

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M.
COUNTY CITY BUILDING, 555 S. 10TH STREET
ROOM 113 – BILL LUXFORD STUDIO**

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

Others Present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; 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 April 5, 2023. Notice was also published in the Lincoln Journal Star print and digital editions on April 3, 2023.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 2023

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

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

Kohout reviewed the weekly legislative update (Exhibit 1). The Governor's property tax relief package and LB583 (Provide for foundation aid and special education supplemental aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act) advanced to Select File. LB775 (Change provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act) moved to Final Reading. Additionally, there were announcements of the resignations of Tony Goins, Director of the Division of Economic Development, and Senator Suzanne Geist.

LB124 (Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program) was amended into LB683 (Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties) and advanced to Final Reading.

Kohout noted the Appropriations Committee is discussing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) budget as it pertains to provider rates and appropriations.

LB243 (Change the minimum amount of relief granted under the Property Tax Credit Act) was amended into LB28 (Change provisions relating to decisions on appeals under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act). The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) is working to address issues.

Kohout distributed a comprehensive list of bills (Exhibit 2) and a list of County priorities (Exhibit 3).

- 3. LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, and Scott Holmes, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Environmental Public Health Division Manager

A. Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant for HazToGo

Brock Hanisch, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Environmental Health Supervisor, stated the Health Department received a grant for \$1,345,000 over three years to develop a community reuse program. This program will build onto the hazard waste program and will allow the reuse of certain hazardous waste items at no charge to the community. Examples of items that may qualify are home cleaning products, motor oil, paints and stains. Lopez added this issue will also be brought to City leaders and the Planning Department. A press release about the grant is scheduled for this afternoon.

B. Revision to Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards

Gary Bergstrom, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Environmental Health Supervisor, proposed changes to regulations and standards, which include adding a federal rule that was inadvertently left out in the previous update, clean up grammatical formatting and reflect changes in federal and state regulations (see agenda packet). These changes have been vetted through the Board of Health.

Derbin noted a public hearing will be held at a future Tuesday meeting.

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, said she is looking forward to paving particular County roads as that will help with dust control in those areas.

- 4. PROPOSED DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE** – Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Meyer reviewed the proposed department budget hearing schedule (see agenda packet) and discussed the hearing process, including \$.15 allocations and the budget approval process.

Meyer discussed the possibility of a public hearing as prescribed by LB644 (Adopt the Property Tax Request Act, change dates relating to tax levies, and change provisions relating to property tax refunds).

- 5. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR UPDATE** – Laura Leppky, Talent Acquisition Division Leader, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources

Leppky stated Darci Poland has withdrawn her acceptance of the Community Corrections Director position. She asked the Board if they would like to consider offering the position to other candidates within the current candidate pool or conduct another search.

Yoakum said she felt many of the candidates were very corrections focused and not focused as much on behavioral health or human services. She thought the job description needs to be rewritten with more focus on behavioral health or human services. Amundson agreed with Yoakum.

Leppky asked if the Board would require the position be a licensed mental health counselor. Flowerday said he was not supportive of requiring a license. Amundson and Yoakum were in favor of candidates having experience in behavioral and mental health programs.

Pat Condon, County Attorney, requested the Board get input from the users of the programs, such as the courts, County Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office, about the position as they would like to be involved in the hiring process. He added the programs offered by Community Corrections need to meet the needs of both the users and the program participants for them to be effective.

It was the consensus of the Board for Leppky to discuss the Community Corrections Director position with the users of the Community Corrections programs.

There was general discussion about maintaining and growing the direction of Community Corrections programs.

Schulte felt the Board is looking for an executive for the Community Corrections Director, not a practitioner. He also felt the title of the job led to applicants with a more traditional corrections background. It may take time to find the right candidate.

Leppky inquired if the Board would like to discuss finding an interim director. The Board indicated they will make a decision on this in the near future.

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION – Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff

Wagner discussed the grant application, noting that the grant is for up to \$200,000 and due by April 14 (see agenda packet). He added a plan will be developed on how to implement the grant if it is awarded.

The Board moved to Item 8.

7. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

No update was given.

8. ACTION ITEM

A. Submission of CY2023 LEMHWA Program Grant Application

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

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Nebraska Community Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference, June 14-15, 2023, Graduate Hotel, Lincoln, NE

Amundson, Vest and Yoakum will attend.

10. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Chamber Coffee – Flowerday/Yoakum

Flowerday reported there were updates on the airport.

B. Congressional Breakfast – All

No report given.

C. Other meetings attended since the last staff meeting

Vest stated the City of Waverly received a \$562,000 grant for the Waverly Aquatic Center.

Vest, Amundson and Yoakum discussed caring for traumatized youth at the Youth Services Center (YSC).

11. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

Informational only.

12. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vest moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Vest, Amundson, Schulte, Flowerday and Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.


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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: April 6, 2023

RE: Weekly Report

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

Since our meeting last Thursday, the Legislature has debated four large issues. Specifically, last Thursday, they wrapped up debate on LB243, the Governor's Property Tax Proposal; commenced and invoked cloture on the shift of the Nebraska Broadband Office from the PSC to the Department of Transportation in LB683; commenced debate and invoked cloture on LB583, the Governor's Education Package; and debated and invoked cloture on LB775, the omnibus gaming bill.

Yesterday, the Legislature debated and advanced LB276 – Senator Wishart's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act. In the afternoon, they debated LB683 on Select File. Two major announcements were made during the day as well – The Director of the Division of Economic Development Tony Goins resigned his position and Senator Suzanne Geist resigned following her performance in the Mayoral Primary.

LANCASTER COUNTY PRIORITIES

East Beltway Related Legislation

LB721 (Ballard) Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County. SUPPORT TESTIMONY.

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. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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.

The provisions of LB124 have been included in AM1142 which was filed as an amendment to LB683.

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.

Extend Bridge Project Payments

LB190 (Brandt) Authorize scheduled extension of county bridge project payments. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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 24th. Commissioner Vest testified in support along with County Engineer Dingman. The bill was placed on General File.

Provide for payment for service facilities operated for state public assistance programs.

LB420 (Raybould) Require the state to pay counties for the cost of office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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 24th. 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.

Oppose legislation that affect 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 occurred on March 24, 2023. Senator Brewer's Legislative Aide opened on the bill, stating that the measure would not be moving forward, and was introduced simply as a shell bill should one be needed. The bill was opposed by NACO. There were no proponents for neutral testimony.

LB332 (Linehan) Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education. MONITOR. Prohibits joint public agencies in education. This bill was referred to the Education Committee. The hearing on this bill was held on March 21, 2023 with support from LIBA and opposition from a number of school organizations through one testifier. Senator Linehan has indicated that she will be studying JPAs this summer in the form of an interim study so she asked that the bill not advance.

LB322 (Linehan) Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax. OPPOSE. 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. 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.

This bill will not be included in the property tax package as Senator Linehan has indicated that she will be studying JPAs this summer in the form of an interim study.

Repeal of the Inheritance Tax.

LR23CA (Riepe) Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax. OPPOSE TESTIMONY. 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 occurred on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Those in support included Jim Smith from the Platte Institute, Doug Kagan, Bob Hallstrom with the NFIB, Richard Clements and Brandi Burkett. Those in opposition included Jon Cannon, Joe Lorenz (Douglas County Finance Director), Commissioner Ron Peterson of Hall County, Joey Adler Ruane of Open Sky Policy Institute, Misty Ahmic of Seward County, Richard James, Marvin Kohout of Saline County, Rich Flores of Kimball County.

LR6CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes. OPPOSE. 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. OPPOSE. 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. OPPOSE. 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 six 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. The bill remains held in committee.

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. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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. NO POSITION. 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. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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 31st.

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. MONITOR. 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 31st. 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. NO POSITION.

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. § 29-2246-69 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. NO POSITION. 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 2nd. 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. NO POSITION. 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 2nd. The bill remains held in committee.

Brad Johnson – LB57 (M. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. NO POSITION 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 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 act 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 30th. 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. NO POSITION 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 1st. 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. NO POSITION. 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 10th.

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

Sarah Hoyle – LB473 (Geist) Create a grant program to operate a safe and secure treatment center for youth. NEUTRAL. 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 15th. 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. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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 15th.

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. NO POSITION. 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 16th. 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. SUPPORT LETTER. 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 7th. 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. NO POSITION. 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. The bill was supported by a large number of trade union members, highlighting issues with individuals working in unofficial capacities for contractors. The bill had no opponents. The Electrical Workers and Construction Council of Nebraska appeared in neutral stating they would likely be in support but had not had time to review specific provisions of the bill.

Abby Eccher – LB155 (DeBoer) Change provisions regarding the applicability of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. NO POSITION. 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 7th. 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. The bill has been advanced to General File.

Abby Eccher – LB683 (Transportation and Telecommunications) Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties. NO POSITION. 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 7th. 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. The Committee has advanced the bill with AM870. The Legislature debated LB683 on Thursday and Friday of last week and adopted AM870 before advancing to Select File. On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, the Legislature commenced Select File debate of LB683.

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. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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 8th 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. MONITOR 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. SUPPORT LETTER. 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. NO POSITION. 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. The bill has been advanced to General File with AM920.

Treasurer Garver – LB577 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property. OPPOSE TESTIMONY. 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 occurred on March 23, 2023. Those appearing support of the bill included the Platte Institute, Americans for Prosperity, AARP, ACLU of Nebraska, Legal Aid of Nebraska, two attorneys (one who happens to be a former judge), Omaha City Council. Those who appeared in opposition included NACO, the Lancaster County Treasurer on behalf of herself and Lancaster County, the Douglas County Treasurer, US Assets, Guardian Tax Partners. The bill remains held in committee.

Treasurer Garver – LB97 (Clements) Change provisions relating to required reports for inheritance tax. SUPPORT LETTER. 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. OPPOSE TESTIMONY. 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 Lancaster County. Others in opposition included the League of Municipalities, NACO, the Nebraska Power Association, and the Nebraska Association of School Boards. The bill remains held in committee.

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. OPPOSE. 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.

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. SUPPORT LETTER. 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 14th. 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. The bill remains held in committee.

DHHS Budget – Behavioral Health. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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. Commissioner Yoakum testified on the budget, along with Patrick Kreifels, Region V Administrator, and administrators from the additional behavioral health regions. Committee members asked questions regarding the number of individuals served by the regions, the language included in last year's budget

that required flexibility for the regions from DHHS, and what the amount of loss would be per region, including questions about the county match dollars.

LB612 (McDonnell) Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. Appropriates \$4 million to reimburse counties for the lease of office space to the Department of Health and Human Services and Probation. LB612 was heard on Thursday, March 16th. Proponents included Commissioner Amundson as well as Commissioner Borgeson of Douglas County as well as the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Opposition was provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, stating that the reduction of other offices to some larger counties has allowed for more efficiencies within the department, and stating the cost to the department would be prohibitive. Questions from committee members focused on the need for statutory changes along with the appropriations measure, stating that it would not offer a permanent change to the current arrangement to simply pass something in the budget. Commissioner Amundson did note that LB420 would provide for a statutory change. The bill remains held in committee.

COMMISSONER FLOWERDAY - LB734 (Bostar) Provide an enhanced penalty for damage to certain infrastructure facilities resulting in serious bodily injury or death. SUPPORT LETTER. This bill would enhance the penalty for criminal mischief if the perpetrator intentionally or maliciously cause a substantial interruption of public utility services and such impairment or interpretation is a significant contributing factor in the death or serious bodily injury of another person. Public communication is considered a public service for the purposes of the bill. The bill was heard by the Judiciary Committee on March 24, 2023. This bill was supported by a number of public infrastructure groups and utilities, including LES, NPPD, OPPD, NREA, the League and others, who pointed out that threats to public infrastructure have increased in recent years. The criminal defense attorneys' association was in opposition and there was no neutral testimony. The bill remains held in committee.

LB736 (Raybould) State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services. SUPPORT LETTER. 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. There was no opposition to the bill and several community action partnerships from across Nebraska testified in support along with the city of Norfolk. If the committee takes action, it will be included in the mainline budget.

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY BILLS

LB317 (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to inspection of real property by county assessors. NO POSITION. 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 16th. The bill was advanced to General File.

LB337 (Riepe) Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. 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 occurred on March 24, 2023. Those appearing in support of the bill included Douglas and Lancaster Counties, NACO, the Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators and the League of Women Voters. Those appearing in opposition included the League of Municipalities and Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom. The bill is not likely to advance.

LB551 (J. Cavanaugh) State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services. NO POSITION. 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 24th. The bill remains held in committee.

LB570 (Vargas) Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act. NO POSITION. This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses. The hearing on this bill was held on February 23rd. Senator Vargas has declared this bill to be his priority this session. The bill remains held in committee.

SARPY COUNTY BILLS

LR1CA (Blood) Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed. SUPPORT TESTIMONY. Introduced at the request of Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the bill amends Article III, §22 by protecting political subdivisions from being subject to responsibility for a program created after the year 2024, or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 20204 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service. 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. NO POSITION. 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. NO POSITION. 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.

NACO BILLS

LB3 (Sanders) Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions. NO POSITION. 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. NO POSITION. 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. NO POSITION. 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. The bill remains held in committee.

LB247 (Lippincott) Change provisions relating to issuance of a certificate of title for certain motor vehicles. NO POSITION. 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. NO POSITION. 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 was advanced to General File.

LB449 (Brandt) Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program. SUPPORT. 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. NO POSITION. 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. OPPOSE. 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.

Senator Erdman was successful in amending LB243 with the provisions of LB28 as originally introduced. We are working with NACO actively to ensure a revised amendment to LB243 be filed.

This concludes our report for this week.

