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LB14	Dungan		Judiciary 02/22/2023	General File 05/03/2023 Dungan Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act</p> <p>Amending various sections relating to Foster Care. (8)(d)(i) is inserted to provide a child adjudicated to be a juvenile who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. (8)(d)(ii) provides that a juvenile may request a hearing as to whether it is necessary and in the best interest for them to remain in out-of-home placement. (8)(d)(iii) adds that if the court determines returning to the family home is contrary to the juveniles interest, the Department of Health and Human services (the department)is tasked with explaining information to the juvenile to prevent a relapse into the system. Lastly, (8)(d)(iv) limits a juvenile's eligibility for the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act if they have a current pending motion to revoke probation. The purpose of the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act § 43-4502 is amended to include youth exiting state care, disconnected from family support and at risk of homelessness. § 2(c) is added to § 43-504 to reach out-of-home placement juveniles described in, who were not previously covered for eligibility under the act. § 43-4505 (3) is added to provide health care assistance under the medical assistance program to eligible juveniles under the act. § 43-4510 (1) inserts language providing that if the juvenile was court appointed defense counsel before the age of eligibility, the appointment may be continued with consent of the adult and under a client-directed model of representation. § 43-4511.01 inserts language stating that if the the young adults guardianship agreement effect pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 673 and the young adult attained sixteen years of age before the agreement, they may choose to participate in extended guardianship assistance if they meet the requirements. Lastly, § 43-4514 allows the department to seek federal funding from Title IVE-E if the youth is adjudicated to be a juvenile under the newly added section 2(c) in § 43-504.</p> <p>AM 1146 replaces the bill and includes LB 14 and LB 521 as well as amended versions of LB 220 and LB 265. Section 1 contains provisions of LB 521 which would amend Section 28-470 to provide immunity to school personnel for administering nalaxone. Section 15 is the amended version of LB 265 that requires the Department of Correctional Services to provide each correctional officer with protective vests to protect against stabbings. LB 220 changes the amount of notice given to crime victims to at least 90 calendar days prior to proceedings, and the Board of Pardons' powers and duties.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</p>

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LB50	Bosn		Judiciary 02/01/2023	Passed 06/01/2023 Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the administration of justice

Relating to various criminal justice provisions such as problem solving courts, restitution, and the administration of pilot programs for probation and parole. § 24-1302 is amended to provide district courts the power to establish a problem solving court. (1) defines a problem solving court as a drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, or young adult court. (3) allows an individual to participate in problem solving court through a pretrial diversion program as a condition of probation, violation of parole or as a sentence imposed by the court. (5) declares the legislative intent that each judicial district may operate at least one problem solving court until January 1, 2024, and after January 1, 2024 the court must have at least one problem solving court per district. Section (2) establishes a pilot program to utilize physical space and information technology resources within Nebraska courts for virtual behavioral health services. (2) limits the program to a single district. § 29-2263 is amended to provide notice to an offender eligible to have conviction set aside under § 29-2264 at sentencing and upon completion of probation. § 29-22246-69 are amended to establish a pilot program in a single district for additional assistant probation officers with the purpose of determining if the additional support results in fewer probation violations. (3) also establishes a gift fund for probationers who succeed at probation. § 29-2281 (4) is amended to provide that if a defendant is ordered to pay restitution, and the defendant fails to pay in full, funds shall first be applied to a restitution obligation if other costs are ordered. § 83-100.02 is amended to add "responsivity factors" to the determination of a person on parole, which are the characteristics that affect the parolee's ability to respond favorably or unfavorably to goals. § 83-1, 111 adds sections allowing for a streamlined parole contract for qualified offenders. Lastly, Section (13) establishes a pilot program for providing structured environments to individuals on parole who have committed technical violations.

The Judiciary Committee advanced LB 50 with AM 1436 which replaces the original bill but includes the original provisions of LB 50. This amendment also contains provisions from the following bills:

LB 137 to create an enhanced penalty for controlled substance offenses if use of the substance results in death or serious bodily injury.

LB 352 Section 7 creates a misdemeanor offense for possession of less than 1/10th of a gram of a controlled substance other than fentanyl. Section 8 creates 2nd and 3rd degree burglary. Section 9 keeps the habitual theft enhancement at the third offense, but the prior convictions are limited to the previous five years. Section 15, which creates a habitual crime enhancement of a three year mandatory minimum for a felony that does not involve sex, violence, or firearms. Section 21, which prohibits pretrial diversion guidelines from categorically excluding Class IV felonies if the person does not have a previous felony conviction or felony diversion completion. Sections 24-30, which enhance the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act to increase student loan financial aid to people committed to serving the community supervision population. Section 32 which changes eligibility for parole. Finally, Section 35 is added to create geriatric parole eligibility for certain offenders over age 75 who have served 15 years of their sentence.

LB 162 creates a Class I misdemeanor for tampering with an electronic monitoring device.

LB 18 allows for a motion for a new trial if a witness exercised a constitutional privilege and refused to testify in the defendant's trial but later testified in the witness's own defense.

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					<p>LB 76 which provides access to certain probation and parole supervisions information to law enforcement.</p>
					<p>LB 27 as amended by AM 174 which clarifies the process for appointment of the public defender/appointed counsel when an indignant defendant files an appeal.</p>
					<p>LB 59 which tolls the statute of limitations for a post-conviction action while an appeal to the Supreme Court is pending.</p>
					<p>LB 314 as amended by AM 68 which would require suicide prevention materials to be provided to firearm purchases.</p>
					<p>During Select File consideration, the Sen. Ibach offered and the Legislature adopted AM1980, which contains four bills which are listed below:</p>
					<p>LB14 Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. Amending various sections relating to Foster Care. (8)(d)(i) is inserted to provide a child adjudicated to be a juvenile who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. (8)(d)(ii) provides that a juvenile may request a hearing as to whether it is necessary and in the best interest for them to remain in out-of-home placement. (8)(d)(iii) adds that if the court determines returning to the family home is contrary to the interest of the juvenile, the Department of Health and Human Services (the department) is tasked with explaining information to the juvenile to prevent a relapse into the system. Lastly, (8)(d)(iv) limits a juvenile's eligibility for the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act if they have a current pending motion to revoke probation. The purpose of the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act § 43-4502 is amended to include youth exiting state care, disconnected from family support, and at risk of homelessness. § 2(c) is added to § 43-504 to reach out-of-home placement juveniles described in and who were not previously covered for eligibility under the act. § 43-4505 (3) is added to provide health care assistance under the medical assistance program to eligible juveniles under the act. § 43-4510 (1) inserts language providing that if the juvenile was court appointed defense counsel before the age of eligibility, the appointment may be continued with the consent of the adult and under a client-directed model of representation. § 43-4511.01 inserts language stating that if the young adult's guardianship agreement effect pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 673 and the young adult attained sixteen years of age before the agreement, they may choose to participate in extended guardianship assistance if they meet the requirements. Lastly, § 43-4514 allows the department to seek federal funding from Title IVE-E if the youth is adjudicated to be a juvenile under the newly added section 2(c) in § 43-504.</p>
					<p>LB521 Provide for immunity for school personnel administering naloxone. Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to change provisions relating to immunity for administering naloxone to include school personnel; and to repeal the original sections.</p>
					<p>LB265 Require protective vests and safety training for correctional officers and allow Department of Health and Human Services employees to use justified force in defense of self or others. Relating to State Personnel and correctional services. § 83-173 is amended to provide that the Department of Correctional Services must provide each officer with a protective vest designed to protect against stabbings. Section (3) is inserted to provide that the Department of Health and Human Services shall not restrict an employee from exercising justified use of force to protect themselves or others from bodily harm. This version eliminates section 3 entirely and the amended version of LB 265 which would require the Department of Correctional Services to provide each correctional officer with protective vests to protect against stabbings.</p>

