voter to vote.</b>
<a href="#">LR10CA</a>	Cavanaugh, J.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting  <b>This constitutional amendment would remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting.</b>

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<a href="#">LR11CA</a>	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 02/03/2021	Failed to Advance 05/05/2021	Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation
<p><b>This constitutional amendment, effective 1/1/2024, would make it so that the State of Nebraska and all political subdivisions of the state would be prohibited from imposing a tax on personal income, corporate income, personal property, real property, inheritance from a deceased person, the estate of a deceased person, the retail sale of goods and services except as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The Legislature would enact a consumption tax which would apply to purchases of services and new goods, except for fuel. Such consumption tax would begin no later than 1/1/2024. The Legislature would be able to authorize political subdivisions of the state to enact their own consumption taxes upon such terms and conditions as the Legislature may provide.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>League of Nebraska Municipalities position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Economic Developers Association position: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b></p>					
<a href="#">LR13CA</a>	Brewer		Education 02/08/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Constitutional amendment to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes
<p><b>This constitutional amendment would limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes. No more than 33% of the funding for such free instruction in the common schools would come from property taxes.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose</b> <b>Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Children Education position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Watch</b> <b>Greater Nebraska Schools Association position: Oppose - Letter</b> <b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</b> <b>Nebraska State Education Association position: Oppose</b></p>					
<a href="#">LR22CA</a>	Linehan	Oppose	Revenue 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions
<p><b>This constitutional amendment would limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions. In any fiscal year the total amount of property tax revenue would not be more than 3% greater than the amount raised in the prior fiscal year, and it may exceed this limitation 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. The limitation would also 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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards position: Oppose</b> <b>ESU Coordinating Council position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Council of School Administrators position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska State Education Association position: Oppose</b> <b>Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Children Education position: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska State Chamber position: Unspecified</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials position: Watch</b> <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations position: Monitor</b> <b>Greater Nebraska Schools Association position: Oppose - Testify</b> <b>Nebraska Child Health &amp; Education Alliance: Monitor</b> <b>Lincoln Public Schools position: Oppose</b></p>					

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<a href="#">LR27CA</a>	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/26/2021	In Committee 01/22/2021	Constitutional amendment to provide legislative authority in emergencies resulting from a pandemic
<b>This constitutional amendment would provide legislative authority in emergencies resulting from a pandemic.</b>					
<a href="#">LR263CA</a>	Blood	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2022	Select File 03/29/2022 Blood Priority Bill	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed
<b>This constitutional amendment would require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed or increased levels of service required after the year 2022.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Support</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</b>					
<a href="#">LR264CA</a>	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 02/03/2022	Failed to Advance 04/05/2022 Erdman Priority Bill	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes
<b>This constitutional amendment would provide that, beginning January 1st, 2024, no taxes other than retail consumption taxes and exercise taxes shall be imposed upon the people of Nebraska.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b> <b>Nebraska Hospital Association: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b>					
<a href="#">LR272CA</a>	Pahls		Revenue 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to treat residential real property as a separate class for property tax purposes
<b>This constitutional amendment would authorize the Legislature to treat residential real property as a separate and distinct class for purposes of taxation and to provide for a different method of taxing residential real property which results in values that are not uniform and proportionate with all other real property.</b>					
<b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Follow</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Watch</b>					
<a href="#">LR276</a>	Blood		Urban Affairs	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine circumstances in which conditional use permits can be approved or revoked
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 4 of 7</b>					
<b>Nebraska Association Of County Officials: Recommend Watching</b>					
<a href="#">LR279</a>	Pahls		Executive Board	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine ways to further support the mission of the office of Public Counsel
<b>This resolution would designate the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to conduct an interim study to examine ways to further support the mission of the office of Public Counsel and that upon the conclusion of such study, make a report of its findings along with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.</b>					
<a href="#">LR281CA</a>	Murman		Revenue 02/03/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to treat commercial real property as a separate class for purposes of property taxes and to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property
<b>This constitutional amendment would authorize the Legislature to treat commercial real property as a separate and distinct class for purposes of taxation and to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property which results in values that are not uniform and proportionate with all other real property.</b>					