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LB2	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Create the Commission on Asian American Affairs</p> <p>Creates Commission on Asian American Affairs. Purpose of the commission is to join representatives of Asian Americans in Nebraska. The Commission is to determine solutions to enhance Asian American rights and develop solutions to problems common to Asian Americans through the development of programs in housing, education, welfare, medical and dental.</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</p>
LB3	Sanders		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	Select File 02/23/2023	<p>Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB4	Sanders		Revenue 01/26/2023	General File 02/07/2023	<p>Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties</p> <p>Introduced at the the request of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners. the bill amends § 77-3506 to include an honorably discharged veteran who is not considered a paraplegic under § 75-3526-3528 for a temporary service connected disability to be eligible for the homestead exemption. For this new section application for the exemption is due annually rather than every five years for a permanent disability. Furthermore, the sections allowing surviving spouses are amended to be subject to application every year. 77-3506 (3) A provision is inserted that if a veteran who is granted homestead under permanent disability dies during the 5 year period in which they are approved, the surviving spouse will continue to receive homestead benefits for that period. § 77-3512(e). § 77-3513 requires county assessor to mail notice of homestead exemption in the current year to those required to refile. § 77-3522 (1) inserts a requirement for “knowingly” assisting another in preparation of a false statement for homestead exemption. (2) inserts: failure to notify the county assessor of a change in statutes may result in the claim being disallowed and if the claim is allowed taxes are owed under exempt period. (3) County assessor may revoke if they believe exemption is improper.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Conditionally Opposed</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB5	Blood		Business and Labor 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide for compensability under Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for mental injuries resulting from workplace violence</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB6	Blood		Urban Affairs 02/28/2023	General File 03/24/2023	<p>Prohibit conditional use permits and zoning exceptions for delinquent property taxpayers</p> <p>Relating to Political Subdivisions § 18-2219, 19-929, 23-114.01. Prohibiting the grant of conditional use permit for persons, including redevelopers, more than one hundred and eighty days late in payment of real property taxes for cities of all classes or any city planning commission or city planning director of a primary class city.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</p>
LB8	Blood		Judiciary 03/09/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act and provide for certificates of title and liens for abandoned mobile homes</p> <p>Relating to Mobile Homes Title Transfer § 60-149 and sections of the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act. This bill starts by amending the title process of motor vehicles. transfer of title for a motor vehicle by operation of law involving inheritance, bankruptcy, etc. 2(b) is deleted because the provision is covered nearly identically in the same section. 1(b) adds that a title can be issued for a motorhome and 3(a) exempts requiring satisfactory proof of ownership for title under section 18 or 22 of the act. § 60-192 (2) deletes a requirement that requires the owner of a vehicle less than 10 years of age to provide a statement of mileage at time of transfer prior to January 1, 2021. The Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act is amended in a tenant friendly way. § 76-1453 (1) adds that any person or class damaged by a violation of the Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act or a breach of a rental agreement may bring civil action. § 76-1457 (7) adds that other lienholder means a person other than the landlord who holds a lien or security interest in a mobile home. § 76-1475 (5) adds that a tenant may terminate a rental agreement by giving the landlord 30 day notice and a landlord may only terminate a rental agreement as authorized by § 76-14, 104 which limits termination methods to very specific only prescribed by the Act. (5) is also strengthened by the language of "landlord shall not" cancel a rental agreement solely for making the space available. Lastly (5) removes an agreement option that requires removal of the tenant at expiration of lease, landlord shall give tenant 30 days notice before exercising option. Further sections go on to insert language that the landlord shall not 1) deny on the basis of disability. 2) the tenant has the right to sell their mobile home and 3) collect a fee from the selling of a mobile home. § 76-14-106 (2-3a-b) inserts requirements for landlord acting in retaliation due to tenant's reasonable actions and the tenants entitlement to remedies. (3 a-b) removes a landlord from being able to bring action in violation of housing code due to tenants lack of reasonable care or tenant is in default of five days past when rent is due. Other landlord friendly sections are deleted, such as t, the tenant having to give notice to landlord of prospective purchaser, landlord's ability to approve or disapprove of prospective purchaser, landlord ability to prescribe requirements concerning physical appearance of mobile home, etc.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</p>

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LB10	Blood		Revenue 01/26/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation for motor vehicles and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. For tax exemptions for motor vehicles and mobile homes, the definition of “Disabled veteran” is deleted and replaced with a provision declaring the term to be defined by the U.S. Code. The U.S. code has a broader definition than what was originally in the statute.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</p>
LB14	Dungan		Judiciary 02/22/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023 Dungan Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act</p> <p>Amending various sections relating to Foster Care. (8)(d)(i) is inserted to provide a child adjudicated to be a juvenile who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. (8)(d)(ii) provides that a juvenile may request a hearing as to whether it is necessary and in the best interest for them to remain in out-of-home placement. (8)(d)(iii) adds that if the court determines returning to the family home is contrary to the juveniles interest, the Department of Health and Human services (the department)is tasked with explaining information to the juvenile to prevent a relapse into the system. Lastly, (8)(d)(iv) limits a juvenile’s eligibility for the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act if they have a current pending motion to revoke probation. The purpose of the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act § 43-4502 is amended to include youth exiting state care, disconnected from family support and at risk of homelessness. § 2(c) is added to § 43-504 to reach out-of-home placement juveniles described in, who were not previously covered for eligibility under the act. § 43-4505 (3) is added to provide health care assistance under the medical assistance program to eligible juveniles under the act. § 43-4510 (1) inserts language providing that if the juvenile was court appointed defense counsel before the age of eligibility, the appointment may be continued with consent of the adult and under a client-directed model of representation. § 43-4511.01 inserts language stating that if the the young adults guardianship agreement effect pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 673 and the young adult attained sixteen years of age before the agreement, they may choose to participate in extended guardianship assistance if they meet the requirements. Lastly, § 43-4514 allows the department to seek federal funding from Title IVE-E if the youth is adjudicated to be a juvenile under the newly added section 2(c) in § 43-504.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</p>

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LB19	Wayne		Judiciary 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications</p> <p>Relating to threshold dollar amount for criminal penalties. Increases the threshold amount to qualify for misdemeanor and criminal charges by raising the maximum amount for each charge. For example, a person committing theft is guilty of a class three misdemeanor where the value of the property is \$500 or less is changed to \$1,000 or less. The following statutes raise their maximum amount to qualify for misdemeanor or felony charges: Nebraska Bingo Act § 9-262, The Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act § 9-352, The Nebraska Lottery Raffle Act § 9-434, The Nebraska County and City Lottery Act § 9-652, Arson charges §28-504, Theft charges § 28-518, Qualification for Plea agreement for Victim of Theft § 29-119, Criminal Mischief Charges § 28-519, Being a Victim of Theft Under § 28-511-13, 17, Forgery of a written instrument that creates a legal right § 28-603, Possession of a forged instrument § 28-604, Forgery of a check § 28-611, Passing a forged check § 28-611.01, Unauthorized use of a financial traction device if person uses such a device in an automatic banking device §28-620, Fraudulent insurance act § 28-631, Criminal impersonation § 28-638, Identity theft § 28-639, Promoting gambling §28-1102, Accessing unauthorized computer systems or harming unauthorized computer systems § 28- 1345-5, Failing to make accurate and timely filings as a broker § 45-191.03, Knowingly importing, distribute.....motor vehicle fuel without remitting the full amount of tax § 66-727, Fraudulently obtaining services § 68-1017, Fraudulently obtaining and using benefits § 71-2228-9, Issuing a bad check for property or services § 28-611, Pattern racketeering activity § 28-1354.</p>
LB26	Wayne		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Oppose</p>
LB27	Dungan		Judiciary 02/02/2023	General File 02/22/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for defendants</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB28	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 01/25/2023	General File 02/13/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to decisions on appeals under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act</p> <p>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.</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>AM 977 to LB 243 incorporates this bill (LB 28) and its amendment (AM 351), along with five other property tax related bills into the LB 243. These are the five other related property tax bills: LB 242 (As Amended by AM 956), LB 309, LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and LB 783 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 949) and AM 940 into LB 243.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB29	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 01/27/2023	General File 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>AM 130 to LB 29 adds the line "and shall include all reports filed under this section by property owners" to this section to clarify that all property owners' reports are to be included in reporting under the section.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB34	Dungan		Judiciary 02/16/2023	In Committee 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 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Adopt the Riparian and Water Quality Practices Act</p> <p>Relating to agricultural practices and water quality. Introduces a bill to utilize riparian buffers and water quality practices to help purify the public waters and ground water from nitrates, pesticides and other contaminants. Section 4 (1) provides that a landowners property adjacent to a water body shall have a fifty foot average width, a thirty-foot minimum width, buffer zone between the water and perennially rooted vegetation. (b) provides that public drainage systems require a sixteen and one half foot minimum buffer between rooted perennial vegetation. Section (5) requires the Department of Agriculture to develop a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management authority's plan. Section (6) provides exemptions to land covered under the act such as enrollment in the federal conservation reserve program, the land is used for public or private water access or recreational use, covered by a road, trail, building or regulated by a national pollutant discharge elimination system. Section (7) requires that local water management authorities to assist in the implementation of requirements under the act. Section (8) establishes penalty provisions for non-compliance with the act.</p>

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LB44	Dungan		Transportation and Telecommunications 03/06/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact 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. Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral
LB45	Dorn		Urban Affairs 02/21/2023	General File 03/07/2023	Create the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Fund 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. Section-by-Section Summary: Section 1 of the bill creates the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program. Under this act, the governing body of a first class city, second class city, or village may apply to the Department of Environment and Energy for approval of a dilapidated commercial property demolition grant. The Program would begin in FY 2023-24. There shall be no limits on the amount that can be awarded to each applicant. Section 2 of the bill lays out the requirements of receiving a Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant. Section 3 of the bill provides that if the city or village fails to engage in the demolition of the commercial property identified in the grant within 24 months after receiving the grant, the city or village shall return the gant to the Department of Environment and Energy. Section 4 of the bill creates the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Fund. This fund shall be used by the Department of Environment and Energy for the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program. The State Treasurer shall annually transfer \$10,000,000 from the general fund beginning in FY 2023-24, and ending in FY 2027-28. Section 5 of the bill adds an emergency clause. Technical Comments: As this bill includes an emergency clause, the Legislature must have a two-thirds vote (33) to pass the bill. The Fund would

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LB49	Dungan	Judiciary 02/23/2023	Judiciary 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to solar energy and wind energy, declare certain instruments void and unenforceable, and provide for a civil cause of action</p> <p>Relating to solar energy. § 66-901 is amended to delete “citizens” and add “residents” as those who benefit from solar energy. Section (2) emphasizes the importance of solar energy and wind sources as an alternative to fossil fuels and deletes previous language stating the disadvantages of solar and wind energy such as shading and obstruction of vegetation. § 66-9013 adds a provision allowing municipalities to direct sunlight, which allows the light to be reflected to a specific location. (d) allows a municipality to regulate an impermissible interference with the right to direct sunlight. § 66-914 is amended to deem unenforceable any instrument purporting to prohibit or restrict the installation or use of solar energy. (3) and (4) restrict homeowners association’s, mutual benefit associations, or corporations from issuing restrictive covenants or charging a fee for the installation and use of solar energy. (6) provides a civil right of action for any landlord or homeowners association that violates (3) and (4).</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB50	Geist	Judiciary 02/01/2023	Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023 Judiciary Priority 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 Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>

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

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LB60	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports</p> <p>Relating to juvenile facilities and room confinement. § 83-4. 134.01 is amended to require documentation for room confinement of any duration rather than longer than one hour in a twenty-four hour period. (b) is inserted to require that confinement for more than one hour during a twenty-four hour period shall be approved in writing by a supervisor. (d) requires the documentation to specify the hour and minutes each juvenile was in a confinement room. (e) is inserted to provide an annual summary for juvenile confinement to the legislature.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB61	Brandt	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2023	General File 03/22/2023 Brandt Priority Bill	<p>Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission</p> <p>The section is amended by striking all authority possessed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to require the filing, review and approval of dark fiber leases by state agencies and political subdivisions, including the requirement that a portion of the profit on the lease of dark fiber be deposited to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The section is amended by the addition of language stating that State agencies and political subdivisions may lease or license dark fiber and related infrastructure under terms determined by the agency or subdivision.</p> <p>SECTION REPEALED OUTRIGHT: Section 86-578; Dark fiber; violation; procedure; appeal. In an original action concerning a violation of any provision of sections 86-574 to 86-578 by an agency or political subdivision of the state, the Public Service Commission shall have the jurisdiction set forth in section 75-132.01. After all administrative remedies before the Public Service Commission have been exhausted, an appeal may be brought by an interested party. Such appeal shall be in accordance with section 75-136</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral</p>
LB73	Aguilar		General Affairs 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to authorized uses for a County Visitors Improvement Fund</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska visitors development act. § 81-3717 (1) is amended to provide that a facility in which pari mutual wagering is conducted can be provided funds from the improvement fund under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act so long as the facility also serves as the site of a state fair or district or county agricultural society fair. The section is also further amended to remove language that exempts proceeds from the improvement fund to be granted to an organization to promote pari mutuel wagering. § 81-3720 is amended to remove language that exempts the County Visitors Improvement Fund from being used for any visitor attraction where pari mutuel wagering is conducted.</p>