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					<p>LB220 Change provisions relating to the Board of Pardons' powers and duties and required notices to crime victims. Relating to notices required to be given to crime victims. Allows for the victim of a convicted person to be notified by certified mail by the Board of Pardons of any pardon or commutation proceedings at least 90 calendar days prior to the proceedings and if pardon of commutation has been granted, within 10 days after such granting</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB61	Brandt	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2023	General File 03/22/2023 Brandt Priority Bill	<p>Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission</p> <p>The section is amended by striking all authority possessed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to require the filing, review and approval of dark fiber leases by state agencies and political subdivisions, including the requirement that a portion of the profit on the lease of dark fiber be deposited to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The section is amended by the addition of language stating that State agencies and political subdivisions may lease or license dark fiber and related infrastructure under terms determined by the agency or subdivision.</p> <p>SECTION REPEALED OUTRIGHT: Section 86-578; Dark fiber; violation; procedure; appeal. In an original action concerning a violation of any provision of sections 86-574 to 86-578 by an agency or political subdivision of the state, the Public Service Commission shall have the jurisdiction set forth in section 75-132.01. After all administrative remedies before the Public Service Commission have been exhausted, an appeal may be brought by an interested party. Such appeal shall be in accordance with section 75-136</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral</p>
LB79	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023 Erdman Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act</p> <p>Bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act. Section 3 repeals the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and any tax collected based on that bill can no longer be collected after 2025. Section 3 repeals the Local Option Revenue Act, Qualified Judgement Payment Act, and sections § 13-319 and 13-2813 and any sales or use taxes imposed pursuant to those provisions can no longer be imposed on purchases of goods and services beginning on January 1 2026. Section 4 repeals the property tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 77 and no property taxes are imposed on real or personal property beginning on January 1, 2026. Section 5 repeals the inheritance tax imposed by § 77-2001 to 77-2040 and no inheritance taxes shall be imposed on a deceased person's estate beginning on January 1 2026.</p> <p>Section 6 establishes the Nebraska Taxpayers Bill of Rights. (1-5) establish the state will never impose taxes on income, property already owned or inheritance but consumption tax will remain. (1-6) establish the state will never impose 1) more than one tax on any new goods or service 2) a tax groceries purchased for off-premise consumption and 3) impose a tax on services or materials used to manufacture products for the sale to the general public.</p>

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					<p>Section 7 provides in 2026 a consumption tax will be collected on taxable property or service at a rate of sex and one-half percent. (10) provides that generally a registered seller is responsible for the collection of consumption taxes. (7) the Tax Commissioner may designate tax collectors. (9-11) property purchased outside the state for use in the state, wages or salaries paid by an employer for a taxable service, and business property purchased outside the state but converted in the state shall remit the consumption tax (10). (e) Land is not subject to consumption tax.</p> <p>Section 8 provides that no consumption tax shall be imposed on any property or service that is subject to an excise tax. (2)(a-c) no consumption tax on property or services for business, investment or educational purposes. (7)(a) engaging in business, included farming and ranching can be exempt from consumption tax. Section 9 deals with the designation of taxable property and services. Section 10 provides that on the 15th of each month, a registered seller must submit taxes to the Tax Commissioner. (c) requires a large seller to remit consumption taxes every week, along with providing a large security amount based on the past 6 months to be used as a bond. Section 13 deals with penalty provisions. Section (23) provides any person selling one or more chances is a gaming sponsor and is required to register under the act. Section (24) makes federal property taxable. Section (38) allows cities, counties and villages to impose separate consumption taxes within city limits. Creates various funds for government spending, such as Sections 53-4- providing funds for public schools.</p> <p>Nebraska Liquor Distributors: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB184	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/15/2023	General File 05/31/2023 Cavanaugh, J. Priority Bill	<p>Provide for inadmissibility of statements of juveniles during transfer proceedings</p> <p>Relating to the inadmissibility of statements made by juveniles. Requires the criteria for arraignment and city or county attorneys. Requires that any admission or confession made by the accused at a hearing on a motion to transfer from county or district to juvenile, any statements of a mental health professional and any evidence from the hearing process is inadmissible against the accused in any criminal or civil proceeding other than the motion to transfer.</p>
LB243	Briese		Revenue 02/09/2023	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/31/2023 Briese Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the School District Property Tax Limitation Act, change levying authority and provide aid to community college areas, and change provisions relating to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and property and income taxes</p> <p>Relating to property taxes. Increases the total amount to tax relief granted under the act to \$750,000,000 plus the percentage increase of (if applicable) in the total assessed value of all real property in the state starting in 2024.</p> <p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB 243 with AM977. The bill as amended amends the Property Tax Credit Act to increase, beginning in 2024, the maximum relief granted under the Act from two hundred and seventy-five million dollars to seven hundred million dollars, with an allowable increase every year after 2024 equal to the percentage increase in total assessed value of all real property in the state over the past year.</p> <p>AM977 adds the following amounts in these given years:</p>

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Tax Year
2024:\$388,000,000.00
2025:\$428,000,000.00
2026:\$468,000,000.00
2027:\$488,000,000.00
2028:\$515,000,000.00
2029:\$560,000,000.00 and then proceed to the growth rate stated above.

AM 977 also incorporates the provisions of five other property tax related bills into the LB 243. LB 28 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 351), LB 242 (As Amended by AM 956), LB 309, LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and LB 783 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 949) and AM 940 into LB 243.

LB 28 would require the valuation of a property that currently has an appeal to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission that has not been decided, when the first half of taxes become delinquent, to revert said valuation to the value of the year prior to the appealed year; AM 351 to LB 28 and a "make it so amendment" to LB 28 adds interest determined by the post-judgment interest rate shown in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-103 applied to the tax liability of the valuation difference if the Tax Equalization and Review Commission's decision has a higher valuation than the one reverted to.

LB 242 amends the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act to eliminate the cap on allowable growth percentage, and reset the credit percentage under the Act to allow a percentage that will allow for one billion dollars in credit under the Act in 2024. In subsequent years, the credits will be the prior year's credits plus the annual growth percentage defined under the Act as the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as determined by the Department of Revenue. AM 956 also removes the current five percent (5%) cap on the allowable growth percentage on the LB 1107 (2020) refundable income tax credit.

LB 309 amends the Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-1736.06 regarding property tax refunds to increase the interest rate on refunds to fourteen percent (14%) from nine percent (9%).

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					<p>LB 589 creates a new mechanism to set out the percentage of annual increase that a school district can request regarding their levying authority. AM 977 replaces the original bill and replaces the original formulas with the following: The school district's property tax request authority is calculated by taking the school district's property tax request from the prior year, adding total non-property-tax revenue from the prior year, and then increasing by the school district's base growth percentage calculated by the following: Three percent (3%) + seven-tenths (7/10) if the school district's student enrollment has grown by an average of three percent over the previous three years or four-tenths (4/10) if the seven-tenths provision does not apply + a percentage obtained by dividing the annual increase in limited English proficiency learners by the student enrollment multiplied by fifteen-hundredths (15/100) + a percentage obtained by dividing the annual increase in poverty students by the student enrollment multiplied by fifteen-hundredths (15/100). If a school district chooses not to increase its request by the full amount allowed, any increase not used can be carried forward. The amendment then allows for such a request to be overridden by one of two options: a special election called to override with a sixty percent (60%) approval by the voters voting in such election. The election must be called by either the school board or a petition signed by at least five percent (5% of legal voters within the school district); and allows for a request to be overridden by a seventy percent (70%) vote of the school board, with such override being limited to: For school districts with an enrollment of no more than four hundred and seventy-one students, seven percent (7%). For school districts with an enrollment between four hundred and seventy-two students and three thousand forty-four students, six percent (6%). For school districts with an enrollment between three thousand and forty-five students and ten thousand students, five percent (5%). For school districts with an enrollment of ten thousand and one students or over, four percent (4%).</p> <p>LB 783 ends the levying authority of community colleges with the fiscal year 2025-2026, and provides a state mechanism for funding community colleges through the state's budgeting system. AM 949 restores the levying authority for capital improvement funds and additional levying authority, if authorized by the community college board of governors, to allow additional funding, beyond what the State of Nebraska provides, to fully fund the community college if the State of Nebraska fails to fully fund a community college in a given year.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB276	Wishart		Health and Human Services 02/23/2023	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 05/25/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act</p> <p>Relating to mental health and to adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Purpose is to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment. The Department of Health and Human Services is tasked with developing a payment system under the medical assistance program to fund certified behavior health clinics. The clinics are defined as a non-profit organization providing mental health and substance use health services that are nationally accredited.</p> <p>The Health and Human Services Committee advanced the bill with AM 674 which states that beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026 no more than \$4,500,000 of General Funds per year shall be appropriated for this Act.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony</p>

