

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 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; and Roma Amundson

Commissioners Absent: 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 March 15, 2023. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on March 13, 2023.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2023**

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the minutes. Flowerday, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

**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) did not get a priority designation.

LB287 (Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act) is scheduled for a hearing next Friday. Kohout recommended the Board oppose the bill and send a testifier.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to oppose LB287. Amundson, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Amundson will testify on LB287.

Kohout will monitor LB332 (Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education). The hearing will be Friday, March 21.

Miller said he included the Board's opposition to LB322 (Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax) at the hearing. He noted he did receive a question regarding the history of the founding of the Lancaster Event Center (LEC).

Yoakum will testify at the LR23CA (Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax) hearing today.

LB683 (Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties) was prioritized and may serve as a vehicle for other broadband related legislation.

Kohout stated he received a request from Rachel Garver, County Treasurer, for the Board to support her testimony on LB577 (Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property). She is opposed to Sections 1-4 of the bill and supportive of Section 5.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to support Garver's testimony on LB577. Flowerday, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller reported there were many proponents and no opponents to LB506 (State intent to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy).

Kohout recommended the Board support LB381 (Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes) and send a testifier to the hearing. He noted the hearing will be an opportunity to highlight the available options for mental health and substance abuse issues. He also felt Yoakum would be the appropriate individual to provide testimony.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to support LB381. Amundson, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Kohout noted that LB570 (Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act) was prioritized.

Amundson will testify at today's hearing on LB612 (Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services).

LB540 (Change provisions relating to public lettings), LB415 (State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services), LB481 (Adopt the Housing Incentive District Act), and LB369 (Change property tax provisions relating to net book value) have all been set for hearings next week.

Kohout discussed the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) budget hearing relating to Program 038. He recommended the Board oppose the DHHS budget and testify at the hearing about the potential financial impact and how Lancaster County depends on the programs. He said there is \$35,000,000 in the budget for the programs; however, a significant amount of those funds have already been encumbered, and if funds were to be reappropriated, various County programs could be impacted.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to authorize a testifier at the DHHS budget hearing to discuss opposition to a potential decrease in funding impact. Flowerday, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Yoakum will testify at the DHHS budget hearing.

Kohout recommended the Board support LB736 (State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services) via letter.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded to support LB736 via a letter. Amundson, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Kohout distributed an amendment to LB709 (Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program) (Exhibit 2), an amendment to LB769 (Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system) (Exhibit 3), a listing of the County's priorities (Exhibit 4), a comprehensive listing of bills (Exhibit 5) and a hearing schedule (Exhibit 6).

**3. QUARTERLY JUVENILE PROBATION UPDATE** – Beverly Hoagland, Chief Probation Officer, District #3J Probation Office

Hoagland stated there is a summarization of the department's work with the Robert F Kennedy Institute attached to the agenda (see agenda packet). The department has had other entities from around the country ask for probation reform advice.

Hoagland reviewed the annual summary, outlining the five priority areas including adolescent brain development, probation order reform, detention utilization, case closure, risk reduction and recidivism, and family engagement (see agenda packet). She noted the JCBI are high-risk youth and JCBR the lower-risk youth. The department has a goal ration of 4/1 incentives to sanctions ratio. The youth work on skills and success plans as well as Aggression Replacement Training (ART) and other behavior therapies.

Hoagland said there are no national standards for the number of probation revocation orders. Their department tries to have as few probation conditions as possible. They use case-mapping to assist in planning probation cases. Additionally, information for youth probation uses language that the youth and families can understand.

Hoagland discussed the trends in warrants and overrides noting the usage of risk assessment tools. Every report that goes to court is reviewed to make sure the recommended services are aligning with the youth's needs. Family and youth discussion opportunities for the recommended services are also offered. An incentive of early release from probation is offered for cases that meet certain criteria.

Surveys are offered to youth and families throughout the probation process for their feedback.

**4. QUARTERLY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER UPDATE** – Steven Wesley, Director, Youth Services Center

Greg Harre and Melissa Hood, Youth Services Center Administrators, and Chad Chapman, Juvenile Detention Supervisor, were present for the discussion.

Hood said revenues are above the projected amount (see agenda packet). The YSC has been serving more youth, both locally as well as for nine other counties and the State. She anticipated collecting between \$300,000 to \$400,000 more than projected by the end of the fiscal year. Expenses are also more than anticipated, though no additional appropriations will be needed.

Flowerday asked about the per diem rates for contracted housing. Hood said the actual per diem is between \$682 and \$684 per day. The contracted per diem rate with the State is \$287 per day and \$300 per day with contracted counties. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Director, reminded the Board the contracted per diem rates do not include depreciation or indirect costs.

Yoakum asked when the State contract expires. Derbin answered the current contract expires in 2025; however, there is a 60-day termination clause that the Board could choose to use.

Flowerday said he felt the rates need to be renegotiated. Hood stated their department can send letters with copies of the contracts stating the intent to review the per diem rate.

Meyer inquired which youths outside of Lancaster County are priorities. Hood said the State youths take priority as the County is required to accept youth on probation. The State is the largest user of the YSC.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to direct YSC staff to examine State Probation, DHHS, and contract county per diem rates and return to the Board with a recommended per diem rate. Flowerday, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

Wesley reviewed recent YSC accomplishments including a new room confinement policy, an anti-bullying policy and passing the Nebraska Jail Standards inspection and audit.

Wesley discussed the resident population (see agenda packet). He said the average number of days in the YSC is 62 days which is higher than previous reports. He felt some of the increase could be caused by placement issues. The population continues to have a disproportionate number of youths of color. He noted youth are requiring more services, including mental health services. Youth on the mental health roster are increasing and are involved in more assaults.

Harre gave an overview on transports, noting there were 470 total transports in the last quarter averaging two hours per event. This equates to an average of 56 hours per week of transports. Staff is pulled from the floor when necessary to assist with transport issues. On-call staff are also required to help with transports.

Chad Chapman, YSC Program Coordinator, reviewed programs including book club, exercise group, guitar class, Back On Track with the Malone Center, Girl Scouts and Campus Life. The YSC is looking at new art programs and a new theatre program.

**5. BRIEFING ON TEXT AMENDMENT TX23003 (TO AMEND ARTICLES 2-DEFINITIONS, 6-"R" DISTRICT, 13-SPECIAL PERMITS, AND 17-ADDITIONAL HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS) – David Cary, Director, Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, and Tom Cajka, County Planner, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning**

Henrichsen reviewed the County Text Amendment 23003 amendments (see agenda packet). There are proposed conditions for campgrounds including a minimum of 40 campsites with water supply and sewage disposal facilities. Mobile home courts will be eliminated as an allowed use. Additionally,

academies and private school requirements will match what is allowed in State law, and amateur radio and satellite dishes have a proposed height limit.

Henrichsen said garden centers, off-premises signs, and salvage yards currently do not have special permit regulations around them. These items are the next focus areas.

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION, LEGAL ADVICE, AND UNION NEGOTIATIONS)**

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. for the purposes of pending and potential litigation, receiving legal advice, union negotiations, and to protect the public interest.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter Executive Session.

**ROLL CALL:** Amundson, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

The Chair restated the purpose for the Board entering Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. Flowerday, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

## **7. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE**

No updates were given.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Letter(s) of Support for Community Project Funding**

Derbin stated the Engineering Department is working with Congressman Flood's office to secure funding for a project on Fletcher Avenue between North 84<sup>th</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> Streets. A letter thanking Congressman Flood for his support of the application has been prepared for the Board. Pam Dingman, County Engineer, is also gathering other letters of support to be included with the application.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Flowerday seconded to support the letter of support. Amundson, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.

## **9. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### **A. Strategic Plan Reporting Leads**

Bauer said the following reporting measure was not clear to the project team: "Engage an independent third-party consultant to provide findings and recommendations on the criminal justice

system by end of 2025, including developing a common definition of recidivism." She recommended that Justice Council be used as the reporting lead.

Another reporting measure that was not clear was "Complete the 20-year infrastructure needs assessment by the end of 2024." She recommended a task force be formed similar to the transportation study conducted in 2018. Flowerday noted the infrastructure needs cover various needs beyond roads and bridges, including broadband, electrical, climate resiliency planning, and Natural Resource Districts, among others.

It was the consensus of the Board for Bauer to move forward.

**B. April 6, 2023, Staff Meeting**

The staff meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> will begin at 9:30 a.m. to accommodate the Chamber Congressional Breakfast.

**C. 2023 NACo Annual Conference: July 21 through 24, 2023**

Yoakum and Flowerday were interested in attending the National Association of County Officials (NACo) conference.

**10. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

**A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Schulte**

No report given.

**B. Community Corrections Interviews – All**

No report given.

**C. Realtors Association Government Affairs Committee – Amundson/Yoakum**

Amundson and Yoakum stated they did not attend the meeting.

**D. JDAI – Amundson/Schulte**

Amundson said she did not attend the meeting.

**E. Region V Services Committee Meeting – Yoakum**

Yoakum reported there was an overview of Region V Services. Additionally, there were discussions on a new paygrade structure and legislation.

**F. Region V Systems Governing Board Meeting – Yoakum**

Yoakum stated there were collaborative projects with the County and opioid overdose videos were reviewed.

**G. YCRC – Amundson/Schulte**

Amundson reported the numbers of youths being referred for services is increasing, including suicide intervention and truancy cases. There is also an increased number of youths in Diversion. There were updates on the My Companion app and the Family Resource Center.

**H. Director of Community Correction Candidate Discussion – All**

No report given.

**I. Public Building Commission – Amundson/Flowerday**

Amundson said there were discussions on panic button upgrades and a water leak in the pipes along K Street. Contracts were also approved.

**J. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health – Flowerday**

Flowerday stated he did not attend the meeting.

**K. Other meetings attended since last staff meeting**

Derbin said an interlocal agreement regarding the Family Resource Center is in progress.

**11. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

Informational only.

**12. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Flowerday, Amundson and Yoakum voted yes. Schulte and Vest were absent. Motion carried 3-0.



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**LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: March 16, 2023

RE: Weekly Report

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

This week, the Legislature continued their “normal” schedule for this time of year with morning debate and hearings in the afternoon. On Monday, the Legislature advanced LB376 – the liquor omnibus bill – after three days of debate. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Legislature debated LB775 the gaming omnibus bill.

**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. The hearing on this bill went well with testifiers including Commissioner Yoakum, Engineer Dingman, representatives from the cities of Lincoln, Waverly, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and LIBA. There was some concern expressed by committee members about the bill being unconstitutional due to its specificity on the project and a prohibition on funding roads projects, specifically, in legislation.

Senator Ballard did ultimately choose not to prioritize LB721, but rather prioritized LB732 – Senator Bostar’s bill to amend the turnback mechanisms for the Lincoln Convention Center. We continue to work with him to develop a pathway forward to keep the issue moving forward.

*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. The bill remains held in Committee.

**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. The hearing on this bill occurred on March 7, 2023 before the Transportation & Telecommunications Committee. NACO, Sarpy County Engineer Dennis Wilson, and Agriculture groups testified in support. Engineer Dingman also testified in support, and fielded questions from the committee about why more bridges were rated poorly in eastern counties and why this extension wasn't a priority for the Department of Transportation. There were no opponents, but Vicki Kramer, director of the DOT, testified in a neutral capacity. The bill remains held in committee.

*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. The hearing was held Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Vest testified in support along with County Engineer Dingman. The bill remains held in Committee.

*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. The hearing was held Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Vest testified in support on behalf of the county. NACO also supported the bill, while the Department of Health and Human Services opposed the bill through Chief Operating Officer Larry Kahl. The bill remains held in Committee.

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. **The hearing on this bill has been scheduled for March 24, 2023.**

**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. **The hearing on this bill has been scheduled for March 21, 2023.**

**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 and was heard before the committee on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Proponents included Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom, Americans for Prosperity, and the Lincoln Independent Business Association. Opponents included NACO, Nebraska school associations, the City of Lincoln who included opposition from Lancaster County, and the League of Municipalities.

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. On February 10, 2023, Senator Dorn filed an amendment to the constitutional amendment that I attached to a previous report. The hearing on this bill has been set for Thursday, March 16, 2023.

**LR6CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes.** Amends VIII-14 to include a provision that no governmental entity in the State of Nebraska may impose taxes other than retail consumption taxes or excise taxes. The hearing was held on Friday, March 3, 2023 jointly with LR7CA and LB79.

**LR7CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items.** Amends VIII-15 to add provision requiring the State of Nebraska to impose a retail consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services. Also authorizes the legislature to vest authority in political subdivisions to impose consumption or excise taxes. No exemption for taxes are allowed except for grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption. The hearing was held on Friday, March 3, 2023 jointly with LR6CA and LB79.

**LB79 (Erdman) Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act.** Relation to the adoption of the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act. Section 3 repeals the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and any tax collected based on that bill can no longer be collected after 2025. Section 3

repeals the Local Option Revenue Act, Qualified Judgement Payment Act, and sections § 13-319 and 13-2813 and any sales or use taxes imposed pursuant to those provisions can no longer be imposed on purchases of goods and services beginning on January 1 2026. Section 4 repeals the property tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 77 and no property taxes are imposed on real or personal property beginning on January 1, 2026. Section 5 repeals the inheritance tax imposed by § 77-2001 to 77-2040 and no inheritance taxes shall be imposed on a deceased person's estate beginning on January 1 2026. Section 6 establishes the Nebraska Taxpayers Bill of Rights. (1-5) establish the state will never impose taxes on income, property already owned or inheritance but consumption tax will remain. (1-6) establish the state will never impose 1) more than one tax on any new goods or service 2) a tax groceries purchased for off-premise consumption and 3) impose a tax on services or materials used to manufacture products for the sale to the general public. Section 7 provides in 2026 a consumption tax will be collected on taxable property or service at a rate of sex and one-half percent. (10) provides that generally a registered seller is responsible for the collection of consumption taxes. (7) the Tax Commissioner may designate tax collectors. (9-11) property purchased outside the state for use in the state, wages or salaries paid by an employer for a taxable service, and business property purchased outside the state but converted in the state shall remit the consumption tax (10). (e) Land is not subject to consumption tax. Section 8 provides that no consumption tax shall be imposed on any property or service that is subject to an excise tax. (2)(a-c) no consumption tax on property or services for business, investment or educational purposes. (7)(a) engaging in business, included farming and ranching can be exempt from consumption tax. Section 9 deals with the designation of taxable property and services. Section 10 provides that on the 15th of each month, a registered seller must submit taxes to the Tax Commissioner. (c) requires a large seller to remit consumption taxes every week, along with providing a large security amount based on the past 6 months to be used as a bond. Section 13 deals with penalty provisions. Section (23) provides any person selling one or more chances is a gaming sponsor and is required to register under the act. Section (24) makes federal property taxable. Section (38) allows cities, counties and villages to impose separate consumption taxes within city limits. Creates various funds for government spending, such as Sections 53-4- providing funds for public schools. The hearing was held on Friday, March 3, 2023 jointly with LR6CA and LR7CA. Those appearing in support included ... Those appearing in opposition included the Chambers of Commerce, NE New Car & Truck Dealers Association, NACO, Nebraska Realtors® Association, NE Broadcasters Association, Grocers & Nebraska Beverage Association, NE Bankers, NFIB, NIF, NE Society of CPAs, Open Sky. NE Retail Federation, League of Municipalities, Nebraska Economic Development Association, NHA, NMA & Nebraska Dental Association.

## **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 was heard on February 1, 2023 at 130pm.

Both Kim Etherton and Brad Johnson provided testimony following the introduction of the bill by Senator Conrad. Questions largely focused on if the resources contained within the bill would be substantial enough to properly implement the multiple provisions of the legislation. Other proponents included the ACLU of Nebraska, the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Nebraska, and RISE. There were three letters of support electronically submitted, and we are working to obtain those. There were no opponents or neutral testimony. The bill remains held in committee.

**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. The hearing on this bill occurred on Monday, February 13, 2023. The bill remains held in committee.

**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 was heard on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Proponents included testimony by Commissioner Amundson, Jeff Maul of Visit Lincoln, Dan Marvin, Bud Synhorst of LIBA, and Phil Erdman of the Nebraska/Iowa Equipment Dealers, among others. Questions largely focused the economic impact of the project, as well as the financing. Chair Slama inquired why the project was requesting state funding, as well as how long the area would

be competing with across the region. Senator Kauth inquired how long the project would need to be up and running. The bill has been prioritized by Senator Wishart and was advanced by the Banking Commerce and Insurance Committee with AM767 attached.

**LB515 (Walz) Adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act.** Relating to economic development, adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act. Defines terms. Designates that grants are to be used for economic development and related activities. Appropriates \$15 million to the department for the fiscal year 2023-2024 to carry out the initiative. The hearing on this bill was held on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The bill remains held in committee.

### **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 was heard on February 1, 2023 at 130pm.

Proponents included the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, RISE, the ACLU of Nebraska, the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys, and Heartland Family Services. Proponents did advocate for measures contained within LB50 to be included in larger criminal justice reform packages that may be developed this legislative session, highlighting the progress it would bring to problem solving courts. There were no opponents and no neutral testimony. The bill has been designated as one of the Judiciary Committee's two priority bills.

**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 and the hearing was held on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bill was supported by Douglas County Sheriff Aaron Hansen, along with parents and family members of individuals that were killed by individuals that were on pretrial release at the time of the crime. Opponents included the Nebraska Supreme Court, arguing to keep current pretrial release programs, and the Commissioner Borgeson and County Corrections Director Michael Myers of Douglas County who both stated that the bill is not needed with current county practices. The ACLU and RISE were also in opposition to the bill. The bill remains held in committee.

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 and was heard on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bill remains held in committee.

**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 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 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 and a hearing was held on this bill on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The bill remains held in committee.

**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 was heard on February 1<sup>st</sup>. At the request of Senator McKinney the testimony on LB163 was combined with his LB432. As such many testifiers appeared regarding the numerous provisions contained within LB432, however NACO appeared specifically in opposition to the contents of LB163 that would cap fees on commissary items and phone calls within county correctional facilities. The bill remains held in committee.

**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. This bill was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and was heard on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The bill was advanced to General File without an amendment. Senator McDonnell has filed 14 amendments to the bill.

**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. As noted above, the hearing on this bill took place last Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Vest testified in support of the bill on behalf of Lancaster County. NACO also supported the bill, while the Department of Health and Human Services opposed the bill through Chief Operating Officer Larry Kahl. The bill remains held in committee.

**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. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee, and was heard on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Testifiers in support included a couple from Omaha whose son is living on the streets and addicted to drugs, the Douglas County Sheriff, a representative of the Omaha Police Officers Association. There was no opposition to the bill with neutral testimony from Voices for Children. The bill remains held in committee.

**Sarah Hoyle – LB507 (Conrad) Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, and compulsory education.** Increases funding for community-based Juvenile Services Aid. Changes mention of “truancy” to “excessive absenteeism”. Changes provisions related to funding and compulsory education; to transfer a duty; to clarify provisions; to add authority for rules and regulations to the State Board of Education. Appropriates \$8 million for each fiscal year to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Fingerprints of a juvenile will not be taken without a court order. The county attorney will work with the school to refer the juvenile and his or her family to community-based resources to address the juvenile’s behaviors and needs. Causing a juvenile to be excessively absent is a Class III misdemeanor. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee, and heard on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Those testifying in support included Lancaster County, Voices for Children, ACLU Nebraska, the Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, and others. Those in opposition included the County Attorneys Association, the Omaha Police Officers Association. The bill remains held in committee.

**Sarah Hoyle – LB687 (M. Cavanaugh) Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System.** Relating to juveniles; to create and provide duties for the Nebraska Integrate Juvenile Data Governing Body; to create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System; to set a date the system shall begin on July, 1 2025; and to provide for reports. The hearing on this bill occurred on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The only testifier in support was Voices for Children. The bill remains held in committee.

**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. The bill has been referred to the Agriculture Committee and was heard on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. A letter was submitted to the Committee. This bill has been advanced to General File

**Pam Dingman – LB540 (Vargas) Change provisions relating to public lettings.** Requires bidder to submit proof of workers’ compensation insurance

from all contractors and subcontractors for all contract bids over \$500,000. **The hearing has been scheduled for March 24, 2023.**

**Abby Eccher – LB155 (DeBoer) 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 an authority from imposing a tax or regulation on communications service providers legally authorized use of a right-of-way for communication facilities. The bill was heard before the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Senator DeBoer testified that this is a cleanup bill on the original intent of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. The bill was brought by the City of Omaha who detected a language issue when Google Fiber sought to pay the city of use of the right of way, however, was unable to do so under current language. The League of Municipalities also testified in support to the original intent of the language. There were no opponents to the bill.

**Abby Eccher – LB683 (Transportation and Telecommunications) Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties.** Introduced at the request of the Governor, the bill creates the Nebraska Broadband Office under the Department of Transportation and moves it away from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bill requires that there be active engagement with a multitude of organizations including schools, regional economic development organizations, public power districts, business and industry, health care institutions, etc. The bill was heard before the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Vicki Kramer, the recently appointed Director of the Department of Transportation, testified in support of the bill, saying her department is qualified to oversee broadband expansion amid the influx of federal funds. AARP, the League of Municipalities, the Nebraska Farm Bureau, and other agriculture associations supported the bill. There were no opponents, but Dan Watermeier, on behalf of the Public Service Commission, testified in a neutral capacity that the PSC is currently working to meet deadlines for federal funds and just recently brought on an outreach coordinator, but understands that this may need to be a cabinet level position. Allo Communications, the Nebraska Telecommunications Association, and Consolidated Companies also testified in neutral, with concerns about how long the transition may take between PSC and NDOT, especially with important deadlines for federal funds imminent, and the impact this transition may have on broadband providers. This bill has been designated as one of the two Transportation and Telecommunications Committee priority bills.

**Sheriff's Office – LB447 (Bostar) Provide an income tax deduction for retired firefighters for health insurance premiums, rename and change provisions of the Law Enforcement Education Act to include tuition waivers for professional firefighters and dependents, and**

**provide powers and duties for the Department of Revenue.** Relating to first responders. Amends § 85-2601 to 85-2604 to be known as the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act. § 85-2602 adds a definition of firefighters to be covered in the act. Allows for a currently serving law enforcement officer to apply to have their tuition waived by filing with the Department of Revenue. Section (2) provides that a legal dependent of a law enforcement officer may have a legal dependents college education covered if they maintain satisfactory performance. Section (5) is inserted allowing the same tuition coverage for firefighters as law enforcement officers, including the tuition reimbursement for a legal dependent. Each legal dependent receiving a tuition waiver must file an agreement with the state detailed in Section (7). The bill was heard before the Revenue Committee on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and was widely supported by law enforcement, firefighters, and the League of Municipalities. Support of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners was highlighted during the testimony given by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. There were no opponents and no neutral testimony. The bill was prioritized by Senator Geist and advanced to General File by the Revenue Committee.

**Assessor's Office – LB820 (Albrecht) Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act.** LB820 declares that sales of agricultural and horticultural land are influenced by uses other than agricultural or horticultural purposes and cause the price paid for agricultural land and horticultural land to exceed the value such land has for agricultural or horticultural purposes. Agricultural and horticultural land will be assessed based on its capacity to produce income, called agricultural use value. The Nebraska Constitution, (Article VIII, Section 1, subsections (4) and (5)), authorizes this method of assessment. Procedurally, LB 820 establishes an Agricultural Land Valuation Committee to establish agricultural land values by Land Capability Groups (LCG) for agricultural land throughout the state. Land values are established utilizing a production approach to value. Gross income will be computed using an eight-year average yield data, with the highest and lowest values removed. Gross income is reduced to net income by utilizing expense ratios. The net income is then capitalized to determine assessed value. The capitalization rate is also determined by the committee and is calculated to valuations within 69-75% of market value ensuring assessed values are uniformly and proportionately assessed within the class of Agricultural Land. LB 820 keeps the county assessor responsible for classifying land. County assessors currently inventory agricultural land on a productivity index making the implementation of this bill simple at the county level. County Assessors have representation on the Agricultural Land Valuation Committee created in this bill and have the option to petition the Tax Commissioner for alternative values they determine are not uniform and proportionate.

In addition to the fairness in assessment resulting from this method, LB 820 also contains limitations to assure the resulting values for all agricultural and horticultural land statewide cannot be above the current market-based standard of 75% of value and cannot increase more than 3.5% over the prior year. LB 820

would be operative for 2024, providing sufficient time for county assessors and the Department of Revenue to implement. The hearing on this bill occurred on Friday, February 3, 2023 before the Revenue Committee. The bill did face some significant opposition at the hearing as well as concerns from agriculture groups that the bill may have an adverse effect. The bill remains held in committee.

**Commissioners - LB433 (Jacobson) 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 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.

Testimony in support included the Administrators of Regions 2, 5, and 6, a member of the Region 2 Governing Board, and NABHO. DHHS opposed the bill and irritated Senator Jacobson. The bill remains held in committee.

**Treasurer Garver – LB370 (Linehan) 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 taxpayer of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act Credit when providing notice of taxes or special assessments. The hearing on this bill occurred on February 16, 2023.

**Treasurer Garver – LB577 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property.** Requires Treasurers to provide multiple notices to delinquent property taxpayers before and after-tax sales. Limits value of property eligible for treasurers' deeds. Treasurer Garver opposes section 1-4 of the bill but supports section 5. **The hearing on this bill has been set for March 23, 2023.**

**Treasurer Garver – LB97 (Clements) 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. The hearing on this bill occurred on February 22, 2023 before the Revenue Committee. Those testifying in support included the Nebraska State Bar Association, Platte Institute & Nebraska Federation of Independent Business. The bill has been advanced to General File with AM504.

**Commissioners – LB394 (Erdman) Change provisions relating to the determination of damages as a result of eminent domain.** Relating to eminent domain. Provides new compensation criteria to persons whose 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. Engineer Dingman testified on behalf of the Lancaster County. Others in opposition included the League of Municipalities, NACO, the Nebraska Power Association, the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

**Commissioners - LB187 (J. Cavanaugh) 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 of 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.

Those who testified in support included Neighborworks Lincoln, Legal Aid of Nebraska, Nebraska Appleseed, Housing Justice at UNL Law School, ACLU of Nebraska. It was opposed by several landlords and several organizations. The bill remains held in committee.

**LB506 (Bostar) State intent to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy.** Relating to appropriations, to state intent to appropriate \$200,000,000 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the fiscal year 2023-24. On or before September 30, 2023, the Department of Natural Resources shall award the grant to a city of the primary class for eligible expenses. \$20,000,000 will be appropriated to the Department of Environment and Energy from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The Department of Environment and Energy to small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems. Grant recipients shall only spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The bill was heard on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Proponents included the City of Lincoln, the Lincoln Chamber, the LPSNRD, the city of Waverley, and the League of Municipalities. There was no opposition to the bill. Neutral testimony was provided by the Nebraska Farm Bureau.



## 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. This bill was referred to the Revenue Committee and the hearing was held on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The bill remains held in committee.

**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. Those who testified in support included Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, NACO, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. There was no opposition at the hearing. The bill has been placed on General File.

**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. The hearing on this bill has been scheduled for March 24, 2023.

**LB551 (J. Cavanaugh) State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services.** Appropriates \$10 million for grants for long-term care facilities in counties with a city of the metropolitan class. The hearing on this bill was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**LB570 (Vargas) Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act.** This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses. The hearing on this bill was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Senator Vargas has declared this bill to be his priority this session. The bill remains held in committee.

**LB612 (McDonnell) Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services.** Appropriates \$4 million to reimburse counties for the lease of office space to the Department of Health and Human Services and Probation. The hearing on this bill has been scheduled for March 16, 2023.

## 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 2024 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service. The hearing on this bill took place on February 24th. Proponent testimony included NACO, Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the League of Municipalities, the Hall County Board of Commissioners, and Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom, numerous school associations, and the Nebraska Farmers Union. There was no opposition testimony. The resolution was advanced by the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with AM591.

**LB4 (Sanders) Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties.** Introduced at 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 was heard on Thursday, January 26, 2023. The bill has been advanced to General File with AM284.

**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. The hearing on this bill occurred on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. The committee seemed reluctant to authorize an expenditure for this purpose.

This bill was advanced by the Natural Resources Committee with an amendment that reduces the amount from \$60 Million to \$15 Million. That amendment is attached with this report.

## 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 occurred on January 31, 2023. The bill has been advanced to Select File.

**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 was held on February 1, 2023. The bill has been advanced to General File and was debated last week. However, the bill came under a filibuster and the body proceeded on without taking a vote on the measure. It is unknown if the bill will return for consideration this session.

**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). The hearing on this bill occurred on February 14, 2023.

**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 county 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. The bill has been advanced to Select File.

**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. The hearing on this bill occurred on March 9, 2023. The bill remains held in committee.

**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. The hearing on this bill occurred on March 7, 2023 before the Transportation & Telecommunications Committee. NACO, Sarpy County Engineer Dennis Wilson, and Agriculture groups testified in support. Engineer Dingman also testified in support, and fielded questions from the committee about why more bridges were rated poorly in eastern counties and why this extension wasn't a priority for the Department of Transportation. There were no opponents, but Vicki Kramer, director of the DOT, testified in a neutral capacity.

**LB483 (Raybould) Redefine qualifying mutual financial institution for purposes of regulation of public funds deposit security.** Allows the deposit of public funds into credit unions. The hearing on this bill occurred on March 7, 2023. The bill remains held in committee.

**LB28 (Erdman) 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. The bill was advanced to General File and NACO is asking for our assistance in opposing the bill.

The amendment to the bill, AM351 requires that if the decision of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission returns an amount that is higher than the amount reverted to, the property owner must pay the taxes on the additional amount with accrued interest from the date it was reverted, at an interest rate of that set in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-103 plus three percent. The bill has been advanced to General File.

On February 23, 2023, Senator Erdman filed AM435 which we are advised by NACO is the fruit of compromise with Senator Erdman. We will continue to follow this issue.

## **HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT WEEK**

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**  
***Appropriations Committee***

**LB411 (Dungan) 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.

**LB511 (Brewer) Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services.** Appropriates \$26 million for mobile radios to provide interoperable communications between state agencies and local volunteer fire departments and emergency squads.

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support

**LB612 (McDonnell) Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services.** Appropriates \$4 million to reimburse counties for the lease of office space to the Department of Health and Human Services and Probation.

Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.  
Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support

***Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee***

**LB365 (Hunt) Permit counties to conduct elections by mail.** 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).

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
***Appropriations***

**LB415 (Dorn) 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.

***Education***

**LB332 (Linehan) 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.

***Urban Affairs***

**LB481 (Raybould) Adopt the Housing Incentive District Act.** Allows counties and cities to create housing incentive districts similar to TIF.

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

## *Appropriations*

**DHHS Budget – Behavioral Health.** The Program 038 Budget for the behavioral health regions will be up before the Appropriations Committee. Region 5 will be testifying to ask for dollars to be retained in the program to prevent programs from having to be cut.

## *Government, Military & Veterans Affairs*

**LB457 (Holdcroft) 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, tangents, 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.

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose

**LB808 (Halloran) Provide for counting and recounting ballots under the Election Act by hand count.** Allows losing candidate to request a hand recount of ballots.

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose

## **Thursday, March 23, 2023** *Revenue*

**LB381 (M. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes.** 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.

Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor  
Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support

**Friday, March 24, 2023**  
***Government, Military & Veterans Affairs***

**LB287 (Brewer) Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act.** Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508. Prohibits the creation of joint public agencies on or after October 1, 2023.

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose

***Revenue***

**LB369 (Linehan) 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).

Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor

**LB736 (Raybould) State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services.** Appropriates \$20,000, 000 from the General Fund for fiscal years 2023-24 to the department of health and human services for state aid only to be used to supplement the federally funded Community Services Block Grant to support capital campaigns. Request to support via letter from Sara Hoyle.

This concludes our report for this week.

## AMENDMENTS TO LB709

Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance.

1           1. On page 2, strike lines 3 and 4 and insert the following new  
2 subdivision:

3           "(b) Eligible applicant means:

4           (i) Any city of the primary class;

5           (ii) Any county in which a city of the primary class is located;

6           (iii) Any city of the first class that hosts at least one national  
7 or regional livestock show; and

8           (iv) Any county in which a city of the first class is located if  
9 such city hosts at least one national or regional livestock show; and";

10          and in line 20 after "class" insert "or city of the first class".

## AMENDMENTS TO LB769

Introduced by Natural Resources.

1           1. On page 2, line 14, strike "develop a sewer system" and insert  
2    "provide a grant to an entity formed pursuant to the Interlocal  
3    Cooperation Act to fund a portion of the cost of constructing a  
4    wastewater system"; and in line 27 after the period insert "It is the  
5    intent of the Legislature to appropriate fifteen million dollars from the  
6    Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 for  
7    the purposes described in subdivision (3) of this section.".

8           2. On page 5, line 27, strike "sixty" and insert "fifteen".

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| LB14     | Dungan  |          | Judiciary<br>02/22/2023 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023<br>Dungan Priority<br>Bill    | <p>Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act</p> <p>Amending various sections relating to Foster Care. (8)(d)(i) is inserted to provide a child adjudicated to be a juvenile who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. (8)(d)(ii) provides that a juvenile may request a hearing as to whether it is necessary and in the best interest for them to remain in out-of-home placement. (8)(d)(iii) adds that if the court determines returning to the family home is contrary to the juveniles interest, the Department of Health and Human services (the department)is tasked with explaining information to the juvenile to prevent a relapse into the system. Lastly, (8)(d)(iv) limits a juvenile’s eligibility for the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act if they have a current pending motion to revoke probation. The purpose of the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act § 43-4502 is amended to include youth exiting state care, disconnected from family support and at risk of homelessness. § 2(c) is added to § 43-504 to reach out-of-home placement juveniles described in, who were not previously covered for eligibility under the act. § 43-4505 (3) is added to provide health care assistance under the medical assistance program to eligible juveniles under the act. § 43-4510 (1) inserts language providing that if the juvenile was court appointed defense counsel before the age of eligibility, the appointment may be continued with consent of the adult and under a client-directed model of representation. § 43-4511.01 inserts language stating that if the the young adults guardianship agreement effect pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 673 and the young adult attained sixteen years of age before the agreement, they may choose to participate in extended guardianship assistance if they meet the requirements. Lastly, § 43-4514 allows the department to seek federal funding from Title IVE-E if the youth is adjudicated to be a juvenile under the newly added section 2(c) in § 43-504.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| LB50     | Geist   |          | Judiciary<br>02/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023<br>Judiciary Priority<br>Bill | <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> |

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|          |         |          |                                                     |                                                    | <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| LB61     | Brandt  | Monitor  | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/21/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023<br>Brandt Priority Bill | <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><b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| LB79     | Erdman  | Oppose   | Revenue<br>03/03/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/09/2023<br>Erdman Priority Bill | <p>Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act</p> <p>Relation to the adoption of the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act. Section 3 repeals the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and any tax collected based on that bill can no longer be collected after 2025. Section 3 repeals the Local Option Revenue Act, Qualified Judgement Payment Act, and sections § 13-319 and 13-2813 and any sales or use taxes imposed pursuant to those provisions can no longer be imposed on purchases of goods and services beginning on January 1 2026. Section 4 repeals the property tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 77 and no property taxes are imposed on real or personal property beginning on January 1, 2026. Section 5 repeals the inheritance tax imposed by § 77-2001 to 77-2040 and no inheritance taxes shall be imposed on a deceased person's estate beginning on January 1 2026.</p> <p>Section 6 establishes the Nebraska Taxpayers Bill of Rights. (1-5) establish the state will never impose taxes on income, property already owned or inheritance but consumption tax will remain. (1-6) establish the state will never impose 1) more than one tax on any new goods or service 2) a tax groceries purchased for off-premise consumption and 3) impose a tax on services or materials used to manufacture products for the sale to the general public. Section 7 provides in 2026 a consumption tax will be collected on taxable property or service at a rate of sex and one-half percent. (10) provides that generally a registered seller is responsible for the collection of consumption taxes. (7) the Tax Commissioner may designate tax collectors. (9-11) property purchased outside the state for use in the state, wages or salaries paid by an employer for a taxable service, and business property purchased outside the state but converted in the state shall remit the consumption tax (10). (e) Land is not subject to consumption tax.</p> |



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|          |               |          |                                            |                                                              | <p>Section 8 provides that no consumption tax shall be imposed on any property or service that is subject to an excise tax. (2)(a-c) no consumption tax on property or services for business, investment or educational purposes. (7)(a) engaging in business, included farming and ranching can be exempt from consumption tax. Section 9 deals with the designation of taxable property and services. Section 10 provides that on the 15th of each month, a registered seller must submit taxes to the Tax Commissioner. (c) requires a large seller to remit consumption taxes every week, along with providing a large security amount based on the past 6 months to be used as a bond. Section 13 deals with penalty provisions. Section (23) provides any person selling one or more chances is a gaming sponsor and is required to register under the act. Section (24) makes federal property taxable. Section (38) allows cities, counties and villages to impose separate consumption taxes within city limits. Creates various funds for government spending, such as Sections 53-4- providing funds for public schools.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Liquor Distributors: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p> |
| LB184    | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Judiciary<br>02/15/2023                    | In Committee<br>01/11/2023<br>Cavanaugh, J.<br>Priority Bill | <p>Provide for inadmissibility of statements of juveniles during transfer proceedings</p> <p>Relating to the inadmissibility of statements made by juveniles. Requires the criteria for arraignment and city or county attorneys. Requires that any admission or confession made by the accused at a hearing on a motion to transfer from county or district to juvenile, any statements of a mental health professional and any evidence from the hearing process is inadmissible against the accused in any criminal or civil proceeding other than the motion to transfer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB243    | Briese        |          | Revenue<br>02/09/2023                      | In Committee<br>01/12/2023<br>Briese Priority<br>Bill        | <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> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| LB276    | Wishart       |          | Health and Human<br>Services<br>02/23/2023 | General File<br>03/07/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill       | <p>Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act</p> <p>Relating to mental health and to adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Purpose is to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment. The Department of Health and Human Services is tasked with developing a payment system under the medical assistance program to fund certified behavior health clinics. The clinics are defined as a non-profit organization providing mental health and substance use health services that are nationally accredited.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| LB327    | Raybould |                      | Business and Labor<br>02/13/2023 | General File<br>03/09/2023<br>Raybould<br>Priority Bill      | <p>Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| LB348    | Wayne    |                      | Judiciary<br>03/02/2023          | In Committee<br>01/17/2023<br>Cavanaugh, M.<br>Priority Bill | <p>Adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act and change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p> |
| LB387    | Linehan  |                      | Revenue<br>03/24/2023            | In Committee<br>01/17/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill       | <p>Change provisions relating to income tax rates</p> <p><b>Relating to income taxes. Changes tax rate as a number to natural language of the same amount.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| LB388    | Linehan  |                      | Revenue<br>03/24/2023            | Introduced<br>01/12/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill         | <p>Change provisions relating to sales taxes</p> <p><b>Relating to sales and use taxes. Changes the commencing date of an already passed year.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Watch</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LB447    | Bostar   | Support<br>Testimony | Revenue<br>02/08/2023            | General File<br>03/06/2023<br>Geist Priority Bill            | <p>Provide an income tax deduction for retired firefighters for health insurance premiums, rename and change provisions of the Law Enforcement Education Act to include tuition waivers for professional firefighters and dependents, and provide powers and duties for the Department of Revenue</p> <p><b>Relating to first responders. Amends § 85-2601 to 85-2604 to be known as the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act. § 85-2602 adds a definition of firefighters to be covered in the act. Allows for a currently serving law enforcement officer to apply to have their tuition waived by filing with the Department of Revenue. Section (2) provides that a legal dependent of a law enforcement officer may have a legal dependents college education covered if they maintain satisfactory performance. Section (5) is inserted allowing the same tuition coverage for firefighters as law enforcement officers, including the tuition reimbursement for a legal dependent. Each legal dependent receiving a tuition waiver must file an agreement with the state detailed in Section (7).</b></p> <p><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| LB462                                                    | Conrad  |          | Urban Affairs<br>02/28/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/18/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill                                   | Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act<br><br><b>Relating to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. Redefines "workforce housing" as costing no more than 330,000 to construct. Says that housing unit costs must now be updated annually by the department. Now provides that the housing unit appraised value must also be updated annually by the department based upon the most recent increase or decrease in the Producer Price Index for all commodities.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| LB465                                                    | Moser   |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>01/31/2023     | General File<br>02/15/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill                                   | Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards<br><br><b>Amends section 60-4,115; Allocation of fees for Operators' Licenses and State Identification Cards</b><br><br><b>Currently the statutory fees established for the issuance of state identification cards operators' licenses, replacement ignition interlock permits, and 24/7 sobriety program permits are allocated between the county general fund, the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, and the State General Fund. The bill amends the section to provide that where any portion of the fee changed is allocated to the State General Fund, that amount is instead redirected and deposited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The bill does not increase the consumer's cost of any identification card, license, or permit. LB 465 contains the Emergency Clause and is operative July 1, 2023.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| LB514                                                    | Brewer  |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/02/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>Priority Bill | Change provisions relating to elections<br><br><b>Updates election laws. Annual omnibus bill from the Secretary of State.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LB516                                                    | Walz    |          | Education<br>03/13/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Walz Priority Bill                                         | 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<br><br><b>Relating to schools. To provide a duty to the Commissioner of Education and the state school security director; to change funding intent for the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act; hiring employees to assist schools and place them under the direction of the state school security director. to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and State Board of Education; to provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects; to provide grants to educational service unites and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</b> |

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| LB535    | Slama         |                | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>Priority Bill | <p>Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents</p> <p><b>Relating to government. Establishes the "Election Act". Requires valid photoraphic identification for voting purposes; to change provisions relating to elections and confidential information; to eliminate the fee for certain state identification cards and certified copies of birth certificates. Provides for a website dedicated to voter identification requirements and procedures. Section 12 provides guidelines in the event that a registered voter fails to produce valid photographic identification. Section 14 provides for the separation of voter identification envelopes from the rest of the ballots and requires that they be delivered to the election commissioner or county clerk. Section 14 also provides for how the clerk will handle such voter identification verification envelopes. Section 18 is amended to provide that the department shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a birth record if the applicant does not have a current Nebraska driver's license or state identification card and indicates in the application that they need a certified copy of the birth record to apply for a state identification card for voting purposes. Harmonizes provisions; provides operative dates; repeals the original sections; and declares emergency.</b></p> |
| LB552    | Cavanaugh, J. | Support Letter | Executive Board<br>02/03/2023                           | General File<br>02/15/2023<br>Executive Board<br>Priority Bill                           | <p>Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee</p> <p><b>This bill establishes a committee. Senator to contract with a consultant to assist in determining mental health bed capacity need. This must be reported by 11/1/24.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</b></p> <p><b>AM391 requires that the contract with the independent consultant hired by the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee shall be based on competitive bids and subject to the approval of the Executive Board.</b></p> <p><b>AM391 also contains the emergency clause.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| LB570    | Vargas        |                | Health and Human Services<br>02/23/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Vargas Priority Bill                                       | <p>Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act</p> <p><b>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LB580    | Holdcroft     | Monitor        | Revenue<br>03/01/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Speaker Priority Bill                                      | <p>Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation</p> <p><b>Strikes requirement for parcels to be outside of city limites to be eligible for special valuation.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| LB644    | McDonnell |          | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>01/30/2023       | General File<br>03/09/2023<br>Jacobson<br>Priority Bill                           | Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund<br><br>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. |
|          |           |          |                                                     |                                                                                   | <b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Manufacturers Council): Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| LB683    |           |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/07/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill | Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties<br><br>Introduced at the request of the Governor, the bill creates the Nebraska Broadband Office under the Department of Transportation and moves it away from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bill requires that there be active engagement with a multitude of organizations including schools, regional economic development organizations, public power districts, business and industry, health care institutions, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|          |           |          |                                                     |                                                                                   | <b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LB705    | Murman    |          | Education<br>02/21/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>Education<br>Priority Bill                          | Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions<br><br>LB705 is this year's bill that would set education spending from the lottery for the next 5 years. How the funds would be proposed to be distributed under the introduced copy of the bill are as follows (dollar amounts are estimated): Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act - 62% (\$15,185,406); Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund - 7% (\$1,714,481); Door to College Scholarship - 1% (\$244,926); Career Readiness and Dual Credit - 2% (\$489,852); Competitive Innovation Grant - 17% (\$4,163,740); Mental Health Training - 1.5% (\$367,389); Behavioral Health Training Cash Fund - 9.5% (\$2,326,796).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| LB706    | Moser     |                      | Revenue<br>02/22/2023                            | General File<br>03/06/2023<br>Moser Priority<br>Bill     | <p>Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act</p> <p>Relating to highways; to authorize issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act; to change provisions of the Build Nebraska Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency. Section 1 declares the purpose of the amendment and the importance that safe highways play in Nebraska's future. Section 2 relates to bonds and states that their issuance shall be not take place after June 30, 2029 and in accordance with the terms of the commission. Section 3 states the obligations of the bonds and that neither members of the commission nor any person executing the bonds is liable for them. Section 11 states that the issuance of bonds not exceed \$450,000,000. Section 14 designates which percentages of the bonds will be used for certain projects.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</b></p> |
| LB709    | Wishart   | Support<br>Testimony | Banking, Commerce<br>and Insurance<br>01/31/2023 | General File<br>03/13/2023<br>Wishart Priority<br>Bill   | <p>Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program</p> <p>Relating to economic development; provides the department of economic development shall create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program to award grants for specified purposes including: construction of a convention center, renovation and improvements to existing agricultural society event spaces, and capital improvements to any recreational area event spaces. Provides the State Treasurer will transfer \$71,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Fund.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| LB727    | Linehan   |                      | Revenue<br>02/23/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>Revenue Priority<br>Bill   | <p>Change provisions relating to the sales and use tax exemption on purchases by the state and other public entities</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation; provides if a governmental unit's project expenditure has been approved by the voters of that governmental unit then such expenditures qualify for an exemption.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| LB768    | DeKay     |                      | Appropriations<br>03/14/2023                     | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>DeKay Priority<br>Bill     | <p>Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund</p> <p>Relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; provides the State Treasurer shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund after July 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2024.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB769    | Holdcroft |                      | Natural Resources<br>02/01/2023                  | General File<br>03/13/2023<br>Holdcroft Priority<br>Bill | <p>Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system</p> <p>Relating to funds; requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$60,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund. Includes in the grant language the ability to develop a sewer system.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| LR1CA    | Blood   | Support<br>Testimony | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>02/24/2023 | General File<br>03/03/2023<br>Blood Priority Bill    | <p>Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed</p> <p>Introduced at the request of Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the bill amends Article III, §22 by protecting political subdivisions from being subject to responsibility for a program created after the year 2024, or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2024 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</b></p> |
| LR2CA    | Dover   |                      | Executive Board<br>03/03/2023                              | General File<br>03/14/2023<br>Dover Priority<br>Bill | <p>Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms</p> <p>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. It would amend Article III, section 12 now stating no legislator can serve for four years after the expiration of three consecutive terms instead of two consecutive years.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                       |



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| <a href="#">LB2</a> | Sanders        |                 | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>01/27/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>Create the Commission on Asian American Affairs</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">LB3</a> | Sanders        |                 | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>01/31/2023           | Select File<br>02/23/2023  | <p>Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB4</a> | Sanders        |                 | Revenue<br>01/26/2023                                   | General File<br>02/07/2023 | <p>Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Conditionally Opposed</b></p> <p><b>Amendment 105 to LB 4 changes the 5-year Homestead Exemption renewal for permanently disabled veterans from every five years to every five years divisible by five to coordinate all renewals at one time.</b></p> |



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| <a href="#">LB5</a> | Blood   |          | Business and Labor<br>02/13/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>Provide for compensability under Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for mental injuries resulting from workplace violence</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB6</a> | Blood   |          | Urban Affairs<br>02/28/2023      | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>Prohibit conditional use permits and zoning exceptions for delinquent property taxpayers</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">LB8</a> | Blood   |          | Judiciary<br>03/09/2023          | In Committee<br>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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b></p> |

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| <a href="#">LB10</a> | Blood   |          | Revenue<br>01/26/2023   | In Committee<br>01/09/2023                            | <p>Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB14</a> | Dungan  |          | Judiciary<br>02/22/2023 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023<br>Dungan Priority<br>Bill | <p>Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</b></p> |

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| <a href="#">LB19</a> | Wayne   |          | Judiciary<br>02/02/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB26</a> | Wayne   |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/13/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">LB27</a> | Dungan  |          | Judiciary<br>02/02/2023                             | General File<br>02/22/2023 | <p>Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for defendants</p> <p><b>Relating to criminal procedure. § 29-2318 is amended to allow a court to a 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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB28</a> | Erdman  | Oppose   | Revenue<br>01/25/2023                               | General File<br>02/13/2023 | <p>Change provisions relating to decisions on appeals under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|          |         |          |                                 |                            | <p>Amendments: AM351 requires that if the decision of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission returns an amount higher than the amount reverted to, the property owner must pay taxes on the additional amount with accrued interest from the date it was reverted, at an interest rate of that set in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-103 plus 3 percent.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB29     | Erdman  | Oppose   | Revenue<br>01/27/2023           | General File<br>03/06/2023 | <p>Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| LB34     | Dungan  |          | Judiciary<br>02/16/2023         | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| LB40     | Blood   |          | Natural Resources<br>02/23/2023 | In Committee<br>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><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Agri-Business Council): Monitor</b></p> |

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| <a href="#">LB44</a> | Dungan         |                 | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>03/06/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB45</a> | Dorn           |                 | Urban Affairs<br>02/21/2023                         | General File<br>03/07/2023 | Create the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Fund<br><br><b>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 demotion 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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB49</a> | Dungan         |                 | Judiciary<br>02/23/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | Change provisions relating to solar energy and wind energy, declare certain instruments void and unenforceable, and provide for a civil cause of action<br><br><b>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).</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b> |

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| <a href="#">LB50</a> | Geist    |          | Judiciary<br>02/01/2023          | In Committee<br>01/09/2023<br>Judiciary Priority<br>Bill | <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 Letter<br/>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p> |
| <a href="#">LB56</a> | McKinney |          | Business and Labor<br>01/30/2023 | In Committee<br>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<br/>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Monitor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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| <a href="#">LB57</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Business and Labor<br>01/30/2023 | In Committee<br>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 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><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraskal Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB60</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Judiciary<br>02/15/2023          | In Committee<br>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><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| LB61     | Brandt  | Monitor  | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/21/2023 | In Committee<br>01/09/2023<br>Brandt Priority Bill | <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>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose<br/>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support<br/>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral</p>                                                                 |
| LB73     | Aguilar |          | General Affairs<br>02/13/2023                       | In Committee<br>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<br>03/02/2023                             | In Committee<br>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<br>01/26/2023                             | Select File<br>03/07/2023                          | <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>Section 18 amended to include criminal penalty (Class III Misdemeanor) for failing to report the discharge of a concealed handgun.</p> <p>Section 19 amended to delete criminal penalties for offenses in other sections. Penalty provisions relocated to other sections.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Neutral<br/>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p> |

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| LB79     | Erdman  | Oppose   | Revenue<br>03/03/2023   | In Committee<br>01/09/2023<br>Erdman Priority<br>Bill | <p>Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act</p> <p>Relation to the adoption of the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act. Section 3 repeals the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and any tax collected based on that bill can no longer be collected after 2025. Section 3 repeals the Local Option Revenue Act, Qualified Judgement Payment Act, and sections § 13-319 and 13-2813 and any sales or use taxes imposed pursuant to those provisions can no longer be imposed on purchases of goods and services beginning on January 1 2026. Section 4 repeals the property tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 77 and no property taxes are imposed on real or personal property beginning on January 1, 2026. Section 5 repeals the inheritance tax imposed by § 77-2001 to 77-2040 and no inheritance taxes shall be imposed on a deceased person's estate beginning on January 1 2026.</p> <p>Section 6 establishes the Nebraska Taxpayers Bill of Rights. (1-5) establish the state will never impose taxes on income, property already owned or inheritance but consumption tax will remain. (1-6) establish the state will never impose 1) more than one tax on any new goods or service 2) a tax groceries purchased for off-premise consumption and 3) impose a tax on services or materials used to manufacture products for the sale to the general public.</p> <p>Section 7 provides in 2026 a consumption tax will be collected on taxable property or service at a rate of sex and one-half percent. (10) provides that generally a registered seller is responsible for the collection of consumption taxes. (7) the Tax Commissioner may designate tax collectors. (9-11) property purchased outside the state for use in the state, wages or salaries paid by an employer for a taxable service, and business property purchased outside the state but converted in the state shall remit the consumption tax (10). (e) Land is not subject to consumption tax.</p> <p>Section 8 provides that no consumption tax shall be imposed on any property or service that is subject to an excise tax. (2)(a-c) no consumption tax on property or services for business, investment or educational purposes. (7)(a) engaging in business, included farming and ranching can be exempt from consumption tax. Section 9 deals with the designation of taxable property and services. Section 10 provides that on the 15th of each month, a registered seller must submit taxes to the Tax Commissioner. (c) requires a large seller to remit consumption taxes every week, along with providing a large security amount based on the past 6 months to be used as a bond. Section 13 deals with penalty provisions. Section (23) provides any person selling one or more chances is a gaming sponsor and is required to register under the act. Section (24) makes federal property taxable. Section (38) allows cities, counties and villages to impose separate consumption taxes within city limits. Creates various funds for government spending, such as Sections 53-4- providing funds for public schools.</p> <p><b>Nebraska Liquor Distributors: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p> |
| LB82     | DeBoer  |          | Judiciary<br>01/27/2023 | In Committee<br>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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <a href="#">LB87</a>  | Hunt      |                | Judiciary<br>02/22/2023                   | In Committee<br>01/09/2023 | <p>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</p> <p><b>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 Letter</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB97</a>  | Clements  | Support Letter | Revenue<br>02/22/2023                     | General File<br>03/06/2023 | <p>Change provisions relating to required reports for inheritance tax</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB98</a>  | Jacobson  |                | Urban Affairs<br>01/31/2023               | General File<br>02/10/2023 | <p>Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to substandard and blighted declarations and expedited reviews of redevelopment plans</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB104</a> | McDonnell |                | Nebraska Retirement Systems<br>02/07/2023 | In Committee<br>01/10/2023 | <p>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</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB105</a> | McDonnell |                | Nebraska Retirement Systems<br>02/07/2023 | In Committee<br>01/10/2023 | <p>Change provisions of public employee retirement plans relating to military service</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <a href="#">LB109</a> | McDonnell |                   | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs           | Withdrawn<br>01/18/2023    | Require county boards of corrections in certain counties to act with advice of the county sheriff<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB110</a> | McDonnell |                   | Judiciary<br>03/02/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/10/2023 | Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>                   |
| <a href="#">LB124</a> | Moser     | Support Testimony | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>01/23/2023 | In Committee<br>01/10/2023 | Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB126</a> | Day       |                   | Revenue<br>02/22/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/10/2023 | Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Conditionally Opposed</b> |
| <a href="#">LB139</a> | Brandt    |                   | Judiciary<br>03/03/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/10/2023 | Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court<br><br><b>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 \$5,0000 to \$10,000 through June 30, 2025.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">LB147</a> | Kauth     |                   | Revenue<br>02/01/2023                               | General File<br>02/07/2023 | Change procedures for property tax refunds<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <a href="#">LB154</a> | DeBoer         |                 | Revenue<br>01/27/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | <p>Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LB155</a> | DeBoer         |                 | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/07/2023 | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | <p>Change provisions regarding the applicability of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB160</a> | McDonnell      |                 | Nebraska Retirement Systems<br>02/14/2023           | In Committee<br>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><b>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).</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                           |
| <a href="#">LB161</a> | McDonnell      |                 | Business and Labor<br>01/30/2023                    | General File<br>02/16/2023 | <p>Change provisions of the Workplace Privacy Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB162</a> | McDonnell      |                 | Judiciary<br>03/16/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | <p>Prohibit tampering with electronic monitoring devices required by court order or as a condition of parole</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                |



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| <a href="#">LB163</a> | McKinney  |          | Judiciary<br>02/01/2023                             | In Committee<br>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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB166</a> | Bostelman |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>03/07/2023 | In Committee<br>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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB167</a> | Slama     |          | Judiciary<br>03/15/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | <p>Provide requirements for depositions of certain children</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| <a href="#">LB169</a> | Hunt          |          | Judiciary<br>03/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/11/2023                                   | Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</b> |
| <a href="#">LB183</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Judiciary<br>01/25/2023 | General File<br>02/13/2023                                   | Allow petitioners to proceed in forma pauperis in change of name proceedings<br><br><b>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. Bill currently requires petitioners requesting a name change to pay the cost of proceedings. Amends Section 25-21,273 to permit a petitioner requesting a name change to proceed without payment of court costs and fees when allowed by the District Court. (also know as forma pauperis; permission given by the court for a party to proceed without prepayment of fees)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">LB184</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Judiciary<br>02/15/2023 | In Committee<br>01/11/2023<br>Cavanaugh, J.<br>Priority Bill | Provide for inadmissibility of statements of juveniles during transfer proceedings<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB186</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Judiciary<br>02/23/2023 | In Committee<br>01/11/2023                                   | Adopt the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Modification Act<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB187</a> | Cavanaugh, J. | Oppose   | Judiciary<br>03/08/2023 | In Committee<br>01/11/2023                                   | Require appointment of counsel for tenants in eviction proceedings in counties containing a city of the metropolitan class or primary class<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|          |             |                      |                                                            |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| LB190    | Brandt      | Support<br>Testimony | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>02/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | Authorize scheduled extension of county bridge project payments<br><br><b>Relating to county bridges, authorizing a county board to fund a bridge over a period of time beyond the completion date.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|          |             |                      |                                                            |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| LB192    | Halloran    |                      | Revenue<br>03/09/2023                                      | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | Change the definition of household income for homestead exemptions<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| LB199    | Brewer      |                      | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>02/14/2023     | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | Provide for a driving privilege card for federally authorized aliens<br><br><b>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.</b> |
|          |             |                      |                                                            |                            | <b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB205    | Von Gillern |                      | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>02/10/2023 | General File<br>02/16/2023 | Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                          |
| LB207    | Von Gillern |                      | Banking, Commerce<br>and Insurance<br>01/23/2023           | Select File<br>02/22/2023  | Change provisions relating to sales under the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act<br><br><b>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. Currently the sale of trust property under the Act may only take place on the premises of teh trust property or at the courthouse of the county in which the property is to be sold.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <a href="#">LB208</a> | Bostar  |                | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/08/2023 | In Committee<br>01/12/2023 | Prohibit counties from prohibiting the use of residential property as short-term rentals<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB211</a> | Blood   |                | Revenue<br>03/15/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/12/2023 | Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b> |
| <a href="#">LB218</a> | Ibach   | Support Letter | Agriculture<br>02/07/2023                               | General File<br>03/02/2023 | Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Agri-Business Council): Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB228</a> | Erdman  |                | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/12/2023 | 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<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <a href="#">LB232</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |          | General Affairs<br>02/13/2023 | In Committee<br>01/12/2023                            | <p>Change provisions relating to keno and provide for the sale of digital-on-premises tickets</p> <p><b>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). Keto 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.</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB236</a> | Wayne         |          | Judiciary<br>02/03/2023       | In Committee<br>01/12/2023                            | <p>Provide for appointment and powers of problem-solving court judicial officers</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                      |
| <a href="#">LB242</a> | Briese        |          | Revenue<br>02/09/2023         | In Committee<br>01/12/2023                            | <p>Change provisions of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p><b>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).</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB243</a> | Briese        |          | Revenue<br>02/09/2023         | In Committee<br>01/12/2023<br>Briese Priority<br>Bill | <p>Change the minimum amount of relief granted under the Property Tax Credit Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <a href="#">LB244</a> | Briese   |          | Revenue<br>02/09/2023                      | In Committee<br>01/12/2023                             | <p>Provide an additional tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB276</a> | Wishart  |          | Health and Human<br>Services<br>02/23/2023 | General File<br>03/07/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill | <p>Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">LB284</a> | McKinney |          | Judiciary<br>02/08/2023                    | In Committee<br>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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>§ 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.</b></p> <p><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p> |

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| <a href="#">LB287</a> | Brewer  |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act<br><br><b>Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508. Prohibits the creation of joint public agencies on or after October 1, 2023.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB302</a> | Linehan |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/15/2023 | General File<br>02/24/2023 | Change provisions relating to conflicts of interest by certain officeholders and public employees<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b><br><br><b>AM 503 strikes all instances of "person holding an elective office" and changes them to "public official". The amendment also clarifies that a reference to "salary" refers to an "annual" sum.</b>                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB304</a> | Linehan |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/09/2023 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Require political subdivisions to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB306</a> | Hunt    |          | Judiciary<br>02/16/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights<br><br><b>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 place 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.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB309</a> | Bostar  |          | Revenue<br>02/10/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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|          |             |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB312    | Lowe        |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/09/2023 | General File<br>02/16/2023 | Change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions<br><br><b>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.</b> |
|          |             |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| LB313    | Lowe        |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies in the United States Senate and House of Representatives<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| LB316    | Fredrickson |          | Judiciary<br>03/01/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Change and eliminate provisions relating to marriage<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| LB317    | Von Gillern |          | Revenue<br>02/16/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Change provisions relating to inspection of real property by county assessors<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|          |             |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| LB322    | Linehan     | Oppose   | Revenue<br>03/09/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| <a href="#">LB325</a> | Dungan    | Quiet Opposition  | Judiciary<br>02/24/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023                              | <p>Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB327</a> | Raybould  |                   | Business and Labor<br>02/13/2023        | General File<br>03/09/2023<br>Raybould<br>Priority Bill | <p>Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">LB332</a> | Linehan   |                   | Education<br>03/21/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023                              | <p>Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">LB334</a> | McDonnell |                   | Judiciary<br>01/27/2023                 | In Committee<br>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><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB337</a> | Riepe     | Support Testimony | Health and Human Services<br>02/03/2023 | General File<br>02/14/2023                              | <p>Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB338</a> | McKinney  |                   | Judiciary<br>03/16/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                              | <p>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</p> <p><b>Requires district and county courts in counties over 100,000 people to have open court hours on the same time and day each week.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <a href="#">LB339</a> | McKinney   |          | Judiciary<br>02/15/2023                    | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                                   | <p>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</p> <p><b>Prohibits out-of-state transfers of juveniles by a county or the state. Requires law enforcement with custody of young adults (age 18-21) to give notice to guardian.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">LB344</a> | Armendariz |          | Revenue<br>03/09/2023                      | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                                   | <p>Exclude certain delinquent taxes from qualifying for tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">LB348</a> | Wayne      |          | Judiciary<br>03/02/2023                    | In Committee<br>01/17/2023<br>Cavanaugh, M.<br>Priority Bill | <p>Adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act and change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB352</a> | Wayne      |          | Judiciary<br>02/01/2023                    | In Committee<br>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><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB353</a> | Raybould   |          | Health and Human<br>Services<br>02/09/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                                   | <p>Provide for grants for projects that increase long-term care facility capacity</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <a href="#">LB363</a> | Dorn    |          | Judiciary<br>02/03/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LB364</a> | Hunt    |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/15/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB365</a> | Hunt    | Support  | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Permit counties to conduct elections by mail<br><br><b>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).</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LB366</a> | Conrad  |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/02/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Neutral</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b> |

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| <a href="#">LB367</a> | Conrad  |                      | Business and Labor<br>03/13/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB368</a> | Conrad  | Support<br>Testimony | Judiciary<br>02/01/2023          | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Create a grant program to expand and enhance criminal justice programs in a county with a city of the primary class<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LB369</a> | Linehan |                      | Revenue<br>03/24/2023            | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Change property tax provisions relating to net book value<br><br><b>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).</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB370</a> | Linehan |                      | Revenue<br>02/16/2023            | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Require a notice relating to the availability of certain tax credits<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB374</a> | Murman  |                      | Education<br>01/31/2023          | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</b> |

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| <a href="#">LB377</a> | Lowe          |          | General Affairs<br>01/30/2023             | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                             | Change provisions relating to special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act<br><br><b>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).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB378</a> | McDonnell     |          | Nebraska Retirement Systems<br>03/02/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                             | Change retirement system participation provisions<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB381</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                     | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                             | Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b> |
| <a href="#">LB382</a> | Bostar        |          | Judiciary<br>02/08/2023                   | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                             | Provide powers and duties for University of Nebraska police departments and police officers<br><br><b>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.</b><br><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB387</a> | Linehan       |          | Revenue<br>03/24/2023                     | In Committee<br>01/17/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill | Change provisions relating to income tax rates<br><br><b>Relating to income taxes. Changes tax rate as a number to natural language of the same amount.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB388</a> | Linehan       |          | Revenue<br>03/24/2023                     | Introduced<br>01/12/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill   | Change provisions relating to sales taxes<br><br><b>Relating to sales and use taxes. Changes the commencing date of an already passed year.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Watch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <a href="#">LB390</a> | Clements  |                   | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/02/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b> |
| <a href="#">LB394</a> | Erdman    |                   | Judiciary<br>02/23/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Change provisions relating to the determination of damages as a result of eminent domain<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                        |
| <a href="#">LB411</a> | Dungan    |                   | Appropriations<br>03/16/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Appropriate funds for Wyuka Cemetery<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB415</a> | Dorn      |                   | Appropriations<br>03/21/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">LB417</a> | McDonnell |                   | Judiciary<br>02/08/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Provide for a leadership academy for law enforcement professionals<br><br><b>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.</b><br><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">LB420</a> | Raybould  | Support Testimony | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/24/2023 | In Committee<br>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<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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| <a href="#">LB421</a> | Kauth    |                | Health and Human Services<br>02/15/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | <p>Provide procedures for directed health measures</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB428</a> | Walz     |                | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | <p>Require the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to provide matching funding for the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">LB433</a> | Jacobson | Support Letter | Health and Human Services<br>02/09/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | <p>Provide requirements for distribution of funding for behavioral health regions</p> <p><b>Relating to behavioral health services. Any appropriation to be allocated to a behavioral health region shall be utilized to provide activities pursuant to the 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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony</b></p>                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">LB435</a> | Geist    |                | Judiciary<br>02/16/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | <p>Provide for court appointed parental advisers</p> <p><b>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 advisers is to provide guidance to the parent on how the proceeding will move, possible outcomes of the proceedings. The advisers are to make every effort to attend all meanings, hearings and another other proceeding.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">LB446</a> | Bostar   |                | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>03/13/2023           | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | <p>Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> |



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| <a href="#">LB447</a> | Bostar    | Support<br>Testimony | Revenue<br>02/08/2023                                      | General File<br>03/06/2023<br>Geist Priority Bill | <p>Provide an income tax deduction for retired firefighters for health insurance premiums, rename and change provisions of the Law Enforcement Education Act to include tuition waivers for professional firefighters and dependents, and provide powers and duties for the Department of Revenue</p> <p><b>Relating to first responders. Amends § 85-2601 to 85-2604 to be known as the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act. § 85-2602 adds a definition of firefighters to be covered in the act. Allows for a currently serving law enforcement officer to apply to have their tuition waived by filing with the Department of Revenue. Section (2) provides that a legal dependent of a law enforcement officer may have a legal dependents college education covered if they maintain satisfactory performance. Section (5) is inserted allowing the same tuition coverage for firefighters as law enforcement officers, including the tuition reimbursement for a legal dependent. Each legal dependent receiving a tuition waiver must file an agreement with the state detailed in Section (7).</b></p> <p><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB449</a> | Brandt    | Support              | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>03/07/2023     | In Committee<br>01/18/2023                        | <p>Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB453</a> | DeKay     |                      | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>02/28/2023     | In Committee<br>01/18/2023                        | <p>Provide an additional use of the Highway Cash Fund and change provisions relating to bridge replacement and road construction contracts</p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB457</a> | Holdcroft |                      | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/22/2023 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023                        | <p>Require video surveillance of voting and provide requirements for paper ballots, vote scanning devices, and vote tabulating equipment</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <a href="#">LB462</a> | Conrad  |          | Urban Affairs<br>02/28/2023                         | In Committee<br>01/18/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill | <p>Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act</p> <p><b>Relating to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. Redefines “workforce housing” as costing no more than 330,000 to construct. Says that housing unit costs must now be updated annually by the department. Now provides that the housing unit appraised value must also be updated annually by the department based upon the most recent increase or decrease in the Producer Price Index for all commodities.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB465</a> | Moser   |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>01/31/2023 | General File<br>02/15/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill | <p>Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards</p> <p><b>Amends section 60-4,115; Allocation of fees for Operators' Licenses and State Identification Cards</b></p> <p><b>Currently the statutory fees established for the issuance of state identification cards operators' licenses, replacement ignition interlock permits, and 24/7 sobriety program permits are allocated between the county general fund, the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, and the State General Fund. The bill amends the section to provide that where any portion of the fee changed is allocated to the State General Fund, that amount is instead redirected and deposited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The bill does not increase the consumer's cost of any identification card, license, or permit. LB 465 contains the Emergency Clause and is operative July 1, 2023.</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB469</a> | Kauth   |          | Business and Labor<br>01/30/2023                    | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                             | <p>Change composition of the state protective service bargaining unit</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB473</a> | Geist   | Neutral  | Judiciary<br>02/15/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                             | <p>Create a grant program to operate a safe and secure treatment center for youth</p> <p><b>This bill pertains to the Count Pilot Program; center provide mental health services and education; admisnitters by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcment and Criminal Justice.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB476</a> | Wayne   |          | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>03/07/2023       | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                             | <p>Adopt the Public Entities Investment Trust Act</p> <p><b>Relating to investment by public entities to adopt the Public Entities Invetment Trust Act. Creates investment pool open to all public entities. Permits participants to comingle funds. When necessary, trusts are encourage to deposit a portion of funds. Defines “eligible entities” as any governmental school/univerisity. Defines “eligible investment”. Cannot be funds created by retirement income security act. Details the election of board of trustees, mandates daily liquidity, equitable remittance of earnings, regular reporting, annual auditing, and that any contract created must be necessary or appropriate for safeguarding funds.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                     |

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| <a href="#">LB478</a> | Wayne    |                   | Education<br>03/14/2023                          | In Committee<br>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<br><br><b>Relating to juveniles to change provisions of NE juvenile code, provisions relating to state institutions housing juveniles, to change and provide termination date for superintendent of institutional schools, provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and the State Board of education relating to establishing an educational division responsible for the education of certain juveniles. Courts now must notify superintendent of juvenile's school district within 24 hours of them being detained, placed, or committed outside of their home. All school districts that serve juveniles detained, placed, or committed outside juvenile's home are accredited. State Department of Education shall establish educational division for juveniles placed or committed outside their home byefore July 1, 2024. The division functions as a school district. Can contract with other schools for services. After July 1, 2024, the reponsibility for education programs that service comitted or placed juveniles shall transfer to the State Department of Education who will also assume responsibility for all contracts, and assume ownership of all books, documents, and records of the Department of Health and Human Services pertaining to the duties and functions transferred to the State Department of Education pursuan tto the State Department of Education.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB479</a> | Wayne    |                   | Judiciary<br>03/02/2023                          | In Committee<br>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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB481</a> | Raybould |                   | Urban Affairs<br>03/21/2023                      | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Adopt the Housing Incentive District Act<br><br><b>Allows counties and cities to create housing incentive districts similar to TIF.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB482</a> | Raybould |                   | Judiciary<br>02/10/2023                          | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Adopt the Suicide Risk Protection Order Act<br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor<br/>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support<br/>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB483</a> | Raybould |                   | Banking, Commerce<br>and Insurance<br>03/07/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Redefine qualifying mutual financial institution for purposes of regulation of public funds deposit security<br><br><b>Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Allows the deposit of public funds into credit unions.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB506</a> | Bostar   | Support<br>Letter | Appropriations<br>03/14/2023                     | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | State intent to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy<br><br><b>Relating to appropriations, to state intent to appropriate \$200,000,000 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the fiscal year 2023-24. On or before September 30, 2023, the Department of Natural Resources shall award the grant to a city of the primary class for eligible expenses. \$20,000,000 will be appropriated to the Department of Environment and Energy from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The Department of Environment and Energy to small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems. Grant recipients shall only spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan ACT of 2021.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <a href="#">LB507</a> | Conrad  | Support<br>Testimony | Judiciary<br>02/15/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                                               | Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, and compulsory education<br><br><b>Increases funding for community-based Juvenile Services Aid. Changes mention of “truancy” to “excessive absenteeism”. Changes provisions related to funding and compulsory education; to transfer a duty; to clarify provisions; to add authority for rules and regulations to the State Board of Education. Appropriates \$8 million for each fiscal year to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Fingerprints of a juvenile will not be taken without a court order. The county attorney will work with the school to refer the juvenile and his or her family to community based resources to address the juvenile’s behaviors and needs. Causing a juvenile to be in excessive absenteeism is a Class III misdemeanor.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</b> |
| <a href="#">LB508</a> | Conrad  |                      | Appropriations<br>02/23/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                                               | Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for the Office of Dispute Resolution<br><br><b>Relating to appropriations, to \$1,000,000 from the General Fund in fiscal years 2023-34 and 2024-25 the Supreme Court for the Office of Dispute Resolution to support and increase funding to Supreme Court approved mediation centers.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB511</a> | Brewer  |                      | Appropriations<br>03/16/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                                               | Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$26 million for mobile radios to provide interoperable communications between state agencies and local volunteer fire departments and emergency squads.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB513</a> | Brewer  |                      | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/10/2023 | General File<br>02/16/2023                                                               | Change proof of publication requirements for legal notices and requirements for published notice and virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act<br><br><b>Provides alternatives to newspaper publication of meeting notices.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB514</a> | Brewer  |                      | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/02/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>Priority Bill | Change provisions relating to elections<br><br><b>Updates election laws. Annual omnibus bill from the Secretary of State.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB515</a> | Walz    | Monitor              | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>01/31/2023           | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                                               | Adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act<br><br><b>Relating to economic development, to adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act. Defines terms. Designates that grants are to be used for economic development and related activities. Appropriates \$15 million to the department for the fiscal year 2023-2024 to carry out the initiative.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| LB516    | Walz       |          | Education<br>03/13/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Walz Priority Bill                                         | 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<br><br><b>Relating to schools. To provide a duty to the Commissioner of Education and the state school security director; to change funding intent for the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act; hiring employees to assist schools and place them under the direction of the state school security director. to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and State Board of Education; to provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects; to provide grants to educational service unites and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| LB529    | Hansen, B. |          | Revenue<br>03/09/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                                               | Change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act<br><br><b>Updates property tax postcard and meeting procedures.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| LB534    | Slama      |          | Appropriations<br>03/13/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                                               | Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for community water systems<br><br><b>Relating to appropriations, to appropriate \$150,000,000 of federal funds for the fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Enviroment and Energy to provide grants for small and rural communities to construct drinking water infrastructure projects that are eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Grant recipients will only spend the grant in compliance with the act. Due to emergency, the law takes effect when approved.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| LB535    | Slama      |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>Priority Bill | Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents<br><br><b>Relating to government. Establishes the “Election Act”. Requires valid photoraphic identification for voting purposes; to change provisions relating to elections and confidential information; to eliminate the fee for certain state identification cards and certified copies of birth certificates. Provides for a website dedicated to voter identification requirements and procedures. Section 12 provides guidelines in the event that a registered voter fails to produce valid photographic identification. Section 14 provides for the separation of voter identification envelopes from the rest of the ballots and requires that they be delivered to the election commissioner or county clerk. Section 14 also provides for how the clerk will handle such voter identification verification envelopes. Section 18 is amended to provide that the department shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a birth record if the applicant does not have a current Nebraska driver’s license or state identification card and indicates in the application that they need a certified copy of the birth record to apply for a state identification card for voting purposes. Harmonizes provisions; provides operative dates; repeals the original sections; and declares emergency.</b> |

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| <a href="#">LB540</a> | Vargas        |                | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                     | Change provisions relating to public lettings<br><br><b>Requires bidder to submit proof of workers' compensation insurance from all contractors and subcontractors for all contract bids over \$500,000.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">LB551</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |                | Appropriations<br>02/24/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                     | State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$10 million for grants for long-term care facilities in counties with a city of the metropolitan class.</b><br><br><b>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB552</a> | Cavanaugh, J. | Support Letter | Executive Board<br>02/03/2023                           | General File<br>02/15/2023<br>Executive Board<br>Priority Bill | Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee<br><br><b>This bill establishes a committee. Senator to contract with a consultant to assist in determining mental health bed capacity need. This must be reported by 11/1/24.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</b><br><br><b>AM391 requires that the contract with the independent consultant hired by the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee shall be based on competitive bids and subject to the approval of the Executive Board.</b><br><br><b>AM391 also contains the emergency clause.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB554</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |                | Appropriations<br>02/21/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                     | Appropriate funds to the Commission on Public Advocacy<br><br><b>Appropriates \$2.1 million for the Commission on Public Advocacy.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">LB555</a> | Cavanaugh, J. |                | Judiciary<br>02/02/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                     | Change provisions relating to the indigent defense fee and the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund<br><b>Sets amount to trigger a transfer of indigent defense fees from the Public Advocacy Commission to a fund and provide civil legal services to low-income persons.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">LB557</a> | Vargas        |                | Judiciary<br>01/27/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                                     | Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                              |



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|          |               |          |                                                         |                                                     | <p>“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.</p> |
| LB560    | Blood         |          | Appropriations<br>03/06/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                          | <p>State intent to seek federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022</p> <p><b>Relating to energy, to state intent to seek funds from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 for other purposes.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| LB569    | Bostelman     |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/15/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                          | <p>Prohibit financial interests by certain county officers and family members in electric generation facilities</p> <p><b>Prohibits county board and planning commission members and their immediate families from having a financial interest in an electric generation facility.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| LB570    | Vargas        |          | Health and Human Services<br>02/23/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Vargas Priority Bill  | <p>Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act</p> <p><b>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| LB577    | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                          | <p>Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property</p> <p><b>Requires Treasurers to provide multiple notices to delinquent property taxpayers before and after tax sales. Limits value of property eligible for treasurers deeds.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB580    | Holdcroft     | Monitor  | Revenue<br>03/01/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/19/2023<br>Speaker Priority Bill | <p>Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation</p> <p><b>Strikes requirement for parcels to be outside of city limites to be eligible for special valuation.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| LB594    | Hardin        |          | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>03/07/2023           | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                          | <p>Provide for local government investment pools to invest in commercial paper</p> <p><b>Allows local government investment pools to invest in commercial paper.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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| <a href="#">LB604</a> | Raybould  |                   | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Change provisions relating to voting early under the Election Act<br><br><b>Relating to elections, to change provisions relating to voting early to allow voters to request early voting ballots on the Secretary of State's website, introduces provision requiring election commissioner to keep a permanent list of voters requesting ballots for early voting and send each voter a text, email, or postcard prior to voting asking if the voter would like to receive a ballot for early voting for that election to be mailed to the voter's mailing address. Repeals the original sections.</b>                                            |
| <a href="#">LB612</a> | McDonnell | Support Testimony | Appropriations<br>03/16/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$4 million to reimburse counties for the lease of office space to the Department of Health and Human Services and Probation.</b><br><br><b>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.<br/>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">LB619</a> | McDonnell |                   | Judiciary                                               | In Committee<br>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<br><br><b>Relating to crimes and offenses; to prohibit assault on a public transportation driver; to change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to offenses involving assault on an officer, emergency responder, certain employees, or a health care professional; to define and redefine terms relating to public transportation drivers; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-931.01.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB620</a> | McDonnell |                   | Judiciary<br>03/15/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Change provisions relating to arraignment and hearings for certain juveniles<br><br><b>Relating to juveniles. Allows for accused to be arraigned in county court or district court if 12 years of age or older instead of 14 years of age or older when an alleged offense punishable as a Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felony was committed. To except certain offenses; to eliminate an option to waive a hearing as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB634</a> | McKinney  |                   | Judiciary<br>02/09/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Adopt the Cannabis Control Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act<br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB636</a> | Albrecht  |                   | Natural Resources<br>02/08/2023                         | General File<br>03/06/2023 | Prohibit political subdivisions from restricting certain energy services<br><br><b>Relating to political subdivisions; to prohibit restrictions on the provision of certain energy services as prescribed; and to provide an exception for natural gas utilities owned or operated and directly controlled by a city or village and retail marketers or dispensers of propane.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB637</a> | Albrecht  | Quiet Opposition  | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>02/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act<br><br><b>Requires public bodies to give members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose<br/>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <a href="#">LB643</a> | Brewer    |          | Judiciary<br>03/09/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                              | Adopt the Abandoned Mobile Home Act and change provisions relating to abandoned vehicles<br><br><b>Allows treasurer to issue a title following the landlord sale of abandoned mobile homes. Authorizes county board to abate taxes after sale.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB644</a> | McDonnell |          | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>01/30/2023       | General File<br>03/09/2023<br>Jacobson<br>Priority Bill | Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund<br><br><b>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 non-profits, 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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Manufacturers Council): Support</b> |
| <a href="#">LB645</a> | McDonnell |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/28/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                              | Change provisions relating to state highways and roads<br><br><b>Relating to roads; to change provisions relating to legislative findings, to state highway system plan, prioritization of projects, allocation of funding, and the Accelerated State Highway Capital Improvement Program; Section 39-1365 provides for the increase of capacity of roads that service or offset traffic on state highways; and to repeal the original section seeking to preserve the existing highway system.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">LB646</a> | McDonnell |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>03/06/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                              | Change provisions relating to telecommunications<br><br><b>This bill would increase the current wireless surcharge from 70 cents (50 cents in Omaha) to \$1 per month. The increase would be intended to maximize operational support for all 911 public safety answering points in Nebraska.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">LB654</a> | McDonnell |          | Appropriations<br>02/15/2023                        | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                              | Appropriate funds to the Legislative Council<br><br><b>Relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds from the General Fund to the Legislative Council for the purpose of awarding a planning grant to make probation, the court systems, law enforcement, county attorneys, public defenders, and school districts more effective partners in juvenile justice reform; and to declare an emergency.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <a href="#">LB668</a> | Aguilar |          | Judiciary<br>03/09/2023                                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                                                            | <p>Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process</p> <p><b>Relating to mental health; to authorize mental health practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody as prescribed; to provide a certification process and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to change provisions relating to commencement of mental health board proceedings; to define 'licensed mental health practitioner'; Section 71-919 eliminates a provision limiting mental health professionals from limiting a person they have probable cause to believe is mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br/><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB675</a> | Day     |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/01/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                                                            | <p>Change provisions relating to elections and identification documents</p> <p><b>This bill outlines acceptable documents for voter ID. Requires expanded hours for election offices and. To change provisions relating to registering to vote and voting; to provide duties for the Secretary fo State and election officials; to eliminate the fee for certain state identification cards and certified copies of birth certificates for residents who will be at least 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the then current year. Provides for a public awareness campaign regarding voter identification requirements and procedures. The Department of Motor Vehicles will verify each applicant to be a United States citizen and at least 18 years of age by the first monday in November of the then-current year. Section 5 lists documents that are acceptable to qualify as identification. Beginning on January 1, 2026 the voter will present qualifying identification and stated their address to the clerk of election if it is not contained on their identification. If a voter cannot verify identification in the methods prescribed, section 9 provides alternative methods of doing so, such as a declaration of identity, a declaration of poverty, etc. The election commissioner or country clerk will establish a permanent list of voters requesting ballots for early voting and contact them each year asking if they would like an early ballot. Any person who applies for a CLP-commercial learner's permit will have their voter registration automatically updated unless they select otherwise. The department will not charge a fee for a copy of a birth record if the applicant indicates that they do not have a current Nebraska Driver's license or state identification caard and needs a state identification card for voting purposes.</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LB683</a> |         |          | Transportation and Telecommunications<br>02/07/2023     | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>Transportation and Telecommunicati<br>ons Priority Bill | <p>Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties</p> <p><b>Introduced at the request of the Governor, the bill creates the Nebraska Broadband Office under the Department of Transportation and moves it away from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bill requires that there be active engagement with a multitude of organizations including schools, regional economic development organizations, public power districts, business and industry, health care institutions, etc.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <a href="#">LB687</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Judiciary<br>02/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                               | Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System<br><br><b>Relating to juveniles; to create and provide duties for the Nebraska Integrate Juvenile Data Governing Body; to create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System; to set a date the system shall begin on July, 1 2025; and to provide for reports</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB695</a> | Linehan       |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                               | Provide a property tax exemption<br><br><b>Exempts the first \$25,000 of taxable valuation from real property taxes owned by residents.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LB705</a> | Murman        |          | Education<br>02/21/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>Education<br>Priority Bill | Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions<br><br><b>LB705 is this year's bill that woud set education spending from the lottery for the next 5 years. How the funds would be proposed to be distributed under the introduced copy of the bill are as follows (dollar amounts are estimated): Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act - 62% (\$1,185,406); Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund - 7% (\$1,714,481); Door to College Scholarship - 1% (\$244,926); Career Readiness and Dual Credit - 2% (\$489,852); Competituve Innovation Grant - 17% (\$4,163,740); Mental Health Training - 1.5% (\$367,389); Behavioral Health Training Cash Fund - 9.5% (\$2,326,796).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB706</a> | Moser         |          | Revenue<br>02/22/2023   | General File<br>03/06/2023<br>Moser Priority<br>Bill     | Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act<br><br><b>Relating to highways; to authorize issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act; to change provisions of the Build Nebraska Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency. Section 1 declares the pupose of the amendment and the importance that safe highways play in Nebraska's future. Section 2 relates to bonds and states that their issuance shall be not take place after June 30, 2029 and in accordance with the terms of the commission. Section 3 states the obligations of the bonds and that neither members of the commission nor any person executing the bonds is liable for them. Section 11 states that the issuance of bonds not exceed \$450,000,000. Section 14 designates which percentages of the bonds will be used for certain projects.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</b> |
| <a href="#">LB708</a> | Arch          |          | Education<br>02/28/2023 | In Committee<br>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<br><br><b>Relating to children; provides 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 memo of understanding for sharing data regarding certain students.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <a href="#">LB709</a> | Wishart   | Support<br>Testimony | Banking, Commerce<br>and Insurance<br>01/31/2023       | General File<br>03/13/2023<br>Wishart Priority<br>Bill | Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program<br><br><b>Relating to economic development; provides the department of economic development shall create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program to award grants for specified purposes including: construction of a convention center, renovation and improvements to existing agricultural society even tspaces, and capital improvements to any recreational area event spaces. Provides the State Treasurer will transfer \$71,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Fund.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">LB721</a> | Ballard   | Support              | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>02/28/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                             | Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County<br><br><b>Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Years 2023-24 to the Department of Transportation to begin planning for East Beltway project in Lancaster County.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB723</a> | Bostelman |                      | Natural Resources<br>02/02/2023                        | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                             | Adopt the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act<br><br><b>Relating to the natural resources; adopts the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act. The Act is meant to provide the Department of Natrual Resources with alternative methods of contracting for public water and natural resources projects. Provides the Department can solicit and execute contracts for a public wurface water or groundwater-related infrastructure project. Provides the department needs to develop a list of qualifications and shall prequalify design-builders, request proposals for designs, etc. The department ranks them and can negotiate a contract with the highest ranked design-builder. If they can't negotiate, they can terminate negotiations and undertake negotiations with the next highest-ranked design-builder.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB727</a> | Linehan   |                      | Revenue<br>02/23/2023                                  | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>Revenue Priority<br>Bill | Change provisions relating to the sales and use tax exemption on purchases by the state and other public entities<br><br><b>Relating to revenue and taxation; provides if a governmental unit's project expenditure has been approved by the voters of that governmental unit then such expenditures qualify for an exemption.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB733</a> | Bostar    | Monitor              | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>02/21/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                             | Adopt the Broadband Pole Placement and Undergrounding Fund Act<br><br><b>Relating to telecommunications; establishes the Broadband Pole Placement and Undergrounding Fund Act - defines terms, creates a fund to advance the provision of qualifying broadband service to residences and businesses in unserved areas in the state by reimbursing certain costs of pole replacements, mid-span pole placements, and undergrounding. Appropriates \$15,000,000 from federal funds for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to be used for the reimbursements.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                 |

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| <a href="#">LB736</a> | Raybould      |          | Appropriations<br>03/24/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$20,000, 000 from the General Fund for fiscal years 2023-24 to the department of health and human services for state aid only to be used to supplement the federally funded Community Services Block Grant to support capital campaigns.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">LB740</a> | Vargas        |          | Agriculture<br>02/14/2023                               | General File<br>03/02/2023 | Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act<br><br><b>Relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; defines the term "city," and provides that participating political subdivision under contract with the department can enter into an agreement to grant and recognize health inspection permits for mobile food units. Mobile food units may be subject to periodic and unannounced inspections in any jurisdiction where their health inspection permit is recognized.</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB742</a> | Vargas        |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Change provisions relating to registration to vote and voting under the Election Act<br><br><b>This bill would require electronic poll books to contain photographs to verify identification.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB743</a> | Kauth         |          | Banking, Commerce and Insurance<br>02/13/2023           | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Adopt the Investment Neutrality in Public Funds Act<br><br><b>Relating to public funds; adopts the Investment Neutrality in Public Funds Act. Provides that in making and supervising investments of any public fund, those responsible for making such decisions have to discharge the financial interests of their beneficiaries. Some exclusions for situations where there is no economically viable alternative.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB745</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Increase the cigarette tax and provide for distribution of the proceeds<br><br><b>Relating to revenue and taxation; increases the cigarette tax to \$2.14 per package. Provides that beginning July 1, 2023, the Treasurer has to put \$1.00 of such tax in the Property Tax Credity Cash Fund and \$0.50 of such tax in the Medicaid Waiver Cash Fund.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB746</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Urban Affairs<br>02/28/2023                             | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Restrict the use of tax-increment financing<br><br><b>Relating to the Community Development Law; provides that if the total amount of ad valorem taxes estimated to be generated for any redevelopment project exceeds \$20,000,000 then the division of taxes authorized in this section can only be used if the question of dividing such taxes has been submitted at a primary, general, or special election held within a city and has been approved by the voters of said city.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</b> |
| <a href="#">LB747</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Revenue<br>03/22/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide an income tax credit for renters and change provisions relating to a property tax credit<br><br><b>Relating to revenue and taxation; provides an income tax credit for residential renters in the state of Nebraska. The credit is equal to the greater of a 4% of the total amount of rent paid by the renter during the taxable year or two hundred dollars. The credit cannot exceed \$1,000.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| <a href="#">LB749</a> | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Judiciary<br>03/16/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Prohibit possession of deadly weapons in the State Capitol or on State Capitol grounds<br><br><b>Provides it is unlawful for anyone to possess a deadly weapon in the State Capitol building or on State Capitol grounds. A violation of this section is a Class IV felony. Doesn't apply to law enforcement officers, members of the armed forces, or people participating in historical reenactments or ceremonial proceedings.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB750</a> | Albrecht      |          | Revenue<br>02/02/2023                   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Change provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB758</a> | DeBoer        |          | Judiciary<br>02/10/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Create the Sexual Violence Review Act<br><br><b>Relates to sexual assault; establishes the Sexual Violence Review Act. Creates a Sexual Violence Review Task Force comprised of the Attorney General, two full-time prosecutors with at least three years experience in prosecuting felony criminal cases, two full-time defense attorneys with at least three years experience in defending felony criminal cases, one person with five years experience in mental health or social services, and one person with five years experience in victim advocacy. Further provides the Task Force will create a framework for multidisciplinary review of reported acts of sexual violence and assault. Task Force must compile their data findings and submit a written report annually.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB759</a> | DeBoer        |          | Judiciary<br>02/10/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide for notification of the pending expiration of a protection order<br><br><b>Relating to protection orders; provides protection order forms shall include an option for the petitioner to indicate if they would like to receive notification when their protection order is about to expire and what method they would like to receive that notification (by mail or electronic means). Also provides that no later than 45 days before the protection order expires, the Nebraska State Patrol has to notify the petitioner of the pending expiration of the order if the petitioner has requested such notification.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB760</a> | DeBoer        |          | Judiciary<br>02/10/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to create a victim advocate grant program<br><br><b>Relating to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and each year thereafter to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for purposes listed in this subsection. This includes grants to organizations that provide training for victim advocates in the State of Nebraska.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">LB765</a> | DeKay         |          | Health and Human Services<br>02/22/2023 | General File<br>03/07/2023 | Change, provide, and eliminate definitions, powers, and duties under the Statewide Trauma System Act<br><br><b>Relating to the Statewide Trauma System Act; amends the definition of "trauma team," deletes the language requiring the State Trauma Advisory Board to review regional trauma plans and recommend changes, and the language requiring them to draft a five-year statewide prevention plan that each trauma care region shall implement. Deletes a lot of language including the department's duties in establishing minimum standards and review and approval of regional plans.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">LB767</a> | DeKay         |          | Judiciary<br>03/03/2023                 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Increase the indigent defense court filing fee<br><br><b>Increases indigent defense filing fee from \$3 to \$8.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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| LB768    | DeKay            |          | Appropriations<br>03/14/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/20/2023<br>DeKay Priority<br>Bill     | Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund<br><br><b>Relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; provides the State Treasurer shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund after July 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2024.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LB769    | Holdcroft        |          | Natural Resources<br>02/01/2023                            | General File<br>03/13/2023<br>Holdcroft Priority<br>Bill | Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system<br><br><b>Relating to funds; requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$60,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund. Includes in the grant language the ability to develop a sewer system.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB770    | Cavanaugh,<br>M. |          | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/08/2023 | In Committee<br>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<br><br><b>Relating to elections; provides that beginning in 2025 and every 5 years thereafter the Secretary of State will audit all offices of the DMV, the election commissioners, the county clerks, and all polling locations to ensure compliance with the ADA regarding facility and technology accessibility issues.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB772    | Hughes           |          | Health and Human<br>Services<br>02/10/2023                 | General File<br>03/14/2023                               | Create the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program<br><br><b>Relating to children and families; creates the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program. Meant to make grants available for construction of a facility for pregnant and parenting homeless youth. The program is to be administered by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. A licensed residential child-caring agency currently providing street outreach services to homeless youth may apply for a grant. The Legislature will appropriate \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 to carry out this act.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| LB773    | Vargas           |          | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>02/13/2023     | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                               | Require voter approval of taxes on wireless services<br><br><b>This bill would adopt the Broadband Pole Placement and Undergroudign Fund Act. The program would be adminteste byt he PSC. Money for the program would come from BEAD and/or ARPA. In the case of ARPA funds, \$15 million would be appropriated, Reimbursement of all or part of an applicants costs for pole replacement, mid span pole placement, or underground costs would be eligible, inaddition to 100 percent of the applicants cost for preparing the reimbursement application, if the expenses were for providing 100/100 service in unserved areas.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</b> |

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| <a href="#">LB783</a> | Murman         |                 | Revenue<br>02/02/2023                                      | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Eliminate the levy authority of community college areas<br><br><b>This bill terminates the ability for a community college in Nebraska from levying the property tax beginning in 2026-27. The bill also removes the ability for a taxpayer to claim an income tax credit for property taxes paid to a community college at the same time.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</b> |
| <a href="#">LB790</a> | Wayne          |                 | Judiciary                                                  | In Committee<br>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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">LB793</a> | Wayne          |                 | Judiciary<br>02/03/2023                                    | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide duties for judges relating to problem solving courts<br><br><b>The bill establishes a statewide standard for the allocation of judicial workload as it relates to problem-solving courts. The bill calls for equitable distribution to all judges of the court.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">LB795</a> | Wayne          |                 | Judiciary<br>02/24/2023                                    | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists<br><br><b>Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; replaces the word naxolone with the phrase "an opioid antagonist" and defines it as any opioid antagonist that is approved by the FDA.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b>                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LB798</a> | Vargas         |                 | Appropriations<br>03/07/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development<br><br><b>Appropriating \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Economic Development for economic recovery.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">LB807</a> | Von Gillern    |                 | Transportation and<br>Telecommunications<br>02/14/2023     | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide for one license plate per vehicle<br><br><b>LB807 will make one single rear mounted license plate the requirement for all registered vehicles in the state of Nebraska.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">LB808</a> | Halloran       |                 | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/22/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide for counting and recounting ballots under the Election Act by hand count<br><br><b>Allows losing candidate to request a hand recount of ballots.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <a href="#">LB820</a> | Albrecht | Monitor              | Revenue<br>02/03/2023                                      | In Committee<br>01/27/2023                        | <p>Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act</p> <p><b>LB820 declares that sales of agricultural and horticultural land are influenced by uses other than agricultural or horticultural purposes and cause the price paid for agricultural land and horticultural land to exceed the value such land has for agricultural or horticultural purposes. Agricultural and horticultural land will be assessed based on its capacity to produce income, called agricultural use value. The Nebraska Constitution, (Article VIII, Section 1, subsections (4) and (5)), authorize this method of assessment. Procedurally, LB 820 establishes an Agricultural Land Valuation Committee to establish agricultural land values by Land Capability Groups (LCG) for agricultural land throughout the state. Land values are established utilizing a production approach to value. Gross income will be computed using an eight-year average yield data, with the highest and lowest values removed. Gross income is reduced to net income by utilizing expense ratios. The net income is then capitalized to determine assessed value. The capitalization rate is also determined by the committee and is calculated to valuations within 69-75% of market value ensuring assessed values are uniformly and proportionately assessed within the class of Agricultural Land. LB 820 keeps the county assessor responsible for classifying land. County assessors currently inventory agricultural land on a productivity index making the implementation of this bill simple at the county level. County Assessors have representation on the Agricultural Land Valuation Committee created in this bill and have the option to petition the Tax Commissioner for alternative values they determine are not uniform and proportionate.</b></p> <p><b>In addition to the fairness in assessment resulting from this method, LB 820 also contains limitations to assure the resulting values for all agricultural and horticultural land statewide cannot be above the current market-based standard of 75% of value and cannot increase more than 3.5% over the prior year. LB 820 would be operative for 2024, providing sufficient time for county assessors and the Department of Revenue to implement.</b></p> |
| <a href="#">LR1CA</a> | Blood    | Support<br>Testimony | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>02/24/2023 | General File<br>03/03/2023<br>Blood Priority Bill | <p>Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed</p> <p><b>Introduced at the request of Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the bill amends Article III, §22 by protecting political subdivisions from being subject to responsibility for a program created after the year 2024, or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2024 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b><br/><b>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LR6CA</a> | Erdman   | Oppose               | Revenue<br>03/03/2023                                      | In Committee<br>01/09/2023                        | <p>Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes</p> <p><b>Amends VIII-14 to include a provision that no governmental entity in the State of Nebraska may impose taxes other than retail consumption taxes or excise taxes.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <a href="#">LR7CA</a>  | Erdman  | Oppose                             | Revenue<br>03/03/2023         | In Committee<br>01/09/2023                           | <p>Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items</p> <p><b>Amends VIII-15 to add provision requiring the State of Nebraska to impose a retail consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services. Also authorizes the legislature to vest authority in political subdivisions to impose consumption or excise taxes. No exemption for taxes are allowed except for grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</b></p>                                                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">LR22CA</a> | Dover   |                                    | Executive Board<br>03/03/2023 | General File<br>03/14/2023<br>Dover Priority<br>Bill | <p>Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms</p> <p><b>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. It would amend Article III, section 12 now stating no legislator can serve for four years after the expiration of three consecutive terms instead of two consecutive years.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LR23CA</a> | Riepe   | Oppose,<br>Neutral w/<br>Amendment | Revenue<br>03/16/2023         | In Committee<br>01/18/2023                           | <p>Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax</p> <p><b>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. The amendment would add a new section 1C to Article VIII prohibiting the state and any political subdivision thereof from levying an inheritance tax.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b><br/><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LR30CA</a> | Murman  |                                    | Revenue<br>03/02/2023         | In Committee<br>01/20/2023                           | <p>Constitutional amendment to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property</p> <p><b>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. The amendment would amend Article VIII, Section I, to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property. The amendment would allow the legislature to define commercial real property as a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation which will result in a different method of taxing commercial real property which provides values that are not uniform with other real property taxes but are uniform to all property within the class of commercial real property.</b></p> <p><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</b></p> |

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| <a href="#">LB411</a> | Dungan    |                      | Appropriations<br>03/16/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Appropriate funds for Wyuka Cemetery<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">LB511</a> | Brewer    |                      | Appropriations<br>03/16/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$26 million for mobile radios to provide interoperable communications between state agencies and local volunteer fire departments and emergency squads.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">LB612</a> | McDonnell | Support<br>Testimony | Appropriations<br>03/16/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$4 million to reimburse counties for the lease of office space to the Department of Health and Human Services and Probation.</b><br><br><b>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <a href="#">LB365</a> | Hunt      | Support              | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Permit counties to conduct elections by mail<br><br><b>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).</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">LB604</a> | Raybould  |                      | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Change provisions relating to voting early under the Election Act<br><br><b>Relating to elections, to change provisions relating to voting early to allow voters to request early voting ballots on the Secretary of State's website, introduces provision requiring election commissioner to keep a permanent list of voters requesting ballots for early voting and send each voter a text, email, or postcard prior to voting asking if the voter would like to receive a ballot for early voting for that election to be mailed to the voter's mailing address. Repeals the original sections.</b> |
| <a href="#">LB742</a> | Vargas    |                      | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/16/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Change provisions relating to registration to vote and voting under the Election Act<br><br><b>This bill would require electronic poll books to contain photographs to verify identification.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">LB162</a> | McDonnell |                      | Judiciary<br>03/16/2023                                    | In Committee<br>01/11/2023 | Prohibit tampering with electronic monitoring devices required by court order or as a condition of parole<br><br><b>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.</b><br><b>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</b>                                                                                        |

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| LB338    | McKinney      |                                    | Judiciary<br>03/16/2023                                    | In Committee<br>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<br><b>Requires district and county courts in counties over 100,000 people to have open court hours on the same time and day each week.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| LB749    | Cavanaugh, M. |                                    | Judiciary<br>03/16/2023                                    | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Prohibit possession of deadly weapons in the State Capitol or on State Capitol grounds<br><br><b>Provides it is unlawful for anyone to possess a deadly weapon in the State Capitol building or on State Capitol grounds. A violation of this section is a Class IV felony. Doesn't apply to law enforcement officers, members of the armed forces, or people participating in historical reenactments or ceremonial proceedings.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| LR23CA   | Riepe         | Oppose,<br>Neutral w/<br>Amendment | Revenue<br>03/16/2023                                      | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax<br><br><b>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. The amendment would add a new section 1C to Article VIII prohibiting the state and any political subdivision thereof from levying an inheritance tax.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB415    | Dorn          |                                    | Appropriations<br>03/21/2023                               | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| LB332    | Linehan       |                                    | Education<br>03/21/2023                                    | In Committee<br>01/13/2023 | Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education<br><br><b>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.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB481    | Raybould      |                                    | Urban Affairs<br>03/21/2023                                | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Adopt the Housing Incentive District Act<br><br><b>Allows counties and cities to create housing incentive districts similar to TIF.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| LB457    | Holdcroft     |                                    | Government, Military<br>and Veterans Affairs<br>03/22/2023 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023 | Require video surveillance of voting and provide requirements for paper ballots, vote scanning devices, and vote tabulating equipment<br><br><b>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.</b> |

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|          |               |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB808    | Halloran      |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/22/2023 | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide for counting and recounting ballots under the Election Act by hand count<br><br><b>Allows losing candidate to request a hand recount of ballots.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|          |               |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB747    | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Revenue<br>03/22/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide an income tax credit for renters and change provisions relating to a property tax credit<br><br><b>Relating to revenue and taxation; provides an income tax credit for residential renters in the state of Nebraska. The credit is equal to the greater of a 4% of the total amount of rent paid by the renter during the taxable year or two hundred dollars. The credit cannot exceed \$1,000.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| LB381    | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/17/2023 | Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes<br><br><b>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.</b> |
|          |               |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</b><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| LB577    | Cavanaugh, J. |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/19/2023 | Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property<br><br><b>Requires Treasurers to provide multiple notices to delinquent property taxpayers before and after tax sales. Limits value of property eligible for treasurers deeds.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|          |               |          |                                                         |                            | <b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LB695    | Linehan       |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Provide a property tax exemption<br><br><b>Exempts the first \$25,000 of taxable valuation from real property taxes owned by residents.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| LB745    | Cavanaugh, M. |          | Revenue<br>03/23/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | Increase the cigarette tax and provide for distribution of the proceeds<br><br><b>Relating to revenue and taxation; increases the cigarette tax to \$2.14 per package. Provides that beginning July 1, 2023, the Treasurer has to put \$1.00 of such tax in the Property Tax Credity Cash Fund and \$0.50 of such tax in the Medicaid Waiver Cash Fund.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| LB736    | Raybould      |          | Appropriations<br>03/24/2023                            | In Committee<br>01/20/2023 | State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services<br><br><b>Appropriates \$20,000, 000 from the General Fund for fiscal years 2023-24 to the department of health and human services for state aid only to be used to supplement the federally funded Community Services Block Grant to support capital campaigns.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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| <a href="#">LB287</a> | Brewer  |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/13/2023                             | Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act<br><br><b>Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508. Prohibits the creation of joint public agencies on or after October 1, 2023.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <a href="#">LB428</a> | Walz    |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/18/2023                             | Require the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to provide matching funding for the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program<br><br><b>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.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</b> |
| <a href="#">LB540</a> | Vargas  |          | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs<br>03/24/2023 | In Committee<br>01/19/2023                             | Change provisions relating to public lettings<br><br><b>Requires bidder to submit proof of workers' compensation insurance from all contractors and subcontractors for all contract bids over \$500,000.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">LB369</a> | Linehan |          | Revenue<br>03/24/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/17/2023                             | Change property tax provisions relating to net book value<br><br><b>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).</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</b>                         |
| <a href="#">LB387</a> | Linehan |          | Revenue<br>03/24/2023                                   | In Committee<br>01/17/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill | Change provisions relating to income tax rates<br><br><b>Relating to income taxes. Changes tax rate as a number to natural language of the same amount.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">LB388</a> | Linehan |          | Revenue<br>03/24/2023                                   | Introduced<br>01/12/2023<br>Speaker Priority<br>Bill   | Change provisions relating to sales taxes<br><br><b>Relating to sales and use taxes. Changes the commencing date of an already passed year.</b><br><br><b>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Watch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |