

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

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

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 March 2, 2016.

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

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2016 STAFF MEETING AND MID-YEAR BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2016

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the February 25, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Wiltgen, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Schorr abstained from voting. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0, with one abstention.

Avery arrived at the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded approval of the Mid-Year Budget Retreat minutes of January 28, 2016. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

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

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

- The Revenue Committee held a hearing on LB 1031 (Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts) (see notes on the hearing in Exhibit C).
- Kohout and Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, prepared a response to a letter of opposition that Gary Aldridge, a Lincoln resident, presented at the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee's hearing on Legislative Bill (LB) 742 (Change county population thresholds) (Exhibit D).

Schorr asked whether the Board should seek an emergency clause on LB 742. Kohout said it would require 30 votes on Final Reading.

Avery noted Aldridge has sued the County, contending Lancaster County doesn't have as many commissioners as required by State law, and asked what effect the legislation would have on the lawsuit. Eagan said it would be more appropriate to discuss the lawsuit in Executive Session.

- LB 919 (Change provisions relating to problem solving courts) advanced to Select File. The Appropriation (A) bill, which contains \$250,000 to begin a three-year pilot project in Douglas County and provide notice back to the Nebraska Supreme Court on the efficacy, remains.
- There has been discussion within the Revenue Committee about potential advancement of a version of LB 958 (Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations).
- Senator Jim Smith, who introduced LB 960 (Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund) at the request of the Governor, remains confident the bill will advance. The Appropriations Committee is looking at additional revenue sources.
- The Health and Human Services Committee held a hearing last Wednesday on LB 998 (Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relating to emergency protective custody) (see notes on the hearing in Exhibit E).

The Chair exited the meeting at 8:43 a.m. and the Vice Chair assumed direction of the meeting.

Jonathon Bradford, Kissel/E&S Associates, discussed LB 1032 (Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services), noting there have been discussions with the Nebraska Hospital Association regarding funding options.

Kohout also reported that LB 1013 (Change tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds) is poised to be advanced by the Revenue Committee and will likely be debated.

Schorr relayed that she participated in a Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board of Directors conference call on Friday and said a number of concerns were expressed regarding LB 977 (Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways). Kohout said the bill was advanced by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee with amendments and is becoming the Committee's "Christmas tree" bill.

The Chair returned to the meeting at 8:48 a.m. and assumed direction of the meeting.

Wiltgen inquired about LB 959 (Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority), which is the companion bill to LB 958 (Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations). Kohout said strong opposition to LB 959 was voiced in the Education Committee's Executive Session this week.

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, gave an overview of LB 1055 (Open grand jury proceedings to the public as prescribed and change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers or while in custody). He said he supports the bill as it now reads.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Schorr seconded to support Legislative Bill (LB) 1055.

In response to a question from Wiltgen, Kelly said he does not believe other jurisdictions have moved in this direction.

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

NOTE: Committee hearing reports on LB 711 (Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and create the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force) and LB 712 (Change provisions relating to the regulation of above ground motor vehicle fuel storage tanks) were also disseminated (Exhibit F).

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES - Bob Walla, Interim Purchasing Agent

Bob Walla, Interim Purchasing Agent, said he believes a request for proposal (RFP) is the best way to proceed if the Board wishes to secure public relations services. He said he placed a query on the National Institute of Government Procurement (NIGP) website asking if any governmental entities have a RFP or experience in hiring a public relations firm for their Boards but received no responses. Walla requested clarification from the Board on what types of service it is seeking which will help define the RFP approach.

Amundson said she believes the County needs someone who can prepare news releases and post information on social media to share what's been happening at the County and develop a strategic communications plan for the County. She thought the services could be provided on a contractual basis, adding no more than 10 hours a week should be required.

Wiltgen said he believes the Commissioners are responsible for "telling the story." He added he has doubts regarding whether a public relations expert could post information on social media in a timely fashion since news releases must be approved by all Commissioners and there are frequently delays in that process. Schorr said the public relations expert wouldn't be posting critical policy decisions, just providing information to the public. She said her concerns are more focused on cost. Avery felt the Board needs the ability to quickly respond to issues, noting many citizens rely on social media for information.

Hudkins said he does not believe the County's website is user friendly. Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, explained the Board can make changes to its webpage but said any redesign of the County website would have to be approved by the Web Committee.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Avery seconded to authorize Roma Amundson, Chair; Todd Wiltgen, Vice Chair; and Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; to work with Bob Walla, Interim Purchasing Agent, in developing details for the request for proposal (RFP). Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Nebraska Department of Revenue County/City Lottery License Renewal Application for 2016-2018

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the application. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. County Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments

There was consensus to have staff contact Jennifer Hiatt and Cody Carlow to see if they were still interested in serving on the County Board of Zoning Appeals (both had submitted applications for appointment) and if so, to schedule their appointments on a County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

Hudkins noted Doug Malone has also expressed interest in serving on the County Board of Zoning Appeals, as did several others (see agenda packet).

5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) FUNDS FOR STAFF PERSON TO COORDINATE CELEBRATING FAMILIES - Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director

Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, said there are carryover funds from the first year of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant and said SAMHSA has authorized her to use those funds over the next year and a half to contract with someone to assist with the Celebrating Families Program (a parenting curriculum designed for families that have parents in recovery). She proposed the County contract with one of the volunteers who is a retired school administrator/counselor and said she has worked with the County Attorney's Office to draft a contract with a rate of \$30 per hour, for no more than 20 hours a week.

Wiltgen inquired about the number of participants in the program. Etherton said 14 adults and 16 children participated last session. **NOTE:** Two 16-week sessions will be held during the year, following the school calendar. The next session will begin in August. She said SAMHSA has conducted training in 35 states but said she is not sure how many states are actively participating in the program. Lancaster County is the only county in Nebraska using the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

B. Mental Health Crisis Center Open House

It was noted the event will be held on April 7th and 8th and Board members will participate in the open house at their convenience.

Wiltgen said the Region V Governing Board and Region V Systems staff plan to tour the facility on March 14th, noting the intent is to provide education on how the Crisis Center operates. He said members of the media could be invited to attend, as well.

C. March 17, 2016 County Board Staff Meeting

Schorr indicated she will be attending the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Central District Meeting on that date and will not be present for the County Board Staff Meeting. **NOTE:** Schorr serves on the NACO Board of Directors. A Management Team meeting is also scheduled on that day.

D. Merit Pay for Directors

There was consensus to have Commissioners Amundson and Avery work with Doug McDaniel, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Resources Director, on development of a merit pay policy for directors.

6 HP RECORDS MANAGER (HP RM) UPGRADE - Erik Willsey, Kapish Software Company; Jim Anderson, Systems Coordinator, Information Services (IS)

Erik Willsey, Kapish Software Company, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Kapish and the HP TRIM/ HP Records Manager (HP RM) upgrade that will be taking place over the weekend (Exhibit G).

Amundson asked whether there would be any benefit to working with a hybrid or within the "cloud environment" (a third-party provider delivers the service over the Internet) and requested the cost breakdowns. Willsey said he is unable to provide cost breakdowns because Kapish does not provide that specific service. He gave an example of a governmental entity (State of Oregon) who uses TRIM as a records manager platform and contracts with a local information technology (IT) provider to provide a hosted environment for TRIM and said any governmental agency in Oregon is able to add on to that contract. Willsey said there are inherent cost savings if you move to the "cloud" but said you would also be getting into a "grey area" because your records would exist somewhere else. Response time could also be reduced.

Additional information on HP TRIM/HP Records Manager was also disseminated (Exhibit H).

7 POTENTIAL AND PENDING LITIGATION - David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to enter Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to potential and pending litigation and to discuss a personnel issue. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: The County Attorney's Office advised the Board that the personnel matter (see Item 8) should take place in open session.

8 EVALUATION OF SARA HOYLE, HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Copies of the Human Services Director job description were disseminated (Exhibit I).

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, responded to questions on an evaluation questionnaire (Exhibit J) relating to goals, accomplishments, operations, budget issues, and succession planning.

Hoyle also submitted Human Services Activity Report covering the period of November, 2015 through February, 2016 (Exhibit K).

9 ACTION ITEMS

- A. Nebraska Department of Revenue County/City Lottery License Renewal Application for 2016-2018

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

10 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. County Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments
- B. Mental Health Crisis Center Open House
- C. March 17, 2016 County Board Staff Meeting
- D. Merit Pay for Directors

Items A-D were moved forward on the agenda.

12 PENDING

There were no pending items.

13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Schorr, Avery, Wiltgen

Schorr said the RTSD reviewed the draft budget and discussed the project at North 33rd Street and Cornhusker Highway and North 35th and Adams Street, the Southwest Lincoln "quiet zone" (a railroad grade crossing at which trains are prohibited from sounding their horns in order to decrease the noise level for nearby residential communities) study, and a proposed cost share agreement for the South Beltway.

B. Chamber Coffee - Amundson

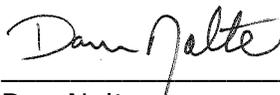
Amundson said a variety of issues were discussed including events going on in Lincoln, legislative issues, Lincoln's participation in the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Smart City Challenge" (create an efficient mass transit system using driverless vehicles), the "Silicon Prairie" (Midwest startup software companies), and the Antelope Square Redevelopment Project.

14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

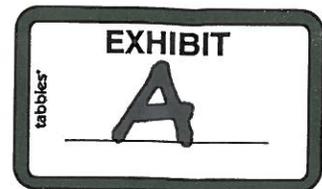
15 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: March 3, 2016

RE: Weekly Update on the 2016 Legislature

This is your ninth weekly update of the Nebraska Legislature for 2016. Today is day 37 and the final day for individual committees to complete their hearings. Hearings today are limited to confirmations before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee, two bills in Health and Human Services Committee and five bills relating to firearms in Judiciary.

As you will recall, LB1031 – the RTSD bill - was up last Thursday before the Revenue Committee. I have attached our notes as part of this week's report.

On Monday, the Legislature moved a series of Consent Calendar bills from Select File to Final Reading. Too, they took up three resolutions that would create investigatory functions for the Legislature in three areas – ACCESSNebraska, behavioral and mental health and election technology. They closed out Monday by discussing a bill by Senator Kate Sullivan that would create a statutorily enabled P-16 initiative. This initiative was the focus of Tuesday debate when they closed the morning out by failing to advance the bill to Select File. Shortly after that, the Legislature took up LB919 – the specialty courts bill which they advanced to Select File.

On Wednesday, the focus of discussion was on LB 83 – a bill to provide certain protections for employees relating to wage disclosure. The bill advanced to Select File late on Wednesday morning.

Below, please find the latest legislation of particular note to Lancaster County:

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

LB 188 - Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit
Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing Date: January 23, 2015
Advanced to Select File with AM374; AM2199 was adopted; Schumacher Filed AM2140 which failed; Chambers MO191 to Recommit failed; Cloture motion failed on Select File.
POSITION: QUIET SUPPORT

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. AM374 would include a passenger that enters "onto" a vehicle in the new subsection (5)(a).

LB 711 – Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and create the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force
Introduced by Senator Dan Hughes of Venango
Hearing Date: February 18, 2016
Committee: Natural Resources
POSITION: WEED CONTROL SUPPORTS

LB 711 establishes the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force to be housed within the Department of Agriculture. Starting FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2million dollars annually for the management of vegetation within the banks of a natural stream. Governor will appoint members of the task force; one surface water project representative from each river basin; one representative from Dept. of Agriculture; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources; office of the Governor; office of the State Forester; Games and Parks; and the University of Nebraska. Two representatives nominated by Association of Resources Districts; two representatives nominated by Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from congressional districts; one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Any member of the Legislature may serve as an ex officio at his or her option. Meetings are to be held in communities within the Republican River and Platte River basins. Report submitted to the Governor each year on June 30th. First report would be due on 6/30/2017

LB 742– Change county population thresholds
Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 4, 2016
Committee: Government
POSITION: SUPPORT / NACO SUPPORT
Speaker Priority Bill
Advanced to General File

LB 742 would bring current language addressing those growing counties nearing the 400,000 inhabitants threshold as determined by the federal census. Currently, this would immediately address the needs of Lancaster County.

LB 765 - Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state or country
Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue

Hearing Date: January 26, 2016
Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications
POSITION: SUPPORT THROUGH THE LANCASTER COUNTY TREASURER

LB 765 would amend Section 60-154 by increasing fees related to each original certificate of title issued by a Nebraska county or the Department of Motor Vehicles for a motor vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, minibike, or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state or country by increasing the current \$10 fee to \$25 for these types of vehicles receiving an original certificate of title.

LB 777- Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow
Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island
Hearing Date: January 21, 2016
Committee: Revenue
POSITION: OPPOSE THROUGH COUNTY TREASURER

LB 777 requires County Treasurers to accept partial payments for property taxes. The bill removes the language any county board may pass a resolution and replaces it with the county treasurer shall.

LB 915 - Create a veterans treatment court pilot project
Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing: February 5, 2016
POSITION: NEUTRAL

LB 915 creates a three-year pilot program for treatment of veteran's in Douglas County. After conclusion of the three-year study, the Nebraska Supreme Court would make recommendations for the model to be used in other counties.

LB 919 – Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs.
Introduced by Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg
Hearing Date: February 5, 2016
Committee: Judiciary
POSITION: SUPPORT
Senator Williams Priority
Advanced to General File W/AM2171
LB 919A introduced by Senator Williams.

In LB 919, the Legislature declares that problem solving court programs, including drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, and other problem solving court programs, help in reducing recidivism. The bill states problem solving court programs offer a person accused of drug alcohol and other alternative to traditional criminal justice proceedings or juvenile justice dispositions. LB 919 would use funds already appropriated to Nebraska Supreme Court to be used to look into evidence-based interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.

LB 925 – Change provisions relating to issuing a treasurer's tax deed and bringing a tax lien foreclosure action as prescribed.
Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Revenue

POSITION: OPPOSE THROUGH COUNTY TREASURER

LB 925 states at any time within 9 months after the expiration of two years after the date of sale of any real estate for taxes or special assessments if such real estate is not legally occupied and deemed vacant or abandoned. Vacant and abandoned real estate is defined by local ordinance or determined by the appropriate local governing body. Conditions of real estate include overgrown or dead vegetation, trash and waste and /or visible deterioration.

LB 936 – Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Revenue

POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

Commissioner Schorr testified in opposition.

LB 936 changes inheritance tax to one percent for everything above one hundred thousand dollars and anything below that limit will not be taxed.

LB 940 - Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act

Introduced by Senator Jerry Johnson of Wahoo

Committee: Revenue

Hearing Date: February 4, 2015

POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

LB 940 creates the Tax Stabilization Act to provide property tax relief to property owners across that state and to give the Legislature time to consider appropriate changes to state law that would reduce the reliance on property taxes for the funding of school districts in the state of Nebraska.

LB 958- Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations

Introduced by Senator Gloor at the request of the Governor

Committee: Revenue

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

Prioritized by Revenue Committee

LB 958 strikes the allowable growth percentage from exceeding a levy that may be approved at the same meeting as a vote to exceed the limits of a final levy. Limitations do not apply to restricted funds budgeted for capital improvements, or restricted funds from a qualified sinking fund for acquisition or replacement of tangible personal property. The bill increases any budget adopted by a governmental unit by an amount equal to the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year for capital improvements, the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year and the restricted funds expended in the immediately prior fiscal year. The Property Tax Administrator shall provide information to the commission necessary to determine the adjustments for agricultural land and horticulture.

LB 960 – Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion at the request of the Governor

Hearing Date: February 16, 2016

Committee: Appropriations

Position – SUPPORT / NACO SUPPORT

Senator Brasch Priority Bill; Sen. Jim Smith has requested Commissioner Avery appear in support. Senator Avery testified in support. Pam Dingman testified neutral.

Under LB 960 Transportation Innovation Act is created. Design build is created as an alternative method when considering projects. A transportation infrastructure bank is created from reserved funds in the amount of \$150 million to accelerate projects. A capital improvement program is created as well to speed up capital improvements. The county bridge match program is created for repair and replacement of county bridges. This includes matching requirements.

LB 992 – Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Government

POSITION: OPPOSE THROUGH A LETTER / NACO MONITOR

Letter of opposition submitted

LB 992 states no political subdivision, with statutory authority can enter into an installment contract for the purchase of property, if already an obligation exist of twenty-five million dollars or more from previous contracts. If a debt does exist above twenty-five million dollars, the subdivision cannot enter into a new contract.

LB 976 – Change provisions relating to jury sequestration

Introduced by Senator Les Seiler of Hastings

Hearing Date: NA

Committee: Judiciary

POSITION: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Bill Withdrawn

Under LB 976, a court may order that a jury be sequestered during a trial or after final argument by the motion of the court or party if good cause is shown.

LB 998 - Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relations to emergency protective custody

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: February 24, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

POSITION: SUPPORT

LB 998 includes the definition of emergency community crisis center as a medical assistance program. The demand for inpatient behavioral health beds exceeds the supply of such beds in Nebraska. Hospital emergency departments are not equipped to address the behavioral health needs and delays in receiving behavioral health crisis stabilization services significantly increase the risk of emotional deterioration. Further, appropriate, timely resources should be available to persons in need of behavioral health. The bill calls for an establishment of five emergency community crisis centers across the state.

LB 1032 – Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services
Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services.
Prioritized by the Health and Human Services Committee
POSITION: SUPPORT – COMMISSIONER ADMUNSON TESTIMONY / NACO SUPPORT
Senator McCoy filed AM2163, 2164, 2166, 2168, and 2169.

1032 working group has met with senators since last Thursday. Meeting today 8:15 to update on those meetings. The plan is to meet every Thursday for the remainder of session however last weeks and this week's meeting was cancelled.

LB 1032 would provide health care coverage to individuals who cannot qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid funds would be used to buy private health insurance for those individuals making up one hundred thirty -three percent of the federal poverty level with no insurance. The bill allows for small contributions from enrollees and would take funds from the state health care cash fund to extend coverage up to seventy-seven thousand Nebraskans.

LB 1042 – Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing
Introduced by Senator Friesen
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016
Committee: Urban Affairs
POSITION: MONITOR
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

LB 1042 gives another layer of approval to tax-increment financing (TIF) projects. Before approval is made by the governing body of the TIF project, as described in 18-2116, the county board of equalization of the county that would be directly affected by the financing project, may approve the plan if it meets all statutory requirements for TIF imposed under the Community Development Law.

LB 1042 also changes the property valuation information certified by the Property Tax Administrator to the State Department of Education, which is used to determine the adjusted valuation of school districts for purposes of allocating state aid through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. The bill requires that excess valuation for properties that qualify for tax increment financing will be included in the assessed valuation of school districts for state aid purposes.

LEGISLATION HEARD SINCE LAST STAFF MEETING

LB 1031 – Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts
Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February, 25 2016
Committee: Revenue
POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE

LB 1031 removes the levy authority away from the county board and places it with the Railroad Transportation Board, which is made up of 3 county board members and 3 city council members. The move would free up two cents to the county board levy authority.

LB 1058 – Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions.
Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 25, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 1058 states with compliance checks, an individual between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years of age may be authorized to assist officers or private contractors with compliance checks. The individual under the age of eighteen and older than 14 years has to be an employee, intern or volunteer with a local or state law agency.

LB 707 - Increase the number of judges of the separate juvenile court.
Introduced by Senator Colby Coash of Lincoln
Hearing Date: March 2, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 707 states that counties with a population of four hundred thousand or more will have six juvenile judges.

LB 779 - Change provisions relating to the partisan status of certain political subdivision offices
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Hearing: March 2, 2016

LB 779 prevents the county clerk from being elected on the partisan ballot if as otherwise provided in section 32-707. This section states; unless at least one of the two political parties which polled the most votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election holds a county convention in an even-numbered year and has attendance of at least two percent of the registered voters affiliated with that party in that county. It also prevents the county clerk from being elected if the offices in the county are nonpartisan pursuant to the most recent gubernatorial election.

LB 848 – Change provisions relating to courts
Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln
Hearing Date: March 2, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 848 defines fee record, general index, Judge's notes, Judgment index, register of actions, and case type when filing of complaints or petitions and subsequent pleadings and date of such filings, including orders and judgments of the court. The bill states that the county court shall file the following with the district court within ten days after entry of the transfer order: Certification of the proceedings; all original documents of the action; certification of the transcript of the register of actions; and certification of the court costs with the clerk of the district court. The clerks of the district court shall use the court's electronic case management system provided by the state, which shall be the record of receipts and reimbursements. The bills strikes the foreman and secretary from filing in the office of the clerk of the district court in section 35 101. The bill also requires the case file to contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgments, post judgment actions, and other documents. The case file can be maintained either electronically or on paper file. It removes the requirement to hold a separate docket for the purpose to be unopened for inspection by any person except upon order of the court for good cause shown. attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.

LB 905 – Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys Establishment Act of 2016.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete
Hearing Date: March 2, 2016
Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 905 establishes the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. The commission will be made up of ten members. Five members appointed by the Governor and five ex officio appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. Commission will advocate, make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on issues and concerns raised by fathers, men and boys. The commission will address issues of socioeconomic concerns raised.

LB 938 - Adopt the 911 Service System Act and transfer funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to the 911 Service System Fund

Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion
Hearing Date: February 29, 2016 (rehearing)
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Prioritized by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

LB 938 creates the 911 Service System Act to establish the Public Service Commission as the statewide implementation and coordinating authority to plan, implement, coordinate, manage, maintain, and provide funding assistance for a statewide next-generation 911 service capability.

LEGISLATION OF NOTE

LB 670 – Require a hearing prior to release for persons taken into custody for mental health reasons.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 17, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 670 strikes language making a more strict interpretation of the release of a juvenile from temporary custody. The bill also inserts additional language that requires a mental health professional to immediately notify the county attorney if the juvenile is not deemed mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender in which the county attorney shall proceed to a hearing before the court within 24 hours regarding the juvenile's release.

LB 673 – Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee
Advanced to General File with COMAM2244

LB 673 states that if there is a guardian ad litem division, appointments will first be directed to them and if a conflict exists the court may appoint a guardian ad litem outside of the division. It also replaces the court hearing of an application with the county board.

