

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M.
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 112 – CITY-COUNTY CHAMBERS**

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

Others Present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to the media on January 25, 2023. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on January 13, 2023.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19, 2023

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

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

Kohout reviewed the weekly legislative update (Exhibit 1).

LB721 (Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County) has been referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, and Vest testified on LB124 (Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program) on January 23. The bill may be moved into LB449 (Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program).

The following have yet to be scheduled for a public hearing: LB190 (Authorize scheduled extension of county bridge project payments), LB420 (Require the state to pay counties for the cost of office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs), LB322 (Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax), LR23CA (Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax), LB110 (Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project), and LB19 (Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications).

A public hearing has been scheduled for February 1 on LB368 (Create a grant program to expand and

enhance criminal justice programs in a county with a city of the primary class). Kohout recommended the Board support that bill and authorize Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, and Brad Johnson, Corrections Director, to testify.

MOTION: Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to support LB368 and authorize Johnson and Etherton to testify on the bill. Schulte, Vest, Amundson, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Kohout stated a public hearing has been set on January 31 concerning LB709 (Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program). He recommended the Board take a position of support and provide testimony.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Schulte seconded to support LB709 and supply a testifier.

Schulte asked how a new convention center could impact the events traditionally held at the Lancaster Event Center (LEC). Amundson responded the venues would have different focuses and therefore attract different organizations. Flowerday added the LEC is supportive of the bill.

ROLL CALL: Vest, Amundson, Schulte, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Amundson volunteered to testify.

Kohout reported Etherton has a neutral position on LB50 (Change criminal justice provisions including set-asides, restitution, and parole; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force).

A hearing on LB57 (Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act) has been set for January 30.

Kohout recommended monitoring LB163 (Provide for various reforms to jails and prisons, provide certain protections for prisoners, prohibit construction or expansion of prisons and jails as prescribed, and provide for oversight of the Department of Correctional Services during an overcrowding emergency by the Judiciary Committee), LB473 (Create a grant program to operate a safe and secure treatment center for youth), LB687 (Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System), and LB557 (Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement).

Regarding LB218 (Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream), Kohout recommended the Board support the bill and authorize Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent, to testify on the bill on February 7.

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded to support LB218 and authorize Brent Meyer to testify.

Derbin clarified Meyer would submit written testimony.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Schulte, Flowerday, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

LB337 (Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act) has been scheduled for public hearing on February 3. Kohout recommended the Board take a position of support and authorize a testifier. He noted Etherton would be available to testify.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded to support LB337 and authorize Kim Etherton to testify on the bill. Amundson, Vest, Flowerday, Schulte and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Kohout reviewed bills of interest from Sarpy County, including LR1CA (Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed), LB4 (Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties) and LB769 (Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system).

Bills with upcoming hearings include LB77 (Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit, change provisions relating to concealed weapons, and prohibit certain regulation of weapons by cities, villages, and counties), LB29 (Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage) LB535 (Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents), and LB352 (Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force).

Kohout recommended the Board support LB552 via letter.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded support of LB552 via letter. Vest, Flowerday, Schulte, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Additionally, Kohout distributed a comprehensive list of bills (Exhibit 2) and bill hearing schedule (Exhibit 3).

3. INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANTS FOR LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

A. Tai Pleasant

Pleasant introduced himself, discussed his background, and shared that he wanted to be able to give back to the community.

Schulte asked if Pleasant had previous dealings with zoning issues. Pleasant answered he has not required assistance from the Board of Zoning Appeals, though he assisted a client with a lot line dispute.

Amundson inquired how his educational background would help in this appointment. Pleasant replied all cases are unique.

B. Gregory Pohl

Pohl introduced himself and discussed his background.

When asked by Schulte about direct interaction with the Zoning Board, Pohl said he has never appealed to it. Additionally, he is involved with the zoning issues in the City of Bennet and the issues they are facing as they begin setting up their own board of zoning appeals. He uses his team building skills to encourage community engagement.

C. Nancy Loftis

Loftis introduced herself and discussed her background.

Schulte inquired if Loftis had previous interactions with the Zoning Board. Loftis answered no, but she has often interacted with the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission.

Vest asked about her experience with conflict resolution. Loftis said she has assisted clients navigate development processes while protecting the process.

Yoakum stated a final decision on the appointment will be made after February 9.

4. VETERANS COURT UPDATE – Pat Condon, County Attorney

Condon reported the Veterans Court program is going well. The program's target population was originally non-violent offenders, non-DUI offenders, and individuals who have served during combat. He would like to expand the population to include DUI offenders and those who have served in the military, not just during combat. These modifications correspond with the current practices for non-violent crimes. The updates would be submitted to the Nebraska Supreme Court to change policies for the Veterans Court program.

Yoakum asked how these changes could impact the program. Condon answered there is more than enough capacity at this time. The types of offenses do play a part in sentencing and program eligibility. Victims of crimes are consulted with to see if the accused individual should be in the program.

The Board expressed support of the proposed updates. No additional action was taken by the Board.

Amundson exited the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

5. MIDYEAR BUDGET PROCESS – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Meyer discussed the Mid-Year Budget meeting expectations, such as timeframe, meeting streaming, discussion topics including court-appointed counsel, Mental Health Crisis Center (MHCC) nursing staff, Engineering projects and staffing, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) updates, additional appropriations, and future year funding requests.

Flowerday asked if Meyer knew of any upcoming additional full-time equivalent (FTE) requests. Meyer responded that he expected that there less than 10.

Flowerday said he would like to decrease the levy in the upcoming fiscal year. Meyer added there is a bill in the legislature to update last year's legislation on LB644 (Adopt the Property Tax Request Act,

change dates relating to tax levies, and change provisions relating to property tax refunds).

6. CRIMINAL JUSTICE-MENTAL HEALTH LEARNING SITES PROGRAM – Kim Etherton, Director, Community Corrections

Etherton stated there is an opportunity for the County to apply to become a Criminal Justice Mental Health Learning site, which would allow the Community Corrections department to be utilized as a mentor resource for peer-to-peer learning activities. Technical assistance for the County would be received at no cost. The application for the program is due January 31.

When asked about the time commitment requirement from Community Corrections employees, Etherton answered it depends on who reaches out for mentorship. She added there will be some learning opportunities throughout the year.

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the criminal learning site program application submission. Flowerday, Schulte, Vest and Yoakum voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

7. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

No updates were given.

8. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Lancaster County Ag Society – Amundson/Vest

Vest said he did not attend the meeting.

B. New Americans Task Force – Yoakum

Yoakum reported there were discussions on refugee resettlements, Ukrainian refugee status and transportation issues, increased public school student enrollment, Medicaid benefits, and MyCity Academy.

C. LIBA Elected Officials Forum – Flowerday/Schulte

Schulte stated no meeting was held.

D. Youth Crisis Response Committee – Amundson/Schulte

Schulte said the Youth Crisis Response Committee and Steering Committee want to combine.

E. District Energy Corporation (DEC) Meeting – Amundson/Vest

Flowerday provided background information on the origins of the DEC, noting it provides heating and cooling needs for large organizations. He added there was an election of officers at the meeting.

F. Other meetings attended since the last staff meeting

Climate Smart Coalition

Yoakum reported the coalition is researching federal grant opportunities.

9. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

Informational only.

10. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Schulte, Vest, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout
Brennen L. Miller
Sarah K. Wagelie

DATE: January 26, 2023

RE: Weekly Report

Good Morning. Please accept this as your weekly report for the 2023 session of the Legislature for the date noted above.

The week so far has been focused two primary issues: First, the commencement of public hearings on Monday in the afternoon. Second, the release of the Governor's budget and his delivery of the State of the State address. Today, they will take up two motions to re-refer a constitutional amendment and a piece of legislation to different committees. On Monday, the Legislature will commence all-day hearings and continue that process for two weeks.

LANCASTER COUNTY PRIORITIES

LB721 (Ballard) Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County. Senator Beau Ballard introduced legislation that asks for a \$25 Million appropriation to begin the process of planning for the East Beltway. This bill was referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. No hearing has been set.

County Bridge Match Program. Two bills were introduced that address this issue.

LB124 (Moser) Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program. This bill extends the sunset of the County Bridge Match program on behalf of NACO. The sunset extends until June 30, 2029. The hearing on this bill occurred on Monday, January 23, 2023 and Commissioner Vest testified on behalf of Lancaster County. As well, Engineer Dingman testified in support.

LB449 (Brandt) Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program. This bill adds \$68 Million to the program and re-

writes certain provisions. This bill is NACO's bill. No hearing date has been set.

LB190 (Brandt) Authorize scheduled extension of county bridge project payments. This bill was introduced by Senator Tom Brandt, the legislation is limited to allowing for a longer period of time for a county to pay off a bridge project. This bill was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. No hearing date has been set.

LB420 (Raybould) Require the state to pay counties for the cost of office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs. This bill would seek to cover costs of State Public Assistance Programs. This bill was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. No hearing date has been set.

Public Building Commissions, Joint Public Agencies, and Interlocal Cooperation.

LB287 (Brewer) Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act. Affixes a date of October 1, 2023 for no more joint public agencies. This bill was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. No hearing date has been set.

LB332 (Linehan) Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education. Prohibits joint public agencies in education. This bill was referred to the Education Committee. No hearing date has been set.

LB322 (Linehan) Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax. Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508 is amended to provide that no joint public agency created on or after October 1, 2023, shall exercise any power or authority relating to tax. This bill was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. No hearing date has been set.

Repeal of the Inheritance Tax.

LR23CA (Riepe) Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax. This constitutional amendment would bar the county or any other political subdivision of the state from imposing an inheritance tax.

OTHER LEGISLATION IDENTIFIED BY COMMISSIONERS

LB368 (Conrad) Create a grant program to expand and enhance criminal justice programs in a county with a city of the primary class. This legislation provides for State Funding for Community Corrections and County Corrections. Relating to criminal justice. Creates the county criminal justice enhancement

grant, with the purpose of providing grants to counties to improve and expand correctional services such as cognitive behavioral programs, peer support recovery, residential housing, etc. Following Lancaster County 101, Senator Danielle Conrad asked for information to introduce legislation to assist Lancaster County Community Corrections. We have prepared legislation in consultation with Mr. Derbin, Kim Etherton and Brad Johnson. This bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee and has been set for hearing on February 1, 2023 at 130pm.

LB5 (Blood) Provide for compensability under Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for mental injuries resulting from workplace violence. Adds section to include personal injury as mental injuries and illness that are unaccompanied by physical injury when caused by workplace violence (must prove causation). (9)(h)(i) inserts language stating workplace violence means a shooting, hostage situation, act of terrorism or a similar act of violence.

LB709 (Wishart) Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program. Creates a new convention center fund for cities of the Primary Class and allocates \$60 Million to the construction and allocates \$7 Million for renovation of the Lancaster Event Center and a \$4 Million appropriation for any event space located near recreational area in the county. This bill was referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and has been set for hearing on January 31, 2023 at 130pm.

LEGISLATION IDENTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Kim Etherton – LB50 (Geist) Change criminal justice provisions including set-asides, restitution, and parole; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force. 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. This bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee and has been set for hearing on February 1, 2023 at 130pm.

Kim Etherton – LB110 (McDonnell) Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project. According to Kim, Lancaster County has been administering a Pretrial Release program identical to this since 2004, including the validated risk assessment tool which UNO helped select the tool. The bill seems to be intended for Douglas County to up their pretrial release supervision program. Lancaster and Douglas jails are not administered by a Sheriff; and this bill is suggesting each county sheriff should be consulted with no exception for jurisdictions who’s jails are not administered by the Sheriff. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee but no hearing has been set yet.

Brad Johnson – LB19 (Wayne) Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications. Relating to threshold dollar amount for criminal penalties. Increases the threshold amount to qualify for misdemeanor and criminal charges by raising the maximum amount for each charge. For example, a person committing theft is guilty of a class three misdemeanor where the value of the property is \$500 or less is changed to \$1,000 or less. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee but no hearing has been set yet.

Brad Johnson – LB57 (M. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. Relating to employment and the adoption of the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act. Section (3) provides that an individual may take paid family and medical leave to take care of a 1) new child of the covered individual for the first year after birth, adoption or placement through foster care 2) a family member of the covered individual who has a serious health condition 3) to care for a covered servicemember if they are a family member, 4) for qualifying exigency leave or 4) because the individual has a serious health condition including pregnancy.

Section (1) defines a covered individual who is employed by an employer that is subject to the employment security law or a self-employed individual who has elected coverage under the act. (8) defines family members as biological, adopted, or foster children or parents, grandparents, or a covered individual's

spouse. (15) defines “qualifying exigency” as 1) any of the purposes in 29 C.F.R. § 825.126 (b)(8)(i) through (iv), 2) and various issues that may arise from a military family member being notified of active duty (15)(a-l). (17) defines “serious health condition” an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider.