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LB327	Raybould		Business and Labor 02/13/2023	General File 03/09/2023 Raybould Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act</p> <p>Relating to minimum wage. § 48-1203 is amended to provide that minimum wage shall be increased each successive year after January 1, 2027 by the lesser of one and one-half percent, rounded to the nearest cent or the increase of the cost of living.</p> <p>AM 713 includes a provision for an exception to the youth minimum wage for an emancipated minor and provisions from LB15 as amended by AM11</p>
LB348	Wayne		Judiciary 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023 Cavanaugh, M. Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act and change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration</p> <p>Relating to the treatment and corrections. To adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act. The purpose of the bill is to increase the number of offenders under work release prior to discharge and to do so in settings that also offer therapy, programming, treatment, vocational training and educational classes. The division of Parole and Supervision is to contract with private providers to establish community work release centers. § 83-901 is amended to provide that prior to the discharge of an individual from a facility of the Department of Corrections, the individual released shall have the opportunity to obtain a drivers license. Funds not used under the Vocational and Life Skills Program are to be used with a preference to programs and grants that result in meaningful employment after release. The Reentry program and Vocational and Life Skills Program under § 83-903-4 and responsibilities for such are transferred to the Board of Parole from the Department of Correctional Services.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB387	Linehan		Revenue 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to income tax rates</p> <p>Relating to income taxes. Changes tax rate as a number to natural language of the same amount.</p>
LB388	Linehan		Revenue 03/24/2023	Introduced 01/12/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to sales taxes</p> <p>Relating to sales and use taxes. Changes the commencing date of an already passed year.</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Watch</p>

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LB447	Bostar	Support Testimony	Revenue 02/08/2023	General File 03/06/2023 Geist Priority Bill	<p>Provide an income tax deduction for retired firefighters for health insurance premiums, rename and change provisions of the Law Enforcement Education Act to include tuition waivers for professional firefighters and dependents, and provide powers and duties for the Department of Revenue</p> <p>Relating to first responders. Amends § 85-2601 to 85-2604 to be known as the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act. § 85-2602 adds a definition of firefighters to be covered in the act. Allows for a currently serving law enforcement officer to apply to have their tuition waived by filing with the Department of Revenue. Section (2) provides that a legal dependent of a law enforcement officer may have a legal dependents college education covered if they maintain satisfactory performance. Section (5) is inserted allowing the same tuition coverage for firefighters as law enforcement officers, including the tuition reimbursement for a legal dependent. Each legal dependent receiving a tuition waiver must file an agreement with the state detailed in Section (7).</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p> <p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB727 with AM1152 which contains the provisions of multiple bills, including the provisions of this bill.</p>
LB462	Conrad		Urban Affairs 02/28/2023	General File 04/11/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act</p> <p>LB 462 would update the qualifications for owner-occupied housing units under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. Currently, construction of new owner-occupied housing for the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act has to meet an after-construction appraised value of at least \$125,000 and not more than \$275,000. Under LB 462, this would change to units that, under total construction costs, cost no more than \$330,000. Also under LB 462, the housing unit after-construction appraised value shall be updated annually by the department based upon the most recent increase or decrease in the Producer Price Index.</p> <p>Established under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act (LB866, 2020), the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund (MWHF) supplies matching grants to non-profit development organizations that administer local workforce housing investment funds. MWHF funds are awarded for investment into Nebraska's older urban and higher-minority neighborhoods in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties. Under current statute, eligible workforce housing projects include construction of new owner-occupied housing that has an after-construction appraised value of at least \$125,000 and not more than \$275,000. Under LB 462, when replacing appraised value with total construction costs, this would make the use of these funds align with current market conditions.</p> <p>The Urban Affairs Committee advanced the bill with AM 1017 which helps expand the definition of "urban community" to not only include Qualified Census Tract, but areas adjacent to QCTs. The term "qualified census tract" means any census tract which is designated by HUD and, for the most recent year for which census data are available on household income in such tract, either in which 50% or more of the households have an income which is less than 60% of the area median gross income for such year or which has a poverty rate of at least 25%. Overall, this change will allow developers to expend grant funds within or adjacent ("bordering") to qualified census tracts</p>

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LB465	Moser		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2023	General File 02/15/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards</p> <p>Amends section 60-4,115 regarding the allocation of fees for Operators' Licenses and State Identification Cards. Currently the statutory fees established for the issuance of state identification cards operators' licenses, replacement ignition interlock permits, and 24/7 sobriety program permits are allocated between the county general fund, the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, and the State General Fund. The bill amends the section to provide that where any portion of the fee changed is allocated to the State General Fund, that amount is instead redirected and deposited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The bill does not increase the consumer's cost of any identification card, license, or permit. LB 465 contains the Emergency Clause and is operative July 1, 2023.</p> <p>The provisions of LB465 have been amended into LB138 via AM1138.</p>
LB514	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	Approved by Governor (E- Clause) 06/01/2023 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Provide for valid photographic identification for voting purposes and change provisions relating to voting and counting ballots and certain identification documents</p> <p>Updates election laws. Annual omnibus bill from the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee advanced the bill with AM 853 which incorporates the provisions of the following bills:</p> <p>LB 313 which makes changes to dates for the special election for a member of the House of Representatives and for when a vacancy occurs for a member of the United States Senate, requires Congressional special elections to happen between 75 and 90 days after a vacancy occurs and requires that the election is on a Tuesday, and sets August 1st as the deadline for deciding when an appointed US Senator must face re-election.</p> <p>LB 269, which would return redistricting procedure deadlines to their state prior to the adjustments that had to be made in 2021 to accommodate the late delivery of federal census data to the states.</p> <p>The committee amendment also revises provisions of the original LB 514 as follows: It modifies Section 12 to provide clarifying information relating to candidate names used on candidate filing forms. In Section 14, it replaces the informal phrase "paperwork documenting" in two places with the more descriptive "documentation verifying," and it describes the procedure for objections made to name changes. Finally, the amendment revises Section 18 of the original bill to entirely remove obsolete references in existing law to a wife's using her husband's name when signing a petition.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>

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LB516	Walz		Education 03/13/2023	General File 04/03/2023 Walz Priority Bill	<p>Provide and change powers and duties for the State Department of Education, Commissioner of Education, State Board of Education, and the state school security director, provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects, and provide grants to educational service units and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed</p> <p>Relating to schools. To provide a duty to the Commissioner of Education and the state school security director; to change funding intent for the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act; hiring employees to assist schools and place them under the direction of the state school security director. to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and State Board of Education; to provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects; to provide grants to educational service unites and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.</p> <p>This bill was amended by AM 1107. The amendment would expand the scope of the bill to include approved or accredited public and nonpublic schools. Funding for the school security specialist initiative will extend to an ESU on behalf of approved or accredited nonpublic schools.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p>
LB531	McKinney	Support	Urban Affairs 03/07/2023	Passed with E- Clause 06/01/2023 Urban Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Create and change grant and economic and community development programs, change municipal governance and regulation provisions and state building code provisions, authorize transfer of investment interest on certain funds and Cash Reserve Fund transfers, and authorize development of the Mayhew Cabin historical site and a Chief Standing Bear museum and visitor center</p> <p>Relating to the Economic Recovery Act; to change provisions relating to the Economic Recovery Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development, the Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant Program, and the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund; to eliminate an obsolete provision; to provide for credit of investment earnings; to change restrictions on the use of intended appropriations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency. Section 81-12,241 eliminates the the duty of the division to develop coordinate plans and a grant application and scoring process to award grants.</p> <p>The Urban Affairs Committee advanced the bill with AM1128 which outlines the usage and administration of the North and South Omaha grant program. Applicants to the North and South Omaha Recovery Grant Program must be listed in the coordination plan by the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the legislature to be eligible for grants. Also, this amendment explains how the grant will relieve the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency within a qualified census tract within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class. The amendment also includes a one time appropriation of ARPA money totalling \$200 Million for a second water source in a city of the Primary Class.</p> <p>On General File, Senator McKinney offered an amendment, AM1222, which included an appropriation of \$15 Million for the Sarpy County sewer project from the Shovel Ready Projects Act.</p> <p>During Select File consideration of the bill, Senator McKinney offered and the Legislature adopted AM1880, This amendment contained the proviosons of several bills including the following:</p>