LB 675 – Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles.
Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 675 adds language that prohibits a juvenile from being placed in a rehabilitation center unless an immediate and urgent reason persists. It also ensures that a juvenile will not be detained unless there is a

legitimate threat to the security of anyone in the community or if it is necessary to ensure that the juvenile will appear at the next hearing due to a trend of absences at a hearing over a period of 12 months. It states that no juvenile under the year of 12 years old will at anytime under any circumstance be placed in detention; to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility, punish treat or rehabilitate the juvenile, permit more convenient administrative access to the juvenile, facilitate further interrogation or investigation of the juvenile, due to lack of more appropriate facilities, or satisfy the demands of a victim, law enforcement, or the community.

LB 687 - Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers
Introduced by Senator Bloomfield
Committee: Government
Hearing Date: February 4, 2016
Advanced to Select File

LB 687 provides that a recall petition is reviewed by the state and that the state is responsible for all costs of the recall procedure, any special election, or costs incurred related to a canceled election. The bill strikes language that excluded trustees of sanitary and improvement districts, members of a political subdivision, member of a governing body of a city, village, county, irrigation district, natural resource district, public power district, school district, community college, education service unit, hospital district, and metropolitan utility district. The bill also includes the process to bring about a petition against an elected official whether elected or appointed and that petition needs to be authorized by the filing clerk.

LB 693 – Change limitations of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.
Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 28, 2016
Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 693 extends from one year to two years every tort claim against a political subdivision.

LB 703 – Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages.
Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee
Hearing Date: January 19, 2016
Committee: Urban Affairs Committee
Final Reading

LB 703 states a city or village must establish method of notice by ordinance. If done by US mail first class, it must contain a mark indicating importance. Within five days of receipt, owner/occupant of the ground may request a hearing on the nuisance. Hearing would be set within fourteen days of the appeal filing and a hearing officer has five business days to render a decision.

LB 704 – Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions
Introduced by Urban Affairs
Hearing Date: January 19, 2016
Committee: Urban Affairs
Advanced to Select File

LB 704 would make a series of technical changes to the building code statutes by doing the following. Clarifying that local building or construction codes must be adopted and enforced as provided under the Building Construction Act; Clarifying that counties and municipalities must keep a copy of their local building code available for use and examination by the public as long as the code is in effect; Clarifying

that only counties and municipalities may adopt a local building code; Defining "component" for purposes of the Building Construction Act; Streamlining the process for local building code adoption, allowing counties and municipalities to either adopt the state building code or a code that conforms generally with the state building code; Clarifying that a prior edition of a component of the state building code does not conform generally with the state building code; and striking language that provides for unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority by municipalities.

LB 709 – Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles.

Introduced by Senator Sara Howard of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 709 – Provides for alternate detention of increased supervision for a youth to ensure the youth attends court and avoids future law infractions. Supervision includes electronic monitoring, day/evening reporting centers, house arrest and temporary shelter placement. Placement does not include facilities that allow for physical restraint or ingress and egress for placement.

LB 714 – Provide for and change a provision relating to sufficient cause of nonuse of a water appropriation.

Introduced by Senator John Stinner of Gering

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Natural Resources

LB 714 – states that for sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist for up to fifteen consecutive years if such nonuse was a result of one or more of the following(adds) the appropriation is temporarily transferred to a natural resources district or other competent authority for the purpose of depletion offsets, aquifer recharge, stream augmentation, or maintenance of instream flow

LB 716 – Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists.

Introduced by Senator Rick Kolowski of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 25, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

General File with COMAM2134

LB 716 states a pedestrian lawfully entering designed bike or walk path of a highway intersection or adjacent to intersection of two highways controlled by traffic signal has the right-of-way within the crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles. Bicyclist cannot suddenly leave a curb or safety path into the path of a car that it is so close it is impossible for the driver to stop. Nothing in the subsection relieves a bicyclist or driver from duty of care.

LB 717 – Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property.

Introduced by Senator Mike Groene of North Platte

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Revenue

Sen. Groene Priority Bill

LB 717 States that the actual value of real property for purpose of taxation means the value to be determined by the use of professionally accepted mass appraisal methods. It removes language of “market value of real property in the ordinary course of trade”. Legislation states, except for assessment occurring on January 1, 2016, the assessed value shall be the same as the assessed value on January 1, 2015, in relation to assessing tax on real property.

LB 720 – Change certain invasions of privacy provisions to include unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems.

Introduced by Senator Kuehn of Heartwell

Hearing Date: February 25, 2016

Committee: Judiciary Committee

LB 720 states an individual is liable for invasion of privacy for flying an unmanned aircraft below 200ft of privately owned property without permission of the owner of the property in the act of capturing any form of visual image/recording. Individual is responsible for reasonable damage caused by the invasion.

LB 722 – Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act

Introduced by Senator Roy Baker of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

Advanced to General File with AM2126; Advanced to Select File.

LB 722 creates the Stroke System of Care Act. In an effort to meet the increase of strokes in the state of Nebraska, this bill creates an effective stroke system of care to be provided to individuals. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and regulations that include the criteria for designation of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke-ready hospital. The American Heart Association, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or another nationally recognized stroke care organization will approve the certification.

LB 723 – Change sales and use tax collection fees

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 723 changes the date of October 1, 2002 to read on and after January 1, 2017 and doubles the 2.5% to 5% of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month and two and one-half percent of the next three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.

LB 724 – Change sales and use tax collection fees.

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Revenue Committee

LB 724 states that for all sales tax collected by a taxpayer on/after 1/1/2017, he or she will withhold 5% of the first \$6,000 remitted each month for reimbursement of collecting the tax.

LB 746 – Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 21, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

Senator Campbell of Priority Bill; Placed on Select File with ERI69.

AM1903 creates an operative date of July 1, 2016, and includes a federal reference regarding credit reports
LB746 implements provisions of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act regarding the promotion of "normalcy" among children and youth in foster care. Normalcy is intended to mean age and developmentally appropriate activities and experiences essential to the healthy development of children and youth. The bill creates the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act for the following reasons: To ensure foster children can participate in extracurricular and social activities such as field trips, sports, school clubs, religious groups, family vacations and photos, sleepovers, and obtaining a driver's license. To ensure foster parents are able to make decisions about such activities using a reasonable and prudent parent standard. To involve birth parents in such decisions. To require the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure children are made aware of their rights and responsibilities and have access to certain documents before aging out, to ensure foster parents are trained and supported in making determinations as to reasonableness, and report on progress. To require juvenile courts to ensure children's rights are protected and that children are able to engage in such activities, and to make certain findings part of the child's record. To eliminate the use of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement as a permanency goal for youth under age 16.

LB 768 – Provide for Choose Life License Plates
Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016
Committee: Transportation
Speaker Priority Bill
Advanced to General File W/AM2058

LB 768 would require the DMV to design license plates to be known as "Choose Life" License Plates.

LB 776 – Change revenue and taxation provisions
Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island
Hearing Date: January 21, 2016
Committee: Revenue
Placed on Final Reading

LB 776 includes food that ordinarily requires additional cooking to finish the product to its desired final condition in the definition of what food means in the bill. The bill also exclaims that there will be subtracted interest received by the owner of obligations of the State of Nebraska or its political subdivisions or authorities which are Build America Bonds to the extent includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income shall be reduced by contributions to an account established under the achieving a better life experience program made for the benefit of a beneficiary. It increases the federal taxable income for any withdrawals by the owner of an account established under the achieving better life experience program for nonqualified expenses or to terminate such account. The bill includes that a refundable income tax credit is considered an overpayment even if the taxpayer has no income tax liability prior to applying the refundable credit. LB 776 adds that if an individual is granted a homestead exemption that individual is not required to submit the certification required under this subdivision in succeeding years.

LB 780 – Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody
Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus
Hearing Date: February 3, 2016
Committee: Judiciary
POSITION: MONITOR

Department of HHS would be required to take charge of a mentally ill individual who are taken into emergency protective custody. Bill would make it a misdemeanor for HHS Behavioral Health Division to refuse custody of a person.

LB 783 – Provide for registration of public power district vehicles as prescribed.

Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 22, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication

LB 783 creates a public power district license plate to be issued and used by each motor vehicle and trailer operated by a public power district. The application will be accompanied by a fee of three dollars for each motor vehicle and three dollars for each trailer. Any public power district vehicle will display a distinctive license plate provided by the department. The license play will be placed on both the front and back of the motor vehicle and to the rear of the trailer. The renewal for the license plate will be two dollars and will be collected every year after they are issues. If a permanent license plate is lost or destroyed, the owner will submit an affidavit to that effect to the county treasurer. A fee of one dollar will be applied to any lost or stolen license plate. All funds collected by the department will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Cash Fund.

LB 784 – Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards

Introduced by Senator Kurt Friesen of

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Government

Placed on General File

LB 784 harmonizes language in the County Budget Act and the Nebraska Budget Act. Currently both Acts proportionally limit expenditures from each budgeted fund between July 1 and the adoption of the budget in September.

The Nebraska Budget Act also provides a mechanism to exceed such proportional expenditures upon an express finding of the governing body that the expenditures are necessary to meet statutory duties and responsibilities. LB 784 would add this concept to the County Budget Act.

LB 786 – Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits.

Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

Final Reading

LB 786 removes the handwritten option of a funeral director, embalmer, physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner when signing a medical death certificate. Legislation allows for an electronic signature in place of handwritten signature. LB 786 states before any dead body may be cremated, permit of cremation will be signed electronically by the county attorney or designee.

LB 787 – Allow a voter to photograph and reveal a marked ballot

Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 28, 2016

Committee: Government

LB 787 would allow for a voter to photograph his or her ballot.

LB 795 – Establish the Wireless in Nebraska Program under the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act.

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 9, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications.

LB 795 adds the definition of wireless carrier to mean a telecommunications company providing mobile radio service, radio paging service, or wireless telecommunications service for a fee in Nebraska intrastate commerce. It removes the section that requires the state treasurer to transfer funds from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of Administrative Services. It further removes the section that states any transfer under this subsection not reversed within thirty days after the initial transfer shall accrue interest in the amount of five percent annually. It replaces those sections with granting the commission the power to establish the Wireless in Nebraska Program and states that the purpose of the Wireless in Nebraska Program is to promote the provision of the universal wireless telecommunications services throughout the state by providing assistance from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to eligible wireless communications towers. It also requires a wireless carrier that receives funds to file a report with the commission by June 1 of each year, which includes information on investments for the previous year.

LB 797 – Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemption.

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Revenue Committee

LB 797 states 30 days after the county assessor received approval by the county board to remove or reduce the exemption from the tax rolls of the county, the rate from time to time can be adjusted by the Legislature.

LB 806 - Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act

Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha

Committee: Revenue

Hearing: February 16, 2016

Advanced to General File with COMAM2137

LB 806 creates the Riverfront Development District Act that provides a means by which such historic river cities may be effectively funded, managed, promoted, and developed within their corporate limits. A riverfront development district may be created through the adoption of an ordinance that names the river, boundaries of the district, qualifications and terms of the office, statement that the business shall be subject to the general occupations tax or real property will be subject to special assessment, the proposed method of assessment will be imposed within the district, and penalties will be imposed for failure to pay the occupation tax or special assessment. After the creation of a district, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a riverfront development authority to oversee and manage the district.

LB 825 – Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Revenue

LB 825 By April 1 of each even-numbered year, the owner of each parcel of property that is exempt from

property taxes shall file with the county assessor of the county in which the property is located a form containing the following information: name and address, legal description of property, date of acquisition of the property, description of any improvements on the property, whether the property was leased or not, and the owners estimate of the fair market value of the property on January 1 of the even numbered year. The bill adds that by July 1 of each even-numbered year, the county assessor of each county shall complete and deliver to the Department of Revenue a form on which the county assessor estimates the fair market value of tax-exempt property, classified by the type of owner, within his or her county and that the Department of Revenue shall prescribe the forms to be used for purposes of the value ranges for estimating the fair market value of property. The Department of Revenue will prepare an estimate of the fair market value of tax-exempt property in this state by category of owner. All persons required to file a report with all pay a reasonable fee that is sufficient to defray costs to the county of distributing and reviewing the forms. IF the form is not received by April 1 of the even-numbered year, the county assessor will send the owner of the property a notice, by certified mail, stating that the property for, which the form is required, will be appraised at the owner's expense.

LB 845 - Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln
Hearing Date: January 20, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 845 includes section 6 stating that the Legislature creates a system of investigation and performance review in order to provide increased accountability and oversight regarding the use of room confinement for juveniles in a juvenile facility. All confinement incidents must be documented and include the race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the juvenile, the reason for confinement, an explanation of why less restrictive means were unsuccessful, the ultimate duration of the placement in room confinement, and any incidents of self harm or suicide committed by the Juvenile while he or she was isolated.

LB 884 - Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.
Introduced by Senator Jim Scheer of Norfolk
Hearing Date: January 22, 2016
Committee: Revenue
Smith Priority Bill

LB 884 would increase the recapture zone from 200 to 600 yards for the Omaha arena and from 400 yards to 600 yards for Lincoln. It would require that ten percent of such funds appropriated to a city of the primary class may be invested in areas with a high concentration of poverty to assist with low-income housing needs. Applications for state assistance submitted prior to the operative date of this act, the area that is located within six hundred yards of an eligible sports arena facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking facility or other structure. Applications submitted on or after the operative date of this act, a map identifying the program area, including any unbuildable property within the program area or take into account in adjusting the program area as described.

LB 886 – Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits.
Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis
Hearing Date: February 3, 2016
Committee: Revenue
Sen. Davis Priority Bill

LB 886 creates the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act. For taxable years on or after January 1, 2017, a volunteer on the list will receive a refundable credit against income tax imposed in an equal amount to two hundred fifty dollars beginning with the second taxable year the volunteer is on the list. A point system of one hundred possible points, per year, is created for an active emergency responder, active rescue squad member or active volunteer firefighter. Various methods to accumulate points are available for an individual. To name a few, responding to ten percent of emergency calls; participation in training courses and participation in drills.

LB 888 – Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act.

Introduced by Senator Health Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Revenue

Advanced to General File

LB 888 states that a taxpayer who claims a tax credit will not pay additional retaliatory tax as described under section 44-150 for claiming a tax credit. Any tax claim will be considered a payment of tax as in subsection (1) of 77-2734.03

LB 893 – Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles.

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 22, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

This bill would require that a juvenile would have to be at least eleven (11) years old to be prosecuted or adjudicated for a criminal law violation or to be prosecuted as ungovernable, in juvenile or adult court. Instead, the juvenile court in each county, shall have jurisdiction of children who are 10 and younger, who engage in conduct which would otherwise be considered as a law violation under 43-247(3)(a)

LB 894 – Change provisions relating to appointment of Counsel in juvenile cases

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 20, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Prioritized by the Judiciary Committee

Placed on General File with AM1962 and AM2053 on February 10, 2016. AM 1962 takes provisions from LB 675, LB 709, LB 845 and LB 893; Coash AM2321 Filed

LB 894 would allow for a minor to have a court appointed attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.

LB 896 – Require pay increases for state employees to recognize length of service.

Introduced Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 1, 2016

Committee: Business and Labor

LB 896 states that state employees would get a raise every five years. Raises would be at 6.25cents/hr(five years); 12.5cents/hr(ten years); 18.75cents/hr (fifteen years); 25 cents/hr (20 years); 31.25 cents/hr(twenty five years); 37.5 cents (thirty years); 43.75 cents/hr (thirty five years); 50 cents/hr (forty years)

LB 906 – Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers.
Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha
Hearing Date: January 25, 2016
Committee: Education
Advanced to General File with COMAM2118
Murante Priority Bill

LB 906 waives 30 percent of resident tuition for law enforcement officers attending a university, college or community college. An officer has to maintain an acceptable performance level with the agency.

LB 910 – Change provisions relating to parole administration
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 4, 2016
Committee: Judiciary
Prioritized by Judiciary Committee
Advanced to General File with COMAM2328

LB 910 states starting January 1, 2017, the Office of Parole Administration will be moved to the Board of Parole. The board and director will meet once a month to prepare a plan for legislative review to cover budget, transitions, board policies and procedures with coordination for community based services.

LB 911 – State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems.
Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln
Hearing Date: February 8, 2016
Committee: Appropriations

LB 911 appropriates two hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 to program 268, Behavioral Health Administration for creating a plan of system care for adults using behavioral health services.

LB 912 – Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting.
Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016
Committee: Government

LB 912 states an individual, prior to voting must present valid photo identification and two of the following: a valid utility bill, bank statement, payment check or other government document. Documents presented must be within sixty-days of the present day with matching address to vote in that precinct.

LB 916 – Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a motor vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed.
Introduced by Senator Sara Howard of Omaha
Hearing Date: February 19, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

LB 916 allows for an individual who rescues an animal from a locked car or the animal is trapped inside the car, that individual is immune from criminal or civil liability for damage to the automobile.

LB 918- Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed.
Introduced by Senator John Murante of Gretna
Hearing Date: January 26, 2016
Committee: Transportation

Provisions of LB918 included in AM2318 to LB977

LB 918 transfers one percent of the collected motor vehicle tax to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund.

LB 920 – Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Introduced by Senator Patty Pansing- Brooks of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 920 adds nine members to the council starting January 1, 2017. The seventh member of the council will be either a member of the Jail Standards board or from the public at large. The eighth and ninth members will be full time officers from a state law agency with a rank no higher than sergeant. The eighth and ninth members of the council will be appointed by the Governor.

LB 922 - Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed

Introduced by Senator Mark Kolterman of Seward

Committee: Retirement

Hearing Date: February 5, 2016

LB 922 requires member to serve five years to ensure an experienced and knowledgeable board. It provides that a member appointed to any of the Nebraska retirement systems will serve five years including the; School Employees Retirement System, Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, and Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System.

LB 927 - Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 services

Introduced by Senator Bob Hilkemann of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 1, 2016

Committee: Transportation and telecommunications

LB 927 changes the uniform service charge for 911 services to say: except that the monthly uniform service surcharge shall not exceed one dollar per month. It strikes language that states a surcharge of up to fifty cents on all active telephone numbers every month from users or wireless service shall remit the surcharge.

LB928 - Change provisions relating to discriminatory wage practices based on sex.

Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha

Committee: Business and Labor

Hearing: February 1, 2015

LB 928 addresses wage discrimination between a man and a women in effort to close the gap. The bill also removes current employee size exemption and addresses definitions of enforcement.

LB 929 – Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers.

Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft

Hearing Date: January 25, 2016

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunication.

Final Reading

LB 929 updates effective date from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. Adds language making self-propelled CMV's and intermodal equipment will not apply to forum trucks and forum truck-tractors registered and operated solely in intrastate commerce.

LB 931 - Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted-living facilities and change distribution of the Behavioral Health Services Fund

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Committee: Appropriations

Hearing Date: February 8, 2016

LB 931 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to the Department of Health and Human Services. The allocation of funds will provide incentives for certain assisted-living facilities for adults with mental illness or a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

LB 934 – Change provisions relating to the Office of Public Guardian

Introduced by Senator Colby Coash of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 3, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Coash Priority Bill

Advanced to General File W/AM2190

LB 934 defines multidisciplinary team means a team of professionals hired by the Public Guardian. Public Guardian will be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska. Public Guardian will hire a multidisciplinary team. The team will be made up of professionals in public guardian and trained in the area of law.

LB 935 – Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts

Introduced by Senator Ken Schilz of Ogallala

Committee: Government

Hearing Date: February 5, 2015

Prioritized by Government Committee

LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31st of a calendar year will be considered delinquent. A political subdivision will be notified of the delinquency. If the necessary material is not received within thirty days of the December 31st, a five hundred dollars will be withheld from the next state aid payment to that that political subdivision and continue for each additional thirty days of delinquency. Upon delinquency, the auditor can make an audit of the political subdivision at which the cost will be billed to the political subdivision.

LB 937 – Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 937 strikes the language stating that no person with a venereal disease shall be married in Nebraska.

LB 943 – Update references with respect to husband and wife

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 943 changes references of husband and wife to “spouses in a marriage relationship.”

LB 944 – Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships.

Introduced by Senator Matt Hansen of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 944 addresses last year’s United Supreme Court ruling of legalizing same sex marriage and changes some references to “parents”

LB 951 - Adopt the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act

Introduced by Senator Harr

Committee: Revenue

Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

LB 951 creates the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act to provide an owner of an affordable housing project to apply for an affordable housing tax credit. A qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project.

LB 952 – Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services.

Introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse

Hearing Date: February 24, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 952 states starting January 1, 2016, a county board is responsible to make sure emergency medical services are available for all county residents. The bill states that the county can contract for medical emergency and public safety services. The Board of Emergency Medical Services in regards to the seven out of hospital care providers, two will be emergency medical responders, two will be medical technicians, two will be paramedics and one will be an advanced medical technician. Members appointed after January 1, 2017, three of them will be volunteer emergency medical care providers.

LB 954 – Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare.

Introduced by Senator Bob Krist of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 22, 2015

Committee: Executive Board

Prioritized by the Executive Board

Passed with emergency clause

LB 954 states the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare can submit a written request to the Probation Administrator for access of juvenile records pertaining to a particular case. Those records will be turned over with approval via a court order. All juvenile cases as defined in sections 43-246 and 43-247, of the juvenile court will provide confidential information to the Foster Care Review Office. If upon investigation, the Inspector General finds misconduct by the juvenile services division, the probation administrator will immediately notified.

LB 968 – Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program

Introduced by Senator Johnson

Hearing: February 16, 2016
Committee: Agriculture
Prioritized by the Agriculture Committee

LB 968 allows the Department of Agriculture to cooperate and coordinate with producer organizations, state and local governments, and public and private economic development entities to identify opportunities for private sector investment in new livestock, dairy, and agricultural commodities processing facilities or expansion or repurposing of existing processing facilities within the state, to actively recruit such processing investment, and to advise and assist local communities where such investment may be sought or considered.

LB 977- Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways
Introduced by Senator Jim Smith of Papillion
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Hearing Date: February 1, 2016
Smith AM1895 Filed; Advanced to General File with COMAM2318
Prioritized by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

LB 977 makes an exemption for the weight and load limitations for a farm tractor, self-propelled equipment, and additional agricultural machinery. The bill includes specific weight limits for the vehicles mentioned in the bill.

ComAM2318 contains the provisions of LBs799, 989, 918, 946, 996, 844.

LB 984 - Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals
Introduced by Senator Schumacher
Committee: Judiciary
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

LB 984 a three-judge panel would decide mandatory minimum sentences. A sentencing judge can request the three judge panel to make a finding that a habitual criminal or mandatory minimum sentence would not apply.

LB 986 - Change duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study
Introduced by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee
Committee: Nebraska Retirement
Hearing: February 5, 2016

Under LB 986, the director will provide draft copies of each annual valuation report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee and Governor, as required. Copies are deemed confidential. Starting in 2016, and every four years thereafter will request an experience study from the Public Employee retirement board.

LB 989 - Change provisions relating to motor vehicles
Introduced by Senator John Murante of Gretna
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016 (9:00am)
Provisions of LB989 included in AM2318 to LB977

LB 989 provides that the Director of Motor Vehicles shall designate an implementation date, which is on or before January 1, 2020. If the title is electronic, then the following changes may be made; changing the name of an owner, removing the name of an owner, or adding as an owner of the immediate family member of an owner. The department may adopt and promulgate further rules and regulations governing the eligibility of dealers to participate in the electronic dealer services system, setting forth practices, procedures, and requirements necessary to implement such system, and setting forth requirements and practices for dealers participating in such system.

LB 995 – Repeal provisions relating to the special valuation of agricultural land and provide for the agricultural value of agricultural land.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Committee: Revenue

Hearing: February 17, 2016

LB 995 local governments would tax cropland based on agricultural value instead of seventy-five percent of the actual value. Bill defines agricultural value as the actual value of land for agricultural and horticultural purposes without regard to actual value the land would have for other uses. This is an attempt to lower property tax for farmers and ranchers.

LB 1000 – Require certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies on the use of the body-worn cameras, provide that recordings from such cameras are not public records, and prohibit certain conduct involving such recordings.

Introduced by Senator Heath Mello of Omaha

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Speaker Priority Bill

LB 1000 states that police departments with body cameras must adopt policies regarding training and equipping cameras, as how to be worn in a prominent place on the uniform. An officer would have to notify an individual they approach that the camera is recording.

LB 1001 – Change provisions relating to a compensation schedule for injuries resulting in disability

Introduced by Senator Ebke

Hearing Date: February 8, 2016

Committee: Business and Labor

LB 1001 adds that loss or loss of means permanent loss of physical function of an arm, a leg, an ear, an eye or nose.

LB 1010 – Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions

Introduced by Senator Matt Williams of Gothenburg

Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB 1010 calls for a written petition for juvenile court will be signed by the county attorney setting forth the facts. The petition would replace the verification of affidavit.

LB 1013 – Change tax on cigarettes and tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds.

Introduced by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island

Hearing Date: February 11, 2016; Continued February 24, 2016

Committee: Revenue

Senator Gloor Priority

POSITION: SUPPORT – AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT

LB 1013 would increase cigarette tax by one dollar and fifty cents, this would bring the total sales tax to two dollars and fourteen cents a pack. It is estimated that this tax increase would bring in a one hundred and twenty million dollars. Forty five million of that would go to the Property Tax Credit Fund; Forty five million to personal property tax exemption; and thirty million to the Health Care Cash Fund.

LB 1023 – Require development of treatment protocols for and a needs assessment of committed offenders and correctional facilities

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

Under LB 1023, corrections and the division of behavioral health of DHHS would develop protocols for coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment for a committed offender during incarceration until discharge. Protocols will cover pre-release planning; mental health and substance abuse treatment needs, supervisor plan and necessary community support services. Community based services can be used during incarceration. Corrections will provide to the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, a needs assessment pertaining to programming in facilities before January 1st of odd numbered years.

LB 1024 – Change a provision of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act relating to an interest of a government contract

Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill

Hearing Date: February 25, 2016

Committee: Government

LB 1024 states that no member of a public official or employer's family may enter into a business contract valued at one hundred thousand dollars in a given year. As of January 1, 2017, and every year thereafter the contract value will be adjusted for inflation.

LB 1034 – Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 19, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

LB 1034 adds juvenile justice to the strategic plan of reform of the Nebraska Child Welfare Commission to review and evaluate the juvenile justice system.

LBI036 - Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act.

Introduced by Senator Campbell

Hearing Date: February 09, 2016

Committee: Banking, Commerce, and Insurance

LB 1036 states notwithstanding any other provisions of law, charge any brokerage fees or any other fees or charges whatsoever in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act. It defines the annual percentage rate, default, and delayed deposit. The Department of Banking and Finance will document each delayed deposit loan transaction by a written agreement signed by both the licensee and the borrower.

LB1037 - Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land
Introduced by Senator Lydia Brasch of Bancroft

Committee: Revenue

Hearing: February 17, 2016

Kintner Priority

Placed on General File

LB1037 strikes land associated with buildings. It excludes wasteland lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticulture land. It does allow farm sites and farm home sites lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticultural land.

LB 1044 – Terminate the Commission of Industrial Relations.

Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete

Hearing Date: February 22, 2016

Committee: Business and Labor

LB 1044 would abolish the CIR that was created to resolve labor disputes involving public employees. The bill would continue to protect the right of the public employee in Nebraska to strike in the event of an unresolved dispute.

LB1055 - Open grand jury proceedings to the public as prescribed and change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers while in custody

Introduced by Senator Chambers

Committee: Judiciary

Hearing Date: February 24, 2016

NACO Position Monitor

LB 1055: Permits all proceedings before grand juries to be open to the public. The case shall be treated as an open, ongoing matter until all evidence, reports, and other relevant material, which has been assembled are transferred to a prosecuting attorney appointed. The court shall appoint a prosecuting attorney who shall be the county attorney or a member of his or her staff who has had at least five years experience in criminal litigation, including felony litigation.

LB 1059 – Require certain disclosures under the Community Developmental Law and the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

Introduced by Senator Sue Crawford of Bellevue

Hearing Date: February 9, 2016 (9:00 am)

Committee: Urban Affairs

Placed on Select File on February 23 W/AM2067 Attached

Prioritized by Urban Affairs Committee

AM2067 incorporates the provisions of LB 1059 as well as the provisions of two other bills heard by the committee: LB 808 and LB 860.

LB 1059 states that prior to a redevelopment contract, the developer has to indicate if he or she has or intends to file for tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage act; seeking a refund from the city's local option sales tax; estimate of total amount he or she is expecting from tax incentives; and if the project has been approved under the Nebraska Advantage act.

LB 1094 – Change provisions relating to evidence, sentencing, certain criminal penalties, criminal mischief, assault, theft, forgery, and probation.

Introduced by Judiciary Committee and others

Hearing Date: February 4, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

POSITION: MONITOR

Seiler Priority Bill

LB 1094 addresses matters extending from LB 605. The bill addresses custodial sanctions; administrative sanctions; defined duties of a probationer officer when determining a possible violation of probation and court proceedings. LB 1094 repeals section (5) of LB 605 relating to duties of a probationer officer, setting forth new language.

LB 1097 - Change provisions relating to sexual assault forensic testing

Introduced by Senator Adam Morfeld of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

LB1097 would create a fund to collect federal money and for an administrator for that fund to pay expenses for medical exams for rape victims. The fund would cover costs for physical trauma exams, patient interviews, collection and evaluation of evidence, emergency room and laboratory fees. Victims would also get emotional and mental health care. Medical personnel would also be trained in practices for collecting evidence for prosecutions.

LB 1102 – Authorize legislative performance audits of tax-increment financing projects.

Introduced by Senator Al Davis of Hyannis

Hearing Date: February 5, 2016

Committee: Executive Board

LB 1102 includes any authority as defined in section 18-2103 that uses tax-increment financing as authorized in section. 18-2147

LB1103 - Change provisions relating to Medicaid reimbursements, provide for a lien, and change estate procedures.

Introduced by Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus

Committee: Judiciary

Hearing Date: February 3, 2016

Schumacher Priority Bill

LB 1103 requires a notice shall be provided to the department in a manner and at an address designated by the department, which manner may include email. Any notice that fails to meet this requirement is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application for purposes of any statute or regulation that requires that a notice or waiver application be provided to the department.

LB 1107 – Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative

Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue

Hearing Date: February 24, 2016

Committee: Government

LB 1107 states the current vote tabulation and ballot-marking equipment in Nebraska will soon be outdate. The bill would establish the Nebraska Election System. The goal is to examine the voting

process, in Nebraska. Review methods of polling sites, early voting, equipment; disabled, minority and young voters; campaigns; and cost of replacing current system.

LR 389CA – Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska.

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

U.S. Supreme Court, in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, ruled that marriage is a fundamental right for same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. LR389CA places on the ballot the removal of a provision of the Nebraska State Constitution, which by virtue of preemption by the U.S. Constitution is moot and not enforceable.

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LB30	McCoy		Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015	General File w/AM29		X		
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		X		
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		X		
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	X		[LC Priority] Support

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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		x		
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		x		
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	x		Support

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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; AM1018 Withdrawn; AM997 Withdrawn; AM1034 Withdrawn; AM1029 Withdrawn; Watermeier AM1099 Filed; AM1099 Adopted; AM643 Withdrawn; Final Reading 4/15	LB 106 creates the Livestock Operating Siting and Expansion Act and to be implemented by the creation of the Livestock Operation Siting Review Board	x		
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	x		

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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	X		Oppose
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	X		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		X		
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		X		
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.	X		

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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; AM582 Adopted; Select File w/ER75; AM1327 Filed; AM1327 Adopted; Final Reading 4/29	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	X		Oppose/AM1327
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2015			X		
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; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Approved		X		
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	X		

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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	x		
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	x		
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	x		
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/2015			x		Support/AM472

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LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File w/AM472; AM472 Adopted; Select File w/ER82;		X		
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	X		
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	X		Support
LB202	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/26/2015			X		

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LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
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>	X		
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	X		
LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015			X		

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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	x		
LB230	Mello		Change provisions relating to partition actions	Revenue	2/19/2015	General File w/AM752		x		
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/2015			x		
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations				x		
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		x		

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LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/2015			X		
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; Pansing Brooks AM1045 Filed; Returned to Select File; AM1070 Adopted; Final Reading Second 4/7; Passed on Final Reading 4-4-3; Approved	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	X		
LB250	Larson		Eliminate time restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1/26/2015			X		
LB253	Morfeld	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/2015	General File w/AM278; AM278 Adopted; Select File 4/28; Final Reading 5/5;		X		
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.	X		

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LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/2015	General File w/AM824; Gloor AM1252 Filed; AM824 Adopted; AM1252 Adopted; Gloor FA58 Filed; FA58 Adopted; Select File w/ER118;	To exempt the first \$25,000 worth of personal property value for each personal property tax return filed with a county assessor	X		
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	X		
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; Final Reading w/ST26	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	X		
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	X		

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LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/2015	Select File w/ ER103; Final Reading 5/7;	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	X		
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
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	X		
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		X		

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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%.	X		
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; Crawford AM556 Filed;	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	X		
LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
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	X		
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 ore eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters	X		

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LB325	Davis	Speaker Hadley	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	X		
LB331	Nordquist		Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	Revenue	2/11/2015			X		
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations	3/16/2015			X		Support/AM829
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/2015			X		
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	X		
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	X		

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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	x		
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	x		
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	x		
LB347	Krist	Speaker Hadley	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; Final Reading 4/14; Krist AM1490 Filed; Krist AM1547 Filed;		x		

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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%	X		
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; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final reading 45-0-4; Approved	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	X		
LB357	Smith	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/2015			X		
LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/2015	General File w/AM1147	LB 359 increases a state fee collected by local subdivisions assessed upon licensure of cats and dogs	X		
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	X		

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LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			X		
LB384	Lindstrom		Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/2015		Land owner with 160 acres of crop land may have 30 acres to 160 acres valued as pasture if planted to perennial cover	X		
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	X		
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>	X		Support
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	X		

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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	X		
LB414	Harr	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies	Revenue	3/5/2015	General File; Chambers MO84 Indefinitely Postpone Filed; Select File 4/10; MO84 Fails; Harr MO93 Invoke Cloture Filed; MO93 Prevails; Final Reading 5/1;	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	X		
LB415	Pansing Broo Speaker Hadley		Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/2015	General File w/AM200; AM200 Adopted; Select File w/ER65; Final Reading 4/15; Passed on Final Reading w/E-clause 45-2-2; Approved		X		
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/2015			X		
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	X		

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LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/2015			X		
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	X		Support
LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/2015	General File w/AM733		X		Support
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	X		
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.	X		
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	X		

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LB472	Campbell	Health and Human Services	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	Health and Human Services	2/25/2015	General File w/AM676; AM676 Los; McCoy MO85 Indefinitely Postpone Filed; Chambers MO87 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO85 Prevails	This year's Medicaid expansion effort also includes a redesign of Medicaid.	X		Support
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	X		
LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/2015	General File w/AM485; AM485 Adopted; Select File 4/30;	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	X		

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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; Final Reading 4/14; Passed on Final Reading 44-2-3; Approved		X		
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/2015	General File 4/16		X		
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			X		
LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/2015			X		
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 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.	X		
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 File 3/26; Schilz AM1041 Filed; AM1041 Adopted; Final Reading 4/14;	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	X		[DC Priority]

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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	x		
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	x		
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	x		
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	x		

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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	x		
LB544	Harr		Adopt the Community Gardens Act	Agriculture	2/24/2015	General File w/AM697		x		
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	X		
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	x		

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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	X		
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; Final Reading 4/29;		X		
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	X		Oppose
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	X		
LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/2015	General File w/AM398; AM398 Adopted; Select File w/ ER106; Final Reading 5/7;	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	X		

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LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/2015	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>	x		
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	General File w/AM1276; AM1276 Adopted; Select File w/ER99; Schumacher AM1424 Filed; Murante AM1510 Filed; AM1424 Lost; AM1510 Adopted;		x		
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/2015	General File w/AM189		x		
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	x		
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			x		
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	x		

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LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military &Veterans Affairs	2/27/2015			X		
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	X		
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	X		
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	X		

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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	X		
LB603	Bloomfield		Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/2015			X		
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		X		
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	General File w/AM1010; AM1010 Adopted; Seiler AM1242 Filed; AM1242 Adopted; Select File w/ER81; Harr AM1330 Filed; Seiler AM1530 Filed;	LB 605 is the first part of recommendations stemming from the CSG working group that was created at the end of last session	X		

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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			X		
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	X		Oppose
LB610	Smith	Friesen	Change motor fuel excise taxes	Revenue	3/6/2015	General File 3/11; Select File 4/2; Final Reading 4/15	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	X		Support

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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	x		
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	General File w/AM1203		x		
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	x		
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	x		
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	x		
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	x		Support

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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	X		
LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/2015			X		
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; Chambers MO88 Bracket until 6/5 Filed; MO88 Prevails	LB 649 states that all votes taken by public officials in the course of their public duties shall be considered public record.	X		
LB651	Bloomfield		Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	Judiciary	2/5/2015	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM828; Select File w/ER113; Mello AM1501 Filed; AM1501 Adopted;		X		

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LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM829; Mello AM1484 Filed; AM1484 adopted; Select File w/ER114; Mello AM1508 Filed; Mello AM1566 Filed; AM1508 Withdrawn; AM1566 Adopted;		X		
LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File 4/28; Select File 5/5;		X		
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1191; Select File 5/5;		X		
LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM830; Select File w/ER116; Mello AM1502 Filed; AM1502 Adopted;		X		
LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM831; Mello AM1486 Filed; AM1486 adopted; Chambers AM1434 Filed; McCoy AM1486 Filed; Seselect File w/ER117; AM1488 Adopted;		X		

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LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/2015	General File w/AM1246; Chambers AM1435 Filed; Select File 5/5; Mello AM1538 Filed; AM1538 Adopted;		X		
LB663	Speaker Hadley		Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges	Judiciary	2/4/2015	General File w/AM885; Select File 5/5;	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	X		
LB670	Krist		Require a hearing prior to release for persons taken into custody for mental health reasons	Judiciary	2/17/2016		LB 670 strikes language making a more strict interpretation of the release of a juvenile from temporary custody. The bill also inserts additional language that requires a mental health professional to immediately notify the county attorney if the juvenile is not deemed mentally ill and dangerous or a dangerous sex offender in which the county attorney shall proceed to a hearing before the court within 24 hours regarding the juvenile's release.		Oppose	
LB671	Krist		Repeal the Build Nebraska Act and change the distribution of sales tax revenue Introduced by Krist	Revenue	2/5/2016	IPP	LB 671 changes the termination date of the State Highway Critical Improvement Fund on the effective date of this act and all money in the fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.		Oppose	

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LB672	Krist		Eliminate Fees on Tires as Prescribed	Natural Resources	1/21/2016		LB 672 includes that various subdivisions terminate on January 1, 2017 regarding the Waste Reduction and recycling Incentive Act and that an imposed fee of one dollar on each tire of every new motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer will be assessed prior to October 1, 2016.		Oppose	
LB673	Krist		Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem Introduced by Krist	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 673 states that if there is a guardian ad litem division, appointments will first be directed to them and if a conflict exists the court may appoint a guardian ad litem outside of the division. It also replaces the court hearing of an application with the county board.		Support	

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LB675	Krist		Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 675 adds language that prohibits a juvenile from being placed in a rehabilitation center unless an immediate and urgent reason persists. It also ensures that a juvenile will not be detained unless there is a legitimate threat to the security of anyone in the community or if it is necessary to ensure that the juvenile will appear at the next hearing due to a trend of absences at a hearing over a period of 12 months. It states that no juvenile under the year of 12 years old will at anytime under any circumstance be placed in detention; to allow a parent or guardian to avoid legal responsibility, punish treat or rehabilitate the juvenile, permit more convenient administrative access to the juvenile, facilitate further interrogation or investigation of the juvenile, due to lack of more appropriate facilities, or satisfy the demands of a victim, law enforcement, or the community.			

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LB682	Craighead		Change deadlines for ballots for early voting and special elections by mail Introduced by Craighead	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/20/2016		LB 682: Changes language from 4 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the election to the second Friday preceding the election to allow more time for voting officials to receive ballots on time and to record the early voting ballots.		Oppose	
LB687	Bloomfield		Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2016		LB 687 provides that a recall petition is reviewed by the state and that the state is responsible for all costs of the recall procedure, any special election, or costs incurred related to a canceled election. The bill strikes language that excluded trustees of sanitary and improvement districts, members of a political subdivision, member of a governing body of a city, village, county, irrigation district, natural resource district, public power district, school district, community college, education service unit, hospital district, and metropolitan utility district. The bill also includes the process to bring about a petition against an elected official whether elected or appointed and that petition needs to be authorized by the filing clerk.			

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LB693	Morfeld		Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles	Judiciary	1/28/2016		LB 693 extends from one year to two years every tort claim against a political subdivision.			
LB696	Howard		Provide for a medicaid state plan waiver to provide coverage for treatment of opioid abuse.	Health and Human Services	2/10/2016		LB 696 makes changes to include the date of January 1, 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to implement a demonstration project to access cost-efficient treatment for opioid abuse.			

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LB699	Mello		Change the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	Final Reading	LB 699 requires at least one member to represent a chamber of commerce, one member with experience in banking, one member with experience in real estate development, one member with experience as a realtor, one member with experience in nonprofit or affordable housing, one member with experience in large-scale property rental, and a single voting member may satisfy more than one of the requirements provided in subdivision of this section if they have the required qualification. The bill adds the priority of use for urban agricultural activities including the establishment of community gardens as defined in section 2-303.			

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LB703	Urban Affairs Committee		Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	Select File	LB 703 states a city or village must establish method of notice by ordinance. If done by US mail first class, it must contain a mark indicating importance. Within five days of receipt, owner/occupant of the ground may request a hearing on the nuisance. Hearing would be set within fourteen days of the appeal filing and a hearing officer has five business days to render a decision.			

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LB704	Urban Affairs Committee	Urban Affairs 2016	Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions	Urban Affairs	1/19/2016	Select File	LB 704 restricts the city council in cities of metropolitan class within the corporate limits of the city or within three miles of the corporate limits. IT requires any building or construction code implemented under this section shall be adopted and enforced. It designates the power for the city council and city or village board of any village to adopt by ordinance the conditions, provisions, limitations, and terms of a plumbing code, an electrical code, a fire prevention code, a building or construction code, and any other standard code which contains rules and regulations. It removes the authority of the legislative body of any city of the first or second class or any village from adopting the items mentioned above.		Monitor	
LB707	Coash		Increase the number of judges of the separate juvenile court	Judiciary	3/2/2016		LB 707 – states that counties with a population of four hundred thousand or more will have six juvenile judges.		Support	

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LB709	Howard		Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles	Judiciary	1/20/2016		Provides for alternate detention of increased supervision for a youth to ensure the youth attends court and avoids future law infractions. Supervision includes electronic monitoring, day/evening reporting centers, house arrest and temporary shelter placement. Placement does not include facilities that allow for physical restraint or ingress and egress for placement.			

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LB711	Hughes		Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and create the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	Natural Resources	2/18/2016		Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force to be housed within the Department of Agriculture. Starting FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2million dollars annually for the management of vegetation within the banks of a natural stream. Governor will appoint members of the task force; one surface water project representative from each river basin; one representative from Dept. of Agriculture; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources; office of the Governor; office of the State Forester; Games and Parks; and the University of Nebraska. Two representatives nominated by Association of Resources Districts; two representatives nominated by Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from congressional districts; one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Any member of the Legislature may serve as an ex officio at his or her option. Meetings are to be held in communities within the			Weed Control Support

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LB714	Stinner		Provide for and change a provision relating to sufficient cause for nonuse of a water appropriation	Natural Resources	1/22/2016		states that for sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist for up to fifteen consecutive years if such nonuse was a result of one or more of the following(adds) the appropriation is temporarily transferred to a natural resources district or other competent authority for the purpose of depletion offsets, aquifer recharge, stream augmentation, or maintenance of instream flow		Oppose	
LB716	Kolowski	Speaker Hadley	Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/25/2016		LB 716 states a pedestrian lawfully entering designed bike or walk path of a highway intersection or adjacent to intersection of two highways controlled by traffic signal has the right-of-way within the crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles. Bicyclist cannot suddenly leave a curb or safety path into the path of a car that it is so close it is impossible for the driver to stop. Nothing in the subsection relieves a bicyclist or driver from duty of care.			

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LB717	Groene	Groene 2016	Change provisions relating to the assessment and valuation of real property	Revenue	2/4/2016		LB 717 States that the actual value of real property for purpose of taxation means the value to be determined by the use of professionally accepted mass appraisal methods. It removes language of "market value of real property in the ordinary course of trade". Legislation states, except for assessment occurring on January 1, 2016, the assessed value shall be the same as the assessed value on January 1, 2015, in relation to assessing tax on real property.			
LB720	Kuehn		Change certain invasion of privacy provisions to include unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems	Judiciary	2/25/2016		LB 720 states an individual is liable for invasion of privacy for flying an unmanned aircraft below 200ft of privately owned property without permission of the owner of the property in the act of capturing any form of visual image/recording. Individual is responsible for reasonable damage caused by the invasion.		Support	

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LB722	Baker	Baker 2016	Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act	Health and Human Services	1/22/2016	General FileW/AM212	LB 722 creates the Stroke System of Care Act. In an effort to meet the increase of Stokes in the state of Nebraska, this bill creates an effective stroke system of care to be provided to individuals. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and regulations that include the criteria for designation of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke-ready hospital. The American Heart Association, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or another nationally recognized stroke care organization will approve the certification.		Support	

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LB723	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/2016		LB 723 changes the date of October 1, 2002 to read on and after January 1, 2017 and doubles the 2.5% to 5% of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month and two and one-half percent of the next three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.			

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LB724	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/2016		LB 724 Changes the date from October 1, 2002 to on or after January 1, 2017 for all taxes deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected five percent, opposed to the previous two and on half percent, of the first six thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost od collecting the tax. The bill also states that taxes collected prior to January 1, 2017 will be deducted and withheld from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first three thousand dollars remitted each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax.			Support

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LB725	Schumacher		Provide an exception to a filing requirement relating to conveyances of real estate	Revenue	1/21/2016	General File W/AM201	<p>granted by a land owner to use real estate for a limited purpose. Usually the purpose is for utilities but can also be for such things as rights of passage across land. An easement does not affect the ownership of the land. Recent amendments to the definition of "deed" in §76-203, perhaps unintentionally caused easements to fall under the definition of "deed" in §76-203, which now includes "every written instrument by which any real estate or interest therein is created..." Therefore the Department of Revenue instructs county register of deeds to require real estate transfer statements, commonly referred to as Form 521, be filed with easements at the same time they are recorded pursuant to §76-214, even though ownership of property is not transferred. Form 521 identifies the owner and the purchaser, any documentary tax exemptions that might exempt the transaction from the nominal recording tax assessed when a deed is filed, a description of the property, and the price</p>			

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LB729	Johnson		Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act Introduced by Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/25/2016	Select File	LB 729 adds an independent contractor that is retained by a county to assist in the appraisal of real property as performed by the county assessor of such county subject to the standards established by the Tax Commissioner.			

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LB731	Johnson		Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	1/25/2016	General File	<p>from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. It also adds the compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice in a report performed by the real property appraiser. The bill further adds any salaried employee of the entities listed in subdivisions a through d of the subdivision who is a credentialed real property appraiser and who does not sign a report as a credentialed real property appraiser shall include a disclosure prominently with such report. It adds language stating that any person who is appointed to serve as an appraiser is subject to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, excluding standards 1 through 10. The bill states that in order to qualify for an initial credential the applicant must certify that disciplinary proceedings are not pending, certify that he or she has not surrendered an appraiser credential, certify that his or her appraiser credential, has not been revoked, they not have been convicted of a felony, crime of fraud, crime</p>		Support	

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LB741	Hansen		Change electioneering provisions related to yard signs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2016		Legislative Bill 741 amends section 32-1524, relating to the issue of electioneering. The bill attempts to provide clarity to current law, and would allow for a person to display yard signs on private property within two hundred feet of a polling place.			
LB742	Hansen	Speaker Hadley	Change county population thresholds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/2016	General File	LB 742 does not require a county board of commissioners to increase their members from 5 to 7 as a result of an increase in population that exceeds 300,000 persons.			Support
LB746	Campbell	Campbell 2016	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardians ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force	Health and Human Services	1/21/2016	Select File/ER169	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.			Oppose

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LB750	Lindstrom		Change Uniform Credentialing Act provisions relating to confidentiality and prohibit retaliation as prescribed	Health and Human Services			<p>LB 750 introduces language that prohibits an individual or a business pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act from retaliating against any person who make a report to the department of Health and Human Services relating to an act or omission of the credential holder to the License Assistance Program. The act ensures that the identity of someone who makes a report is confidential. Further, any person making a report is immune from criminal or civil liability of any nature. The bill restricts a health care facility pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act from retaliating against any person who makes a report under the Uniform Credentialing Act relating to an individual employed or under contract with a health care facility.</p>		Oppose	

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LB765	Garrett		Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state or country	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/26/2016		LB 765 would amend Section 60-154 by increasing fees related to each original certificate of title issue by a Nebraska county or the Department of Motor Vehicles for a motor vehicle, all terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, minibike, or trailer being titled in Nebraska from another state or country by increasing the current \$10 fee to \$25 for these types of vehicles receiving an original certificate of title. Percentage of those fees are distributed to Motor Vehicle Cash fund; General Fund; HHS Cash fund for programs related to brain injury; Motor Vehicle Fraud Cash Fund; Motor Carrier Division Cash Fund and Nebraska State Patrol Fund.		Monitor	Support through County Treasurer

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LB768	Garrett	Speaker Hadley	Provide for Choose Life License Plates	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/9/2016	General File W/AM2058	Would allow for personal license plates for individuals supporting a Pro Life stance. Money raised from sale of the personal plates would go into a new state fund, Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption fund. Fund would be used to provide grants for organizations providing counseling, pregnancy testing and training related to pregnant women considering adoption.		Support	
LB770	Groene		Change the termination date of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/8/2016	General File	LB 770 changes the amount of time an appointed member of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act from four years to three years.		Cond. Support	
LB777	Gloor		Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow	Revenue	1/21/2016		LB 777 Requires County Treasurers to accept partial payments for property taxes. The bill removes the language any county board may pass a resolution and replaces it with the county treasurer shall.			Oppose through County Treasurer

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LB779	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to the partisan status of certain political subdivision offices	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	3/2/2016		LB 779 prevents the county clerk from being elected on the partisan ballot if as otherwise provided in section 32-707. This section states; unless at least one of the two political parties which polled the most votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election holds a county convention in an even-numbered year and has attendance of at least two percent of the registered voters affiliated with that party in that county. It also prevents the county clerk from being elected if the offices in the county are nonpartisan pursuant to the most recent gubernatorial election.			
LB780	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody	Judiciary	2/3/2016		Department of HHS would be required to take charge of a mentally ill individual who are taken into emergency protective custody. Bill would make it a misdemeanor for HHS Behavioral Health Division to refuse custody of a person.		Support	

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LB784	Friesen		Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards	Government	1/27/2016		states that a county board may exceed their authorized expenditures in order to meet their statutory obligations. Approval of expenditures must be take place in an open public meeting of the county board.			

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LB785	Friesen		Change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/2016	General File	<p>section two and relocates the section regarding application made by the department personnel in any county and the personnel conduct the examination of the applicant down to page 21. It does allow for personnel in counties in which the county treasure collects the fees and issues receipts to conduct an examination of applicants and deliver successful applicants an issuance of certificate or receipt. The department is required to remit the county portion of the fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash fund id the department issues an operator's license or a state identification card and collects the fees. Section 8 of the bill grants the Department of Motor Vehicles to cancel or refuse to issue or renew the operator's license or state identification card if the fee is not honored or accepted by any form of payment. The license will remain cancelled until the full amount can be paid. The applicant for identification will be notified by first-class mail if the action is insufficient at the time of</p>		Cond. Oppose	

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LB786	Larson		Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits	Health and Human Services	1/20/2016	Select File	LB 786 – removes the handwritten option of a funeral director, embalmer, physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner when signing a medical death certificate. Legislation allows for an electronic signature in place of handwritten signature. LB 786 states before any dead body may be cremated, permit of cremation will be signed electronically by the county attorney or designee.		Support	
LB787	Morfeld		Allow a voter to photograph and reveal a marked ballot	Government	1/28/2016		would allow for a voter to photograph his or her ballot.		Neutral	
LR389CA	Harr		Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska	Judiciary	1/27/2016		Put to the vote of the people the repeal of the state's ban on same-sex marriage.		Oppose	
LB797	Harr		Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemptions	Revenue	2/18/2016		LB 797 states 30 days after the county assessor received approval by the county board to remove or reduce the exemption from the tax rolls of the county, the reate from time to time can be adjusted by the Legislature.		Support	

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LB806	Mello		Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act	Urban Affairs	2/16/2016	General File W/AM2137	LB 806 creates the Riverfront Development District Act that provides a means by which such historic river cities may be effectively funded, managed, promoted, and developed within their corporate limits. A riverfront development district may be created through the adoption of an ordinance that names the river, boundaries of the district, qualifications and terms of the office, statement that the business shall be subject to the general occupations tax or real property will be subject to special assessment, the proposed method of assessment will be imposed within the district, and penalties will be imposed for failure to pay the occupation tax or special assessment. After the creation of a district, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a riverfront development authority to oversee and manage the district.		Monitor	

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LB807	Williams		Allow counties of all sizes to waive quarterly reports by county attorneys	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/27/2016	Select File	LB 807 removes language that states counties with less than two hundred thousand population may waive the duty to make a annual inventory statement.		Monitor	
LB811	Brasch		Change provisions relating to counties' use of alphanumeric and county number system license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/19/2016	Select FileW/ER166	LB 811 changes provisions to the motor vehicle registration providing an operative date. The bill declares in counties having a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or more, the registration of motor vehicles shall be in alphanumeric system. In all other counties it will be left to the county board to decide on an alphanumeric system or county number system.		Support	

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LB825	Davis		Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property	Revenue	2/18/2016		<p>even-numbered year, the owner of each parcel of property that is exempt from property taxes shall file with the county assessor of the county in which the property is located a form containing the following information: name and address, legal description of property, date of acquisition of the property, description of any improvements on the property, whether the property was leased or not, and the owners estimate of the fair market value on the property on January 1 of the even numbered year. The bill adds that by July 1 of each even-numbered year, the county assessor of each county shall complete and deliver to the Department of Revenue a form on which the county assessor estimates the fair market value of tax-exempt property, classified by the type of owner, within his or her county and that the Department of Revenue shall prescribe the forms to be used for purposes of the value ranges for estimating the fair market value of property. The Department of Revenue will prepare an estimate of the fair</p>		Monitor	

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LB827	Harr		Allow county treasurers to receive fees for services rendered to sanitary and improvement districts	Government, Military, and Veteran Affairs	1/27/2016		LB 827 allows each county treasurer to receive on behalf of the county the collection of all sums of money, general or bonded, of sanitary and improvement districts, two percent of the sums so collected.		Support	
LB836	Mello		Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act	Business and Labor	2/8/2016		LB 836 creates the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act and states that if a law enforcement officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty, compensation shall be paid as provided in the act to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by such law enforcement officer or firefighter. In the year 2016, compensation will be fifty thousand dollars and will be the same for the following year with the inclusion of percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban consumers. If there is no family available for the deceased officer, the surviving family member will receive the sum amount.			

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LB845	Pansing- Brooks		Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 845 includes section 6 stating that the Legislature creates a system of investigation and performance review in order to provide increased accountability and oversight regarding the use of room confinement for juveniles in a juvenile facility. All confinement incidents must be documented and include the race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the juvenile, the reason for confinement, an explanation of why less restrictive means were unsuccessful, the ultimate duration of the placement in room confinement, and any incidents of self harm or suicide committed by the Juvenile while he or she was isolated.			

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LB848	Pansing-Brooks		Change provisions relating to courts	Judiciary	3/2/2016		<p>general index, Judge's notes, Judgment index, register of actions, and case type when filing of complaints or petitions and subsequent pleadings and date of such filings, including orders and judgments of the court. The bill states that the county court shall file the following with the district court within ten days after entry of the transfer order: Certification of the proceedings; all original documents of the action; certification of the transcript of the register of actions; and certification of the court costs with the clerk of the district court. The clerks of the district court shall use the court's electronic case management system provided by the state, which shall be the record of receipts and reimbursements. The bills strikes the foreman and secretary from filing in the office of the clerk of the district court in section 35 101. The bill also requires the case file to contain the pleadings, orders, court actions, judgments, post judgment actions, and other documents. The case file can be maintained either</p>			

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LB863	Schilz		Adopt the Wind Energy Expansion Act	Natural Resources	2/4/2016		LB 863 creates the Wind Energy Expansion Act. The bill designates the Director of the State Energy Office to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts of counties to create, maintain, or expand their wind energy sectors under the Wind Energy Expansion Act.			
LB872	Murante		Change a provision relating to the use of blue and amber rotating or flashing lights	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/8/2016		LB 872 allows blue and amber rotating lights to be displayed on vehicles when operated by the Department of Roads or any local authority for the inspection, construction, repair, or maintenance of highways, roads, or streets.			
LB876	Murante		Authorize electronic voting devices for public bodies in public meetings	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/2016	Final Reading	LB 876 replaces municipality, a county, a learning community, a joint entity, a joint public agency, or agency under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act with public body.		Monitor	

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LB877	Murante		Change a provision relating to review of proposed subdivision plats by certain county planning commissions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/2016	General File W/AM2104	LB 877 adds a fifth section the requires counties having a population in excess of one hundred thousand inhabitants but less than two hundred thousand inhabitants to provide the county planning commission with all available materials on any proposed subdivision plat.		Neutral	
LB884	Scheer	Smith 2016	Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sport Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	Revenue	1/22/2016		LB 884 requires that ten percent of such funds appropriated to a city of the primary class may be invested in areas with a high concentration of poverty to assist with low-income housing needs. Applications for state assistance submitted prior to the operative date of this act, the area that is located within six hundred yards of an eligible sports arena facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking facility or other structure. Applications submitted on or after the operative date of this act, a map identifying the program area, including any unbuildable property within the program area or take into account in adjusting the program area as described.			

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LB886	Davis	Davis 2016	Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits	Revenue	2/3/2016		LB 886 will create the volunteer emergency responders incentive act. The act will create a \$250 refundable tax credit for volunteer emergency responders who meet the stated criteria.			
LB888	Mello		Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	Revenue	1/28/2016	General File	LB 888 states that a taxpayer who claims a tax credit will not pay additional retaliatory tax as described under section 44-150 for claiming a tax credit. Any tax claim will be considered a payment of tax as in subsection (1) of 77-2734.03			
LB893	Pansing Brooks		Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles	Judiciary	1/22/2016		LB 893 Sets the minimum age at 11 years old for a child to be charged in juvenile court. Provides the right to an attorney and requires a waiver to be made in open court. Legislation also states that the child would not be charged with a crime, but placed in a treatment facility if necessary.			
LB894	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary 2016	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel in juvenile cases	Judiciary	1/20/2016		LB 894 would allow for a minor to have a court appointed attorney if the guardians of the child can't afford one upon a court petition being filed.			

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LB896	Hansen		Require pay increases for state employees to recognize length of service	Business and Labor	2/1/2016		LB 896 states that state employees would get a raise every five years. Raises would be at 6.25cents/hr(five years); 12.5cents/hr(ten years); 18.75cents/hr (fifteen years); 25 cents/hr (20 years); 31.25 cents/hr(twenty five years); 37.5 cents (thirty years); 43.75 cents/hr (thirty five years); 50 cents/hr (forty years)		Monitor	
LB905	Ebke		Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys Establishment Act of 2016	Health and Human Services	3/2/2016		LB 905 establishes the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. The commission will be made up of ten members. Five members appointed by the Governor and five ex officio appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. Commission will advocate, make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on issues and concerns raised by fathers, men and boys. The commission will address issues of socioeconomic concerns raised.		Support	

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LB906	Lindstrom	Murante 2015	Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers	Education	1/25/2016		LB 906 – waives 30 percent of resident tuition for law enforcement officers attending a university, college or community college. An officer has to maintain an acceptable performance level with the agency.			
LB910	Bolz	Judiciary 2016	Change provisions relating to parole administration	Judiciary	2/4/2016		LB 910 states starting January 1, 2017, the Office of Parole Administration will be moved to the Board of Parole. The board and director will meet once a month to prepare a plan for legislative review to cover budget, transitions, board policies and procedures with coordination for community based services.		Neutral	
LB911	Bolz	Referral	State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems of care	Appropriations	2/8/2016		LB 911 appropriates two-hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 to program 268, Behavioral Health Administration for creating a plan of system care for adults using behavioral health services.		Support	

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LB912	Smith	Referral	Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/10/2016		LB 912 – states an individual, prior to voting must present valid photo identification and two of the following: a valid utility bill, bank statement, payment check or other government document. Documents presented must be within sixty-days of the present day with matching address to vote in that precinct.			
LB915	McCollister		Create a veterans' treatment court pilot project	Judiciary	2/5/2016		LB 915 – Creates a three year pilot program for treatment of veteran's in Douglas County. After conclusion of the three-year study, the Nebraska Supreme Court would make recommendations for the model to be used in other counties.			Req Add info
LB916	Howard		Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for removal of an animal from a motor vehicle by forcible entry as prescribed	Judiciary	2/19/2016		LB 916 allows for an individual who rescues an animal from a locked car or the animal is trapped inside the car, that individual is immune from criminal or civil liability for damage to the automobile.		Monitor	

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LB918	Murante		Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/26/2016		LB 918 transfers one percent of the collected motor vehicle tax to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund.		Support	
LB919	Williams	Williams 2016	Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs	Judiciary	2/5/2016	General File W/AM217	LB 919, the Legislature declares that problem solving court programs, including drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, and other problem solving court programs, help in reducing recidivism. The bill states problem solving court programs offer a person accused of drug alcohol and other alternative to traditional criminal justice proceedings or juvenile justice dispositions. LB 919 would use funds already appropriated to Nebraska Supreme Court to be used to look into evidence-based interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.			Support / Joe Kelly advises slow walk / Joe Nigro supports

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LB920	Pansing Brooks		Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council	Judiciary	2/18/2016		LB 920 adds nine members to the council starting January 1, 2017. The seventh member of the council will be either a member of the Jail Standards board or from the public at large. The eighth and ninth members will be full time officers from a state law agency with a rank no higher than sergeant. The eighth and ninth members are appointed by the Governor.			
LB922	Kolterman		Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed	Retirement	2/5/2016		LB 922 requires member to serve five years to ensure an experienced and knowledgeable board. It provides that a member appointed to any of the Nebraska retirement systems will serve five years including the; School Employees Retirement System, Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, and Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System.			

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LB925	Harr		Change provisions relating to issuing a treasurer's tax deed and bringing a tax lien foreclosure action as prescribed	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB 925 states at anytime within 9 months after the expiration of two years after the date of sale of any real estate for taxes or special assessments if such real estate is not legally occupied and deemed vacant or abandoned. Vacant and abandoned real estate is defined by local ordinance or determined by the appropriate local governing body. Conditions of real estate include overgrown or dead vegetation, trash and waste and /or visible deterioration.			Oppose through County Treasurer
LB927	Hilkemann		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/2016		LB 927 changes the uniform service charge for 911 services to say: except that the monthly uniform service surcharge shall not exceed one dollar per month. It strikes language that states a surcharge of up to fifty cents on all active telephone numbers every month from users or wireless service shall remit the surcharge.			
LB928	Mello		Change provisions relating to discriminatory wage practices based on sex	Business and Labor	2/1/2016		LB 928 – addresses wage discrimination between a man and a women in effort to close the gap. The bill also removes current employee size exemption and addresses definitions of enforcement.		Oppose	

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LB929	Brasch		Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/2016	Select File	LB 929 updates effective date from January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016. Adds language making self-propelled CMV's and intermodal equipment will not apply to forum trucks and forum truck-tractors registered and operated solely in intrastate commerce.			
LB931	Bolz		Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted-living facilities and change distribution of the Behavioral Health Services Fund	Appropriations	2/8/2016		LB 931 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to the Department of Health and Human Services. The allocation of funds will provide incentives for certain assisted-living facilities for adults with mental illness or a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.		Support	
LB934	Coash	Coash 2016	Change provisions relating to the Office of the Public Guardian	Judiciary	2/3/2016	General File W/AM219	LB 934 defines multidisciplinary team means a team of professionals hired by the Public Guardian. Public Guardian will be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska. Public Guardian will hire a multidisciplinary team. The team will be made up of professionals in public guardian and trained in the area of law.		Oppose	

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LB935	Schilz	Government 2016	Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/2016		LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31st of a calendar year will be considered delinquent. A political subdivision will be notified of the delinquency. If the necessary material is not received within thirty days of the December 31st, a five hundred dollars will be withheld from the next state aid payment to that that political subdivision and continue for each additional thirty days of delinquency. Upon delinquency, the auditor can make an audit of the political subdivision at which the cost will be billed to the political subdivision.			
LB936	Ebke		Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB 936 changes inheritance tax to one percent for everything above one-hundred thousand dollars and anything below that limit will not be taxed			Oppose
LB937	Ebke		Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease	Judiciary	1/27/2016		LB 937 strikes the language stating that no person with a venereal disease shall be married in Nebraska.			

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LB938	Smith	Transportation & Telecommunications 2016	Adopt the 911 Service System Act and transfer funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to the 911 Service System Fund	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/29/2016		LB 938 creates the 911 Service System Act to establish the Public Service Commission as the statewide implementation and coordinating authority to plan, implement, coordinate, manage, maintain, and provide funding assistance for a statewide next-generation 911 service capability.		Oppose	
LB940	Johnson		Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act	Revenue	2/4/2016		LB 940 creates the Tax Stabilization Act to provide property tax relief to property owners across that state and to give the Legislature time to consider appropriate changes to state law that would reduce the reliance on property taxes for the funding of school districts in the state of Nebraska.			oppose
LB943	Hansen		Update references with respect to husband and wife	Judiciary	1/27/2016		changes references of husband and wife to "spouses in a marriage relationship."			
LB944	Hansen		Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships	Judiciary	1/27/2016		addresses last year's United Supreme Court ruling of legalizing same sex marriage and changes some references to "parents"			

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LB951	Harr		Adopt the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act	Revenue	2/10/2016		LB 951 creates the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act to provide an owner of an affordable housing project to apply for an affordable housing tax credit. A qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project.		Oppose	
LB952	Watermeier		Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services	Health and Human Services			LB 952 states starting January 1, 2016, a county board is responsible to make sure emergency medical services are available for all county residents. The bill states that the county can contract for medical emergency and public safety services. The Board of Emergency Medical Services in regards to the seven out of hospital care providers, two will be emergency medical responders, two will be medical technicians, two will be paramedics and one will be an advanced medical technician. Members appointed after January 1, 2017, three of them will be volunteer emergency medical care providers.		Support	

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LB954	Krist	Executive Board 2	Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Executive Board	1/22/2016	Final Reading	LB 954 states the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare can submit a written request to the Probation Administrator for access of juvenile records pertaining to a particular case. Those records will be turned over with approval via a court order. All juvenile cases as defined in sections 43-246 and 43-247, of the juvenile court will provide confidential information to the Foster Care Review Office. If upon investigation, the Inspector General finds misconduct by the juvenile services division, the probation administrator will immediately notified.			
LB956	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/1/2016		LB 956 The bill makes adjustments to appropriations for state operations, aid and construction programs in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 as well as for the next fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, provides for transfers, and modifies intent language and earmarks accompanying appropriations approved by the 104th Legislature during 2015.			

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LB957	Speaker Hadley		Authorize additional uses for certain funds and provide for certain transfers	Appropriations	2/1/2016		LB 957 – Money in the department of motor vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund may be used for transfers to the General fund or the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund at the direction of the Legislature.		Oppose	

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LB958	Gloor	Revenue 2016	Change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land, and levy limitations	Revenue	2/4/2016		LB 958 strikes the allowable growth percentage from exceeding a levy that may be approved at the same meeting as a vote to exceed the limits of a final levy. Limitations do not apply to restricted funds budgeted for capital improvements, or restricted funds from a qualified sinking fund for acquisition or replacement of tangible personal property. The bill increases any budget adopted by a governmental unit by an amount equal to the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year for capital improvements, the restricted funds budgeted for the immediately prior fiscal year and the restricted funds expended in the immediately prior fiscal year. The Property Tax Administrator shall provide information to the commission necessary to determine the adjustments for agricultural land and horticulture.			Oppose / Dennis Meyer to Testify

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LB959	Sullivan	Education 2016	Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority	Education	2/9/2016		2017-18 and each school fiscal year thereafter, if the formula need calculated for a school district is less than ninety-eight percent of the formula need for such district immediately preceding the school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated, the formula need for such district shall equal ninety-eight percent of the formula. The effective date of the act for school fiscal year 2016-17 is null and void. Each school district shall have a budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures equal to the general fund budget of expenditures minus exclusions, except for expenditures to pay for employer contributions to either the school Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska or the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. Employee benefit fund cash reserves shall not exceed such applicable allowable reserve percentage. For exclusions approved by the state board, the board shall establish a schedule for			

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LB960	Smith	Brasch 2016	Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/16/2016		LB 960 – Transportation Innovation Act is created. Design build is created as an alternative method when considering projects. A transportation infrastructure bank is created from reserved funds in the amount of \$150 million to accelerate projects. A capital improvement program is created as well to speed up capital improvements. The county bridge match program is created for repair and replacement of county bridges. This includes matching requirements.			Support / County Engineer Appearing in Neutral

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LB968	Johnson	Agriculture 2016	Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program	Agriculture	2/16/2016		LB 968 allows the Department of Agriculture to cooperate and coordinate with producer organizations, state and local governments, and public and private economic development entities to identify opportunities for private sector investment in new livestock, dairy, and agricultural commodities processing facilities or expansion or repurposing of existing processing facilities within the state, to actively recruit such processing investment, and to advise and assist local communities where such investment may be sought or considered.		Monitor	
LB976	Seiler		Change provisions relating to jury sequestration	Judiciary		Motion to Withdraw	A court may order that a jury be sequestered during a trial or after final submation by the motion of the court or party if good cause is shown.		Monitor	Support through letter
LB977	Smith	Transportation & Telecommunications 2016	Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/2016	Smith AM1895.	LB 977 makes an exemption for the weight and load limitations for a farm tractor, self-propelled equipment, and additional agricultural machinery. The bill includes specific weight limits for the vehicles mentioned in the bill.		Oppose	

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LB979	Kuehn		Provide for selection of interchangeable biological products by pharmacists	Health and Human Services	2/5/2016	General File W/AM2139	LB979 – updates Nebraska Statutes to allow for the substitution of biologic products only with FDA approved interchangeable biologics. Current state law governs the substitution by pharmacists of generic drugs for their branded counterparts, and similar statutory direction is needed to craft state policy allowing for the substitution of FDA approved interchangeable biologics.		Support	
LB984	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals	Judiciary	2/10/2016		LB 984 – Three judge panel would decide mandatory minimum sentences. A sentencing judge can request the three judge panel to make a finding that a habitual criminal or mandatory minimum sentence would not apply.			
LB986	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study	Retirement	2/5/2016		the director will be provide draft copies of each annual valuation report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee and Governor, as required. Copies are deemed confidential. Starting in 2016, and every four years thereafter will request an experience study from the Public Employee retirement board.			

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LB989	Murante		Change provisions relating to motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/2/2016		LB 989 provides that the Director of Motor Vehicles shall designate an implementation date, which is on or before January 1, 2020. If the title is electronic, then the following changes may be made; changing the name of an owner, removing the name of an owner, or adding as an owner of the immediate family member of an owner. The department may adopt and promulgate further rules and regulations governing the eligibility of dealers to participate in the electronic dealer services system, setting forth practices, procedures, and requirements necessary to implement such system, and setting forth requirements and practices for dealers participating in such system.			

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LB992	Ebke		Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/17/2016		LB 992 states no political subdivision, with statutory authority can enter into an installment contract for the purchase of property, if already an obligation exist of twenty-five million dollars or more from previous contracts. If a debt does exist above twenty-five million dollars, the subdivision cannot enter into a new contract.			Letter in opposition
LB995	Davis		Repeal provisions relating to the special valuation of agricultural land and provide for the agricultural value of agricultural land	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB 995 local governments would tax cropland based on agricultural value instead of seventy-five percent of the actual value. Bill defines agricultural value as the actual value of land for agricultural and horticultural purposed without regard to actual value the land would have for other uses. This is an attempt to lower property tax for famers and ranchers.			

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LB998	Schumacher		Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relating to emergency protective custody	Health and Human Services			LB 998 includes the definition of emergency community crisis center as a medical assistance program. The demand for inpatient behavioral health beds exceeds the supply of such beds in Nebraska. Hospital emergency departments are not equipped to address the behavioral health needs and delays in receiving behavioral health crisis stabilization services significantly increase the risk of emotional deterioration. Further, appropriate, timely resources should be available to persons in need of behavioral health. The bill calls for an establishment of five emergency community crisis centers across the state.			Support

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LB1000	Mello	Speaker Hadley	Require certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies on the use of body-worn cameras, provide that recordings from such cameras are not public records, and prohibit certain conduct involving such recordings	Judiciary	2/17/2016		LB 1000 – Police departments with body cameras must adopt policies regarding training and equipping cameras, as how to be worn in a prominent place on the uniform. An officer would have to notify an individual they approach that the camera is recording.		Oppose	
LB1001	Ebke		Change provisions relating to a compensation schedule for injuries resulting in disability	Business and Labor	2/18/2016		LB 1001 – adds that loss or loss of means permanent loss of physical function of an arm, a leg, an ear, an eye or nose.		Support	
LB1010	Williams		Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions	Judiciary	2/17/2016		LB 1010 – Written petition for juvenile court will be signed by the county attorney setting forth the facts. The petition would replace the verification of affidavit.			

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LB1013	Gloor	Gloor 2016	Change tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products and provide for distribution of proceeds	Revenue	2/11/2016 & 2/24		LB 1013 – would increase cigarette tax by one dollar and fifty cents, this would bring the total sales tax to two dollars and fourteen cents a pack. It is estimated that this tax increase would bring in a one hundred and twenty million dollars. Forty five million of that would go to the Property Tax Credit Fund; Forty five million to personal property tax exemption; and thirty million to the Health Care Cash Fund.			Halstead -\$600 - \$800 to Department

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LB1023	Ebke		Require development of treatment protocols for and a needs assessment of committed offenders and correctional facilities	Judiciary	2/4/2016		LB 1023 – Corrections and the division of behavioral health of DHHS would develop protocols for coordination of mental health and substance abuse treatment for a committed offender during incarceration until discharge. Protocols will cover pre-release planning; mental health and substance abuse treatment needs, supervisor plan and necessary community support services. Community based services can be used during incarceration. Corrections will provide to the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, a needs assessment pertaining to programming in facilities before January 1st of odd numbered years.		Monitor	
LB1024	Larson		Change a provision of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act relating to an interest in a government contract	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs			LB 1024 – No member of a public official or employer's family may enter into a business contract valued at one hundred thousand dollars in a given year. As of January 1, 2017, and every year thereafter the contract value will be adjusted for inflation.		Monitor	Monitor

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LB1031	Hansen		Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts	Revenue	2/25/2016		LB 1031 removes the levy authority away from the county board and places it with the Railroad Transportation Board, which is made up of 3 county board members and 2 city council members. The move would free up two cents to the county board levy authority.		Monitor	Oppose
LB1032	McCollister	HHS 2016	Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program Act and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services	Health and Human Services	2/10/2016		LB 1032 would provide health care coverage to individuals who cannot qualify for medicaid. Medicaid funds would be used to buy private health insurance for those individuals making up one hundred thirty –three percent of the federal poverty level with no insurance. The bill allows for small contributions from enrollees and would take funds from the state health care cash fund to extend coverage up to seventy-seven thousand Nebraskans.		Monitor	Support / Commissioner Admunson testify
LB1034	Campbell		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission	Health and Human Services	2/19/2016		Adds juvenile justice to the strategic plan of reform of the Nebraska Child Welfare Commission to review and evaluate the juvenile justice system			

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LB1036	Campbell		Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/1/2016		LB 1036 states notwithstanding any other provisions of law, charge any brokerage fees or any other fees or charges whatsoever in connection with a loan governed by the Nebraska Installment Loan Act. It defines the annual percentage rate, default, and delayed deposit. The Department of Banking and Finance will document each delayed deposit loan transaction by a written agreement signed by both the lender and the borrower.			
LB1037	Brasch	Kintner 2016	Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/17/2016		LB1037 strikes land associated with buildings. It excludes wasteland lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticulture land. It does allow farm sites and farm home sites lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and horticultural land.		Monitor	

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LB1042	Friesen		Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing	Urban Affairs	2/9/2016		LB 1042 also changes the property valuation information certified by the Property Tax Administrator to the State Department of Education, which is used to determine the adjusted valuation of school districts for purposes of allocating state aid through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. The bill requires that excess valuation for properties that qualify for tax increment financing will be included in the assessed valuation of school districts for state aid purposes.		Monitor	Monitor
LB1044	Ebke		Terminate the Commission of Industrial Relations	Business and Labor	2/22/2016		LB 1044 would abolish the CIR that was created to resolve labor disputes involving public employees. The bill would continue to protect the right of the public employee in Nebraska to strike in the event of an unresolved dispute.			

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LB1055	Chambers		Open grand jury proceedings to the public as prescribed and change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers or while in custody	Judiciary	2/24/2016		LB 1055: Permits all proceedings before grand juries to be open to the public. The case shall be treated as an open, ongoing matter until all evidence, reports, and other relevant material, which has been assembled are transferred to a prosecuting attorney appointed. The court shall appoint a prosecuting attorney who shall be the county attorney or a member of his or her staff who has had at least five years experience in criminal litigation, including felony litigation.			
LB1058	Crawford		Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions	Judiciary	2/25/2016		LB 1058 – states with compliance checks, an individual between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years of age may be authorized to assist officers or private contractors with compliance checks. The individual under the age of eighteen and older than 14 years has to be an employee, intern or volunteer with a local or state law agency.		Monitor	

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LB1059	Crawford	Urban Affairs 2016	Require certain disclosures under the Community Development Law and the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	Urban Affairs	2/2/2016	Select File W/AM2067	LB 1059 – Prior to a redevelopment contract, the developer has to indicate if he or she has or intends to file for tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage act; seeking a refund from the city's local option sales tax; estimate of total amount he or she is expecting from tax incentives; and if the project has been approved under the Nebraska Advantage act.			Support

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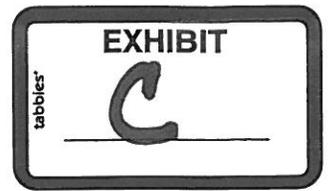
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LB1063	Sullivan		Change provisions relating to state aid to schools	Education	2/9/2016		LB 1063 Requires the Property Tax Administrator to certify the student support aid for each local system to the county clerk of each county with territory in the local system and to the Auditor of Public Accounts on or before August 10, 2017, and on or before August 10 of each year thereafter. The county clerk of each county with territory in the local system shall calculate the student support aid reduction to the maximum levy pursuant to section 77-3442 for such local system which shall equal the student support aid certified pursuant to section 79-1022 for the affected school fiscal year, with any adjustments resulting from the final calculation of state aid pursuant to section 79-1065 for prior school fiscal years, divided by the taxable valuation of property subject to the levy in the local system and then divided again by one hundred to arrive at the reduction to the maximum levy per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation.			

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LB1094	Judiciary Con Seiler	2016	Change provisions relating to evidence, sentencing, certain criminal penalties, criminal mischief, assault, theft, forgery, and probation	Judiciary	2/4/2016		LB 1094 addresses matters extending from LB 605. The bill addresses custodial sanctions; administrative sanctions; defined duties of a probationer officer when determining a possible violation of probation and court proceedings. LB 1094 repeals section (5) of LB 605 relating to duties of a probationer officer, setting forth new language.			
LB1097	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to sexual assault forensic testing	Judiciary	2/18/2016		LB1097 - would create a fund to collect federal money and for an administrator for that fund to pay expenses for medical exams for rape victims. The fund would cover costs for physical trauma exams, patient interviews, collection and evaluation of evidence, emergency room and laboratory fees. Victims would also get emotional and mental health care. Medical personnel would also be trained in practices for collecting evidence for prosecutions.			
LB1102	Davis		Authorize legislative performance audits of tax-increment financing projects	Executive Board	2/5/2016		LB 1102 – includes any authority as defined in section 18-2103 that uses tax-increment financing as authorized in section. 18-2147			

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LB1103	Schumacher	Schumacher 2016	Change provisions relating to medicaid reimbursements, provide for a lien, and change estate procedures	Judiciary	2/3/2016		LB 1103 requires a notice shall be provided to the department in a manner and at an address designated by the department, which manner may include email. Any notice that fails to meet this requirement is void and constitutes neither notice to the department nor a waiver application for purposes of any statute or regulation that requires that a notice or waiver application be provided to the department.			
LB1107	Garrett		Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/24/2016		LB 1107 states the current vote tabulation and ballot-marking equipment in Nebraska will soon be outdate. The bill would establish the Nebraska Election System. The goal is to examine the voting process, in Nebraska. Review methods of polling sites, early voting, equipment; disabled, minority and young voters; campaigns; and cost of replacing current system.			



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Bill: LB1031

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LB1031 (Hansen) – Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts

Legislative Bill 1031 would make a series of changes to statutes relating to the process for levying taxes for Railroad Transportation Safety Districts (RTSD), which are enabled in §74-1301 - §74-1308.

Currently, the RTSD board of directors (made up of elected officials from the city council and county board) submit a budget request to the county board. The county board then decides whether or not to set a levy for that amount. LB 1031 would allow for the RTSD board of directors to set its own levy, just as many other political subdivisions like NRD's and school districts do today. In either instance, the levy would be limited to a maximum two and six-tenths cents (per existing Statute) on each one hundred dollars upon the taxable value of all taxable property in the county. LB 1031 would further exempt an RTSD levy from the current county maximum levy.

Introduction

Hansen

RTSDs are special political subdivisions. This is an important issue to my district, because currently northeast Lincoln has some of the highest railroad exposure in the state. LB1031 would allow RTSD board of directors to set their own levy. I understand that this can no longer be a priority bill, so I would simply ask that the revenue committee not take any action on this bill at this time.

Proponent Testimony

Thomas Schafer, Public Works and Utilities Department of the city of Lincoln

The purpose of RTSD is to improve safety in railroad districts.

This would provide that the RTSD board, not the county board, sets that levy.

Opponent Testimony

Kerry Eagan, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

The Lancaster County Board strongly supports the goals of the RTSD. However, this bill could result in an increased levy, and a potential 5.9 million dollar tax increase in Lancaster County.

Currently, if the RTSD board asks for a levy, the County Board shall do that. LB1031 doesn't really change the dynamic.

Tim Hruza, Lincoln Independent Business Association

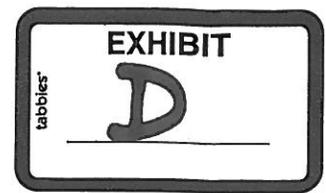
The structure of LB1031 would allow for a possibly increased levy, during a time when we're trying to lower property taxes. It exposes taxpayers to an unnecessary increase in tax burden.

Neutral Testimony

None.

Closing

Waived.



LB742 (Hansen) Change county population thresholds

General response to Mr. Aldridge's flier

In a document delivered to Senators office during the week of February 22, 2016, Mr. Gary Aldridge raised concerns regarding the provisions in LB742 which was advanced 6-0 by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and granted Speaker Priority status for this session.

Mr. Adlridge has also filed a lawsuit demanding that Lancaster County expand the number of County Commissioners from five to seven based upon an estimate that Lancaster County's population exceeds 300,000 persons.

LB 742 was introduced before the legislature in anticipation of Lancaster County's population growth in the coming decade(s) passing the three hundred thousand threshold in order to maintain current status of county operations. As such, the bill moves the current statutory guidance for counties of less than 300,000 to less than 400,000 inhabitants. Furthermore, it includes statutory language that makes it clear that threshold shall be determined cross when the population is exceeded as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. Upon passing that threshold, LB 742 allows counties who meet the criteria (right now, it is only Lancaster County) a 6-month window of compliance to meet state statues.

Lancaster Population as of 2010 – the last decennial census – was at 285,407. Estimates – and only estimates – in 2013 placed the county population at 297, 036. In 2014, the same estimate placed it at 301, 795 (US Census estimate). Again, these are strictly estimates. The only way to actually have a population that is certified is by the federal decennial census. Those same projections indicate Lancaster County could pass the four hundred thousand inhabitant threshold sometime between 2035 between 2040. We have provided the methodology for census estimates on an attachment to this document.

Point-by-Point Response to Mr. Aldridge's flier

It should be noted that Mr. Aldridge's concerns are based on an estimate that Lancaster County's population has exceeded 300,000 inhabitants. The last federal census of 2010 put Lancaster County's population at 285,791. LB742 represents forward thinking by putting Lancaster County in the best possible spot to address its population growth.

Allegation: LB742 is specific to only one county of 93 – Lancaster, County Nebraska

Response: We assume Mr. Aldridge is referring to LB742 as specific Lancaster County legislation. LB742 was introduced before the Legislature by Senator Matt Hansen on behalf of and at the specific request of Lancaster. This was done

because it appears Lancaster County will be the next county to pass the 300,000-inhabitant threshold.

Each and every session, there is legislation on numerous topics introduced that address concerns in individual jurisdictions. This bill applies to those references in statute that refer to counties of less than 300,000 persons and moves it to counties of less than 400,000 persons.

Allegation: Current law: Mandatory – County Above 300 K population shall be divided into seven districts not five

Response: The only way to accurately determine population is the federal decennial census. Any other method of estimating the population is just that, an estimate. Currently, the only binding census on Lancaster County is the 2010 census, which places the population of Lancaster County at 285,407. The next federal census is the only accurate way to determine if Lancaster County has passed the 300,000 population threshold.

Allegation: NACO and/or county board ask the unicameral to save them from what statute says they “Shall do”

Response: Legislation was originally crafted for potential introduction during the 2015 session, but held from introduction in lieu of an interim study. That interim study was introduced by Senator Matt Hansen as LR196. After a significant amount of research and review on statutes applicable to counties of less than 300,000 was completed by Senator Hansen’s office and Lancaster County, a hearing was held before the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee on November 4, 2015 to update them on the findings of that study. At the interim hearing, there was support from Senator Hansen and Lancaster County representatives. No opposition was registered at that hearing. Following the interim study and hearing, LB742 was crafted and introduced during the 2016 Legislative Session.

Allegation: For Comparison: Lincoln Public Schools 7 elected; Lower Platte South NRD 21 elected; South East Community College 11 elected; Lincoln City Council 7 elected; Each Unicameral Member represents about 40 thousand; each Lancaster County Board member represents about 60 thousand

Response: It is important to remember that a county board serves both legislative and executive functions. A higher number of representatives in a legislative body may help guarantee that more people have a say in making laws and establishing policy, but with a plural executive a higher number may impede the effective exercise of administrative powers. In this regard, the Lancaster County Board believes that five commissioners is a good balance for the dual role of legislating and administering. With regard to the number of constituents represented by each commissioner, it should be noted that Douglas County

Commissioners represent, on average, 73,873 per commissioner district, while Lancaster County Commissioners represent an average of 60,000 per commissioner district.

Allegation: Seven Districts impose no substantial budget impact

Response: Adding two commissioners will have a substantial impact on Lancaster County's budget. The cost of salaries and benefits alone will exceed \$100,000 per year, a 40% increase in County Board salaries. Moreover, at this time there is no additional space at the present location of the County Board offices. Accommodating two more offices will not be possible, and relocating the offices would be very expensive. Although the number is not readily available, the cost of conducting seven commissioner elections will be higher than the cost of five elections. The Lancaster County Board believes that adding seven commissioners adds limited value to our County and is not justified by the substantial additional costs to our tax payers.

The Census Bureau Estimate Methodology by the US Census Bureau

The Census Bureau develops the sub county population estimates for the household and group quarters population separately, then combines them to calculate the resident population. We estimate the household population by applying the “Distributive Housing Unit Method” to the county-level household population to distribute it to each sub county area.

Step 1 - Producing an Uncontrolled Sub county Household Population Estimate

The uncontrolled sub county household population estimate begins with the July 1, 2014 housing unit estimate. We multiply this estimate by the 2010 Census occupancy rate and then by the 2010 Census persons per household to produce the uncontrolled population estimate.

Step 2. Producing a Controlled Sub county Household Population Estimate

We then control the uncontrolled sub county estimates so that they sum to the published county totals. To do this, we divide the 2014 county-level household population estimate by the sum of the uncontrolled sub county household population estimates within the county. We multiply this adjustment or “rake factor” by the uncontrolled sub county household population estimate calculate in Step 1. The calculation produces the controlled sub county household population estimate. We round this controlled estimate using a variation of the greatest mantissa methodology.

Step. 3 Group Quarters Population Estimate

The group quarters component of the total estimate is a combination of persons residing in institutional facilities and non-institutional facilities. The institutional facilities include four types:

Juvenile – Nursing homes – Correctional facilities – Other institutional group quarters

The non-institutional facilities include three types:

Military barracks – College dormitories – Other non-institutional group quarters.

We use group quarters population data from two sources to estimate sub county populations:

- 2010 Census counts of the group quarters population by facility type for each sub county area, including any post 2010 additions to the group quarters population, and

- A time series of individual group quarters records from the Group Quarters Report (GQR) that the Population Estimates Program prepares based upon annual updates from State representatives off the Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates (FSCPE).

We use these two sets of group quarters population data to derive a time series of group quarters population through the following process:

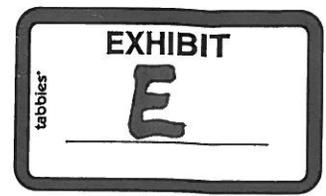
Part 1 – We aggregate the group quarters population from the 2010 Census to the sub county level by the seven facility types.

Part 2 – Then, we sum the facility-level group quarters populations from the GQR to the sub county level by the seven facility types for each estimate date in the time series.

Part 3 – Then, we calculate the year-to-year change indicated by the aggregated GQR time series of population and add this time series of change to the aggregated 2010 Census data. This creates a census-based time series of group quarters population at the sub county level for each of the seven facility types.

Step 4 - Final Sub county Population Estimate

To produce the final sub county population estimate, we add the controlled household population estimate to the total group quarters population estimate.



**Kissel/E&S Associates
2015 Legislature
Committee Hearing Reports**

Date: 2/24/16

Committee: Health & Human Services

Senators: Campbell, Baker, Fox Crawford, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe

Bill: 998

Reported by: Willy Morris for Kissel/E&S Associates

LB998 (Schumacher) - Provide for emergency community crisis centers and change provisions relating to emergency protective custody

Sen. Schumacher told the committee that LB998 is a bill to ensure that NE doesn't have another Nikko Jenkins-type of situation again. He told the committee that the judiciary is taking up a similar measure right now, but that that bill has a fiscal note of \$14 million, whereas this bill has a fiscal note of \$7 million. Overall, he said, our behavioral health system is not well organized and is not uniform across the state, which means mentally ill citizens are not getting the proper treatment that they need. This lack of treatment is also a large reason our prisons are overcrowding. Sen. Schumacher noted that this bill will not overhaul the behavioral health treatment systems in NE, but he believes it is a good start to fixing the problem.

Currently, Nebraska's police departments are contracting hospitals to take in mentally ill patients, but the most violent patients are being turned away because hospitals have the right to refuse patients. LB998 will create five crisis centers across the state that will specialize in only taking in mentally ill patients. Most of the

patients will be taken in from police who have a person in custody, but the person is too mentally ill to go to a jail, but walk-ins will also be accepted at these sights. Often times, a county attorney will declare a person as mentally stable and send them to jail simply because hospitals will either refuse to take them, or they do not have enough beds to take them, and the police often times cannot release these people because they are a danger to themselves and society. Sen. Schumacher said that while this might expensive today, it would be far more costly to keep these mentally ill folks in prisons for years at a time.

Sen. Howard asked if part of the reason hospitals turn these people away is because they are not insured. Sen. Schumacher said that while this may be part of the reason, it's usually because the hospital does not want to increase their liability by taking in a violent person.

Sen. Howard asked if these facilities will look like emergency medical clinics or overnight stays. Sen. Schumacher said that they will most likely have overnight patients, and that the state will probably take the cost burden of uninsured patients.

Sen. Riepe asked if these clinics will be the same as regional centers. Sen. Schumacher said that no, they will be more like triage units, which are much smaller than regional centers. The centers are meant to act as short-term, not long-term solutions.

Proponents

- Elizabeth Lay – Deputy County Attorney in Platte, NE – Ms. Lay told the committee that when she first started working for the county she was assigned to mental health issues, and immediately noticed a problem. She doesn't believe that it's right for private hospitals to say "no" to some patients, because the only other option is to throw the person in jail, where the mental illness will only become worse. She said that she does not try and charge mentally ill people if she can avoid it, but often times, either due to hospitals' noncompliance, or because hospitals are full, she is forced to file a

criminal charge against a person, when all they really need is help. Ms. Lay told the committee that the jail doesn't want the person because the jails are so overcrowded, but the county attorneys have no options.

Sen. Riepe asked if most hospitals are refusing people because of capacity, not because a person is too violent. Ms. Lay said that in Norfolk, for example, the hospital will take most people, but they have in the past turned people away even if they have a bed for them. Hospitals will do this because it can hurt their accreditation if something goes wrong and the patient has a violent outburst.

Ms. Lay also noted that the Medicaid system also factors in to whether or not a hospital will admit a person. Medicaid will often time not cover the necessary treatments an extremely ill person needs, so doctors will tailor their treatments to fit the Medicaid rules and regulations, but these treatments will usually fail because they are inadequate.

Sen. Riepe asked if homicide cases will trump mental illness. In other words, shouldn't a person who committed homicide have to go to jail, rather than just receive treatment? Ms. Lay said that most county attorney's fall under that line of thinking. She said that the attorney must decide if the violent behavior was a result of being mentally ill, or if it's mental illness coexisting with violent behavior. It's the former, than she believes the person should receive treatment, so they don't act out while in prison, and once they're released.

- Elaine Menzel – NE Association of County Officials – Ms. Menzel told the committee that the problem of hospitals turning away detainees doesn't happen in every county, but it happens enough to make this a crisis. She told the committee that she understands this is an expensive bill, but she reiterated that it will save millions of dollars in the future if the government can keep these mentally ill people out of prison. Ms. Menzel ended by asking the committee to keep her group in the loop on this bill, and all other similar legislation.
- Elizabeth Hurst – Director of Advocacy for NE Hospital Association – Ms. Hurst told the committee that only 10 hospitals in Nebraska have behavioral

health centers, and that they are usually located in urban areas, not rural. Furthermore, these facilities don't often times have extra beds to give up to the constant flow of mentally ill people being detained. She told the committee that NE simply doesn't have the facilities to keep up with the amount of patients that need help.

Sen. Kolterman asked is critical access hospitals have the proper credentialing for behavioral health centers. Ms. Hurst said that yes, most do. It's not usually a matter of credentialing, it's a matter of having the proper facilities.

Sen. Riepe asked how the legislature can afford this, since the fiscal note is so high. Ms. Hurst said that as compared to LB780, LB998 costs about half as much.

Opponents – None

Neutral

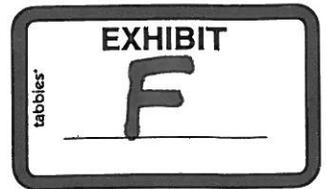
- Sheri Dawson – Director of Division of Behavioral Health at DHHS – Ms. Dawson said that she believes LB998 seems a bit premature. She told the committee that her division at DHHS and the University of Nebraska are doing a needs assessment that will be done by June 30th of this year, and that she believes that the feedback from this study will be necessary before a bill like this one passes through the legislature. She also noted that these emergency centers are not meant to be for intensive care, so the scope of emergency centers will broaden.

Sen. Howard asked how often DHHS does a needs assessment. Ms. Dawson said that they complete one every year, but that this years assessment is the first comprehensive one that they have ever done.

Sen. Howard asked what a better alternative to this bill would be. Ms. Dawson said that she is not sure, but she believes that some private hospitals in NE are doing a very good job of taking care of mentally ill patients.

Closing

Sen. Schumacher told the committee that this bill is just the tip of an iceberg, but he believes it is a good start. He said that the mentally ill are *someone's* problem, so the state needs a mechanism to deal with them.



Kissel/E&S Associates
2016 Legislature
Committee Hearing Reports

Date: February 18, 2016

Committee: Natural Resources

Senators: Schilz, Hughes, Schnoor, Lindstrom, Friesen, Kolowski, Johnson, McCollister

Bill: 711, 712

Reported by: Will Schulenberg

LB 711 (Hughes) relates to noxious weed control amending sections 2-2-945.01 and 2-958.02, changing provisions relating to grants for certain vegetation management programs. LB 711 would also create the Riparian vegetation management task force, providing the task force duties and requiring an annual report from the task force. There was an initial appropriation of 8 million spent on reducing invasive species from 2009-2014. The new task that would be created though LB 711 would continue much of the

Schnoor, What are some examples of invasive species

Johnson, The fiscal note, would we have to catch up with this? Or would be continuing this cost.

The program ran out of money in 2014, we are asking for another startup cost of \$2 million.

McCollister, does this bill make a new task force or recreate the old one

This bill would recreate the original task force with the addition of some new members.

Proponent Testimonies

Brent Meyer, superintendent for Lancaster County, Nebraska Weed control

The 2007 (LB 701) legislation was incredibly successful in saving water and saving money through the elimination of invasive species. LB 711 would continue to save one of the state's most valuable asset; water. Recall that the original bill in 2007 helped the state win a \$5 million dollar lawsuit against Kansas over the flow of the Republican River. That river still flows clean

water today. The original \$4 million put into LB 701 has saved the state a total of \$21 million today. The reduction of invasive species across the state was substantial and was commended by the Department of Agriculture in saving farms millions of dollars collectively.

If the flood waters from Nebraska were not able to flow downstream think of the reparations that would have to be paid to the state of Kansas, to farmers losing crops, to neighborhoods losing homes and the loss of wildlife through the elimination of flyways. LB 711 would fight again to open free flowing creeks and rivers so we continue to utilize our water to its full potential.

McCollister, how many people are on the task force?

19 or 20 I believe.

Schnoor, What is considered an invasive species? Is Noxious weed included?

Noxious weed is a species that is considered so out of control that require local land owners to control it. We feel, however, that there must be State intervention in preventing the complete spread.

Friesen, The legislation talks first of controlling basin systems, how long would this first part of the project work?

The problem is that invasive species does not just go away, they have already began to come back. We are not a long ways behind however.

McCollister, the fiscal note asks for \$2 million, would this be enough?

No it would not, at the peak of the original program there was \$26 million spent. The original bill, however, also only started with \$4 million. The \$2 million would just be a startup cost. The grant program and the partnerships between the departments were the main sources of funding for this program.

Kolowski, have you spoken to any NRDs for a partnership in relation to funding?

Yes, the NRDs have been great in funding.

Tom Carlson, Former state senator

The original bill was one of my first pieces of legislation, and I was lucky to have sponsored a bill that had such a positive impact. This bill was extremely effective in allocating water from going to invasive species and going towards more effective uses, again, 701 saved thousands of acres of water.

There was chemical and mechanical removal of trees from the rivers, both of the methods were successful. In regard to Sen McCollister's question earlier, \$2 million is a price that is well worth it. Water is life in Nebraska. But we must realize that it takes continual funding and continual commitment to the water sources of our state.

McCollister, how does this bill pertain to wetlands?

The task force does not deal with wetlands directly, but as the water in rivers flows better, the more the aquifer refills naturally which leads to a more natural occurrence of wetlands.

Charles Brooks, President of Platte valley weed management area

There are 315 river miles in our area, we partner with the West Valley management area in this district. With the original bill we invested \$4 million in repairing habitat and riding the water of invasive species. However, as the original grant ran out of money, this protecting of wildlife and elimination of invasive species has slowed substantially in recent years.

Mike Clements, GM of lower republican natural resources district

Being part of the original task force in 2007, I understand the importance of LB 711. In 2007 the lower republican was completely blocked; a clear that was normally 100 feet was down to 3 feet wide. The frag was treated through helicopter treatment and then the root mass was removed through disking, this was done from Cambridge all the way to superior, which was quite the process.

However, in the past year where the cleaning has slowed we have already seen a substantial return in invasive species; this is something that we will have to continue for forever. But in order to protect our water we must continue to invest into this.

Terry Julesgard, GM of lower Niobrara resources district

During high water time periods this program is vital in our district in maintaining a steady flow of water.

John Hansen, President of Nebraska Farmers Union

The farmers union was in full support of the original 701 bill, and today we are extremely thankful for this legislation. The choking of rivers through these invasive species is detrimental to the amount of water that farmers have at their disposal. Reviving this program is money well spent.

Lynedon Dogt, Platte river resources

The flooding over the past couple of years has been avoided because of the original legislation. We have been investing in frag removal for over a decade and have seen fairly good success in doing so. We have also experimented with burning frag and have had success with that.

Jeff Buettner, Public relations owner in central Nebraska public resources district.

Our group had a member on the original task force and through that I was able to see firsthand the progress that was being made through cleaning the sites. The Fragmites patches create a monoculture that eliminates all other species of wildlife in the area.

No Opponent testimonies

Neutral Testimonies

Greg Ibach, Director of Department of Agriculture

LB 711 would cause state dollars through a grant to be put towards weed control. This fund would cause a tension in the distribution of funds between.

Mark Brohmen, Executive director of Nebraska Environmental trust

Suggests changes in ridding the trust from LB 711. Amending sections of the bill would correct some of the distribution of funding.

LB 712 (Hughes) currently there is a system for the underground storage tanks under the fire marshal; in relation to where these tanks are located. LB 712 would amend sections to eliminate the size limitation on the storage tanks.

Proponent Testimonies

Jim Heine, State Fire Marshal

The department of environmental equality requires that the tanks are located and that communities are aware of where hazardous chemicals are being stored. There is also a fee enacted on these storage tanks. Amending the statutes would eliminate the redundancy of checking these tanks and being aware of locations; the agency does not need to know this information because it is already recorded by the DEQ.

McCollister, So from my understanding the purpose of the bill would be to eliminate duplication?

Yes, the agency has very little need for this information because the DEQ has the same exact information and the same exact fees on the above ground storage tanks. Repeating these fees is merely duplication that is unnecessary.

No Opponent Testimonies

No Neutral Testimonies

Lancaster County

HP TRIM Upgrade Highlights

Presented by Erik Willsey from Kapish



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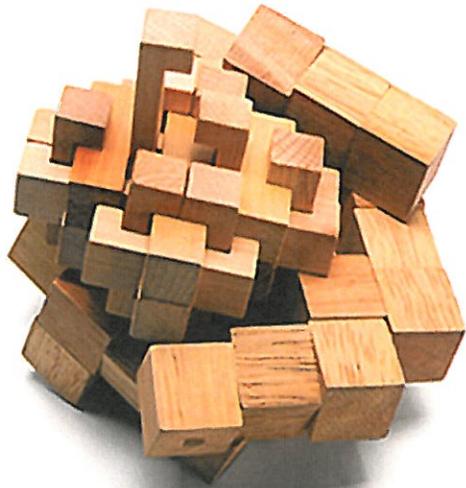
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- Introduction
- Current state of affairs
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- Salary Options
- South Gippsland Water
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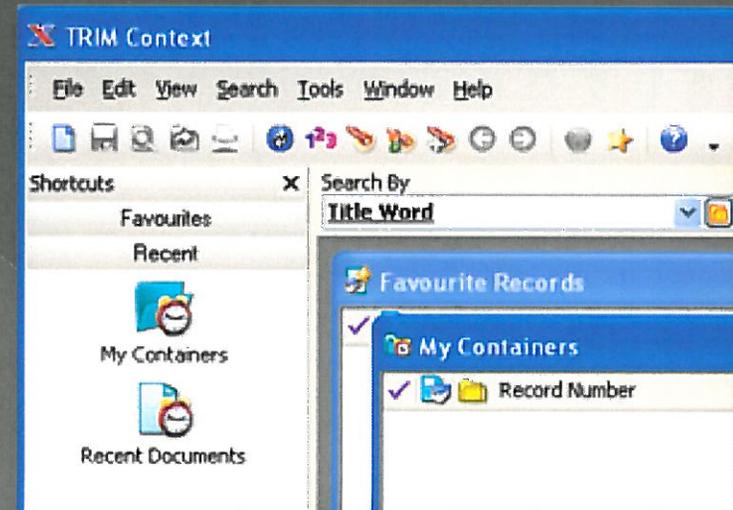
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How Lancaster started with TRIM

- In 2000 County Clerk identified need
- Registering, Finding, and Managing Records
- “TRIM Context” was purchased and implemented by local vendor



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What happened to TRIM Context?

- Implemented more extensively world-wide for records management than any other product
- Then Hewlett-Packard happened
 - > Acquired in 2008
 - > Lancaster upgraded in Q3 2011
 - > HP acquired Autonomy Q4 2011
 - > HP merged Meridio & ARM into TRIM, creating "Records Manager"
 - > HP spun off HPE Q4 2015
- Today: HPE Records Manager 8.30.9000



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Why upgrade?

- Technology changing rapidly!
- Since your last upgrade
 - > Operating Systems have changed (Windows 7 64bit)
 - > Servers are no longer in-line with current standards
 - > Microsoft Office is changing (2010/2013/365)
 - > Web is growing
 - > Email is exploding
- New features and capabilities address all these



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What is involved in upgrade

- Backup
- Uninstall old
- Install new
- Apply database changes
- Add web interfaces
- Educate staff
- Resolve any issues



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New Features

- Refreshed Interface (Office style)
- Content Searching
- Automatic Subfolders
- Workflow
- Web Client
- Public Records Interface
- Exchange Link



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New Feature - Refreshed Interface (Office style)

The screenshot displays the HPE Records Manager application window. The title bar reads "HPE Records Manager - [Records - myContainers - 25 Records found]". The interface features a ribbon-style menu with tabs for HOME, SEARCH, VIEW, MANAGE, and ADMINISTRATION. The ribbon includes various action buttons such as Save, Copy Record, Mail, Delete, Reference, View, Edit, Check In, Check Out, Print, XML Export, Web Publish, Print Merge, and Print Report. Below the ribbon, there are search filters for "Search For" (Records), "Search By" (Title Word), and "Matching criteria". The main content area shows a list of records with columns for "Record Number" and "Title". The record "PRO/16/8" is selected, showing a title of "TRIM Upgrade 7.1 to 8.3". Other records include "DIV/16/30" (Training (Differential)), "DIV/16/29" (Previous Version Information), "DIV/16/28" (Deployment), "DIV/16/27" (Proposal), and "DIV/16/26" (Contracting). The bottom of the window has a navigation bar with buttons for Properties, Notes, Preview, Previous, and Rendition.