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LB76	Geist		Judiciary 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide access to certain information relating to probationers, juveniles, and parolees to law enforcement agencies</p> <p>Relating to the information provided to probationers, juveniles and parolees to law enforcement. § 29-2252 is amended to provide that all information provided to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement regarding probation shall be readily accessible through the main interface system of the law enforcement agency. § 29-2262 is amended to require a court to enter in probation information about an offender into the system in which law enforcement uses. § 43-2,108 is amended to add a provision requiring a court order to state whether the data from an electronic monitoring device used on a juvenile will be made available to law enforcement immediately upon request. (4) provides that the board of parole shall provide information about a parolee to law enforcement through a main interface used by law enforcement.</p>
LB77	Brewer		Judiciary 01/26/2023	Final Reading 03/30/2023	<p>Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit, change provisions relating to concealed weapons, and prohibit certain regulation of weapons by cities, villages, and counties</p> <p>Relating to various firearm provisions. § 18-1703 (1) is amended to insert language stating that counties, cities and villages shall not have the power to regulate the possession, storage, transportation, sale or transfer of firearms or require registration of firearms. Language is deleted from (1) prohibiting the regulation of concealed handguns. § 14-102 (6) removes language relating to the punishment of carrying concealed weapons. § 15-225 changes the language of what dangerous or disorderly conduct a city of primary class may prohibit from the “use” of firearms to the “discharge of firearms and removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons. § 16-227 removes the prohibition on carrying concealed weapons for what a city of first class and second class may do to prevent dangerous or disorderly conduct.</p> <p>§ 28-101 is amended to add definitions involving concealed handguns. (2) states that if part of a handgun is capable of being seen by another person, it is not a concealed handgun. (10) adds a section defining minors as under twenty one except if the person is eighteen years of age and a member of the armed forces, National Guard of the state, or Officers training corps or other authorized law enforcement officer. § 28-1202 adds that a minor or prohibited person shall not carry a weapon on his person, including a handgun and removes the penalty offense of “carrying a concealed weapon” and inserts (2), which states a violation of the section is a class I misdemeanor for first offense and Class IV felony for subsequent offenses. Further language is removed describing the exceptions of carrying weapons in the scope of employment, concealed handguns under the Concealed Handgun Permit act, or lawfully transporting a firearm.</p> <p>Section 9 is amended to provide that anyone other than a minor or prohibited persons can carry a concealed handgun with or without a permit under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act in Nebraska. (2) provides a prohibition that if a place or premise prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns, a person is not allowed to carry on that premise, but a person does not violate the statute if the owner does not post a visible notice. (3) prohibits carrying in any government building. (9) provides the affirmative defense of a defendant engaged in any lawful business or employment at the time of carrying a concealed handgun and the circumstances justify a prudent person for doing such, but if the defendant refuses to remove the weapon after being requested to by the owner of a premises, the defense is not available. (10) exempts law enforcement and retired law enforcement from violations of (2) and (3).</p> <p>Section 10 provides that a person not prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun shall not carry if the person is consuming alcohol or has alcohol in their system from previous consumption. (3) provides that person does not violate this section if lawfully transporting a handgun and the weapon is unloaded and enclosed in a case.</p>

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					<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 Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB79	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023 Erdman Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act</p> <p>Bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act. Section 3 repeals the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and any tax collected based on that bill can no longer be collected after 2025. Section 3 repeals the Local Option Revenue Act, Qualified Judgement Payment Act, and sections § 13-319 and 13-2813 and any sales or use taxes imposed pursuant to those provisions can no longer be imposed on purchases of goods and services beginning on January 1 2026. Section 4 repeals the property tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 77 and no property taxes are imposed on real or personal property beginning on January 1, 2026. Section 5 repeals the inheritance tax imposed by § 77-2001 to 77-2040 and no inheritance taxes shall be imposed on a deceased person's estate beginning on January 1 2026.</p> <p>Section 6 establishes the Nebraska Taxpayers Bill of Rights. (1-5) establish the state will never impose taxes on income, property already owned or inheritance but consumption tax will remain. (1-6) establish the state will never impose 1) more than one tax on any new goods or service 2) a tax groceries purchased for off-premise consumption and 3) impose a tax on services or materials used to manufacture products for the sale to the general public.</p> <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>

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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>Nebraska Liquor Distributors: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB82	DeBoer		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Provide reporting duties for Department of Correctional Services, require development of strategic plan, and eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a working group</p> <p>Relating to correctional punishment. § 83-4-114(4) is amended to remove the requirement that the Director of Correctional Services meet with the long term restrictive housing work group to share contents of the annual report on inmates held in restrictive housing. (h) inserts a requirement that the report contain a description of all inmate housing areas that hold inmates in a setting that is neither general population nor restrictive housing. (5) removes the long term restrictive housing work group altogether. § 83-918 (2) inserts a requirement that the department of corrections shall appear to present the report to the legislature upon request.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB87	Hunt		Judiciary 02/22/2023	In Committee 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>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</p>
LB97	Clements	Support Letter	Revenue 02/22/2023	General File 03/06/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to required reports for inheritance tax</p> <p>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.</p> <p>AM 504 to LB 97 adds clarifying language to further define the reporting that is required under the changes made by the bill.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>

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LB98	Jacobson		Urban Affairs 01/31/2023	General File 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>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.</p> <p>This bill was incorporated into LB 629 (To change provisions of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act and the Economic Recovery Act) along with these bills: LB 170, LB 223, LB 342.</p>
LB104	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/07/2023	In Committee 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>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.</p> <p>The Retirement Committee advanced LB103 with AM 417 which incorporates the provisions of this bill and LB 105.</p>
LB105	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/07/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change provisions of public employee retirement plans relating to military service</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Retirement Committee advanced LB103 with AM 417 which incorporates the provisions of this bill and LB 104.</p>
LB109	McDonnell		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Withdrawn 01/18/2023	<p>Require county boards of corrections in certain counties to act with advice of the county sheriff</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB110	McDonnell		Judiciary 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project</p> <p>Relating to criminal procedure. Inserts Section (2) which creates a three year pilot program for pretrial risk assessment and services with the participation of district county courts and the county sheriff. (2) provides the State County Administrator shall reimburse participating counties one hundred and fifty dollars per day for each defendant diverted from pretrial incarceration.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB124	Moser	Support Testimony	Transportation and Telecommunications 01/23/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program</p> <p>Relating to the County Bridge Match Program. § 39-2805 is amended to remove the requirement that the details of the program are to be presented to the appropriations and transportation and telecommunications committee. The date of termination for the program is extended to June 30, 2029.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB126	Day		Revenue 02/22/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions</p> <p>Relating to revenue and taxation, to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans, surviving spouses. § 77-3506 is amended to allow a tax exemption for a veteran who was honorably discharged or an unremarried surviving spouse or surviving spouse to remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven, and is drawing compensation from Veterans Affairs because they are at least 10 percent disabled but less than 100 percent disabled.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Conditionally Opposed</p>
LB139	Brandt		Judiciary 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/10/2023	<p>Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court</p> <p>Relating to the jurisdictional amount provided in small claims courts. § 25-2802 is amended to increase the amount of money or damages required for a small claims court to have jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$10,000 through June 30, 2025.</p>
LB147	Kauth		Revenue 02/01/2023	General File 02/07/2023	<p>Change procedures for property tax refunds</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to property tax refunds. § 77-1736 is amended to allow the county assessor to waive the requirement to notify a political subdivision whose share of a refund is less than one thousand dollars by notifying the county treasurer in writing.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB154	DeBoer		Revenue 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change notice provisions relating to treasurer's tax deeds</p> <p>Relating to the treasurer's tax deeds and the notice required. Amends § 77-1835 to provide that when a purchaser is required to provide notice to an individual whose property is being sold due to unpaid taxes, after providing such notice the purchaser shall within five days send by US mail a copy of such the notice to the person of title and record. The purchaser must also file an affidavit with the county treasurer that a copy of the published notice was sent to the person of title and record.</p>

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LB155	DeBoer		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	General File 03/22/2023	<p>Change provisions regarding the applicability of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act</p> <p>Relating to certain activities of a communications service provider. Amends § 86-1241 to exempt subsection (2) from the activities of communications providers that are outside the scope of the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Subsection (2) prohibits the an authority from imposing a tax or regulation on communications service providers legally authorized use of a right-of-way for communication facilities.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB160	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/14/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change contribution rates relating to supplemental retirement plans for certain law enforcement personnel under the County Employees Retirement Act</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to retirement plans for law enforcement officers in counties with a population less than eighty-five thousand inhabitants that participate in the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties. The rate for contributions from other county employees and county itself is raised to a rate of three percent (previously two percent).</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB161	McDonnell		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	General File 02/16/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Workplace Privacy Act</p> <p>Relating to the Workplace Privacy Act, to refine a term and prohibit employers from taking certain actions. § 48-2502 is amended to add to the definition of “Employer” a subcontractor and customer of such an employer. § 48-3503 adds provisions stating that no employer shall require an electronic communication device to be worked by an employee to track location or travel patterns or to confirm contacts with other employees unless the Governor proclaims a state of emergency for a pandemic.</p>
LB162	McDonnell		Judiciary 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Prohibit tampering with electronic monitoring devices required by court order or as a condition of parole</p> <p>Relating to crimes and offenses, to prohibit tampering with an electronic monitoring device. § 28-101 is amended to insert a new section to prohibit the removal or destruction or soliciting of removal or destruction for an electronic monitoring device required as a condition of parole. Violation is a Class IV felony.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</p>

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LB163	McKinney		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Provide for various reforms to jails and prisons, provide certain protections for prisoners, prohibit construction or expansion of prisons and jails as prescribed, and provide for oversight of the Department of Correctional Services during an overcrowding emergency by the Judiciary Committee</p> <p>This bill will require capping the cost of commissary goods at 10% for state and county jails, prisons, and detention centers/institutions, raise the pay for incarcerated individuals in state facilities to the state minimum wage in NDCS, Cornhusker state industries, and any other authorized employer. This bill will also allocate five million dollars into the inmate welfare cash fund from cash reserves, it will place another five million into the reentry cash fund from cash reserves expanding them to all facilities This bill places a ban on jail and prison expansions by prohibiting the state or any public agency from building new facilities, studying or identifying sites for new facilities, or expanding or converting portions of an existing facility to expand detention capacity until admissions and the length of stays decline over a twenty year period. This determination will be subject to review by the legislature. This bill will reduce the cost of calls by requiring that contracts be negotiated on the basis of the lowest possible cost to consumers and prohibit the state from receiving any portion of the revenue in state prisons and local jails. This bill will ban the copying of legal mail and mail from public officials, and allow state officials to utilize phones in NDCS facilities including Senators, Inspector General, and Ombudsman.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB166	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to design-build, construction manager-general contractor, and public-private-partnership proposals under the Transportation Innovation Act</p> <p>Relating to the transportation innovation act to change provisions relating to the criteria and weighting of certain design or construction proposals. § 39-2814 is amended to provide that all progressive design build contracts the “historic reasonableness” must be considered in the cost. § 39-2818 is amended to provide new conditions for a contracting agency in evaluating a manager-general contractors proposal. This includes the historic reasonableness of the construction given a weight of at least “fifty percent”, the experience and equipment available. § 39-2825, a public private partnership under the Transportation Innovation Act is also amended to add the historic reasonableness of the construction given a weight of at least fifty percent.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB167	Slama		Judiciary 03/15/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Provide requirements for depositions of certain children</p> <p>Relating to criminal procedure to provide requirements for depositions of certain children. § 29-1917 is amended to exempt from depositions in criminal trials, children who are 18 or younger who have undergone a video-recorded forensic interview at an accredited child advocacy center. However the court can still order the deposition of a child who has undergone an interview at a child forensic center if the parties agree or the deposition will aid in the disclosure of evidence that is not reasonably available by other means. The court may limit the deposition of a previously interviewed child to protect them from emotional harm or distress.</p>

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LB169	Hunt		Judiciary 03/01/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity</p> <p>Relating to various employment and government benefits sections. Inserts provisions in allowing countries to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (“SGD”). Prohibits SGD in the regulation of classified service, personnel administration (including the publishing of hiring materials), compensation plans, promotions, etc. § 48-215 declares the practice of SGD unlawful for any person, firm or corporation in Nebraska. § 48-1101 prevents SGD as one of the general policies in Nebraska for employable persons. § 48-1113 adds SGD to the criteria not to be interpreted as requiring preferential treatment under the Fair Employment Act. Gender identity is defined as an internal sense of one’s own gender regardless of sex while sexual orientation means actual or perceived bi, homo, or heterosexuality.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</p>
LB183	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 01/25/2023	General File 02/13/2023	<p>Allow petitioners to proceed in forma pauperis in change of name proceedings</p> <p>Relating to costs of civil cases. Allows for forma pauperis as authorized in § 25-21-270 and § 25-231 in all proceedings for name changes for individuals and municipalities. 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)</p>
LB184	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023 Cavanaugh, J. Priority Bill	<p>Provide for inadmissibility of statements of juveniles during transfer proceedings</p> <p>Relating to the inadmissibility of statements made by juveniles. Requires the criteria for arraignment and city or county attorneys. Requires that any admission or confession made by the accused at a hearing on a motion to transfer from county or district to juvenile, any statements of a mental health professional and any evidence from the hearing process is inadmissible against the accused in any criminal or civil proceeding other than the motion to transfer.</p>
LB186	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Adopt the Unlawful Restrictive Covenant Modification Act</p> <p>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.</p>
LB187	Cavanaugh, J.	Oppose	Judiciary 03/08/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Require appointment of counsel for tenants in eviction proceedings in counties containing a city of the metropolitan class or primary class</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB190	Brandt	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2023	General File 03/22/2023	<p>Authorize scheduled extension of county bridge project payments</p> <p>This bill would authorize a county board to adopt a resolution setting out a project payment schedule "over a period of time that may extend for multiple years beyond the completion date of for such project." The bill provides an exception from any "further action... required by the county board under any other provision of state law except as provided under the Open Meetings Act."</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</p>
LB192	Halloran		Revenue 03/09/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Change the definition of household income for homestead exemptions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB199	Brewer		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/14/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023	<p>Provide for a driving privilege card for federally authorized aliens</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</p>
LB205	Von Gillern		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2023	General File 02/16/2023	<p>Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB207	Von Gillern		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/23/2023	Select File 02/22/2023	Change provisions relating to sales under the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act Relating to the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act. Allowing sale for the sale of trust property to be held at a public building wherein county offices are located where the property is to be sold. Currently the sale of trust property under the Act may only take place on the premises of the trust property or at the courthouse of the county in which the property is to be sold.
LB208	Bostar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/08/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	Prohibit counties from prohibiting the use of residential property as short-term rentals 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. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB211	Blood		Revenue 03/15/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act 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. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose
LB218	Ibach	Support Letter	Agriculture 02/07/2023	General File 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 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. Subsection 4 creates a subcategory of eligible grant awards for projects pertaining to riparian vegetation management problems. Currently subsection 4 states legislative intent to appropriate \$3 million annually for projects eligible under this subsection beginning FY2022-23. LB 218 increases the intended appropriation to \$6 million annually beginning FY2023-2024. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Agri-Business Council): Monitor