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					<p>LB 33 (Jacobson) Change provisions relating to the powers of mayors in certain cities and eliminate obsolete 2020 redistricting provisions. Relating to the voting powers of mayors in cities of first and second class. Various municipality statutes are amended to read that a mayor of a city of first class may vote on any matter if 1) the vote is required due to the council being equally divided or 2) a vote cannot be reached due to absence, vacancy or abstention of city council members. This voting right extends to ordinances for the appropriation of money and resolutions to enter into contract.</p>
					<p>LB45 (Dorn) Create the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Fund which relates to grants for commercial property demolition. The bill allows the governing body of a city of the first or second class or village to apply for dilapidated commercial property demolition grants, supplied by the Department of Environment and Energy. Section (3) states that there is no limit on the amount that can be awarded to each applicant within the available funding.</p>
					<p>LB 170 (McKinney) Redefine blighted area under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act. Relating to the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority to redefine a term. § 58-209.01 changes the definition of "blighted area" to have the same meaning as § 18-2103 provides the same definition as the provision deleted.</p>
					<p>LB 223 (McKinney) Provide and change reporting requirements under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act. Relating to the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act, to change and provide reporting requirements. Changes the reporting requirements cities must file with the Urban Affairs Committee to insert language for detailing future affordable housing plans.</p>
					<p>LB 342 (Hardin) Change provisions relating to home inspectors. Relating to home inspections. Eliminates the requirement that a home inspector shall register every other year to every two years. The home inspector may also apply to renew a registration by submitting an application 45 days prior to the expiration of registration. This bill was amended by AM 75 which amends 76-3602 by removing the requirement that a home inspector register with the Secretary of State each even numbered year. It also adds that a home inspector may apply to renew a registration by submitting an application for renewal within forty-five days prior to the expiration of the registration, and that the registration for a home inspector is valid for two years. It also adds language that incorporates a renewal option and renewal fee for home inspector. Finally, it is amended by altering the length of time that a home inspector must report a change in information required by 76-3602 or 76-3603 from thirty business days to forty-five business days.</p>

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					<p>LB 532 (McKinney) Change provisions of the Community Development Law. Relating to the Community Development Law; to change provisions relating to extremely blighted areas; to authorize guidelines for the consideration and approval of certain redevelopment projects projects; to change certain reporting requirements; to change provisions relating to the construction of workforce housing; to provide for review and removal of substandard and blighted area designations and extremely blighted area designatioins; to provide requirements for approval of certain redevelopment plans and redevelopment projects; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. Section 6 provides guidelines for review of blighted areas. Section 7 provides for development and approval of development plans for areas that have been deemed blighted. Areas designated as extremely blighted will be designated as such for a period of 25 years. Housing studies done on blighted areas must be current within 24 months for any city of the metropolitan class or current within 60 months for any other city of village. The original bill was placed on General File with a new section to LB 532 that provides an additional provision where any ad valorem tax levied on real property in a redevelopment project for the benefit of any public body will be divided. The provision adds that for any redevelopment plan located in a city of the metropolitan class that includes a division of taxes, the funds will be used for either (1) new construction of housing for households whose annual incomes are below the area median income for households and also located within six hundred yards of a public passenger streetcar, or (2) new construction of single-family housing or condominium housing used as primary residences for individuals with annual incomes below the area median income for individuals. The city must try to allocate at least 30% of funds to single family housing. The amendment also inserts a new section at the end of the bill which allows an area either (1) designated as substandard and blighted, or (2) extremely blighted for more than 30 years, the governing body of the city shall not approve a new redevelopment plan or project within the area unless the city conducts an analysis of the redevelopment project that occurred within the area. This does not apply to the downtown area of a city of the first class, second class, or village.</p>
					<p>LB 98 (Jacobson) Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to substandard and blighted declarations and expedited reviews of redevelopment plans. The bill relates to community development law, changing provisions relating to substandard and blighted declarations and redevelopment plans. § 18-2109 is amended to allow a governing body the ability to declare that a substandard and blighted area “exists” and after having a public hearing, the governing body may declare the area as such without further public hearing. §18-2155 is amended to provide that a governing body electing to do expedited reviews of redevelopment plans may establish a limit on the number of plans. (c) provides that a governing body may deny a plane according to certain criteria. (6)(a) removes the requirement of the government issuing a promissory note of indebtedness to the owner of record. (9) makes the bill retroactive in application, therefore it would apply to redevelopment plans approved prior to the effective date of the bill.</p>
					<p>LB 629 (McKinney) Change provisions of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act and the Economic Recovery Act. Relating to economic development; to change provisions of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act and the Economic Recovery Act. The housing unit after-construction appraised value will be updated annually by the department. Grants will now also be awarded to reduce barriers to the development and purchase of owner-occupied housing.</p>

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					<p>LB474 (Wayne) Provide duties for the Nebraska State Historical Society relating to the Mayhew Cabin and Fort Robinson historical sites. As originally introduced, the bill relates to the Nebraska State Historical Society to provide duties relating to the Mayhew Cabin and Fort Robinson historical sites; and state intent regarding funding. States that the Nebraska State Historical Society may purchase, manage, and maintain the Mayhew Cabin and Fort Robinson historical site in Crawford, Nebraska. Legislature to appropriate 35 million dollar from the XXX Fund to complete these goals. Funds may also be used for Standing Bear Museum, which requires a matching contribution. The McKinney amendment included language to grant power to the Game and Parks Commission to construct the Standing Bear Museum and left off any requirements for the Nebraska State Historical Society.</p> <p>Senator Wayne offered and the Legislature adopted AM1835 as amended by FA149 that includes the provisions of LB 474 as those provisions relate to the Mayhew cabin that were not included in the McKinney amendment noted above. The language directs Game and Parks to take possession of the Mayhew Cabin.</p> <p>Senator Conrad offered and the Legislature adopted AM1757 which contained the provisions of LB462. LB 462 would update the qualifications for owner-occupied housing units under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. Currently, construction of new owner-occupied housing for the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act has to meet an after-construction appraised value of at least \$125,000 and not more than \$275,000. Under LB 462, this would change to units that, under total construction costs, cost no more than \$330,000. Also under LB 462, the housing unit after-construction appraised value shall be updated annually by the department based upon the most recent increase or decrease in the Producer Price Index.</p> <p>Established under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act (LB866, 2020), the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund (MWHF) supplies matching grants to non-profit development organizations that administer local workforce housing investment funds. MWHF funds are awarded for investment into Nebraska's older urban and higher-minority neighborhoods in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties. Under current statute, eligible workforce housing projects include construction of new owner-occupied housing that has an after-construction appraised value of at least \$125,000 and not more than \$275,000. Under LB 462, when replacing appraised value with total construction costs, this would make the use of these funds align with current market conditions.</p> <p>The Urban Affairs Committee advanced the bill with AM 1017 which helps expand the definition of "urban community" to not only include Qualified Census Tract, but areas adjacent to QCTs. The term "qualified census tract" means any census tract which is designated by HUD and, for the most recent year for which census data are available on household income in such tract, either in which 50% or more of the households have an income which is less than 60% of the area median gross income for such year or which has a poverty rate of at least 25%. Overall, this change will allow developers to expend grant funds within or adjacent ("bordering") to qualified census tracts. The Conrad amendment was inclusive of the changes authored by the Committee.</p> <p>Senator Raybould offered and the Legislature adopted AM1789 which contains the provisions of LB329 which relates to the Building Construction Act. § 71-6401 is amended to provide that no provision of the state building code may prohibit the use of a refrigerant designated as acceptable for use by federal codes.</p>

