

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Roma Amundson, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Deb Schorr
Bill Avery
Todd Wiltgen

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal 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 April 1, 2015.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 26, 2015 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2015 Staff Meeting. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None were stated.

3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Gordon Kissel, Joe Kohout, and Jonathan Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates (Legislative Consultants)

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update and legislative bills of interest report, noting the following (Exhibits A and B):

- Legislative Bill (LB) LB 610 (Change motor fuel excise taxes) was advanced to Select File (see Exhibit C for record of vote). The bill remains in the form it was introduced. Kohout said he believes the bill will pass and said the question is whether there will be enough votes to override an anticipated veto by the Governor.

Schorr asked whether Commissioners should lobby Lancaster County Senators Bolz and Ebke on the issue. **NOTE:** Senator Bolz voted against the bill and Senator Ebke was absent and did not vote on the bill. Kohout said he wants to be cognizant of how Senator Smith, introducer of the bill, would like proponents to engage senators on the issue. Avery asked how much would be generated by the proposed gas tax increase. **NOTE:** Nebraska's gas tax, which is currently 25.6 cents, would raise 1.5 cents per year over the next four years, under terms of the bill. Kohout said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) has estimated the tax will generate \$114,000 for Lancaster County in the first year of implementation and \$1,200,000 by full implementation. It is estimated to generate \$76,000,000 statewide by full implementation. Wiltgen inquired about the allocation of funds to counties. Kohout said he will forward that information.

- LB 472 (Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act)

Kohout said proponents have a meeting scheduled later this morning and said he may have a better idea after that meeting of when the bill will come up for debate. Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, disseminated copies of a Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper article titled UNK (University of Nebraska at Kearney) Professors' Study Outlines Benefits of Medicaid Expansion for State (Exhibit D).

- Kohout said his firm has been working on a draft legislative resolution with Senator Hansen's office on matters related to counties that reach the 300,000 population threshold (see Exhibit E).
- The Appropriations Committee will take up the large funding requests next week, including restoration statewide of \$5,000,000 for behavioral health services and \$250,000 to fund community-based sex offender treatment.

- Senator Krist filed an amendment to the final reading copy of LB 15 (Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem) (see Exhibit F). Joe Nigro, Lancaster County Public Defender, prepared a fiscal note that indicates there will be no fiscal impact to Lancaster County.
 - LB 605 (Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee) was advanced by the Judiciary Committee. Senator Mello, introducer of the bill, has indicated there will be significant changes to the Committee amendment.
 - Kohout said LB 132 (Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures) has been amended but still is not in a form the County would support. Eagan said the amendments make the bill more onerous on counties, noting they would require a vote of the people every time a joint public agency does a bond issue. He added it isn't clear whether an election would be required for a refinancing in order to get a lower interest rate.

4 HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS UPDATE - Tracy Krause, Account Executive, AON Risk Solutions; Julie Hughes, Account Specialist, AON Risk Solutions; Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources Director; Bill Kostner, City Risk Manager; Paula Lueders, County Benefits Specialist

Tracy Krause, Account Executive, AON Risk Solutions, gave an overview of Lancaster County, Experience Summary and Cost Review, Plan Year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (Experience through December 31, 2014), noting the following (Exhibit G):

Medical and Prescription Experience

There are 10,034 employees in the plan. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska was paid a total of \$1,033,712 to process claims for the County which includes \$443,603 in administration fees and \$581,270 for stop loss coverage (protection for claims paid over \$200,000). Medical claims totaled \$7,885,409. Pharmacy claims totaled \$2,360,116. Claims over the specific stop loss coverage totaled \$62,700. Total plan costs (fixed costs and claims) were \$11,216,537, which is 4.8% higher than projected.

In response to a question from Wiltgen, Krause explained claims are typically higher during October-December because participants in the plan have met their deductibles and opt to have services before the end of the year.

There were 15 claimants with medical claims over \$100,000 (50% of the individual specific deductible) in 2014, which equates to 21.6% of the total spent on claims. Two claimants had medical claims over \$200,000.

Brief discussion took place regarding the stop loss coverage. Krause said she believes \$200,000 is the right exposure level for the County. Bill Kostner, City Risk Manager, remarked those 15 large claims could easily have gone awry and cost the County much more had the exposure level been greater. Krause pointed out the number of claimants over \$100,000 is increasing and dollars spent over \$100,000 is increasing. She said the population is aging and said the County lacks a wellness initiative to keep employees healthy. Krause said wellness programs cost money and it is difficult to quantify the return on investment. She suggested the return on investment will be that the number of claimants over \$100,000 isn't going to increase like it is now.

Krause noted the County changed the emergency room (ER) benefit in 2013. She said it didn't change utilization but it saved the County money by shifting costs to the employees. There were 184 claimants in 2014 compared to 159 in 2013. Employee out-of-pocket costs increased from \$29,539 in 2013 to \$98,210 in 2014. Schorr asked whether claimants who had multiple visits to the ER could be identified and set up with a "medical home." Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources Director, said having a "medical home" may or may not be the solution, depending on whether or not the visits were non-emergencies. Kostner said employees have been encouraged to go to urgent care providers, noting information was provided at open enrollment meetings and on the Human Resource's webpage.

Krause said network savings is heavily weighed when looking at plan administrators. She noted Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), which includes the St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, isn't in Blue Cross's network and said that is something that will have to be considered in deciding whether to renew their contract.

In terms of pharmacy costs, Krause said as the County's costs have increased, members' costs have decreased. She said that is because the Board has elected not to make changes to the co-pays. Hudkins said he is more interested in the overall net effect to employees. He also inquired about generic drug utilization. Krause said use of generics became mandatory January 1, 2015. Employees can opt for more expensive prescription drugs but must pay the difference in cost. She noted costs can differ between pharmacies but there is no incentive for employees to "shop" for the least expensive pharmacy because they only have to pay a co-pay.

Dental Experience

Krause noted Ameritas administers the dental plan, which she said is running well.

5 MENTAL HEALTH COURT GRANT APPLICATION - Kim Etherton,
Community Corrections Director

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said she has been talking to Joe Nigro, Public Defender, and Joe Kelly, County Attorney, about writing a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) planning and implementation grant for a mental health court, much like what happened when Lancaster County established an adult drug court. She said Nebraska does not currently have any mental health courts but research demonstrates their effectiveness. Kelly believes the County will be able to get the support of the Nebraska Supreme Court for a pilot program. The University of Nebraska Law-Psychology Program has also expressed interest in partnering with the County. Etherton said the grant amount is \$250,000 over three years and match for the grant (\$62,000) will be met through salaries. She felt the County would be in a good position after three years of seeing how the mental health court functions to write a grant for enhancements and expansion. Etherton said the grant application is due April 14th and requested authorization for submission.

Nigro appeared and said the state statute that allows problem-solving courts is broad enough to allow a mental health court to be established. He noted drug court participants can access vouchers from probation funds for treatment and felt access should also be provided to mental health courts.

Wiltgen asked Etherton whether she has had any conversations with Region V (behavioral health services) regarding this matter. Etherton said she has not but felt they would be supportive. She said the County generally contracts with providers so it doesn't have to contend with rules the provider may have to follow with other funding organizations.

Wiltgen then asked what type of offenses would go through the mental health court. Etherton said these grant dollars could not be used to serve anyone with violent crimes. She noted mental health courts that have really demonstrated a good impact have taken some of those crimes into their program. Nigro said he and Kelly feel that in order to address the target population they will have to look at including some violent felonies. Etherton said it will have to run the continuum of both the county and district courts to work.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize submission of the grant application, with signature by the Chair. Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Wiltgen abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

6 SEVERE WEATHER EXERCISE REPORT - Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Don Killeen, County Property Manager; Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager; Bob Nemecek, City Safety and Training Coordinator

NOTE: The National Weather Service (NWS) conducted a state-wide severe weather exercise on March 25th. A test tornado watch was issued at 10:00 a.m., followed by a test tornado warning. The City and County participated in the exercise by simulating a modified shelter-in-place response for the County-City Building.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said several officials met as a follow-up to review the exercise and to identify how preparedness and emergency response could be improved. He presented their recommendations:

- Improve Severe Weather Notification for Employees
 - Install a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio in every department, and two or more radios in larger departments
 - Update the desktop computer alert system
 - Research and recommend the best smart phone application for severe weather alerts
- Each department should develop its own standard operating procedure (SOP) for responding to severe weather warnings
 - Regular review and updates of the SOP
 - Post emergency response procedures for the visiting public in conspicuous places throughout the County-City Building
- Improve shelters
 - Better signage
 - Review the physical adequacy of all designated shelters and make changes where appropriate
 - Establish a designated shelter under K Street in the K Street parking lot tunnel
 - ▶ Install storm-resistance doors on the south side of the area under K Street
 - ▶ Improve ventilation, if necessary
- Request a legal opinion on potential City or County liability for injuries incurred from use of designated shelters during an emergency
- Schedule a discussion of severe weather preparedness with the City-County Common and the City-County Public Building Commission

Bob Nemecek, City Safety and Training Coordinator, suggested that signs also be posted on the entrances to the buildings indicating they are not public shelters. It was noted the doors to the Justice and Law Enforcement Center are locked in emergency situations.

Don Killeen, County Property Manager, explained none of the shelters in the County-City Building meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) definition of a shelter.

Amundson said she would like steps taken in the next six months to implement the recommendations for better signage, a review of the physical adequacy of designated shelters, weather alert systems, SOP's, and a legal opinion request on the issue of potential liability for injuries incurred from use of designated shelters during an emergency.

There was consensus to: 1) Request the legal opinion; 2) Include a shelter in renovations of the 605 Building; and 3) Schedule discussion on the City-County Common Meeting agenda.

Killeen said discussion will also be scheduled on the next Public Building Commission (PBC) Meeting agenda. He also indicated plans to explore costs to establish a designated shelter under K Street in the K Street parking lot tunnel.

7 PENDING LITIGATION - Richard Grabow, Deputy County Attorney; Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager; Kari Wiegert, Risk Management Specialist

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to enter Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. Schorr, Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

8 LANCASTER COUNTY QUITCLAIM DEED TO CITY OF WAVERLY FOR PART OF AMBERLY ROAD - Ken Schroeder, County Surveyor

Ken Schroeder, County Surveyor, said Doug Rix, Waverly City Administrator/Clerk, recently contacted his department regarding road right-of-way and requested that the County transfer its interest in part of Amberly Road and part of North 134th to the City of Waverly by deed. He said the area has been annexed into the City of Waverly so ownership of the roadways is turned over to Waverly in accordance with state statutes.

Schroeder said Rix indicated Waverly is planning street improvements and felt it would be "cleaner" if the County deeded the portions of said roads to the City of Waverly.

NOTE: A quitclaim deed will be scheduled on a regular County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda for action.

9 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. TRIM (Electronic Records Management System) Overview

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and TRIM Administrator, said Steve Henderson, Chief Information Officer, Information Services (IS), has suggested the County move from TRIM to OnBase, a web-based program used by the City of Lincoln. She explained how the County came to purchase TRIM in 2001, noting IS was involved in the selection of the software (see Exhibit H). Thorpe said there was even discussion at that time about the City using the product as well. She said the County has made a huge investment of resources in the system, the processes and technology are in place and there is satisfaction with the quality of the product. Thorpe felt there would need to be a compelling reason to make a change.

Thorpe estimated the County has invested \$450,000 in consultants and the TRIM software, to date. The County only pays annual maintenance fees (\$37,905) at this point. She said the County currently owns 450 software licenses, noting it was assumed some licenses would be needed for Lancaster Manor and the Community Mental Health Center. The County no longer has those facilities. She said she has made attempts to reduce the number of licenses. The City is also aware the County has those licenses available.

Hudkins asked whether an attempt has been made to not renew all of the licenses. Thorpe said she has tried but has not been successful. She added she is not sure how many are currently being used.

Thorpe estimated that IS charges \$90 per hour and said the County would have paid IS approximately \$500,000 to administer and troubleshoot over the period the County has utilized TRIM. She also pointed out the City does not use the OnBase product in the same manner the County uses TRIM. Thorpe said it was disclosed in one of the Lincoln-Lancaster Consolidation Task Force meetings that the City may have included

the County in the City's request for proposal (RFP) for OnBase, which may have guaranteed the City a certain price. She said the County would not have agreed to that, had the City asked.