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LB228	Erdman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Create state holidays for statewide primary and general election days, require in-person voting, photographic identification to vote, counting of ballots on election day, and counting of ballots at the precinct level, and allow voting by mail for registered military personnel and residents of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities</p> <p>Relating to voting. § 25-221 is amended to provide a statewide holliday on statewide primary election days and statewide general election days. § 32-101 is amended to insert a provision requiring all voting in statewide elections to be done in person. An ID must be presented to vote and only registered military personnel and only those residing in nursing homes or assisted living facilities may vote by mail.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB232	Cavanaugh, J.		General Affairs 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to keno and provide for the sale of digital-on-premises tickets</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act. § 9-601 of the act is amended to provide the purchase of an onsite digital ticket from a device at the present location of the lottery operator. § 9-646.01 adds a provision allowing a lottery operator to create for deposit an account to be used for lottery play, which may only be funded from a deposit account at a financial institution. § 9-651 adds a section detailing to the process for a lottery operator participating in the game of keno (tickets are purchased with chosen numbers, winning numbers are drawn). 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.</p>
LB236	Wayne		Judiciary 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Provide for appointment and powers of problem-solving court judicial officers</p> <p>To provide for the appointment and powers of problem solving court officers. The officers are appointed by the state Supreme Court and may perform any act necessary and proper to the administration and operation of the problem solving court with the exception of imposing custodial sanctions or terminating a participant from the program court program. Officers are allowed to make recommendations concerning custodial sanctions and termination of participants and must be admitted to practice law in the State of Nebraska. A pilot program is proposed for 2024 to utilize one or more officers to determine the program would be effective.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB242	Briese		Revenue 02/09/2023	In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p>Relating to property tax. § 77-6702 is amended to remove language setting the maximum allowable growth percentage of 5% in the total assessed value of all real property in the state for one year. § 77-6703 is amended to provide that the total amount of tax refundable tax credits for individual income tax and franchise tax is one billion dollars in 2024 and will be the set maximum for each calendar year thereafter (increased by the allowable growth percentage).</p> <p>AM 956 also removes the current five percent (5%) cap on the allowable growth percentage on the LB 1107 (2020) refundable income tax credit.</p> <p>This bill was incorporated into AM 977 to LB 243 along with five other property tax related bills. The other related bills are LB 28 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 351), LB 309, LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and LB 783 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 949) and AM 940 into LB 243.</p>

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LB243	Briese		Revenue 02/09/2023	General File 03/28/2023 Briese Priority 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>The Revenue Committee advanced LB 243 with AM977. The bill as amended amends the Property Tax Credit Act to increase, beginning in 2024, the maximum relief granted under the Act from two hundred and seventy-five million dollars to seven hundred million dollars, with an allowable increase every year after 2024 equal to the percentage increase in total assessed value of all real property in the state over the past year.</p> <p>AM977 adds the following amounts in these given years: Tax Year 2024:\$388,000,000.00 2025:\$428,000,000.00 2026:\$468,000,000.00 2027:\$488,000,000.00 2028:\$515,000,000.00 2029:\$560,000,000.00 and then proceed to the growth rate stated above.</p> <p>AM 977 also incorporates the provisions of five other property tax related bills into the LB 243. LB 28 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 351), LB 242 (As Amended by AM 956), LB 309, LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and LB 783 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 949) and AM 940 into LB 243.</p> <p>LB 28 would require the valuation of a property that currently has an appeal to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission that has not been decided, when the first half of taxes become delinquent, to revert said valuation to the value of the year prior to the appealed year; AM 351 to LB 28 and a "make it so amendment" to LB 28 adds interest determined by the post-judgment interest rate shown in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-103 applied to the tax liability of the valuation difference if the Tax Equalization and Review Commission's decision has a higher valuation than the one reverted to.</p> <p>LB 242 amends the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act to eliminate the cap on allowable growth percentage, and reset the credit percentage under the Act to allow a percentage that will allow for one billion dollars in credit under the Act in 2024. In subsequent years, the credits will be the prior year's credits plus the annual growth percentage defined under the Act as the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as determined by the Department of Revenue. AM 956 also removes the current five percent (5%) cap on the allowable growth percentage on the LB 1107 (2020) refundable income tax credit.</p> <p>LB 309 amends the Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-1736.06 regarding property tax refunds to increase the interest rate on refunds to fourteen percent (14%) from nine percent (9%).</p>

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					<p>LB 589 creates a new mechanism to set out the percentage of annual increase that a school district can request regarding their levying authority. AM 977 replaces the original bill and replaces the original formulas with the following: The school district's property tax request authority is calculated by taking the school district's property tax request from the prior year, adding total non-property-tax revenue from the prior year, and then increasing by the school district's base growth percentage calculated by the following: Three percent (3%) + seven-tenths (7/10) if the school district's student enrollment has grown by an average of three percent over the previous three years or four-tenths (4/10) if the seven-tenths provision does not apply + a percentage obtained by dividing the annual increase in limited English proficiency learners by the student enrollment multiplied by fifteen-hundredths (15/100) + a percentage obtained by dividing the annual increase in poverty students by the student enrollment multiplied by fifteen-hundredths (15/100). If a school district chooses not to increase its request by the full amount allowed, any increase not used can be carried forward. The amendment then allows for such a request to be overridden by one of two options: a special election called to override with a sixty percent (60%) approval by the voters voting in such election. The election must be called by either the school board or a petition signed by at least five percent (5% of legal voters within the school district); and allows for a request to be overridden by a seventy percent (70%) vote of the school board, with such override being limited to: For school districts with an enrollment of no more than four hundred and seventy-one students, seven percent (7%). For school districts with an enrollment between four hundred and seventy-two students and three thousand forty-four students, six percent (6%). For school districts with an enrollment between three thousand and forty-five students and ten thousand students, five percent (5%). For school districts with an enrollment of ten thousand and one students or over, four percent (4%).</p> <p>LB 783 ends the levying authority of community colleges with the fiscal year 2025-2026, and provides a state mechanism for funding community colleges through the state's budgeting system. AM 949 restores the levying authority for capital improvement funds and additional levying authority, if authorized by the community college board of governors, to allow additional funding, beyond what the State of Nebraska provides, to fully fund the community college if the State of Nebraska fails to fully fund a community college in a given year.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB244	Briese	Revenue 02/09/2023		In Committee 01/12/2023	<p>Provide an additional tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act. Amends § 77-6701 to 77-6706 to provide for a new tax category of "general taxes" imposed on real property and a refundable credit provision with a maximum \$200,000,000 of total credits refunded starting in 2024. "General taxes" are defined as property taxes levied on real property by any political subdivision, excluding taxes meant to pay back bonds or taxes levied as a result of an override of limits on property taxes levied approved by voters. Section (3) adds a provision that if a corporation, partnership, LLC, trust or estate pays general taxes, the refundable credit must be claimed by the corporation.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>

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LB276	Wishart		Health and Human Services 02/23/2023	Select File 03/30/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act</p> <p>Relating to mental health and to adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Purpose is to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment. The Department of Health and Human Services is tasked with developing a payment system under the medical assistance program to fund certified behavior health clinics. The clinics are defined as a non-profit organization providing mental health and substance use health services that are nationally accredited.</p> <p>The Health and Human Services Committee advanced the bill with AM 674 which states that beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026 no more than \$4,500,000 of General Funds per year shall be appropriated for this Act.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony</p>
LB284	McKinney		Judiciary 02/08/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act, require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists, restrict usage of no-knock warrants, prohibit collection of data on gang membership, require a bachelor's degree for law enforcement certification, change requirements on law enforcement records, and eliminate the offense of unlawful membership recruitment into an organization</p> <p>Relating to law enforcement. To adopt the Municipalities Police Oversight Act. Purpose of the act is to provide oversight boards to monitor, investigate and evaluate police standards in metropolitan, primary and home charter rule cities. Each board is empowered by ordinance to investigate and report cases of police misconduct to the mayor. The board must investigate a grievance filed with the board unless the complaint is irrelevant to the subject matter, trivial or frivolous, or the board is incapable of investigating the matter. Each city is required to provide adequate funding to the oversight board. an The oversight board may publish any of its written summaries and reports, including by releasing such written summaries and reports to the news media. The Attorney General and each city and county attorney must maintain a list identifying law enforcement officers who have impaired their own credibility due to misconduct and disclose that information to the public.</p> <p>§ 29-411 is amended to prove that in executing a warrant for arrest, an officer cannot break into a dwelling without providing notice of his or her purpose (a “no knock” warrant). Introduces Section 19 which details criteria for no knock warrants, generally making it more difficult for an officer to obtain and exercise a no knock warrant. § 29-3517 is amended to provide that a criminal justice agency shall not collect data relating to an individual's gang status and any such information should be deleted. § 29-3517 is amended to provide a bachelor’s degree requirement for entry into law enforcement training. § 81-1414 requires that current servicing officers must hold a bachelor's degree or be enrolled in an accredited college to obtain a bachelor’s degree.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB287	Brewer	Oppose Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act</p> <p>Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508. Prohibits the creation of joint public agencies on or after October 1, 2023.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>

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LB302	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/15/2023	General File 02/24/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to conflicts of interest by certain officeholders and public employees</p> <p>Relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. Requires that any public employee who would be required to take any action that may cause financial benefit or detriment to him or her, or family, or business, shall disclose a potential conflict of interest to the government body who shall enter the statement onto the public records. Any employee under this section may apply to the commission to see if there is an actual conflict of interest.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p> <p>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.</p>
LB304	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Require political subdivisions to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Association of School Boards: Monitor</p>
LB306	Hunt		Judiciary 02/16/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights</p> <p>Relating to infants and juveniles, to create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights. The purpose of the bill is to ensure quality of care provided to children placed in foster family homes, child-care institutions or youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. Section (4) provides that each child is permitted to: attend religious services and activities of their choice, be in a placement consistent with their religious beliefs, free from unreasonable search and seizure under the fourth amendment, safe and free from exploitation by staff and contractors, make decisions when they are a parent for their own children, etc. In order to ensure that the rights listed are adhered to, each case worker shall be trained on the rights stated 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.</p>
LB309	Bostar		Revenue 02/10/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This bill was incorporated into AM 977 to LB 243 along with the provisions of five other property bills. These are the other property bills incorporated into AM 977 to LB 243: LB 28 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 351), LB 242 (As Amended by AM 956), LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and LB 783 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 949) and AM 940 into LB 243</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>

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LB312	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/09/2023	General File 02/16/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB313	Lowe		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies in the United States Senate and House of Representatives</p> <p>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.</p>
LB316	Fredrickson		Judiciary 03/01/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change and eliminate provisions relating to marriage</p> <p>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.</p>
LB317	Von Gillern		Revenue 02/16/2023	General File 03/16/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to inspection of real property by county assessors</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB322	Linehan	Oppose	Revenue 03/09/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB325	Dungan	Quiet Opposition	Judiciary 02/24/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	<p>Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB327	Raybould		Business and Labor 02/13/2023	General File 03/09/2023 Raybould Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act Relating to minimum wage. § 48-1203 is amended to provide that minimum wage shall be increased each successive year after January 1, 2027 by the lesser of one and one-half percent, rounded to the nearest cent or the increase of the cost of living. AM 713 includes a provision for an exception to the youth minimum wage for an emancipated minor and provisions from LB15 as amended by AM11
LB332	Linehan	Monitor	Education 03/21/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education Relating to the Joint Public Agency Act. § 13-2508 is amended to provide that no joint public agency after October 1 2023 shall exercise any power or authority relating to taxation.
LB334	McDonnell		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023	Adopt the Reentry Housing Network Act and provide a duty for the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole Relating to treatment and corrections. Sections (1) to (8) shall be known as the Reentry Housing Network Act. The Reentry Housing Network is established, with the purpose of encouraging development, coordination and standards for reentry housing. Network is able to establish minimum standards for reentry housing facilities, including health and safety, monitor compliance, and report to the legislature the status of reentry housing. An advisory committee and fund is created pursuant to the act.
LB337	Riepe	Support Testimony	Health and Human Services 02/03/2023	General File 02/14/2023	Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. § 38-2136 is amended to allow for disclosures of information by mental health professionals that is permitted under federal law. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB338	McKinney		Judiciary 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change provisions relating to pretrial release, sentencing, failure to appear, revocation and sanctions under probation and parole, and suspension of licenses under the License Suspension Act Requires district and county courts in counties over 100,000 people to have open court hours on the same time and day each week. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB339	McKinney		Judiciary 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide for confidentiality of prosecutions and adjudications of minors, extend jurisdiction under the Nebraska Juvenile Code, provide requirements for custodial interrogations of juveniles and young adults, prohibit use of certain statements, prohibit sending juveniles out of state, provide for use and reimbursement of reporting centers, and establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program 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.