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					Senator Brandt offered and the Legislature adopted AM1838 which contains the provisions of LB346 which relates to the Local Option Municipal Development Act. § 18-2709 is amended to provide that a qualifying business includes a city with a population of five thousand inhabitants or less from the previous definition of two thousand five hundred or less.
LB535	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	General File 05/18/2023 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents Relating to government. Establishes the "Election Act". Requires valid photoraphic identification for voting purposes; to change provisions relating to elections and confidential information; to eliminate the fee for certain state identification cards and certified copies of birth certificates. Provides for a website dedicated to voter identification requirements and procedures. Section 12 provides guidelines in the event that a registered voter fails to produce valid photographic identification. Section 14 provides for the separation of voter identification envelopes from the rest of the ballots and requires that they be delivered to the election commissioner or county clerk. Section 14 also provides for how the clerk will handle such voter identification verification envelopes. Section 18 is amended to provide that the department shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a birth record if the applicant does not have a current Nebraska driver's license or state identification card and indicates in the application that they need a certified copy of the birth record to apply for a state identification card for voting purposes. Harmonizes provisions; provides operative dates; repeals the original sections; and declares emergency.
LB552	Cavanaugh, J.	Support Letter	Executive Board 02/03/2023	Select File 03/21/2023 Executive Board Priority Bill	Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee This bill establishes a committee. Senator to contract with a consultant to assist in determining mental health bed capacity need. This must be reported by 11/1/24. The Executive Board advanced LB552 with AM391 which requires that the contract with the independent consultant hired by the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee shall be based on competitive bids and subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The amendment also contains the emergency clause. AM 1461 to LB 254 contains LB 552, which is a J Cavanaugh bill with exec board priority. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter
LB570	Vargas		Health and Human Services 02/23/2023	General File 04/03/2023 Vargas Priority Bill	Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses. AM 1025 changes LB 570 along with provisions in LB 419 and LB 75. AM 1025 changes LB 570 by adding a new definition and section for Lead Organizations and removes the severability and emergency clause. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor

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LB580	Holdcroft	Monitor	Revenue 03/01/2023	General File 03/16/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation</p> <p>LB 580 eliminates special requirements for agricultural or horticultural land in sanitary improvement districts (SID), cities, or villages required to receive special valuation under the statutes.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p> <p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB727 with AM1152 which contains the provisions of multiple bills, including the provisions of this bill.</p>
LB644	McDonnell		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/30/2023	General File 03/09/2023 Jacobson Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund</p> <p>LB 644 would amend sections 81-12, 146, 81-12, 147, 81-12, 148, 81-12, 150, and 84-612 by providing grants to be used to support identifying, evaluating, and developing large commercial and industrial sites and building infrastructure to attract major investment and employment opportunities for advanced manufacturing, processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life science industries, and other transformational industries in Nebraska. This bill would provide, section by section, as follows:</p> <p>Section 1 amends section 81-12, 146 to state that it is the intent of the legislature to transfer \$80 M from the cash reserve fund to the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and \$80 M from the cash reserve fund to the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 to be used to support identifying, evaluating, and developing large commercial and industrial sites and building infrastructure to attract major investment and employment opportunities for advanced manufacturing, processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life science industries, and other transformational industries in Nebraska; Section 2 amends section 81-12, 147 by stating how the Department of Economic Development shall use the subaccount created in Section 1, and provides restrictions and requirements for project funding. It also allocates the subaccount funds between funding projects under Section 1 and funding DED to further the intent of Section 1; Section 3 amends section 81-12, 148 by stating that the existing requirement for the DED to allocate 40% of grant funds sought by applications under the Site and Building Development Fund to nonmetropolitan areas, shall not apply to any mega site developed under Section 2; Section 4 amends section 81-12, 150 by stating that the DED's ability to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Site and Building Development Act extends to reviewing proposals for mega sites and providing financial assistance to any approved mega site application under Section 2; Section 5 amends section 84-612 to require the State Treasurer to transfer \$160 M from the cash reserve fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on July 15, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services; Section 6 repeals the section being amended; Section 7 is an emergency provision</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Manufacturers Council): Support</p>

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LB683		Support	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 05/30/2023 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to the County Bridge Match Program, the Highway Cash Fund, the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, the Roads Operations Cash Fund, the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, the One-Call Notification System Act, and the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act, adopt the Rural Communications Sustainability Act, and create the Nebraska Broadband Office and the Underground Excavation Safety Committee</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Governor, the bill creates the Nebraska Broadband Office under the Department of Transportation and moves it away from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bill requires that there be active engagement with a multitude of organizations including schools, regional economic development organizations, public power districts, business and industry, health care institutions, etc.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p> <p>The bill was advanced by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee with COMAM870. The amendment substitutes for the bill and retains the original provisions of LB 683 with the following changes: Adds to the bill and amends section 66-4,100; Highway Cash Fund; expenditures by the Department of Transportation. The section is amended to provide that the fund may be used to provide office space, furniture, office supplies, and administrative and budgetary for the Nebraska Broadband Office. A new section 2 is added which provides the Department of Transportation shall provide office space, supplies and other necessary support to operate the Nebraska Broadband Office. The Department and the Broadband Office shall to the extent possible seek reimbursement for such expenses from federal funds. The installation, operation and maintenance of broadband projects shall not be funded by the Department of Transportation, except for projects solely designed to meet the state's needs along the state highway system. The Department may utilize the Transportation Innovation Act for projects to meet highway needs and may work with the Nebraska Broadband Office for such projects and to solicit the use of federal highway funds for such projects. The Department of Transportation is not authorized to own, operate, manage, construct, or maintain fiber optic, broadband or similar technology outside of state highway property.</p> <p>Language is added which provides that the Director of Broadband on December 1 of each year shall provide the legislature with a report on the status of the Broadband Office and the efforts of the Office to deploy broadband, engage in community outreach, and outline changes to the state's strategic broadband plan. The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee shall conduct a public hearing following receipt of the report. Amends section 2 of the bill as introduced by adding a new (3) which provides if any final decision of the Nebraska Broadband Office relating to funding for projects is appealed to the district court the appeal shall be given precedence on the trial docket over all other cases and shall be assigned for hearing, trial, or argument at the earliest practicable date and be expedited.</p> <p>Amends Section 86-1309 (section 5 of the amendment). This section currently provides that Nebraska Public Service Commission shall administer Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act and federal funds received for broadband enhancement purposes. The section is amended to provide that the Public Service Commission shall administer through the Broadband Bridge Act any federal broadband enhancement funds that are designated by the Governor.</p>

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					<p>During Select File consideration of the bill, Senator Bostar offered and the Legislature adopted AM1181 which contained amended provisions of his LB63. This section currently requires communications providers to file a registration form with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC). The section is amended to require all telecommunications providers to certify to the NPSC by January 1 of each year that they do not use or provide any communications equipment or service deemed to pose a threat to national security identified on the Federal Communications Commission Covered List; and 2) Amends Section 86-1304- Broadband Bridge Act; Grant; Purpose; Application; Qualification. The section establishes the application process for purposes of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. The section is amended to provide that no applicant for funding shall be eligible to receive a grant if the applicant uses or provides any telecommunications equipment or service deemed to pose a threat to national security identified on the Covered List by the Federal Communications Commission.</p>
					<p>Also during Select File consideration, Senator Geist offered and the Legislature adopted AM1142 which contained the provisions of several bills including an amended version of LB722, LB155, LB124, LB122, 412 and LB359. The amended version of LB722 adopts the Rural Communications Sustainability Act. Section 2- Statement of Policy. The act is intended preserve and ensure all Nebraskan's have access to affordable and reliable communications in rural high cost of service areas. Section 3- Definition of terms for purposes of the Act. Section 4- Agencies providing grant funding to enhance communications capabilities shall collaborate with the Nebraska Broadband Office and the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC) to ensure compliance with the Act. Section 5- Following the final payment of any grant to improve telecommunications infrastructure to a competitive carrier the incumbent carrier may request, and the NPSC shall: 1) Relieve the incumbent of eligible telecommunications and carrier of last resort obligations in the project funding area; 2) Make any necessary determinations related to the allocation and distribution of support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) within the project area; and 3) Consult with the carriers involved and the Federal Communications Commission as to whether eligible telecommunications carrier and carrier of last resort obligations should be transferred to the competitive provider. Section 6- In carrying out the Act the NPSC shall not: 1) Require a competitive carrier to accept or receive NUSF support; 2) Impose eligible telecommunications carrier responsibilities or carrier of last resort obligations on a competitive carrier in any project area where the incumbent or competitive carrier is not receiving NUSF support; or 3) Impose eligible telecommunications carrier or carrier of last resort obligations on an incumbent carrier that are not in existence on the date the final payment is made on any grant to enhance telecommunications service. Section 7 – Authorizes the NPSC to adopt any necessary rule to carry out the Act.</p>
					<p>LB155's sections summarizes the powers and limitations of powers of authorities under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. (An "authority" is defined as the state, any state agency, county, city, village, or other political subdivision excluding public power providers, state courts having jurisdiction over an authority, or an entity that does not have zoning or permitgranting authority). Subsection (2) of the section currently provides that unless expressly allowed an authority may not impose any tax, fee or rate on a communications service provider authorized to operate in the right-of-way for the provision of communications service over their own facilities in the right-of-way, enforce any requirement on the placement or operation of facilities in the right-of-way or regulate any communications services. The subsection is amended by stating that it does not apply to the activities of the subsection is amended by stating that it does not apply to the activities of a communications service provider that are outside the scope of the provisions of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act.</p>
					<p>LB124 extends the sunset date for the County Bridge Match Program for 6 additional years, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2029.</p>