Avery exited the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Thorpe said she believes the County is being "blind sided" by the IS Department by being asked to do something that seems to be a waste of time and money. She added, should the County decide to do this, it would need to hire a consultant to look at how it would work, which would be costly. Thorpe listed the county departments currently using TRIM, noting some city employees are also using TRIM to access documents. She also cited some of the other entities that utilize TRIM, such as the U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Johnson & Johnson, National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), National Geographic and the Australian government.

Schorr said the Board was prompted to look into moving to OnBase because of the anticipated cost to hire a County TRIM (Electronic Records Management System)/Information Technology (IT) Administrator. **NOTE:** The position was discussed at the Mid-Year Budget Retreat. Thorpe said she believes IS costs would easily exceed the cost of the proposed position. Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk, expressed concern that IS would even be willing to provide support. Thorpe agreed, adding support for TRIM has not been a priority for IS.

Avery returned to the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Schorr said she would like to know how many TRIM licenses are being utilized. Thorpe said she can gather that information. She noted Dan Nolte, County Clerk, has suggested the County offer some of the licenses to other Lancaster County communities, like Waverly. Beattie said she can see more licenses being used as the County TRIM (Electronic Records Management System)/Information Technology (IT) Administrator works with departments to develop records plans and provide training.

Hudkins asked Nolte and Beattie whether TRIM has fulfilled the needs of the County Clerk's Office. Nolte and Beattie indicated they are very satisfied with the product. Nolte also pointed out that the City did not involve the County in the decision to purchase OnBase.

Hudkins also inquired about the City Clerk's use of OnBase. Beattie said to her knowledge that office is not using it yet. Thorpe said she believes they are using a system IS built for them years ago.

Eagan said IS was “on board” with the selection of TRIM. He said at some point IS decided it wasn’t going to provide technical support and has been a “roadblock” to the County implementing TRIM. He added that a consultant reviewed the IS budget and recommended the County TRIM (Electronic Records Management System)/Information Technology (IT) Administrator as a way to contain costs. Eagan felt there would be savings that haven’t been quantified by getting the TRIM product implemented to its full capacity. He noted this issue was raised during the Lincoln-Lancaster Consolidation Task Force meetings and said one of their final recommendations was that an independent third-party should conduct a study to determine an enterprise content management system that would be best for the City and County in the context of a merger.

Thorpe said she is finished researching this matter unless she is given different direction by the Board.

B. Management Team Agenda Items (April 9, 2015)

The following items were suggested: 1) NOAA radios for county departments; and 2) County Board/staff relations.

C. City-County Common Meeting Agenda Items (May 4, 2015)

A report on the severe weather exercise and appointment of an ex-officio county representative to the Library Board were suggested.

D. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department’s Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) Steering Committee (Commissioners Amundson and Avery)

Informational only.

12 PENDING

There were no pending items.

13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Monthly Meeting- Schorr

Schorr indicated the meeting was routine in nature.

B. Chamber Coffee - Amundson

Amundson said a variety of topics were discussed including upcoming events in the community; Intern Nebraska (InternNE) program which connects college students and employers; www.nebraskajobs.com website; veterans job fairs; legislation; Tax Increment Financing (TIF); Pinnacle Bank Arena operations deficit; technical advances in the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS); truancy diversion services; efforts to reduce the numbers of suicides by youth and young adults; and the new Career Academy, a collaboration between LPS and Southeast Community College (SCC).

14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

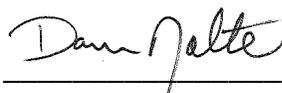
Discussion took place regarding concerns that phone calls to the County Board's Office are not being answered when Minette Genuchi, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, is either away from her desk or on another phone call. Genuchi appeared and explained the number of calls to the office have increased since operator and switchboard services that were provided through the University of Nebraska switchboard were eliminated. The main information phone number, (402) 441-7171, was retained with five options for callers to select, one of which is the County Board's Office. Eagan noted that a joint City Council/County Board receptionist position was eliminated several years ago, due to budget cuts, so there is only one person to answer calls. Dan Nolte, County Clerk, suggested the County Board's calls be "rolled over" to the County Clerk's Office rather than going to voicemail.

Amundson, who is a retired Brigadier General, Nebraska National Guard, recognized John Austin, a Korean War veteran who was in attendance, for his service and presented him with a General's coin.

The Chair said the County Extension Office is hosting a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on April 10th for all elected officials.

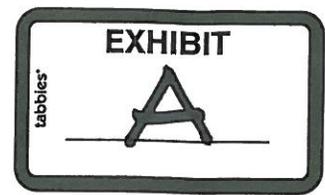
15 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Wiltgen, Avery, Hudkins, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Gordon Kissel
Joseph D. Kohout
Jonathan G. Bradford

DATE: April 2, 2015

RE: Weekly Update on the 2015 Legislature

Please accept this as the ninth of your weekly reports for the 2015 Legislative Session. Today is day 57. The legislature is in to full-day debate. The work of committees continue – in particular the Appropriations Committee who continue the work of putting together the biennial budget.

Below, please find legislation of particular note to Lancaster County

2015 Lancaster County Legislative Priorities:

1. **Property Tax Relief:** The Board has identified several potential options under this priority.

RESTORE STATE AID TO COUNTIES:

LB 609 – Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act
Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion
Hearing Date: March 9, 2015
Transportation & Telecommunication

LB 609 creates a mechanism for priority of bridge repairs in Nebraska which includes a process whereby projects are prioritized by a commission including some county commissioners. Engineer Dingman has expressed a concern about the design-build as well as the level of bureaucracy that the bill will provide.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this measure was March, 9, 2015 before the Transportations and Telecommunication Committee. Engineer Dingman testified in opposition to the bill. Senator Smith indicated that he plans to hold the bill for discussions in the interim.

LB 610 – Change motor vehicle excise taxes.
Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion
Hearing Date: March 6, 2015
Revenue

Increases the gas tax by \$.015 over the next four years to a total of \$.06.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this measure occurred Friday, March 6, 2015. There was a significant amount of support for the measure. Engineer Dingman testified on behalf of Lancaster County in support. The bill was advanced by the Revenue Committee and prioritized by Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson. The debate on this measure commenced on Tuesday at 1:30pm. The bill advanced to General File shortly before lunch yesterday.

LB 626 – Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution.
Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln
Hearing Date: March 9, 2015
Transportation & Telecommunication

Is intended to increase the registration fee for vehicles and move an amount into a Bridge Bank which will be used to repair bridges throughout Nebraska.

POSITION: MONITOR. The hearing on this measure was on March 9, 2015 before the Transportation and Telecommunication Committee. Similar to LB609, Senator Campbell offered the bill to the committee to have the committee potentially use the bill for a roads package.

LB 633 – Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties.
Introduced by Senator John Stinner, Gering
Hearing Date: March 18, 2015
Appropriations

LB 633 appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects for one year.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this measure occurred yesterday. A significant of support was registered before the committee including NACO, the City of Lincoln, the City of Omaha, and Pam Dingman on

behalf of Lancaster County. If the dollars are appropriated, they are likely to be included in the mainline budget.

OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF THE INHERITANCE TAX:

No legislation was introduced this year that would eliminate the inheritance tax

ELIMINATE UNFUNDED MANDATES:

I would note for each of the bills under this section, we will continue to work with Senator Mello to identify the amount of money available to address these.

**LB 105 - Change Provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries
Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier, Syracuse
Hearing Date: February 12, 2015
Government**

LB 105 would change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with the deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries when it relates to the state. State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on Thursday February 12th, 2015. Mr. Eagan testified on behalf of Lancaster County. Those in support included NACO. No one appeared in opposition. The committee did advance the measure during an executive session this week.

**LB 427 – Provide for payment of probation office cost by the state
Introduced by Senator Mike Groene, North Platte
Hearing Date: February 29, 2015
Government**

This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid. As Prior to July 1, 2015, counties providing space for probation services, may negotiate lease arrangements. Upon the close of business of June 30, 2015, the county shall no longer provide office and facilities to probation

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Those appearing in support included Joe Hewgley from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Larry Dix with NACO, Mike Kelley representing the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Kerry Eagan representing this board. There was no opposition to the

bill. An amendment prepared by NACO in consultation with Douglas and Lancaster County to limit the legislation to only cover rent which will limit the fiscal impact to approximately \$4 million.

LB 341 – Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody.

Introduced by Senator Sara Howard, Omaha

Hearing Date: March 9, 2015

Banking

DOUGLAS COUNTY PRIORITY

LB 341 states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law.

POSITION: RECOMMEND SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on March 9, 2015. Douglas County Board Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, Mr. Mark Foxall, Director of Corrections for Douglas County and Elaine Menzel, NACO all testified in support. No opponent testimony and Eric Dunning for Blue Cross Blue Shield testified in a neutral capacity. The bill is still in committee.

RAISE COUNTY FEES:

LB 88 – Raise marriage license fees

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 21, 2015

Judiciary

As introduced and advanced by the Committee, the bill would raise marriage license fees to \$50 from \$15 and certified copies from \$6 to \$16. An amendment was adopted on General File that capped the fee at \$25,

POSITION: SUPPORT. This bill was advanced on a near-unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee including three Lancaster County Senators – Senators Coash, Morfeld & Pansing Brooks. Dan Nolte did a great job testifying on behalf of Lancaster County. Senator Chambers began to filibuster the bill. An amendment had been agreed-to by Senators Campbell and Bill Kintner of Papillion that would change the language in the bill so that the county board can set the rate in a range between \$30 and \$50 and certified copies be \$16. However concerns were raised on this methodology due to consistency across the state. Senators Campbell and Chambers agreed to an amendment on LB88 that would raise fees to \$25. The amendment was adopted the bill advanced to Select File. The bill was debated last week on Select File. After conversations on

the floor and after concerns were raised about continued debate and potential loss of votes, an agreement was reached to amend the bill to reflect a \$9.00 fee for certified copy. The bill advanced to final reading. The bill was presented to the Governor on March 6, 2015. The Governor signed the bill on March 12, 2015.

SUPPORT ADEQUATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LB561:

We continue to monitor all efforts in this area.

2. Support Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act:

**LB 472 – Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act.
Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell, Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015
Health and Human Services**

LB 472 sets out to redesign Nebraska's Medicaid program with a specific plan. LB 472 creates the Medicaid Redesign Task force to review the Medicaid program and provide recommendations. LB 472 allows DHHS to work with the federal government to create a coverage plan. An estimated 1.8 billion in funds would be returned to Nebraska's economy from now until 2020. The Governor and DHHS would design and implement a Nebraska plan. The bill would ask that enrollees to contribute 2% of their income, unless active in a wellness program.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this bill was on February 25, 2015. Commissioner Schorr testified in support on behalf of Lancaster County. The bill advanced to General File with a committee amendment that rewrites a section regarding composition of the Task Force. We have been working with NACO and the proponent coalition to identify a potential "county board lobby day" on this bill.

- 3. Address Lancaster County Obligations under the 300,000 population threshold.** As mentioned previously, this legislation was drafted at our request for potential introduction. Once the bill was drafted it became very clear that a significant number of sections were opened up. There was a concern raised about the diversity of sections that were being opened up as well as the fact that it may implicate some of Douglas County's thresholds. In discussion with staff, it was determined to take some time to go through the draft and spend some analyzing the multitude of sections opened up. Senator Hansen has requested interim study language to prepare the same in the coming weeks. We have worked with Sen. Hansen's office to prepare language for an interim study. We have attached a draft copy of the interim study we have drafted with Senator Hansen's office.
- 4. Eliminate the Responsibility of Counties to Pay HHS Rent:** LB61 was heard before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee last Thursday. Mr. Eagan

testified on behalf of Lancaster County. Those joining in support included Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson on behalf of Douglas County, Dick Clark with the Platte Institute, Colby Mach with LIBA, Larry Dix with NACO and Fred Uhe with Sarpy County. Those opposed included Acting CEO of HHS Dr. Joseph Acierno. This bill, like the other unfunded mandate bills, are currently held in Government Committee.

5. **Amend Mental Health Commitment Act / Funding for Community Based Sex Offender Treatment.** After discussion regarding the size of this request as drafted - \$7.5 Million – it was determined that Lancaster County should make a request of the Appropriations Committee at their hearing. The thought is that the complete picture of the LR424 task force recommendation – the prison review – are not complete and this could be a part of that broader conversation.

Deputy Administrator Gwen Thorpe testified on behalf of Lancaster County and asked the committee to appropriate \$250,000 to fund Counseling Affiliates. Too, Joe Nigro has visited directly with members of the Appropriations Committee to fund not only this \$250,000 but also \$100,000 for a pilot mental health court in Lancaster County. This week, Gwen and Joe Kohout met with most of the members of the Appropriations Committee. The Committee is working towards the restoration of the \$5 million in behavioral health aid. Also, the following bill is of note on this issue as well:

LB 592 – Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 20, 2015

Judiciary

LB 592 is one of six legislative bills introduced this session to address issues raised by the Interim Study report 424. LB 592 adds “personality disorder” to the definition of a mentally ill. The bill creates a clear separation of independence between the Department of Corrections and Pardons board when determining the treatment of inmates. Department of Corrections shall be responsible for an inmate while in confinement and Pardons board shall address the re-entry back to the general public. LB 592 adds a clean-up measure to the Sex Registry by adding “personality disorder” to the definition of mentally ill. The hearing on this bill was February 20, 2015.

6. **Monitor Adult Corrections Reform.** We will continue to monitor introductions for legislation that affects adult corrections reform. One bill has been set for hearing today on this issue as well:

LB 119 – Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: 2/12/15

Judiciary

The Nebraska Criminal Code at Neb. Rev. Stat §28-105 sets out penalties for the various classes of felonies which range from Class IV, with the least severe penalty, to Class I, with the most severe. Class IV and Class IIIA felonies have maximum penalties of 5 years imprisonment with no minimum sentences or fines. Section (2)(a) of §28-105 requires sentences of imprisonment of one year or more for convictions of Class IV and Class IIIa felonies be served in a State prison facility and sentences of less than one year be served in the county jail.

All sentences of imprisonment for classified felonies and sentences of more than 1 year and any lesser sentence shall be served concurrently or consecutively with such sentences. Sentence of 1 year or less may be served in a county jail.

Quoting from the fiscal note, "In the past 12 months Lancaster County has sent 268 felony 3,3A and 4 offenders to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. We are assuming the upper sentence level of these inmates is not included in this impact statement. Knowing inmates are credited for time served in a pre-trial capacity, and accrue good time, we feel we would add 59 inmates per day to our average daily population. By using an average cost of \$94.00 per day the impact to our FY15, would be approximately \$2,000,000. With this potentially growing population, we would be concerned our bed capacity would be limited in the following years. The County would be hard pressed to find available bed space for pre-trial offenders."

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this bill was on February 12th, 2015 before the Judiciary Committee. Mike Thurber testified in opposition on behalf of Lancaster Co. No one appeared in support.

7. Retirement Adjustment. LB126 signed by the governor on February 26, 2015.

Other Legislation:

1. **LB 374 - Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund**
Introduced by Senator Ken Haar of Malcom
Hearing Date: March 12, 2015
Appropriations Committee
Engineer Dingman Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting

The bill would cap the amount in the State Recreation Road Fund at \$15 Million and move the amount greater than that to Game and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund.

POSITION: Engineer Dingman testified in support of this legislation last Thursday. The bill is held in Committee.

2. **LB 398 - Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax**
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 5, 2015

Revenue

This bill sets forth that beginning January 1, 2017, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax. Property owned and used for agricultural and horticultural societies, educational, religious, etc. The fiscal impact that NACO submitted was \$217,700,000 statewide. The TEOSSA impact is \$67,000,000.

3. **LB 476 – Provide duties for county assessors and Property Tax Administrator relating to tax – exempt real property.**

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date: March 5, 2015

Revenue

On or before December 1 each year, the county assessor will compile a list of parcel of real property in the county exempt from the property tax, and determine the estimated market value. The Property Tax Administrator shall prepare a report based off of the list. The report is due to the Clerk of Legislature before December 31, of each year.

POSITION: NO POSITION. Scott Gaines has raised a concern about this legislation as there may be a sizable cost associated with performing this responsibility.

4. **LB 542 – Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies**

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date: March 6, 2015

Revenue

The purpose of Legislative Bill 542 is to provide a sale and use tax exemption outlined in state statute 77-2704.15 for a “county agricultural society”.

POSITION: SUPPORT. The hearing on this measure was on last Friday. Testifiers included Amy Dickerson, Steve Kruger, Alan Wood and Commissioner Amundson. The bill was advanced unanimously by the Revenue Committee last Wednesday. We are currently examining potential vehicles to amend LB542

5. **LB 13 – Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions**

Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 26, 2015

Judiciary

LB 13 states 10% of the annual GF appropriation to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be set aside for the development of a common data system at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, to assess the effectiveness of community-based Juvenile Services Aid program.

In conversations with Senator Krist, he has indicated that he intends this to be a one-time ear mark not an ongoing one. We previously reported that the Appropriations Committee has included \$7.5 million in funding for 2015-16 and \$10 million in funding for 2016-17.

POSITION: NEUTRAL. The bill advanced with an amendment we provided with last week's report which embodied changes suggested by multiple groups including Lancaster County. The language from LB13, as amended, was amended into LB265 via an amendment offered by Senator Krist - AM1014.

6. LB 15 – Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 26, 2015
Judiciary

LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court. GAL is allowed to review and receive records/court plans prepared by the DHHS pertaining to the juvenile. GAL shall meet with the juvenile, upon the juvenile's request. LB 15 was introduced as a response to the guardian ad-litem contracting situation in Douglas County. The committee advanced the measure with an amendment which included (a) a requirement that the Supreme Court adapt a court rule on GALs; (b) to clarify how these contracts work/their transparency; (c) provisions that are currently contained in LB 265.

POSITION: NEUTRAL. The bill was advanced to General File with the amendments provided in last week's report. Joe Nigro testified in support on behalf of the county. The bill advanced to Select File after adoption of the committee amendment. Joe Nigro, representatives of Legal Aid and Joe Kohout met with Senator Krist to develop an agreement that would eliminate any financial impact to Lancaster County. That amendment was adopted on March 30, 2015. On March 31, Senator Krist filed AM1067 that we have attached for your review. Joe Nigro has submitted a fiscal note demonstrating no fiscal impact to the county.

7. LB 309 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund
Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: Febraury 27, 2015
Appropriations

In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

In addition to other appropriations for FY2015-16 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative

December 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

8. LB 364 – Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Hearing Date: February 27, 2015

Appropriations

FY2015-16 the State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and (2) FY2016-17 the State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund.

Appropriation of (1) \$60,000,000 for FY2015-16 and (2) \$60,000,000 for FY2016-17 from the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue, Program 132, to carry out the purposes of the property tax credit program.

9. LB 387 – Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

Introduced by Senator David Schnoor of Fremont

Hearing Date: February 27, 2015

Appropriations

The State Treasurer shall transfer sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

10. LB 442 – Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 27, 2015

Appropriations

In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015.

In addition to other appropriations for FY2015-16 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services. December 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

11. LB 265 – Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 27, 2015

Judiciary

LB 265 states a guardian ad-litem(GAL) will make a reasonable effort to become familiar with the needs of a juvenile by consultation with juvenile in his or her respective placement within 2 weeks of appointment and every 3 (was 6) months thereafter. GAL shall provide a written report, not limited to number of visits and make recommendations. LB 265 states the Foster Care Review board may participate in proceedings of the juvenile. LB 265 defines Trial Home visits as from the placement from foster care to the home of the legal guardian. LB 265 establishes a pilot project to determine whether policy outcomes meet the well-being outcomes for a juvenile and child-welfare involved in out of home placement. LB265 was debated on Tuesday of last week and advanced to Select File.

12. LB 391 – Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 27, 2015
Revenue

LB 391 adds language in 77-2703(1)(I)(iii) to read:

The county treasurer shall deduct and withhold for the use of the county general fund, from all amounts required to be collected under this subsection, the collection fee permitted to be deducted by any retailer collecting the sales tax plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars remitted each month.

POSITION: SUPPORT. This bill comes out of the unfunded mandate study of last interim. The hearing on this measure occurred on February 27, 2015. Joe provided the letter to the committee. Concerns were raised by Senator Smith at the hearing about the impact on roads funding.

13. LB 564 – Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads
Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 3, 2015
Transportation and Telecommunications

The bill would limit mowing to one side of the road.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this measure occurred on March 3, 2015. The bill has not advanced from committee.

14. LB 499 – Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: March 4, 2015
Health and Human Services

LB 499 states DHHS will reestablish the provision of behavioral and mental health services throughout Nebraska. Departments of Corrections, Probation Administration, and Juvenile Services will assist

POSITION: NO POSITION. This is a placeholder bill for legislation that may come from the LR434 recommendations. This measure was heard in committee on March 4, 2015.

I would note that these items 15 & 16 remain a high priority for Governor Ricketts, and the administration continues to work these measures.

15. **LB 293 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**
Introduced by Senator David Schnoor of Scribner
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015
Revenue

Lowers agricultural and horticultural land valuations from 75% to 65% of actual.

16. **LB 350 - Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land**
Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015
Revenue

Lowers agricultural and horticultural land valuations from 75% to 65% of actual.

17. **LB 384 - Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land**
Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 19, 2015
Revenue

The bill would allow for a reclassification of up to 30 acres per quarter section of cropland as range or pasture for purposes of property taxes.

18. **LB 605 – Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee**
Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 20, 2015
Judiciary

LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session. We were asked by Commissioner Hudkins to convey County Attorney Joe Kelly's concern to Senator Mello. That was done as requested. Questions were raised during the hearing regarding both the County Attorney's suggested amendments and additional county aid. Senator Mello in follow-up conversations, is committed to the county aid we discussed at the 2/19/15 meeting. The

bill was advanced to General File last week and was reported the same on Tuesday. A copy of the amendment was forwarded to Mr. Eagan for his review.

19. **LB 606 – Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed**
Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 20, 2015
Judiciary

LB 606 would establish a full-time program of investigation and performance review to provide increased accountability and oversight of the Nebraska correctional system. The office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System is created within the office of the Public Counsel for the purpose of conducting investigations, audits, inspections and other reviews of corrections. LB 606 states that the Governor shall declare a correctional system overcrowding emergency when the population is determined to be over 140% of capacity by certification of the director. We understand that the provisions of LB606 have been amended into LB598, which is a Legislative Performance Audit Committee priority bill.

20. **LB 273 – Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices**
Introduced by Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Bill is to authorize voters to vote regarding partisan or nonpartisan ballots for nominations and election of county officers in certain counties. Summary of new language:

- (1) All county officers elected shall be nominated and elected on a partisan ballot.
- (2) County boards with a population of twenty thousand or fewer inhabitants may adopt a resolution requiring the submission of the question to the voters. Registered voters of a county with a population of ten thousand or fewer may file petition with county clerk requesting the question be put to the voters. The question shall be put to the voters at the first statewide general election after the adoption of the resolution.
- (3) If the vote on the question is in favor of the nomination and election of all officers elected on a nonpartisan ballot, shall be nominated and elected at all subsequent elections.

LB 273 removes language in several sections including at 32-325, that states that the county surveyor shall be elected on the partisan ballot and 32-326 that states that the county engineer shall be elected on the partisan ballot.

21. **LB188 - Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit.**

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date: January 23, 2015
Judiciary

This is Senator Watermeier's bill that states that a passenger in a fleeing vehicle shall not be considered to be an innocent third party if the passenger (a) enters with knowledge the driver is under the influence (b) fails to take steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle (c) promotes or provokes the driver to flee (d) are themselves subject to arrest or (e) is engaged in illegal activity that would itself give rise to arrest.

POSITION: SUPPORT. LB188 was heard by the Judiciary Committee on January 23, 2015 and was opposed by several groups including the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. The bill was advanced to General File with an amendment that was included in our report three weeks ago.

22. **LB142 - Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding.**
Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala
Hearing Date: January 21, 2015
Natural Resource

To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species. These species have proven destructive to the ecosystems and usability of surface waters in surrounding states, and steps must be taken to prevent their establishment in Nebraska. The Aquatic Invasive Species Program will be funded with a fee of between five and ten dollars, every three years that is paid with motorboat registration and/or renewal. Non-Nebraska boats shall be eligible for a yearly stamp at a cost of between ten and fifteen dollars. These funds are to be allocated for use in monitoring, testing, decontamination, and mitigation of aquatic invasive species in Nebraska surface waters.

POSITION: Monitor. This bill advanced from the Natural Resources Committee with an amendment – AM45 which creates the Aquatic Invasive Species fund at the Department. The bill was approved by the Governor on March 5, 2015.

23. **LB66 - Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability.**
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Heading Date: January 21, 2015
Judiciary

As we read this bill, it would require the following disclosure on bond documents:

- (a) The amount of any unfunded pension obligations of the school district, city, village, or county

- (b) The actual amount of the valuation of the real estate subject to taxation in the school district, city, village, or county,
- (c) the actual amount of the valuation of the real estate in the school district, city, village, or county that will not be available for payment of the bonds because of tax increment financing, and
- (d) A statement substantially as follows: It is uncertain if the bonds being issued would have priority over the pension obligations of (insert name of school district, city, village, or county) if it declares bankruptcy.

It also provides for pretty stringent liabilities in the case of non-disclosure including the governing board members in their personal capacities.

POSITION: OPPOSE. The hearing on this bill was held on January 21, 2015 and bond counsel for the city of Lincoln testified and stated that Lancaster County opposed the bill in his testimony. There was significant opposition and no support for the measure other than the introducer.

24. LB 132 – Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures.
Introduced by Sen. Laura Ebke, Crete
Hearing Date: January 29, 2015
Government

LB 132 links Joint Public Agency bond issuance procedures to taxing powers. It requires Joint Public Agencies follow the bond issuance procedures a participating public agency would be required to follow to bond the particular revenue stream.

POSITION: OPPOSE. This bill was heard by the Government Committee on January 29, 2015. Mr. Eagan noted potential concerns with this bill that could affect the JPA. The supporters of the bill included LIBA and the Platte Institute. Those in opposition included bond counsel for the City of Lincoln and Lynn Rex representing the League. The bill was advanced to General File on March 6, 2015 with a committee amendment attached. We included a copy of the amendment with a previous report. The bill has been declared to be a Government Committee priority bill.

Amendment 582 to LB 132 addresses technical issues, but keeps the original content of the bill. AM 582 clarified electorate language relating to a vote on a bond issue. JPA shall have only those powers of taxation as one or more of participating public agencies as provided by agreement proposing creation of JPA. The JPA shall not levy a local option sales tax. A levy in property tax cannot exceed the limit agreed upon, if agreement limits the levy authority of overlapping participating public agencies to same amount. Levy authority of a JPA shall be allocated by city or county. If a participating agency is a municipality agreement, an agreement can allow for any occupation or wheel tax. Prior to the issuance of bonds and pledge of property tax levy authority to a JPA, the question shall be put forth to the registered voters of the participating public agency. If voters exist in an overlap area of public agencies, the voter shall on vote once.

OTHER LEGISLATION OF NOTE RAISED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:

LB482 - Change provisions relating to juveniles
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 25, 2015
Judiciary

Restraints shall not be used on a juvenile during a juvenile court proceeding and removed prior to the juvenile's appearance before the juvenile court. Unless there is cause to show the need of restraints in the court proceeding. If there is a determination that restraints are needed, juvenile court shall provide the juvenile, the juvenile's attorney, or the juvenile's parent or guardian an opportunity to be heard before ordering the use of restraints.

POSITION: NO POSITION. Senator Krist has indicated that he introduced this legislation to conform to best practices. During debate on this measure on Tuesday he made reference to Lancaster County's Staff secure facility.

- 1. LB 266 – Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances**
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 3, 2015
Urban Affairs

Municipalities currently have the authority to regulate nuisances within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. LB 266 amends various nuisance statutes to clarify this existing authority.

POSITION: NO POSITION: An amendment was worked out prior to the hearing to work out concerns raised by the League. An amendment was offered to the Committee during the hearing that would exempt out counties of greater than 100,000 – citing joint planning boards and commissions – and providing for a notice to County Boards of development in the ETJ of a city. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 5, 2015.

- 2. LB 543 – Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under Medicaid**
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 6, 2015
Health and Human Services
PRIORITY FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY

LB 543 establishes criteria and requirements for certification for community paramedics. To be eligible for certification, an individual must be a licensed paramedic and completed a paramedic education program from a board approved university or college.

POSITION: NO POSITION. This is a priority for Douglas County. There was significant opposition leveled at the hearing including most of the home-based healthcare organizations in the state.

3. LB 106 - Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning
Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Hearing Date: February 12, 2015
Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee
NACO PRIORITY

This bill creates a mechanism for livestock operation siting and allows for certain officials to be on the board. This bill ran into serious opposition when debate began on this measure on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. While it appeared that a compromise was in the work early in the debate, that compromise fell apart on Tuesday.

4. LB 98 - State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: March 16, 2015
Appropriations Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Support with caveat around Health Care Cash funding levels

The bill would appropriate \$7 Million in both years of the biennium for tobacco use cessation.

5. LB 118 - Provide for licensure of cigar shops
Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill
Hearing Date: January 26, 2015
General Affairs Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Oppose

The bill re-creates an exemption for cigar bars. The bill has passed and was signed by the Governor.

6. LB 148 - Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: January 30, 2015
Health & Human Services Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting – Support

This bill carries former foster youth on Medicaid until the age of 26.

7. LB 332 - Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project
Introduced by Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell
Hearing Date: March 16, 2015

Appropriations Committee
Judy Halstead Discussed at January 29, 2015 Meeting - Support

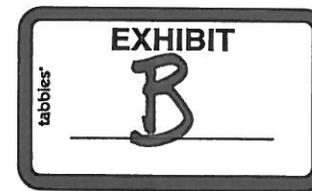
This bill appropriates \$600,000 in each year of the biennium to a drug disposal program.

8. Appropriation for Public Health Aid – HHS Budget

The Department of Health – along with others – is seeking a \$5.2 Million Appropriation. This would mean \$700,000 to Lincoln/Lancaster in both years of the biennium.

This concludes our report for this week. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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 Bills of Interest Report
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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB13	Krist		Change Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program provisions	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM466	LB 13 states 100% of the annual GF appropriation to the community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be set aside for the development of a common data system at the University of Nebraska at Omaha	Monitor	Monitor
LB15	Krist	Krist	Provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM514; AM514 Adopted; Select File w/ER52; Krist AM1005 Filed; AM1005 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST17	LB 15 states that a guardian ad-litem (GAL) is to receive required training required by the Nebraska Supreme Court	[DC Priority]	Monitor
LB16	Krist		Adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/22/2015		LB 16 provides quality jobs to people with disabilities by implementing the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act.		
LB25	Krist		Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM605			Monitor

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB30	McCoy		Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				
LB37	Krist		Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health and Human Services	1/21/2015	General File w/AM140; AM140 Adopted; Select File w/ER41; Krist AM470 Filed; AM470 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST13; Passed on Final Reading 43-0-6; Approved			
LB43	Coash		Provide for standby guardians and recovery of assets under the Nebraska Probate Code	Judiciary	1/21/2015	General File w/AM72; AM72 Adopted; Select File 2/5; Final Reading 2/17; Passed on Final Reading 48-0-1; Approved			

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB53	Scheer		Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/2015	General File 3/2; Scheer AM762 Filed;	LB 53 states as of January 1, 2017, a request for one license plate can be made for any passenger car. With a request for a single license plate and license decal, there is a one hundred dollar fee payable to the county treasurer		
LB61	Bolz		Change funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		LB61 would seek to repeal a provision in statute that currently requires counties to pay for rental costs or provide space to the Department of Health and Human Services for services that were provided by counties prior to those responsibilities being transferred to the	[LC Priority] Support	Support
LB65	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015	General File; Select File w/ER5; Shumacher AM67 Filed; AM67 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 49-0-0			Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB88	Campbell		Change fees relating to marriage licenses	Judiciary	1/21/2015	General File 1/27; Kintner AM110 Filed; Kintner AM131 Filed; Kintner AM155 Filed; AM155 Withdrawn; AM131 Withdrawn; Kintner AM185 Filed; AM185 Adopted; Select File 2/5; Bloomfield AM184 Filed; AM184 Withdrawn; Bloomfield FA13 Filed; FA13 Adopted; Passed on Final Reading 42-4-3; Approved		[LC Priority] Support	[NACO Priority]
LB94	Smith		Provide for issuance of printed motor vehicle certificate of title for nonresidents as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/20; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved			

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB98	Bolz		State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control	Appropriations	3/16/2015		Include in the appropriation to Agency No. 25 and Program No 30, for FY 2015-16, \$7 million Cash Funds and for FY 2016-17, \$7 million Cash Funds use for tobacco use prevention control from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	Support	[NACO Priority]
LB105	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	General File w/AM415	State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state	Support	[NACO Priority]

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB106	Watermeier	Watermeier	Adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act and change powers of counties relating to zoning	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	watermeier AM698; Watermeier AM643 Filed; General File w/AM521; Groene AM1018 Filed; Watermeier AM997 Filed; Davis AM1034 Filed; Watermeier AM1029 Filed;	LB 106 creates the Livestock Operating Siting and Expansion Act and to be implemented by the creation of the Livestock Operation Siting Review Board		Neutral
LB111	Larson		Require identification to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/23/2015	Larson AM107 Filed; Larson AM268 Filed; Larson AM219 Filed; Murante AM273 Filed; Murante AM270 Filed; Larson AM269 Filed; Schilz AM267 Filed; Murante AM271 Filed; Larson AM272 Filed; Chambers MO30 Filed; Chambers MO32 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO32 Prevails			

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LB113	Larson	Larson	Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services	Judiciary	2/18/2015	General File w/AM508	An inmate who request medical treatment will make a copayment of not less than \$10.00 when receiving non-emergency service. The visit shall be deducted from the inmate account as part of copayment. If the account has insufficient funds at the time of the non-emergency treatment, fifty percent of any future deposit shall be withheld until copayment amount owed is paid in full		

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LB118	Larson		Provide for licensure of cigar shops		1/26/2015	General File w/AM97; AM97 Adopted; Larson AM221 Filed; AM221 Adopted; Select File w/ER14; Schumacher AM343 Filed; AM221 Withdrawn; AM343 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST3; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-3-1; Approved		Oppose	
LB119	Schumacher		Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served	Judiciary	2/12/2015		All sentences of imprisonment for classified felonies and sentences of more than 1 year and any lesser sentence shall be served concurrently or consecutively with such sentences. Sentence of 1 year or less may be served in a county jail		

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LB120	Schumacher		Provide for seizure of license plates of certain uninsured motor vehicles or trailers as prescribed	Judiciary	1/28/2015		LB120 would authorize law enforcement to seize license plates from a vehicle if at the time the vehicle is pulled over and the driver is unable to produce proof of insurance. The citation issued would serve as a temporary plate for 10 days. If the vehicle was not insured at the time of the stop, in addition to other penalties and fees, the owner of the vehicle would pay \$50 to get the vehicle plates back. The result is that the vehicle remains conspicuous and more likely to be reticketed if it remains uninsured	[LC Priority] Support	

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LB122	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Bloomfield AM407 Filed; AM407 Adopted; Final Reading 2/23; Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3; Approved			
LB126	Nordquist		Change a combined contribution retirement benefit rate as prescribed	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/20/2015	General File w/AM12; AM12 Adopted; Select File w/ER1; Final Reading; Passed on Final Reading 49-0; Approved			

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LB131	Craighead		Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	Urban Affairs	1/27/2015	General File w/AM405	This bill provides financial guidance to Sanitary and Improvement Districts (SIDs) once the intent of their annexation by an adjacent qualifying city is made. This bill changes the restrictions on SIDs to enter into or extend contracts once they have been notified that a city is proposing the annex of the SID. After such, notification, the SID will need to seek the approval of the City before entering into any contracts.		Support
LB132	Ebke	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015	General File w/AM582	links Joint Public Agency bond issuance procedures to taxing powers. It requires Joint Public Agencies follow the bond issuance procedures a participating public agency would be required to follow to bond the particular revenue stream	Oppose	
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			Monitor	

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LB139	Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/27/2015	General File w/AM119; AM119 Adopted; Schumacher AM893 Filed; AM893 Adopted; Select File w/ER51			
LB142	Schilz		Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	Natural Resources	1/21/2015	General File w/AM45; AM45 Adopted; Select File w/ER20; Schilz AM255 Filed; AM255 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST8; Passed on Final Reading w/E-Clause 46-1-2; Approved	To create the Nebraska Aquatic Invasive Species Program to be used by Game and Parks to prevent and mitigate damage caused by aquatic invasive species such as the zebra mussel, silver carp, and other such species	Monitor	
LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/2015	General File w/AM142; AM142 Adopted; Select File w/ER42; Final Reading 3/10; Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5; Approved	LB 146 establishes a voluntary process for funeral homes to work with veteran service organizations to locate, identify and inter unclaimed cremated remains of veterans and their dependents for the purposes of burial in a veteran cemetery		Monitor

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB148	Crawford		Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care	Health and Human Services			Under Section 2004 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), foster youth who age out of the foster care system in Nebraska without reunification with their families or adoption are eligible for Medicaid coverage until age 26. This mirrors the provision in the PPACA allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plan until age 26	Monitor	Monitor
LB158	McCollister		Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation	Business and Labor	3/2/2015		No compensation shall be allowed if, at the time of or in the course of entering into employment or at the time of receiving notice of the removal of conditions from a conditional offer of employment		Monitor
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/2015			Support	Support

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LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472			Oppose
LB186	Bolz		Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	Revenue	1/29/2015		This bill allows for a resident or partial-year resident of Nebraska who owns or rents his primary residence to apply for a refundable income tax credit. The applicant must have resided at the property he or she is requesting for consideration for at least six months		
LB188	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	1/23/2015	General File w/AM374	The bill states that a passenger in a fleeing vehicle shall not be considered to be an innocent third party if the passenger (a) enters with knowledge the driver is under the influence (b) fails to take steps to persuade the driver of the fleeing vehicle to stop the vehicle (c) promotes or provokes the driver to flee (d) are themselves subject to arrest or (e) is engaged in illegal activity that would itself give rise to arrest	Support	Oppose

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LB202	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/26/2015				
LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB210	Ebke		Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments	Revenue	2/12/2015		<i>Relating to low income housing</i>		Monitor
LB212	Chambers		Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed	Judiciary	2/25/2015		Restraints shall not be used on a juvenile during a juvenile court proceeding and removed prior to the juvenile's appearance before the juvenile court. Unless there is cause to show the need of restraints in the court proceeding		Oppose
LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015				

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LB224	Harr		Provide and change restrictions relating to electioneering	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2015		LB 224 would require the placement of flags on the day of any election to indicate the area within 200 feet of a polling place unless that area is across a public thoroughfare or private property. It would also require the designation of an approximately ten feet by five feet yard- sign zone within the 200 foot area which would allow for any person to display a campaign sign in the zone beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. on the day of the election		
LB230	Mello		Change provisions relating to partition actions	Revenue	2/19/2015				[NACO Priority]
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/2015				
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations					

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LB241	Stinner		Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots	General Affairs	1/26/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved			
LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/2015				
LB245	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to DNA testing of biological material	Judiciary	1/30/2015	General File w/AM197; AM197 Adopted; Select File w/ER46; Harr FA29 Filed; Harr AM827 Filed; FA29 withdrawn; Harr AM843 Filed; AM843 Adopted; Final Reading w/ST15; Krist FA37 Filed;	This bill allows the court to order DNA testing, pursuant to a motion filed, that the biological material was not previously tested; material was tested, but current technology may provide more accurate findings		
LB250	Larson		Eliminate time restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1/26/2015				Monitor
LB253	Morfeld	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015	General File w/AM278			

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LB256	Bloomfield		Change the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales tax revenue	Revenue	2/20/2015		LB 256 would raise the state sales and use tax from the current five and one-half percent to six percent as of October 1, 2015.		
LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015	General File w/AM824	To exempt the first \$25,000 worth of personal property value for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor		Monitor
LB260	Gloor		Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors	Revenue	1/23/2015	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 46-0-3; Approved	To expand the time frame to three years from date of certified valuation for errors regarding valuation to be corrected by the Property Tax Administrator or to recertify said valuation within three years of distribution of the tax to a county		

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LB265	Campbell	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare	Judiciary	2/27/2015	General File w/AM878; AM878 Adopted; Krist AM1014 Filed; AM1014 Adopted; Select File w/ER61	LB 265 states a guardian ad-litem(GAL) will make a reasonable effort to become familiar with the needs of a juvenile by consultation with juvenile in his or her respective placement within 2 weeks of appointment and every 3 (was 6) months thereafter		Monitor
LB266	Crawford		Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM122; AM122 Adopted; Select File w/ER30; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved	Municipalities currently have the authority to regulate nuisances within their extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction. LB 266 amends various nuisance statutes to clarify this existing authority		Monitor

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LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015		to clarify that SID special assessments also survive the tax deed method so that SID special assessments are treated the same no matter which method a tax certificate holder uses to exercise his or rights to the property purchased at a tax sale		
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			Oppose
LB288	Ebke		Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Business and Labor	3/9/2015		Any collective-bargaining agreement involving a public employer entered into, renewed, or extended on or after the effective date of this act shall not contain provisions requiring or allowing the deduction of dues		Support

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LB290	Coash		Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender	Judiciary	2/12/2015	General File 2/20			
LB293	Schnoor		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		LB 293 would reduce the value of agricultural and horticultural land for taxation purposes. The rate would be reduced down to 65%, currently the range is between 69% to 75%.		
LB295	Scheer		Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Urban Affairs	2/3/2015	General File w/AM323	requires that cities of all classes and villages receive approval from county boards, with jurisdiction over an extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, before they are able to enforce ordinances, bylaws, rule, regulations, and resolutions within said extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction unless otherwise provided by law		Support

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LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			Monitor
LB309	Davis		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		In addition to other appropriations for FY2016-17 to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund		
LB319	Smith		Change provisions relating to elections conducted by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 319 states all registered voters of the political subdivision or a district or ward of the political subdivision are eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters		
LB325	Davis	Speaker Had	Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File 3/10	Makes changes to the provisions dealing with rural and suburban fire protection districts	[DC Priority]	
LB331	Nordquist		Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	Revenue	2/11/2015				
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations	3/16/2015			Support	Support
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/2015				

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LB337	Harr		Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act	Natural Resources	2/5/2015		Several changes are proposed to change the use of the Act to include energy demand reduction projects. Those eligible for funding would include any natural person, political subdivisions, corporations or other businesses that receive energy service from an eligible entity at a building that receives no greater than a one thousand kilowatt demand. Funding for the program is increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000		Oppose
LB340	Brasch		Provide signage requirements and duties for the Nebraska State Patrol under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act	Judiciary	3/20/2015		The Nebraska State Patrol will design a standardized sign for use by any person, entity, or employer in control of property prohibiting a permit holder from carrying a concealed handgun in or on the place or premises		

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LB341	Howard		Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	Banking Commerce & Insurance	3/9/2015		states that an insurer may not cancel coverage or deny reimbursement for services covered by the plan for an individual in jail. LB 341 allows for reimbursement of a political subdivision by the insurer for services covered of an individual in custody. Coverage can be denied if the injuries occurred as a result of violation of law		Oppose
LB344	Kolowski		Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources	3/6/2015		LB 344 gives Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) the power and authority to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing all or part of the cost of non-revenue-producing water projects authorized by law		Oppse

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LB345	Kolowski		Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	2/12/2015		The bill creates the Property Tax Relief Act to provide property tax relief for property taxes levied against homesteads. Homestead is to mean residence or mobile home and the land surrounding it		
LB347	Krist	Speaker Had	Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system	Judiciary	2/26/2015	General File w/AM598; AM598 Adopted; Select File w/ER63			
LB350	Brasch	Brasch	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		This bill decreases valuations by 10% from 75% to 65%		
LB356	Harr	Revenue	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	2/26/2015	General File w/AM803; Harr AM867 Filed; AM803 Adopted; AM867 Withdrawn; Harr AM930 Filed; AM930 Adopted; Select File w/ER54; Harr AM977 Filed; AM977 Adopted	provide safe, decent and affordable rent-restricted housing in Nebraska. LB 356 prescribes standards and methods for the determination of value of real property at uniform and proportionate values		Neutral
LB357	Smith	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/2015				Oppose

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LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015		LB 359 increases a state fee collected by local subdivisions assessed upon licensure of cats and dogs		
LB376	Hansen		Provide that public charitable corporations are subject to the Deferred Building Renewal Act	Executive Board	2/17/2015		The purpose of LB 376 is to allow for Public Charitable Corporations to request funding under the Deferred Building Renewal Act		Monitor
LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose
LB384	Lindstrom		Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		<i>Land owner with 160 acres of crop land may have 30 acres to 160 acres valued as pasture if planted to perennial cover</i>		
LB387	Schnoor		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		The State Treasurer shall transfer sixty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2015		Oppose

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LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/2015		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(l)(iii) to read: <u>plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars</u>		
LB398	Harr		Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	Revenue	3/5/2015		This bill sets forth that beginning January 1, 2017, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax. Property owned and used for agricultural and horticultural societies, educational, religious, etc		
LB406	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property as prescribed	Judiciary	2/19/2015		An action would not be taken against an individual for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property, if that person has been in actual possession for twenty years		[NACO Priority]

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LB414	Harr	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015	General File	Every society organized or licensed is a charitable and benevolent institution, with all funds and property being exempt from all and every state, county, district, municipal and school tax		
LB415	Pansing Brooks	Speaker Had	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	General File w/AM200; AM200 Adopted; Select File w/ER65			Support
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/2015				
LB420	Crawford		Require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate in a sanitary and improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/10/2015	General File 2/18	LB 420 would require a salesperson or real estate broker or owner to have acknowledgement from purchaser he or she understands property lies within an SID		Monitor
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015				

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LB427	Groene		Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/2015		This bill allows for the state to pay the cost of probation offices and those facilities performing in their official capacity. Actual and necessary expenses shall be paid		
LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/2015	General File w/AM733		[LC Priority] Support	[NACO Priority]
LB432	Baker		Change provisions relating to access to and copying of public records	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs		Baker MO7 Withdraw Bill Filed; Bill Withdrawn	Makes changes including allowing the custodian of the records to provide the requested materials in an electronic format	Monitor	Oppose
LB442	Bolz		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/2015		Appropriation for FY 2015-16 for 20,000,000 to the property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Second appropriation of same amount for FY 2016-17.		
LB460	Nordquist		Provide for licensure of charter bus and limousine services and pedal-pub vehicles for the consumption of alcohol	General Affairs	2/2/2015	General File w/AM396	This bill would create a licensure process for "party buses" as well as pedal vehicles where you can consume alcohol		Monitor
LB472	Campbell	Health and H	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	Health and Human Services	2/25/2015	General File w/AM676	This year's Medicaid expansion effort also includes a redesign of Medicaid.	Support	

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LB476	Davis		Provide duties for county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator relating to tax-exempt real property	Revenue	3/5/2015		On or before December 1 each year, the county assessor will compile a list of parcel of real property in the county exempt from the property tax, and determine the estimated market value		Monitor
LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/2015	General File w/AM485	Removes: all counties, townships, cities, and villages of Nebraska that may erect or aid in the erection of statues, monuments, or other memorials commemorating the services of the members of the Armed Forces of the Civil, Spanish – American, or World Wars or the Korean or Vietnam conflict to be located upon the public lands or within the public buildings within such county, township, city or village	Monitor	

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LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/2015	General File w/AM691; AM691 Adopted; Select File w/ER64			
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015				
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				
LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015				Support
LB499	Krist		Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015		This bill is a shell bill that will be utilized by Senator Krist if needed to address the recommendations of either the LR434 Investigative Committee or the CSG Report. He suggested that LB500 is also part of this equation.	[DC Priority]	

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LB500	Howard	Speaker Hadley	Require application for medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and functional family therapy	Health and Human Services	3/4/2015	General File w/AM650; AM650 Adopted; Select File3/26;	On or before July 1, 2015, the department shall submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services		
LB502	Krist		State intent to establish a family court pilot project	Judiciary	2/26/2015		Legislature declares family courts programs to be working and that the Supreme Court shall establish a pilot project of family court in Douglas County		
LB514	Craighead		Change provisions relating to registering to vote and voting early at the same time	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015	General File 2/23	Legislative Bill 514 amends Nebraska Revised Statute 32-942 by adding an option for voters who wish to register to vote and vote early on the same day		
LB518	Riepe		Provide for changes to the medical assistance program	Health and Human Services	3/18/2015		LB 518 establishes the Nebraska Health Savings Account Plan to provide state funds for eligible recipients		

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LB539	Watermeier	Speaker Hadley	Change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/6/2015	General File w/AM487; Crawford AM653 Filed;	LB 539 states that the Auditor of Public accounts shall have access to any and all information and records, confidential or otherwise, including privileged communications, unless otherwise denied such access by federal law or explicitly named and denied access by state law		
LB543	Harr		Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under medicaid	Health and Human Services	2/6/2015		LB 543 establishes criteria and requirements for certification for community paramedics. To be eligible for certification, an individual must be a licensed paramedic and completed a paramedic education program from a board approved university or college		
LB544	Harr		Adopt the Community Gardens Act	Agriculture	2/24/2015	General File w/AM697			

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB549	Campbell		Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	2/20/2015		LB549 creates the Health Care Transformation Act to encourage collaboration among all health care system stakeholders in the state to create a 15 year vision to include the Building Blocks of Health Care		Oppose
LB556	Kolowski		Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent	Business and Labor			, at the option of the employee, make the exclusive remedy protection for the employer inapplicable in cases where the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court has made a determination that the injury is due to the willful negligence of the employer		
LB560	Williams		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	Appropriations	3/3/2015		Appropriation of \$25,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2015-16 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for building projects at the Nebraska Innovation Campus		Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB561	Stinner	Stinner	Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015	General File 2/23			
LB564	Lindstrom		Change duties and obligations relating to the mowing of weeds along county roads	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015		LB 564 states that roadside mowing be done on a scheduled rotational basis with no more than one-third of the county property mowed within a one year		Support
LB567	Johnson		Permit transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2/11/2015		LB 567 seeks to establish legislative intent of the law and to clarify the section		Support
LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2015	General File w/AM398	LB 570 states that between sunrise and sunset, a city, county, or village may implement standards for golf car vehicles for use. This includes that if an operator is found guilty of a violation and having no limited liability insurance would be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor		Support
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB575	Murante	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting, write-in candidates, and filling vacancies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015				Oppose
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015	General File w/AM189			Monitor
LB578	Murante		Change provisions relating to elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2015		LB 578 states that any judge or clerk of election, precinct or district inspector or temp election worker may choose not to be paid for the hours he or she works		
LB579	Murante		Change traffic accident reporting requirements as prescribed and authorize a fee for a copy of a peace officer report	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/17/2015				Monitor
LB587	McCollister		Change the motor vehicle tax schedules	Revenue	3/18/2015		Changes the motor vehicle tax schedule for motor vehicles other than passenger cars; automobiles and motorcycles. Operative date of January 1, 2016		
LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015				Oppose

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LB590	Friesen		Change provisions relating to a taxable value certified under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	2/2/2015		LB 590 states when the county assessor provides the total taxable value by a school district in the county for the current assessment year, the county assessor is to include the assessed valuation of any taxable real property having it's property taxes divided, rather than property's redevelopment project valuation		
LB592	Bolz		Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders	Judiciary	2/20/2015		LB 592 in one of six legislative bills introduced this session to address issues raised by the Interim Study report 424. LB 592 adds "personality disorder" to the definition of a mentally ill		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB593	Nordquist		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to study current health data systems	Appropriations	3/3/2015		LB 593 Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund FY 2015-2016, to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to fund the University of Nebraska Medical Center for a current study of Nebraska health data systems		[NACO Priority]
LB602	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change collection provisions relating to judges retirement fees	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM308	LB 602 adds that Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee goes from \$6 to \$8 and shall be taxed as costs in pretrial diversion in a criminal cause of action or traffic misdemeanor or infraction in such courts beginning October 1, 2015		Monitor
LB603	Bloomfield		Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015				Support
LB604	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to reimbursement to political subdivisions under the Governor's Emergency Program	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs		Bloomfield MO26 Withdraw Bill Filed; Bill Withdrawn			Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB605	Mello	Speaker Hadley	Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee	Judiciary	2/20/2015		LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session		
LB606	Mello		Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed	Judiciary	2/20/2015				
LB609	Smith		Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/2015		The bill creates a mechanism for priority of bridge repairs in Nebraska and to have broad representation in the prioritization. This is a high priority bill for many of the road users, contractors and others		Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB610	Smith	Friesen	Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015	General File 3/11	This bill would increase the motor vehicle fuel excise tax by \$1.50 over the course of four years. The funding would go in part to cities, counties and the state. The state portion would go towards LB609 which creates a bridge bank and allows for the prioritization of bridge repair and replacement		
LB615	Kintner		Provide a property tax exemption for homesteads of certain persons	Revenue	2/12/2015		LB615 would require the frozen assessed value to be adjusted after any substantial improvements by the owner to the homestead		
LB623	Nordquist	McCollister	Provide for issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses and state ID cards to persons with lawful status	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015				Support
LB626	Campbell		Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/2015		Is intended to increase the registration fee for vehicles and move an amount into a Bridge Bank		

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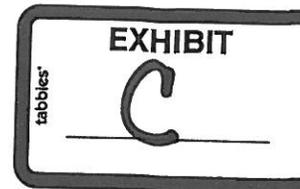
LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB630	Krist		Provide duties for the Nebraska State Patrol regarding criminal history record information checks	Judiciary	2/5/2015		LB states upon request for a criminal history record, the Nebraska State Patrol undertakes a search for criminal history record information of applicant to include fingerprint's of the applicant to the FBI for a national criminal history check		Monitor
LB631	Scheer		Change medicaid provisions relating to acceptance of and assent to federal law	Health and Human Services	3/18/2015		LB 631 states that the state shall accept the provisions of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, public law 111-148		Monitor
LB633	Stinner		Appropriate funds for state aid to municipalities and counties	Appropriations	3/18/2015	Stinner AM880 Filed;	Appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects		Support
LB639	Garrett		Provide authority for the Department of Roads to issue permits to control roadside vegetation as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/2015		Department may require permits for the control of vegetation in the vicinity of advertising signs, displays or devices placed		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015				
LB649	Kintner	McCoy	Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015	General File w/AM821	LB 649 states that all votes taken by public officials in the course of their public duties shall be considered public record.		
LB651	Bloomfield		Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	Judiciary	2/5/2015	Indefinitely Postponed			
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/2015				
LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/2015				

LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC Position	NACO Position
LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM885	This bill raises the salary for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court in Nebraska by 2.25% on July 1, 2015 and by 2.40% on July 1, 2016		

Nebraska Legislature



NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE

One Hundred Fourth Legislature

First Session

SEQ. NO: 536

LB 610

Smith

DATE: 4/1/15

General File

TIME: 12:10 PM

ADVANCE TO E&R INITIAL

HOUSE UNDER CALL

AYE: 26 NAY: 10 PRESENT NOT VOTING: 8 ABSENT NOT VOTING: 1 EXCUSED: 4

AYE : 26

* Baker	* Groene	* Johnson	* McCollister	* Schumacher
* Campbell	* Haar, K.	* Kolowski	* Morfeld	* Seiler
* Coash	* Hadley	* Kolterman	* Nordquist	* Smith
* Crawford	* Harr, B.	* Kuehn	* Pansing Brooks	* Stinner
* Friesen	* Hughes	* Lindstrom	* Scheer	* Williams
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* Bolz	* Chambers	* Kintner	* Murante	* Watermeier

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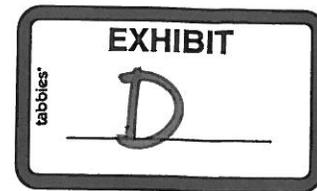
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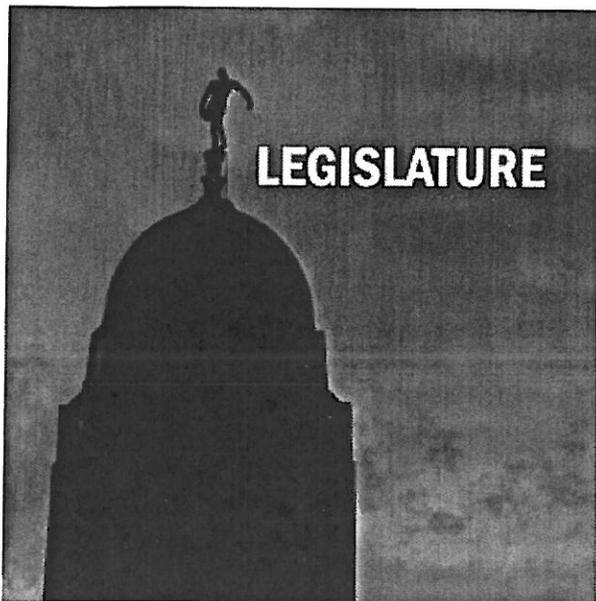
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UNK professors' study outlines benefits of Medicaid expansion for state



11 HOURS AGO • BY JOANNE YOUNG | LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR

Two University of Nebraska at Kearney professors are hoping Nebraska state senators will look at Medicaid expansion somewhat differently this session.

"If Medicaid expansion does not occur, there will be a tremendous negative impact on the state," said Ron Konecny, co-author of a Medicaid expansion study released Wednesday.

The Medicaid Redesign Act (LB472), introduced this session by Lincoln Sen. Kathy Campbell, is not an economic development bill, Konecny said, it's an economic salvation bill.

Konecny, a professor of management, and Allan Jenkins, an economics professor, both at UNK, recently completed a study that shows the state's economy would conservatively avoid more than \$1 billion in silent taxes, medical-related bankruptcies and unnecessary state spending in the next five years with expanded Medicaid.

With expansion, the state would receive nearly \$2.1 billion during that time, drawing \$992,000 daily in federal expansion funding and generating \$5 billion in increased economic activity, the study showed.

It would save, create and support 47,000 jobs between 2015 and 2020.

"It preserves the hospitals. It preserves jobs. It preserves communities," Konecny said.

Health care is not welfare, Jenkins said. Medicaid expansion is about protecting the health care infrastructure.

Rural hospitals all over the country are closing because of bad debt and charity care, he said.

Individual families have limited resources if anything bad happens, Jenkins said. The Federal Reserve says half of American families cannot come up with \$400 for emergencies without borrowing or selling something.

Expansion would generate \$174.8 million in state and local taxes, which would be more than enough to offset the \$81 million cost to the state to expand Medicaid to 79,600 low-income, working Nebraskans, the study said.

Konecny, who formerly did revenue forecasting for the state, said his track record on economic projections is "extremely good."

Overall, he said, Medicaid expansion would provide a modest gain in revenues for the state, a great gain for local communities, and for businesses and individuals, there are huge gains.

Of the top 10 states in reducing bankruptcies, he said, seven were states that expanded Medicaid. Eight of the 10 states with the best growth in employment are expansion states.

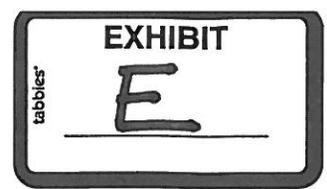
Much of the early discussion of expansion was focused on the costs to the state -- which are always more obvious -- with little discussion of the benefits, which are harder to estimate, Jenkins said.

The act would expand Medicaid to Nebraska adults who fall into a health insurance coverage gap between current Medicaid requirements and insurance exchange coverage.

The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee advanced Campbell's bill to the full Legislature for debate this session.

Campbell said it is important to have the discussion, particularly with the 18 new members. Opponents could very likely filibuster the bill again, as they have in the past, each time successfully. Thirty-three votes to break the filibuster will be difficult to get, Campbell said.

Last year, opponents of Medicaid expansion said there were other ways to make health care access better and the cost lower. They said the expansion would saddle taxpayers with a massive bill for a government-run program ill-suited to meet the needs of the poorest Nebraskans.



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ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Introduced by _____,

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine policy matters concerning all counties in Nebraska when increasing the population threshold from three-hundred thousand to five-hundred thousand.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

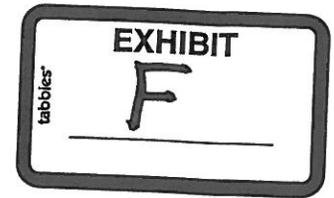
1. The policy decisions which resulted in exemptions from certain population thresholds;
2. The potential classification of counties based on population;
3. Projected populations by 2020; and
4. Potential legislation clarifying when the population threshold is effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

AMENDMENTS TO LB15
(Amendments to Final Reading copy)



Introduced by Krist, 10.

1 1. On page 4, line 20, after "thereafter" insert ", unless the court
2 approves other methods of consultation as provided in subsection (6) of
3 this section,"; and in lines 21 and 22 strike the new matter.

4 2. On page 5, lines 6 and 7, strike "relevant stakeholders" and
5 insert "individuals described in subdivision (d) of this subsection";
6 strike beginning with "A" in line 8 through "43-1301" in line 10; in line
7 12 strike beginning with the first comma through "alternative", show as
8 stricken, and insert "As an alternative to the written reports and
9 recommendations"; and in line 14 after "hearing" insert ". A copy of the
10 written reports and recommendations to the court or a copy of the
11 checklist presented to the court shall also be submitted to the Foster
12 Care Review Office for any juvenile in foster care placement as defined
13 in section 43-1301".

14 3. On page 6, strike lines 13 through 29 and insert the following
15 new subsection:

16 "(6) The guardian ad litem shall meet in person with the juvenile
17 for purposes of the consultation required by subdivision (2)(d) of this
18 section unless prohibited or made impracticable by exceptional
19 circumstances, including, but not limited to, situations in which an
20 unreasonable geographical distance is involved between the location of
21 the guardian ad litem and the juvenile. When such exceptional
22 circumstances exist, the guardian ad litem shall attempt such
23 consultation by other reasonable means, including, but not limited to, by
24 telephone or suitable electronic means, if the juvenile is of sufficient
25 age and capacity to participate in such means of communication and there
26 are no other barriers preventing such means of communication. If

1 consultation by telephone or suitable electronic means is not feasible,
2 the guardian ad litem shall seek direction from the court as to any other
3 acceptable method by which to accomplish consultation required by
4 subdivision (2)(d) of this section."



Lancaster County

Experience Summary and Cost Review

Plan Year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Experience through December 31, 2014

April 2, 2015

Lancaster County
Medical & Rx Monthly Report

	Enrollment						Administration Expenses					Claim Expenses						Total Cost Summary				
	EE	2 Party	4 Party	Family	Total	Total Members	Admin Fees	Specific Stop Loss Prem	Agg Stop Loss Prem	AEA FEES	Total Admin Costs	Medical Claims	Rx Claims	Other Claims (M/N, vision)	Other Claims (Run-out, capitated expense)	Total Gross Paid Claims	Claims Over Specific	Net Paid Claims	Total Plan Cost	Expected Plan Cost	Amount Over / (Under) Expected	Ratio of Actual to Expected
Jan-14	405	122	84	242	853	1883	\$37,711	\$49,414	-	\$52	\$87,177	\$428,265	\$206,696	-	-	\$634,961	\$0	\$634,961	\$722,138	\$910,006	(\$187,868)	79.4%
Feb-14	405	124	81	243	853	1895	\$37,711	\$49,414	-	\$1,303	\$88,428	\$919,100	\$156,200	-	-	\$1,075,300	\$0	\$1,075,300	\$1,163,728	\$910,006	\$253,722	127.9%
Mar-14	402	124	79	241	846	1884	\$37,402	\$49,009	-	\$674	\$87,084	\$632,218	\$190,951	-	-	\$823,169	\$0	\$823,169	\$910,253	\$902,539	\$7,715	100.9%
Apr-14	399	124	75	244	842	1885	\$37,225	\$48,777	-	\$170	\$86,172	\$702,779	\$212,063	-	-	\$914,842	\$0	\$914,842	\$1,001,014	\$898,271	\$102,743	111.4%
May-14	388	121	76	243	828	1873	\$36,606	\$47,966	-	\$350	\$84,922	\$444,448	\$196,366	-	-	\$640,814	\$0	\$640,814	\$725,736	\$883,336	(\$157,600)	82.2%
Jun-14	392	123	76	242	833	1863	\$36,827	\$48,256	-	\$2,203	\$87,286	\$592,224	\$178,504	-	-	\$770,728	\$0	\$770,728	\$858,014	\$888,670	(\$30,656)	96.6%
Jul-14	392	123	73	242	830	1864	\$36,694	\$48,082	-	\$128	\$84,904	\$913,627	\$211,642	-	-	\$1,125,269	\$0	\$1,125,269	\$1,210,173	\$885,469	\$324,704	136.7%
Aug-14	398	123	73	238	832	1849	\$36,783	\$48,198	-	\$250	\$85,230	\$599,949	\$218,962	-	-	\$818,911	\$0	\$818,911	\$904,141	\$887,603	\$16,539	101.9%
Sep-14	397	121	73	237	828	1839	\$36,606	\$47,966	-	\$1,250	\$85,822	\$835,596	\$250,327	-	-	\$1,085,923	(\$3,870)	\$1,082,053	\$1,167,875	\$883,336	\$284,539	132.2%
Oct-14	395	121	73	240	829	1845	\$36,650	\$48,024	-	\$507	\$85,181	\$790,090	\$187,994	-	-	\$978,084	(\$21,987)	\$956,097	\$1,041,278	\$884,402	\$156,876	117.7%
Nov-14	394	121	75	238	828	1844	\$36,606	\$47,966	-	\$542	\$85,114	\$461,046	\$174,598	-	-	\$635,644	(\$10,800)	\$624,844	\$709,958	\$883,336	(\$173,378)	80.4%
Dec-14	394	122	76	240	832	1852	\$36,783	\$48,198	-	\$1,410	\$86,390	\$566,067	\$175,813	-	-	\$741,880	(\$26,043)	\$715,837	\$802,227	\$887,603	(\$85,375)	90.4%
Total	4761	1469	914	2890	10034	22376	\$443,603	\$581,270	-	\$8,839	\$1,033,712	\$7,885,409	\$2,360,116	\$0	\$0	\$10,245,525	(\$62,700)	\$10,182,825	\$11,216,537	\$10,704,577	\$511,960	
Monthly Avg					836	1865	\$36,967	\$48,439	-	\$737	\$86,143	\$657,117	\$196,676	\$0	\$0	\$853,794	(\$5,225)	\$848,569	\$934,711	\$892,048	\$42,663	
Avg PEPM							\$44.21	\$57.93	-	\$0.88	\$103.02	\$785.87	\$235.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,021.08	(\$6.25)	\$1,014.83	\$1,117.85	\$1,066.83	\$51.02	104.8%
Avg PMPM							\$19.82	\$25.98	-	\$0.40	\$46.20	\$352.40	\$105.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$457.88	(\$2.80)	\$455.08	\$501.28	\$478.40	\$22.88	

Lancaster County
2014 Large Claim Report through December 2014
Claims Over \$100,000 (50%) of the Specific Deductible

The information on this report is for general client reporting purposes and is not meant to be used for risk evaluation or assessment for underwriting purposes

Claimant	Relationship to Employee	Member Status	Diagnosis *	Total Paid YTD	Amount Over the Specific	Net Plan Cost	% of Net Plan Paid Claims
#1	Employee	Active	Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	\$260,163	\$60,163	\$200,000	2.0%
#2	Employee	Active	Fracture of Base of Skull	\$202,538	\$2,538	\$200,000	2.0%
#3	Employee	Active	Bacterial Meningitis	\$178,286	\$0	\$178,286	1.8%
#4	Spouse	Active	Peripheral Enthesopathies and Allied Syndromes / Multiple Sclerosis	\$173,366	\$0	\$173,366	1.7%
#5	Employee	Active	Bulbus Cordis Anomalies and Anomalies of Cardiac Septal Closure	\$156,405	\$0	\$156,405	1.5%
#6	Employee	Active	Myeloid Leukemia	\$150,265	\$0	\$150,265	1.5%
#7	Spouse	Active	Neoplasm of Uncertain Behavior of other and Unspecified Sites and Tissues	\$147,381	\$0	\$147,381	1.4%
#8	Employee	Active	Chronic Renal Failure	\$137,402	\$0	\$137,402	1.3%
#9	Spouse	Active	Malignant Neoplasm of Female Breast	\$127,628	\$0	\$127,628	1.3%
#10	Employee	Active	Malignant Neoplasm of Body of Uterus	\$123,289	\$0	\$123,289	1.2%
#11	Spouse	Active	Epilepsy	\$118,518	\$0	\$118,518	1.2%
#12	Employee	Active	Disorders of Plasma Protein Metabolism	\$114,800	\$0	\$114,800	1.1%
#13	Employee	Active	Disorders of Parathyroid Gland	\$112,442	\$0	\$112,442	1.1%
#14	Spouse	Active/COBRA	Hyperplasia of Prostate / Fitting and Adjustment of Other Device	\$105,304	\$0	\$105,304	1.0%
#15	Employee	Active	Osteoarthritis and Allied Disorders	\$100,499	\$0	\$100,499	1.0%
				Total Paid Claims		Total Net Plan Paid Claims	
Total Large Claims				\$2,208,286	\$62,701	\$2,145,585	
Total Paid Claims YTD				\$10,245,525		\$10,182,825	
Large Claims as a Percent of the Total				21.6%		21.1%	

Reinsurance Carrier	BCBSNE
Specific Deductible	\$200,000
Aggregating Specific Deductible	N/A
Lasers	No
Specific Contract	Paid
Specific Maximum	Unlimited
Lifetime Specific Maximum	Lifetime
Benefits Covered	Medical, Rx

**Lancaster County
2014 Large Claim Tracking**

Individual Specific Deductible: \$200,000
Aggregating Specific Deductible: N/A
Benefits Covered Under Contract: Medical / Rx
Contract Basis: Paid
Individual Claims in Excess of \$100,000, paid through: December 31, 2014

	Claim #1			Claim #7			Claim #2			Claim #10			Total Adjustment
	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	
Jan-14	\$45,688	\$45,688	\$0	\$19,552	\$19,552	\$0	\$11	\$11	\$0	\$609	\$609	\$0	\$0
Feb-14	\$12,883	\$58,571	\$0	\$34,473	\$54,025	\$0	\$84	\$95	\$0	\$20,731	\$21,340	\$0	\$0
Mar-14	\$40,749	\$99,320	\$0	\$15,057	\$69,082	\$0	\$11	\$106	\$0	\$30,096	\$51,436	\$0	\$0
Apr-14	\$27,478	\$126,798	\$0	\$13,455	\$82,537	\$0	\$97	\$203	\$0	\$18,992	\$70,428	\$0	\$0
May-14	\$10,862	\$137,660	\$0	\$6,739	\$89,276	\$0	\$24	\$227	\$0	\$5,167	\$75,595	\$0	\$0
Jun-14	\$21,891	\$159,551	\$0	\$18,477	\$107,753	\$0	\$111	\$338	\$0	\$8,106	\$83,701	\$0	\$0
Jul-14	\$12,337	\$171,888	\$0	\$4,258	\$112,011	\$0	\$154,753	\$155,091	\$0	\$36,711	\$120,412	\$0	\$0
Aug-14	\$21,078	\$192,966	\$0	\$1,191	\$113,202	\$0	\$4,049	\$159,140	\$0	\$1,412	\$121,824	\$0	\$0
Sep-14	\$10,904	\$203,870	-\$3,870	\$11,488	\$124,690	\$0	\$30,480	\$189,620	\$0	\$1,139	\$122,963	\$0	-\$3,870
Oct-14	\$21,987	\$225,857	-\$21,987	\$6,898	\$131,588	\$0	\$7,765	\$197,385	\$0	\$0	\$122,963	\$0	-\$21,987
Nov-14	\$10,800	\$236,657	-\$10,800	\$11,524	\$143,112	\$0	\$2,186	\$199,571	\$0	\$314	\$123,277	\$0	-\$10,800
Dec-14	\$23,506	\$260,163	-\$23,506	\$4,268	\$147,380	\$0	\$2,966	\$202,537	-\$2,537	\$13	\$123,290	\$0	-\$26,043
YTD Total	\$260,163		-\$60,163	\$147,380		\$0	\$202,537		-\$2,537	\$123,290		\$0	-\$62,700

	Claim #11			Claim #6			Claim #14			Claim #9		
	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment									
Jan-14	\$953	\$953	\$0	\$15,919	\$15,919	\$0	\$184	\$184	\$0	\$23,229	\$23,229	\$0
Feb-14	\$18,180	\$19,133	\$0	\$635	\$16,554	\$0	\$173	\$357	\$0	\$6,372	\$29,601	\$0
Mar-14	\$1,004	\$20,137	\$0	\$15,949	\$32,503	\$0	\$298	\$655	\$0	\$13,415	\$43,016	\$0
Apr-14	\$7,171	\$27,308	\$0	\$16,388	\$48,891	\$0	\$153	\$808	\$0	\$8,102	\$51,118	\$0
May-14	\$867	\$28,175	\$0	\$16,090	\$64,981	\$0	\$243	\$1,051	\$0	\$1,974	\$53,092	\$0
Jun-14	\$28,013	\$56,188	\$0	\$16,401	\$81,382	\$0	\$55,498	\$56,549	\$0	\$12,404	\$65,496	\$0
Jul-14	\$2,771	\$58,959	\$0	\$17,431	\$98,813	\$0	\$22,676	\$79,225	\$0	\$20,850	\$86,346	\$0
Aug-14	\$45,283	\$104,242	\$0	\$10,075	\$108,888	\$0	\$37,065	\$116,290	\$0	\$19,469	\$105,815	\$0
Sep-14	\$8,235	\$112,477	\$0	\$9,992	\$118,880	\$0	\$4,043	\$120,333	\$0	\$3,684	\$109,499	\$0
Oct-14	\$4,093	\$116,570	\$0	\$9,807	\$128,687	\$0	\$11,261	\$131,594	\$0	\$9,331	\$118,830	\$0
Nov-14	\$1,028	\$117,598	\$0	\$11,291	\$139,978	\$0	-\$27,995	\$103,599	\$0	\$1,750	\$120,580	\$0
Dec-14	\$919	\$118,517	\$0	\$10,286	\$150,264	\$0	\$1,704	\$105,303	\$0	\$7,048	\$127,628	\$0
YTD Total	\$118,517		\$0	\$150,264		\$0	\$105,303		\$0	\$127,628		\$0



Lancaster County
2014 Large Claim Tracking

Individual Specific Deductible: \$200,000
 Aggregating Specific Deductible: N/A
 Benefits Covered Under Contract: Medical / Rx
 Contract Basis: Paid
 Individual Claims in Excess of \$100,000, paid through: December 31, 2014

	Claim #3			Claim #4			Claim #13			Claim #12		
	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment									
Jan-14	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,714	\$9,714	\$0	\$1,054	\$1,054	\$0	\$12,629	\$12,629	\$0
Feb-14	\$780	\$780	\$0	\$9,665	\$19,379	\$0	\$2,280	\$3,334	\$0	\$3,449	\$16,078	\$0
Mar-14	\$6,180	\$6,960	\$0	\$9,787	\$29,166	\$0	\$9,749	\$13,083	\$0	\$16,107	\$32,185	\$0
Apr-14	\$4,131	\$11,091	\$0	\$13,260	\$42,426	\$0	\$1,071	\$14,154	\$0	\$9,240	\$41,425	\$0
May-14	\$254	\$11,345	\$0	\$8,108	\$50,534	\$0	\$155	\$14,309	\$0	\$8,416	\$49,841	\$0
Jun-14	\$10,366	\$21,711	\$0	\$10,709	\$61,243	\$0	\$963	\$15,272	\$0	\$9,130	\$58,971	\$0
Jul-14	\$417	\$22,128	\$0	\$10,201	\$71,444	\$0	\$575	\$15,847	\$0	\$8,838	\$67,809	\$0
Aug-14	\$13,164	\$35,292	\$0	\$9,311	\$80,755	\$0	\$31,862	\$47,709	\$0	\$12,380	\$80,189	\$0
Sep-14	\$138,526	\$173,818	\$0	\$36,435	\$117,190	\$0	\$63,570	\$111,279	\$0	\$4,688	\$84,877	\$0
Oct-14	\$4,040	\$177,858	\$0	\$9,759	\$126,949	\$0	\$780	\$112,059	\$0	\$16,599	\$101,476	\$0
Nov-14	\$429	\$178,287	\$0	\$37,589	\$164,538	\$0	\$195	\$112,254	\$0	\$2,740	\$104,216	\$0
Dec-14	\$0	\$178,287	\$0	\$8,827	\$173,365	\$0	\$189	\$112,443	\$0	\$10,585	\$114,801	\$0
YTD Total	\$178,287		\$0	\$173,365		\$0	\$112,443		\$0	\$114,801		\$0

	Claim #15			Claim #5			Claim #8			Claim #		
	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment	Per Month	YTD Total	Adjustment
Jan-14	\$1,002	\$1,002	\$0	\$539	\$539	\$0	\$4,664	\$4,664	\$0		\$0	\$0
Feb-14	\$422	\$1,424	\$0	\$1,426	\$1,965	\$0	\$1,055	\$5,719	\$0		\$0	\$0
Mar-14	\$1,294	\$2,718	\$0	\$523	\$2,488	\$0	\$706	\$6,425	\$0		\$0	\$0
Apr-14	\$67,015	\$69,733	\$0	\$473	\$2,961	\$0	\$497	\$6,922	\$0		\$0	\$0
May-14	\$400	\$70,133	\$0	\$584	\$3,545	\$0	\$2,111	\$9,033	\$0		\$0	\$0
Jun-14	\$341	\$70,474	\$0	\$354	\$3,899	\$0	\$1,400	\$10,433	\$0		\$0	\$0
Jul-14	\$493	\$70,967	\$0	\$22,402	\$26,301	\$0	\$17,446	\$27,879	\$0		\$0	\$0
Aug-14	\$1,225	\$72,192	\$0	\$3,337	\$29,638	\$0	\$520	\$28,399	\$0		\$0	\$0
Sep-14	\$27,577	\$99,769	\$0	\$2,787	\$32,425	\$0	\$46,827	\$75,226	\$0		\$0	\$0
Oct-14	\$243	\$100,012	\$0	\$119,050	\$151,475	\$0	\$24,040	\$99,266	\$0		\$0	\$0
Nov-14	\$275	\$100,287	\$0	\$4,003	\$155,478	\$0	\$21,025	\$120,291	\$0		\$0	\$0
Dec-14	\$212	\$100,499	\$0	\$928	\$156,406	\$0	\$17,112	\$137,403	\$0		\$0	\$0
YTD Total	\$100,499		\$0	\$156,406		\$0	\$137,403		\$0	\$0		\$0



Lancaster County
Financial Year over year numbers

Year	Total Paid	Administration	Paid Claims	% Increase	Members
2014	\$11,216,537	\$1,033,712	\$10,245,525	-1%	10,034
2013	\$11,179,929	\$954,205	\$10,368,982	21%	10,134
2012	\$9,419,732	\$842,272	\$8,577,460	1%	10,039
2011	\$9,341,787	\$836,974	\$8,504,813		10,383
Year	# of Claimants over \$200,000	Dollars Spent over \$200,000	Premium dollars paid to BCBSNE		
2014	2	\$62,700	\$581,270		
2013	3	\$143,261	\$497,478		
2012	1	\$223,301	\$417,622		
2011	1	\$246,800	\$332,256		
		\$676,062	\$1,828,626		
Year	# of Claimants over \$100,000	Dollars spent over \$100,000	% Difference from prior year	Dollar Difference from prior year	
2014	15	\$2,208,286	13.1%	\$256,492	
2013	12	\$1,951,794	62.3%	\$749,386	
2012	7	\$1,202,408	-0.4%		
2011	8	\$1,207,548			

Lancaster County
Utilization Year over year numbers

ER	Lancaster County Paid	Number of Claimaints	Number of Services	Employee out of Pocket	Paid Per Service
2014	\$267,292	184	237	\$98,210	\$1,127.81
2013	\$247,815	159	195	\$29,539	\$1,270.85
2012	\$282,577	170	207	\$31,362	\$1,208.88
2011	\$227,140	173	194	\$30,359	\$1,000.94
Year	NETWORK SAVINGS	DOLLARS SAVED			
2014	43.75%	\$6,796,108			
2013	42.07%	\$6,542,402			
2012					
2011					
Year	Plan Paid Medical Claims	Member Paid	Plan Paid Pharmacy	Member Paid	
2014	\$7,885,461	\$870,802	\$2,388,524	\$315,639	
2013	\$8,267,437	\$753,353	\$2,159,081	\$338,880	
2012	\$6,425,893	\$679,889	\$1,986,311	\$367,664	

Year	Generic Utilization	Number of Services			
2014	77.70%	19,849			
2013	74.90%	20,330			
2012	71.20%	19,810			
2011	67.10%	20,135			

Lancaster County
Self Funded Report- Dental with Ameritas

	Enrollment						Administration Expenses	Claim Expenses	Total Cost Summary
	EE	EE+Sp	EE+Ch	Family	Total	Total Members	Admin Fees	Dental Claims	Total Plan Cost
Jan-14	341	164	84	228	817		\$3,652	\$42,872	\$46,524
Feb-14	343	163	83	230	819		\$3,661	\$45,914	\$49,575
Mar-14	338	163	84	230	815		\$3,643	\$52,474	\$56,117
Apr-14	334	161	82	231	808		\$3,612	\$49,010	\$52,622
May-14	327	158	80	231	796		\$3,558	\$40,756	\$44,314
Jun-14	327	159	78	232	796		\$3,558	\$46,077	\$49,635
Jul-14	329	161	79	232	801		\$3,580	\$49,796	\$53,376
Aug-14	329	158	76	228	791		\$3,536	\$39,770	\$43,306
Sep-14	335	159	76	231	801		\$3,580	\$38,571	\$42,151
Oct-14	327	156	77	230	790		\$3,531	\$46,998	\$50,529
Nov-14	328	157	77	230	792		\$3,540	\$24,537	\$28,077
Dec-14	327	162	77	226	792		\$3,540	\$32,890	\$36,430
Total	3,985	1,921	953	2,759	9,618		\$42,992	\$509,665	\$552,657
Monthly Avg					802		\$21,496	\$254,833	\$276,329
Avg PEPM							\$4.47	\$52.99	\$57.46
Avg PMPM									

Lancaster County Clerk

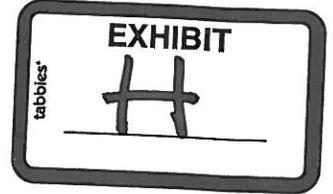
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May 17, 2001

To: All Lancaster County Staff and City Clerk's Office

From: Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk, and Kathy Campbell, Chair, County Commissioners

Subject: *Bruce Medcalf* *Kathy Campbell*
Records Management Project

Lancaster County's records and information holding support our ability to provide excellent public service at a reasonable cost. Our records are essential to tasks and decisions, providing the information we need to design new initiatives, reach consensus on issues and make sure all voices are heard and respected. Records provide evidence of sound management practices and fiscal prudence in service to our constituents. In short, our records document our history and play a role in charting the future.

Next week the County Clerk's Office and the County Commissioner's Office will begin a project to select records management software for managing our information assets. The objective is a system that provides access, storage, retrieval, retention, security, and control for all documents whether paper, microfilm or electronic. The Clerk's Office recognizes that a tool for indexing, classification, search, retrieval, retention, and secure, web-enabled access/distribution may prove useful to many County offices. The intention is to implement a system capable of serving current needs that is flexible and scalable enough to cope with future needs.

The County Clerk's Office has retained Gable Consulting to help us define our requirements and select a system. Julie Gable and Kathy Ewing will gather data by interviewing selected staff members in selected offices about the documents they use to do their work. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of May 21st, and those to be interviewed will receive the questions ahead of time. This project has our complete support and requires your cooperation if we are to succeed in this important work.

There will be an education session on May 21st in Room 113 at 2 PM to kick off the project. Please plan to attend by calling Gwen Thorpe at 441-7488.