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LB344	Armendariz		Revenue 03/09/2023	General File 03/16/2023	Exclude certain delinquent taxes from qualifying for tax credit under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to the Nebraska Tax Incentive Act. § 77-6702 is amended to exclude property taxes that at the time of payment were delinquent for five years or more from community college taxes and school district taxes.
					Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB348	Wayne		Judiciary 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023 Cavanaugh, M. Priority Bill	Adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act and change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration Relating to the treatment and corrections. To adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act. The purpose of the bill is to increase the number of offenders under work release prior to discharge and to do so in settings that also offer therapy, programming, treatment, vocational training and educational classes. The division of Parole and Supervision is to contract with private providers to establish community work release centers. § 83-901 is amended to provide that prior to the discharge of an individual from a facility of the Department of Corrections, the individual released shall have the opportunity to obtain a drivers license. Funds not used under the Vocational and Life Skills Program are to be used with a preference to programs and grants that result in meaningful employment after release. The Reentry program and Vocational and Life Skills Program under § 83-903-4 and responsibilities for such are transferred to the Board of Parole from the Department of Correctional Services. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LB352	Wayne		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor
LB353	Raybould		Health and Human Services 02/09/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide for grants for projects that increase long-term care facility capacity Relating to nursing facilities. A grant is to be provided to a nursing facility who works with a qualifying hospital to accept complex acute transition patients. The grant is to be used on any project to support the transition of residents with specific service needs that are not readily available in the long term care setting. The grant is limited to a maximum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars per facility.
LB363	Dorn		Judiciary 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates 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. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose

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LB364	Hunt		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/15/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions</p> <p>Section (19) is inserted providing that an election commissioner shall be elected in each county having a population of more than four hundred thousand inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2024 for a term of two years thereafter and in 2026 a term of four years thereafter. Relating to elections. § 11-119 is amended to provide that the election commissioner shall execute a penalty bond with a penalty of ten thousand dollars. Various other provisions involving elected officials are updated to account for the election commissioner.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB365	Hunt	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Permit counties to conduct elections by mail</p> <p>Relating to elections. §32-960 allows the election commissioner or county clerk to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for all elections regardless of county size (current statute allows for the application of mail ballots in a county less than ten thousand inhabitants).</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB366	Conrad		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances</p> <p>Relating to public records. § 81-1454 is amended to provide that recordings created by body-worn cameras which depict or record circumstances in which a person died during apprehension or in custody of law enforcement or detention personnel are public records under § 84-712.01, yet a lawful custodian may withhold such records. § 84-712 is amended to allow all residents rather than citizens to examine public records, which means any person domiciled in the state including news media. § 84-712 is amended to provide that non-residents of Nebraska may pay a charge for a portion of the existing salary or other public obligation to obtain and search for records.</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Neutral Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB367	Conrad		Business and Labor 03/13/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act</p> <p>Relating to labor. To adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act. § 48-202 is amended to expand the protections of what an employer can ask in an application regarding the applicant's criminal history from only applying to public employers to all employers and employment agencies. A section is inserted providing that when an employer makes a conditional offer of employment, the employer then may ask the employee to disclose information about criminal history. The request for disclosure is limited to only those offenses that would disqualify one from employment. A process is provided in which an employer can reject an applicant for criminal history, allowing the applicant to respond to the employer. Employers are required to keep records of rejected applicants for the commission to review.</p>

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LB368	Conrad	Support Testimony	Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Create a grant program to expand and enhance criminal justice programs in a county with a city of the primary class</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB369	Linehan		Revenue 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change property tax provisions relating to net book value</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB370	Linehan		Revenue 02/16/2023	General File 03/21/2023	<p>Require a notice relating to the availability of certain tax credits</p> <p>LB 370 would require the county treasurer to place, with every tax statement sent out to taxpayers, a red slip of paper that includes information about property tax credits for taxes paid to school districts and community colleges included in Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act, Neb. Rev. Stats. Secs. 77-6701 – 77-6706.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB374	Murman		Education 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose</p>
LB377	Lowe		General Affairs 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act</p> <p>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).</p>

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LB378	McDonnell		Nebraska Retirement Systems 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Change retirement system participation provisions Relating to retirement. Eliminates the requirement that a public employee eligible for retirement benefits (including the County Employees Retirement Act, Judges Retirement Act, School Employees Retirement Act, etc.) must be United States citizens or a qualified alien under the federal immigration and nationality act, instead only requiring that the employee is lawfully present in the United States. The employing state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska and the employee are required to maintain at least one of the documents such as: a driver's license, NE ID, birth certificate issued in any state, etc.
LB381	Cavanaugh, M.	Support Testimony	Revenue 03/23/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	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
LB382	Bostar		Judiciary 02/08/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Provide powers and duties for University of Nebraska police departments and police officers 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. Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support
LB387	Linehan		Revenue 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to income tax rates Relating to income taxes. Changes tax rate as a number to natural language of the same amount.
LB388	Linehan		Revenue 03/24/2023	Introduced 01/12/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to sales taxes Relating to sales and use taxes. Changes the commencing date of an already passed year. Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Watch

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LB390	Clements		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	General File 03/22/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act</p> <p>Relating to elections. § 32-808 is amended to provide that ballots for early voting to be mailed shall be mailed by non forwardable first-class mail to registered voters not more than thirty days prior to elections (current statute does not account for non forwardable mail and has a longer mailing deadline of 30 days). Allows for an appointed agent for a voter who is registered to vote early to return a voted ballot to the election commissioner or county clerk on behalf. An agent must be a member of the voters family and cannot act for more than two registered voters.</p> <p>AM 233 to LB 390 The committee amendment proposed to LB 390 would make two changes. First, it modifies Section 2 of the original bill to require the Secretary of State to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the return of a ballot by an agent. Second, it would add a signature line to the outside of the ballot identification envelope for "agent signature" and would require an ballot return agent to sign the envelope when returning a ballot for another person.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</p>
LB394	Erdman	Oppose Testimony	Judiciary 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to the determination of damages as a result of eminent domain</p> <p>Relating to eminent domain. Provides new compensation criteria to persons who properties are subject to public use by eminent domain. For property other than agricultural land, the damages shall include: i) the fair market value of the condemned property, ii) reasonable severance, iii) abstracting expenses and for agricultural lands i) two times the fair market value ii) reasonable severance damages (including the replacement costs of dwellings, garages, sheds, barns, septic systems, etc.) and iii) abstracting expenses.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB411	Dungan		Appropriations 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Appropriate funds for Wyuka Cemetery</p> <p>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.</p>
LB415	Dorn		Appropriations 03/21/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>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.</p>
LB417	McDonnell		Judiciary 02/08/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	<p>Provide for a leadership academy for law enforcement professionals</p> <p>Related to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement. § 81-1423 is amended to provide that the commission may coordinate with the University of Nebraska to establish a leadership academy for law enforcement professionals. Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support</p>

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LB420	Raybould	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2023	In Committee 01/17/2023	Require the state to pay counties for the cost of office and service facilities used for the administration of public assistance programs Relating to public assistance. § 68-130 is amended to provide that the state shall pay for the cost of office and facility services for public assistance programs. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB421	Kauth		Health and Human Services 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide procedures for directed health measures Relating to local health directors and boards of health established by a county. Expands the duties of the board by allowing recommendations to be made to the city council or county board regarding the adoption of directed health measures. The health director nominated by the mayor has their duties restricted from being able to adopt measures to arrest progress of infectious diseases, to only advising the board of health regarding the adoption of health measures by the city council or board. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose
LB428	Walz		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Require the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to provide matching funding for the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Relating to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The agency is to provide a dollar for dollar match for each political subdivision required to match federal money under the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB433	Jacobson	Support Letter	Health and Human Services 02/09/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide requirements for distribution of funding for behavioral health regions Relating to behavioral health services. Any appropriation to be allocated to a behavioral health region shall be utilized to provide activities pursuant to the approved annual budget of the behavioral health region. The director shall have the power to allow for the reassignment of funds to maximize the ability of a region to implement new behavioral health services when circumstances occur. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony
LB435	Geist		Judiciary 02/16/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide for court appointed parental advisers Relating to juvenile justice. The Office of Probation Administration is to provide parental advisers who shall provide services to parents and guardians of children involved in the juvenile justice system. The responsibilities of the advisors is to provide guidance to the parent on how the proceeding will move, possible outcomes of the proceedings. The advisors are to make every effort to attend all meanings, hearings and another other proceeding.

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LB446	Bostar		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/13/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Adopt the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act Relating to motor vehicles, to adopt the Peer to Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act. The bill provides guidelines for insurance and peer to peer programs, which are defined as a vehicle sharing program that connects owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles. Section (3) provides that a peer to peer program shall assume all financial liability on behalf of an owner of a vehicle during the sharing period. The act establishes various insurance guidelines in section (4) and (5). Section (13) provides the vehicle requirements for a vehicle being used in the program, such as verifying there are no safety recalls.
LB447	Bostar	Support Testimony	Revenue 02/08/2023	General File 03/06/2023 Geist Priority Bill	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). Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB449	Brandt	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	Provide an additional use for the County Bridge Match Program Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Relating to the Transportation Innovation Act. Transfers the funding for the County Bridge Match Program to the County Bridge Match Fund. The County Bridge Match Fund is created to provide counties grants for the replacement and repair of bridges that have been determined to be structurally deficient. Legislature is to transfer sixty-eight million dollars from the General Fund to the County Bridge Match Fund for 2023-2024.) A county may submit a grant application for a single bridge or multiple bridges within the county or one county may submit an application on behalf of multiple counties for multiple bridges in those counties. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB453	DeKay		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/28/2023	General File 03/16/2023	Provide an additional use of the Highway Cash Fund and change provisions relating to bridge replacement and road construction contracts Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor Section 1- Amends section 3-107- Division of Aeronautics of the Department of Transportation, Authority. The Division of Aeronautics has general supervision over aeronautics within the state. The section is amended to provide that the Department of Transportation may budget and pay any of the costs related to the operation of the Division including staff salaries and benefits from the Highway Cash Fund as determined by the Director-State Engineer.

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					<p>Costs paid shall not include construction and maintenance of airport infrastructure</p> <p>Section 2- Amends section 39-847- State Aid for Bridges, Application for Replacement; Costs; Priorities. This section provides that a county may apply to the Department of Transportation for state aid for the replacement of any bridge under the county's jurisdiction. In the application the county shall pledge to pay 50% of the costs of the project. The bill amends the county share of the cost from 50% to 20%.</p> <p>Section 3- Amends section 1348- Construction; plans and specifications; advertisement for bids. Currently this section establishes \$100,000 as the threshold for when the Department of Transportation must advertise for contracts through sealed bids. (Contracts under \$100,000 may be let by sealed bid or the Department may seek bids from three potential bidders with a designated date for reviewing bids.) The section is amended to increase the sealed bidding threshold to \$250,000. The section is also amended by the addition of a new subsection (3) that provides that the bidding threshold amount shall annually on October 1 be adjusted by the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Section 4- Amends section 66-4,100- Highway Cash Fund – Roads Operation Cash Fund Creation. The section outlines the purpose and uses of the Highway Cash fund. The section is amended by making a reference to the change made in section 1 of the bill regarding expenses of the Division of Aeronautics and repeals obsolete language regarding transfers from the Roads Operations Cash Fund to the General Fund.</p> <p>The committee considered and adopted an amendment which accomplishes the following: Section 39-1351 is added to the bill. The section currently provides anyone wishing to submit a bid to the department for road purposes shall apply to the department for prequalification. There is an exception to the prequalification requirement for projects less than \$100,000 and for contracts that where the work is emergency in nature. The committee amendment increase the threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for when prequalification is not required.</p>
LB457	Holdcroft		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	<p>Require video surveillance of voting and provide requirements for paper ballots, vote scanning devices, and vote tabulating equipment</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB462	Conrad		Urban Affairs 02/28/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act</p> <p>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.</p>
LB465	Moser		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2023	General File 02/15/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards</p> <p>Amends section 60-4,115; Allocation of fees for Operators' Licenses and State Identification Cards</p> <p>Currently the statutory fees established for the issuance of state identification cards operators' licenses, replacement ignition interlock permits, and 24/7 sobriety program permits are allocated between the county general fund, the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, and the State General Fund. The bill amends the section to provide that where any portion of the fee changed is allocated to the State General Fund, that amount is instead redirected and deposited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The bill does not increase the consumer's cost of any identification card, license, or permit. LB 465 contains the Emergency Clause and is operative July 1, 2023.</p>
LB469	Kauth		Business and Labor 01/30/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Change composition of the state protective service bargaining unit</p> <p>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.</p>
LB473	Geist	Neutral	Judiciary 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Create a grant program to operate a safe and secure treatment center for youth</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB476	Wayne		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Adopt the Public Entities Investment Trust Act</p> <p>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 governemental 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.</p>

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LB478	Wayne		Education 03/14/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Juvenile Code and education programs in state institutions that house juveniles, provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and the State Board of education to establish an educational division responsible for the education of certain juveniles, and provide a termination date for the superintendent of institutional schools 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.
LB479	Wayne		Judiciary 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Transfer the Office of Probation Administration to the executive branch, rename the Division of Parole Supervision as the Parole Supervision Agency, and remove such agency from the Board of Parole
LB481	Raybould		Urban Affairs 03/21/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Housing Incentive District Act Allows counties and cities to create housing incentive districts similar to TIF.
LB482	Raybould		Judiciary 02/10/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Adopt the Suicide Risk Protection Order Act Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB483	Raybould		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Redefine qualifying mutual financial institution for purposes of regulation of public funds deposit security Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Allows the deposit of public funds into credit unions. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB506	Bostar	Support Letter	Appropriations 03/14/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	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.

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LB507	Conrad	Support Testimony	Judiciary 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, and compulsory education</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Neutral</p>
LB508	Conrad		Appropriations 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for the Office of Dispute Resolution</p> <p>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.</p>
LB511	Brewer	Support	Appropriations 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services</p> <p>Appropriates \$26 million for mobile radios to provide interoperable communications between state agencies and local volunteer fire departments and emergency squads.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB513	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/10/2023	General File 02/16/2023	<p>Change proof of publication requirements for legal notices and requirements for published notice and virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act</p> <p>This bill contains two elements: (1) provisions to provide for alternative means of public notice under the Open Meetings Act where timely newspaper publication is unavailable, and (2) the addition of two categories of public bodies that may expand their utilization of videoconferencing for their public meetings.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p>
LB514	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	General File 03/22/2023 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to elections</p> <p>Updates election laws. Annual omnibus bill from the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee advanced the bill with AM 853 which incorporates the provisions of LB 313, relating to the procedure for filling federal congressional vacancies, and LB 269, which would return redistricting procedure deadlines to their state prior to the adjustments that had to be made in 2021 to accommodate the late delivery of federal census data to the states.</p>

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					<p>The committee amendment also revises provisions of the original LB 514 as follows: It modifies Section 12 to provide clarifying information relating to candidate names used on candidate filing forms. In Section 14, it replaces the informal phrase "paperwork documenting" in two places with the more descriptive "documentation verifying," and it describes the procedure for objections made to name changes. Finally, the amendment revises Section 18 of the original bill to entirely remove obsolete references in existing law to a wife's using her husband's name when signing a petition.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB515	Walz	Monitor	Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Adopt the Rural Economic Development Initiative Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB516	Walz		Education 03/13/2023	General File 04/03/2023 Walz Priority Bill	<p>Provide and change powers and duties for the State Department of Education, Commissioner of Education, State Board of Education, and the state school security director, provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects, and provide grants to educational service units and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed</p> <p>Relating to schools. To provide a duty to the Commissioner of Education and the state school security director; to change funding intent for the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act; hiring employees to assist schools and place them under the direction of the state school security director. to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and State Board of Education; to provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects; to provide grants to educational service unites and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.</p> <p>This bill was amended by AM 1107. The amendment would expand the scope of the bill to include approved or accredited public and nonpublic schools. Funding for the school security specialist initiative will extend to an ESU on behalf of approved or accredited nonpublic schools.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p>
LB529	Hansen, B.		Revenue 03/09/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act</p> <p>Updates property tax postcard and meeting procedures.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p>

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LB534	Slama		Appropriations 03/13/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for community water systems</p> <p>Relating to appropriations, to appropriate \$150,000,000 of federal funds for the fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Environment 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.</p>
LB535	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents</p> <p>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.</p>
LB540	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to public lettings</p> <p>Requires bidder to submit proof of workers’ compensation insurance from all contractors and subcontractors for all contract bids over \$500,000.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB551	Cavanaugh, J.		Appropriations 02/24/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services</p> <p>Appropriates \$10 million for grants for long-term care facilities in counties with a city of the metropolitan class.</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB552	Cavanaugh, J.	Support Letter	Executive Board 02/03/2023	Select File 03/21/2023 Executive Board Priority Bill	<p>Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee</p> <p>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.</p>

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					The Executive Board advanced LB552 with AM391 which requires that the contract with the independent consultant hired by the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee shall be based on competitive bids and subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The amendment also contains the emergency clause.
					Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter
LB554	Cavanaugh, J.		Appropriations 02/21/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Appropriate funds to the Commission on Public Advocacy Appropriates \$2.1 million for the Commission on Public Advocacy.
					Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support
LB555	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to the indigent defense fee and the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund 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.
LB557	Vargas		Judiciary 01/27/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement Relating to the treatment and corrections under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act. Definition of "solitary confinement" is eliminated and redefined in § 83-4-114 to mean a 22 hour period in which an individual is in a cell that deprives an inmate of visual and auditory contact with another person, has no natural light, no reading or entertainment material, no visitation, etc. The current definition for solitary confinement does not provide a time period. "Restrictive housing " is redefined to limit the time to not less than 10 hours per day from the previous requirement of not less than twenty four hours per week. § 83-173.03 is amended to insert (2) which provides that no inmate shall be held in restrictive housing for more than 15 consecutive days. A broader definition of "serious mental illness" is inserted in § 83-173.03 than the current definition found in § 44-792. The new definition inserts language providing that a person who is receiving beneficial treatment for their mental illness is still considered having a serious mental illness. This new definition relates to the requirement that the department is prohibited from placing members of a vulnerable population in restrictive housing, which includes those 18 years of age or younger diagnosed with a serious mental illness.
LB560	Blood		Appropriations 03/06/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	State intent to seek federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Relating to energy, to state intent to seek funds from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 for other purposes.
LB569	Bostelman		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Prohibit financial interests by certain county officers and family members in electric generation facilities Prohibits county board and planning commission members and their immediate families from having a financial interest in an electric generation facility.
					Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB570	Vargas		Health and Human Services 02/23/2023	General File 04/03/2023 Vargas Priority Bill	Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses.

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					<p>AM 1025 changes LB 570 along with provisions in LB 419 and LB 75. AM 1025 changes LB 570 by adding a new definition and section for Lead Organizations and removes the severability and emergency clause.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB577	Cavanaugh, J.	Oppose Testimony	Revenue 03/23/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to collection of delinquent real property taxes by sale of real property</p> <p>Requires Treasurers to provide multiple notices to delinquent property taxpayers before and after tax sales. Limits value of property eligible for treasurers deeds.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB580	Holdcroft	Monitor	Revenue 03/01/2023	General File 03/16/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation</p> <p>LB 580 eliminates special requirements for agricultural or horticultural land in sanitary improvement districts (SID), cities, or villages required to receive special valuation under the statutes.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB594	Hardin		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Provide for local government investment pools to invest in commercial paper</p> <p>Allows local government investment pools to invest in commercial paper.</p>
LB604	Raybould		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to voting early under the Election Act</p> <p>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.</p>
LB612	McDonnell	Support Testimony	Appropriations 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	<p>Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services</p> <p>Appropriates \$4 million to reimburse counties for the lease of office space to the Department of Health and Human Services and Probation.</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>

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LB619	McDonnell		Judiciary 03/23/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Prohibit assault on a public transportation driver and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals 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.
LB620	McDonnell		Judiciary 03/15/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023	Change provisions relating to arraignment and hearings for certain juveniles 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.
LB634	McKinney		Judiciary 02/09/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Cannabis Control Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB636	Albrecht		Natural Resources 02/08/2023	General File 03/06/2023	Prohibit political subdivisions from restricting certain energy services 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. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB637	Albrecht	Quiet Opposition	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2023	General File 03/22/2023	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act This bill would modify the Open Meetings Act to require every public body subject to the Act to allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at their public meetings other than closed sessions called pursuant to Section 84-1410. Current law requires public participation to be allowed at all meetings, but public bodies are not currently required to allow citizens to speak at every meeting Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose Nebraska Association of School Boards: Oppose
LB643	Brewer		Judiciary 03/09/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Abandoned Mobile Home Act and change provisions relating to abandoned vehicles Allows treasurer to issue a title following the landlord sale of abandoned mobile homes. Authorizes county board to abate taxes after sale.

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LB644	McDonnell		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/30/2023	General File 03/09/2023 Jacobson Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund</p> <p>LB 644 would amend sections 81-12, 146, 81-12, 147, 81-12, 148, 81-12, 150, and 84-612 by providing grants to be used to support identifying, evaluating, and developing large commercial and industrial sites and building infrastructure to attract major investment and employment opportunities for advanced manufacturing, processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life science industries, and other transformational industries in Nebraska. This bill would provide, section by section, as follows:</p> <p>Section 1 amends section 81-12, 146 to state that it is the intent of the legislature to transfer \$80 M from the cash reserve fund to the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and \$80 M from the cash reserve fund to the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 to be used to support identifying, evaluating, and developing large commercial and industrial sites and building infrastructure to attract major investment and employment opportunities for advanced manufacturing, processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life science industries, and other transformational industries in Nebraska; Section 2 amends section 81-12, 147 by stating how the Department of Economic Development shall use the subaccount created in Section 1, and provides restrictions and requirements for project funding. It also allocates the subaccount funds between funding projects under Section 1 and funding DED to further the intent of Section 1; Section 3 amends section 81-12, 148 by stating that the existing requirement for the DED to allocate 40% of grant funds sought by applications under the Site and Building Development Fund to nonmetropolitan areas, shall not apply to any mega site developed under Section 2; Section 4 amends section 81-12, 150 by stating that the DED's ability to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Site and Building Development Act extends to reviewing proposals for mega sites and providing financial assistance to any approved mega site application under Section 2; Section 5 amends section 84-612 to require the State Treasurer to transfer \$160 M from the cash reserve fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on July 15, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services; Section 6 repeals the section being amended; Section 7 is an emergency provision</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Manufacturers Council): Support</p>
LB645	McDonnell		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/28/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to state highways and roads</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB646	McDonnell		Transportation and Telecommunications 03/06/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to telecommunications</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB654	McDonnell		Appropriations 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Appropriate funds to the Legislative Council 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.
LB668	Aguilar		Judiciary 03/09/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process 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. Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB675	Day		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/01/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to elections and identification documents 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 county 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.

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LB683			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	Select File 04/04/2023 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	<p>Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Governor, the bill creates the Nebraska Broadband Office under the Department of Transportation and moves it away from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bill requires that there be active engagement with a multitude of organizations including schools, regional economic development organizations, public power districts, business and industry, health care institutions, etc.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p> <p>The bill was advanced by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee with COMAM870. The amendment substitutes for the bill and retains the original provisions of LB 683 with the following changes: Adds to the bill and amends section 66-4,100; Highway Cash Fund; expenditures by the Department of Transportation. The section is amended to provide that the fund may be used to provide office space, furniture, office supplies, and administrative and budgetary for the Nebraska Broadband Office. A new section 2 is added which provides the Department of Transportation shall provide office space, supplies and other necessary support to operate the Nebraska Broadband Office. The Department and the Broadband Office shall to the extent possible seek reimbursement for such expenses from federal funds. The installation, operation and maintenance of broadband projects shall not be funded by the Department of Transportation, except for projects solely designed to meet the state's needs along the state highway system. The Department may utilize the Transportation Innovation Act for projects to meet highway needs and may work with the Nebraska Broadband Office for such projects and to solicit the use of federal highway funds for such projects. The Department of Transportation is not authorized to own, operate, manage, construct, or maintain fiber optic, broadband or similar technology outside of state highway property.</p> <p>Language is added which provides that the Director of Broadband on December 1 of each year shall provide the legislature with a report on the status of the Broadband Office and the efforts of the Office to deploy broadband, engage in community outreach, and outline changes to the state's strategic broadband plan. The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee shall conduct a public hearing following receipt of the report. Amends section 2 of the bill as introduced by adding a new (3) which provides if any final decision of the Nebraska Broadband Office relating to funding for projects is appealed to the district court the appeal shall be given precedence on the trial docket over all other cases and shall be assigned for hearing, trial, or argument at the earliest practicable date and be expedited.</p> <p>Amends Section 86-1309 (section 5 of the amendment). This section currently provides that Nebraska Public Service Commission shall administer Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act and federal funds received for broadband enhancement purposes. The section is amended to provide that the Public Service Commission shall administer through the Broadband Bridge Act any federal broadband enhancement funds that are designated by the Governor.</p>

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LB687	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary 02/16/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data and Information System</p> <p>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</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB695	Linehan		Revenue 03/23/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Provide a property tax exemption</p> <p>Exempts the first \$25,000 of taxable valuation from real property taxes owned by residents.</p>
LB705	Murman		Education 02/21/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 Education Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions</p> <p>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% (\$15,185,406); Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund - 7% (\$1,714,481); Door to College Scholarship - 1% (\$244,926); Career Readiness and Dual Credit - 2% (\$489,852); Competitive Innovation Grant - 17% (\$4,163,740); Mental Health Training - 1.5% (\$367,389); Behavioral Health Training Cash Fund - 9.5% (\$2,326,796).</p>
LB706	Moser		Revenue 02/22/2023	General File 03/06/2023 Moser Priority Bill	<p>Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ammendment (Was previously AM 450, will have a new number now) adds an extension until 2042 for the Build Nebraska Act to work in conjunction with the bonding authority in the original bill</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</p>
LB708	Arch		Education 02/28/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>

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LB709	Wishart	Support Testimony	Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	General File 03/13/2023 Wishart Priority Bill	<p>Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program</p> <p>Relating to economic development; provides the department of economic development shall create the Convention and Event Center 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> <p>AM 767 would amend LB 709 by increasing the definition of eligible applicants as used in the bill. Specifically, the term applicant is broadened to also include any city of the first class that hosts at least one national or regional livestock show and any county in which a city of the first class is located if such city hosts at least one national or regional livestock show.</p> <p>The amendment also adds the city of the first class as an included class for the possible receipt of an award up to seven million dollars for renovation and improvements to an existing event space connected to an agricultural society.</p>
LB721	Ballard	Support	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/28/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for the East Beltway project in Lancaster County</p> <p>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.</p>
LB723	Bostelman		Natural Resources 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Adopt the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act</p> <p>Relating to the natural resources; adopts the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act. The Act is meant to provide the Department of Natural Resources with alternative methods of contracting for public water and natural resources projects. Provides the Department can solicit and execute contracts for a public surface 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.</p>
LB727	Linehan		Revenue 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 Revenue Priority 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>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>

