

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012
8:30 A.M.**

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on January 24, 2012.

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Jane Raybould
Brent Smoyer

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Diego Moreno, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) student who will be serving as an intern in the County Board's Office, was introduced.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2012 Staff Meeting. Hudkins, Smoyer, Heier, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Framing of the County Board Photograph
- B. Employee Recognition Breakfast (May 22, 2012 at Windsor Stables Reception Center)
- C. Determining Planning Commission Members

- D. Correspondence from Sue Kirkland, Clerk of the District Court, Regarding a Proposed Agreement between the County and District Courts to Assist Each Other When Needed (Exhibit A)
- E. Super Commons Meeting with the City Council and Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) Board of Education (Exhibit B)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Smoyer seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Kissel and Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates

Gordon Kissel, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update and legislative bills of interest report (Exhibits C & D).

Discussion took place regarding Legislative Bill (LB) 970 (Terminate the inheritance tax and change income tax rates and calculation). It was noted that Deb Schorr, County Board Chair; Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer; Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff; Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator; and Judy Halstead, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) Director, plan to testify in opposition to the bill at the Revenue Committee's hearing.

MOTION: Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to submit a letter to the Legislature's Revenue Committee in opposition to Legislative Bill (LB) 970, with signature by all members of the Board. Smoyer, Hudkins, Raybould, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: See Exhibits E-G for the Board's letter to the Revenue Committee and Boesch and Halstead's planned testimony.

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, noted that Senator Wightman introduced LB 1102 (Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts) as an alternative measure.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, noted the following:

- LB 881 (Change medical services payment provisions relating to jails and correctional facilities) does not address Corrections' concerns regarding responsibility for pre-incarceration medical service costs in situations where there is an injury that was not caused by the arresting agency.
- The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) has requested comment regarding LB 975 (Adopt the Fair Bidding Act).

- Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, will testify on LB 972 (Transfer the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers from the Office of Juvenile Services to the Department of Correctional Services). There does not appear to be a fiscal impact to the County.
- LB 1099 (Change expense provisions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code) would shift guardian-ad-litem costs to the State.

Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Director, appeared and said Scott Etherton, Crisis Center Program Manager, has done an analysis of LB 988 (Provide a rate of payment for certain medical services in emergency protective custody situations). He said he will continue to monitor the bill.

Andy Stebbing, County Treasurer, appeared and gave an overview of LB 769 (Change provisions relating to application for and issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards).

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Raybould seconded to support Legislative Bill (LB) 769. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

4 JAIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Mike Thurber, Corrections Director; Chuck Richter, Sampson Construction Company; Greg Newport, The Clark Enersen Partners

Chuck Richter, Sampson Construction Company, gave an update on construction of the new Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LCADF) (see Exhibit H for progress photographs). He said finishes are being completed in many areas and systems testing will take place next month.

Hudkins inquired about cabling. Richter said they are working to get the pathway finished.

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said they are still working on furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) issues and the radio system design. He also reported that payments to the District Energy Corporation (DEC) for heating and cooling of the facility will begin this year.

Heier added that the DEC will adjust the amount of payback because it saved \$4,000,000 in construction costs and received a \$5,000,000 grant.

Schorr inquired about landscaping. Thurber said that work will begin in the spring. Greg Newport, The Clark Enersen Partners, noted the work is covered by a warranty.

5 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS QUARTERLY MEETING - Mike Thurber,
Corrections Director

Separate minutes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Framing of the County Board Photograph

Minette Genuchi, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, appeared and estimated the cost of printing a new photograph of the Board at \$4.50 and framing at \$110.00. She said the framing cost is comparable to what the City Council paid to have their photograph framed. Schorr felt the cost was excessive and said she will research other options.

B. Employee Recognition Breakfast (May 22, 2012 at Windsor Stables Reception Center)

M. Genuchi said the cost for the breakfast will be \$11.00 per person. Gift certificate amounts will remain the same as last year: \$25 for employees with 10 years of service; \$50 for employees with 15 or 20 years of service; and \$100 for employees with 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 years of service.

C. Determining Planning Commission Members

Heier questioned why the County Board is limited to one nomination for the Planning Commission and the City has eight nominations.

Raybould noted 91% of the population resides within the City of Lincoln's three-mile zoning jurisdiction.

MOTION: Heier moved to research the arrangement.

Eagan explained that the County Board and City Council must approve all nominees before appointment and the rationale was that although the County Board only brought forward one name, it had veto power over the other eight names. He agreed to research the agreement.

The maker withdrew his motion.

- D. Correspondence from Sue Kirkland, Clerk of the District Court, Regarding a Proposed Agreement between the County and District Courts to Assist Each Other When Needed (Exhibit A)

Eagan said the agreement has been forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for review.

- E. Super Commons Meeting with the City Council and Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) Board of Education (Exhibit B)

A scheduling conflict with the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) meeting was noted. Schorr, who is a member of the JPA, said she will be absent on February 28th and asked staff to make sure there will still be a quorum of that body. If not, the JPA meeting will need to be rescheduled.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Microcomputer Request C#77162, \$8,494.77 from the Microcomputer Request for Four (4) Microcomputers and One (1) Laptop Computer for County Extension

Eagan explained that the request does not exceed the budgeted amount and will not require Board action.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Old Jail Reuse Steering Committee

Eagan noted that Hudkins, Raybould and Smoyer have all expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Hudkins said he will withdraw his request to serve on the Committee. The Chair asked that Bob Walla, Assistant Purchasing Agent, provide clarification regarding the purpose of the Committee, the process and projected timeline.

- B. Intern Projects

It was noted that Moreno will be working on an annual report for the County. A property inventory report was also suggested as a potential project.

- 6 UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE AND CHIEF DEPUTY ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES** - Doug McDaniel, Personnel Director; Nicole Gross, Compensation Technician

Doug McDaniel, Personnel Director, presented current salary information for the directors, deputy directors, bailiffs, child support referee and district court law clerks and 1% and 2% increases for those positions (Exhibit I).

Schorr said she is not prepared to make a decision on salaries as Lancaster County is currently faced with a potential loss of \$6,000,000 in inheritance tax revenue (see Item 3). Smoyer added the Board should have a better idea of where the legislation is going by early March. Schorr urged those in attendance to relay concerns regarding the impact of the legislation to Senator Cornett, sponsor of bill.

Dennis Keefe, Public Defender, appeared and said he believes the real issue is whether the County values these services and are they comparable. He said attorneys' salaries are falling behind the competition. Keefe said there is also a fairness issue regarding the chief deputies' salaries, noting they are no longer treated the same as the elected officials.

Smoyer said he believes elected officials should have more options to set salaries within their departments, provided it fits within their approved budgets.

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, appeared and said Paralegal II's in his department make the same salaries as some line attorneys, once longevity pay is factored in. He said it will be difficult to retain quality attorneys if that issue is not addressed. Kelly suggested the Board consider step increases for attorneys in the future.

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, appeared and asked when the information from the comparability study would be made available and whether the Board would be asking for salary recommendations.

Schorr noted there is a new personnel director and staffing changes and said they may not have been familiar with all of the components to the process.

Raybould said benefits should also be factored into a comparison. She said statistics from the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) indicate the County is at market for entry level attorney salaries. Raybould said the low for an entry level position is \$42,328 and the high is \$85,010. She said it also breaks out salaries in terms of all practice, private practice, business and government. The salary for an entry level government attorney is shown as \$50,000. Raybould said the data also conveys the number of candidates in the pool and said the majority of the candidates are looking for starting attorney positions in the range of \$35,000 to \$60,000 per year.

Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, appeared and said he viewed the NDOL statistics Raybould has referred to and it indicates the average compensation for an experienced attorney is approximately \$146,000 in Omaha, approximately \$130,000 in Lincoln and approximately \$126,000 in the entire State. He said there are a number of experienced attorneys in the County Attorney's Office who have not reached the \$100,000 ceiling. Cyr said there is also a significant variance in entry level salaries based on whether they are in the eastern or western part of the State.

Raybould said private sector information was thrown in and said that is a different entity altogether. She said benefits are also an important part of the equation.

Cyr said he believes Raybould is jumping back and forth between the public and private sector to find the lowest comparable to supports lower salaries and pensions. He noted the County currently has a bill before the Legislature proposing to reduce employees' pensions. Cyr said it was based on comparables in the private, not public sector, and said every county that was used in the salary array for Lancaster County has a defined benefit pension plan.

Schorr said she believes the Board has made it clear that it wants to delay a decision for approximately six weeks and would like the Personnel Department to bring back a comparabilities and the elected officials' salary recommendations.

7 COUNTY CORONER AUTOPSY SERVICES AND FEES - Joe Kelly, County Attorney; Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, noted his office switched autopsy services two years ago to the group that performs autopsies for Douglas and Sarpy County and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The cost is approximately \$125,000 a year and includes a standard fee per autopsy, a morgue charge, toxicology fees and an autopsy set-up fee (see schedule of fees in Exhibit J). He added they are working to eliminate the autopsy set-up fee which will help reduce costs. **NOTE:** The County had previously contracted with Dr. Matthias Okoye at a cost of approximately \$325,000 a year. Kelly said the County Clerk's Office had expressed concern that there is not a contract in place.

Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, said Nebraska Revised Statute §23-1820 gives Kelly, who serves as the County Coroner, the authority to hire a coroner's physician. He said the schedule of fees must be approved by the County Board.