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					<p>The amended version of LB122 substitutes for the bill and retains the original provisions of LB 122 with the following changes. The One-Call Notification System Act is amended with the addition of three new sections. The amendment creates the Underground Excavation Safety Committee. The committee consists of the State Fire Marshal, three excavators, 3 facility operators and two alternatives, 1 representing excavators, and 1 representing operators. The alternatives participate in the event of conflicts of interest. Decisions of the committee shall be by majority vote. The members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Committee is to meet monthly and no member shall participate in the hearing on a matter in which the member's business is a party to the hearing. The Committee shall take effect and function beginning on September 1, 2024. The duty of the UESC is to review complaints of One-Call Act violations, determine if violations have occurred, and determine if a civil penalty should be assessed when a violation has occurred. No member shall participate in any matter in which the member possesses a conflict. The State Fire Marshal on their own, or based upon information provided by another, may initiate an investigation of any violation of the One-Call Act and may refer any complaint and investigative findings to the UESC. The UESC shall review the complaint and investigation and if a violation is determined to have occurred serve on the violator written findings of fact, conclusions of law, and any civil fine to be imposed. If the proposed civil fine exceeds \$10,000 the matter shall be referred to the Attorney General for prosecution. For violations in which the proposed civil penalty is less than \$10,000 the violator shall have thirty days following service to have a hearing on the matter before the UESC. If no hearing is requested the party shall pay the civil penalty within 30 days of receiving the notice of violation. The UESC shall employ a hearing officer who shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and subpoena documents. Following hearing the hearing officer shall prepare findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall issue a final order affirming, modifying, or reversing the initial determination of the UESC. Any final order may be appealed pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. The UESC may in lieu of a civil penalty for any violation of the One-Call Notification Act order a violator to take and complete a continuing education course regarding compliance with the requirements and obligations of the Act. It is a violation of the act for an excavator to request facility location for a location where excavation cannot be commenced within 17 days of the notice. Additionally, it is a violation of the act to request a marking refresh when excavation cannot be reasonably commenced or continued within 14 days of the date remarking is completed.</p> <p>LB412 amends 86-1312, This section currently provides that any political subdivision that receives ARPA funding for broadband projects may coordinate with the Public Service Commission (PSC) by mutual consent to administer federal funding in a manner consistent with the Broadband Bridge Act. The section is amended by adding a new subsection (2) that provides that the PSC may allocate funding funds received for eligible projects under section 81-12,245 (1) (c) to any portion of a local exchange area containing a city of the second class or village.</p> <p>LB359 amends section 86-1304 as it relates to the Broadband Bridge Act. The section currently provides that applications for funding under the Broadband Bridge Act shall be filed with the Public Service Commission on or before July 1 of each fiscal year. The section is amended by striking the statutory date for filing applications and language is substituted that provides that the Commission shall establish and post on their website the deadline date for the filing of applications.</p>

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LB705	Murman		Education 02/21/2023	Approved by Governor (E-Clause) 06/01/2023 Education 1/8 Priority Bill	<p>Provide, change, transfer, and eliminate provisions relating to education</p> <p>LB705 is this year's bill that would set education spending from the lottery for the next 5 years. How the funds would be proposed to be distributed under the introduced copy of the bill are as follows (dollar amounts are estimated): Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act - 62% (\$15,185,406); Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund - 7% (\$1,714,481); Door to College Scholarship - 1% (\$244,926); Career Readiness and Dual Credit - 2% (\$489,852); Competitive Innovation Grant - 17% (\$4,163,740); Mental Health Training - 1.5% (\$367,389); Behavioral Health Training Cash Fund - 9.5% (\$2,326,796).</p> <p>AM 1371 incorporates 17 other education bills into LB 705. The bills are as follows:</p> <p>The Education Committee advanced LB705 with AM1371 according to the committee statement. However, the amendment actually filed by the committee is AM1468. Below, we utilize the committee statement summarization of the bill because for the most part it is inclusive, with the exception of the language on LB632 as part of the amendment. That distinction is noted in the final paragraph summarizing the committee amendment.</p> <p>AM 1371 directs funds in 2023-24 to the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund by percentage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 percent - Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Fund17 percent - Innovative Grant Fund9 percent - Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund8 percent - Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund62 percent - Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund3 percent - Distance education initiatives pursuant to 79-1337 <p>In 2024-29 such funds are directed by percentage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8 percent - Behavioral Training Cash Fund2 percent - College Pathway Program Cash Fund7 percent - Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund10 percent - Department of Education Innovative Grant Fund3 percent - Distance education initiatives pursuant to 79-13371 percent - Door to College Scholarship Fund8 percent - Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund / Career Readiness and Dual Credit Fund1.5 percent - Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Fund1.5 percent - Mental Health Training Cash Fund58 percent - Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund <p>2029-30 and thereafter shall be allocated as the Legislature may direct.</p>

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					<p>AM 1371 also amends or introduces other programs found in LB 705, to include: The College Pathway Program Act and the College Pathway Program Cash Fund are created to serve low income and underrepresented students by providing grants to service providers who help qualifying applicants in a variety of services such as completing applications for college, completing the FAFSA, choosing correct course work to pursue a particular field of study. Distance education initiatives shall be funded through 2023-24 from the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund. Such initiatives shall be funded from 2024-29 from transfers pursuant to section 1 of this act (lottery revenue allocations). The Career Readiness and Dual Credit Education Grant is established and shall be administered by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Grants shall be provided to teachers enrolled in education pathways leading to qualification to teach dual-credit courses and career and technical education courses. Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant shall receive one percent of funds from the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund for fiscal year 2023-24. Going forward, funding shall be 1.5% of funds from transfers pursuant to section 1 of this act (lottery revenue allocations). 8 percent will be used for training teachers in safe behavioral management strategies, tactics, and de-escalation procedures. Funding for the training courses will be in coordination with the Nebraska Department of Education's model behavioral management policy found in AM 1371.</p>
					<p>LB 153 (as amended by AM 1421) would create the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Fund which shall be funded by two million five hundred thousand dollars from the Education Future Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 to carry out the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Act.</p>
					<p>LB 356 redefines terms under the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act.</p>
					<p>LB 372 (as amended by AM 1231) allows homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities in the school district in which they reside and directs school boards in their policy to require a homeschooled student to enroll in not more and no less than five credit hours offered by the school in any semester.</p>
					<p>LB 385 (as amended by AM 1397) creates the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act, which is funded by the Education Future Fund. The purpose of the act is to incentivize the recruitment and retention of new teachers and teachers with a high-need certification. New teachers would be eligible for a two thousand five-hundred-dollar grant at the beginning of years two, four, and six. Teachers with a high-need certification will be eligible for a one-time grant worth five thousand dollars at the beginning of a school year in which such high-need subjects are taught by the grant recipient.</p>
					<p>LB 414 (as amended by AM 689) Would provide standards and practices for public school's option enrollment program in order to ensure that children with special needs are not disqualified due to their special needs. AM 689 offers clarifying language to address standards by which a school district may determine the manner in which they manage option student applications, and also directs the school district in reporting requirements to the DOE regarding how option student applications are handled.</p>
					<p>LB 516 (as amended by AM 1442) appropriates eight hundred seventy thousand dollars from the General Fund each fiscal year to carry out the School Safety and Security Reporting Act in order to continue serving Nebraska citizens via the Safe2HelpNE hotline.</p>
					<p>LB 520 changes provisions relating to high school graduation requirements and academic content standards and the Computer Science and Technology Education Act</p>