Section (4) defines the rates of pay that the benefits cover. (7) states that a covered individual shall not receive assistance under this act and workers compensation or benefits under the Employment Security Law at the same time. Section (5) details the requirements for a covered individual who is applying for benefits. Section (7) allows an individual to obtain benefits on an intermittent basis if specific conditions are met (a-c). Section (8) details the entitlements once returning from leave, such as the restoration of covered employment in the same capacity as when leave commenced, employment benefits and pay.

Section (10)(1) allows for an individual to take leave under the act concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. (3) states that leave benefits provided by employers are not prohibited due to the act and are not considered when calculating leave. (4) provides that the act does not diminish an employer under a collective bargaining agreement or employer’s policy. Section (17) allows an employer to satisfy the requirements of the fact through employer provided benefits by filing a plan with the Commissioner of Labor for approval. If approved, the covered individual retains all rights pursuant to the act such as the ability to report violations and appeal to the commissioner. Section (19) states that benefits under the act are not considered compensation under any retirement plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. This bill has been referred to the Business and Labor Committee but no hearing has been set.

Brad Johnson – LB163 (McKinney) Provide for various reforms to jails and prisons, provide certain protections for prisoners, prohibit construction or expansion of prisons and jails as prescribed, and provide for oversight of the Department of Correctional Services during an overcrowding emergency by the Judiciary Committee. This bill will require capping the cost of commissary goods at 10% for state and county jails, prisons, and detention centers/institutions, raise the pay for incarcerated individuals in state facilities to the state minimum wage in NDCS, Cornhusker state industries, and any other authorized employer. This bill will also allocate five million dollars into the inmate welfare cash fund from cash reserves, it will place another five million into the reentry cash fund from cash reserves expanding them to all facilities This bill places a ban on jail and prison expansions by prohibiting the state or any public agency from building new facilities, studying or identifying sites for new facilities, or expanding or converting portions of an existing facility to expand detention capacity until admissions and the length of stays decline over a twenty year period. This determination will be subject to review by the legislature. This bill will reduce the

cost of calls by requiring that contracts be negotiated on the basis of the lowest possible cost to consumers and prohibit the state from receiving any portion of the revenue in state prisons and local jails. This bill will ban the copying of legal mail and mail from public officials and allow state officials to utilize phones in NDCS facilities including Senators, Inspector General, and Ombudsman. This bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee and has been scheduled for February 1, 2023 at 130pm.

Brad Johnson – LB205 (von Gillern) Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. Relating to public lettings and contracts, adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. The purpose of the Act is to provide efficient procurement of goods and services by the government to promote the administration and completion of construction projects. A government construction proposal or bid cannot contain: a term that prohibits or encourages adhering to a collective bargaining agreement, a term that discriminates, scoring criteria based on hiring requirements, labor assignments, political affiliation, etc. Any contract containing the above-mentioned criteria is declared void.

Sarah Hoyle – LB420 (Raybould) Require the state to pay counties for the cost of office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs. Relating to public assistance. § 68-130 is amended to provide that the state shall pay for the cost of office and facility services for public assistance programs.

Sarah Hoyle – LB473 (Geist) Create a grant program to operate a safe and secure treatment center for youth. Creates a grant program to operate, as a pilot program, a secure facility for youth. The appropriation is a one-time allocation of \$12 Million.

Sarah Hoyle – LB507 (Conrad) Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, and compulsory education.

Sarah Hoyle – LB687 (M. Cavanaugh) Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System.

Brent Meyer – LB218 (Ibach) Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream. Relating to the Noxious Weed Act, increases the amount of appropriations funded for the management of vegetation with the banks or flood plain of a natural system to \$6 million (from \$3 million) annually starting in 2023-2024.

DOUGLAS COUNTY BILLS

LB317 (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to inspection of real property by county assessors. Requires that the inspections be conducted in a manner as directed by the county assessor.

LB337 (Riepe) Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act. Allows for the disclosure of information by a mental health professional when permitted by HIPAA. The bill was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee and has been set for public hearing on February 3, 2023.

LB381 (M. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes. Related to revenue and taxation, to adopt the Mental Health Wellness act. Provides that a county may upon adoption of a resolution by the vote of two-thirds majority of the county board impose a tax of one-half of one percent on sales tax transactions to be used for mental health services. The power to tax shall not be implemented until the question of imposing a tax is submitted during a statewide or general election in the county. Harmonizes various other tax provisions to account for the section.

LB551 (J. Cavanaugh) State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services.

LB570 (Vargas) Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act.

LB612 (McDonnell) Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services

SARPY COUNTY BILLS

LR1CA (Blood) Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed. 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 20204 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.

LB4 (Sanders) Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties. Introduced at the the request of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners. the bill amends § 77-3506 to include an honorably discharged veteran who is not considered a paraplegic under § 75-3526-3528 for a temporary service-connected disability to be eligible for the homestead exemption. For this new section application for the exemption is due annually rather than every five years for a permanent disability. Furthermore, the sections allowing surviving spouses are amended to be subject to application every year. 77-3506 (3) A provision is inserted that if a veteran who is granted homestead under permanent disability dies during the 5 year period in

which they are approved, the surviving spouse will continue to receive homestead benefits for that period. § 77-3512(e). § 77-3513 requires county assessor to mail notice of homestead exemption in the current year to those required to refile. § 77-3522 (1) inserts a requirement for “knowingly” assisting another in preparation of a false statement for homestead exemption. (2) inserts: failure to notify the county assessor of a change in statutes may result in the claim being disallowed and if the claim is allowed taxes are owed under exempt period. (3) County assessor may revoke if they believe exemption is improper. This bill was referred to the Revenue Committee and will be heard on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

LB769 (Holdcroft) Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system. This bill would create a fund at the Department of Economic Development and appropriate \$60 Million to said fund. The primary beneficiary would be the Sarpy County sewer project.

NACO BILLS

LB3 (Sanders) Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions. Relating to Taxes Levied on Bonds § 10-110, 10-402, 10-403, 10-405, 10-507, 10-711, 10-804, § 13509 (4). This bill changes when a tax can be levied for the payment of interest on county and city bonds and provides a deadline for notifying the county assessor of approved bonds in order to correct valuation of property. The time frame for when taxes can be levied for bonds is changed from when the bond becomes due to when bonds are issued or authorized for issue. A provision is added that provides deadlines for the county assessor in assessing property valuations in a political subdivision that has approved a bond since the last time property values were assessed. If the county assessor receives a full legal description of the property subject to the bond before July 1 or August 1 for cities or metropolitan areas, then the bond is included in the valuation for the current year. If this deadline is missed, then the bond is included in the valuation for the next year. Bill was referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and has been scheduled for January 31, 2023.

LB147 (Kauth) Change procedures for property tax refunds. Relating to property tax refunds. § 77-1736 is amended to allow the county assessor to waive the requirement to notify a political subdivision whose share of a refund is less than one thousand dollars by notifying the county treasurer in writing. Referred to the Revenue Committee and the hearing is scheduled on February 1, 2023.

LB160 (McDonnell) Change contribution rates relating to supplemental retirement plans for certain law enforcement personnel under the County Employees Retirement Act. Relating to retirement plans for law enforcement officers in counties with a population less than eighty-five thousand inhabitants that participate in the Retirement System

for Nebraska Counties. The rate for contributions from other county employees and county itself is raised to a rate of three percent (previously two percent).

LB247 (Lippincott) Change provisions relating to issuance of a certificate of title for certain motor vehicles. Relating to motor vehicles. § 28-431 is amended to provide that the country treasurer shall issue title (language of county “clerk” removed) to a motor vehicle obtained in connection with a crime and subsequently sold by law enforcement. This bill was referred to the Transportation & Telecommunications Committee and heard on January 24, 2023.

LB344 (Armendariz) Change provisions relating to issuance of a certificate of title for certain motor vehicles. Relating to the Nebraska Tax Incentive Act. §77-6702 is amended to exclude property taxes that at the time of payment were delinquent for five years or more from community college taxes and school district taxes.

LB449 (Brandt) Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program. Relating to the Transportation Innovation Act. Transfers the funding for the County Bridge Match Program to the County Bridge Match Fund. The County Bridge Match Fund is created to provide counties grants for the replacement and repair of bridges that have been determined to be structurally deficient. The legislature is to transfer sixty-eight million dollars from the General Fund to the County Bridge Match Fund for 2023-2024). A county may submit a grant application for a single bridge or multiple bridges within the county or one county may apply on behalf of multiple counties for multiple bridges in those counties.

LB483 (Raybould) Redefine qualifying mutual financial institution for purposes of regulation of public funds deposit security.

HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Revenue

LB4 (Sanders) Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties. Amends § 77-3506 to include an honorably discharged veteran who is not considered a paraplegic under § 75-3526-3528 for a temporary service-connected disability to be eligible for the homestead exemption. For this new section application for the exemption is due annually rather than every five years for a permanent disability. Furthermore, the sections allowing surviving spouses are amended to be subject to application every year. 77-3506 (3) A provision is inserted that if a veteran who is granted homestead under permanent disability dies during the 5-year period in which they are approved, the surviving spouse will continue to receive homestead

benefits for that period. § 77-3512(e). § 77-3513 requires county assessor to mail notice of homestead exemption in the current year to those required to refile. § 77-3522 (1) inserts a requirement for “knowingly” assisting another in preparation of a false statement for homestead exemption. (2) inserts: failure to notify the county assessor of a change in statutes may result in the claim being disallowed and if the claim is allowed taxes are owed under exempt period. (3) County assessor may revoke if they believe exemption is improper.

Judiciary

LB77 (Brewer) Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit, change provisions relating to concealed weapons, and prohibit certain regulation of weapons by cities, villages, and counties. Relating to various firearm provisions. § 18-1703 (1) is amended to insert language stating that counties, cities, and villages shall not have the power to regulate the possession, storage, transportation, sale or transfer of firearms or require registration of firearms. Language is deleted from (1) prohibiting the regulation of concealed handguns. § 14-102 (6) removes language relating to the punishment of carrying concealed weapons. § 15-225 changes the language of what dangerous or disorderly conduct a city of primary class may prohibit from the “use” of firearms to the “discharge of firearms and removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons. § 16-227 removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons for what a city of first class and second class may do to prevent dangerous or disorderly conduct.

§ 28-101 is amended to add definitions involving concealed handguns. (2) states that if part of a handgun is capable of being seen by another person, it is not a concealed handgun. (10) adds a section defining minors as under twenty-one except if the person is eighteen years of age and a member of the armed forces, National Guard of the state, or Officers training corps or other authorized law enforcement officer. § 28-1202 adds that a minor or prohibited person shall not carry a weapon on his person, including a handgun and removes the penalty offense of “carrying a concealed weapon” and inserts (2), which states a violation of the section is a class I misdemeanor for first offense and Class IV felony for subsequent offenses. Further language is removed describing the exceptions of carrying weapons in the scope of employment, concealed handguns under the Concealed Handgun Permit act, or lawfully transporting a firearm.

Section 9 is amended to provide that anyone other than a minor or prohibited persons can carry a concealed handgun with or without a permit under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act in Nebraska. (2) provides a prohibition that if a place or premise prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns, a person is not allowed to carry on that premise, but a person does not violate the statute if the owner does not post a visible notice. (3) prohibits carrying in any government building. (9) provides the affirmative defense of a defendant engaged in any lawful business or employment at the time of carrying a concealed handgun and the circumstances justify a prudent person for doing such, but if the defendant

refuses to remove the weapon after being requested to by the owner of a premises, the defense is not available. (10) exempts law enforcement and retired law enforcement from violations of (2) and (3).

Section 10 provides that a person not prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun shall not carry if the person is consuming alcohol or has alcohol in their system from previous consumption. (3) provides that a person does not violate this section if lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case.

Section 11 is added to require a person carrying a concealed handgun to carry identification and provide it when asked by law enforcement or emergency services. Section does not apply to law enforcement officers, current or retired, persons lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case. Section 12 requires a concealed handgun carrier to immediately inform police or emergency services that they are carrying and states the same exceptions as Section 11. § 28-1351, involving unlawful membership and recruitment into an organization, is amended to incorporate sections 9,10,11,12.

Section 14 of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act is amended to change the language involving the concealment of handguns from “totally hidden” to “entirely obscured” and insert language stating that the handgun is not concealed if “seen or observed by another person”.

Friday, January 27, 2023
Revenue

LB29 (Erdman) Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage. § 77-1301 is amended to remove the provision that “destroyed” property shall be adjusted on tax assessment to “damaged” property. § 77-13-7 is amended to add a broader definition of events causing significant property damage to the legislative intent. § 77-1307 deletes the provision defining “calamity” and inserts a provision for “damaged” property, which is defined as real property that suffers significant damage. § 77-1725 is amended to exempt property which is determined as damaged under § 77-1307 from collection of delinquent taxes on unsafe buildings and structures which are determined by the city to be demolished.