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<b>Nebraska Chamber Taxation Council: Oppose</b> <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Watch</b>					
LR283CA	Bostar	Support Letter	Revenue 02/03/2022	President/Speaker Signed 04/12/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Constitutional amendment to authorize any city, county, or other political subdivision that operates an airport to expend revenue for developing regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service at the airport
<b>This constitutional amendment would authorize any city, county, or other political subdivision owning or operating an airport to expend its = revenues for the public purpose of developing or encouraging the development of new or expanded regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service at such airport.</b>					
LR294	Kolterman		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 1 of 2</b>					
LR330	Linehan		Appropriations	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to determine what percentage should be used to forecast revenue when preparing fiscal notes and determine if state agencies or political subdivisions should use the same percentage
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 1 of 5</b>					
LR333	McDonnell		Revenue	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine modernization of Nebraska's tax system with the goal of facilitating economic growth
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 6 of 7</b>					
LR349			Urban Affairs	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 7 of 7</b>					
LR354	McDonnell		Education	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the educational experiences and outcomes of youth in foster care
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 3 of 5</b>					
LR359	Walz		Education	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine whether section 79-458, which authorizes certain property holders to attach their property to a different school district through a freeholder petition, should be updated or eliminated
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 5 of 5</b>					
LR360	Day		Health and Human Services	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine eligibility, enrollment, application, renewal, and redetermination practices for the medical assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program under the Dept. of Health and Human Services
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 14 of 17</b>					
LR365	Wishart		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to review the operations of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 3 of 5</b>					
LR366	Wishart		Health and Human Services	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine at least three of the current certified community behavioral health clinics established through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's demonstration program
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 8 of 17</b>					
LR370	Hughes		Executive Board	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the coordination and administration of boundary layers in Nebraska

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LR375	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 4 of 12</b>					
LR376	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to determine whether reports of the resistance of public agencies to fulfill public record requests are representative of a broad statewide issue or represent isolated incidents
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 2 of 2</b>					
LR379	Day		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine fentanyl distribution in Nebraska
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 5 of 12</b>					
LR380	Day		Revenue	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine a potential limit on taxation of public and private pension income
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 5 of 7</b>					
LR383	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to explore best practices for the implementation of a consumption tax in Nebraska
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 7 of 7</b>					
LR384	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to investigate laws and procedures pertaining to the use of emergency protective custody
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 6 of 12</b>					
LR386	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Juvenile Code
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 3 of 12</b>					
LR387	Day		Revenue	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to review the statutes relating to homestead exemptions
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 4 of 7</b>					
LR392	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 5 of 5</b>					
LR395	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the judicial inefficiency and increased costs to the state arising Nebraska's four separate statutory based mechanisms for postconviction relief
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 7 of 12</b>					
LR396	Cavanaugh, J.		Appropriations	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the funding needs of the Commission on Public Advocacy and to find a long-term funding solution
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 2 of 5</b>					
LR397	McDonnell		Health and Human Services	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the needs, workforce, and funding streams for mental health care across Nebraska
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 10 of 17</b>					
LR398	McDonnell		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine issues related to the funding of emergency communications in Nebraska
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 2 of 5</b>					
LR399	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to review and identify what judicial resources are necessary to expand problem-solving courts across the state
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 1 of 12</b>					



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LR403	McKinney		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the use of no-knock warrants
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 10 of 12</b>					
LR409	Arch		Health and Human Services	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the Dept. of Health and Human Services' capacity and resources to treat individuals who have been committed to the department for treatment to restore competency to stand trial
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 2 of 17</b>					
LR410	Arch		Appropriations	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 5 of 5</b>					
LR412	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine if statutory rights and protections relating to victims and survivors are adequate
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 2 of 12</b>					
LR413	Dorn		Urban Affairs	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to evaluate the potential transition to a statewide professional license for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technicians
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 3 of 7</b>					
LR421	Bostar		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine property rights issues
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 8 of 12</b>					
LR422	Wayne		Urban Affairs	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine issues related to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 1 of 7</b>					
LR423	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to determine whether the current arrangement of court appointment of attorneys is appropriate
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 11 of 12</b>					
LR424	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to research the topic of home equity theft
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 9 of 12</b>					
LR425	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 04/05/2022	Interim study to examine the operational and statutory needs of law enforcement departments of the University of Nebraska
<b>COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDY PRIORITY: 12 of 12</b>					