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					<p>LB 603 (as amended by AM 1392) would incentivize the recruitment of public-school teachers by allowing persons who possess a bachelor's degree and have been certified to teach through alternative organizations to become certified to teach in Nebraska after participating in a school district clinical experience for one semester in such individual's first semester of employment.</p>
					<p>LB 647 changes provisions relating to the purchase and loan of textbooks for children enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve of a private school.</p>
					<p>LB 648 (as amended by AM 814) creates the High School Equivalency Grant Fund and appropriates seven hundred fifty thousand dollars from the General Fund to provide assistance to institutions that offer high school equivalency programs and for expanding services and program to support the completion of the general education test.</p>
					<p>LB 703 (as amended by AM 1409) authorizes the Nebraska State College System, and the University of Nebraska System, to liquidate surplus property under its own authority.</p>
					<p>LB 708 requires the Office of Probation Administration, the State Court Administrator, the State Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the sharing of data regarding data relevant to students who are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.</p>
					<p>LB 724 (as amended by AM 1235) addresses the on-going teacher shortage in Nebraska by removing basic skills testing from certification requirements, while retaining content knowledge testing requirements.</p>
					<p>LB 762 (as amended by AM 1399) creates the Nebraska Paraprofessional to Teacher Program in order to increase the number of teachers in Nebraska by assisting individuals employed as a paraprofessional or paraeducator. Such participants may receive a grant of up to three thousand dollars per semester to fund educational expenses such as tuition, books, or other materials as required to receive a teaching certification. The act creates the Paraprofessional to Teacher Program Fund and directs the legislature to transfer one million dollars each fiscal year from the Education Future Fund to carry out this program.</p>
					<p>LB 787 (as amended by AM 1453) creates the STEEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Mathematics) Development Act using funds from the DOE Innovative Grant Fund. Such grants are to be used for developers to create learning platforms which provide game-based interaction to develop students in the fields of STEEM.</p>
					<p>The language that purportedly would include the provisions of LB632 in LB705 appears to have been left out even though the committee statement references this change. LB 632 (as amended by AM 1208) would prohibit a school in a city of the metropolitan class from suspending a student in Pre-K through second grade. Exceptions are granted if such student brings a deadly weapon on school grounds, or to a school-sponsored activity or athletic event, or in a vehicle being used for a school purpose or by a school employee.</p>
					<p>During General File consideration, certain Senators offered amendments that contained the provisions of their other bills that were adopted - these included LB805, LB585, LB517, LB222 and LB774. Those amendments are detailed below.</p>

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					<p>AM1558 (Von Gillern) that was the amended provisions of LB805. The amendment would require schools to allow youth organizations to provide information, services, and activities in schools. Allows for youth organizations listed in 36 U.S.C. Subtitle II, part B to provide information about said organization to students. Persons providing the information must provide information to the school in advance and be subject to a background check. Exempts persons qualifying in section 1 of this act from current solicitation laws.</p>
					<p>AM1528 (Murman) that was the amended provisions of LB585 originally introduced by Senator Hughes. The amended language would change a duty of the state school security director and require behavioral and mental health training for certain school personnel. Addresses the duties of the state school security director and language is amended to include behavioral and mental health training. Addresses requirements for training to assist employees who work with students for the purpose of suicide prevention and other behavioral and mental health needs.</p>
					<p>AM1531 (Walz) that was the amended provisions of LB516. AM1531 would create regionally focused security specialists operating under the state school security director; allocate general funds of 15 million dollars to the Commissioner of Education to create a grant program that funds school security projects; would allocate general funds of 5 million dollars to the DOE to create a grant program in order to hire mental health practitioners and school psychologists.</p>
					<p>AM1529 (Fredrickson) that was the amended provisions of LB222, LB 222 would prescribe publicly funded colleges and universities in Nebraska from inquiring during the admission process as to an applicant's criminal history or juvenile court record except insofar as such information required by state or federal law. As amended, the bill would carve out some exceptions to the prohibition against publicly funded colleges or universities inquiring as to an applicant's criminal history or juvenile court records. Disciplines that require licensure or clinical or field placements may inquire as to such information. Inquiries are not prohibited when, and to the extent, required by federal law, or when such matters are voluntarily submitted. Other exceptions that would allow inquiry include: Information regarding events occurring after applying; Applications or processes relating to student housing; Applications or processes relating to any athletic program.</p>
					<p>AM1555 (Vargas) that was the amended version of LB774. AM1555 relates to the Student Discipline Act; provides a principal with 48 hours instead of 24 to notify the parents guardians of the student's misconduct. Provides the principal must document efforts to hold a conference with the student's guardians in writing. Provides any suspended student shall not be required to attend a school district's alternative programs or for expelled students to complete classwork or homework. Provides after the expulsion period has ended, the school district has to reinstate the student and accept nonduplicative, grade-appointed credits earned from any Nebraska accredited institution or institution accredited by one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Provides that a student's guardian can request designation of a hearing examiner other than the one recommended by the superintendent if they provide notice to the superintendent within two school days after receipt of the recommend appointment. The superintendent can provide an additional list of examiners and the guardian has to select one. Provides a list of reasons an individual being recommended for examiner could be questioned for impartiality. Provides the superintendent must notify the student or student's guardian of the superintendent's determination within 5 school days after receipt of the hearing examiner's report and it will take immediate effect unless the student or the student's guardian appeals it.</p>

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					AM1681 (Murman) was primarily clean-up in nature but did include the probisions of Senator Vargas' LB201 which provides a high school graduation requirement relating to federal student aid. § 79-729 is amended to require all public high school students prior to graduation to complete and submit a FAFSA starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Numerous exceptions are provided to this requirement, such as a parent, principal or student who is 19 or older or emancipated signing an official form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.
LB706	Moser		Revenue 02/22/2023	General File 03/06/2023 Moser Priority Bill	<p>Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act</p> <p>LB 706 as amended by AM 692 creates new statutes that allow, under the Build Nebraska Act, for issuing bonds up to the amount of four hundred and fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000.00), with a provision for thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) annually for debt service, for new roads projects, and harmonizes corresponding statutes to reflect the new sections. AM 692 added a provision to extend the sunset date of the Build Nebraska Act to match with the sunset date of the new bonding under LB 706.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</p> <p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB727 with AM1152 which contains the provisions of multiple bills, including the provisions of this bill.</p>
LB709	Wishart	Support Testimony	Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	General File 03/13/2023 Wishart Priority Bill	<p>Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program</p> <p>Relating to economic development; provides the department of economic development shall create the Convention and Event Center Cpaital Construction Program to award grants for specified purposes including: construction of a convention center, renovation and improvements to existing agricultural society even tspaces, and capital improvements to any recreational area event spaces. Provides the State Treasurer will transfer \$71,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Fund.</p> <p>AM 767 would amend LB 709 by increasing the definition of eligible applicants as used in the bill. Specifically, the term applicant is broadened to also include any city of the first class that hosts at least one national or regional livestock show and any county in which a city of the first class is located if such city hosts at least one national or regional livestock show.</p> <p>The amendment also adds the city of the first class as an included class for the possible receipt of an award up to seven million dollars for renovation and improvements to an existing event space connected to an agricultural society.</p>
LB727	Linehan	Support Testimony	Revenue 02/23/2023	Passed with E- Clause 06/01/2023 Revenue Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to revenue and taxation</p> <p>Amends Nebraska Revised Statute 77-2704.15 to allow for sales and use tax exemption for expenditures made by governmental unit toward a project when the voters of the governmental unit have approved the expenditures.</p>

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					<p>The Revenue Committee advanced LB727 with AM 1152 attached. AM1152 incorporates twenty tax bills into LB727. They are as follows;</p> <p>LB 74 (Linehan) allows contractors to make exempt purchases on buyer-based exemptions. Operative date is January 1, 2024. AM 169 adds a definition for “buyer-based exemption” which excludes an exemption that is available to all individuals.</p> <p>LB 96 (Slama), amended by AM 64, adds an exemption from sales and use tax for twine. Amends the definition of net wrap and twine. Defines twine as a strong string of two or more strands twisted together used in the baling of livestock feed or bedding. Exempts bailing wire.</p> <p>LB 100 100 (Erdman) amends the ImagiNE Nebraska Act to include locations the primary business activities are waste treatment and disposal.</p> <p>LB 118 (Brandt) changes two provisions under the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act. The first change would allow for different application fees depending on the investment amount. The second change would lower the required investment amount to \$10,000.00. The fee for applications filed for an agreement with the Tax Commissioner would be changed from the current \$500 fee. The new fee schedule is as follows: \$100 for an investment amount of less than \$25,000, \$250 for an investment amount of at least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000, \$500 for an investment amount of \$50,000 or more.</p> <p>LB 165 (Geist) adds elementary and secondary education/tuition to already qualified post secondary education/tuition as qualified withdrawals from Nebraska education savings plans set up under the Act.</p> <p>LB 180 (Brandt), amended by AM 142, creates the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act, allowing for biodiesel retailer income tax credits under the Act. The refundable tax credit would be in an amount equal to \$0.14 multiplied by the total number of gallons of biodiesel sold by the taxpayer. Allows for distribution of any credits to an independent entity, estate, or trust to be distributed to members of any entity, estate, or trust the same as income is distributed to members.</p> <p>LB 300 (Linehan) adds to the sales and use tax exemptions available to nonprofit organizations. Exempts nonprofit organizations that are certified/contracted by a regional behavioral health authority or the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide community-based mental health or substance use services.</p> <p>LB 344 (Armendariz) eliminates property tax payments that were over five years delinquent at the time of payment from the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act.</p> <p>LB384 (Bostar) creates, funds and regulates the spending of a newly formed Department of Transportation Aeronautics Capital Improvement Fund. Turns back sales taxes relating to aeronautics sales.</p> <p>LB 407 (Linehan) amends the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act by amending the application deadline in NRS 81-12,182 from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025.</p>

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					LB 447 (Bostar) amends current statutes to allow retired firefighters a deduction for health insurance premiums paid and to allow for tuition waivers for firefighters and dependents of law enforcement officers and firefighters.
					LB 491 (von Gillern) changes provisions relating to qualification for, application for and calculation of amount for research and experimental activities tax credits. Changes the date for when a business firm is allowed to first claim the credit from any tax year beginning or deemed to begin after December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2033. Adds and amends language for business firms which make expenditures in research and experimental activities as defined in section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and are allowed a research tax credit under the Act.
					LB 495 (Briese) exempts Roth IRA rollovers as allowed under federal law from being a nonqualified withdrawal from an account established under the Act.
					LB 580 (Holdcroft), amended by AM 634, eliminates special requirements for agricultural or horticultural land in sanitary improvement districts (SID), cities, or villages required to receive special valuation under the statutes. Also adds an effective date retroactive to January 1, 2023.
					LB 584 (Hughes), amended by AM 509, includes electronic nicotine delivery systems in the definition of tobacco products for purposes of imposition of sales and use tax. The bill adds a differentiation in the tax between sales of three milliliters or less, where the tax is five cents per milliliter of consumable liquid, and over three milliliters, taxed at ten percent of either the purchase price paid by the first owner, or ten percent of the price which the first owner made, manufactured, or fabricated the system to sell the item to others. Adds a definition reference for electronic nicotine delivery systems.
					LB 692 (Linehan), amended by AM 1012, creates the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, establishing a new system in statute to allow for state assistance to certain projects within a "good life district" that meet certain benchmarks. AM 1012 replaces the original bill, keeps the concept of "good life districts" and adds a revised schedule of required investment, required new jobs, and required apparent sales from outside the state for different city levels as shown below: Project eligibility is contingent on the following three items: Development costs: (i) One billion dollars if the project will be located in a city of the metropolitan class; (ii) Seven hundred fifty million dollars if the project will be located in a city of the primary class; (iii) Five hundred million dollars if the project will be located in a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village within a county with a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more; or (iv) One hundred million dollars if the project will be located in a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village within a county with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants. Jobs created: (i) One thousand new jobs if the project will be located in a city of the metropolitan class; (ii) Five hundred new jobs if the project will be located in a city of the primary class; (iii) Two hundred fifty new jobs if the project will be located in a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village within a county with a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more; or (iv) Fifty new jobs if the project will be located in a city of the first class, city of the second class, or village within a county with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants

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					<p>LB 697 (Conrad) seeks to amend provisions of the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act (Act). The bill redefines historically significant real property to include at-grade or above ground structures. The bill redefines significant improvement to include projects with a total cost which equal or exceed \$5,000. LB 697 also seeks to change the amount of nonrefundable credits being equal to 20% of eligible expenditures up to a maximum credit of \$1 million to the following: For historically significant real property located in a county that includes a city of the metropolitan class or a city of the primary class, the credit would be equal to 25% of eligible expenditures. For historically significant real property located in any other county, the credit would be equal to 30% of eligible expenditures. In all cases, the maximum credit allocated to any one project would be \$2 million. An amendment was added to include the portion of LB 213 that lowers the match required by the applicant under the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act to 25% for all cities; and to replace the start and sunset dates with the start and sunset dates from LB 756.</p> <p>LB 704 (Murman) modifies Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-1403 to allow for the disbursement of funds to individual(s) chosen by the designated beneficiary, the owner, or a personal representative in the event that on the date of the designated beneficiary's death the amount in the account is equal to or less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).</p> <p>LB 706 (Moser), amended by AM 692, creates new statutes that allow, under the Build Nebraska Act, for issuing bonds up to the amount of four hundred and fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000.00), with a provision for thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) annually for debt service, for new roads projects, and harmonizes corresponding statutes to reflect the new sections. AM 692 added a provision to extend the sunset date of the Build Nebraska Act to match with the sunset date of the new bonding under LB 706.</p> <p>LB 732 (Bostar) amends the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act to extend the date for applications for assistance under the Act to December 31, 2030. A "make-it-so" amendment to adopt additional changes to the Act that include an adding turnback of sales taxes collected by nearby retailers within six hundred yards of a program area, defining a program area by a map or maps submitted with an application, applying such changes for collection of such state sales. AM 867 allows the voter approval requirement to be satisfied if the governmental unit's expenditures toward the project are paid in whole or in part with revenue bonds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB768	DeKay		Appropriations 03/14/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 DeKay Priority Bill	<p>Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund</p> <p>Relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; provides the State Treasurer shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund after July 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2024.</p>
LB769	Holdcroft		Natural Resources 02/01/2023	General File 03/13/2023 Holdcroft Priority Bill	<p>Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system</p> <p>Relating to funds; requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$60,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund. Includes in the grant language the ability to develop a sewer system.</p>

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					<p>The Natural Resources Committee advanced LB769 with AM365 that amends language and reduces funds from \$69 M to \$15 M and replaces “develop a sewer system” with to “provide a grant to an entity formed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to fund a portion of the cost of constructing a wastewater system”.</p> <p>On General File, Senator McKinney offered an amendment, AM1222 to LB531, which included an appropriation of \$15 Million for the Sarpy County sewer project from the Shovel Ready Projects Act funds.</p>
LR1CA	Blood	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2023	General File 03/03/2023 Blood Priority Bill	<p>Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed</p> <p>Introduced at the request of Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the bill amends Article III, §22 by protecting political subdivisions from being subject to responsibility for a program created after the year 2024, or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2024 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p> <p>The Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee advanced LR1CA with AM 591 which delays the effective date of this proposed constitutional amendment to January 1, 2025. The amendment also rewords the substance of the bill to reframe it as a conditional requirement on the Legislature rather than as a prohibition on the Legislature with an exception.</p>
LR22CA	Dover		Executive Board 03/03/2023	General File 03/14/2023 Dover Priority Bill	<p>Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms</p> <p>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. It would amend Article III, section 12 now stating no legislator can serve for four years after the expiration of three consecutive terms instead of two consecutive years.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>