LB557 (Vargas) Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement. Relating to the treatment and corrections under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act. Definition of “solitary confinement” is eliminated and redefined in § 83-4-114 to mean a 22-hour period in which an individual is in a cell that deprives an inmate of visual and auditory contact with another person, has no natural light, no reading or entertainment material, no visitation, etc. The current definition for solitary confinement does not provide a period. “Restrictive housing ” is redefined to limit the time to not less than 10 hours per

day from the previous requirement of not less than twenty-four hours per week. § 83-173.03 is amended to insert (2) which provides that no inmate shall be held in restrictive housing for more than 15 consecutive days. A broader definition of “serious mental illness” is inserted in § 83-173.03 than the current definition found in § 44-792. The new definition inserts language providing that a person who is receiving beneficial treatment for their mental illness is still considered having a serious mental illness. This new definition relates to the requirement that the department is prohibited from placing members of a vulnerable population in restrictive housing, which includes those 18 years of age or younger diagnosed with a serious mental illness.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Government, Military & Government Affairs

LB535 (Slama) Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents.

Judiciary

LB352 (Wayne) Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force.

Friday, February 3, 2023
Executive Board

LB552 (J. Cavanaugh) Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee. This bill pushes back the due date for the study that was required under LB920 from last year to 2023 from 2022.

This concludes our report for this week.

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LB2	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Create the Commission on Asian American Affairs Creates Commission on Asian American Affairs. Purpose of the commission is to join representatives of Asian Americans in Nebraska. The Commission is to determine solutions to enhance Asian American rights and develop solutions to problems common to Asian Americans through the development of programs in housing, education, welfare, medical and dental.
LB3	Sanders		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to Taxes Levied on Bonds § 10-110, 10-402, 10-403, 10-405, 10-507, 10-711, 10-804, § 13509 (4). This bill changes when a tax can be levied for the payment of interest on county and city bonds and provides a deadline for notifying the county assessor of approved bonds in order to correct valuation of property. The time frame for when taxes can be levied for bonds is changed from when the bond becomes due to when bonds are issued or authorized for issue. A provision is added that provides deadlines for the county assessor in assessing property valuations in a political subdivision that has approved a bond since the last time property values were assessed. If the county assessor receives a full legal description of the property subject to the bond before July 1 or August 1 for cities or metropolitan areas, then the bond is included in the valuation for the current year. If this deadline is missed, then the bond is included in the valuation for the next year.
LB4	Sanders		Revenue 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties Introduced at the the request of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners. the bill amends § 77-3506 to include an honorably discharged veteran who is not considered a paraplegic under § 75-3526-3528 for a temporary service connected disability to be eligible for the homestead exemption. For this new section application for the exemption is due annually rather than every five years for a permanent disability. Furthermore, the sections allowing surviving spouses are amended to be subject to application every year. 77-3506 (3) A provision is inserted that if a veteran who is granted homestead under permanent disability dies during the 5 year period in which they are approved, the surviving spouse will continue to receive homestead benefits for that period. § 77-3512(e). § 77-3513 requires county assessor to mail notice of homestead exemption in the current year to those required to refile. § 77-3522 (1) inserts a requirement for “knowingly” assisting another in preparation of a false statement for homestead exemption. (2) inserts: failure to notify the county assessor of a change in statutes may result in the claim being disallowed and if the claim is allowed taxes are owed under exempt period. (3) County assessor may revoke if they believe exemption is improper.
LB5	Blood		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/09/2023	Provide for compensability under Nebraska Workers’ Compensation Act for mental injuries resulting from workplace violence Relating to Nebraska Workers Compensation Act § 48-101.01. Adds section to include personal injury as mental injuries and illness that are unaccompanied by physical injury when caused by workplace violence (must prove causation). (9)(h)(i) inserts language stating workplace violence means a shooting, hostage situation, act of terrorism or a similar act of violence. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor

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LB6	Blood		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Prohibit conditional use permits and zoning exceptions for delinquent property taxpayers</p> <p>Relating to Political Subdivisions § 18-2219, 19-929, 23-114.01. Prohibiting the grant of conditional use permit for persons, including redevelopers, more than one hundred and eighty days late in payment of real property taxes for cities of all classes or any city planning commission or city planning director of a primary class city.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</p>
LB8	Blood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act and provide for certificates of title and liens for abandoned mobile homes</p> <p>Relating to Mobile Homes Title Transfer § 60-149 and sections of the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act. This bill starts by amending the title process of motor vehicles. transfer of title for a motor vehicle by operation of law involving inheritance, bankruptcy, etc. 2(b) is deleted because the provision is covered nearly identically in the same section. 1(b) adds that a title can be issued for a motorhome and 3(a) exempts requiring satisfactory proof of ownership for title under section 18 or 22 of the act. § 60-192 (2) deletes a requirement that requires the owner of a vehicle less than 10 years of age to provide a statement of mileage at time of transfer prior to January 1, 2021. The Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act is amended in a tenant friendly way. § 76-1453 (1) adds that any person or class damaged by a violation of the Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act or a breach of a rental agreement may bring civil action. § 76-1457 (7) adds that other lienholder means a person other than the landlord who holds a lien or security interest in a mobile home. § 76-1475 (5) adds that a tenant may terminate a rental agreement by giving the landlord 30 day notice and a landlord may only terminate a rental agreement as authorized by § 76-14, 104 which limits termination methods to very specific only prescribed by the Act. (5) is also strengthened by the language of “landlord shall not” cancel a rental agreement solely for making the space available. Lastly (5) removes an agreement option that requires removal of the tenant at expiration of lease, landlord shall give tenant 30 days notice before exercising option. Further sections go on to insert language that the landlord shall not 1) deny on the basis of disability. 2) the tenant has the right to sell their mobile home and 3) collect a fee from the selling of a mobile home. § 76-14-106 (2-3a-b) inserts requirements for landlord acting in retaliation due to tenant’s reasonable actions and the tenants entitlement to remedies. (3 a-b) removes a landlord from being able to bring action in violation of housing code due to tenants lack of reasonable care or tenant is in default of five days past when rent is due. Other landlord friendly sections are deleted, such as t, the tenant having to give notice to landlord of prospective purchaser, landlord’s ability to approve or disapprove of prospective purchaser, landlord ability to prescribe requirements concerning physical appearance of mobile home, etc.</p>
LB10	Blood		Revenue 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation for motor vehicles and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. For tax exemptions for motor vehicles and mobile homes, the definition of “Disabled veteran” is deleted and replaced with a provision declaring the term to be defined by the U.S. Code. The U.S. code has a broader definition than what was originally in the statue.</p>

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LB14	Dungan		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2023	<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>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support</p>
LB19	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications</p> <p>Relating to threshold dollar amount for criminal penalties. Increases the threshold amount to qualify for misdemeanor and criminal charges by raising the maximum amount for each charge. For example, a person committing theft is guilty of a class three misdemeanor where the value of the property is \$500 or less is changed to \$1,000 or less. The following statutes raise their maximum amount to qualify for misdemeanor or felony charges: Nebraska Bingo Act § 9-262, The Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act § 9-352, The Nebraska Lottery Raffle Act § 9-434, The Nebraska County and City Lottery Act § 9-652, Arson charges §28-504, Theft charges § 28-518, Qualification for Plea agreement for Victim of Theft § 29-119, Criminal Mischief Charges § 28-519, Being a Victim of Theft Under § 28-511-13, 17, Forgery of a written instrument that creates a legal right § 28-603, Possession of a forged instrument § 28-604, Forgery of a check § 28-611, Passing a forged check § 28-611.01, Unauthorized use of a financial traction device if person uses such a device in an automatic banking device §28-620, Fraudulent insurance act § 28-631, Criminal impersonation § 28-638, Identity theft § 28-639, Promoting gambling §28-1102, Accessing unauthorized computer systems or harming unauthorized computer systems § 28- 1345-5, Failing to make accurate and timely filings as a broker § 45-191.03, Knowingly importing, distribute.....motor vehicle fuel without remitting the full amount of tax § 66-727, Fraudulently obtaining services § 68-1017, Fraudulently obtaining and using benefits § 71-2228-9, Issuing a bad check for property or services § 28-611, Pattern racketeering activity § 28-1354.</p>

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LB26	Wayne		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/09/2023	Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act Introduces the Rural Municipal Broadband Act. This act would give municipalities the ability to provide broadband services within underserved first class, second class and villages. Section 6 defines “underserved” as a geographical area which lacks service providers providing internet of at least one hundred megabits per second for downloading and twenty megabits per second for uploading. Section 2 gives a municipality the ability to initiate the process of developing a broadband network by conducting a feasibility study and subsequently ordering a resolution of intent. A public hearing is required to adopt the resolution and it must be submitted to registered voters. National Telecommunications Association: Oppose
LB27	Dungan		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for defendants Relating to criminal procedure. § 29-2318 is amended to allow a court to appoint practicing attorney who is not a public defender to represent an indigent defendant and recover fees and expenses which are reasonably necessary to permit competent representation.
LB28	Erdman		Revenue 01/25/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change provisions relating to decisions on appeals under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act Relating to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and the appeals process. § 77-5015 is amended to reset a property’s tax value for the previous assessed year if the commission has not reached a decision on appeal by the date when the first half of the following year’s property taxes become delinquent.
LB29	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage Relating to property taxes. § 77-1301 is amended to remove the provision that “destroyed” property shall be adjusted on tax assessment to “damaged” property. § 77-13-7 is amended to add a broader definition of events causing significant property damage to the legislative intent. § 77-1307 deletes the provision defining “calamity” and inserts a provision for “damaged” property, which is defined as real property that suffers significant damage. § 77-1725 is amended to exempt property which is determined as damaged under § 77-1307 from collection of delinquent taxes on unsafe buildings and structures which are determined by the city to be demolished.
LB34	Dungan		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	Provide for a presumption of disposition under the Nebraska Juvenile Code for crimes committed by defendants under eighteen years of age and change the definition of juvenile under the code Relating to juvenile penalties. § 29-2204-.02 to insert a provision stating that whenever a defendant was under 18 at the time of the crime they were convicted of, a court shall not impose the penalty or probation term for the crime, but rather make such disposition under the Nebraska Juvenile Code. 5(b) provides that this requirement does not apply if term of life is required by law, the defendant is a habitual criminal, or if there are good reasons as to why such disposition cannot be effectively made.

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LB40	Blood		Natural Resources	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Riparian and Water Quality Practices Act</p> <p>Relating to agricultural practices and water quality. Introduces a bill to utilize riparian buffers and water quality practices to help purify the public waters and ground water from nitrates, pesticides and other contaminants. Section 4 (1) provides that a landowners property adjacent to a water body shall have a fifty foot average width, a thirty-foot minimum width, buffer zone between the water and perennially rooted vegetation. (b) provides that public drainage systems require a sixteen and one half foot minimum buffer between rooted perennial vegetation. Section (5) requires the Department of Agriculture to develop a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management authority's plan. Section (6) provides exemptions to land covered under the act such as enrollment in the federal conservation reserve program, the land is used for public or private water access or recreational use, covered by a road, trail, building or regulated by a national pollutant discharge elimination system. Section (7) requires that local water management authorities to assist in the implementation of requirements under the act. Section (8) establishes penalty provisions for non-compliance with the act.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB44	Dungan		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact</p> <p>Relating to railroads. Introduces the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. The purpose of this bill is to promote the development and implementation of long range plans for high-speed rail passenger service in the midwest. Article 2 of the act establishes a commission for carrying out the duties necessary to the bill's purpose. Article IV defines the powers of the commission, which includes advocating for funding, working with local officials, and making recommendations to member states. Article VII states that the commission may accept donations, gifts, grants and appropriations from the federal government, state, or corporation.</p>
LB45	Dorn		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Create the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Fund</p> <p>Relating to grants for commercial property demolition. Introduces a bill allowing 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>
LB49	Dungan		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to solar energy and wind energy, declare certain instruments void and unenforceable, and provide for a civil cause of action</p> <p>Relating to solar energy. § 66-901 is amended to delete "citizens" and add "residents" as those who benefit from solar energy. Section (2) emphasizes the importance of solar energy and wind sources as an alternative to fossil fuels and deletes previous language stating the disadvantages of solar and wind energy such as shading and obstruction of vegetation. § 66-9013 adds a provision allowing municipalities to direct sunlight, which allows the light to be reflected to a specific location. (d) allows a municipality to regulate an impermissible interference with the right to direct sunlight. § 66-914 is amended to deem unenforceable any instrument purporting to prohibit or restrict the installation or use of solar energy. (3) and (4) restrict homeowners association's, mutual benefit associations, or corporations from issuing restrictive covenants or charging a fee for the installation and use of solar energy. (6) provides a civil right of action for any landlord or homeowners association that violates (3) and (4).</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>

