

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROOM 113)  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014  
11:00 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair  
Brent Smoyer, Vice Chair  
Deb Schorr  
Jane Raybould  
Roma Amundson

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

*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 February 3, 2014.*

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 23, 2014 STAFF MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 16, 2014 MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LANCASTER COUNTY VILLAGES**

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2014 Staff Meeting and the January 16, 2014 Meeting with Representatives of Lancaster County Villages. Schorr, Raybould, Smoyer and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None were stated.

### **3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates (Legislative Consultant)**

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, gave a legislative update, noting bills that relate to the County's legislative priorities and other legislation of potential interest to the County (Exhibit A). He also presented a Bills of Interest Report (Exhibit B).

Kohout said Senator Harr has indicated an amendment to Legislative Bill (LB) 885 (Require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for tax purposes) will be brought forward. Schorr said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) has taken a position of opposition to the bill, noting county assessors across the state are worried about the implications in using different valuation methods for different parcels.

Raybould asked whether AARP, Inc., formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons, or the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging oppose LB 661 (Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records). Kohout said he will forward her a list of who appeared in opposition at the hearing on the bill.

Kohout noted LB 994 (Change fees as prescribed for Vital Statistics) will increase the amount that Vital Statistics can charge for a certified copy of a marriage license by \$5.00 per copy. He said Dan Nolte, County Clerk, has asked for potential consideration of increasing the fee charged by the County by the same amount. Kohout said he and Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director, took that suggestion to Michelle Chaffee, legal counsel for the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, and she asked that an amendment be prepared to increase the fee charged by counties by \$5.00 per copy.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Smoyer seconded to request that the County Clerk appear in support of the amendment to Legislative Bill (LB) 994.

Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk, noted there will still be a \$6.00 discrepancy between the amounts Vital Statistics and the County Clerk can collect. She added that the amount collected by Vital Statistics for a certified copy of a marriage license, if the bill is approved, would be higher than the cost of issuance of a marriage license.

**ROLL CALL:** Amundson, Raybould, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Kohout said Senator Krist introduced an amendment (AM 1674) to LB 464 (Change court jurisdiction over juveniles and indictment procedures for changes to LB 561 (Change provisions and transfer responsibilities regarding the juvenile justice system).

He noted LB 464 is the only "vehicle" for changes to LB 561 (Change provisions and transfer responsibilities regarding the juvenile justice system). Kohout said Lancaster County has been working with Douglas County and NACO on potential changes to the amendment. In addition, Kohout and Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director, have been working on ways to address her concerns and Lancaster County's suggested changes have been submitted to Senator Krist. He noted Senator Krist has asked that testimony at the Judiciary Committee's hearing on the amendment on Wednesday focus on the amendment as filed and said he has been working with Schindler on draft testimony. Kohout recommended that Schindler appear in a neutral position, suggesting changes that would clarify the roles of the County and State.

Schorr noted there are four components to LB 464: 1) Funding; 2) Oversight; 3) Whether cases are filed in Juvenile Court or County Court; and 4) Truancy. She said Lancaster County is only concerned with the first three components and asked whether it can oppose the truancy component. Kohout said the truancy issue will be addressed in AM 1734, another amendment to LB 464, and will be heard separately.

Kohout said the County needs to decide what testimony it wants to present at the Judiciary Committee's hearing on LB 907 (Provide for supervised release, re-entry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change pre-sentence investigations and good time provisions) and LB 999 (Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board) on Thursday.

Raybould noted the bill would require the creation of state funded reporting centers and asked whether that funding is defined. Kohout said it should be stressed that if there is an expectation that counties will play a role in this, it needs to be fully funded. Schorr noted NACO opposes the legislation as there are too many unknowns.

Kohout said Lancaster County has been asked to support LB 1092 (Authorize issuance of highway construction bonds).

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Smoyer seconded to support Legislative Bill (LB) 1092. Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Hudkins suggested that Pam Dingman, County Engineer, be contacted to see if she would be interested in providing testimony at the Revenue Committee's hearing on the bill on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Schorr said Judy Halstead, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, indicated at the Mid-Year Budget Retreat that pharmaceutical companies may discontinue their patient assistance programs because it is believed those patients

would now be covered by Medicaid. However, Nebraska has not expanded Medicaid coverage. She said discontinuance of those programs would have a significant impact on the County and said she will ask Halstead to share her information with Kohout.

**4 SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY** - Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

**NOTE:** The County is seeking to sell four County-owned properties: Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) (2201 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street); Midtown Center (2966 "O" Street); Trabert Hall (2202 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street); and the former Attention Center for Youth Building (2220 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street).

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, gave an overview of the process to declare the properties surplus, i.e., hold a public hearing, establish that the properties are in fact surplus, establish the fair market value of the properties and set the sale date. She said the Sheriff's Office will assist with conducting the sale, which must be held within two months of the public hearing. The Sheriff will submit a report to the County Clerk indicating whether any bids were received. The Board will then determine whether the bids were adequate compensation, and if it is determined they are not, the Board can negotiate a contract for sale outside of the process. Behrens noted an appraisal of each property will need to be offered at the public hearing and said the County has not yet received the appraisal for the former Attention Center for Youth Building. The Chair agreed to contact the appraiser who performed the appraisal.

Behrens was asked to check the duration of the leases and whether any have a non-disturbance clause in place.

**5 SALE OF FORFEITED 2007 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA TO DESERT SNOW, LLC** - Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney, said the County Purchasing Act lays out the procedure for surplusing personal property, including mobile equipment (motor vehicles). She said if the Board finds there is no use by the County and the value is less than \$2,500, then no competitive bidding is required. The Board could then authorize the Department to surplus the equipment as they choose. Behrens said the department would have to report back to the Board within 30 days of the date of sale the name of the buyer, the date of the sale and the sale amount. The funds would be deposited with the County Treasurer and subsequently transferred to the department that maintained the equipment.

Raybould asked whether the value of the vehicle has been determined. Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, explained the Kelley Blue Book (value guide) is not accurate in this case. He said the vehicle, which was highly modified in the interior to conceal drugs, was seized by Sheriff deputies conducting a drug interdiction. It was then forfeited, via a court process. Bliemeister said the vehicle is not safe to be driven and its only good purpose would be for training. He said Desert Snow, LLC, a company that provides training to law enforcement on how to search vehicles suspected of being involved in criminal activity, has agreed to pay any fees incurred for labor to open its pneumatic locks and storage of the vehicle since it was seized.

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Schorr seconded to authorize the Sheriff's Office to surplus the vehicle. Schorr, Smoyer, Amundson, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**6 NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF REQUEST** - Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff; Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, discussed his request to hire a deputy sheriff in advance of a retirement which will occur in July, 2014. He said he would like authorization to hire a deputy to start April 1, 2014 in order to begin initial training at the April academy class. The length of the basic academy is 16 weeks and a deputy must complete 14 weeks of field training following the academy before they can operate independently. The next academy class will begin in August, 2014. The difference in wages and benefits for having both on staff during the training period is estimated to be \$13,839.

Schorr asked the amount of the Sheriff's mid-year budget adjustment. Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff, said it is approximately \$129,000, plus an additional \$30,000 in overtime that will be reimbursed by Homeland Security and \$8,000 in a grant that will be reimbursed by the Department of Labor.

Raybould referenced a document that showing the number of FTE's over a five year period and questioned whether the Sheriff's Office has increased its authorized strength. **NOTE:** The County Clerk's Office did not receive a copy of the document that was referenced. Bliemeister said the only increase in full-time equivalents (FTE's) was a records system specialist that was hired to assist with the sex offender and handgun registries. Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said some of the numbers relate to security personnel in the Justice and Law Enforcement Center. He said he took the number of hours worked by part-time employees and equated them to FTE's for budgeting purposes.

Raybould questioned whether there is a need to fill the vacancy at this time, suggesting it be postponed until 2015 or later. Wagner said the Sheriff's Office can only absorb vacancies for so long and then it becomes a safety issue.

Schorr asked the difference in salary between the retiring deputy and the new hire. Bliemeister said it is approximately a \$20,000 difference.

Raybould asked Meyer whether the County realized savings the Sheriff's Office had projected from early retirement buyouts in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 (\$125,500). Meyer said it is difficult to identify those savings in the Sheriff's budget but said it did reduce their additional appropriations request.

**MOTION:** Amundson moved and Smoyer seconded to approve the request. Schorr, Smoyer, Amundson, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

## **7 PENDING LITIGATION** - Richard Grabow, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 12:01 p.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

**ROLL CALL:** Smoyer, Amundson, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Amundson exited the meeting.

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to exit Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. Smoyer, Schorr, Raybould and Hudkins voted aye. Amundson was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

## **8 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

## **9 CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

Amundson returned to the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

## 10 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

### A. Surplus Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Vehicles for Sexual Trauma/Offense Prevention (STOP) Program

There was consensus to contact Counseling Affiliates of Nebraska, LLC, to see whether it is interested in utilizing surplus CMHC vehicles for the Sexual Trauma/Offense Prevention (STOP) Program. **NOTE:** There are plans to have Counseling Affiliates take over the STOP program (see January 23, 2014 Staff Meeting minutes).

It was noted the Board received a letter from a constituent expressing concerns that Counseling Affiliates is located in close proximity to Morley Elementary School. Gwen Thorpe, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Interim Administrator, said Dr. Mary Paine, Ph.D., who serves as the supervising psychologist for the program, plans to respond to the constituent. Thorpe said Joe Wright, Director of Security for Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), has contacted all the LPS school administrators and let them know this is a safe program.

### B. Agenda Items for February 13, 2014 Management Team Meeting

The following items were noted: 1) Strategic Planning Session; 2) Licensing of County Vehicles; and 3) Roundtable Discussion.

### C. 2014 Renewal of Denton Town Talk Newsletter (\$12.00 Per Year)

There was consensus to renew the newsletter subscription.

### D. Tour of Juvenile Probation Space in Heritage Square (February 11, 2014)

The tour was tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. February 18<sup>th</sup> was designated as the alternate date.

### E. Extern Program Contract

Thorpe said Lutheran Family Services (LFS), which took over core services (outpatient counseling, day treatment, community support and medication management) from the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) has agreed to take the four University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) externs (Ph.D. students) who are working at CMHC and with The Heather (a community transition program). She said the County Attorney's Office has reviewed the terms of the County's contract with UNL for the program and has

determined the County cannot terminate it at this point in the semester. Thorpe said the County will need to pay UNL for supervision of the students as the psychologist who was supervising the externs at CMHC is no longer on staff.

Thorpe was asked to bring back more information, including how long the externs have been at CMHC.

Smoyer exited the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

#### F. Budget Meetings Schedule

There was consensus to move the departmental budget hearings scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to the same time period on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Smoyer returned to the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

### **11 PENDING**

There were no pending items.

### **12 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

#### A. Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority (EMSOA) - Schorr

Schorr said Dr. Jason Kruger, Medical Director, provided cardiac arrest data.

#### B. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Breakfast - Amundson

Amundson said discussion focused on the transition of community behavioral health services from the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) to a new providers, legislation, the hiring of a new Managing Director at the Lancaster Event Center, and the Safety Training Option Program (STOP). She noted it was suggested the County consider leasing the former jail complex to the State.

#### C. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) Meeting - Hudkins, Smoyer

Smoyer said the JPA approved claims totaling \$62,482.75 from Wells Fargo for bank fees; Sampson Construction Company, the Construction Manager at-Risk; and K2 Construction, for work related to the warehouse. Hudkins added they also discussed warranties.

D. Meeting with Planning Department - Hudkins, Amundson

Hudkins said they were informed a company is interested in putting a windmill farm on along the border with Gage County. They also discussed where future schools may be located. Amundson said she shared a driveway access issue brought to her by a constituent.

E. Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Meetings - Schorr

Schorr said the NACO Board discussed changing the schedule of conferences and reducing the number of district meetings. She said the NACO Board also voted prior to her arrival at the meeting to cancel plans to hold the NACO Annual Conference two years in Lincoln since the NACO Legislative Conference will be moved from Kearney to Lincoln.

Schorr said she also attended the NACO Legislative Committee Meeting.

F. Human Services Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Raybould, Schorr

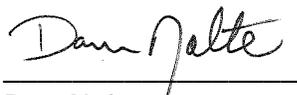
Raybould said they discussed the Adult Recidivism Reduction Project. She said Olga Kanne, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, City Urban Development, discussed how many people they were able to assist with housing. Schorr suggested that Kanne give a presentation to the Board on programming in the rural communities.

**13 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no emergency items or other business.

**14 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Raybould, Amundson, Smoyer, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





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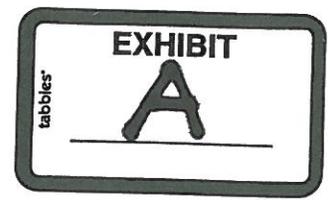
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Gordon Kissel  
Joseph D. Kohout

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

**RE:** Weekly Update on the 2014 Legislature

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Please accept this as the fourth of your weekly reports for the 2014 Legislative Session. Today is day 19 – meaning that tomorrow marks the day when the Legislature is 1/3 of its way through the 2014 session.

2014 Lancaster County Legislative Priorities:

1. **Oppose Elimination of the Inheritance Tax:** As mentioned in last week's report, Senator Tom Hansen introduced LB812, which would terminate the inheritance tax for those dying after December 31, 2015. In addition, Senator Tom Carlson introduced LB960 which would make two changes to rates of inheritance tax – cutting, approximately, in half those in categories two and three (from 13% to 7% category 2 and from 18% to 9% those in category 3). The board has taken a position of opposition to both of these measures.
2. **Support Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act:** Last week, the hearing on LB887 was held before the Health and Human Services Committee. Commissioner Schorr testified not just on behalf of Lancaster County, but on behalf of NACO and Douglas County as well. We are attaching our hearing notes for your review. The proponents have met and are working our way through the "potential" votes currently.
3. **Monitor the Implementation of 2013 Neb. Laws LB561:** An amendment to LB464 was filed by Senator Bob Krist about two weeks ago. That amendment has been reviewed by staff and several concerns were raised. Those concerns have been communicated to Senator Krist who is re-writing his amendment based on our input as well as others. He hopes to have a revised amendment to us today. Testimony tomorrow on the amendment should focus on that amendment.

4. Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent – LB632: The bill is in the Government Committee. We have visited and will continue to meet with members of that committee in the next week. The committee ran out of time to take the bill up in last weeks' executive session.
5. Monitor Adult Corrections Reform. Both of the bills – LB907 and LB999 are detailed more below. Please note that they are set for hearing on Thursday.

#### 2014 Other Legislation:

LB215 (Schilz) Change provisions relating to use of the County Visitors Promotion Fund. *I would note that following our meeting last Thursday, LB215 advanced to Select File. Under this bill introduced by Senator Schilz, counties would be required to spend any unspent funds received from the County Visitors Promotion Fund on tourism within the county. Counties are currently able to spend these funds on other items not related to tourism, but Senator Schilz claims this bill is "simple but important to Nebraska tourism". Lancaster County had agreed to the amendments adopted prior to the bill's advancement to Select File. The bill was advanced to Final Reading on a voice vote last week.*

LB925 (Coash) Provide for transfer of motor vehicle registration duties to county treasurers. *This is Treasurer Stebbings bill that would authorize counties to opt out of the DMV's motor vehicle registration program. The hearing on this bill has not yet been scheduled.*

LB885 (Harr) Require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for tax purposes. *Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha, he indicated that this came out of some concerns he heard about practices in Lancaster County. There has been communication from County Assessor Agena and Senator Harr's office. The bill reads as follows:*

77-132 (1) Parcel means a contiguous tract of land determined by its boundaries, under the same ownership, and in the same tax district and section. Parcel also means an improvement on leased land.

(2) If all or several lots in the same block are owned by the same person and are contained in the same tax district, they may be included in one parcel.

(3) In counties with a population of one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants or more, if two or more vacant or unimproved lots in the same tax district are owned by the same person and are held for sale or resale, such lots shall be included in one parcel if elected to be treated as one parcel by the owner. Such election shall be made annually by filing an application with the county assessor by XXX date.

Sec. 2. When determining the actual value of two or more vacant or unimproved lots in the same tax district that are owned by the same person and are held for sale or resale and that were elected to be treated as one parcel pursuant to subsection (3) of section 77-132, the



county assessor shall utilize the income approach, including the use of a discounted cash-flow analysis.

*Those in support of this bill include the Realtors, Developers, LIBA and others. This is something that according to supporters is being done to address a difference in how Lancaster County is valuing property versus how the other 92 counties are.*

The following bills had hearings and they are of potential interest to Lancaster County:

LB661 (Krist) Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records. *Modifies the Election Act (Ch. 32) to required that the Secretary of State, along with the Department of Motor Vehicles develop and implement a registration application process which may be used statewide to register to vote and update voter registration records electronically using the Secretary of State's web site, by July 2015. An applicant who has a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card may use the application process to register to vote or to update his or her voter registration record with changes in his or her personal information or other information related to his or her eligibility to vote.*

LB662 (Krist) Provide and change requirements for voter identification. *This bill would modify the Election Act (Ch. 32) to alter the permissible methods of voter registration and voting, by substituting 'government document' for any other methods of identification. Government document is never defined within the legislation.*

LB663 (Krist) Change provisions for elections conducted by mail. *This bill would modify the Election Act (Ch. 32) to allow the Election Commissioner or the county clerk to request to the Secretary of State that an election be conducted entirely by mail ballots. Presently, only county clerks may make such a request. Removes any population requirements for such a procedure, which is presently allowed only in counties with less than 10,000 inhabitants.*

LB697 (Larson) Require publication of a statewide list of tax-delinquent properties. *This bill would amend NRS 77-1804 to require that county treasurers forward an electronic copy of the property subject to sale and the amount of delinquent taxes against each item to the Property Tax Administrator, who would be required to create a master statewide list and publish such a list on the Department of Revenue website.*

LB733 (Schumacher) Adopt the Mass Assessment Act for valuation of real property for ad valorem tax purposes. *Offers regulations and creates a regulatory body for mass assessment specialists. Mass assessment means the valuation of a particular property as of a given date for ad valorem tax*



*purposes. Creates Mass Assessment Board, which shall enforce the Act, including future licensing efforts.*

LB675 (Chambers) Eliminate the property tax exemption for religious organizations. *This bill would amend NRS 77-202, to remove any property tax exemptions for land owned by religious organizations.*

LB855 (Wallman) Change provisions for formation and operation of cemetery associations. *Creates a mechanism to create cemetery associations.*

LB814 (Avery) Change the distribution of sales tax revenue to provide funding to the Game and Parks Commission. *This bill would amend NRS 37-201 to create a Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund, which would consist of money credited to the fund through NRS 77-27,132 and any other money as determined by the Legislature. The Commission will use the fund to repair, renovate, rehabilitate, restore, modify, or improve any infrastructure within the statutory authority and administration of the commission. This bill would also amend NRS 77-27,132 to credit to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund all of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes generated from the sale or lease of motorboats.*

LB894 (Harr) Change provisions relating to applying for property tax exemptions. *This bill would push the date by which those applying for an exemption must do so by November 15 and the Board of Equalization must act by December 15 instead of July 15 and August 15 as under current statute.*

The following bills have hearings this week and they are of potential interest to Lancaster County:

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

*Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee*

LB734 (Schumacher) Provide for deposit of public funds with credit unions. *Allows for public funds to be deposited in qualifying state and federally chartered credit unions, as well as banks.*

POSITION: SUPPORT

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

*Health and Human Services Committee*

LB994 (Health & Human Services Committee) Change fees as prescribed for vital statistics. *Increases the amount that can be charged by Vital Statistics by \$5 per copy for a marriage certificate.*



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ASSOCIATES

POSITION: None. Dan Nolte has forwarded a request to include county fees as well. Larry Dix and I have visited with Senator Campbell's office and worked to prepare an amendment increasing the fee by \$5.

AM1674 to LB464 (Krist) Change jurisdiction of courts over juveniles, procedures for juvenile indictment and filing of juvenile petitions, provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, payment of costs involved in adjudication and disposition of juveniles, and juvenile services funding. *Sheli Schindler and I have been working on amendments further clarifying the role of counties. That amendment was submitted to Senator Krist's office yesterday.*

AM1734 to LB464 (Ashford) Change school truancy provisions.