MOTION: Heier moved and Raybould seconded to approve the schedule of fees. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

8 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TOUR - Doug Ahlberg,
Emergency Management Director

Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management Director, extended an invitation to the Board to tour his department's new office space in the 233 Building (former Lincoln Police Department Building).

Board consensus was to schedule the tour on February 2nd, following the Staff Meeting.

9 ACTION ITEMS

- A. Microcomputer Request C#77162, \$8,494.77 from the Microcomputer Request for Four (4) Microcomputers and One (1) Laptop Computer for County Extension

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

10 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Old Jail Reuse Steering Committee
- B. Intern Projects

Items A and B were moved forward on the agenda.

12 PENDING

There were no pending items.

13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. General Assistance (GA) Monitoring Committee - Hudkins, Raybould

Raybould said they discussed prescription drug costs and how the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) impacts GA.

- B. Keno Human Services Prevention Fund Advisory Committee - Schorr

Schorr said they received requests totaling \$125,000 but there is only \$60,000 to

allocate. She noted that the escrow fund is approaching \$1,000,000.

C. Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Advisory Committee -
Raybould

Raybould said discussion focused on the CMHC Planning Committee's preliminary recommendations. She said consumers are concerned and there is low staff morale. Raybould said Region V does not have statutory authority to serve as interim management team and said Dean Settle, CMHC Director, indicated the Region V Governing Board is not fully aware of what is going on with CMHC. Smoyer, who serves on the Region V Governing, said C. J. Johnson, Region V Systems Administrator, has kept them apprised.

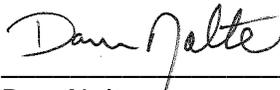
Schorr suggested that the CMHC Planning Committee present their recommendations to the Board at the February 16th Staff Meeting.

14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Schorr said she attended the Emergency Medical System Oversight Administration (EMSOA) Meeting on Monday. She noted there had been an issue relating to whether emergency room (ER) doctors serving on the EMSOA Board who provide emergency medical oversight to other entities within Lancaster County have a conflict of interest and said the City Attorney's Office is drafting a conflict of interest statement for them to sign.

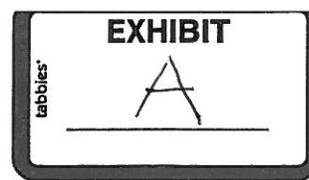
15 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Heier moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Raybould, Heier, Smoyer, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



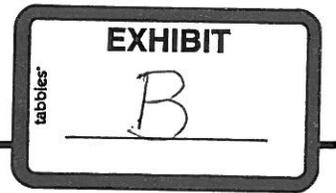


Hi Deb,

I will be inter-office mailing you the original of an "agreement" between Becky Bruckner of Lancaster County Court and I as Clerk of the District Court.

The State, in an effort to better staff their County Courts, desires to enter into an agreement between County and District Courts to assist each other in times of need. In some of the smaller courts it would include picking up each other's mail or answering the phones for each other in case of absence etc. Becky Bruckner and I have a joint statement that will be an attachment to the form they wish us to sign. This agreement states we will revisit this question annually but do not need anything more due to the size of our offices. Please, look over these documents and sign where indicated. I will make copies and forward it onto Janice Walker at the State Court Administrator's Office. If you have any questions at all, please let me know. Thanks, Sue (5540)

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Kerry P. Eagan

From: Minette M. Genuchi
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 7:41 AM
To: Bernie Heier; Bernie Heier (Beh44@aol.com); Brent Smoyer; Brent T. Smoyer; Deb E. Schorr; Deb Schorr (debschorr@aol.com); Jane M. Raybould; Jane Raybould
Cc: Gwen K. Thorpe; Kerry P. Eagan; Dennis M. Meyer
Subject: FW: Super Commons Meeting

Hardcopy – Larry H

From: Eugene W. Carroll
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 4:08 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr
Cc: Minette M. Genuchi
Subject: Super Commons Meeting

Deb,

I am scheduling a Super Commons Meeting with the LPS School Board and the Lincoln City Council. I would like to include the County Board in the meeting if the Board would agree.

Date: February 28, 2012

Time: 8-10 AM (I know your meeting starts at 9:30)

Location: room 113 City County Bldg.

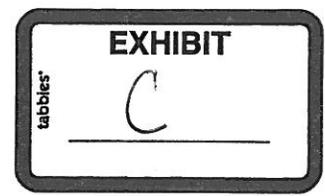
Discussion : Any items that the three groups want to talk about. The County Board can send me any items that they wish to have on the agenda, the deadline for the agenda is 2/10.

Please let me know the County Boards wishes.

Best regards,

Gene

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Lancaster Board of Commissioners

January 26, 2012

Today is the fifteenth day of the sixty-day session.

Today in the Revenue Committee is LB 970 (Cornett). The bill is the Governor's proposal to reduce three separate taxes. First, the individual state income tax would be reduced by lowering current tax rates and expanding current income brackets. The bill would also reduce the current top corporate income tax rate from 7.81% to 6.70% which would match the top individual income tax under the proposal. Finally, the bill proposes to repeal the inheritance tax in its entirety. This is the tax that is imposed upon beneficiaries of decedents. In 2007, the State repealed the estate tax, which was the tax that had been imposed upon assets of the person who passed away. Commissioner Schorr will be there to represent Lancaster County. The fiscal impact on Lancaster County is estimated to be about \$6 million.

There are two bill in Judiciary Committee today of interest. The first is by Senator Brad Ashford LB972 and the second is by Senator Amanda McGill which is LB 787. LB 972 would transfer the oversight and control of the Kearney and Geneva from the Office of Juvenile Services (under the Department of Health and Human Services) to the Department of Corrections. The intent is to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to focus on children impacted by neglect and abuse within the child welfare system.

Senator Amanda McGill is carrying one of our priorities in LB 787. Staff secure detention facilities are institutions used for placement of low-risk juvenile law violators and status offenders. Although the Nebraska Juvenile Code specifically refers to staff secure detention facilities as an authorized type of non-secure detention, there are no statutory provisions defining these facilities or how they should be regulated. Given the function of the staff secure detention, general oversight should be placed with the Jail Standards Division of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement. Sheli Schindler will present testimony on behalf of Lancaster County.

Finally, the Appropriations Committee heard testimony this week on a bill that would appropriate 1.2 million to assist in renovating Lincoln's Centennial Mall. The bill is sponsored by Senator Bill Avery. The number is LB 859. The bill would authorize an one-time payment to the Centennial Mall Project Fund.

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB14	Wightman		Change and eliminate fees received by registers of deeds and clerks	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.19.11				X	
LB33	Louden		Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land	Revenue	1.21.11				X	
LB48	Janssen		Adopt the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act	Judiciary	3.2.11				X	
LB49	Krist		Provide certain requirements relating to filing of nonconsensual liens	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.31.11				X	
LB51	Krist		Require health clinics to have patient transfer agreements	Health and Human Services	1.26.11	General File with AM79; Conrad AM438-443, 445, 447, 449, 450, 452, 453, 457, 458, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464 filed; Cook MO14 Recommit to committee filed; Krist MO17 Indefinitely postpone filed; Conrad AM438-443, 445, 447, 449, 450, 452, 453, 457, 458, 460-464 withdrawn; Cook MO14 withdrawn; Laid over			X	

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 Bills of Interest Report
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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB62	Heidemann		Change budget revision and salary approval provisions for counties	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.20.11	General File with AM245; AM245 adopted; Select File with ER26; ER26 adopted; Lathrop AM496 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST6; Dubas AM611 filed; Motion to rtn to Select File for specific amendment pending; Sullivan FA7 filed; Motion to rtn to Select File failed; Dubas AM611 withdrawn; Sullivan FA7 withdrawn; Final Reading 40-5-4 Governor Approved 3.10.11			X	Monitor
LB66	Cornett		Change provisions relating to DNA collection	Judiciary	1.19.11	General File with AM241; Cornett AM386 filed; Judiciary AM241 adopted ; Cornett AM386 adopted ; Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial; Enrollment and Review ER143 filed; Placed on Select File with ER143			X	Support
LB69	Louden		Change provisions relating to use of comparable sales for tax valuation	Revenue	1.21.11				X	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB78	Pahls		Define a term in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.24.11	General File; AM194 filed; AM194 adopted; Select File with ER22; ER22 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 45-0-4 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11			X	
LB81	Cornett		Prohibit the levying of certain taxes on nonresidents of a municipality	Revenue	1.20.11	General File with AM14; Cornett AM132 filed; Cornett AM198 filed & adopted; AM14 adopted; AM132 withdrawn; McCoy AM146 filed; Select File with ER8; McCoy AM146 withdrawn; Cornett AM553 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST9; Cornett AM620 filed; Returned to Select File for specific amendment; Cornett AM620 adopted; Placed on Final Reading second; Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 37-4-8 Governor Approved 3.10.11	X - UCSC - SUPPOR T		X	Monitor