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LB50	Geist		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change criminal justice provisions including set-asides, restitution, and parole; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force</p> <p>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. § 29-2224-69 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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support</p>
LB56	McKinney		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act</p> <p>Relating to public health. Introduces the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act. Section (4) requires any public place of accommodation with restrooms open to the public (which includes hotels, gas stations, movie theaters, auditoriums, retail establishments, etc) to have at least one baby diaper changing station that is available for use in the womens and mens restroom. The requirement does not apply if the building does not have a public restroom, or it is located within another place of public accommodation that meets the requirements of the act, installation is not feasible per local permitting or building inspector.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>

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LB57	Cavanaugh, M.		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act</p> <p>Relating to employment and the adoption of the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act. Section (3) provides that an individual may take paid family and medical leave to take care of a 1) new child of the covered individual for the first year after birth, adoption or placement through foster care 2) a family member of the covered individual who has a serious health condition 3) to care for a covered servicemember if the they are a family member, 4) for qualifying exigency leave or 4) because the individual has a serious health condition including pregnancy. Section (1) defines a covered individual who is employed by an employer that is subject to the employment security law or a self-employed individual who has elected coverage under the act. (8) defines family members as biological, adopted or foster children or parents, grandparents, or a covered individual's spouse. (15) defines "qualifying exigency" as 1) any of the purposes in 29 C.F.R. § 825.126 (b)(8)(i) through (iv), 2) and various issues that may arise from a military family member being notified of active duty (15)(a-l). (17) defines "serious health condition" an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or continuing treatment by a health care provider. Section (4) defines the rates of pay that the benefits cover. (7) states that a covered individual shall not receive assistance under this act and workers compensation or benefits under the Employment Security Law at the same time. Section (5) details the requirements for a covered individual who is applying for benefits. Section (7) allows an individual to obtain benefits on an intermittent basis if specific conditions are met (a-c). Section (8) details the entitlements once returning from leave, such as the restoration of covered employment in the same capacity as when leave commenced, employment benefits and pay. Section (10)(1) allows for an individual to take leave under the act concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. (3) states that leave benefits provided by employers are not prohibited due to the act and are not considered when calculating leave. (4) provides that the act does not diminish an employer's under a collective bargaining agreement or employer's policy. Section (17) allows an employer to satisfy the requirements of the fact through employer provided benefits by filing a plan with the Commissioner of Labor for approval. If approved, the covered individual retains all rights pursuant to the act such as the ability to report violations and appeal to the commissioner. Section (19) states that benefits under the act are not considered compensation under any retirement plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraskal Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB60	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports</p> <p>Relating to juvenile facilities and room confinement. § 83-4. 134.01 is amended to require documentation for room confinement of any duration rather than longer than one hour in a twenty-four hour period. (b) is inserted to require that confinement for more than one hour during a twenty-four hour period shall be approved in writing by a supervisor. (d) requires the documentation to specify the hour and minutes each juvenile was in a confinement room. (e) is inserted to provide an annual summary for juvenile confinement to the legislature.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>

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LB61	Brandt		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission</p> <p>Relating to the licencing of fiber optic cable that isn't being used "dark fiber", by agencies or political subdivisions. § 18-419 18-419, 70-704, 70-1409, 75-132.01, 86-416, 86-574, and 86-575 are amended to allow for the licencing of dark fiber by cities or villages, public power districts, corporations, joint authorities, or fire protection district, or political subdivision. § 86-577 is amended to remove requirements of leasing dark fiber or related infrastructure and is replaced with a provision allowing any agency or political subdivision of the state discretion in adopting rules and regulations for lease or license.</p> <p>National Telecommunications Association: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB73	Aguilar		General Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to authorized uses for a County Visitors Improvement Fund</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska visitors development act. § 81-3717 (1) is amended to provide that a facility in which pari mutual wagering is conducted can be provided funds from the improvement fund under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act so long as the facility also serves as the site of a state fair or district or county agricultural society fair. The section is also further amended to remove language that exempts proceeds from the improvement fund to be granted to an organization to promote pari mutuel wagering. § 81-3720 is amended to remove language that exempts the County Visitors Improvement Fund from being used for any visitor attraction where pari mutuel wagering is conducted.</p>
LB76	Geist		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide access to certain information relating to probationers, juveniles, and parolees to law enforcement agencies</p> <p>Relating to the information provided to probationers, juveniles and parolees to law enforcement. § 29-2252 is amended to provide that all information provided to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement regarding probation shall be readily accessible through the main interface system of the law enforcement agency. § 29-2262 is amended to require a court to enter in probation information about an offender into the system in which law enforcement uses. § 43-2,108 is amended to add a provision requiring a court order to state whether the data from an electronic monitoring device used on a juvenile will be made available to law enforcement immediately upon request. (4) provides that the board of parole shall provide information about a parolee to law enforcement through a main interface used by law enforcement.</p>
LB77	Brewer		Judiciary 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit, change provisions relating to concealed weapons, and prohibit certain regulation of weapons by cities, villages, and counties</p> <p>Relating to various firearm provisions. § 18-1703 (1) is amended to insert language stating that counties, cities and villages shall not have the power to regulate the possession, storage, transportation, sale or transfer of firearms or require registration of firearms. Language is deleted from (1) prohibiting the regulation of concealed handguns. § 14-102 (6) removes language relating to the punishment of carrying concealed weapons. § 15-225 changes the language of what dangerous or disorderly conduct a city of primary class may prohibit from the "use" of firearms to the "discharge of firearms and removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons. § 16-227 removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons for what a city of first class and second class may do to prevent dangerous or disorderly conduct.</p>

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					<p>§ 28-101 is amended to add definitions involving concealed handguns. (2) states that if part of a handgun is capable of being seen by another person, it is not a concealed handgun. (10) adds a section defining minors as under twenty one except if the person is eighteen years of age and a member of the armed forces, National Guard of the state, or Officers training corps or other authorized law enforcement officer. § 28-1202 adds that a minor or prohibited person shall not carry a weapon on his person, including a handgun and removes the penalty offense of “carrying a concealed weapon” and inserts (2), which states a violation of the section is a class I misdemeanor for first offense and Class IV felony for subsequent offenses. Further language is removed describing the exceptions of carrying weapons in the scope of employment, concealed handguns under the Concealed Handgun Permit act, or lawfully transporting a firearm.</p> <p>Section 9 is amended to provide that anyone other than a minor or prohibited persons can carry a concealed handgun with or without a permit under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act in Nebraska. (2) provides a prohibition that if a place or premise prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns, a person is not allowed to carry on that premise, but a person does not violate the statute if the owner does not post a visible notice. (3) prohibits carrying in any government building. (9) provides the affirmative defense of a defendant engaged in any lawful business or employment at the time of carrying a concealed handgun and the circumstances justify a prudent person for doing such, but if the defendant refuses to remove the weapon after being requested to by the owner of a premises, the defense is not available. (10) exempts law enforcement and retired law enforcement from violations of (2) and (3).</p> <p>Section 10 provides that a person not prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun shall not carry if the person is consuming alcohol or has alcohol in their system from previous consumption. (3) provides that person does not violate this section if lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case.</p> <p>Section 11 is added to require a person carrying a concealed handgun to carry identification and provide it when asked by law enforcement or emergency services. Section does not apply to law enforcement officers current or retired, persons lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case. Section 12 requires a concealed handgun carrier to immediately inform police or emergency services that they are carrying and states the same exceptions as Section 11. § 28-1351, involving unlawful membership and recruitment into an organization, is amended to incorporate sections 9,10,11,12 .</p> <p>Section 14 of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act is amended to change the language involving the concealment of handguns from “totally hidden” to “entirely obscured” and insert language stating that the handgun is not concealed if “seen or observed by another person” .</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Neutral</p>
LB82	DeBoer		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide reporting duties for Department of Correctional Services, require development of strategic plan, and eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a working group</p> <p>Relating to correctional punishment. § 83-4-114(4) is amended to remove the requirement that the Director of Correctional Services meet with the long term restrictive housing work group to share contents of the annual report on inmates held in restrictive housing. (h) inserts a requirement that the report contain a description of all inmate housing areas that hold inmates in a setting that is neither general population nor restrictive housing. (5) removes the long term restrictive housing work group altogether. § 83-918 (2) inserts a requirement that the department of corrections shall appear to present the report to the legislature upon request.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>

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LB87	Hunt		Judiciary	In Committee 01/09/2023	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care Relating to minors consent to healthcare. § 43-2101 is amended to insert (c) and (d) which provides that a person 18 years or older may make health care decisions without the consent of the parents and a person under 19 committed to the department of correctional services may make healthcare decisions without the parents consent during the time of incarceration. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support
LB97	Clements		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2023	Change provisions relating to required reports for inheritance tax Relating to revenue and taxation, changing provisions relating to required reports for inheritance tax. § 77-2015 is amended to provide that a petitioner in an independent proceeding with the sole purpose of determining inheritance tax, must submit a report to the county treasurer once the inheritance tax is determined. Inserts a requirement that the county treasurer must submit an annual report on inheritance tax determinations to the Department of Revenue and the Department then must make each report public online.
LB98	Jacobson		Urban Affairs 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to substandard and blighted declarations and expedited reviews of redevelopment plans Relating 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.
LB104	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 01/10/2023	Change provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act Relating to retirement, redefining terms under the County Employees Retirement Act, Judges Retirement Act, School Employees Retirement Act and the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act. § 23-2301, § 24-701, § 79-902. § 81-2014 and § 84-1301 are amended to change the definitions for the required beginning date for deferral distributions and commencement of mandatory distributions to provide the present tense for the deleted terms of “terminated” and “attained”. (c) further provides that the individual must be seventy three or seventy five depending on different dates.
LB105	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 01/10/2023	Change provisions of public employee retirement plans relating to military service Relating to retirement and applicable military service. § 23-2323.01, § 76-926, § 81-2034, § 81-1325 and § 24-710.01 are amended to broaden the definition of military service. § 24-701 is also amended to broaden the definition of military service under the Judges Retirement Act by removing specific criteria for qualification.
LB109	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Withdrawn 01/18/2023	Require county boards of corrections in certain counties to act with advice of the county sheriff Changing provisions relating to county boards of corrections in certain counties. § 23-2802 is amended to provide that counties with a population 150,000 or more, a country board of corrections shall deliberate and take action with the professional advice and counsel of the county sheriff.

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LB110	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project</p> <p>Relating to criminal procedure. Inserts Section (2) which creates a three year pilot program for pretrial risk assessment and services with the participation of district county courts and the county sheriff. (2) provides the State County Administrator shall reimburse participating counties one hundred and fifty dollars per day for each defendant diverted from pretrial incarceration.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB124	Moser		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/23/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program</p> <p>Relating to the County Bridge Match Program. § 39-2805 is amended to remove the requirement that the details of the program are to be presented to the appropriations and transportation and telecommunications committee. The date of termination for the program is extended to June 30, 2029.</p>
LB126	Day		Revenue	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation, to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans, surviving spouses. § 77-3506 is amended to allow a tax exemption for a veteran who was honorably discharged or an unremarried surviving spouse or surviving spouse to remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven, and is drawing compensation from Veterans Affairs because they are at least 10 percent disabled but less than 100 percent disabled.</p>
LB139	Brandt		Judiciary	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court</p> <p>Relating to the jurisdictional amount provided in small claims courts. § 25-2802 is amended to increase the amount of money or damages required for a small claims court to have jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$10,000 through June 30, 2025.</p>
LB147	Kauth		Revenue 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change procedures for property tax refunds</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to property tax refunds. § 77-1736 is amended to allow the county assessor to waive the requirement to notify a political subdivision whose share of a refund is less than one thousand dollars by notifying the county treasurer in writing.</p>
LB154	DeBoer		Revenue 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds</p> <p>Relating to the treasurer's tax deeds and the notice required. Amends § 77-1835 to provide that when a purchaser is required to provide notice to an individual whose property is being sold due to unpaid taxes, after providing such notice the purchaser shall within five days send by US mail a copy of such the notice to the person of title and record. The purchaser must also file an affidavit with the county treasurer that a copy of the published notice was sent to the person of title and record.</p>