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LB733	Bostar	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Adopt the Broadband Pole Placement and Undergrounding Fund Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</p>
LB734	Bostar	Support Letter	Judiciary 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Provide an enhanced penalty for damage to certain infrastructure facilities resulting in serious bodily injury or death</p> <p>This bill would enhance the penalty for criminal mischief if the perpetrator intentionally or maliciously cause a substantial interruption of public utility services and such impairment or interpretation is a significant contributing factor in the death or serious bodily injury of another person. Public communication is considered a public service for the purposes of the bill.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance</p>
LB736	Raybould	Support Letter	Appropriations 03/24/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>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.</p>
LB740	Vargas		Agriculture 02/14/2023	General File 03/02/2023	<p>Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Committee amendment (AM619) is a white copy amendment that strikes the original provisions and becomes the bill. The differences between AM619 and LB 740 as introduced are described below. --The Committee amendment omits section 4 retaining the current definition of a mobile food unit. Remaining sections are renumbered accordingly. The terminology “mobile food establishment” is substituted throughout to refer to food trucks. -- Replaces original section 5 (becomes section 4 of the bill as revised by AM619) The revision makes it clear that the reciprocity is between the three local regulatory authorities exercising food safety and handling licensing and inspection authority delegated pursuant to the Pure Food Act. Inserts a duty of local regulatory authority to report to the legislature to report any reciprocity agreement entered into or actions to explore reciprocity agreements and impediments to such</p>

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					<p>agreements.</p> <p>-- Rewrites section 6 of the bill as introduced (becomes section 5 of the bill as revised by AM619) The section as rewritten assigns a duty to the Department of Agriculture to maintain a mobile food establishment ordinance registry. The section would require cities of the 1st or 2nd class to submit a copies of municipal ordinances governing the operation of food trucks in their jurisdiction, any permit application forms, and contact information for purposes of mobile food establishment regulation. Cities that do not regulate mobile food establishments satisfy their obligation under this section by submitting a statement that no such regulations exist in their jurisdiction. Cities are to notify the Department by Dec 31 each year of any revisions to registry information.</p> <p>-- Rewrites section 7 of the bill as introduced (becomes section 6 of the bill as revised by AM619). The section is rewritten for clarity that the guidance document describe food permitting requirements applicable to mobile food establishments and for purposes of qualifying for reciprocity in licensing regulations of participating local Pure Food Act regulatory authorities.</p>
LB742	Vargas		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Change provisions relating to registration to vote and voting under the Election Act</p> <p>This bill would require electronic poll books to contain photographs to verify identification.</p>
LB743	Kauth		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Adopt the Investment Neutrality in Public Funds Act</p> <p>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 situtaions where there is no economically viable alternative.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB745	Cavanaugh, M.		Revenue 03/23/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Increase the cigarette tax and provide for distribution of the proceeds</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB746	Cavanaugh, M.		Urban Affairs 02/28/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Restrict the use of tax-increment financing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>

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LB747	Cavanaugh, M.		Revenue 03/22/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide an income tax credit for renters and change provisions relating to a property tax credit 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.
LB749	Cavanaugh, M.		Judiciary 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Prohibit possession of deadly weapons in the State Capitol or on State Capitol grounds 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.
LB750	Albrecht		Revenue 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Change provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land Relating to property taxes to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land. § 77-201 is amended to strike redundant language related to agricultural land and horticultural land actively developed for agricultural or horticultural purposes which has value other than agricultural or horticultural.
LB758	DeBoer		Judiciary 02/10/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Create the Sexual Violence Review Act 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.
LB759	DeBoer		Judiciary 02/10/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide for notification of the pending expiration of a protection order 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.
LB760	DeBoer		Judiciary 02/10/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Provide for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to create a victim advocate grant program 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.

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LB765	DeKay		Health and Human Services 02/22/2023	General File 03/07/2023	Change, provide, and eliminate definitions, powers, and duties under the Statewide Trauma System Act Relating to the Statewide Trauma System Act; amends the defintion 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 prevetion 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.
LB767	DeKay		Judiciary 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Increase the indigent defense court filing fee Increases indigent defense filing fee from \$3 to \$8.
LB768	DeKay		Appropriations 03/14/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 DeKay Priority Bill	Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund 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.
LB769	Holdcroft		Natural Resources 02/01/2023	General File 03/13/2023 Holdcroft Priority Bill	Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system 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. AM365 amends language and reduces funds from \$69 M to \$15 M and replaces “develop a sewer system” with to “provide a grant to an entity formed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to fund a portion of the cost of constructing a wastewater system”.
LB770	Cavanaugh, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/08/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	Require the Secretary of State to audit the offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the election commissioners, and the county clerks and all polling places for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act 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. Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor
LB772	Hughes		Health and Human Services 02/10/2023	General File 03/14/2023	Create the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program 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 cihld-caring agency currently providing street outreach services to homeles 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.

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					AM 702 establishing a matching requirement by the recipient for any funds received through the program. It also lowers the amount to be given from \$2 million to \$1 million.
LB773	Vargas		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/13/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Require voter approval of taxes on wireless services</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</p>
LB783	Murman		Revenue 02/02/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Eliminate the levy authority of community college areas</p> <p>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.</p> <p>AM 949 restores the levying authority for capital improvement funds and additional levying authority, if authorized by the community college board of governors, to allow additional funding, beyond what the State of Nebraska provides, to fully fund the community college if the State of Nebraska fails to fully fund a community college in a given year.</p> <p>This bill and its amendment (AM 949) were incorporated into AM 977 to LB 243 along with five other bills. These are the other incorporated bills: LB 28 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 351), LB 242 (As Amended by AM 956), LB 309, LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and AM 940 into LB 243.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</p>
LB790	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2023	Adopt the Community Work Release and Treatment Centers Act and change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Office of Probation Administration
LB793	Wayne		Judiciary 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Provide duties for judges relating to problem solving courts</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Orginization: Monitor</p>

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LB795	Wayne		Judiciary 02/24/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>
LB798	Vargas		Appropriations 03/07/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development</p> <p>Appropriating \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Economic Development for economic recovery.</p>
LB807	Von Gillern		Transportation and Telecommunications 02/14/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Provide for one license plate per vehicle</p> <p>LB807 will make one single rear mounted license plate the requirement for all registered vehicles in the state of Nebraska.</p>
LB808	Halloran		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 03/22/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Provide for counting and recounting ballots under the Election Act by hand count</p> <p>Allows losing candidate to request a hand recount of ballots.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB820	Albrecht	Monitor	Revenue 02/03/2023	In Committee 01/27/2023	<p>Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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LR1CA	Blood	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2023	General File 03/03/2023 Blood Priority Bill	<p>Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed</p> <p>Introduced at the request of Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the bill amends Article III, §22 by protecting political subdivisions from being subject to responsibility for a program created after the year 2024, or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2024 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p> <p>The Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee advanced LR1CA with AM 591 which delays the effective date of this proposed constitutional amendment to January 1, 2025. The amendment also rewords the substance of the bill to reframe it as a conditional requirement on the Legislature rather than as a prohibition on the Legislature with an exception.</p>
LR6CA	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023	<p>Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</p>
LR7CA	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 03/03/2023	In Committee 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>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</p>
LR22CA	Dover		Executive Board 03/03/2023	General File 03/14/2023 Dover Priority Bill	<p>Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms</p> <p>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. It would amend Article III, section 12 now stating no legislator can serve for four years after the expiration of three consecutive terms instead of two consecutive years.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>

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LR23CA	Riepe	Oppose, Neutral w/ Amendment	Revenue 03/16/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023	<p>Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Support</p>
LR30CA	Murman		Revenue 03/02/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023	<p>Constitutional amendment to provide for a different method of taxing commercial real property</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Oppose</p>

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LB14	Dungan		Judiciary 02/22/2023	In Committee 01/13/2023 Dungan Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act</p> <p>Amending various sections relating to Foster Care. (8)(d)(i) is inserted to provide a child adjudicated to be a juvenile who is in a court-ordered out-of-home placement to receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act. (8)(d)(ii) provides that a juvenile may request a hearing as to whether it is necessary and in the best interest for them to remain in out-of-home placement. (8)(d)(iii) adds that if the court determines returning to the family home is contrary to the juveniles interest, the Department of Health and Human services (the department)is tasked with explaining information to the juvenile to prevent a relapse into the system. Lastly, (8)(d)(iv) limits a juvenile’s eligibility for the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act if they have a current pending motion to revoke probation. The purpose of the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act § 43-4502 is amended to include youth exiting state care, disconnected from family support and at risk of homelessness. § 2(c) is added to § 43-504 to reach out-of-home placement juveniles described in, who were not previously covered for eligibility under the act. § 43-4505 (3) is added to provide health care assistance under the medical assistance program to eligible juveniles under the act. § 43-4510 (1) inserts language providing that if the juvenile was court appointed defense counsel before the age of eligibility, the appointment may be continued with consent of the adult and under a client-directed model of representation. § 43-4511.01 inserts language stating that if the the young adults guardianship agreement effect pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 673 and the young adult attained sixteen years of age before the agreement, they may choose to participate in extended guardianship assistance if they meet the requirements. Lastly, § 43-4514 allows the department to seek federal funding from Title IVE-E if the youth is adjudicated to be a juvenile under the newly added section 2(c) in § 43-504.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</p>
LB50	Geist		Judiciary 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023 Judiciary Priority 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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LB61	Brandt	Monitor	Transportation and Telecommunications 02/21/2023	General File 03/22/2023 Brandt Priority Bill	<p>Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission</p> <p>The section is amended by striking all authority possessed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to require the filing, review and approval of dark fiber leases by state agencies and political subdivisions, including the requirement that a portion of the profit on the lease of dark fiber be deposited to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The section is amended by the addition of language stating that State agencies and political subdivisions may lease or license dark fiber and related infrastructure under terms determined by the agency or subdivision.</p> <p>SECTION REPEALED OUTRIGHT: Section 86-578; Dark fiber; violation; procedure; appeal. In an original action concerning a violation of any provision of sections 86-574 to 86-578 by an agency or political subdivision of the state, the Public Service Commission shall have the jurisdiction set forth in section 75-132.01. After all administrative remedies before the Public Service Commission have been exhausted, an appeal may be brought by an interested party. Such appeal shall be in accordance with section 75-136</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Neutral</p>
LB79	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue 03/03/2023	In Committee 01/09/2023 Erdman Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act</p> <p>Bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act. Section 3 repeals the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and any tax collected based on that bill can no longer be collected after 2025. Section 3 repeals the Local Option Revenue Act, Qualified Judgement Payment Act, and sections § 13-319 and 13-2813 and any sales or use taxes imposed pursuant to those provisions can no longer be imposed on purchases of goods and services beginning on January 1 2026. Section 4 repeals the property tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 77 and no property taxes are imposed on real or personal property beginning on January 1, 2026. Section 5 repeals the inheritance tax imposed by § 77-2001 to 77-2040 and no inheritance taxes shall be imposed on a deceased person's estate beginning on January 1 2026.</p> <p>Section 6 establishes the Nebraska Taxpayers Bill of Rights. (1-5) establish the state will never impose taxes on income, property already owned or inheritance but consumption tax will remain. (1-6) establish the state will never impose 1) more than one tax on any new goods or service 2) a tax groceries purchased for off-premise consumption and 3) impose a tax on services or materials used to manufacture products for the sale to the general public.</p>

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					<p>Section 7 provides in 2026 a consumption tax will be collected on taxable property or service at a rate of sex and one-half percent. (10) provides that generally a registered seller is responsible for the collection of consumption taxes. (7) the Tax Commissioner may designate tax collectors. (9-11) property purchased outside the state for use in the state, wages or salaries paid by an employer for a taxable service, and business property purchased outside the state but converted in the state shall remit the consumption tax (10). (e) Land is not subject to consumption tax.</p> <p>Section 8 provides that no consumption tax shall be imposed on any property or service that is subject to an excise tax. (2)(a-c) no consumption tax on property or services for business, investment or educational purposes. (7)(a) engaging in business, included farming and ranching can be exempt from consumption tax. Section 9 deals with the designation of taxable property and services. Section 10 provides that on the 15th of each month, a registered seller must submit taxes to the Tax Commissioner. (c) requires a large seller to remit consumption taxes every week, along with providing a large security amount based on the past 6 months to be used as a bond. Section 13 deals with penalty provisions. Section (23) provides any person selling one or more chances is a gaming sponsor and is required to register under the act. Section (24) makes federal property taxable. Section (38) allows cities, counties and villages to impose separate consumption taxes within city limits. Creates various funds for government spending, such as Sections 53-4- providing funds for public schools.</p> <p>Nebraska Liquor Distributors: Oppose Nebraska Association of County Officials: Oppose</p>
LB184	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary 02/15/2023	In Committee 01/11/2023 Cavanaugh, J. Priority Bill	<p>Provide for inadmissibility of statements of juveniles during transfer proceedings</p> <p>Relating to the inadmissibility of statements made by juveniles. Requires the criteria for arraignment and city or county attorneys. Requires that any admission or confession made by the accused at a hearing on a motion to transfer from county or district to juvenile, any statements of a mental health professional and any evidence from the hearing process is inadmissible against the accused in any criminal or civil proceeding other than the motion to transfer.</p>
LB243	Briese		Revenue 02/09/2023	General File 03/28/2023 Briese Priority 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>The Revenue Committee advanced LB 243 with AM977. The bill as amended amends the Property Tax Credit Act to increase, beginning in 2024, the maximum relief granted under the Act from two hundred and seventy-five million dollars to seven hundred million dollars, with an allowable increase every year after 2024 equal to the percentage increase in total assessed value of all real property in the state over the past year.</p> <p>AM977 adds the following amounts in these given years: Tax Year 2024:\$388,000,000.00</p>

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					2025:\$428,000,000.00
					2026:\$468,000,000.00
					2027:\$488,000,000.00
					2028:\$515,000,000.00
					2029:\$560,000,000.00 and then proceed to the growth rate stated above.
					AM 977 also incorporates the provisions of five other property tax related bills into the LB 243. LB 28 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 351), LB 242 (As Amended by AM 956), LB 309, LB 589 (As Amended by AM 933), and LB 783 (As Amended by the committee modified version of AM 949) and AM 940 into LB 243.
					LB 28 would require the valuation of a property that currently has an appeal to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission that has not been decided, when the first half of taxes become delinquent, to revert said valuation to the value of the year prior to the appealed year; AM 351 to LB 28 and a "make it so amendment" to LB 28 adds interest determined by the post-judgment interest rate shown in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-103 applied to the tax liability of the valuation difference if the Tax Equalization and Review Commission's decision has a higher valuation than the one reverted to.
					LB 242 amends the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act to eliminate the cap on allowable growth percentage, and reset the credit percentage under the Act to allow a percentage that will allow for one billion dollars in credit under the Act in 2024. In subsequent years, the credits will be the prior year's credits plus the annual growth percentage defined under the Act as the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as determined by the Department of Revenue. AM 956 also removes the current five percent (5%) cap on the allowable growth percentage on the LB 1107 (2020) refundable income tax credit.
					LB 309 amends the Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-1736.06 regarding property tax refunds to increase the interest rate on refunds to fourteen percent (14%) from nine percent (9%).

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					<p>LB 589 creates a new mechanism to set out the percentage of annual increase that a school district can request regarding their levying authority. AM 977 replaces the original bill and replaces the original formulas with the following: The school district's property tax request authority is calculated by taking the school district's property tax request from the prior year, adding total non-property-tax revenue from the prior year, and then increasing by the school district's base growth percentage calculated by the following: Three percent (3%) + seven-tenths (7/10) if the school district's student enrollment has grown by an average of three percent over the previous three years or four-tenths (4/10) if the seven-tenths provision does not apply + a percentage obtained by dividing the annual increase in limited English proficiency learners by the student enrollment multiplied by fifteen-hundredths (15/100) + a percentage obtained by dividing the annual increase in poverty students by the student enrollment multiplied by fifteen-hundredths (15/100). If a school district chooses not to increase its request by the full amount allowed, any increase not used can be carried forward. The amendment then allows for such a request to be overridden by one of two options: a special election called to override with a sixty percent (60%) approval by the voters voting in such election. The election must be called by either the school board or a petition signed by at least five percent (5% of legal voters within the school district); and allows for a request to be overridden by a seventy percent (70%) vote of the school board, with such override being limited to: For school districts with an enrollment of no more than four hundred and seventy-one students, seven percent (7%). For school districts with an enrollment between four hundred and seventy-two students and three thousand forty-four students, six percent (6%). For school districts with an enrollment between three thousand and forty-five students and ten thousand students, five percent (5%). For school districts with an enrollment of ten thousand and one students or over, four percent (4%).</p> <p>LB 783 ends the levying authority of community colleges with the fiscal year 2025-2026, and provides a state mechanism for funding community colleges through the state's budgeting system. AM 949 restores the levying authority for capital improvement funds and additional levying authority, if authorized by the community college board of governors, to allow additional funding, beyond what the State of Nebraska provides, to fully fund the community college if the State of Nebraska fails to fully fund a community college in a given year.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB276	Wishart		Health and Human Services 02/23/2023	Select File 03/30/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act</p> <p>Relating to mental health and to adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. Purpose is to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment. The Department of Health and Human Services is tasked with developing a payment system under the medical assistance program to fund certified behavior health clinics. The clinics are defined as a non-profit organization providing mental health and substance use health services that are nationally accredited.</p> <p>The Health and Human Services Committee advanced the bill with AM 674 which states that beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026 no more than \$4,500,000 of General Funds per year shall be appropriated for this Act.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Testimony</p>

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

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LB447	Bostar	Support Testimony	Revenue 02/08/2023	General File 03/06/2023 Geist Priority Bill	<p>Provide an income tax deduction for retired firefighters for health insurance premiums, rename and change provisions of the Law Enforcement Education Act to include tuition waivers for professional firefighters and dependents, and provide powers and duties for the Department of Revenue</p> <p>Relating to first responders. Amends § 85-2601 to 85-2604 to be known as the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act. § 85-2602 adds a definition of firefighters to be covered in the act. Allows for a currently serving law enforcement officer to apply to have their tuition waived by filing with the Department of Revenue. Section (2) provides that a legal dependent of a law enforcement officer may have a legal dependents college education covered if they maintain satisfactory performance. Section (5) is inserted allowing the same tuition coverage for firefighters as law enforcement officers, including the tuition reimbursement for a legal dependent. Each legal dependent receiving a tuition waiver must file an agreement with the state detailed in Section (7).</p> <p>Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska: Support Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB462	Conrad		Urban Affairs 02/28/2023	In Committee 01/18/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act</p> <p>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.</p>
LB465	Moser		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/31/2023	General File 02/15/2023 Speaker Priority Bill	<p>Change the allocation of fees for operators' licenses and state identification cards</p> <p>Amends section 60-4,115; Allocation of fees for Operators' Licenses and State Identification Cards</p> <p>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 feed changed is allocated to the State General Fund, that amount is instead redirected and deposited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The bill does not increase the consumer's cost of any identification card, license, or permit. LB 465 contains the Emergency Clause and is operative July 1, 2023.</p>
LB514	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/2023	General File 03/22/2023 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions relating to elections</p> <p>Updates election laws. Annual omnibus bill from the Secretary of State.</p>

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					<p>The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee advanced the bill with AM 853 which incorporates the provisions of LB 313, relating to the procedure for filling federal congressional vacancies, and LB 269, which would return redistricting procedure deadlines to their state prior to the adjustments that had to be made in 2021 to accommodate the late delivery of federal census data to the states.</p> <p>The committee amendment also revises provisions of the original LB 514 as follows: It modifies Section 12 to provide clarifying information relating to candidate names used on candidate filing forms. In Section 14, it replaces the informal phrase "paperwork documenting" in two places with the more descriptive "documentation verifying," and it describes the procedure for objections made to name changes. Finally, the amendment revises Section 18 of the original bill to entirely remove obsolete references in existing law to a wife's using her husband's name when signing a petition.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>
LB516	Walz		Education 03/13/2023	General File 04/03/2023 Walz Priority Bill	<p>Provide and change powers and duties for the State Department of Education, Commissioner of Education, State Board of Education, and the state school security director, provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects, and provide grants to educational service units and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed</p> <p>Relating to schools. To provide a duty to the Commissioner of Education and the state school security director; to change funding intent for the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act; hiring employees to assist schools and place them under the direction of the state school security director. to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and State Board of Education; to provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects; to provide grants to educational service unites and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.</p> <p>This bill was amended by AM 1107. The amendment would expand the scope of the bill to include approved or accredited public and nonpublic schools. Funding for the school security specialist initiative will extend to an ESU on behalf of approved or accredited nonpublic schools.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p>

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LB535	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/01/2023	In Committee 01/19/2023 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Priority Bill	<p>Require valid photographic identification and change provisions relating to voting under the Election Act and certain identification documents</p> <p>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.</p>
LB552	Cavanaugh, J.	Support Letter	Executive Board 02/03/2023	Select File 03/21/2023 Executive Board Priority Bill	<p>Change requirements for the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Executive Board advanced LB552 with AM391 which requires that the contract with the independent consultant hired by the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee shall be based on competitive bids and subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The amendment also contains the emergency clause.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Support Letter</p>
LB570	Vargas		Health and Human Services 02/23/2023	General File 04/03/2023 Vargas Priority Bill	<p>Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.This bill creates county level multidisciplinary teams to deal with overdoses.</p> <p>AM 1025 changes LB 570 along with provisions in LB 419 and LB 75. AM 1025 changes LB 570 by adding a new definition and section for Lead Organizations and removes the severability and emergency clause.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support</p>

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

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LB683			Transportation and Telecommunications 02/07/2023	Select File 04/04/2023 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill	<p>Create the Nebraska Broadband Office and provide duties</p> <p>Introduced at the request of the Governor, the bill creates the Nebraska Broadband Office under the Department of Transportation and moves it away from the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bill requires that there be active engagement with a multitude of organizations including schools, regional economic development organizations, public power districts, business and industry, health care institutions, etc.</p> <p>Nebraska Telecommunications Association: Unsure of stance Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p> <p>The bill was advanced by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee with COMAM870. The amendment substitutes for the bill and retains the original provisions of LB 683 with the following changes: Adds to the bill and amends section 66-4,100; Highway Cash Fund; expenditures by the Department of Transportation. The section is amended to provide that the fund may be used to provide office space, furniture, office supplies, and administrative and budgetary for the Nebraska Broadband Office. A new section 2 is added which provides the Department of Transportation shall provide office space, supplies and other necessary support to operate the Nebraska Broadband Office. The Department and the Broadband Office shall to the extent possible seek reimbursement for such expenses from federal funds. The installation, operation and maintenance of broadband projects shall not be funded by the Department of Transportation, except for projects solely designed to meet the state's needs along the state highway system. The Department may utilize the Transportation Innovation Act for projects to meet highway needs and may work with the Nebraska Broadband Office for such projects and to solicit the use of federal highway funds for such projects. The Department of Transportation is not authorized to own, operate, manage, construct, or maintain fiber optic, broadband or similar technology outside of state highway property.</p> <p>Language is added which provides that the Director of Broadband on December 1 of each year shall provide the legislature with a report on the status of the Broadband Office and the efforts of the Office to deploy broadband, engage in community outreach, and outline changes to the state's strategic broadband plan. The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee shall conduct a public hearing following receipt of the report. Amends section 2 of the bill as introduced by adding a new (3) which provides if any final decision of the Nebraska Broadband Office relating to funding for projects is appealed to the district court the appeal shall be given precedence on the trial docket over all other cases and shall be assigned for hearing, trial, or argument at the earliest practicable date and be expedited.</p> <p>Amends Section 86-1309 (section 5 of the amendment). This section currently provides that Nebraska Public Service Commission shall administer Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act and federal funds received for broadband enhancement purposes. The section is amended to provide that the Public Service Commission shall administer through the Broadband Bridge Act any federal broadband enhancement funds that are designated by the Governor.</p>

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LB705	Murman		Education 02/21/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 Education Priority Bill	<p>Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions</p> <p>LB705 is this year's bill that would set education spending from the lottery for the next 5 years. How the funds would be proposed to be distributed under the introduced copy of the bill are as follows (dollar amounts are estimated): Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act - 62% (\$15,185,406); Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund - 7% (\$1,714,481); Door to College Scholarship - 1% (\$244,926); Career Readiness and Dual Credit - 2% (\$489,852); Competitive Innovation Grant - 17% (\$4,163,740); Mental Health Training - 1.5% (\$367,389); Behavioral Health Training Cash Fund - 9.5% (\$2,326,796).</p>
LB706	Moser		Revenue 02/22/2023	General File 03/06/2023 Moser Priority Bill	<p>Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act</p> <p>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>Amendment (Was previously AM 450, will have a new number now) adds an extension until 2042 for the Build Nebraska Act to work in conjunction with the bonding authority in the original bill</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Transportation, Telecommunications, and Infrastructure): Monitor</p>
LB709	Wishart	Support Testimony	Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/31/2023	General File 03/13/2023 Wishart Priority Bill	<p>Create the Convention and Event Center Capital Construction Program</p> <p>Relating to economic development; provides the department of economic development shall create the Convention and Event Center 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.</p> <p>AM 767 would amend LB 709 by increasing the definition of eligible applicants as used in the bill. Specifically, the term applicant is broadened to also include any city of the first class that hosts at least one national or regional livestock show and any county in which a city of the first class is located if such city hosts at least one national or regional livestock show.</p> <p>The amendment also adds the city of the first class as an included class for the possible receipt of an award up to seven million dollars for renovation and improvements to an existing event space connected to an agricultural society.</p>

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LB727	Linehan		Revenue 02/23/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 Revenue Priority 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>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Monitor</p>
LB768	DeKay		Appropriations 03/14/2023	In Committee 01/20/2023 DeKay Priority Bill	<p>Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund</p> <p>Relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; provides the State Treasurer shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund after July 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2024.</p>
LB769	Holdcroft		Natural Resources 02/01/2023	General File 03/13/2023 Holdcroft Priority Bill	<p>Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system</p> <p>Relating to funds; requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$60,000,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund. Includes in the grant language the ability to develop a sewer system.</p> <p>AM365 amends language and reduces funds from \$69 M to \$15 M and replaces "develop a sewer system" with to "provide a grant to an entity formed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to fund a portion of the cost of constructing a wastewater system".</p>
LR1CA	Blood	Support Testimony	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/24/2023	General File 03/03/2023 Blood Priority Bill	<p>Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed</p> <p>Introduced at the request of Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, the bill amends Article III, §22 by protecting political subdivisions from being subject to responsibility for a program created after the year 2024, or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2024 unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for a new responsibility or increased level of service.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of County Officials: Support Nebraska Association of School Boards: Support</p> <p>The Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee advanced LR1CA with AM 591 which delays the effective date of this proposed constitutional amendment to January 1, 2025. The amendment also rewords the substance of the bill to reframe it as a conditional requirement on the Legislature rather than as a prohibition on the Legislature with an exception.</p>

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LR22CA	Dover		Executive Board 03/03/2023	General File 03/14/2023 Dover Priority Bill	<p>Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms</p> <p>A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be voted on in the November 2024 general election. It would amend Article III, section 12 now stating no legislator can serve for four years after the expiration of three consecutive terms instead of two consecutive years.</p> <p>Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization: Monitor</p>