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB84	Fischer	Fischer	Adopt the Build Nebraska Act and authorize bonds for the highway system	Revenue	2.10.11	General the bill AM 305, Fischer AM827 filed; Flood FA8 filed; Fischer AM916 filed; Conrad MO22 Bracket until 1.4.12 filed; MO22 failed; Conrad MO23 Reconsider the vote on the bracket motion filed; Conrad AM962 filed; Utter AM958 filed; Conrad MO23 failed; Mello AM974 filed; Louden AM975 filed; Nordquist MO24 Recommit to committee filed; Fischer FA11 filed; Fischer MO25 Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Section 10 filed; MO25 prevailed; MO24 failed; AM385 adopted; Mello AM980 filed; Council AM968 filed; Select File; Louden AM999 filed; Fischer AM1025 filed; Louden AM1093 filed; Speaker Major Proposal; Fischer AM1216 filed; Louden AM1228 filed; Mello AM1229, 1230 & 1231 filed; Conrad AM1231 filed; Conrad MO32 Bracket until 1.5.12 filed; Chair ruling on order	X - UCSC, LC, PEC, NCC - SUPPOR T	X		

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LB87	Christensen		Change provisions relating to mowing weeds in ditches	Transportation and Telecommunications	3.8.11				X	
LB106	Schilz	Louden	Authorize a county sales tax for capital improvements for public safety services and transportation infrastructure	Revenue	1.27.11	General File with AM731; Louden AM870 filed; AM731 & AM870 adopted; Select File with ER100; ER100 adopted; Final Reading 43-3-3 5.18.11 Governor Approved 5.24.11			X	Support
LB111	Gloor		Change membership on mental health boards	Health and Human Services	1.19.11	General File with AM98; AM98 adopted; Select File; Final Reading 49-0-0 2.16.11 Governor Approved 2.22.11	X - NARA - SUPPORT		X	
LB113	Dubas		Prohibit job discrimination based upon credit history	Business and Labor	1.31.11				X	Monitor
LB115	Council		Change limitation of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	Judiciary	2.3.11				X	Oppose
LB117	Avery		Change publication requirements for constitutional amendments and initiative and referendum measures	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.21.11				X	

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LB128	Avery		Change DNA collection provisions	Judiciary	1.19.11	IPP'd 2.11.11			X	Support
LB129	Avery		Eliminate the statute of limitation for certain felonies	Judiciary	1.27.11				X	
LB133	Ashford		Require inclusion of sentencing costs in presentence reports	Judiciary	2.2.11				X	
LB135	Smith		Change the date for remitting certain funds under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.18.11	General File; Langemeier AM56 filed; Select File; Smith AM61 filed; Langemeier AM56 withdrawn; AM61 adopted; Final Reading 45-0-4 5.12.11 Governor Approved 5.18.11			X	
LB136	Lautenbaugh		Change number of years between appearances before Board of Pardons	Judiciary	1.19.11				X	
LB137	Lautenbaugh	Speaker	Change provisions relating to postconviction relief	Judiciary	2.2.11	General File with AM735; AM735 adopted; Select File with ER96; ER96 adopted; Final Reading 45-0-4 5.5.11 Governor Approved 5.11.11			X	

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LB139	Lautenbaugh		Change surplus property sale provisions of the County Purchasing Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.26.11	General File with AM292; Motion to suspend rules to IPP filed; IPP'd 5.26.11	X - LC - SUPPORT		X	Support
LB151	Lathrop	Business and Labor	Change location, hearing, and document provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court	Business and Labor	1.24.11	General File with AM1243; AM1243 adopted; Select File with ER125; ER125 adopted; Lathrop AM1454 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST40 with Emergency Clause 45-0-4 5.19.11 Governor Approved 5.24.11			X	
LB152	Lathrop	Cook	Change applicability of a medical fee schedule under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	2.14.11	General File with AM1449; AM1449 adopted; Select File with ER136; ER136 adopted; Lathrop AM1503 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST44 46-0-3 5.24.11 Governor Approved 5.26.11			X	
LB153	Lathrop		Change reimbursement for medical services under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	2.14.11				X	

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LB157	Coash		Change guardianship and conservatorship provisions	Judiciary	1.20.11	General File; Coash AM106 filed; Flood AM107 filed & adopted; Flood AM112 filed; AM106 & AM112 adopted; Coash AM140 filed & adopted; Select File; Coash AM215 filed; Flood AM110 & AM111 withdrawn; Coash AM215 adopted; Final Reading 49-0-0 2.16.11 Governor Approved 2.22.11			X	
LB159	Urban Affairs Committee		Authorize bond powers for cities, villages, and counties for nonprofit enterprises	Urban Affairs	1.18.11	General File with AM244; AM244 adopted; Select File with ER36; Schumacher AM470 filed; ER36 adopted; AM470 adopted; Final Reading w/Emergency Clause 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11			X	
LB160	Campbell		Eliminate a duty of the county assessor relating to information on trusts that own agricultural land	Agriculture	2.1.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 47-0-2 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11			X	

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LB161	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to recounting votes	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.21.11	General File with AM264; Karpisek AM383 filed; Lautenbaugh MO13 Bracket until June 8, 2011 filed & prevailed			X	
LB162	Campbell		Change provisions relating to abstracts of property assessment rolls	Revenue	2.17.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 44-0-5 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	
LB164	Louden		Provide notification requirements before moving buildings or other large objects on a county or township road	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.31.11	General File with AM286; AM286 adopted; Select File; Final Reading 47-0-2 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11			X	
LB179	Krist		Change pharmacy provisions	Health and Human Services	1.26.11	General File with AM124; AM124 adopted; Select File; Krist AM423 filed; AM423 adopted; Final Reading with ST7 47-0-2 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11			X	
LB182	Hansen		Change provisions relating to the issuance of one license plate	Transportation and Telecommunications	3.7.11				X	
LB183	Wightman		Change abandoned motorboat and trailer provisions	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.31.11				X	

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LB184	Smith		Change interest rate provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	3.7.11				X	
LB185	Fulton		Provide for one vehicle license plate	Transportation and Telecommunications	3.7.11				X	
LB186	Sullivan		Require nonpartisan ballots for county officers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.16.11				X	
LB189	Council		Adopt the Criminal Offender Employment Act	Business and Labor	1.24.11				X	
LB191	Council		Change provisions relating to sentence reductions	Judiciary	2.2.11	General File; Select File with ER37; ER37 adopted; Final Reading w/Emergency Clause 45-0-4 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11			X	
LB202	Council		Authorize petitions for recall and resentencing for certain minors sentenced to life imprisonment	Judiciary	1.27.11	General File with AM399			X	
LB203	Council		Change sentencing requirements with respect to certain minors	Judiciary	1.27.11				X	
LB206	Wightman		Provide for disposition of abandoned camper units and cabin trailers	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.31.11				X	

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LB210	Cornett		Change revenue and taxation provisions	Revenue	1.19.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11				X
LB214	Pankonin		Require nonpartisan election of county and city officials	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.16.11				X	Monitor
LB226	Gloor	Speaker	Create the offense of assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer	Judiciary	2.4.11	General File with AM1068; Hadley AM1381 filed; AM1068 & AM1381 adopted; Select File with ER126; ER126 adopted; Final Reading 40-5-4 5.18.11 Governor Approved 5.24.11				X Support
LB233	Krist		Decrease the number of members of the Legislature to forty-five	Redistricting	2.16.11				X	
LB234	Fischer		Change provisions relating to county office and service facilities of the Department of Health and Human Services	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.3.11	General File; AM740 filed; AM740 adopted; Select File; Final Reading 42-0-7 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11	X - LC - SUPPOR T		X	Support
LB238	Conrad		Eliminate workers' compensation three-judge review and change certain procedural provisions	Business and Labor	2.14.11				X	

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LB239	Janssen		Require presentation of government-issued photographic identification to vote in elections	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11	General File with AM727; Mello AM1641; Lathrop AM1633; Haar AM1631; Mello AM1645; Council AM1649; Council AM1667; Mello AM1627; Cuncil AM1629; Mello AM1654; Avery AM1624; Council AM1639; Harr AM1637; Avery AM1625			X	
LB242	Hadley		Change provisions relating to assault, assault on an officer, and offenses by a confined person	Judiciary	2.4.11				X	
LB251	Council	Judiciary	Change court fees	Judiciary	1.26.11	General File with AM945; AM945 adopted; Failed to advance to Enrollment & Review Initial	X - NCCA - SUPPORT		X	
LB254	Campbell		Provide and change requirements for instruments recorded by the register of deeds	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.3.11	General File with AM240; AM240 adopted; Select File; Final Reading 41-0-8 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	
LB266	Sullivan		Change the Open Meetings Act relating to closed sessions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.26.11				X	
LB270	Executive Board		Eliminate duties and positions in the Public Counsel's office	Executive Board	3.3.11				X	Support

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LB274	Gloor		Change provisions relating to the return of dispensed drugs and devices	Health and Human Services	1.26.11	General File; Select File with ER30; Gloor AM472 filed; ER30 adopted; AM472 adopted; Final Reading 47-0-2 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11			X	
LB277	Coash		Change the Nebraska Visitors Development Act to provide for the advice of a visitors committee to a county board	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3.9.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 42-0-7 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11	X - LC - SUPPORT		X	Support
LB278	Coash		Authorize payment to county officers and employees by electronic funds transfer	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.3.11	General File; Select File with ER34; ER34 adopted; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11	X - LC - SUPPORT		X	Support

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LB289	Mello	Speaker	Authorize the operation on public highways of low-speed vehicles as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.15.11	General File with AM416; AM416 adopted; Select File with ER91; ER91 adopted; Mello AM1239 filed & adopted; Fischer AM1376 filed; Final Reading with ST29; Rtn to Select File for specific amendment; AM1376 adopted; Final Reading Second 49-0-0 5.18.11 Governor Approved 5.24.11			X	
LB295	Lathrop		Provide a complaint procedure with the Public Service Commission regarding towing and storage fees	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.8.11				X	
LB301	Ashford		Change provisions for sealing records under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary	2.24.11				X	
LB304	McGill		Provide for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2.24.11	General File; pending; McGill AM1753 filed; McGill AM1753 adopted ; Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial			X	
LB318	Cornett		Redefine qualified claimant for homestead exemption purposes	Revenue	2.9.11				X	Monitor

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LB319	Cornett		Change reimbursement for homestead exemptions	Revenue	2.9.11				X	Monitor
LB320	Cornett		Change homestead exemption income limitations	Revenue	2.9.11				X	Monitor
LB321	Cornett		Change calculations relating to homestead exemptions	Revenue	2.9.11				X	Monitor
LB322	Cornett		Provide requirements for prescription drug insurance	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.14.11				X	Monitor
LB327	Campbell		Change motor vehicle fees and distribution of the proceeds	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.1.11				X	
LB330	Cook		Change requirements for dental hygienists in public health-related settings	Health and Human Services	3.4.11				X	
LB337	Fulton	Speaker	Change timeframes for audits by the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.10.11	General File with AM275; AM275 adopted; Select File with ER66; ER66 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 46-0-3 4.20.11 Governor Approved 4.26.11			X	
LB339	Ashford		Change Nebraska Juvenile Code predisposition evaluation procedures	Judiciary	2.9.11				X	Monitor

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LB344	Ashford		Change provisions relating to municipal counties and merger of governmental services	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.25.11	General File with AM1577, AM1672 filed	General File with AM1577		X	
LB361	Cornett		Set the salary of members of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Revenue	2.3.11				X	
LB363	Cornett		Change provisions relating to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and property taxes and provide a duty for the Secretary of State	Revenue	2.17.11				X	
LB365	Sullivan		Change access provisions for voter information and voter registration registers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11				X	
LB368	Brasch		Change nomination provisions for partisan offices	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.2.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11; President/speaker signed; adopted			X	Support

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LB370	Wightman		Eliminate provisions relating to issuance of tax deeds	Revenue	2.11.11	General File; Pending; Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial President/Speaker signed; Placed on Select File with ER145; Adopted; Enrollment and Review ER145 filed				X
LB371	Schumacher		Provide for an unfair insurance trade practice relating to public officials	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.15.11					X
LB373	Speaker Flood		Make deficiency appropriations	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM901; AM901 adopted; Select File with ER117; ER117 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 41-0-8 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11				X

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LB374	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM902; Heidemann AM1307 & AM1313 filed; AM902 adopted; AM1307 withdrawn; Heidemann AM1360 filed & adopted; AM1313 adopted; Select File with ER124; Heidemann AM1397 filed; ER124 & AM1397 adopted; Final Reading with ST37 with Emergency Clause 43-0-6 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11	X - LC, NARA, NCCA, Telecare, RPS, NSHSF - SUPPORT		X	
LB375	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 43-0-6 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	

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LB376	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM1300; AM1300 adopted; Select File with ER105; Heidemann AM1384 filed; ER105 & AM1384 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 43-0-6 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	
LB377	Speaker Flood		Appropriate funds for capital construction	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM903; AM903 adopted; Select File with ER122; ER122 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 42-1-6 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	
LB378	Speaker Flood		Provide for fund transfers and change provisions relating to various funds	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM904; AM904 adopted; Select File with ER116; ER116 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 43-0-6 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	

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LB379	Speaker Flood		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM1250; Heidemann AM1301 filed; AM1250 adopted; AM1301 withdrawn; Heidemann AM1347 filed & adopted; Select File with ER109; ER109 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 43-0-6 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	
LB380	Speaker Flood		Change provisions relating to depreciation charges relating to state buildings	Appropriations	2.7.11	General File with AM834; AM834 adopted; Select File with ER108; ER108 adopted; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 44-0-5 5.11.11 Governor Approved 5.17.11			X	

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LB383	Cornett	Revenue	Eliminate state aid for municipalities, counties, and natural resources districts	Revenue	1.26.11	General File; Louden AM288 filed; Council AM252 filed; AM288 & AM252 lost; Select File; Council AM331 filed; Council AM334 filed; Council AM334 lost; Mello AM490 filed & lost; Council AM331 lost; Final Reading with Emergency Clause 36-9-4 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11	X - LC, UCSC - OPPOSE		X	Oppose
LB384	Cornett	Revenue	Eliminate a commissioner of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and authorize single commissioner hearings	Revenue	2.3.11	General File with AM944; AM944 adopted; Cornett AM1127 filed & adopted; Select File with ER86; Louden AM1132 filed; Cornett AM1204 filed; ER86 adopted; AM1132 lost; AM1204 adopted; Final Reading with ST33; Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 36-11-2 5.5.11 Governor Approved 5.11.11			X	

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LB388	Wightman	Wightman	Adopt the Site and Building Development Act and change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.7.11	General File; Wightman AM649 filed; AM649 adopted; Select File with ER59; Flood AM1136 filed; ER59 & AM1136 adopted; Final Reading with ST23 46-0-3 4.20.11 Governor Approved 4.26.11			X	
LB390	Ashford	Speaker	Change provisions relating to jails and corrections and create the Community Corrections Division of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	Judiciary	1.27.11	General File with AM1537; AM1537 adopted; Ashford AM1542 filed & adopted; Ashford AM1541 filed; Select File with ER142; ER142 adopted; AM1541 withdrawn; Ashford AM1572 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST48 with Emergency Clause 47-0-2 5.26.11 Governor Approved 5.26.11			X	Oppose
LB391	Schilz		Create the Nebraska Invasive Species Council	Natural Resources	2.17.11	General File with AM683			X	
LB392	Schilz		Provide powers and duties relating to aquatic invasive species	Natural Resources	2.17.11				X	

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LB396	Pahls		Change bond provisions relating to the deposit and investment of certain county funds	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.31.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 46-0-3 3.4.11 Governor Approved 3.10.11			X	
LB398	Lathrop		Change provisions relating to notaries public	Judiciary	1.28.11				X	
LB405	Cornett		Authorize hearings by a single commissioner of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Revenue	2.17.11				X	
LB409	Utter		Provide for the retention of insurance proceeds by a country or municipality to repair or demolish damaged property	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.14.11	General File with AM577			X	
LB415	Wallman		Change provisions relating to contraband in a detention facility or providing an inmate with contraband	Judiciary	2.10.11	General File with AM525; Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial; Judiciary AM525 adopted; Placed on Select File			X	
LB430	Cornett		Change property tax levy limitations	Revenue	2.2.11	General File; Motion to suspend rules to IPP filed; IPP'd 5.26.11			X	
LB437	Urban Affairs Committee		Change state building code provisions	Urban Affairs	2.8.11				X	
LB441	Heidemann		Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	3.3.11				X	

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LB444	Avery		Provide methods for notice under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1.26.11				X	
LB447	Fulton		Change provisions relating to vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	2.25.11		X - LC - SUPPORT		X	Support
LB449	Nelson	Speaker	Change the Election Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.16.11	General File with AM867; AM867 adopted; Select File with ER93; ER93 adopted; Nelson AM1302 filed & adopted; Final Reading with ST30 47-0-2 5.5.11 Governor Approved 5.11.11			X	
LB451	Ashford		Change court fees, procedures, offices, and judgeships	Judiciary	2.11.11		X - NCCA - SUPPORT		X	Monitor
LB452	Ashford		Provide for lottery winnings and tax refund intercept for debts owed to courts	Judiciary	1.28.11				X	Monitor
LB457	Campbell		Provide for notice of preliminary valuations and in-person meeting relating to property taxes and change certain dates	Revenue	2.17.11				X	Monitor

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LB459	Schilz		Limit the adoption of any law by a political subdivision regarding the ownership of domestic animals	Agriculture	3.1.11	General File with AM720; Agriculture AM720 adopted; Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial				X
LB460	Ashford		Change the Sex Offender Registration Act	Judiciary	3.16.11; 4.5.11 on AM873; 4.5.11 on AM969	Ashford AM873 & AM969 filed				X Monitor
LB474	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Require certain retirement reports be submitted to the Auditor of Public Accounts	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1.27.11	General File with AM123; AM123 adopted; Select File with ER23; ER23 adopted; Final Reading; Nordquist AM417 filed; Returned to Select File for specific amendment; AM417 adopted; Final Reading 48-0-1 3.10.11 Governor Approved 3.16.11				X
LB475	Lautenbaugh		Change garnishment provisions to include independent contractors providing services to government entities	Judiciary	2.11.11					X

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LB479	Lathrop	Lathrop	Authorize a minor to give consent to evidence collection and examination and treatment in cases of sexual assault	Judiciary	2.10.11	General File with AM335; Lathrop AM890 filed; AM335 & AM890 adopted; Select File; Final Reading with ST25 46-0-3 4.20.11 Governor Approved 4.26.11			X	
LB480	Krist		Provide for agreements relating to public building commissions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.9.11	General File; Select File; Final Reading 48-0-1 5.12.11 Governor Approved 5.18.11			X	Monitor
LB482	Utter	Utter	Change provisions governing industrial disputes involving municipal corporations under the Industrial Relations Act	Business and Labor	2.7.11				X	
LB491	Mello		Change state budget preparation provisions	Appropriations	3.3.11				X	
LB496	Avery		Create the Centennial Mall Project Fund	Appropriations	2.14.11	IPP'd 4.7.11			X	
LB499	Price	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to filing for office, registering to vote, and voting under the Election Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.2.11	General File with AM404; AM404 adopted; Select File with ER74; ER74 adopted; Final Reading 45-0-4 4.20.11 Governor Approved 4.26.11			X	

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LB504	Campbell		Change motor fuel tax rates	Revenue	2.10.11		X - PEC SUPPORT		X	
LB506	Wallman		Change definitions of wages for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	2.14.11				X	
LB507	Harms		Change Welfare Reform Act requirements relating to education for recipients of assistance	Health and Human Services	2.3.11	General File with AM670			X	
LB508	Bloomfield		Authorize certain residency restrictions near parks for sexual predators	Judiciary	3.16.11				X	
LB513	Christensen		Adopt the Escort Services Accountability and Permit Act	Judiciary	2.25.11				X	
LB518	Christensen		Change certain penalty and violation provisions of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	Judiciary	2.23.11				X	
LB519	Pirsch		Change the priority of liens for special assessments	Revenue	2.17.11				X	
LB529	Carlson		Change provisions relating to conservation and preservation easements and the Nebraska Environment Trust	Natural Resources	2.3.11				X	Monitor

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LB530	Council		Adopt the Employee Credit Privacy Act	Business and Labor	1.31.11		X - NCC - OPPOSE		X	Monitor
LB536	Wightman		Adopt the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act	Judiciary	2.17.11	Placed on General File with AM1668; Judiciary AM1668 filed			X	
LB538	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to the disposition of seized firearms	Judiciary	2.16.11				X	
LB541	Health and Human Services Committee	Speaker	Provide for third-party contracts to promote medicaid integrity and cost containment	Health and Human Services	2.9.11	General File; Select File; Campbell AM988 filed; AM988 adopted; Final Reading; Conrad AM1483 filed			X	
LB545	Pahls		Establish a copay for medical services provided at a correctional facility	Judiciary	3.16.11				X	
LB546	Gloor	Gloor	Change provisions relating to adoption of the International Residential Code	Urban Affairs	2.8.11	General File with AM348; AM348 adopted; McGill AM599 filed & adopted; Select File with ER44; Krist AM748 filed; ER44 adopted; AM748 lost; Final Reading 31-9-9 4.8.11 Governor Approved 4.14.11			X	

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LB564	Fulton	Fulton	Change and eliminate provisions of the Industrial Relations Act and the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act	Business and Labor	2.7.11				X	
LB565	Ashford		Require secure storage of firearms and notice of such requirement by retailers upon sale and create the offense of improper storage of a firearm	Judiciary	3.17.11				X	
LB569	Coash		Require employers to e-verify the immigration status of new employees	Judiciary	3.2.11				X	
LB571	Price		Change provisions relating to homeowners' association and condominium association liens	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.22.11				X	
LB573	Price		Authorize use of rotating or flashing amber lights on any motor vehicle operated by or for a storm spotter	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.15.11	General File with AM344; AM344 adopted; Select File with ER114; ER114 adopted; Final Reading 48-0-1 5.12.11 Governor Approved 5.18.11			X	
LB574	Price		Adopt the Electronic Prescription Transmission Act	Health and Human Services	2.4.11				X	

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LB584	Fulton		Exempt deployed military personnel from motor vehicle registration fees	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.1.11				X	
LB597	Pahls		Require consolidation of county offices	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.25.11				X	
LB605	Conrad		Provide for voter registration on election day and require identification to vote	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11				X	
LB609	Pirsch		Adopt the Correctional Facility Reimbursement Act	Judiciary	3.16.11				X	
LB613	Pirsch		Change certain lien provisions relating to homeowner's associations and condominiums	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.22.11				X	
LB614	Pirsch		Change provisions relating to homeowners' association and condominium association liens	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.22.11				X	
LB623	Lautenbaugh		Change effect of Industrial Relation Act petitions and provide provisions for counties encompassing a city of the metropolitan class	Business and Labor	2.7.11				X	

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LB628	Cook	Speaker	Authorize certain political subdivisions to donate certain motor vehicles to charitable organizations	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.11.11	General File; Lautenbaugh AM977 filed & adopted; Select File with ER67; Bloomfield AM1049 filed; ER67 & AM1049 adopted; Krist AM1073 filed; Bloomfield AM1200 filed & adopted; AM1073 withdrawn; Final Reading; Bloomfield AM1263 filed; Cook AM1261 filed; Cook AM1400 filed; Motion to return to Select File for specific amendment failed; AM1263 & AM1261 withdrawn; Rtn to Select File for specific amendment; AM1400 adopted; Final Reading Second 43-1-5 5.18.11 Governor Approved 5.24.11	X - LC - SUPPOR T w/AM977		X	
LB631	Cook		Provide for a permanent early voting request list	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.24.11				X	
LB638	Karpisek		Provide restrictions relating to sale of county records for commercial purposes	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		Karpisek MO10 Withdraw bill filed; MO10 prevailed; Bill withdrawn			X	
LB643	Lautenbaugh		Provide additional public records that may be withheld	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3.10.11				X	

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LB658	Karpisek		Change the fee for obtaining a handgun certificate	Judiciary	2.23.11				X	
LB664	Nelson	Nelson	Repeal the Industrial Relations Act and the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act and prohibit public collective bargaining and work stoppage	Business and Labor	2.7.11				X	
LB669	Flood	Speaker	Change provisions relating to sealing of juvenile court records	Judiciary	2.24.11	General File with AM1342; AM1342 adopted; Select File with ER131; Coash AM1448 filed; Ashford AM1471 filed; Fulton AM1452 filed; ER131 adopted; AM1448, 1471 & 1452 adopted; Final Reading with ST42 with Emergency Clause 47-0-2 5.23.11 Governor Approved 5.26.11			X	
LB670	Flood	Flood	Authorize court-ordered conditions for dispositions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary	2.24.11	General File with AM1447; AM1447 adopted; Select File with ER137			X	Monitor
LB672	Flood		Provide an exemption from the documentary stamp tax	Revenue	2.3.11				X	

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LB674	Haar		Prohibit or restrict certain electronic monitoring of employees by employers	Business and Labor	3.7.11				X	Monitor
LB676	Lathrop		Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act	Judiciary	2.17.11		X - NARA - OPPOSE		X	Monitor
LB681	Karpisek		Provide for distribution of a portion of keno tax proceeds for thoroughbred horseracing purses	General Affairs	2.7.11				X	
LB684	Schilz	Speaker	Change provisions relating to an advisory committee for travel and tourism	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2.8.11	Schilz AM30 filed; General File with AM375; Schilz AM1190 filed; AM1190 withdrawn; AM375 adopted; AM30 withdrawn; Select File with ER104; Schilz AM1421 filed; ER104 adopted; AM1421 withdrawn; Final Reading 48-0-1 5.18.11 Governor Approved 5.24.11			X	

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LB685	Schilz		Change provisions of the Nebraska Visitors Development Act relating to the use of funds and the members of committees	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3.9.11	Schilz AM31 filed			X	Oppose
LB688	Smith		Require certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to work until age fifty-five to receive full benefits and prohibit elective officers from receiving retirement benefits	Nebraska Retirement Systems	2.15.11				X	Monitor
LR2CA	Harms		Constitutional amendment to authorize county manager form of county government	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2.25.11				X	
LR3CA	Fischer		Constitutional amendment to authorize pledge of state sales and use taxes for highway bonds	Transportation and Telecommunications	2.1.11		X - UCSC, LC, PEC SUPPORT		X	
LR9CA	Schilz		Constitutional amendment to change agricultural and horticultural land valuation	Revenue	3.3.11				X	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LR29C A	Nelson		Constitutional amendment to prohibit government from engaging in collective bargaining	Business and Labor	2.7.11				X	
LB709	Executive Board: Wightman, Chairperson		Revisor bill to repeal obsolete statutes relating to temporary zoning regulations that expired July 1, 2001	General File		Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial; Placed on Select File; Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment; Placed on Final Reading			X	
LB714	McCoy		Update references and change provisions in the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.17.20 12	Placed on General File			X	
LB718	Fischer		Change provisions relating to certificates of title, the distribution of titling fees, and registration fees for fleet vehicles	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.24.20 12				X	
LB721	Larson		Redefine the term police animal	Judiciary	1.19.20 12				X	
LB722	Coash		Authorize fines or costs to be deducted from a defendant's cash bond	Judiciary					X	
LB729	Mello		Provide powers to an authority and change bond provisions under the Community Development Law	Urban Affairs	1.17.20 12				X	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB732	Mello		Provide procedures for the use of eminent domain by cities and villages for trails	Natural Resources					x	
LB736	Schumacher		Require provision of secret-ballot envelopes for elections	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	1.25.2012				x	oppose
LB740	Schilz		Change provisions relating to farmers hauling hay and livestock forage vehicles	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.23.2012				x	
LB744	Schilz		Change provisions relating to court fees	Judiciary		Schilz MO67 Withdraw bill filed; bill withdrawn; Schilz MO67 prevailed			x	
LB750	Cornett		Change provisions relating to comparable sales used for tax assessment	Revenue	1.20.2012				x	
LB762	Louden		Change provisions relating to comparable sales for tax assessment	Revenue	1.20.2012				x	
LB765	Krist		Change bidding requirements relating to contracts with providers of certain health and social services as prescribed	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	2.3.2012				x	

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LB769	Fischer		Change provisions relating to application for and issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.17.2012				X	
LB772	Smith		Change provisions relating to the payment of salaries for county board members	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	2.2.2012				X	
LB785	Christensen		Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed	Judiciary					X	
LB787	McGill		Authorize inspection and regulation of staff secure facilities by the Jail Standards Board	Judiciary	1.26.2012				X	
LB790	Coash		Transfers a county court judgeship to another district	Judiciary	1.18.2012				X	
LB793	Lautenbaugh		Limit frivolous civil actions filed by prisoners	Judiciary	1.20.2012				X	
LB795	Avery		Change provisions relating to applying for membership in veterans homes	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs					X	
LB798	Urban Affairs Committee		Provide that certain assessments are levied and collected as special assessments	Revenue					X	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB801	Fischer		Eliminate obsolete references to designated county officials	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.17.2012				x	
LB802	Lautenbaugh		Authorize carrying of concealed handguns by certain authorities within the scope of their employment	Judiciary	1.25.2012				x	
LB818	Harr		Exempt certain deeds from the documentary stamp tax	Revenue	1.19.2012				x	
LB822	Adams		Change notice provisions relating to changes in real property valuations	Revenue	1.19.2012				x	
LB823	Adams		Change duties of county treasurers	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	2.2.2012				x	
LB827	Dubas		Require mediation for budget disputes between a county board and a county officer	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs					x	
LB832	Howard		Require a report on qualifications by proposed appointee as chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services	Health and Human Services	1.18.2012				x	

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LB833	Krist		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 services	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	
LB836	Pahls		Change provisions relating to deposit and investment of public funds in certificates of deposit and time deposits	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.17.2012	Placed on General File with AM1700 ; Banking, Commerce and Insurance AM1700 filed			x	
LB839	Council		Require reporting of sexual misconduct by a school employee	Judiciary	1.25.2012				x	
LB840	Council		Provide powers and duties relating to inmate mail	Judiciary	1.27.2012				x	
LB846	Sullivan		Require employers to maintain employee emergency contact information	Business and Labor	1.23.2012				x	
LB847	Sullivan		Change the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	
LB851	Fischer		Change provisions relating to tax receipts	Revenue	1.19.2012				x	
LB859	Avery		Provide funding for renovation of Centennial Mall	Appropriations	1.23.2012				x	
LB861	Cornett		Change hours of sale provisions under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	General Affairs	1.23.2012				x	

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LB865	McGill		Authorize the voluntary waiver of compensation by jurors	Judiciary	1.18.2012				x	
LB866	Haar		Adopt the Nebraska Fair Employment Opportunity Act	Business and Labor	1.23.2012				x	
LB867	Karpisek		Change employer contribution provisions under certain county retirement plans	nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	2.06.2012				x	
LB871	Gloor		Provide for policies relating to fees and copays relating to the Behavioral Health Services Act	Health and Human Services	1.20.2012				x	
LB878	Wallman		Change election calendar, vacancy, ballot, and counting machine provisions	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	1.25.2012				x	
LB879	Pahls		Change a security requirement for depositories of public funds	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1.23.2012	Placed on General File			x	
LB881	Coash		Change medical services payment provisions relating to jails and correctional facilities	Judiciary	1.27.2012				x	
LB897	Pahls		Change provisions relating to the completion of tax lists	Revenue					x	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB902	Harr		Redefine a term relating to property tax exemptions and change provisions relating to a sales tax exemption for purchases by the state or a governmental unit	Revenue						x
LB910	Lautenbaugh		Define "certified traffic personnel" and authorize their use at special events	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.24.2012					x
LB912	McCoy		Provide requirements for local laws regulating discrimination	Judiciary						x
LB914	McGill		Change provisions relating to reductions in sex offender registration periods	Judiciary						x
LB917	Cornett		Change truancy provisions for absences relating to military employment activities	Judiciary	2.3.2012					x
LB918	Cornett		Change provisions of the Community Development Law	Urban Affairs	1.24.2012					x
LB919	Schilz		Change court fees, sheriff's fees, and handgun certificate fees	Judiciary						x

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB922	Mello		Change provisions relating to vehicle load contents and spillage	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	
LB930	Brasch		Allow operation of golf car vehicles on highways as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	1.30.2012				x	
LB931	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds	Natural Resources	1.20.2012				x	
LB932	Krist		Provide voting rights for residents of sanitary and improvement districts	Urban Affairs	1.24.2012				x	
LB933	Ashford		Change provisions relating to truancy	Judiciary	2.3.2012				x	
LB934	Karpisek		Provide for appointment of all election commissioners by the county board	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	2.1.2012				x	
LB937	Smith		Regulate dealers in the business of buying and reselling precious items	Judiciary					x	
LB956	Ashford		Authorize an increase in city sales tax rates	Revenue					x	
LB967	Schumacher		Change an interest rate relating to delinquent taxes and special assessments	Revenue					x	

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB972	Ashford		Transfer the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers from the Office of Juvenile Services to the Department of Correctional Services	Judiciary	1.26.2012					X
LB973	Coash		Provide for the use of retirement benefits to pay civil damages	nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	1.31.2012					X
LB975	Smith		Adopt the Fair Bidding Act	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs						X
LB977	Mello		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue						X
LB981	Ashford		Appropriate funds for renovation of certain living units at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney	Appropriations	2.6.2012					X
LB985	Krist		Provide for a juvenile justice pilot program	Judiciary	1.26.2012					X
LB988	Howard		Provide a rate of payment for certain medical services in emergency protective custody situations	Health and Human Services	1.27.2012					X
LB999	Price		Authorize the display of an honor and remember flag at public buildings	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs						X

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB1000	McGill		Change certain marriage related fees	Judiciary	2.1.2012				x	
LB1009	Ashford		Provide that probation records are not subject to disclosure	Judiciary	2.2.2012				x	
LB1011	Dubas		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue					x	
LB1012	Lautenbaugh		Change medical treatment and temporary disability provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	1.30.2012				x	
LB1014	Conrad		Authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Roads	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs					x	
LB1035	Sullivan		Provide for automatic nomination of airport authority board members as prescribed	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	2.1.2012				x	
LB1040	Schilz		Change provisions relating to snow removal on state highways and encroachments and regulation of state rights-of-way	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	

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LB104 6	Harr		Change provisions relating to law enforcement certification and continuing education	Judiciary					x	
LB105 2	Christensen		Change provisions relating to maintenance of drainage facilities on county roads	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	
LB106 1	Heidemann		Change provisions relating to valuation of agricultural land	Revenue					x	
LB106 7	Karpisek		Change restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1.30.20 12				x	
LB106 9	Wightman		Change provisions relating to tax sales to collect delinquent property taxes	Revenue					x	
LB107 0	Wightman		Change eligibility provisions for petitioning on the general election ballot	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs	2.1.201 2				x	
LB107 5	Cornett		Provide for assessment of rent-restricted housing projects by the Property Tax Administrator	Revenue					x	
LB107 6	Karpisek		Change requirements for copies of public records and speaking at public meetings	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs					x	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB109 1	Fischer		Adopt the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act and eliminate certain charges on prepaid wireless service	Transportation and Telecommunications						
LB109 3	Hadley		Change provisions relating to foreclosure proceedings for delinquent real estate taxes	Revenue						x
LB109 4	Harms		Provide for an election in certain counties to require elections by mail	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs						x
LB109 5	Larson		Provide for Beef State license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications						x
LB109 6	Ashford		Prohibit entry into a motor vehicle without permission of the owner or for the purpose of committing a crime	Judiciary						x
LB109 8	Council		Repeal the Build Nebraska Act and change distribution of sales and use tax revenue	Revenue						x
LB109 9	Council		Change expense provisions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary						x

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LB110 1	Wightman		Change provisions relating to election of county assessors	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs					x	
LB110 2	Wightman		Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts	Revenue					x	
LB110 7	Pirsch		Change provisions relating to the movement of vehicles and other property after an accident and provide immunity	Judiciary					x	
LB111 2	Flood		Change provisions relating to state highway system plans	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	
LB112 1	Lambert		Change signature requirements for recall petitions for sanitary and improvement districts	Urban Affairs					x	
LB113 2	McGill		Change the Community Development Law	Urban Affairs					x	
LB113 4	Avery		Change agency procedures for eminent domain	Judiciary					x	
LB115 1	Iathrop		Eliminate a sunset provision under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act relating to certain first responder injuries	Business and Labor	1.30.20 12				x	

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	FORM D	Hot List	LC	LC Position
LB116 6	Ashford		Eliminate certain elective county offices when approved by the voters and provide for appointments	Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs		Ashford MO75 prevailed; Howard AM1731 filed; Bill withdrawn				
LB116 7	Lautenbaugh		Require certain provisions in highway and bridge construction and maintenance contracts	Transportation and Telecommunications					x	



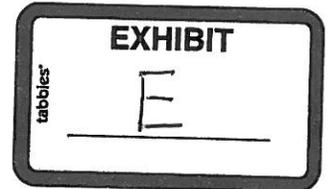
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LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Senator Abby Cornett, Chair
Revenue Committee
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January 26, 2012



Dear Senator Cornett:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is strongly opposed to the proposal to eliminate the inheritance tax under LB 970. The loss of this revenue would have a devastating impact on the ability of Lancaster County to provide adequate services to its residents, and will result in a direct shift to the property tax. Consider the following facts:

- Lancaster County collected \$6,685,528 of inheritance tax for FY 2010-11, which is equivalent to a property tax levy of 3.5¢ per \$100,000 of value, or almost 14% of the entire property tax levy for FY 2010-11
- For the last three (3) budget years the County has averaged inheritance tax collections of \$5,837,931
- All inheritance tax revenue is deposited into the County's general fund to cover operating expenditures, thereby providing direct property tax relief
- Since FY 2007-08 other revenues have decreased dramatically:
 - \$2.5 million decrease of interest income
 - \$3 million reduction from the loss of state aid and jail reimbursement
- Real property values have risen only slightly during this period, averaging .43 % per year

In spite of stagnant property valuations and decreasing revenues, the Lancaster County Board has managed to keep the levy at the same rate of 26.83¢ for the last three (3) years by cutting costs, increasing efficiencies, deferring equipment maintenance/replacement, deferring building maintenance, and most significantly, deferring needed road maintenance and upgrades. However, this trend is not sustainable, and additional revenue cuts could seriously impact the ability of County officials to discharge their mandated duties.

At the same time the cost and demand for basic services has steadily increased, especially in the area of public safety, which accounts for more than 55% of the County's budget. Due to heavy caseloads an eighth district court judge was added in Lancaster County in 2011, and the Legislature is now contemplating adding another judge to the County Court serving Lancaster County. Caseloads in the Lancaster County Separate Juvenile Court are also running at capacity, and a new judge may be necessary in the near future. Additional judges means additional work for the County Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff. A steadily increasing population is also

stretching Sheriff resources to the limit, and increases will become necessary for basic law enforcement services. Due to overcrowding, Lancaster County was required by Jail Standards to build a new jail. This facility will open in July of 2012 and will add 39 new County employees.

Against this background of rising costs and diminishing revenue, an unnecessary additional revenue decrease of \$6 million is being proposed for Lancaster County. A reduction of this size simply cannot be absorbed by cutting costs. For example, the County could eliminate all spending for public health, community mental health treatment, and the social safety net, amounting to approximately \$5 million, and still not realize enough savings to cover the loss of revenue. Moreover, these programs are preventative in nature and save tax payer money in the long run. Without these programs significant spending increases would be necessary for law enforcement, the court system, the jail, emergency protective custody, and general assistance. More importantly, without these programs the quality of life in Lancaster County would suffer greatly.

Inevitably, the property tax rate will need to be increased substantially to make up for the loss of essential funding caused by the elimination of the inheritance tax. This is bad news for the average property tax payer. Although LB 970 has been advertized as a tax savings for the hard working Nebraska tax payer, in fact just the opposite is true. In a worse case scenario, the County would need to replace most of the lost inheritance tax revenue with a corresponding increase in the property tax levy, a 3.5¢ increase that would increase property taxes by approximately \$35 per \$100,000 of value. The average value of a residential parcel in Lancaster County is \$146,000, so the owner would pay an additional \$52 per year. In comparison, this same property tax payer would probably pay little or no inheritance tax. Simply stated, LB 970 will result in a tax increase on hard working Nebraskans, not a decrease.

Another misconception is that the inheritance tax discourages businesses from locating in Nebraska. There is no support for this assertion. The inheritance tax is paid by individuals, not companies. And to the contrary, it is more important to businesses to locate in a stable community with adequate infrastructure, a low crime rate, and an effective social safety net - all of which are jeopardized by the elimination of the inheritance tax.

The citizens of the State of Nebraska are best served when state and local government work together to solve problems and provide essential services. Since the Legislature creates duties and responsibilities for counties, the Legislature must also provide adequate funding to perform these duties. Elimination of the inheritance tax deprives counties of a critical funding source, while leaving in place the same statutory responsibilities. Replacement funding can only come from one place, the pockets of hard working Nebraska property tax payers.

Sincerely,

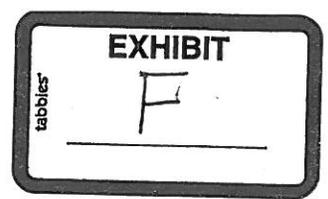
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January 26, 2012

Testimony against LB 970

The Human Services Administration for Lincoln/Lancaster County strongly opposes LB 970, eliminating the inheritance tax. Should you do this, an unexpected, perhaps even invisible set of collapsing dominos occurs.

First, Lancaster County loses \$6 million. This is the same county that lost \$3 million over the past two years from the loss of state aid and jail reimbursements. When that happened, every department in the county government was cut to the core. The budget for contractual human services went from \$2.2 million to \$1.3 million and five agencies were totally cut from county funding. If the County loses another \$6 million, they will still need to cover the required responsibilities of law enforcement, courts, and emergency services. Beyond that the dominoes begin to fall. You just heard Commissioner Schorr say " we could eliminate public health, community mental health and the social safety net".

The social safety net is about people who need assistance to be productive citizens in this state. It is a net that needs to be strong enough to assist:

- The 600 adults in Lancaster County who are currently waiting for substance abuse treatment services that are at maximum capacity
- The 11,000 residents receiving mental health services this year
- The 7500 men, women & children who were provided emergency shelter beds this year

While LB 970 may indirectly cause the elimination of services, it doesn't eliminate the NEED for those services and the people don't just go away. Instead they end up in higher cost placements like jail and hospitals. And if you think the child welfare system is full now...wait until the dominoes fall.

Another misperception is that the inheritance tax discourages businesses from locating in Nebraska. I'll tell you what really discourages businesses from re-locating to counties in NE: neighborhoods with high crime rates; downtowns with large visible homeless populations; overgrown and unsafe parks; and no services for families. Human Services are an essential

component of the infrastructure of a strong, vibrant county. Counties have an economy based on the belief that this safety net exists.

Eliminating the inheritance tax has significant negative ramifications. Right or wrong, counties have come to depend on it. But it is the responsibility of our Legislative body to ensure citizens of this state have equal access to health care, mental health services, and emergency services rather than to impede County government from providing them. By repealing the inheritance tax you will indirectly cripple counties providing these necessary services. I would hope this committee would have the courage to say NO to LB 970.



Testimony in Opposition to LB 970
Revenue Committee
January 26, 2012

Good afternoon Senator Cornett and members of the Revenue committee, my name is Judy Halstead, I am the Health Director for City of Lincoln and Lancaster County. I am testifying today on behalf of the Health Department and the City of Lincoln in opposition to LB 970.

As Commissioner Schorr testified, services within my department, provided to the residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County are at risk because of this proposal. YOUR health and the health of your constituents are at risk because of this proposal as well. When you are in Lincoln serving your constituents, I and my staff are serving and protecting you. When you and your family come to Lincoln for Husker football games and eat in the fine food establishments in Lincoln, you can be assured my staff inspected and permitted the establishment and the nearly 1200 others in Lincoln – in addition to the 13,000 food handlers we have trained and permitted to assure they are not spreading food borne illnesses to you.

When your students have come to Lincoln for FFA or for State basketball and have crossed streets in downtown Lincoln, our injury prevention staff has looked out for them with sponsoring the City's first pedestrian countdown lights to help reduce injuries to our pedestrians in the City. When they used the pool at the hotel, we made sure there were trained and certified Pool Operators overseeing the pool to make sure the pool water quality was where it should be so disease didn't spread from the pool.

We monitor communicable diseases in Lincoln on a daily basis. We receive and review lab reports for instances of contagious diseases that might make you and every person sitting at your table sick. We will know quickly if we have an outbreak of measles or pertussis or mumps. And in my Department we provide 18,000 immunizations a year to make sure that children attending the same family activities at the zoo and at the children's museum near you are protected and don't share their diseases with you. Without funding from our County, we can't continue the daily surveillance and the vigilance we maintain. Without the funding we can't continue to protect the community with immunizations for diseases we know can be prevented.

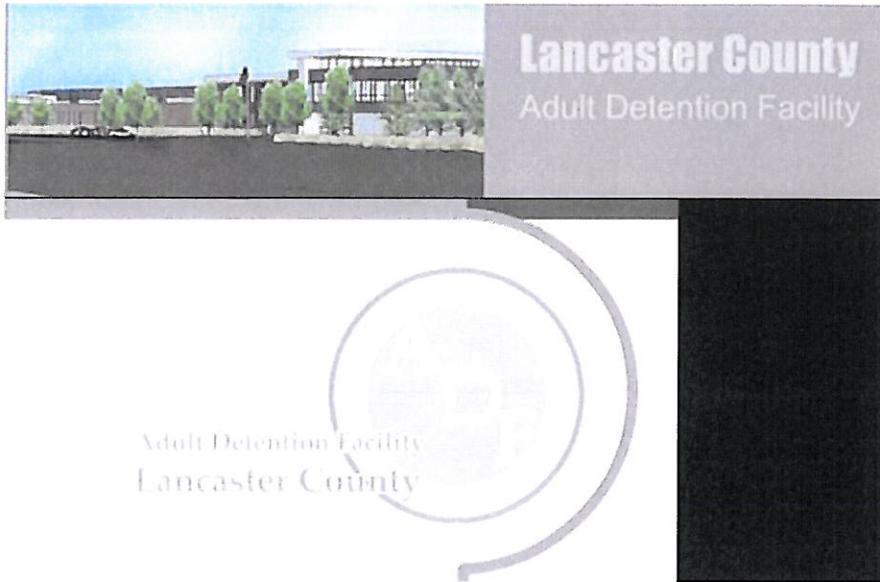
My department receives over \$3,000,000 a year from Lancaster County, to take care of those who don't have the resources to meet their own dental needs and medical needs. Through nurse home visitation, we prevent high risk pregnant women from poor pregnancy complications due to lack of care, and we have tremendous outcomes in preventing abuse and neglect. We prevent the spread of disease in child cares in Lincoln, through health consultation – and for the five years we have had the program fully operational we have not had a communicable disease outbreak in a child care in Lincoln. This one program helps keeps children in care and their parents working, not missing work because their child is sick. And, we help assure your child or grandchild doesn't get a tattoo in a hotel room or at a "tattoo party" in an apartment through the "friend of a friend" by regulating and shutting down practitioners who are not licensed.

All of these programs provided by my staff are funded in whole or in part through funding from Lancaster County. These are services that touch the poorest of the poor in my community, the wealthiest in this City and they touch you and your constituents who travel to Lincoln. We provide you with the knowledge that public health is protecting the residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County, but we are also protecting you. Many will tell you stories of why the funding is important to them today and I hope you will leave here today knowing how eliminating the inheritance tax funding will impact each of you and your families during your time in Lincoln as well.

Thank you for listening today and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility

Lincoln, Nebraska



Progress Photos January 26, 2012

January 25, 2012

Main Entrance



January 25, 2012

Outdoor Exercise Area



January 25, 2012

Officer Station at Cell Pod



January 25, 2012

Property Storage Room



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Pod 'E' -1st Level



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Ground Level Dayroom

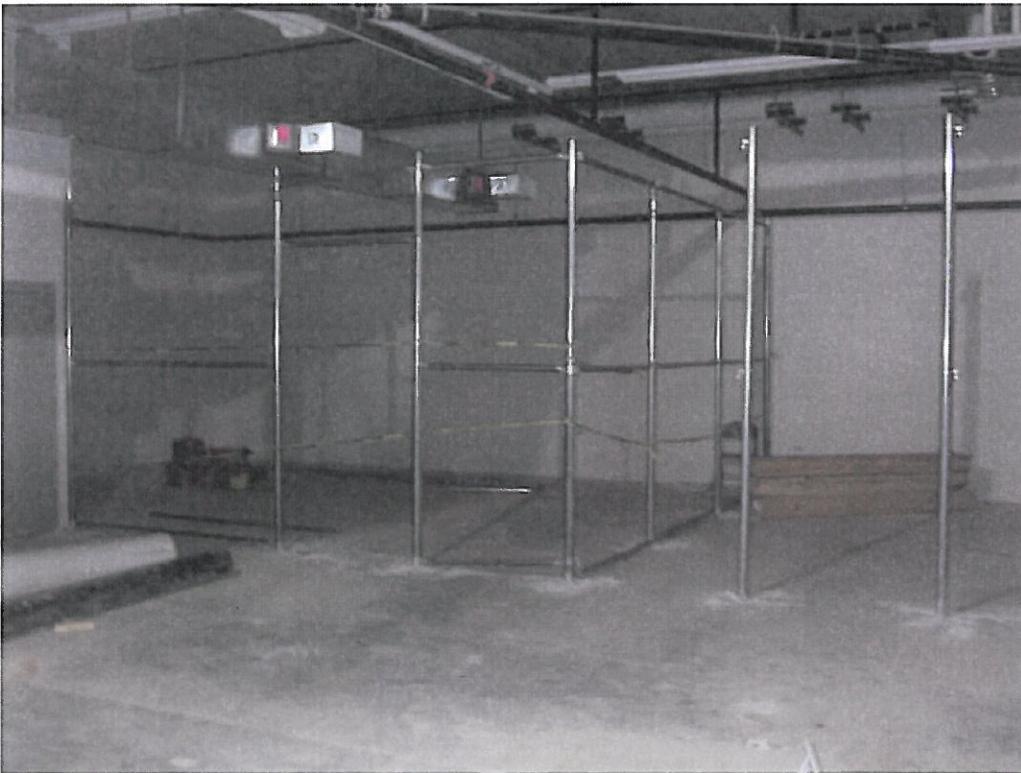


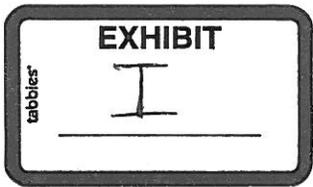
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Shower Area



January 25, 2012 Fencing in Maintenance Shop





Appointed Salary Information 2012

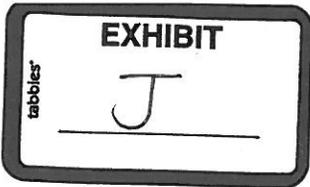
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ETHERTON,KIM G.	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR	\$82,599	\$83,425	\$84,251
MEYER,DENNIS M.	BUDGET AND FISCAL	BUDGET & FISCAL OFFICER	\$92,030	\$92,950	\$93,870
ECKLEY,LINDA S	RISK MANAGEMENT	RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	\$76,527	\$77,293	\$78,058
BOESCH,KATHRYN M.	HUMAN SERVICES	HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	\$77,767	\$78,545	\$79,322
CHALUPA,GAROLD E.	VETERANS SERVICES	CO VETS SERV & GEN ASSIST OFFICER	\$76,887	\$77,656	\$78,425
RINGLEIN,RICHARD J.	VETERANS SERVICES	ASST COUNTY VET SERVICE OFFICER	\$56,422	\$56,986	\$57,551
COVERT,CYNTHIA ANN	VETERANS SERVICES	GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	\$50,001	\$50,501	\$51,001
EAGAN,KERRY P.	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	\$128,128	\$129,409	\$130,691
THORPE,GWENDOLYN K.	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	DEPUTY CHIEF ADMIN OFFICER	\$85,001	\$85,851	\$86,701
AHLBERG,DOUGLAS A.	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	\$83,283	\$84,116	\$84,949
HOSKING,MARK DAVID	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	ASST EMER SERVICES COORDINATOR	\$45,001	\$45,451	\$45,901
SETTLE,DEAN B.	COMM. MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR	\$104,840	\$105,889	\$106,937
ROY,SANAT K.	COMM. MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	CLINICAL DIRECTOR	\$211,072	\$213,183	\$215,294
MEYER,BRENT DOUGLAS	WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY	WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT	\$62,001	\$62,621	\$63,241
KILLEEN,DONALD F.	CNTY/CITY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR	\$108,326	\$109,410	\$110,493
SCHINDLER,MICHELLE L.	YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	YOUTH SERVICES CENTER DIRECTOR	\$92,562	\$93,488	\$94,413
THOMPSON,ANNETTE B.	YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	JUV DETENTION CENTER DEP DIRECTOR	\$71,155	\$71,866	\$72,578
THURBER,JAMES M.	CORRECTIONS	CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR	\$102,810	\$103,838	\$104,866

Salary Information 2012

Name	Department	Class title	Current salary	1% increase	2% increase
SMITH,VERNICE M.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF I	\$44,368	\$44,812	\$45,256
HOUGH,SHARON MARIE	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
FOLSOM,KIM R.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
LAMPE,SHERI A.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
PETERSEN,MARIAN G.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
RHYNALDS,CHRISTINE L.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
SCHMIDT,BERNADETTE L.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
MOST,RHONDA R.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
ROWE,KAREN M.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
WOOD,JANICE K.	DISTRICT COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
OWENS,ANGELA R.	JUVENILE COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
POFAHL,ANGELA M.	JUVENILE COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
LEE,LESLI L.	JUVENILE COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
PAUL,DIANNE E.	JUVENILE COURT	BAILIFF II	\$54,664	\$55,211	\$55,758
GILLEN,SUSAN L.	DISTRICT COURT	CHILD SUPPORT REFEREE	\$95,418	\$96,372	\$97,326
GAU,ELIZABETH OSTERMAN	DISTRICT COURT	DISTRICT COURT JUDGES LAW CLERK	\$38,445	\$38,829	\$39,214
BARNES,CAITLIN R.	DISTRICT COURT	DISTRICT COURT JUDGES LAW CLERK	\$38,445	\$38,829	\$39,214

* In the past, the Board has stated they would like to equalize the Bailiff II to the Paralegal II.

The Paralegal II is currently paid \$55,068 at the maximum.



CORONER EXPENSES

Transport body to Douglas County Morgue (contract)	\$100.00
Physician charges	
Robert Bowen	
David Jaskierny	
Blaine Roffman	
Jonathon Thompson	
J.A. Thomsen**	
Autopsy	\$900.00
With slides	\$940.00
Morgue charge	
Douglas County Treasurer	
Morgue	\$250.00
X-Rays	\$26.00 to \$200.00
Toxocology	
1) Creighton Medical Laboratory	
2) UNMC	
3) Physician Laboratory Services	\$200.00 to \$500.00
Autopsy Set Up	
William Ouren	
Jennie Dugan-Hinrichs	\$75.00

** No longer providing autopsy services