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LB155	DeBoer		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change provisions regarding the applicability of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act</p> <p>Relating to certain activities of a communications service provider. Amends § 86-1241 to exempt subsection (2) from the activities of communications providers that are outside the scope of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Subsection (2) prohibits the an authority from imposing a tax or regulation on communications service providers legally authorized use of a right-of-way for communication facilities.</p> <p>National Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB160	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change contribution rates relating to supplemental retirement plans for certain law enforcement personnel under the County Employees Retirement Act</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to retirement plans for law enforcement officers in counties with a population less than eighty-five thousand inhabitants that participate in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties. The rate for contributions from other county employees and county itself is raised to a rate of three percent (previously two percent).</p>
LB161	McDonnell		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Workplace Privacy Act</p> <p>Relating to the Workplace Privacy Act, to refine a term and prohibit employers from taking certain actions. § 48-2502 is amended to add to the definition of “Employer” a subcontractor and customer of such an employer. § 48-3503 adds provisions stating that no employer shall require an electronic communication device to be worked by an employee to track location or travel patterns or to confirm contacts with other employees unless the Governor proclaims a state of emergency for a pandemic.</p>
LB162	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Prohibit tampering with electronic monitoring devices required by court order or as a condition of parole</p> <p>Relating to crimes and offenses, to prohibit tampering with an electronic monitoring device. § 28-101 is amended to insert a new section to prohibit the removal or destruction or soliciting of removal or destruction for an electronic monitoring device required as a condition of parole. Violation is a Class IV felony. Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</p>
LB163	McKinney		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Provide for various reforms to jails and prisons, provide certain protections for prisoners, prohibit construction or expansion of prisons and jails as prescribed, and provide for oversight of the Department of Correctional Services during an overcrowding emergency by the Judiciary Committee</p> <p>This bill will require capping the cost of commissary goods at 10% for state and county jails, prisons, and detention centers/institutions, raise the pay for incarcerated individuals in state facilities to the state minimum wage in NDCS, Cornhusker state industries, and any other authorized employer. This bill will also allocate five million dollars into the inmate welfare cash fund from cash reserves, it will place another five million into the reentry cash fund from cash reserves expanding them to all facilities This bill places a ban on jail and prison expansions by prohibiting the state or any public agency from building new facilities, studying or identifying sites for new facilities, or expanding or converting portions of an existing facility to expand detention capacity until admissions and the length of stays decline over a twenty year period. This determination will be subject to review by the legislature. This bill will reduce the cost of calls by requiring that contracts be negotiated on the basis of the lowest possible cost to consumers and prohibit the state from receiving any portion of the revenue in state prisons and local jails. This bill will ban the copying of legal mail and mail from public officials, and allow state officials to utilize phones in NDCS facilities including Senators, Inspector General, and Ombudsman.</p>

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LB166	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to design-build, construction manager-general contractor, and public-private-partnership proposals under the Transportation Innovation Act</p> <p>Relating to the transportation innovation act to change provisions relating to the criteria and weighting of certain design or construction proposals. § 39-2814 is amended to provide that all progressive design build contracts the “historic reasonableness” must be considered in the cost. § 39-2818 is amended to provide new conditions for a contracting agency in evaluating a manager-general contractors proposal. This includes the historic reasonableness of the construction given a weight of at least “fifty percent”, the experience and equipment available. § 39-2825, a public private partnership under the Transportation Innovation Act is also amended to add the historic reasonableness of the construction given a weight of at least fifty percent.</p>
LB167	Slama		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Provide requirements for depositions of certain children</p> <p>Relating to criminal procedure to provide requirements for depositions of certain children. § 29-1917 is amended to exempt from depositions in criminal trials, children who are 18 or younger who have undergone a video-recorded forensic interview at an accredited child advocacy center. However the court can still order the deposition of a child who has undergone an interview at a child forensic center if the parties agree or the deposition will aid in the disclosure of evidence that is not reasonably available by other means. The court may limit the deposition of a previously interviewed child to protect them from emotional harm or distress.</p>
LB169	Hunt		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity</p> <p>Relating to various employment and government benefits sections. Inserts provisions in allowing countries to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (“SGD”). Prohibits SGD in the regulation of classified service, personnel administration (including the publishing of hiring materials), compensation plans, promotions, etc. § 48-215 declares the practice of SGD unlawful for any person, firm or corporation in Nebraska. § 48-1101 prevents SGD as one of the general policies in Nebraska for employable persons. § 48-1113 adds SGD to the criteria not to be interpreted as requiring preferential treatment under the Fair Employment Act. Gender identity is defined as an internal sense of one's own gender regardless of sex while sexual orientation means actual or perceived bi, homo, or heterosexuality.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB183	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 01/25/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Allow petitioners to proceed in forma pauperis in change of name proceedings</p> <p>Relating to costs of civil cases. Allows for forma pauperis as authorized in § 25-21-270 and § 25-231 in all proceedings for name changes for individuals and municipalities. Forma pauperis is the permission given by the court for a party to proceed without prepayment of fees.</p>
LB184	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2023	<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>

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LB186	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2023	Adopt the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Modification Act Relating to real property. To adopt the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Modification Act which allows an individual or entity to challenge an unlawful restrictive covenant (limiting the transfer, rental or lease because of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, or ancestry) if the person or entity holds 1) ownership interest or 2) is a common interest community association, or other housing association.
LB187	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2023	Require appointment of counsel for tenants in eviction proceedings in counties containing a city of the metropolitan class or primary class Relating to civil actions, requiring appointment of counsel at county expense in eviction proceedings and various other changes. Requires courts within a county of a city of metropolitan class or primary class in eviction proceedings to appoint counsel for the tenant unless already represented. An eviction proceeding is an action involving eviction, forcible entry and detainer, and possession or premises. A counsel already appointed shall apply before proceedings for fees and services performed. Requires the Supreme Court, by July 1, 2024, to provide guidelines for attorneys appointed under the section. A statement informing a tenant being sued of their right to representation is required in the delivered complaint and summons.
LB190	Brandt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2023	Authorize scheduled extension of county bridge project payments Relating to county bridges, authorizing a county board to fund a bridge over a period of time beyond the completion date.
LB192	Halloran		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2023	Change the definition of household income for homestead exemptions Relating to taxation and the definition of “household income” in §77-3504 for homestead exemptions. Removes social security benefits from the definition to the extent they are deducted for federal income tax purposes.
LB199	Brewer		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2023	Provide for a driving privilege card for federally authorized aliens Relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator’s License Act provides for driving privilege care to federally authorized aliens. § 60-474 is amended to allow a driver license, described as a “driving privilege card” (pursuant to the federal Real ID Act) to be issued to federally authorized aliens. Federally authorized alien means an alien who is present in the United States with the approval of the government. A federally authorized alien is eligible for a driving privilege card if they can establish proof of 1) federal authorization, 2) identity and 3) such a person is a Nebraska resident and 4) qualification for an operator’s permit.
LB205	Von Gillern		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2023	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act Relating to public lettings and contracts, to adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. Purpose of the Act is to provide efficient procurement of goods and services by the government to promote the administration and completion of construction projects. A government construction proposal or bid cannot contain: a term that prohibits or encourages adhering to a collective bargaining agreement, a term that discriminates, scoring criteria based on hiring requirements, labor assignments, political affiliation, etc. Any contract containing the above-mentioned criteria is declared void.
LB207	Von Gillern		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	General File 01/25/2023 01/23/2023	Change provisions relating to sales under the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act Relating to the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act. Allowing sale for the sale of trust property to be held at a public building wherein county offices are located where the property is to be sold.

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LB208	Bostar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Prohibit counties from prohibiting the use of residential property as short-term rentals</p> <p>Relating to counties, to prohibit a county from prohibiting the use of property as a short-term rental by ordinance, resolution or other regulation unless the county demonstrates the purpose is to protect public health and safety. A county may still adopt ordinances or resolutions to impose a sales tax on short-term rentals. A county still may enforce or adopt a measure prohibiting short term rentals only if it is for housing sex offenders, operating a sober living home, selling alcohol or drugs, or a sexually oriented business, etc. Section does not affect regulation of a private entity such as a homeowners association.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB211	Blood		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation, to adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act. The purpose of the bill is to provide tax credits to taxpayers with limited income to pay property taxes. Agricultural taxpayers can qualify for a credit in an amount equal to the property taxes paid on the agricultural land in the most recent tax year minus 7% of the individual's federal adjusted gross income. A residential taxpayer can qualify for a property that they own or rent (rent credit is the amount of rent paid for right to occupy) and the credit shall not exceed 200% of the average taxes paid on single family residential property in the area or property owned. For rental properties, the amount shall not exceed 20% of the total amount of rent paid. Only one tax credit per resident. The department may allow up to 74,000,000 in agricultural credits and 126,000,000 for residential credits.</p>
LB218	Ibach		Agriculture 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream</p> <p>Relating to the Noxious Weed Act, increases the amount of appropriations funded for the management of vegetation with the banks or flood plain of a natural system to 6 million (from 3 million) annually starting starting in 2023-2024.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB228	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Create state holidays for statewide primary and general election days, require in-person voting, photographic identification to vote, counting of ballots on election day, and counting of ballots at the precinct level, and allow voting by mail for registered military personnel and residents of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities</p> <p>Relating to voting. § 25-221 is amended to provide a statewide holiday on statewide primary election days and statewide general election days. § 32-101 is amended to insert a provision requiring all voting in statewide elections to be done in person. An ID must be presented to vote and only registered military personnel and only those residing in nursing homes or assisted living facilities may vote by mail.</p>

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LB232	Cavanaugh, J.		General Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to keno and provide for the sale of digital-on-premises tickets</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act. § 9-601 of the act is amended to provide the purchase of an onsite digital ticket from a device at the present location of the lottery operator. § 9-646.01 adds a provision allowing a lottery operator to create for deposit an account to be used for lottery play, which may only be funded from a deposit account at a financial institution. § 9-651 adds a section detailing to the process for a lottery operator participating in the game of keno (tickets are purchased with chosen numbers, winning numbers are drawn). Keno tickets must be purchased on site and if digital on premises tickets are sold the operator must follow safeguard procedures determined by the Department of Revenue.</p>
LB236	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Provide for appointment and powers of problem-solving court judicial officers</p> <p>To provide for the appointment and powers of problem solving court officers. The officers are appointed by the state Supreme Court and may perform any act necessary and proper to the administration and operation of the problem solving court with the exception of imposing custodial sanctions or terminating a participant from the program court program. Officers are allowed to make recommendations concerning custodial sanctions and termination of participants and must be admitted to practice law in the State of Nebraska. A pilot program is proposed for 2024 to utilize one or more officers to determine the program would be effective.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB242	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p>Relating to property tax. § 77-6702 is amended to remove language setting the maximum allowable growth percentage of 5% in the total assessed value of all real property in the state for one year. § 77-6703 is amended to provide that the total amount of tax refundable tax credits for individual income tax and franchise tax is one billion dollars in 2024 and will be the set maximum for each calendar year thereafter (increased by the allowable growth percentage).</p>
LB243	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Change the minimum amount of relief granted under the Property Tax Credit Act</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>
LB244	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Provide an additional tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act. Amends § 77-6701 to 77-6706 to provide for a new tax category of “general taxes” imposed on real property and a refundable credit provision with a maximum \$200,000,000 of total credits refunded starting in 2024. “General taxes” are defined as property taxes levied on real property by any political subdivision, excluding taxes meant to pay back bonds or taxes levied as a result of an override of limits on property taxes levied approved by voters. Section (3) adds a provision that if a corporation, partnership, LLC, trust or estate pays general taxes, the refundable credit must be claimed by the corporation.</p>

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LB276	Wishart		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/12/2023	<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>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support</p>
LB284	McKinney		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act, require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists, restrict usage of no-knock warrants, prohibit collection of data on gang membership, require a bachelor's degree for law enforcement certification, change requirements on law enforcement records, and eliminate the offense of unlawful membership recruitment into an organization</p> <p>Relating to law enforcement. To adopt the Municipalities Police Oversight Act. Purpose of the act is to provide oversight boards to monitor, investigate and evaluate police standards in metropolitan, primary and home charter rule cities. Each board is empowered by ordinance to investigate and report cases of police misconduct to the mayor. The board must investigate a grievance filed with the board unless the complaint is irrelevant to the subject matter, trivial or frivolous, or the board is incapable of investigating the matter. Each city is required to provide adequate funding to the oversight board. an The oversight board may publish any of its written summaries and reports, including by releasing such written summaries and reports to the news media. The Attorney General and each city and county attorney must maintain a list identifying law enforcement officers who have impaired their own credibility due to misconduct and disclose that information to the public.</p> <p>§ 29-411 is amended to prove that in executing a warrant for arrest, an officer cannot break into a dwelling without providing notice of his or her purpose (a "no knock" warrant). Introduces Section 19 which details criteria for no knock warrants, generally making it more difficult for an officer to obtain and exercise a no knock warrant. § 29-3517 is amended to provide that a criminal justice agency shall not collect data relating to an individual's gang status and any such information should be deleted. § 29-3517 is amended to provide a bachelor's degree requirement for entry into law enforcement training. § 81-1414 requires that current servicing officers must hold a bachelor's degree or be enrolled in an accredited college to obtain a bachelor's degree.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Oppose</p>
LB287	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act</p> <p>Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508. Prohibits the creation of joint public agencies on or after October 1, 2023.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB302	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to conflicts of interest by certain officeholders and public employees</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. Requires that any public employee who would be required to take any action that may cause financial benefit or detriment to him or her, or family, or business, shall disclose a potential conflict of interest to the government body who shall enter the statement onto the public records. Any employee under this section may apply to the commission to see if there is an actual conflict of interest.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>

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LB304	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2023	Require political subdivisions to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees Relating to political subdivisions. Requires that each political subdivision shall publicly disclose membership dues paid annually to any association, fees paid to individual lobbyists. For any political subdivision that does not have a website, the public may request such information at the office of the political subdivision. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB306	Hunt		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2023	Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights Relating to infants and juveniles, to create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights. The purpose of the bill is to ensure quality of care provided to children placed in foster family homes, child-care institutions or youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. Section (4) provides that each child is permitted to: attend religious services and activities of their choice, be in a placement consistent with their religious beliefs, free from unreasonable search and seizure under the fourth amendment, safe and free from exploitation by staff and contractors, make decisions when they are a parent for their own children, etc. In order to ensure that the rights listed are adhered to, each case worker shall be trained on the rights state in this section. A child is able to file a grievance regarding the infringement of rights stated in the section by filing a grievance with the department.
LB309	Bostar		Revenue	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds Relating to revenue and taxation. To change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds. §77-1736.06 is amended to change the interest accrued on an unpaid refund balance at a rate of fourteen percent beginning 30 days after the county assessor certifies the amount.
LB312	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions Relating to political subdivisions, to withhold money due to noncompliance with budget limits. § 13-522 is amended to provide that if a governmental until fails to comply with the budget limits in § 13-518 to 13-522 within six months after receiving notice for the Auditor of Public Accounts, the funds shall be forfeited and redistributed to other recipients of state aid in the county where the noncomplying government unit is located or returned to the Highway Allocation fund if there is no eligible recipient. If the governmental until fails to comply within 12 months after receiving notice, the until will no longer be eligible for future distributions of state aid. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB313	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies in the United States Senate and House of Representatives Relating to elections, to change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies. § 32-654 is amended to provide that if a vacancy in the legislature occurs, the Governor is to order a special election within not less than 75 days and not more than 90 days after the vacancy occurs. Such an election is to be held on a tuesday. The certificate and filing fee for the candidate for special election must be submitted within 67 days rather than the current standard of 65.