Thursday, February 6, 2014

*Judiciary Committee*

LB907 (Ashford) Provide for supervised release, reentry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change presentence investigations and good time provisions. *The bill begins with a new sentencing policy for Nebraska. It also allows for supervised release, which begins after the term of imprisonment is complete, and runs concurrently with probation or parole, in order to provide assistance to offenders in their transition from prison to community life and to ensure public safety. The court shall create rules for the supervised release, which shall be overseen by the Office of Probation Administration. The terms of the supervised release must be reasonably related to the nature and circumstances of the offense and the offender's history, character, and rehabilitation, and must act as a deterrent to the offense. A condition of supervised release for an offender found guilty of a violent crime is global positioning system monitoring for the first ninety days of supervised release.*

*The bill creates the position of reentry probation officer within the Office of Probation Administration, who is tasked with making recommendations to the sentencing judge concerning the amenability of community supervision for a certain offender, provide supervision for individuals transitioning back into society, and other similar responsibilities.*

*The bill would make a presentence investigation mandatory, for every conviction other than first degree murder where the death penalty is sought. Such an investigation cannot be waived by the offender or their attorney. The presentence investigations must use evidence based practices. (In addition, the Office of Probation Administration must prepare an annual report on these matters, beginning in December 2016)*



*The bill would require the creation of state funded reporting centers in each district court judicial district, which will provide, contract for, or utilize a voucher service program for mental health services access for those on probation or under supervised release.*

*The bill provides that if an offender commits an act while incarcerated which results in a conviction of the offender for an act other than the committing act, the offender will not be eligible to earn good time on the subsequent conviction. Also, if an offender commits an act that results in administrative confinement or segregation, the offender will not be eligible to earn good time for the time the offender is in segregation but may be entitled access to programming while in administrative confinement or segregation.*

*While the committed offender is still incarcerated and within ninety days before the first parole eligibility date of the offender, there will be a risk and needs assessment of the committed offender, the results of which will be shared with the reentry probation officer within thirty days after completion. The Corrections Department shall work with the Office of Probation Administration and the reentry probation officer to ensure that a successful transition plan is in place for the committed offender. The office and the reentry probation officer shall have appropriate access to the committed offender to create the transition plan, and the department shall provide the office with a copy of the most recent risk and needs assessment prior to the committed offender's release from the department.*

*This bill also creates the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, which will conduct research to reducing recidivism, increase public safety, and increase efficiency in the administration of justice. The Center will be operated in conjunction with the University of Nebraska, and ocated at UNO and UNMC. The Nebraska Center for Justice Research shall have a board of directors consisting of the chairpersons of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, and the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, two members of the Legislature elected at large by the members of the Legislature, and two members appointed by the President of the University of Nebraska. One million dollars per year is appropriated to this end.*

LB999 (Ashford) Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board. *This bill would create a Reentry Programming Board, which will be appointed by the Governor, and composed of: (a) A behavioral health provider; (b) A mental health provider; (c) A substance abuse treatment provider; (d) A community reentry organization; (e) A formerly incarcerated person who has had successful reentry; (f) A criminal justice research expert; (g) A prosecutor; (h) A retired district court judge; i) A law enforcement officer; and the (j) The Director of Correctional Services or his or her designee.*

*The Board must: Evaluate programming available to inmates, probationers, and parolees. Coordinate with Department of Correctional Services, the Office of Parole*



*Administration, and the Office of Probation Administration to track inmate, probationer, and parolee participation in programming; Evaluate access to nongovernmental programming; Track reentering offenders' participation in programming; Coordinate with nongovernmental providers and organizations for more nongovernmental provider programming; Conduct independent evaluations of (a) the Department of Correctional Services programming and access to programming within such department and (b) other prison, probation, or parole mandated or recommended programming; Coordinate with nongovernmental researchers to conduct independent evaluation of the classification system; Advocate for removal of barriers to offender reentry and work with governmental agencies and nongovernmental entities to remove restrictions on funding for services to formerly incarcerated people in the areas of housing, job skills training, hiring restrictions, education, and child custody; Develop a plan for transitioning from a community corrections model to a reentry model; Develop standards for the use of reentry facilities and programs by the Department of Corrections, the Nebraska Probation System, and the parole system; Analyze and promote the consistent use of offender risk assessment tools; Inform the courts, the Board of Parole, criminal justice system stakeholders, and the general public about the availability, use, and benefits of reentry facilities and programs; Ensure adequate funding for reentry facilities and programs, and develop or assist with the development of facilities and programs; Develop standardized definitions of outcome measures for existing community corrections facilities and programs and for reentry facilities and programs; Research and evaluate existing community corrections facilities and programs; Provide an annual report; Manage all data acquired in a confidential manner; Enter into and administer contracts, if necessary, to carry out the purposes of the act.*

*The Office of Probation Administration and the Office of Parole Administration must provide annual reports regarding the use of evidence based practices.*

*The one dollar fee from the 'uniform data analysis fee' (which is assessed along with other court costs) would be directed to the Reentry Programming Board, and all funds presently in this account are transferred to the Offender Reentry Uniform Data Analysis Cash Fund.*

*The Director of Correctional Services is required to provide information to the Reentry Programming Board concerning persons committed to the department, sentencing practices, and correctional treatment as may be useful in penological research or in the development of treatment programs. The Reentry Programming Board would be granted access to each person's file with the Department of Corrections. The Board of Parole would be empowered to parole an offender to a community corrections facility or program. The Parole Administrator would be required to submit a statistical report concerning parolees and supervised persons to the Reentry Programming Board, and cooperate with the Reentry Programming Board*



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*Importantly, the bill would appropriate fifteen million dollars to the Reentry Programming Board Cash Fund, which is created by this legislation. Five million dollars shall be allocated for violence reduction and anger management programming, five million dollars for job training, and five million dollars for housing. Fifty percent of the funds shall be expended for programming under the Department of Correctional Services and fifty percent for community-based programs approved by the Reentry Programming Board. The Reentry Programming Board is responsible for overseeing the distribution of the funds.*

*Revenue Committee*

LB912 (Kolowski) Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act. *This bill creates a Property Tax Relief Fund. It provides that for tax year 2015 and thereafter all homesteads in this state shall be assessed for taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt from taxation of homesteads an amount equal to eight thousand dollars. To obtain this exemption, an owner shall file an application for the homestead exemption with the county assessor of the county in which the homestead is located after February 1 and on or before June 30. A homestead is defined as a residence, mobile home, or housing unit actually occupied by its owner from January 1 through August 15. Reimbursement to counties for the homestead exemption shall be made from the Property Tax Relief Fund. The county treasurer shall, on or before November 30 of each year, certify to the Tax Commissioner the total tax revenue that will be lost to all taxing agencies within his or her county from taxes levied and assessed in that year because of the homestead exemption. The Tax Commissioner will then notify the Director of Administrative Services, who will reimburse these amounts in conjunction with the State Treasurer to the counties, on the last business day of each of the first six months of the year, in equal payments.*

Friday, February 7, 2014

*Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee*

LB970 (Lautenbaugh) Provide that certain votes of public officials are public record. *This bill would amend NERS 84-712.01, to provide that all votes taken by public officials in the course of their public duties shall be considered public record.*

*Judiciary Committee*

LB821 (Lautenbaugh) Provide a public benefits exemption for burial or cremation of an unclaimed body. *Allows for counties to choose cremation as a public benefit.*

*Revenue Committee*

LB670 (McCoy) Change property tax valuations of agricultural land and horticultural land. *This bill would offer property tax relief to owners of agricultural and*



*horticultural land. The tax rates are described in NERS 77-201. This bill would reduce the percentages applied to such valuations over a period of years. Presently, such land is taxed at 75%, per the above-mentioned statute. This legislation would lower such valuations to 72% in 2015, 69% in 2016, and 54% for 2017 and any years thereafter.*

LB813 (Hansen) Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax purposes. *This bill would amend NERS 77-201, to reduce property taxes on agricultural land from its present valuation at 75% of actual value to 70% of actual value in tax year 2015, and 65% of actual value in tax year 2016 and thereafter.*

LB1038 (Dubas) Provide an income tax credit for certain property taxes paid on agricultural land and horticultural land. *This bill would amend NERS 77-2701 to provide that any resident individual of this state who owns agricultural land and horticultural land may claim a nonrefundable credit against the state income tax imposed for the amount by which the property taxes paid by such individual during the taxable year on such agricultural land and horticultural land exceed five percent of such individual's federal adjusted gross income.*

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

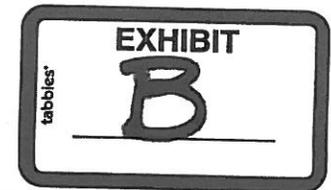
*Revenue Committee*

LB1092 (Dubas) Authorize issuance of highway construction bonds. *This bill would authorize the issuance of bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act, not to exceed \$400m in principal and \$30m in annual debt service for a period of not more than nineteen years, in order to accelerate completion of the highway construction projects identified and to be identified for funding under the Build Nebraska Act. The bonds will be issued on the recommendation of the Department of Roads/. At least 25% of the proceeds the bonds will be used for construction of the expressway system and federally designated high priority corridors as determined by NDOR. The remaining proceeds will be used to pay for surface transportation projects of the highest priority as determined by NDOR. The bonds will be paid off by June 30, 2033. The bonds will be exempt from state income tax. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be deposited in the Highway Cash Fund for use pursuant to the Build Nebraska Act. If these bonds are issued, all motor vehicle fuel taxes, diesel fuel taxes, compressed fuel taxes, and alternative fuel fees related to highway use, motor vehicle registration fees, and other highway-user taxes which are collected by the state in the Highway Trust Fund are irrevocably pledged for the terms of the bonds issued after July 1, 2014, to the payment of the principal, interest, and redemption premium, if any, of these bonds as they mature and become due at maturity or prior redemption and for any reserves for such bonds.*



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LB8	Krist		Provide for coverage of children's day services under medicaid and social services	Health and Human Services	2/20/13		x			
LB11	Krist		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/25/13		x		x	Support
LB28	Hadley		Change a late filing penalty relating to personal property tax	Revenue	1/25/13	General File; Select File 2/8; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved	x		x	Support
LB29	Hadley		Provide a duty for county treasurers relating to recording tax assessments and collections	Revenue	1/25/13	General File; Select File w/ER9; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Approved	x		x	Support

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LB30	Hadley		Change distribution of motor vehicle certificate of title fees	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/22/13	General File; Select File 1/28; Final Reading 2/5; Passed on Final Reading 49-0-0; Approved 2/15	x			
LB34	Hadley		Change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Act	Revenue	1/23/13		x			
LB36	Wightman		Change an exemption to the documentary stamp tax	Revenue	1/25/13	General File w/AM42; Select File w/ER10; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading w/ Emergency Clause 45-0-4; Approved	x			
LB37	Wightman		Change provisions relating to powers of personal representative with respect to a decedent's Internet sites	Judiciary	1/24/13		x			

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LB41	Cook		Provide for permanent early voting request list and return of early voting ballots to polling places	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/13		x		x	Neutral
LB43	Cook		Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption	Revenue	3/1/13		x		x	Oppose
LB46	Ashford		Provide for consolidation and coordination of crime laboratories	Judiciary	1/31/13	General File w/AM398	x		x	Oppose
LB55	Wightman		Change provisions relating to reassumption of assessment function by counties	Revenue	2/28/13	General File	x		x	Support
LB56	Larson		Provide for automatic nomination of certain county officers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		General File w/AM226; Select File 1/21; Mello AM1686 Filed; AM1686 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST38	x		x	Neutral
LB62	Schilz		Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	3/21/13		x		x	Support

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LB63	Schilz		Change distribution of certain sales and use tax revenue	Revenue	3/14/13		x			
LB65	Schilz		Authorize counties to set sheriff's fees and commissions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13		x		x	Support
LB76	Nordquist		Adopt the Health Care Transparency Act	Health and Human Services	2/22/13	General File; AM1640 Filed; AM1640 Adopted; Select File 1/27; Final Reading 1/31	x			
LB82	Schumacher	Schumacher	Adopt the Taxpayer Investment Program	Revenue	2/21/13 (Cancelled) 3/5/13		x			
LB86	McGill		Authorize inspection and regulation of staff secure juvenile facilities	Judiciary	3/7/13		x		x	Support
LB97	Mello	Mello	Adopt the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act and authorize land banks to acquire tax-delinquent properties	Revenue	2/13/13	General File w/AM572	x		x	Watch
LB98	Mello		Change provisions relating to administrative rules	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/8/13	General File w/AM331	x			

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LB101	Watermeier		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB108	Karpisek		Prohibit counties, cities, and villages from imposing credentialing requirements	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13		x			
LB110	McGill		Change the eligibility determination for homestead exemptions	Revenue	3/1/13		x		x	Oppose
LB115	Lautenbaugh		Change provisions relating to homicide	Judiciary	2/7/13		x			
LB119	Cook		State intent relating to appropriations for Public Health Aid	Appropriations	3/25/13		x			
LB123	Lautenbaugh		Change distribution of indigent defense fees	Judiciary	1/25/13		x		x	Oppose
LB127	McGill		Provide for preregistration to vote for 16 and 17 year olds	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/7/13		x		x	Watch
LB128	Coash		Create the offense of disarming a peace officer	Judiciary	1/23/13	General File w/AM238; Select File w/ER122	x			

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LB134	Avery		Provide for inheritance by issue conceived after death	Judiciary	1/30/13		x			
LB139	Krist		Change vital statistics information relating to annulment and dissolution of marriage	Health and Human Services	1/23/13		x		x	Oppose
LB142	Lathrop		Provide that probation records are not subject to disclosure as prescribed	Judiciary	1/23/13		x			
LB144	Brasch		Provide for write-in candidacy by defeated candidate	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/13	Davis FA183 Filed; FA183 Withdrawn; Chambers MO120 Bracket until 4/17; MO120 Fails; Selet File 1/29	x		x	Neutral
LB145	Brasch		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB148	Ashford		Include ammunition in certain offenses involving firearms	Judiciary	1/23/13		x			

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LB149	Pirsch		Provide for biennial reviews of state agency programs and services	Executive Board	1/28/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x			
LB151	Seiler		Provide a hearsay exception for certain documents and data kept in the regular course of business	Judiciary	1/25/13		x			
LB157	Cook		State intent relating to the appropriation of funds in support of dental services	Appropriations	3/25/13		x			
LB158	Seiler	Transportation and Telecommunications	Change provisions relating to eligibility for and use of ignition interlock devices	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13	General File w/AM470	x			
LB160	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on recall, initiative, and referendum petitions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/31/13		x		x	Neutral
LB169	Gloor		Change provisions relating to jury commissioners	Judiciary	2/13/13		x		x	Support

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LB171	Bloomfield		Provide for an expedited concealed handgun permit process for applicants who are victims of domestic violence	Judiciary	3/21/13		x			
LB182	Avery		Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault	Judiciary	2/6/13		x			
LB183	Karpisek		Provide for county board appointment of election commissioners	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/31/13		x		x	Neutral
LB188	Karpisek		Require legislative approval of gubernatorially appointed election commissioners	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/31/13		x		x	Neutral
LB192	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to requests for information by the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/13/13	General File	x			
LB194	Speaker Adams		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			

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LB195	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB196	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB197	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB198	Speaker Adams		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB199	Speaker Adams		Provide fund transfers, create funds, and authorize the sale of land	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB200	Speaker Adams		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB202	Coash		Change provisions relating to DNA collection	Judiciary	2/8/13		x			
LB206	Schumacher		Require secret-ballot envelopes for mailed ballots	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/7/13		x		x	Oppose

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LB207 A	McCoy		Change motor vehicle registration provisions	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/28/13	General File; Select File 2/5; Select File 2/7; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 45-1-3; Approved	x		x	Support
LB209	Harr		Change provisions relating to publication of trade names	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1/29/13	General File; Select File 2/5; Final Reading 2/25; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved	x			
LB215	Schilz		Change provisions relating to use of the County Visitors Promotion Fund	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/13/13	General File w/AM156; AM156 Adopted; Select File 1/27; Final Reading w/ST41	x		x	Oppose
LB218	Avery		Require insurance coverage for certain food formulas as prescribed	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/26/13		x			
LB224	Janssen	Pirsch	Provide veterans preference for public contracts as prescribed	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/1/13		x			

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LB226	Smith		Regulate dealers in the business of purchasing and reselling precious items	Judiciary	1/31/13		x		x	Watch
LB229	Nordquist		Change the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee	Nebraska Retirement Systems	2/12/13	General File	x			
LB232	Lathrop		Change judges' salaries	Judiciary	2/1/13	General File w/AM200	x			
LB235	Howard		Change precinct size requirements and procedures for drawing political subdivision boundaries and changing polling places and provide for election advisory committees	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/14/13		x		x	Oppose
LB237	Karpisek		Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption	Revenue	3/1/13		x		x	Oppose
LB241	Sullivan		Authorize voters to change election of county offices from partisan to nonpartisan	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/7/13		x		x	Neutral

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LB246	Larson		Provide for a health care copayment for jail and prison inmates	Judiciary	2/7/13		x		x	Support
LB247	Larson		Change Nebraska Juvenile Code provisions relating to reimbursement by parents for costs of care and treatment	Judiciary	3/15/13		x			
LB255	McGill		Change provisions relating to hearsay, child abuse, and offenses relating to morals	Judiciary	2/20/13		x		x	Support
LB257	McCoy		Change provisions relating to creation of municipal counties	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13		x		x	Support
LB260	Gloor		Change requirements for a data and information system under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act	Health and Human Services	2/14/13		x			

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LB266	Chambers		Eliminate provisions relating to increases in local option sales tax rates	Revenue	2/27/13		x			
LB267	Chambers		Prohibit persons on parole, probation, or work release from acting as undercover agents or employees of law enforcement and prohibit admissibility of certain evidence	Judiciary	2/7/13		x			
LB271	Lautenbaugh	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to early voting	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/14/13	General File	x		x	Support
LB284	Conrad		Change provisions of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act relating to limits on actions and amounts recoverable	Judiciary	2/13/13		x		x	Oppose

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LB286	Conrad		Provide for Cash Reserve Fund transfers for affordable housing, homeless shelter assistance, and legal aid	Appropriations	2/25/13		x			
LB292	Karpisek		Change population restrictions for conducting elections by mail	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/21/13 (Cancelled)		x		x	Support
LB293	Kintner	Kintner	Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/20/13		x			
LB294	Seiler		Change provisions relating to use of public resources by public officials and public employees	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/22/13		x		x	Support
LB297	Bolz		Change mental injuries and mental illness compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	1/28/13		x			
LB299	Seiler	Seiler	Change political subdivision election provisions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/21/13 (Cancelled)		x		x	Neutral

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LB311	Scheer		Change filing requirements for official bonds and oaths	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/13	General File; Select File w/ER16; Final Reading 2/26; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved	x		x	Support
LB317	Price		Change a duty of county assessors relating to real property valuation	Revenue	3/21/13		x	Oppose	x	Oppose
LB318	McGill		Change duties of law enforcement officers and agencies relating to the taking and distribution of fingerprints	Judiciary	2/8/13		x			
LB324	Lautenbaugh		Change provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act	Business and Labor	3/18/13		x			
LB326	Howard		Change provisions of Pharmacy Practice Act and Automated Medication Systems Act	Health and Human Services	2/1/13	General File w/AM434	x			
LB341	Wightman	Revenue	Change tax sale procedures	Revenue	2/13/13	General File w/AM564	x		x	Support

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LB342	Coash		Change right to counsel provisions under the Nebraska Juvenile Code	Judiciary	3/6/13		x		x	Support
LB345	Wightman		Change transfer on death deed requirements and filings	Judiciary	2/1/13	General File w/AM350	x		x	Support
LB348	Harr		Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	3/1/13		x	Monitor		
LB350	Murante		Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council	Judiciary	2/7/13		x			
LB351	Harms		Require cognitive tests for persons eighty years of age or older obtaining motor vehicle operator's licenses	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/5/13		x		x	
LB355	Larson		Change the age of majority and certain age requirements	Judiciary	3/15/13		x		x	Support

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LB360	Karpisek		Change court fees, sheriff's fees, identification inspection fees, and handgun certificate fees	Judiciary	2/8/13	Withdrawn	x		x	Cond. Support
LB363	Avery		Change provisions relating to access to public records	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/13	General File w/ AM389(Withdrawn)& AM166; Select File w/ER22	x	Monitor		
LB364	Avery		Permit government bodies to set limits on certain contracts	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/22/13		x		x	Cond. Support
LB370	Lathrop		Create the County Property Tax Assistance Program and the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Program	Revenue	2/27/13		x		x	Neutral
LB377	Johnson		Change provisions relating to annexation of a county road by a city or village	Urban Affairs	2/5/13		x			
LB378	Smith		Eliminate fees for the issuance of certain license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications	3/4/13		x		x	Neutral

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LB381	Janssen		Require photographic identification to vote	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3/7/13		x		x	Cond. Support
LB386	Christensen		Require notice of road maintenance by counties as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13	General File w/AM275	x		x	Oppose
LB387	Christensen		Eliminate provisions relating to constructing drainage facilities and taking other control measures on public roads	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13		x		x	
LB390	Christensen	Christnesen	Change provisions relating to Governor's powers regarding restrictions on firearms and ammunition under the Emergency Management Act	Judiciary			x			

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LB399	Lautenbaugh		Permit members of certain organizations to use flashing amber lights on motor vehicles	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/12/13	General File; Select File w/ER123; Chambers MO124 Bracket until 4/17 Filed; Lautenbaugh FA186 Filed	x		x	Watch
LB405	McCoy		Eliminate certain sales tax exemptions, corporate and individual income taxes, and the franchise tax and change other tax provisions	Revenue	2/6/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x		x	Watch
LB406	McCoy		Change tax provisions	Revenue	2/7/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x		x	Oppose
LB417	Kolowski		Provide for guidelines for election workers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/21/13 (Cancelled) 3/5/13		x		x	Watch
LB418	Kolowski		Change powers and duties of election commissioners, chief deputy election commissioners, and county boards	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x			

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LB433	Price		Require a report and change administration procedures for ballots at hospitals and nursing homes	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x			
LB434	Price		Provide for emergency management registries for persons with special needs	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/13	General File w/AM324; Select File 2/26	x		x	
LB441	Seiler		Change provisions relating to control of dead human remains	Judiciary			x			
LB443	Cook		Adopt the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act	Health and Human Services	2/13/13		x			
LB449	Avery		Redefine high elective office for restrictions on multiple office holding	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x			
LB450	Avery		Change political party convention and caucus provisions	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/27/13		x		x	Oppose

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LB462	Ashford		Change provisions relating to contracts for joint law enforcement services	Judiciary	3/13/13		x			
LB463	Ashford		Change the number of separate juvenile court judges	Judiciary	3/7/13		x			
LB464	Ashford	Ashford	Change court jurisdiction over juveniles and indictment procedures	Judiciary	3/6/2013; 2/5/14 Hearing for AM1674	General File w/AM615; AM1674 Filed; Ashford AM1734 Filed	x	Monitor		
LB470	Scheer		Adopt the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act	Education	2/5/13	General File w/AM444; AM444 Adopted; Select File 1/27; Final Reading 1/31	x		x	
LB473	Bloomfield		Authorize certain residency restrictions near parks under the Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act	Judiciary	3/13/13		x			

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LB482	Kintner		Prohibit the state and political subdivisions from adopting certain policy recommendations	Judiciary	2/13/13		x		x	
LB483	Bolz		Provide for a reentry planning program in adult correctional facilities	Judiciary	2/22/13		x	Support		
LB485	Conrad	Conrad	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation as prescribed	Judiciary	3/14/13		x		x	
LB503	Coash		Rename the Child Protection Act and provide for alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect	Judiciary	3/15/13		x		x	Oppose
LB531	Conrad		Change distribution of sales and use tax revenue and repeal the Build Nebraska Act	Revenue	2/27/13		x			

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LB533	Avery		Require oil and gas pipeline eminent domain condemnors to provide notice to property owners	Judiciary	2/21/13 (Cancelled) 3/5/13		x			
LB535	Lathrop		Adopt Prescription Monitoring Program Act and repeal prescription monitoring provisions	Health and Human Services	3/15/13		x			
LB538	Chambers		Change provisions relating to revocation and suspension of law enforcement training certificates or diplomas	Judiciary	2/22/13		x			
LB541	Chambers		Prohibit arbitration of claims involving disciplinary actions against peace officers	Judiciary	2/22/13		x			
LB543	Chambers	Chambers	Change a penalty from death to life imprisonment or life imprisonment without possibility of parole	Judiciary	3/13/13		x		x	

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LB551	Schilz	Schilz	Change recreational liability provisions	Judiciary	2/13/13		x		x	Watch
LB561	Ashford	Judiciary	State findings and intent for changes to the juvenile justice system and a funding mechanism	Judiciary	3/7/13		x	Clean up Amendments	x	Watch
LB562	Ashford		Change provisions of the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	3/6/13		x		x	Oppose
LB565	Nelson		Prohibit registering to vote and voting early on the same day	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/28/13		x			
LB574	Harr		Provide that certain assessments are levied and collected as special assessments	Revenue	2/28/13		x		x	Oppose
LB576	Harr		Require flagging of area near polling places and change restrictions on electioneering	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/28/13		x		x	Support
LB577	Campbell	Campbell	Change provisions relating to the medical assistance program	Health and Human Services	2/28/13		x		x	Support

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LB578	Nordquist		Create a fund to provide funding for medicaid services and change distribution of premium tax revenue	Health and Human Services	2/28/13		x		x	
LB580	Johnson		Change certain condemnation procedures	Judiciary	3/15/13		x		x	Support
LB581	Crawford		Change the sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	3/20/13		x			Support
LB595	Price	Price	Provide for a Public Service Commission study of next-generation 911	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/25/13		x		x	
LB597	Larson		Change provisions relating to county agricultural societies	Agriculture	2/26/13	General File w/AM346; AM346 Adopted; Select File 1/28; Larson AM1747 Filed; AM1747 Adopted	x		x	Oppose
LB600	Wightman		Change inheritance tax rates	Revenue	2/27/13		x			

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LB612	Schumacher	Executive Board	Require the Department of Revenue to present reports to legislative committees	Executive Board	2/19/13	General File w/AM321	x		x	Watch
LB613	Schumacher	Schumacher	Create the Tax Modernization Commission	Executive Board	2/19/13	General File w/AM467	x	Monitor		
LB614	Schumacher		Provide for withholding insurance proceeds for demolition costs	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/25/13		x		x	
LB621	Karpisek		Exempt certain information from disclosure under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/4/13		x		x	Support
LB623	Price		Change provisions relating to bridge construction and road improvements	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/19/13	General File w/AM518	x		x	Support
LB632	Bolz		Change funding for county offices relating to public assistance programs	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	3/6/13		x	Support	x	Oppose
LB636	Wallman		Provide restrictions for application of certain herbicides	Agriculture	3/5/13		x	Monitor	x	Support

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LB652	Lautenbaugh		Provide procedures for taking grievances by certain county corrections officers to the Civil Service Commission	Business and Labor	3/4/13		x			
LB653	Davis		Change and provide for distribution of the gallonage tax on beer	General Affairs	3/4/13	Indefinitely Postponed	x			
LB661	Krist		Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/14		x			
LB662	Krist		Provide and change requirements for voter identification	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/14		x			
LB663	Krist		Change provisions for elections conducted by mail	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/23/14		x			
LB669	McCoy		Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations			x			

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LB670	McCoy		Change property tax valuations of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/7/14		x			
LB675	Chambers		Eliminate the property tax exemption for religious organizations	Revenue	1/24/14		x			
LB678	Mello		Change the funding allocation percentage for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Appropriations	1/30/14		x			
LB681	Mello		Change provisions relating to land banks and tax sales for delinquent property taxes	Revenue	1/22/14	General File	x			
LB684	Christensen		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/27/14		x			
LB685	Christensen		Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/27/14		x			

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LB693	Seiler		Change succession of real property for small estates	Judiciary	1/24/14		x			
LB697	Larson		Require publication of a statewide list of tax-delinquent properties	Revenue	1/23/14		x			
LB698	Larson		Change provisions relating to mowing and harvesting hay on the right-of-way of highways	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/14		x			
LB717	Gloor		Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act and professional qualifications	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/27/14	General File	x			
LB733	Schumacher		Adopt the Mass Assessment Act for valuation of real property for ad valorem tax purposes	Revenue	1/23/14		x			
LB734	Schumacher		Provide for deposit of public funds with credit unions	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/4/14		x			
LB737	Dubas		Change qualifications for county veterans service officers	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			

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LB744	Avery		Establish the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/24/14	General File w/AM1757	x			
LB746	Avery		Change election provisions to authorize provisional ballots and require identification for certain voters	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/5/14		x			
LB757	Smith		Create a mailbox location exception and repeal an obsolete road numbering system requirement	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/21/14	General File	x			
LB759	Mello		Require annual reports from various defined benefit retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/22/14		x			
LB763	Janssen		Require reports from state agencies on inefficient programs	Executive Board	1/30/14		x			
LB773	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			

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LB776	Hadley		Adopt and update references to certain federal provisions related to motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/21/14	General File	x			
LB777	Hadley		Change license renewal and issuance provisions under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/21/14	General File w/AM1645	x			
LB778	Chambers		Require certain entities to comply with provisions on open meetings, public records, and conflicts of interest	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/30/14		x			
LB780	Wightman		Change provisions relating to transfer on death deeds	Judiciary	1/24/14		x			
LB792	Sullivan		Eliminate a report requirement by the county treasurers to the State Treasurer	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	1/29/14		x			
LB810	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to the enforcement and servicing of real estate loans	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/3/14		x			
LB812	Hansen		Terminate the inheritance tax	Revenue			x			

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LB813	Hansen		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax purposes	Revenue	2/7/14		x			
LB814	Avery		Change the distribution of sales tax revenue to provide funding to the Game and Parks Commission	Revenue	1/29/14		x			
LB816	Murante		Authorize use of electronic forms of evidence of insurance for purposes of motor vehicle registration	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/4/14		x			
LB821	Lautenbaugh		Provide a public benefits exemption for burial or cremation of an unclaimed body	Judiciary	2/7/14		x			
LB825	Lautenbaugh		Require Open Meeting Act compliance by boards and subcommittees subject to the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/14		x			

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LB832	Lautenbaugh		Change provisions relating to reductions in sentence, change good-time provisions, and provide for earned time	Judiciary			x			
LB841	Hadley		Change sales and use tax provisions relating to all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, and distribution of revenue	Revenue	1/29/14		x			
LB847	Hadley		Provide for fees for copies of motor vehicle accident reports	Transportation & Telecommunications			x			
LB848	Harr		Provide financial assistance under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act for the development and acquisition of low-income housing	Appropriations	1/30/14		x			

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LB850	Watermeier		Provide a homestead exemption for individuals with developmental disabilities	Revenue	2/6/14		x			
LB855	Wallman		Change provisions for formation and operation of cemetery associations	General Affairs	1/27/14		x			
LB868	Karpisek		Prohibit peace officers from using government-issued equipment for private employment	Judiciary			x			
LB881	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to death, injury, or property damage to innocent third parties as a result of a police vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	2/7/14		x			
LB885	Harr		Require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for tax purposes	Revenue			x			

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LB887	Campbell	Campbell	Adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act	Health & Human Services	1/29/14		x	Support		
LB890	Dubas		Change provisions relating to procedures for acquiring private property for public use	Judiciary			x			
LB894	Harr		Change provisions relating to applying for property tax exemptions	Revenue	1/31/14		x			
LB897	Cook		Provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients	Revenue			x			
LB905	Speaker Adams		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/3/14		x			
LB906	Speaker Adams		Transfer funds and create and eliminate funds	Appropriations	2/3/14		x			

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LB907	Ashford		Provide for supervised release, reentry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change presentence investigations and good time provisions	Judiciary	2/6/14		x	Monitor		
LB910	Dubas		Require notice from state or local law enforcement to lienholders or mortgagees of abandoned motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/4/14		x			
LB911	Dubas		Adopt the Nebraska 911 Act and create the Next-Generation 911 Advisory Council	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/14		x			
LB912	Kolowski		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	2/6/14		x			
LB913	Kolowski		Provide an income tax credit for property taxes paid	Revenue	2/7/14		x			
LB937	Karpisek		Change the quorum requirement for county boards	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/6/14		x	Support		

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LB938	Janssen		Provide an income tax credit to individuals who pay a federal health insurance penalty	Revenue			x			
LB943	Nordquist		Change the minimum wage rate	Business & Labor	2/3/14		x			
LB945	Davis		Provide procedures for aid to political subdivisions from the Governor's Emergency Program	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			
LB946	Murante		Change provisions relating to elections	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	2/5/14		x			
LB955	Dubas		Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Act	Business & Labor	2/24/14		x			
LB960	Carlson		Change inheritance tax rates	Revenue			x			
LB964	Brasch		Provide a homestead exemption for claimants under sixty-five years of age and not married	Judiciary	2/7/14		x	Oppose		
LB968	Scheer		Provide additional powers for certain sanitary and improvement districts	Urban Affairs	1/28/14		x			

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LB970	Lautenbaugh		Provide that certain votes of public officials are public record	Executive Board			x			
LB977	Conrad		Change provisions relating to standard of care for corporate trustees regarding governmental retirement and pension funds	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/6/14		x			
LB979	Harr		Change provisions relating to tax sales for delinquent property taxes	Revenue			x			
LB980	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of a township board	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			
LB986	Revenue Committee		Change homestead exemption income limitations	Revenue	2/5/14	Hadley AM1750 Filed	x			
LB987	Revenue Committee		Adjust individual income tax brackets for inflation and exempt social security benefits from income taxation	Revenue	2/5/14		x			

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LB990	Nordquist		Add a penalty and change a record requirement for 911 service suppliers	Transportation & Telecommunications			x			
LB995	Hadley		Provide an income tax credit for state and local taxes paid	Revenue	2/5/14		x			
LB999	Ashford		Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board	Judiciary	2/6/14		x			
LB1003	Kolowski		Provide for natural resources districts to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources			x	Monitor		
LB1006	McGill		Change a provision of the Private Prison Contracting Act and prohibit state agencies from entering into contracts that include certain provisions	Judiciary			x			
LB1013	Murante		Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors by ordinance	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			

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LB1014	Murante		Change provisions for election of metropolitan utilities district board of directors	Urban Affairs	2/11/2014		x			
LB1017	Krist		Change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health & Human Services	2/12/2014		x			
LB1021	Seiler		Change provisions relating to the sealing of records of a juvenile	Judiciary			x			
LB1028	Coash		Change the number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed	Judiciary			x			
LB1030	Kintner		Adopt the State Firearms Rights Act	Judiciary			x			
LB1053	Karpisek		Provide state aid to municipalities, counties, and natural resources districts	Revenue			x			
LB1057	Davis		Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide duties for the Department of Revenue	Revenue			x			

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LB1063	Lautenbaugh		Require juvenile court approval to obtain a juvenile court proceeding transcript	Judiciary			x			
LB1065	Lautenbaugh		Eliminate secret ballot provisions under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			
LB1066	Lautenbaugh		Require a recorded roll call vote by certain county boards	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs			x			
LB1073	Lathrop		Require employers to e-verify immigration status of new employees	Business & Labor	2/24/2014		x			
LB1082	Brasch		Allow all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles to be operated as authorized emergency vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2014		x			
LB1085	Cook		Require listing of employee salaries and job titles of certain private employers	Business & Labor	2/3/2014		x			

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LB1086	Pirsch		Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations			x			
LB1087	Pirsch		Create a homestead exemption for disabled veterans, widows, and widowers	Revenue	2/6/2014		x			
LB1090	Conrad		Adopt the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act	Business & Labor	2/24/2014		x			
LB1092	Dubas		Authorize issuance of highway construction bonds	Revenue			x			
LB1094	Davis		Change a fund transfer to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations			x			
LB1096	Ashford		Change provisions for expansion of a business improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/4/2014		x			
LB1096	Ashford		Change provisions for expansion of a business improvement district	Urban Affairs			x			