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- eDiscovery
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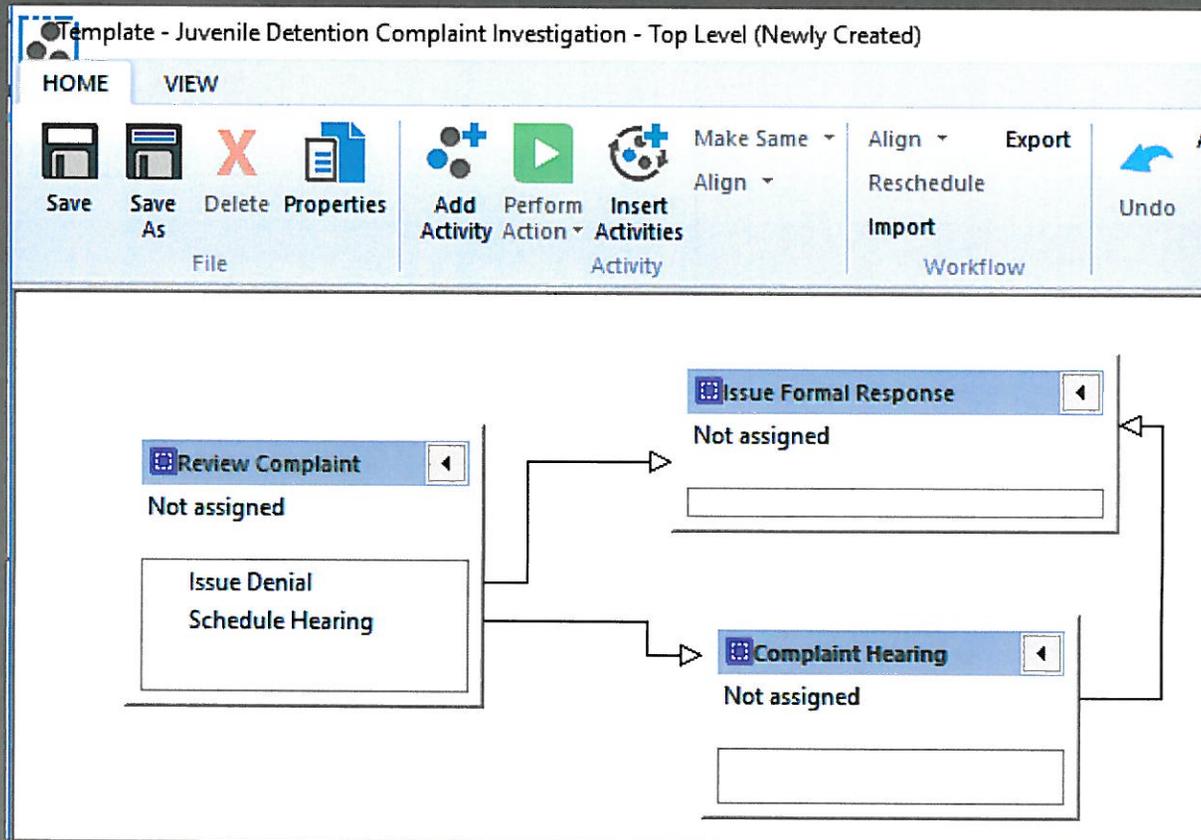
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New Feature - Workflow



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New Feature - Web Client

The screenshot displays the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Records Manager web client interface. The top navigation bar includes the HP logo, the text "Hewlett Packard Enterprise", a "Menu" icon, a "Record" dropdown, a search bar with the placeholder "< Enter Search Query >", a search icon, a "Save" button, and utility icons for print, help, and settings. The left sidebar contains navigation options: "Records Manager", "Erik Willsey", "Home", "Records", "Request", "Email Link", "Location", "Saved Search", and "Work lists". The main content area is titled "Records" and shows "Records - myContainers - 25 Records found". It features a pagination control for page 1 of 1 (1-20 of 25 items) and a "Show URL" button. A large green plus sign is visible on the left side of the main area. The record list includes:

- PROJECT** (PROJ/13/-) - Trim Implementation - Update / New buttons - Location: Locations - Request / More options - Assignee: Kapish North America Services, Inc. - Date Filed: 01/31/2013 6:07 AM
- CLIENT FOLDER** (CLIENT/40 <)
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New Feature - Public Records Interface

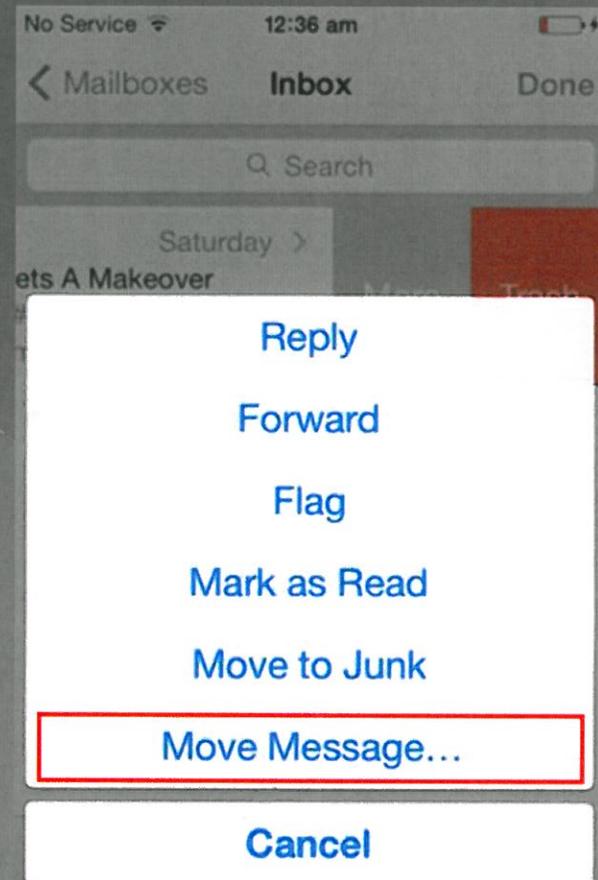
- ◉ Webdrawer
- ◉ Access to “public” records as defined by the administrators
- ◉ Customizable interface



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New Feature - Exchange Link

- Capture email records without using a computer
- No installation
- Minimal training



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Future Opportunities

- Detention Center “Boxes”
- Human Resource “Boxes”
- Physical Records Management
- Contract Management



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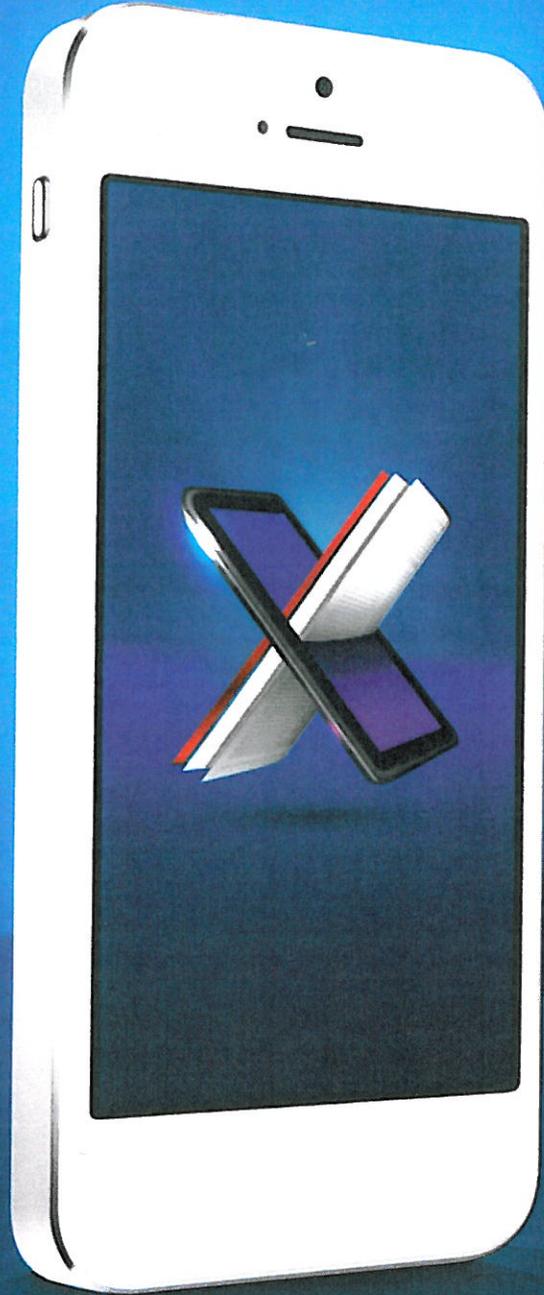
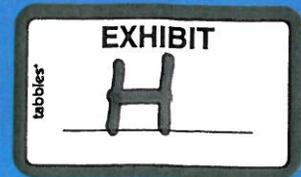


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Technical Information

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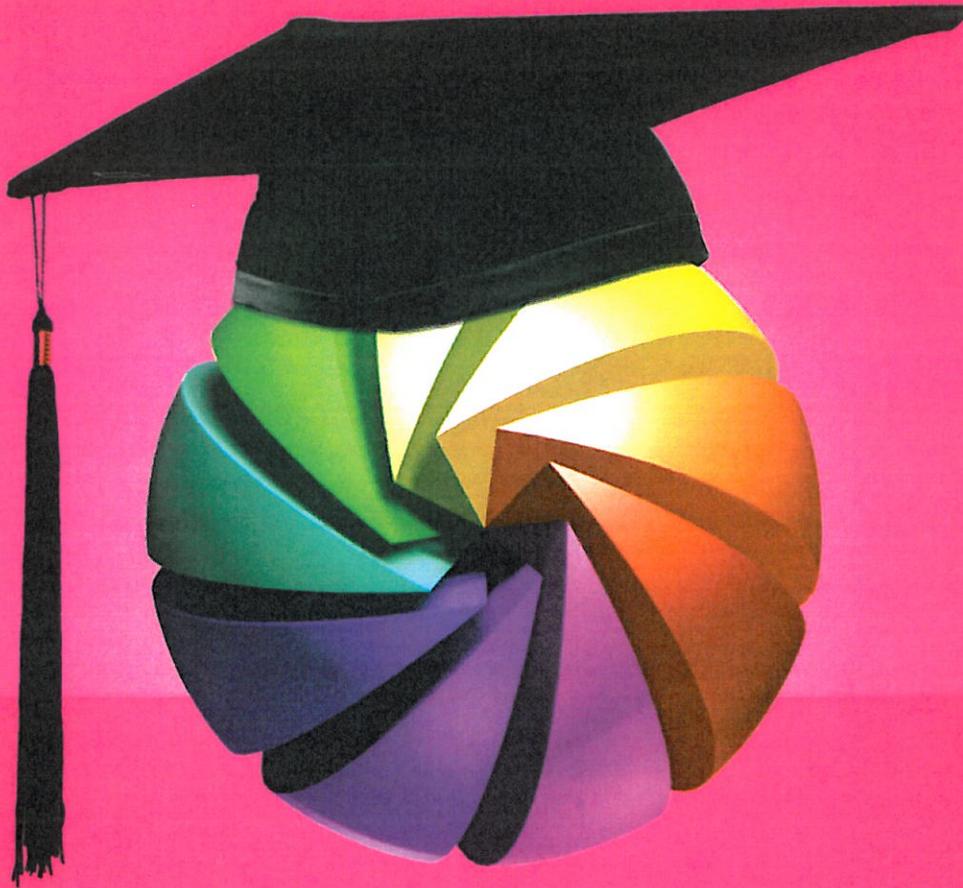
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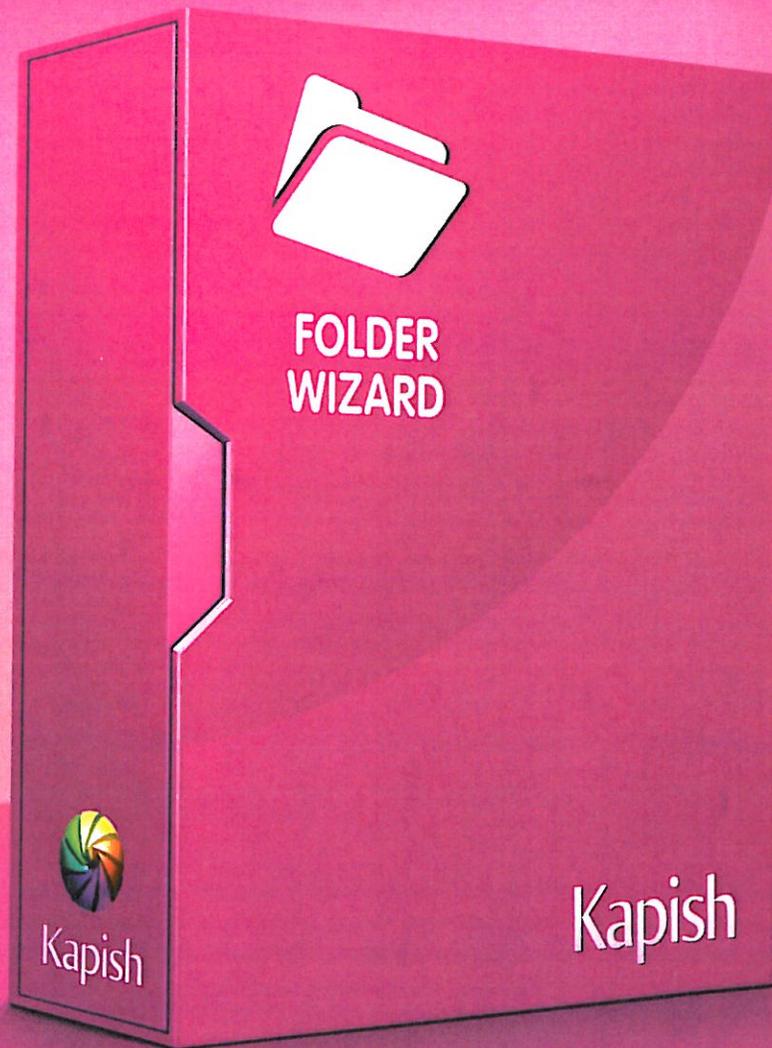
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Key Features

- Simple and intuitive for users
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- Automatically create both single and multi-level HP TRIM / HP RM record structures
- Flexible options to adapt to the way your organisation works
- Control how and when the Kapish Folder Wizard is triggered
- Run Kapish Folder Wizard over existing records to 'tidy' up current structure
- Works silently with 3rd party applications
- Integrates with Kapish Explorer

Specs

Operating System Requirements

- TRIM Context 6.2.x or later installed on the PC
- Windows XP or 7
- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 or later

Compatible Applications

- Microsoft Office 2003, 2007, 2010 or 2013

Information for IT Department

Kapish Folder Wizard is a client side application that automates record structure creation in HP TRIM / HP Records Manager (HP RM). Software installation is via a Microsoft Installer (MSI) file, this can be run manually on each PC or via common network installation methods (e.g. SCCM, SMS, Group Policy etc.).

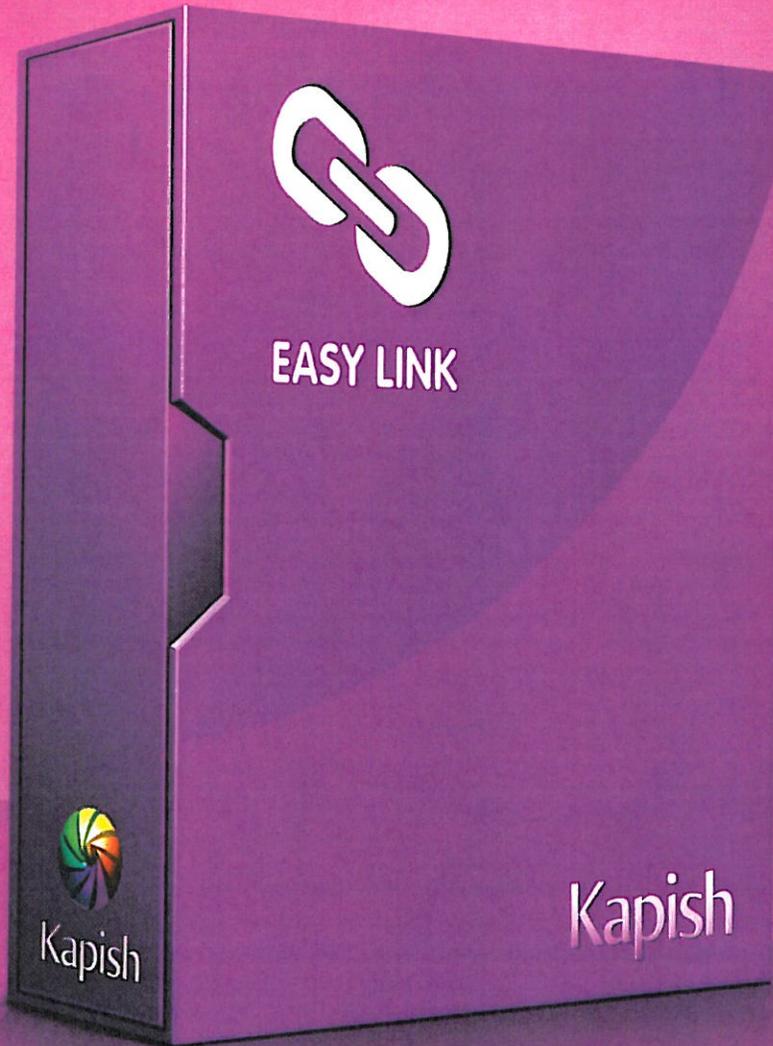
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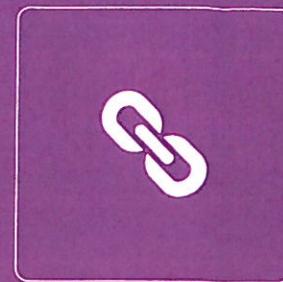
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One-click access to your records

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Key Features

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Specs

Operating System Requirements

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- Windows® XP, 7 or 8
- Microsoft® .NET Framework 3.5 or later

Compatible Applications

- Microsoft® Office 2003, 2007, 2010 or 2013
- Internet Explorer 7, 8 or 9;
- Firefox 3.5 or 3.6

Information for IT Department

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- Receive a complete evaluation of the current performance of your HP TRIM/HP RM system
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Some of the system aspects reviewed in a Kapish Health Check include:

- Application Configuration
- Retention and Disposal
- Security Levels and Caveats
- Record Types
- Searching
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- Record Statistics
- Security Issues
- Environment / Server Analysis

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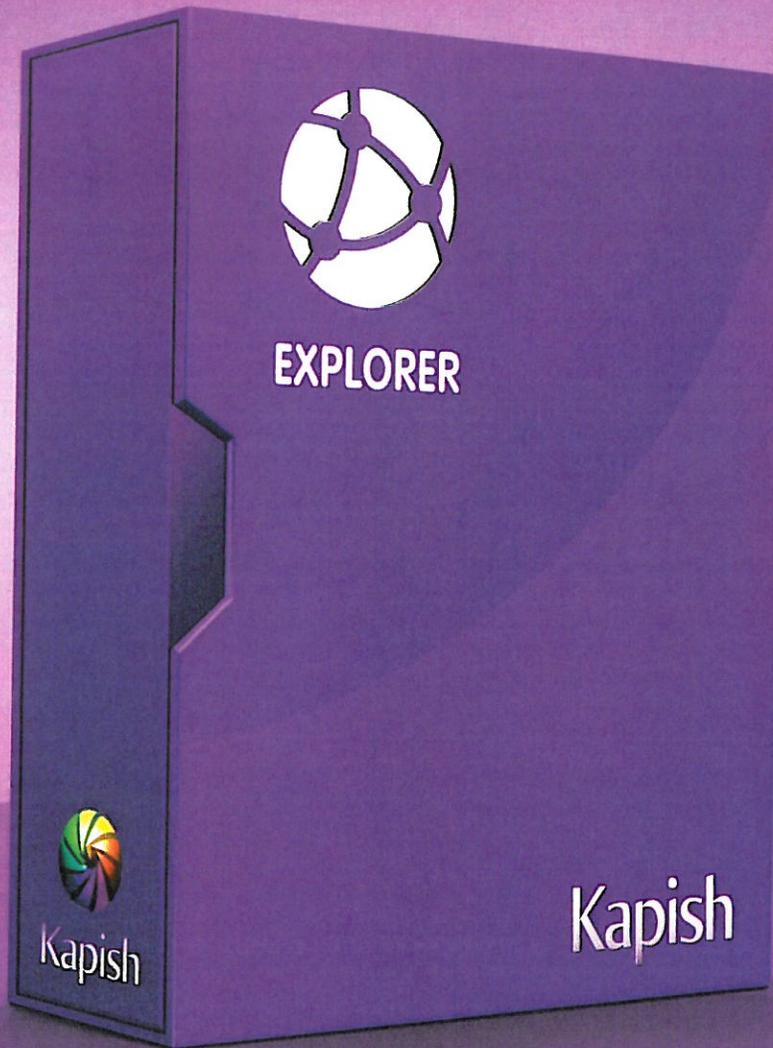
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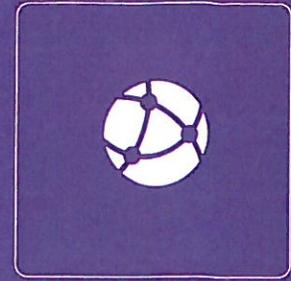
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Key Features

- HP TRIM / HP RM in a familiar Windows Explorer interface
- Browse Kapish Explorer similar to network drives and 'drill down' into Classifications
- Manage and Action Workflows from within Kapish Explorer
- Open and save HP TRIM / HP RM records within their native applications e.g. Adobe PDF, web pages
- Drag & Drop multiple folders and files from network drives directly into HP TRIM / HP RM (for bulk migrations)
- Customised template record entry form for data migration
- Design Search forms that are specific to your organisation
- Create, view and edit HP TRIM / HP RM records and metadata
- Categorise HP TRIM / HP RM records with personal, multi-level 'Tags'
- Assign and complete HP TRIM / HP RM actions from within Kapish Explorer
- Simple to deploy, implement and configure
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Compatible Applications

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Kapish Record Remover
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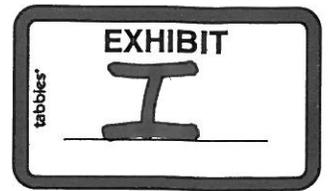
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Sara Hoyle
Human Services Director

Introduction

The Lancaster County Human Services Director serves as a guide to Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln to respond to human needs in order to achieve the highest level of self-sufficiency, safety, and quality of life possible through a collaborative approach that is expedient and cost effective to Lancaster County citizens. The Director advises elected officials, non-profit and private service providers, local funding organizations, and the community at large in the delivery of human services. The Director is a Lancaster County employee with the Human Services Office budget funded by the County and City.

This office consists of 10 full-time staff, 1 part-time staff, and grant funding for an additional staff member. Over 3.5 million in grants and contracts comes through this office with over 100 different contracts to supervise. The departmental budget is \$3.1 million. Over 1,500 clients seek direct services from this office and over 60 clients involved in the juvenile justice system are supervised in the community.

"It was once said that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped".

- Hubert H. Humphrey

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Administer County/City Funding
 - A. Partner with United Way staff to implement the United Way/JBC application process. There is \$1,270,180 in combined city and county funds available on a 2 year grant cycle. Over 35 programs apply for this funding.
 - B. Facilitate and establish grant review committees for funding allocated through the Human Services Office.
 - C. Grant writing and reporting – Human Services receives \$698,948 in federal grants and \$1,155,865 in state grants. This funding requires quarterly reports and data tracking. These reports are completed and/or reviewed by the Human Services Office prior to submission to the granting agency.
 - D. Provide staff support to the City/County Joint Budget Committee and the Keno Prevention Committee.
 - E. Provide technical assistance to local agencies seeking governmental funds as well as writing grants when appropriate for related government activities.
 - F. Draft all Scope of Services and Outcomes Measures for over 100 contracts managed through the Human Services Office.
2. Community Outreach/Collaboration
 - A. Participate in joint community strategic planning activities. Some of these activities include collaborating on Vital Signs, United Way planning process, Health Department vision planning, and the Human Services Federation.
 - B. Respond to human needs in a collaborative, cost effective, and expedient manner with available resources and assist in the development of new funding streams.
 - C. Assist new Americans in our community. The most recent example of this is assisting the Yazidis with a needed cemetery.
 - D. Assist in coordination of human services agencies in the Lincoln/Lancaster community.
 - E. Identify gaps in in human services and ensure services are in place to identify gaps.

- F. Serve on the following committees:
- i. Region V Behavioral Health Advisory Committee - This Committee is responsible for advising the Regional Governing Board on behavioral health issues and funding allocations.
 - ii. New Americans Taskforce – This is a network of public and private organizations and community members, dedicated to supporting New Americans in our community. This Committee is staffed by the Human Services Office and meets monthly.
 - a. Lincoln Unites! – This is a subcommittee of the New Americans Taskforce. This committee is planning a multicultural event at Tower Square in April 2016. This is the first of this type of event and there is a desire to make it an annual event in our City.
 - iii. Funders Group – This committee consists of funders in Lancaster County to include, but not limited to Woods Charitable, Lincoln Community Foundation, and United Way. This committee meets every 6 weeks.
 - iv. Homeless Coalition – This is a collaborative group of organizations working together to address the issue of homelessness in Lincoln and Lancaster County. This committee meets monthly.
 - v. Joint Budget Committee – This committee reviews and makes recommendations for human services funded through the city and county resources. The Human Services Director provides an activity report of Departmental activities for each meeting. This committee meets every 6 weeks.
 - vi. Keno Prevention Committee - This committee reviews applications for funding from the Keno Prevention fund, which are dollars set aside from keno revenue for prevention programming in Lincoln/Lancaster County.
 - vii. Human Services Federation – The federation supports non-profit entities through education, networking and the power of collective action. The Federation meets monthly.

3. General Assistance

The General Assistance Office is a Lancaster County agency providing services as required by state statute and funded by Lancaster County. The following services are provided to those who are determined to be financially eligible and medically indigent: food, shelter (deposit, rent and utilities), assisted living, medical care, transportation, non-food necessities (household supplies and personal care items), clothing, and cremation expenses. The General Assistance Office has 6 full time staff: 1 Officer, 2 Caseworkers, 1 accounts payable and 1 accounts receivable, and 1 receptionist.

- A. Oversee the process for requesting general assistance benefits and support services. The annual budget for this assistance is approximately \$2.1 million.
- B. Determine eligibility and coordinate multiple services and benefits and support services.
- C. Coordinate multiple services and benefits available under Federal, State, and County levels.
- D. Collaborate with the Lincoln/Lancaster Health Department on Health 360 Integrated Care. To date, this has involved making changes to the General Assistance Database and adding additional contractors involved in this project.
- E. Maintain relationships with partners and contractors in the community. This includes insuring payments are received in a timely manner.
- F. Insure County taxpayers are reimbursed for all services provided where state and federal entities are fiscally the responsible party.
- G. Review claims from contractors that have been denied reimbursement.
- H. Review and attend appeal hearings for applicants who have been denied General Assistance.
- I. Insure the General Assistance Guidelines are reviewed and updated.
- J. Serve on the following committee:
 - i. General Assistance Monitoring Committee – This committee monitors budgetary issues and proposes effective solutions. The committee meets quarterly.

4. Juvenile Justice

As determined through the Juvenile Justice Center evaluation, the Lancaster County Human Services Office serves as the backbone organization for the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Justice Office has 3 full-time staff (Juvenile Justice Coordinator, Pre-Adjudication Community Specialist, and Assessment Specialist), 1 part-time staff (Administrative Assistant), and grant funding to hire an additional 4th full time staff (Diversion Officer for Project SUCCESS). The Director's primary role in juvenile justice is overseeing the direct services provided, contractual services, and administering grants.

- A. Write and update the Lancaster County Juvenile Comprehensive Plan. This is completed every three years and required by statute to receive community aid funding.
- B. Oversee approximately 2 million dollars in juvenile programming. This includes over 40 different contracts.
- C. Oversee the Early Assessment Process. Approximately 800 youth are interviewed annually. Assessment recommendations are submitted to the County Attorney to assist in filing decisions. This process is being evaluated by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as a best practice.
- D. Collaborate with the Youth Services Center to expedite pre-adjudicated youth out of detention.
- E. Oversee the Pre-Adjudication Community Services Program. This program provides electronic monitoring and home detention supervision for pre-adjudicated youth in the community. Approximately 60 youth annually are served through this program.
- F. Warrant Program for youth who miss court. Approximately 25 youth and their parents who do not attend their court are contacted through this program annually. The goal of the program is to ensure the family attends their next court hearing. 97% of youth referred have, in fact, attended their subsequent court hearing.
- G. Project SUCCESS is a school arrest based diversion program. The Case Manager for this program offices out of the Human Services Office. This is a new program developed in conjunction with Georgetown University.
- H. Detention alternatives are supervised through our office. This includes day, evening, and weekend reporting centers, electronic monitoring, home detention, employment programs, and the alternative school.

- I. Coordinate the Truancy Diversion Program. This program is now in 6 different schools and involves a coordinator at each school. The Human Services Office is responsible for coordination among all the schools to insure program quality and consistency.
- J. Collaborate with Lincoln Police Department to oversee Operation Tipping Point. This is an early prevention/intervention program that deters gang involvement.
- K. Facilitate the following committees:
 - i. Steering Committee – This committee meets monthly to discuss system improvements in the Lancaster County Juvenile Justice System. Stakeholders from all justice system points are included in this meeting.
 - ii. Juvenile Justice Review Committee – This committee is a community collaborative required through state statute. It has a broad membership base of 50 members with about 30 attending quarterly meetings. Most members are community based youth serving programs.
 - iii. Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities – This committee reviews data of all system points in the juvenile justice system (arrest, detention, detention alternatives, etc) to determine disproportionality, disparity, and system improvement. The committee has recently worked with Georgetown University on a thorough data analysis to determine where system improvement is needed.
- L. Serve on the following committees/initiatives:
 - i. Crime Commission Community Aid Planning Committee – This committee works with the Crime Commission to administer the Community Aid funding. As a member of this committee, I review county juvenile justice comprehensive plans, community aid grant applications, and provide technical assistance to other counties as they write their plan or apply for community aid funding. This committee also works with the Juvenile Justice Institute in developing a process to collect statewide data.
 - ii. Alternative Response is a new approach to help families with less severe reports of child abuse and/or neglect, connect with the supports and services they need in order to enhance the parent’s ability to keep their children safe and healthy.

- iii. Crossover Committee – This Committee is a collaborative between Health and Human Services, State Probation, and the County to establish services and system processes for youth involved in the child welfare system who are now entering the juvenile justice system.
 - iv. Region V’s Children Systems of Care – This Committee focuses on behavioral health needs of children in Lancaster County.
- 5. Administrative
 - A. Facilitate community presentations on various office functions and/or initiatives.
 - B. Follow-up on requests from elected officials in a timely and accurate manner.
 - C. Prepare and oversee a cost effective Department Budget.
 - D. Direct the activities of professional, administrative, and clerical staff, consultants, sub-contractors, and temporary employees.
 - E. Maintain liaison relationship with regional and state human service officials, participate in policy discussion in the review of legislative proposals to strengthen the local human services system.
 - F. Provide technical assistance to local agencies seeking governmental funds as well as writing grants when appropriate for related government activities coordinating with the County Budget & Fiscal office.
 - G. Develop concepts involving new programs, management techniques, or system reorganization.
 - H. Handle all complaints coming into this office.
 - I. Insure all citizens’ inquiries and questions are followed up in a timely and courteous manner.
 - J. Complete and oversee the completion of performance evaluations for department staff.
 - K. Advise elected officials, non-profit and private service providers, local funding organizations, and the community at large in the delivery of human services.
 - L. Participate as assigned on City, County, or community advisor committees, taskforces, and working groups involved in human service, juvenile justice, and general assistance.

- M. Track and review legislation that could impact human services and testify at hearings as directed by the Board.
- N. Continuously research federal and state funding streams to ensure all county tax funds are used as a last resort.

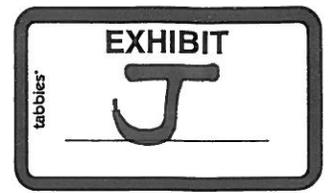
Future Challenges & Goals

- Medicaid Expansion is an on-going discussion in our state. It is estimated that most of the \$2 million the county spends on medical expenses in General Assistance would be covered if Medicaid was expanded. This also means potentially 3 General Assistance employees would be without work. Medicaid Expansion legislation is supported throughout our office as the most cost efficient option for the County while being respectful to the employees it will impact.
- There is always contention between the State and the County over unfunded mandates. The recent juvenile reform has caused tension in our once unified juvenile justice system. Ensuring children's needs are being met regardless of where they are at in the system and funded through the proper fiscal agent is always a struggle. As they always have, Lincoln/Lancaster children should always come first.
- Behavioral Health needs of both children and adults is a growing need. Facilitation of systems and system collaboration needs to be ongoing so our citizens get the level of services they need to be productive in our community.
- Being new in this role, the cost effectiveness of contracts in place is currently being evaluated. To date, over \$350,000 has been reappropriated back to general funds.
- Juvenile justice has been changing in the last couple of years. It is inevitable more changes are yet to come. Collaborating with state leaders and Senators on upcoming legislation is necessary.
- The amount of juvenile community aid has quadrupled to almost \$1 million over the last 2 year with no additional funding for administration of this funding. With this funding, there are additional reporting and evaluation requirements. Ongoing training with community providers and staff is essential in following requirements with limited resources.

- The Health 360 Integrated Care pilot will be starting by the end of October. They are scheduled to move to their new facility in January of 2016. It is estimated General Assistance clients will no longer have their primary care through the Health Department, but rather through Health 360. This will be a big transition for all staff and clients involved.
- As our community population approaches 300,000 our Department will need to ensure mandated human services are being provided.
- In early 2016, General Assistance staff will be relocating to the Health Department.

Lincoln has made a number of top 10 lists, often getting attention for being one of the happiest places to live. A lot of this can be attributed to the amount of attention our elected officials choose to devote to our human services. Human Services is a vital role in our community.

The care of human life and happiness is the first and only object of good government.
-Thomas Jefferson



Evaluation Questionnaire

Director Evaluated: _____

Date: _____

Evaluator: _____

1. What do you feel are your major accomplishments in your appointed job? (Expand on what's going well, what are the strengths of the department.)
2. What weaknesses and problems do you perceive in the operations, training, and personnel? (Describe what you think should change and where further developments should go.)
3. What facility or office issues concern you?
4. What do you see happening in your budget for the remainder of this year and going into next year? (Describe in general terms where you believe major problems or opportunities exist.)
5. Describe your management style and your supervisory responsibilities. Give examples of how your work to develop teamwork within your staff and how you support your staff.
6. What is your wish list?
7. What are your immediate goals for now and next year and then for 5 years in the future?
8. What can the Board of Commissioners do to help you achieve your goals?
9. What are your thoughts on succession planning?

10. Do you want to come to work in the morning? Why?

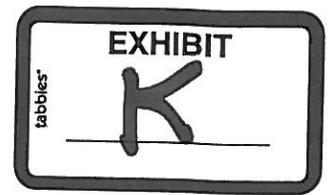
11. What would you like the Board of Commissioners to know about you and your position... or anything else you would like to address?

Bullet comments derived from your impressions during interview regarding such things as **integrity, initiative, trustworthiness, background and training, willingness to take on tasks, passion for the job, breadth of responsibility, courage to take on difficult issues, leadership ability, concern for stewardship of taxpayer-provided resources, honesty, forthrightness, willingness to speak to public officials and citizens, etc.**

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Any recommendations and/or concerns that you as evaluator would like to remember for future reference:

Please give to Kerry after completion.



Human Services Activity Report

November 2015 through February 2016

Submitted by: Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director

Homeless Prevention

Human Services continues to be engaged in the Homeless Coalition and the Youth Subcommittee of the Homeless Coalition.

Mental Health

I continue to serve on Region V's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.

Lancaster County was one of seven county teams chosen out of a total of 30 who applied to attend the Juvenile Justice Action Academy. This academy was sponsored by NACo and focused on integrating behavioral health in the juvenile justice system. Our team (Commissioner Roma Amundson, Deputy County Attorney Alicia Henderson, Director of Center Pointe Tohper Hanson, and myself) focused on establishing a continuum for children in crisis. This includes establishing a crisis team for children in need and a local residential facility for children in need of continued services (a step down from CAPS). A grant was submitted for \$160,000 to fund advertising associated with the current crisis line. Funding would also assist in the crisis team and a residential facility for children in crisis. We are meeting with probation to combine efforts on this.

New Americans, Immigrants, and Disproportionate Minority Contact

'Lincoln Unite: Many Faces One Lincoln' celebration will be held on April 30, 2016. This will be a recognition and celebration of new immigrants and refugees. We are working with DLA to host the event at Tower Square. There will be a parade of flags and then a Naturalization Ceremony. Food vendors, bands, and dancers will also participate in this event. The Human Services Office is responsible for the budget (not funding it). The parade will begin at 9:30 with the Mayor speaking at Tower Square at 10:45 and the Naturalization Ceremony starting at 11:00 a.m.

Recent refugees from Darfur strongly believe in blind obedience to men is a woman's duty. They believe it's very shameful for a woman to talk about or even mention anything that happens in the home to an outsider. As a result, they have formed a men's club. They are warning their wives not to associate with women who have left an abusive relationship. They have also forbid their wives from communicating with the Sudanese Domestic Violence Liaison. In an attempt to still provide outreach to women from this community who are in need, the liaison has changed her cellphone number and is meeting with the women at schools when they drop or pick up their kids.

I participated in interviews for the Diversity Outreach Specialist with the City of Lincoln. This position assists our office in reaching out to parents and youth who's primary language is not English.

Grants/Funding

With the passage of LB 482, funding allocated to counties via the Crime Commission significantly increased. To be eligible for this funding, counties are required to submit a community plan approved by the Commission. The Crime Commission asked the Human Services Office to participate on a committee to review community plans and all applications for

this funding. One week was devoted to insuring all plans and funding requests were in line with state statute.

The Keno Committee met to review Keno applications. Recommendations were made to the JBC (approved at January meeting), County Board, City Council, and Mayor. Contracts are in the process of being sent.

I participated in a grant review at CAP for Emergency Food. The local board reviewed each of the applications for Phase 32 funding. The total federal allocation for Lincoln is \$25,823. A total of six agencies applied for funding with a total request of \$44,580. It was determined that rent and utility are still the highest need. All agencies were funded, just not at the level requested (Fresh Start \$5,278; Community Action \$10,282; Salvation Army \$ 2,932; People City Mission: \$3,177; Friendship Home \$977; and Food Bank \$3,177).

I also participated in a grant review for the Children and Families Foundation. Grants ranged from \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year over two years. Communities had to demonstrate how they used the Connected Youth Initiatives to support youth ages 14-24 who are considered "unconnected" – either because they've aged out of the foster care system, are exiting the juvenile justice system, are homeless or near homeless, or simply lack the family supports required to transition successfully to adulthood. Counties receiving grants were: Lincoln, Hall, Dawson, Buffalo, Merrick, Hamilton, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, Nuckolls, Madison, Pierce, Wayne, Stanton, Dodge, Custer, Garfield, Blaine, Sherman, Valley, Loup, Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York Counties.

The Human Services Office submitted over 10 grants for state and federal funding during this reporting period.

Truancy Prevention

The Juvenile Justice Coordinator provides coordination for this program. This year we also added a part-time Restorative Justice Coordinator to assist in efforts to infuse Restorative Justice Principles throughout the school district. Judge Ryder had an opportunity to present information for the County Board concerning the Truancy Diversion Program. He was also asked to present at the Children's Summit in Kearney. We are in the process of submitting a workshop proposal to the Blueprints Conference in Colorado.

One of the cornerstones of the Truancy Diversion Program is the Functional Family Therapy component. When the federal grant was completed, the funding for a full-time therapist devoted to the program was depleted. As a result, this component has been funded through Medicaid. Recently, it's been a struggle having this level of care approved. We are working with our service provider to examine different levels of care that will still allow the therapist to visit with the family in the home setting.

Early Assessment/Diversion

Due to a change in statute, the County Attorney's Office needs to demonstrate they offered services to families prior to filing a truancy or ungovernable petition. As a result, LPS will provide our contact information to parents when they have a child with 10 absences. We will help them connect with resources in the community to help address their child's attendance concerns. For ungovernable cases, we will be the contact person for parents when they indicate a desire to declare their child as ungovernable. Information from the family will be gathered and, if

appropriate, referrals made to resources in the community. We will also provide families with the paperwork needed to submit to the County Attorney's Office to make a filing when necessary. During this reporting period, we talked with 25 parents regarding their youth and the ungovernable process. Six youth were referred to our office concerning truancy.

Early Assessment Numbers

Total number referred: 287

Total number accepted: 256

Number Referred by the County: 207

Number Referred by the City: 80

Referrals by Gender:

	Referred	Accepted
Male	187	164
Female	100	92

Referrals by Race

	Referred	Accepted
Asian	5	3
Black	61	51
Hispanic	34	27
Native Amer	8	7
Other	7	5
White	172	161

Referrals by Age

Age	Referred	Accepted
Under 9	5	5
10	9	9
11	10	8
12	15	14
13	41	34
14	40	35
15	60	55
16	53	47
17	53	48

Reasons why not accepted:

Attorney Requested Return	7
Parent/Youth Failed to respond	10
Incorrect Phone number	11
Youth Ineligible	3

Outcomes:

Filed in Court	17
Diversion	100
No Charge	48
Pending	122

Pre-Adjudication Community Services

PACS

Total Supervised:	16
Monitors:	9
From Detention:	9
Average Age:	15
Ave Supervision Days:	22
Gender	M (8) F (8)
Ethnic	W (8) H (1) NA (1) B (6)

Project SUCCESS

Total Number referred: 24 youth (16 accepted, 8 ineligible)

Ineligible/Unaccepted Youth (due to previous supervision by diversion and/or probation)

- 4 Female, 4 Male
- 4 Black/African American, 1 Asian, 3 Caucasian
- 2 Lincoln High, 1 North Star, 1 Southwest, 4 Northeast
- 4 Disturb the Peace, 4 Assault

Accepted Youth

- 3 Female, 13 Male
- 11 Caucasian, 2 Asian, 1 Black/African American, 1 American Indian/Alaska Native
- 2 Hispanic, 14 Non-Hispanic
- 1 North Star, 2 Southeast, 6 Northeast, 6 Lincoln High
- 5 Disturb the Peace, 11 Assault

11 youth have completed the program, 5 currently in the program.

The Human Services Office is working with the County Attorney's Office and judiciary on ensuring our diversion program has all necessary components. We were asked by State Probation to consider establishing new guidelines for youth who crossover from the child welfare system and are now in the juvenile justice system as well. However, we examined our data over the last 3 years and determined this population is less than 10 youth.

Community Outreach

I participated in the THIRA Workshop at UNL. During this workshop, possible responses to catastrophic events were discussed. During every event, the need for rescue workers to have a point of contact for cultural liaisons was stressed. I am working on providing this to them.

The Human Services Office has taken the lead in planning a statewide conference in October to address prevention and early intervention in the juvenile justice system. Funding is provided through the Crime Commission. The Marriott has been secured as the conference venue and the speakers are being finalized this week. The conference is October 12 through 14, 2016.

During this reporting period I was able to visit several programs funded through City/County funding. These programs include: Friendship Home, Houses of Hope, St. Monica's, Joven Nobles, Latina Leaders, CenterPointe, Mission, Lincoln Literacy, and Guidance to Success. I

was also able to attend the “Here I Am” event at Malone Center. This was an opportunity for youth to showcase poems, music, and dance. It was a formal attire and had a great attendance.

The Human Services Office continues to be represented at the Human Services Federation, Alternative Response Committee, and the Suicide Coalition. Through the Suicide Coalition, I have reached out to the Mayor’s Chief of Staff to assist in signage offering contact numbers for help to people who are contemplating suicide. He is in the process of meeting with this committee.

Operation Tipping Point – Gang Prevention/Intervention

The Gang Outreach Coordinator has provided services to 26 youth. We met with CHI Health St. Elizabeth’s as they have a violence prevention grant. They will be partnering with OTP to assist in outreach and public awareness concerning gang indicators.

The Coordinator hired for this position has little case management experience. He is an employee of Lincoln Police Department, but will spend 2 days a week officed with Human Services staff learning case management techniques.

General Assistance

General Assistance presented at the “Connecting the Uninsured Training for Local Case Workers” at the Health Department. The purpose of the training was to increase the knowledge of local case workers regarding health benefits for low-income, uninsured people living in Lancaster County. General Assistance gave a 45 minute overview of the application process and benefits available.

Health 360 will be relocating during March. This will allow General Assistance to have 1 satellite office at Health 360. Starting in April, we will rotate a caseworker to that office daily. We were told General Assistance will probably be moving to the Health Department sometime during the summer.

After the shooting in California, General Assistance staff were concerned with safety of the office at Trabert. LPD completed a safety audit of the office space and suggested a few things: (1) Personal bags and information should be secured; (2) Blinds should be closed to outside office – especially if working at night; (3) Scissors should be stowed in a desk and out of reach; and (4) Buzzer may be beneficial for staff at front in case of emergency. We checked with LSO, and to have a buzzer installed would be over \$1,000. Since we are in the process of vacating this office space, it was suggested I purchase a doorbell for this purpose.

The Transitional Health Care bill had a committee hearing where Commissioner Amundson testified in support. I completed the fiscal note. If this legislative bill were to pass, General Assistance would be alleviated of providing medical assistance. We would still have the non-medical assistance component that would only involve 1 to 2 staff.

During this reporting period we reviewed the General Assistance Guidelines. Clarifying language was added to assist individuals in applying for assistance. In addition, the HHS poverty guidelines were updated. The application for cremations was also revised. We also deleted references to Behavioral Health, since we no longer have the Crisis Center for referrals.

There have been an increase in the number of Medicaid services that require preauthorization. This is an issue for us because when services require preauthorization, we are not reimbursed.

The Chief Administrative Officer for the County Board and I met with the Administrator of the Division of Medicaid to work out a process for this.