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LB316	Fredrickson		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change and eliminate provisions relating to marriage Relating to marriage. § 42-102 is amended to remove gender language from the requirements of marriage. Language is also deleted stating that no person who is afflicted with a venereal disease shall marry.
LB317	Von Gillern		Revenue	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to inspection of real property by county assessors Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. § 77-1311.01 is amended to provide that inspection of real property for the purposes of taxation shall be completed in a manner directed by the county assessor.
LB322	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/13/2023	Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508 is amended to provide that no joint public agency created on or after October 1 2023 shall exercise any power or authority relating to tax. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose
LB325	Dungan		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act Relating to the Political Subdivisions Torts Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act, which provide the only avenue for a lawsuit against a political subdivision or state agency. Inserts language in both acts stating that the act does not apply to claims arising out of assault, battery, false arrest, etc. except when the harm caused by an intentional tort is a proximate result of the failure of a political subdivision or an employee of the political subdivision to exercise reasonable care to control a person over whom it has taken charge or protect a person who is under care.
LB327	Raybould		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act 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.
LB332	Linehan		Education	In Committee 01/13/2023	Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508 is amended to provide that no joint public agency after October 1 2023 shall exercise any power or authority relating to taxation.
LB334	McDonnell		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Adopt the Reentry Housing Network Act and provide a duty for the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole Relating to treatment and corrections. Sections (1) to (8) shall be known as the Reentry Housing Network Act. The Reentry Housing Network is established, with the purpose of encouraging development, coordination and standards for reentry housing. Network is able to establish minimum standards for reentry housing facilities, including health and safety, monitor compliance, and report to the legislature the status of reentry housing. An advisory committee and fund is created pursuant to the act.

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LB337	Riepe		Health and Human Services 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. § 38-2136 is amended to allow for disclosures of information by mental health professionals that is permitted under federal law. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB338	McKinney	Judiciary		In Committee 01/17/2023	Change provisions relating to pretrial release, sentencing, failure to appear, revocation and sanctions under probation and parole, and suspension of licenses under the License Suspension Act
LB339	McKinney	Judiciary		In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide for confidentiality of prosecutions and adjudications of minors, extend jurisdiction under the Nebraska Juvenile Code, provide requirements for custodial interrogations of juveniles and young adults, prohibit use of certain statements, prohibit sending juveniles out of state, provide for use and reimbursement of reporting centers, and establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program
LB344	Armendariz	Revenue		In Committee 01/17/2023	Exclude certain delinquent taxes from qualifying for tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to the Nebraska Tax Incentive Act. § 77-6702 is amended to exclude property taxes that at the time of payment were delinquent for five years or more from community college taxes and school district taxes.
LB348	Wayne	Judiciary		In Committee 01/17/2023	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 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. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LB352	Wayne	Judiciary	02/01/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LB353	Raybould	Health and Human Services		In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide for grants for projects that increase long-term care facility capacity Relating to nursing facilities. A grant is to be provided to a nursing facility who works with a qualifying hospital to accept complex acute transition patients. The grant is to be used on any project to support the transition of residents with specific service needs that are not readily available in the long term care setting. The grant is limited to a maximum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars per facility.

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LB363	Dorn		Judiciary	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates</p> <p>Relating to courts. § 22-417 is amended to remove language allowing a county to consolidate the office of the clerk of the district court. § 32-524 allows the clerk magistrate to assume the duties of a clerk of the district court in a county where the majority of voters have voted not to elect a clerk of the district court.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB364	Hunt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions</p> <p>Section (19) is inserted providing that an election commissioner shall be elected in each county having a population of more than four hundred thousand inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2024 for a term of two years thereafter and in 2026 a term of four years thereafter. Relating to elections. § 11-119 is amended to provide that the election commissioner shall execute a penalty bond with a penalty of ten thousand dollars. Various other provisions involving elected officials are updated to account for the election commissioner.</p>
LB365	Hunt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Permit counties to conduct elections by mail</p> <p>Relating to elections. §32-960 allows the election commissioner or county clerk to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for all elections regardless of county size (current statute allows for the application of mail ballots in a county less than ten thousand inhabitants).</p>
LB366	Conrad		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances</p> <p>Relating to public records. § 81-1454 is amended to provide that recordings created by body-worn cameras which depict or record circumstances in which a person died during apprehension or in custody of law enforcement or detention personnel are public records under § 84-712.01, yet a lawful custodian may withhold such records. § 84-712 is amended to allow all residents rather than citizens to examine public records, which means any person domiciled in the state including news media. § 84-712 is amended to provide that non-residents of Nebraska may pay a charge for a portion of the existing salary or other public obligation to obtain and search for records.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB367	Conrad		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act</p> <p>Relating to labor. To adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act. § 48-202 is amended to expand the protections of what an employer can ask in an application regarding the applicant's criminal history from only applying to public employers to all employers and employment agencies. A section is inserted providing that when an employer makes a conditional offer of employment, the employer then may ask the employee to disclose information about criminal history. The request for disclosure is limited to only those offenses that would disqualify one from employment. A process is provided in which an employer can reject an applicant for criminal history, allowing the applicant to respond to the employer. Employers are required to keep records of rejected applicants for the commission to review.</p>

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LB368	Conrad		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Create a grant program to expand and enhance criminal justice programs in a county with a city of the primary class Relating to criminal justice. Creates the county criminal justice enhancement grant, with the purpose of providing grants to counties to improve and expand correctional services such as cognitive behavioral programs, peer support recovery, residential housing, etc.
LB369	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change property tax provisions relating to net book value Relating to property taxes. Changes the net book value taxation rate of 20 year classified property, that is property that has an anticipated useful life of twenty five years or more, to a taxable value of 6.68% in year 19 (current statute is 6.69% in year 19).
LB370	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/17/2023	Require a notice relating to the availability of certain tax credits Relating to property taxes. § 77-1701 is amended to provide that a county treasurer is to provide a statement informing the tax payer of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act Credit when providing notice of taxes or special assessments.
LB374	Murman		Education 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act To adopt the Parent Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act. Section (3) provides that every parent of a child in the state shall have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education and care of their child by having the right to: 1) direct the education and care and 2) direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of the child, 3) the right to know and access materials being taught in schools, 4) the right to expect the child is not being taught or forced to adopt racist ideologies, etc. School districts are required to adopt plans that would provide mechanisms to implement these rights, such as having the opportunity to object and challenge the educational benefit of educational material, developing an internet based transparency portal to provide material being taught, the ability to review library books, etc. Section (9) provides that a school shall not administer an attitude or belief examination without parent involvement.
LB377	Lowe		General Affairs 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change provisions relating to special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act Relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. § 53-124.11 is amended to provide that a non-profit organization of which is fraternal, charitable or public service and is exempt from federal income taxes may be issued a special designated license for an event for up to 12 days in one calendar year (6 days is the standard for other licensee's).
LB378	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change retirement system participation provisions Relating to retirement. Eliminates the requirement that a public employee eligible for retirement benefits (including the County Employees Retirement Act, Judges Retirement Act, School Employees Retirement Act, etc.) must be United States citizens or a qualified alien under the federal immigration and nationality act, instead only requiring that the employee is lawfully present in the United States. The employing state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska and the employee are required to maintain at least one of the documents such as: a driver's license, NE ID, birth certificate issued in any state, etc.

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LB381	Cavanaugh, M.		Revenue	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Related to revenue and taxation, to adopt the Mental Health Wellness act. Provides that a county may upon adoption of a resolution by the vote of two-thirds majority of the county board impose a tax of one-half of one percent on sales tax transactions to be used for mental health services. The power to tax shall not be implemented until the question of imposing a tax is submitted during a statewide or general election in the county. Harmonizes various other tax provisions to account for the section.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB382	Bostar		Judiciary	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Provide powers and duties for University of Nebraska police departments and police officers</p> <p>Relating to law enforcement. Amends various sections relating to law enforcement, or defining law enforcement, to include the University of Nebraska Police Department Some examples include the requirement of no racial profiling, the requirement to record the number and characteristics of motor vehicle stops, etc.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</p>
LB387	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/17/2023	<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	Introduced 01/12/2023	<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>
LB390	Clements		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act</p> <p>Relating to elections. § 32-808 is amended to provide that ballots for early voting to be mailed shall be mailed by non forwardable first-class mail to registered voters not more than thirty days prior to elections (current statute does not account for non forwardable mail and has a longer mailing deadline of 30 days). Allows for an appointed agent for a voter who is registered to vote early to return a voted ballot to the election commissioner or county clerk on behalf. An agent must be a member of the voters family and cannot act for more than two registered voters.</p>
LB394	Erdman		Judiciary	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to the determination of damages as a result of eminent domain</p> <p>Relating to eminent domain. Provides new compensation criteria to persons who properties are subject to public use by eminent domain. For property other than agricultural land, the damages shall include: i) the fair market value of the condemned property, ii) reasonable severance, iii) abstracting expenses and for agricultural lands i) two times the fair market value ii) reasonable severance damages (including the replacement costs of dwellings, garages, sheds, barns, septic systems, etc.) and iii) abstracting expenses.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>

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LB411	Dungan		Appropriations	In Committee 01/17/2023	Appropriate funds for Wyuka Cemetery Relating to appropriations for the Wyuka Cemetery. \$1,500,000 from the general fund for 2023-2024 for the purpose of rehoming the mural previously located at the Pershing Auditorium to Wyuka.
LB415	Dorn		Appropriations	In Committee 01/17/2023	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services Relating to appropriations. \$1,000,000 from the General Fund for 2024-2025 to be used to carry out the purposes of the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act. An increase is provided annually of \$150,000 to the statewide patient care reporting system and trauma registry.
LB417	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide for a leadership academy for law enforcement professionals Related to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement. § 81-1423 is amended to provide that the commission may coordinate with the University of Nebraska to establish a leadership academy for law enforcement professionals. Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support
LB420	Raybould		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/17/2023	Require the state to pay counties for the cost of office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs Relating to public assistance. § 68-130 is amended to provide that the state shall pay for the cost of office and facility services for public assistance programs. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB421	Kauth		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide procedures for directed health measures Relating to local health directors and boards of health established by a county. Expands the duties of the board by allowing recommendations to be made to the city council or county board regarding the adoption of directed health measures. The health director nominated by the mayor has their duties restricted from being able to adopt measures to arrest progress of infectious diseases, to only advising the board of health regarding the adoption of health measures by the city council or board. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose
LB428	Walz		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/18/2023	Require the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to provide matching funding for the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Relating to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The agency is to provide a dollar for dollar match for each political subdivision required to match federal money under the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB433	Jacobson		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide requirements for distribution of funding for behavioral health regions Relating to behavioral health services. Any appropriation to be allocated to a behavioral health region shall be utilized to provide activities pursuant to the 8 approved annual budget of the behavioral health region. The director shall have the power to allow for the reassignment of funds to maximize the ability of a region to implement new behavioral health services when circumstances occur. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support

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LB435	Geist		Judiciary	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide for court appointed parental advisers Relating to juvenile justice. The Office of Probation Administration is to provide parental advisers who shall provide services to parents and guardians of children involved in the juvenile justice system. The responsibilities of the advisors is to provide guidance to the parent on how the proceeding will move, possible outcomes of the proceedings. The advisors are to make every effort to attend all meanings, hearings and another other proceeding.
LB446	Bostar		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/13/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act Relating to motor vehicles, to adopt the Peer to Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act. The bill provides guidelines for insurance and peer to peer programs, which are defined as a vehicle sharing program that connects owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles. Section (3) provides that a peer to peer program shall assume all financial liability on behalf of an owner of a vehicle during the sharing period. The act establishes various insurance guidelines in section (4) and (5). Section (13) provides the vehicle requirements for a vehicle being used in the program, such as verifying there are no safety recalls.
LB449	Brandt		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to the Transportation Innovation Act. Transfers the funding for the County Bridge Match Program to the County Bridge Match Fund. The County Bridge Match Fund is created to provide counties grants for the replacement and repair of bridges that have been determined to be structurally deficient. Legislature is to transfer sixty-eight million dollars from the General Fund to the County Bridge Match Fund for 2023-2024.) A county may submit a grant application for a single bridge or multiple bridges within the county or one county may submit an application on behalf of multiple counties for multiple bridges in those counties.
LB453	DeKay		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide an additional use of the Highway Cash Fund and change provisions relating to bridge replacement and road construction contracts
LB457	Holdcroft		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/18/2023	Require video surveillance of voting and provide requirements for paper ballots, vote scanning devices, and vote tabulating equipment Relating to elections. § 32-806 is amended to provide that every official ballot must include serial numbers readable by humans and not machines, and include at least three of the following: watermarks, holographs, taggents, or other anti-counterfeiting techniques. Section (4) provides that each polling place shall be equipped so that every ballot is under video surveillance from the time the ballot is handed to the voter until it is sealed in the storage box. Language is removed providing that the Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules for the establishment of polling places. All ballots and recorded video surveillance shall be kept for three years. Any vote scanning device or vote tabulation equipment shall be verified and certified by election officials.
LB462	Conrad		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/18/2023	Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
LB465	Moser		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards
LB469	Kauth		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change composition of the state protective service bargaining unit Relating to state personnel. § 81-1373 is amended to provide that probation and parole officers are now included in a bargaining unit for organized collective bargaining.

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LB473	Geist		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Create a grant program to operate a safe and secure treatment center for youth Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB476	Wayne		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Public Entities Investment Trust Act Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose
LB478	Wayne		Education	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Juvenile Code and education programs in state institutions that house juveniles, provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and the State Board of education to establish an educational division responsible for the education of certain juveniles, and provide a termination date for the superintendent of institutional schools
LB479	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Transfer the Office of Probation Administration to the executive branch, rename the Division of Parole Supervision as the Parole Supervision Agency, and remove such agency from the Board of Parole
LB481	Raybould		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Housing Incentive District Act
LB482	Raybould		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Suicide Risk Protection Order Act Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support
LB483	Raybould		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Redefine qualifying mutual financial institution for purposes of regulation of public funds deposit security Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials.
LB506	Bostar		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	State intent to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy
LB507	Conrad		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, and compulsory education
LB511	Brewer		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB513	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change proof of publication requirements for legal notices and requirements for published notice and virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB514	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to elections
LB515	Walz		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act

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LB516	Walz		Education	In Committee 01/19/2023	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
LB529	Hansen, B.		Revenue	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act
LB534	Slama		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for community water systems
LB535	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents
LB540	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to public lettings Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB551	Cavanaugh, J.		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.
LB552	Cavanaugh, J.		Executive Board 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support
LB554	Cavanaugh, J.		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	Appropriate funds to the Commission on Public Advocacy
LB555	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to the indigent defense fee and the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund
LB557	Vargas		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement Relating to the treatment and corrections under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act. Definition of "solitary confinement" is eliminated and redefined in § 83-4-114 to mean a 22 hour period in which an individual is in a cell that deprives an inmate of visual and auditory contact with another person, has no natural light, no reading or entertainment material, no visitation, etc. The current definition for solitary confinement does not provide a time period. "Restrictive housing " is redefined to limit the time to not less than 10 hours per day from the previous requirement of not less than twenty four hours per week. § 83-173.03 is amended to insert (2) which provides that no inmate shall be held in restrictive housing for more than 15 consecutive days. A broader definition of "serious mental illness" is inserted in § 83-173.03 than the current definition found in § 44-792. The new definition inserts language providing that a person who is receiving beneficial treatment for their mental illness is still considered having a serious mental illness. This new definition relates to the requirement that the department is prohibited from placing members of a vulnerable population in restrictive housing, which includes those 18 years of age or younger diagnosed with a serious mental illness.
LB560	Blood		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	State intent to seek federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

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LB569	Bostelman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/19/2023	Prohibit financial interests by certain county officers and family members in electric generation facilities Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB570	Vargas		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB577	Cavanaugh, J.		Revenue	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property
LB580	Holdcroft		Revenue	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation
LB594	Hardin		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Provide for local government investment pools to invest in commercial paper
LB604	Raybould		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to voting early under the Election Act
LB612	McDonnell		Appropriations	In Committee 01/19/2023	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB619	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Prohibit assault on a public transportation driver and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals
LB620	McDonnell		Judiciary	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to arraignment and hearings for certain juveniles
LB634	McKinney		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Cannabis Control Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act
LB636	Albrecht		Natural Resources	In Committee 01/20/2023	Prohibit political subdivisions from restricting certain energy services
LB637	Albrecht		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2023	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act
LB643	Brewer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Abandoned Mobile Home Act and change provisions relating to abandoned vehicles

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LB644	McDonnell		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund Creates a subaccount in the Site and Building Development Act of eighty million from the Cash Reserve Fund for developing large commercial and industrial sites and infrastructure to attract major investment in advanced manufacturing, processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life science industries, etc. Entities eligible for this subaccount are Municipal Inland Port Authorities, nonprofit economic development organizations, or other nonprofits. Five million from the account may be used by the Dep. of Econ. Development to hire staff, fund travel, partner with political subdivisions or other nonprofits, enter into contacts, etc. Up to twenty five million from the sub account may be used to fund projects from eligible entities. Funds received from this sub account, when used to develop a mega site, are not required to provide matching or proof of the availability of twenty million dollars in private or other funds. The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on or after July 15, 2023.
LB645	McDonnell		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to state highways and roads
LB646	McDonnell		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to telecommunications National Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB654	McDonnell		Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2023	Appropriate funds to the Legislative Council
LB668	Aguilar		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support
LB675	Day		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to elections and identification documents
LB683			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties National Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB687	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System
LB695	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide a property tax exemption
LB705	Murman		Education	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions
LB706	Moser		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act

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LB708	Arch		Education	In Committee 01/20/2023	Require 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
LB709	Wishart		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program
LB721	Ballard		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2023	Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County
LB723	Bostelman		Natural Resources 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act
LB727	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to the sales and use tax exemption on purchases by the state and other public entities
LB733	Bostar		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Broadband Pole Placement and Undergrounding Fund Act
LB736	Raybould		Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2023	State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB740	Vargas		Agriculture	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act
LB742	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to registration to vote and voting under the Election Act
LB743	Kauth		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Investment Neutrality in Public Funds Act
LB745	Cavanaugh, M.		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Increase the cigarette tax and provide for distribution of the proceeds
LB746	Cavanaugh, M.		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2023	Restrict the use of tax-increment financing
LB747	Cavanaugh, M.		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide an income tax credit for renters and change provisions relating to a property tax credit
LB749	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Prohibit possession of deadly weapons in the State Capitol or on State Capitol grounds
LB750	Albrecht		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land Relating to property taxes to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land. § 77-201 is amended to strike redundant language related to agricultural land and horticultural land actively developed for agricultural or horticultural purposes which has value other than agricultural or horticultural.
LB758	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Sexual Violence Review Act
LB759	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide for notification of the pending expiration of a protection order

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LB760	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to create a victim advocate grant program
LB765	DeKay		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change, provide, and eliminate definitions, powers, and duties under the Statewide Trauma System Act
LB767	DeKay		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Increase the indigent defense court filing fee
LB768	DeKay		Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2023	Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund
LB769	Holdcroft		Natural Resources 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system Introduced at the request of the Sarpy County Sewer Agency.
LB770	Cavanaugh, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2023	Require the Secretary of State to audit the offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the election commissioners, and the county clerks and all polling places for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
LB772	Hughes		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program
LB773	Vargas		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2023	Require voter approval of taxes on wireless services National Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance
LB783	Murman		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Eliminate the levy authority of community college areas
LB790	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	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
LB793	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide duties for judges relating to problem solving courts Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LB795	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LB798	Vargas		Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2023	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development
LB807	Von Gillern		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide for one license plate per vehicle
LB808	Halloran		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide for counting and recounting ballots under the Election Act by hand count
LR1CA	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/09/2023	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed 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 20204 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.

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					Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LR22CA	Dover		Executive Board 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms
					Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LR23CA	Riepe		Revenue	In Committee 01/18/2023	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax
LR30CA	Murman		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2023	Constitutional amendment to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property

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LB77	Brewer		Judiciary 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit, change provisions relating to concealed weapons, and prohibit certain regulation of weapons by cities, villages, and counties</p> <p>Relating to various firearm provisions. § 18-1703 (1) is amended to insert language stating that counties, cities and villages shall not have the power to regulate the possession, storage, transportation, sale or transfer of firearms or require registration of firearms. Language is deleted from (1) prohibiting the regulation of concealed handguns. § 14-102 (6) removes language relating to the punishment of carrying concealed weapons. § 15-225 changes the language of what dangerous or disorderly conduct a city of primary class may prohibit from the “use” of firearms to the “discharge of firearms and removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons. § 16-227 removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons for what a city of first class and second class may do to prevent dangerous or disorderly conduct.</p> <p>§ 28-101 is amended to add definitions involving concealed handguns. (2) states that if part of a handgun is capable of being seen by another person, it is not a concealed handgun. (10) adds a section defining minors as under twenty one except if the person is eighteen years of age and a member of the armed forces, National Guard of the state, or Officers training corps or other authorized law enforcement officer. § 28-1202 adds that a minor or prohibited person shall not carry a weapon on his person, including a handgun and removes the penalty offense of “carrying a concealed weapon” and inserts (2), which states a violation of the section is a class I misdemeanor for first offense and Class IV felony for subsequent offenses. Further language is removed describing the exceptions of carrying weapons in the scope of employment, concealed handguns under the Concealed Handgun Permit act, or lawfully transporting a firearm.</p> <p>Section 9 is amended to provide that anyone other than a minor or prohibited persons can carry a concealed handgun with or without a permit under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act in Nebraska. (2) provides a prohibition that if a place or premise prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns, a person is not allowed to carry on that premise, but a person does not violate the statute if the owner does not post a visible notice. (3) prohibits carrying in any government building. (9) provides the affirmative defense of a defendant engaged in any lawful business or employment at the time of carrying a concealed handgun and the circumstances justify a prudent person for doing such, but if the defendant refuses to remove the weapon after being requested to by the owner of a premises, the defense is not available. (10) exempts law enforcement and retired law enforcement from violations of (2) and (3).</p> <p>Section 10 provides that a person not prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun shall not carry if the person is consuming alcohol or has alcohol in their system from previous consumption. (3) provides that person does not violate this section if lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case.</p> <p>Section 11 is added to require a person carrying a concealed handgun to carry identification and provide it when asked by law enforcement or emergency services. Section does not apply to law enforcement officers current or retired, persons lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case. Section 12 requires a concealed handgun carrier to immediately inform police or emergency services that they are carrying and states the same exceptions as Section 11. § 28-1351, involving unlawful membership and recruitment into an organization, is amended to incorporate sections 9,10,11,12 .</p> <p>Section 14 of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act is amended to change the language involving the concealment of handguns from “totally hidden” to “entirely obscured” and insert language stating that the handgun is not concealed if “seen or observed by another person” .</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Neutral</p>

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LB4	Sanders		Revenue 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties</p> <p>Introduced at the the request of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners. the bill amends § 77-3506 to include an honorably discharged veteran who is not considered a paraplegic under § 75-3526-3528 for a temporary service connected disability to be eligible for the homestead exemption. For this new section application for the exemption is due annually rather than every five years for a permanent disability. Furthermore, the sections allowing surviving spouses are amended to be subject to application every year. 77-3506 (3) A provision is inserted that if a veteran who is granted homestead under permanent disability dies during the 5 year period in which they are approved, the surviving spouse will continue to receive homestead benefits for that period. § 77-3512(e). § 77-3513 requires county assessor to mail notice of homestead exemption in the current year to those required to refile. § 77-3522 (1) inserts a requirement for “knowingly” assisting another in preparation of a false statement for homestead exemption. (2) inserts: failure to notify the county assessor of a change in statutes may result in the claim being disallowed and if the claim is allowed taxes are owed under exempt period. (3) County assessor may revoke if they believe exemption is improper.</p>
LB10	Blood		Revenue 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation for motor vehicles and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. For tax exemptions for motor vehicles and mobile homes, the definition of “Disabled veteran” is deleted and replaced with a provision declaring the term to be defined by the U.S. Code. The U.S. code has a broader definition than what was originally in the statute.</p>
LB2	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Create the Commission on Asian American Affairs</p> <p>Creates Commission on Asian American Affairs. Purpose of the commission is to join representatives of Asian Americans in Nebraska. The Commission is to determine solutions to enhance Asian American rights and develop solutions to problems common to Asian Americans through the development of programs in housing, education, welfare, medical and dental.</p>
LB82	DeBoer		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide reporting duties for Department of Correctional Services, require development of strategic plan, and eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a working group</p> <p>Relating to correctional punishment. § 83-4-114(4) is amended to remove the requirement that the Director of Correctional Services meet with the long term restrictive housing work group to share contents of the annual report on inmates held in restrictive housing. (h) inserts a requirement that the report contain a description of all inmate housing areas that hold inmates in a setting that is neither general population nor restrictive housing. (5) removes the long term restrictive housing work group altogether. § 83-918 (2) inserts a requirement that the department of corrections shall appear to present the report to the legislature upon request.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB334	McDonnell		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Adopt the Reentry Housing Network Act and provide a duty for the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole</p> <p>Relating to treatment and corrections. Sections (1) to (8) shall be known as the Reentry Housing Network Act. The Reentry Housing Network is established, with the purpose of encouraging development, coordination and standards for reentry housing. Network is able to establish minimum standards for reentry housing facilities, including health and safety, monitor compliance, and report to the legislature the status of reentry housing. An advisory committee and fund is created pursuant to the act.</p>

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LB557	Vargas		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement Relating to the treatment and corrections under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act. Definition of "solitary confinement" is eliminated and redefined in § 83-4-114 to mean a 22 hour period in which an individual is in a cell that deprives an inmate of visual and auditory contact with another person, has no natural light, no reading or entertainment material, no visitation, etc. The current definition for solitary confinement does not provide a time period. "Restrictive housing " is redefined to limit the time to not less than 10 hours per day from the previous requirement of not less than twenty four hours per week. § 83-173.03 is amended to insert (2) which provides that no inmate shall be held in restrictive housing for more than 15 consecutive days. A broader definition of "serious mental illness" is inserted in § 83-173.03 than the current definition found in § 44-792. The new definition inserts language providing that a person who is receiving beneficial treatment for their mental illness is still considered having a serious mental illness. This new definition relates to the requirement that the department is prohibited from placing members of a vulnerable population in restrictive housing, which includes those 18 years of age or younger diagnosed with a serious mental illness.
LB29	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage Relating to property taxes. § 77-1301 is amended to remove the provision that "destroyed" property shall be adjusted on tax assessment to "damaged" property. § 77-13-7 is amended to add a broader definition of events causing significant property damage to the legislative intent. § 77-1307 deletes the provision defining "calamity" and inserts a provision for "damaged" property, which is defined as real property that suffers significant damage. § 77-1725 is amended to exempt property which is determined as damaged under § 77-1307 from collection of delinquent taxes on unsafe buildings and structures which are determined by the city to be demolished.
LB154	DeBoer		Revenue 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds Relating to the treasurer's tax deeds and the notice required. Amends § 77-1835 to provide that when a purchaser is required to provide notice to an individual whose property is being sold due to unpaid taxes, after providing such notice the purchaser shall within five days send by US mail a copy of such the notice to the person of title and record. The purchaser must also file an affidavit with the county treasurer that a copy of the published notice was sent to the person of title and record.
LB644	McDonnell		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund Creates a subaccount in the Site and Building Development Act of eighty million from the Cash Reserve Fund for developing large commercial and industrial sites and infrastructure to attract major investment in advanced manufacturing, processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life science industries, etc. Entities eligible for this subaccount are Municipal Inland Port Authorities, nonprofit economic development organizations, or other nonprofits. Five million from the account may be used by the Dep. of Econ. Development to hire staff, fund travel, partner with political subdivisions or other nonprofits, enter into contacts, etc. Up to twenty five million from the sub account may be used to fund projects from eligible entities. Funds received from this sub account, when used to develop a mega site, are not required to provide matching or proof of the availability of twenty million dollars in private or other funds. The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on or after July 15, 2023.

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LB56	McKinney		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act</p> <p>Relating to public health. Introduces the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act. Section (4) requires any public place of accommodation with restrooms open to the public (which includes hotels, gas stations, movie theaters, auditoriums, retail establishments, etc) to have at least one baby diaper changing station that is available for use in the womens and mens restroom. The requirement does not apply if the building does not have a public restroom, or it is located within another place of public accommodation that meets the requirements of the act, installation is not feasible per local permitting or building inspector.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB57	Cavanaugh, M.		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act</p> <p>Relating to employment and the adoption of the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act. Section (3) provides that an individual may take paid family and medical leave to take care of a 1) new child of the covered individual for the first year after birth, adoption or placement though foster care 2) a family member of the covered individual who has a serious health condition 3) to care for a covered servicemember if the they are a family member, 4) for qualifying exigency leave or 4) because the individual has a serious health condition including pregnancy. Section (1) defines a covered individual who is employed by an employer that is subject to the employment security law or a self-employed individual who has elected coverage under the act. (8) defines family members as biological, adopted or foster children or parents, grandparents, or a covered individual's spouse. (15) defines "qualifying exigency" as 1) any of the purposes in 29 C.F.R. § 825.126 (b)(8)(i) through (iv), 2) and various issues that may arise from a military family member being notified of active duty (15)(a-l). (17) defines "serious health condition" an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or continuing treatment by a health care provider. Section (4) defines the rates of pay that the benefits cover. (7) states that a covered individual shall not receive assistance under this act and workers compensation or benefits under the Employment Security Law at the same time. Section (5) details the requirements for a covered individual who is applying for benefits. Section (7) allows an individual to obtain benefits on an intermittent basis if specific conditions are met (a-c). Section (8) details the entitlements once returning from leave, such as the restoration of covered employment in the same capacity as when leave commenced, employment benefits and pay. Section (10)(1) allows for an individual to take leave under the act concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. (3) states that leave benefits provided by employers are not prohibited due to the act and are not considered when calculating leave. (4) provides that the act does not diminish an employer's under a collective bargaining agreement or employer's policy. Section (17) allows an employer to satisfy the requirements of the fact through employer provided benefits by filing a plan with the Commissioner of Labor for approval. If approved, the covered individual retains all rights pursuant to the act such as the ability to report violations and appeal to the commissioner. Section (19) states that benefits under the act are not considered compensation under any retirement plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraskal Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>

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LB161	McDonnell		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	Change provisions of the Workplace Privacy Act Relating to the Workplace Privacy Act, to refine a term and prohibit employers from taking certain actions. § 48-2502 is amended to add to the definition of "Employer" a subcontractor and customer of such an employer. § 48-3503 adds provisions stating that no employer shall require an electronic communication device to be worked by an employee to track location or travel patterns or to confirm contacts with other employees unless the Governor proclaims a state of emergency for a pandemic.
LB469	Kauth		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change composition of the state protective service bargaining unit Relating to state personnel. § 81-1373 is amended to provide that probation and parole officers are now included in a bargaining unit for organized collective bargaining.
LB377	Lowe		General Affairs 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change provisions relating to special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act Relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. § 53-124.11 is amended to provide that a non-profit organization of which is fraternal, charitable or public service and is exempt from federal income taxes may be issued a special designated license for an event for up to 12 days in one calendar year (6 days is the standard for other licensee's).
LB3	Sanders		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to Taxes Levied on Bonds § 10-110, 10-402, 10-403, 10-405, 10-507, 10-711, 10-804, § 13509 (4). This bill changes when a tax can be levied for the payment of interest on county and city bonds and provides a deadline for notifying the county assessor of approved bonds in order to correct valuation of property. The time frame for when taxes can be levied for bonds is changed from when the bond becomes due to when bonds are issued or authorized for issue. A provision is added that provides deadlines for the county assessor in assessing property valuations in a political subdivision that has approved a bond since the last time property values were assessed. If the county assessor receives a full legal description of the property subject to the bond before July 1 or August 1 for cities or metropolitan areas, then the bond is included in the valuation for the current year. If this deadline is missed, then the bond is included in the valuation for the next year.
LB515	Walz		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act
LB709	Wishart		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program

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LB374	Murman		Education 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act To adopt the Parent Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act. Section (3) provides that every parent of a child in the state shall have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education and care of their child by having the right to: 1) direct the education and care and 2) direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of the child, 3) the right to know and access materials being taught in schools, 4) the right to expect the child is not being taught or forced to adopt racist ideologies, etc. School districts are required to adopt plans that would provide mechanisms to implement these rights, such as having the opportunity to object and challenge the educational benefit of educational material, developing an internet based transparency portal to provide material being taught, the ability to review library books, etc. Section (9) provides that a school shall not administer an attitude or belief examination without parent involvement.
LB465	Moser		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards
LB98	Jacobson		Urban Affairs 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to substandard and blighted declarations and expedited reviews of redevelopment plans Relating 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.
LB313	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies in the United States Senate and House of Representatives Relating to elections, to change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies. § 32-654 is amended to provide that if a vacancy in the legislature occurs, the Governor is to order a special election within not less than 75 days and not more than 90 days after the vacancy occurs. Such an election is to be held on a tuesday. The certificate and filing fee for the candidate for special election must be submitted within 67 days rather than the current standard of 65.
LB535	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents

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LB50	Geist		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change criminal justice provisions including set-asides, restitution, and parole; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support</p>
LB163	McKinney		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Provide for various reforms to jails and prisons, provide certain protections for prisoners, prohibit construction or expansion of prisons and jails as prescribed, and provide for oversight of the Department of Correctional Services during an overcrowding emergency by the Judiciary Committee</p> <p>This bill will require capping the cost of commissary goods at 10% for state and county jails, prisons, and detention centers/institutions, raise the pay for incarcerated individuals in state facilities to the state minimum wage in NDCS, Cornhusker state industries, and any other authorized employer. This bill will also allocate five million dollars into the inmate welfare cash fund from cash reserves, it will place another five million into the reentry cash fund from cash reserves expanding them to all facilities This bill places a ban on jail and prison expansions by prohibiting the state or any public agency from building new facilities, studying or identifying sites for new facilities, or expanding or converting portions of an existing facility to expand detention capacity until admissions and the length of stays decline over a twenty year period. This determination will be subject to review by the legislature. This bill will reduce the cost of calls by requiring that contracts be negotiated on the basis of the lowest possible cost to consumers and prohibit the state from receiving any portion of the revenue in state prisons and local jails. This bill will ban the copying of legal mail and mail from public officials, and allow state officials to utilize phones in NDCS facilities including Senators, Inspector General, and Ombudsman.</p>
LB352	Wayne		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>

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LB368	Conrad		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Create a grant program to expand and enhance criminal justice programs in a county with a city of the primary class Relating to criminal justice. Creates the county criminal justice enhancement grant, with the purpose of providing grants to counties to improve and expand correctional services such as cognitive behavioral programs, peer support recovery, residential housing, etc.
LB769	Holdcroft		Natural Resources 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system Introduced at the request of the Sarpy County Sewer Agency.
LB147	Kauth		Revenue 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	Change procedures for property tax refunds Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to property tax refunds. § 77-1736 is amended to allow the county assessor to waive the requirement to notify a political subdivision whose share of a refund is less than one thousand dollars by notifying the county treasurer in writing.
LB390	Clements		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act Relating to elections. § 32-808 is amended to provide that ballots for early voting to be mailed shall be mailed by non forwardable first-class mail to registered voters not more than thirty days prior to elections (current statute does not account for non forwardable mail and has a longer mailing deadline of 30 days). Allows for an appointed agent for a voter who is registered to vote early to return a voted ballot to the election commissioner or county clerk on behalf. An agent must be a member of the voters family and cannot act for more than two registered voters.
LB514	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to elections
LB723	Bostelman		Natural Resources 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act
LB552	Cavanaugh, J.		Executive Board 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support
LB337	Riepe		Health and Human Services 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. § 38-2136 is amended to allow for disclosures of information by mental health professionals that is permitted under federal law. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB218	Ibach		Agriculture 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream Relating to the Noxious Weed Act, increases the amount of appropriations funded for the management of vegetation with the banks or flood plain of a natural system to 6 million (from 3 million) annually starting starting in 2023-2024.

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LB155	DeBoer		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	Change provisions regarding the applicability of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act Relating to certain activities of a communications service provider. Amends § 86-1241 to exempt subsection (2) from the activities of communications providers that are outside the scope of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Subsection (2) prohibits the an authority from imposing a tax or regulation on communications service providers legally authorized use of a right-of-way for communication facilities.
					National Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB683			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties National Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor