

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016  
8:30 A.M.**

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

Commissioners Absent: 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 April 6, 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 MARCH 31, 2016 STAFF MEETING**

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded approval of the March 31, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A. Legal Opinion Regarding Request from USA Roller Sports for a Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant (Exhibit A)

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Schorr, Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

The Chair exited the meeting at 8:33 a.m. and the Vice Chair assumed direction of the meeting.

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

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

The Chair returned to the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and resumed direction of the meeting.

Kohout said the Legislature only has three days remaining to take action on legislative bills. Today is the last day to move bills off of General File and there is only one day remaining to move bills off Select File or amend on Final Reading.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Legal Opinion Regarding Request from USA Roller Sports for a Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant (Exhibit A)

There was consensus to release the legal opinion to Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Executive Director, so he can inform the Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC).

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Letter to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Requesting Modification of Recreational Trails Program Projects Agreement Reducing Project from 20 Years to 10 Years

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize signature by the Chair. Hudkins, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

### A. 1<sup>st</sup> Job-Lincoln Program Update

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said he contacted the City to see if it planned to sponsor an intern at Information Services (IS) and was informed they did not have plans to do so.

Wiltgen indicated he will bring the issue up at the next Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) Meeting.

### B. Return on Public Sale of Surplus Property (Portion of Vacated South 54<sup>th</sup> Street)

Eagan said the highest bid at the Sheriff's Office sale of the property on March 31, 2016 was \$3,000. The property was appraised at \$116,000 (see March 10, 2016 County Board Staff Meeting minutes). He recommended the Board reject the bid. The County Board could then negotiate for the sale in the best interest of the County. **NOTE:** Consideration of the bid will be scheduled on the April 12, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

### C. County Agency Tours (April 12, 2016)

Informational only.

### D. Reschedule Security Training from April 21, 2016 to May 3, 2016

There was no objection to rescheduling the training.

### E. Neighborhood Meeting for Change of Zone for the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Building Property (Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 2201 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street)

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, said letters have been mailed to the neighboring properties and the Planning Department will post a change of zone sign on the property. A press release will also be issued. She said Commissioner Avery, whose district covers the building, will make remarks at the meeting and the Planning Department staff will be available to answer questions. Other Commissioners indicated tentative plans to attend.

Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk, asked whether a quorum of the Board will be present at the meeting in which case a clerk would need to be present. Eagan said the Board will not be discussing public policy so it will not be necessary, adding the Open Meetings Act addresses this type of situation.

## F. Management Team Meeting Agenda (April 14, 2016)

Eagan said Ryan Sothan, Consumer Outreach Coordinator, Nebraska Attorney General's Office, has a scheduling conflict and will be unable to present information on identity theft. A presentation by Information Services (IS) and a roundtable discussion are the only agenda items.

### **4 A) TORNADO DRILL AFTER ACTION REPORT; AND B) CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NEMA) REGARDING RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY TRAINING - Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director**

#### **A) Tornado Drill After Action Report**

Jim Davidsaver, Emergency Management Director, gave a report on the recent National Weather Service (NWS) Statewide Tornado Drill, noting participation by 41 County and City Departments and Divisions; 912 employees, clients and guests; and 558 Lancaster County Corrections inmates (Exhibit D).

Schorr asked whether the Youth Services Center (YSC) participated in the drill. Davidsaver said the facility may have participated but did not send him a report form.

Schorr also asked whether the County-City Building has a backup generator. Hudkins said it does.

#### **B) Correspondence from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Regarding Radiological Emergency Training**

Davidsaver said Board members may have received a letter from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) regarding NEMA's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP). He said the letters should have been vetted before they were sent, explaining coordinating training dates and times with NEMA is actually his responsibility. **NOTE:** Lancaster County is in the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for the Cooper Nuclear Station and Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Plant.

### **5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - Mike Lang, Economic Development Coordinator**

Mike Lang, Economic Development Coordinator, discussed some of the workforce initiatives he has been working on in the community and larger projects that could ultimately benefit the County as well.

Lang reported there are approximately 174,000 individuals employed and 5,000 unemployed in the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). He said one prevailing issue is finding the quality, available workforce needed to operate businesses and stressed the need to develop a strategy to meet the needs of the greater Lincoln area, County, and MSA. Lang noted the Angelou Economics Plan was unveiled in 2015 and as a result three task forces were formed dealing with infrastructure, workforce and entrepreneurial development. **NOTE:** Angelou Economics is a firm that was hired to provide recommendations on how the City could improve economic development efforts. He said they looked at the strategic recommendations outlined in the Angelou Economics Plan and tried to expand those. Lang cited participation in the process of conducting business retention/expansion surveys, noting other partners in the project are Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED), Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NEDED) and the Black Hills Key Account Team. He said that information will be aggregated into a report and released at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and LPED's Annual Economic Development Breakfast.

Lang said the two projects he has spent most of his time over the last six to eight months are the \$100,000,000 project at SouthPointe Pavilions which includes expansion of the Scheel's store and a conduit project with ALLO Communications (telecommunications company). He said the City of Waverly has expressed interest in ALLO and said he would be willing to help engage ALLO in discussions of extending service.

In terms of County projects, Lang said he has been working with the owners of the Branched Oak Inn in Malcolm, Nebraska. He said the business has been closed for some time and it will be costly to rehabilitate and recommission the building. The Village of Malcolm now has a redevelopment area and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) may be a possibility. Another project involves Monolith Materials' plans to build a carbon black plant adjacent to the Nebraska Public Power District's (NPPD's) Sheldon Station plant in Hallam, Nebraska. Lang said the County Engineer, has concerns regarding the condition of the roadway that runs by the site and the traffic counts.

There was consensus to invite Lang; David Young, Fiber Infrastructure and Right-of-Way Manager, City Public Works & Utilities; and a representative of ALLO Communications to attend the Board's next meeting with representatives of the County's rural communities.

The Chair suggested Lang provide quarterly updates to the Board.

Thorpe noted she attends the LPED meetings on behalf of the Board and said she will circulate their quarterly reports.

**6 PENDING LITIGATION** - Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending litigation. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Hudkins seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. Schorr, Hudkins, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

**7 FUGITIVE TASK FORCE** - Terry Wagner, County Sheriff; Jeff Bliemeister, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Terry Wagner, County Sheriff, said the Lancaster Sheriff's Office (LSO), U.S. Marshals Service and Lincoln Police Department (LPD) make up the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force (MAFTF). There is also part-time participation from the Gage, Saline, Jefferson and Saunders County Sheriff's Offices. He said the MAFTF was involved in two shootings in 2015, one of which was fatal. In the first incident, a deputy U.S. Marshall shot and killed a man reaching for a gun when the MAFTF tried to arrest him. In the second, a man who ran from a traffic stop was shot by a Sheriff's deputy and a deputy U. S. Marshall near the State Capitol. This individual was on Medicaid but turned 19 a week after the incident and was no longer eligible for that coverage. His unpaid medical bills revert to Lancaster County pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute §47-703 (see Exhibit E). **NOTE:** The medical bills will be at the Medicaid rate. Wagner said he asked the U.S. Marshals Service to share in the liability. The agency didn't agree to that, explaining it will only pay for a suspect's medical costs if they are wanted on a federal warrant or are a federal fugitive. He said he tried to amend the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Marshals Service but hasn't been successful to date. The Task Force has been suspended while questions of liability are addressed.

Hudkins asked whether the County Attorney's Office concurs that the U.S. Marshals Service has no liability in this instance. Doug Cyr, Chief Administrative Deputy County Attorney, appeared and said the U.S. Marshals Service has taken the position they have immunity and has the benefit of the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article VI, Paragraph 2) which establishes that the federal constitution, and federal law generally, take precedence over state laws, and even state constitutions. He said the agency also cited several U.S. code provisions that require them to pay medical bills in limited circumstances, adding that doesn't mean there couldn't be liability for the actions of a deputy U. S. Marshal if someone were wrongfully injured. Cyr said, in this situation, the apprehending agency would have, under Nebraska law, been responsible.

In response to a question from Schorr, Wagner said the U.S. Marshals Service is the sponsoring agency for the Task Force and has an MOU with every agency that participates. The other agencies have been apprised of what has transpired and remain engaged with the U.S. Marshals Services on an ad hoc basis.

Schorr also asked what action would be required to reactivate LSO's participation in MAFTF. Wagner said it would involve discussions with the U.S. Marshal's Service to try to address their differences.

**8 UPDATE ON FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) REIMBURSEMENT FOR FLOOD DAMAGE - Pam Dingman, County Engineer; Erik Hubl, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping Division Head, County Engineering**

Pam Dingman, County Engineer, gave an update on reimbursement claims to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) related to flood damage to County roads and bridges (see Exhibit F). **NOTE:** Bridges referenced in Exhibit F are as follows: M-23 (Northwest 140<sup>th</sup> Street, between West "A" and West "O" Streets); S-65 (South 38th Street, north of Martell Road); G-2 (North 84th Street, south of Interstate-80); T-171 (Southwest 14th Street, south of West Sprague Road); N-19 (West Pioneers Boulevard west of Southwest 98<sup>th</sup> Street); X-30 (South 38th Street, south of Pella Road); K-144 (Havelock Avenue, between North 84<sup>th</sup> and North 98<sup>th</sup> Streets); E-117 (Northwest 84th Street, north of West Bluff Road); H-207 (North 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, north of Highway 6); H-115 (North 176th Street, Alvo Road to McKelvie Road); and Y-181 (Princeton Road east of South 13<sup>th</sup> Street). She noted the County is required by FEMA to provide mitigation and replacement estimates for bridges.

Dingman said FEMA generally covers 75% of the damage and NEMA is supposed to split the damage with the County, but pointed out the County is still awaiting reimbursement for snow damage in 2006. Schorr asked whether the County Attorney's Office can begin legal action to secure those payments. Dingman said she will look into the process. She said payments for the flood damage have been taking approximately 60-90 days to process once NEMA indicates they have been approved, noting the County has received \$99,269.62 to date. The County estimated damage at \$2,304,434.19 and an additional \$837,052.82 for mitigation. Dingman said reimbursement for the damage to roads in the southern portion of the County (Districts 3 and 4) was approved on March 21, 2016 (see Exhibit F). Bridges M-23 and S-65 were approved and there are indications approval of Bridge H-207 is forthcoming. She said they will bid Bridge H-207, which is estimated to cost \$2,483,698, next week. Dingman said repairs are needed in order to secure it before spring storms and she felt it was important to get it in the process and bid. Bridge T-171 was denied and Dingman indicated plans to appeal that decision.

Dingman said she doesn't anticipate receiving the majority of the funds this budget year and noted if the funds had been received this budget year, it would have exceeded the two percent spending authority lid. She added she anticipates spending any reimbursements during the next year.

Dingman noted the County lost road surface at 1,776 locations and said the additional damage to bridges and the significant debris made the flooding a catastrophic event.

## **9 ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Letter to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Requesting Modification of Recreational Trails Program Projects Agreement Reducing Project from 20 Years to 10 Years

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

## **10 CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

## **11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Job-Lincoln Program Update
- B. Return on Public Sale of Surplus Property (Portion of Vacated South 54<sup>th</sup> Street)
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- F. Management Team Meeting Agenda (April 14, 2016)

Items A-F were moved forward on the agenda.

## **12 PENDING**

There were no pending items.

### 13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

#### A. Juvenile Justice Review Committee (JJRC) - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said they received a program update and Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, announced the County has been awarded the grants it applied for from the Nebraska Crime Commission.

#### B. Chamber Coffee - Amundson

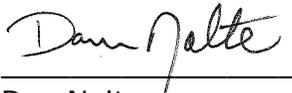
Amundson said she was unable to attend the meeting.

### 14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

### 15 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.



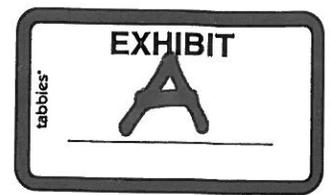
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March 30, 2016

Dear Kerry:

In your letter to Lancaster County Attorney Joe Kelly dated March 24, 2016, you indicate that USA Roller Sports has applied for a grant from the Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund in the amount of \$120,000 to purchase a turf protection system. USA Roller Sports' application has generated the following question:

1. **WHETHER THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND TO USA ROLLER SPORTS IN RESPONSE TO USA ROLLER SPORTS' APPLICATION?**

**ISSUE 1: WHETHER THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND TO USA ROLLER SPORTS IN RESPONSE TO USA ROLLER SPORTS' APPLICATION?**

One of the purposes of the Nebraska Visitors Development Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-370 through 81-3726, is to "authorize the governing body of any county to appoint a visitors committee and impose a lodging tax on hotels for the purpose of establishing . . . a County Visitors Improvement Fund." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3702(3) (Reissue 2014). "The County Visitors Improvement Fund shall be administered by the governing body of the county with the advice of the visitors committee created pursuant to section 81-3717." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3720(1)(a) (Reissue 2014).

"The proceeds of the County Visitors Improvement Fund shall be used to improve the **visitor attractions and facilities** in the county. . . ." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3717 (Reissue 2014) (emphasis added). "The [County Visitors Improvement Fund] shall be used to make grants for expanding and improving facilities at any existing **visitor attraction**, acquiring or expanding exhibits for existing **visitor attractions**, constructing **visitor attractions**, or planning or developing such expansions, improvements, or construction." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3720(1)(a) (emphasis added). "Grants shall be available for any **visitor attraction** in the county **owned by the public or any nonprofit organization**, the primary purpose of which is to operate the visitor attraction. . . ." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3720(1)(b) (Reissue 2014) (emphasis added). "For purposes of this section and section 81-3717, **visitor attraction** means a **defined location** open to the public, which location is of educational, cultural, historical, artistic, or recreational significance or provides entertainment or in which are exhibits, displays, or performances of educational, cultural, historic, artistic, or entertainment value." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3720(2) (Reissue 2014) (emphasis added).

A county in this state is a creature of statute and has no inherent authority. It can exercise only those powers expressly granted to it by statute or necessarily implied to carry out its expressed powers. A grant of power to a county is strictly construed, and reasonable doubts regarding the existence of its power are resolved against it.

Wetovick v. Cty. of Nance, 279 Neb. 773, 787, 782 N.W.2d 298, 311 (2010). See also, State ex rel. Johnson v. Gage Cty., 154 Neb. 822, 826, 49 N.W.2d 672, 675 (1951).

First, to the extent that grant funds would be dispensed for the purposes of improving or expanding the upcoming USA Roller Sports National Championship events, the grant likely is impermissible because USA Roller Sports is not seeking to improve, expand, or construct a visitor attraction owned by the public or a non-profit organization. The plain language of the relevant statutes of the Nebraska Visitors Development Act (“Act”) provides that grants from a county visitors improvement fund (“Fund”) may be used only to improve, expand, or construct *visitor attractions* owned by the public or a non-profit organization. Under the Act, a visitor attraction is a defined location. A county has only such powers with respect to the Fund as are conferred by the Act.

According to your letter, USA Roller Sports is a non-profit organization. USA Roller Sports expects to host the 2016, 2017, and 2019 National Championships in Lincoln. In the past, the National Championships had been held at the Pershing Center. USA Roller Sports now proposes to hold the National Championships at Speedway Village with the aid of a grant from the Fund to purchase a turf protection system. It appears that USA Roller Sports has applied for grant funds precisely because the applicant must move the event to a different location due to the Pershing Center’s closing.

Although the National Championships may be a recurring *event*, the National Championships are not a *visitor attraction* within the meaning of the Act because the National Championships clearly do not comprise a defined location. Whereas the Act permits improving or expanding a visitor attraction that serves as an event’s venue, the Act does not permit improving or expanding a moveable event.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, if the application is construed as seeking to improve the National Championships by allowing the applicant to purchase a turf protection system, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) does not have the authority to make a grant from the Fund to improve or expand this event.

Second, to the extent that a grant from the Fund would be used to improve or expand the event venue at Speedway Village, the grant likely would be impermissible because Speedway Village is not owned by a non-profit organization. The Act permits a county to dispense grants from the Fund to improve, expand, or construct visitor attractions owned by *non-profit* organizations. Again, for purposes of the Act a visitor attraction is a defined location. As noted above, a county has only such powers with respect to the Fund as are conferred by the Act.

Here, as you state in your letter, the improvement of the turf protection system purchased with the grant would be “kept at Speedway Village and will be available for their use.” The applicant notes: “In addition to this asset benefiting our event, it will also be available for many

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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, a grant from the Fund to improve or expand the non-profit organization USA Roller Sports would be equally impermissible: a grant from the Fund must operate on a qualified visitor attraction.

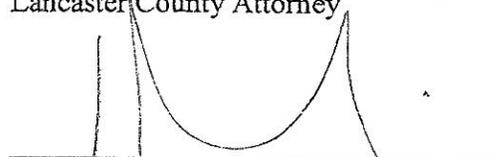
other community events to occur at this facility [Speedway Village]." Speedway Village indicates: "The ability to use this sub-floor system creates a dynamic opportunity for the Village to attract and host other unique events. . . ." Based on your explanation and the application materials, Speedway Village appears to be the defined location that would be improved or expanded by the applicant's requested expenditure from the Fund.

However, even assuming that Speedway Village could be considered a visitor attraction, your inquiry also states that Speedway Village is owned by a *for-profit* organization. As a result, because the visitor attraction here is owned by neither a non-profit organization nor the public, the Act prohibits the Board's issuing a grant from the Fund to improve or expand Speedway Village despite its connection to the applicant's event. Consequently, even if the grant were construed as seeking to improve or expand the National Championships' venue, the Board does not have the authority to make a grant from the Fund to improve or expand Speedway Village.

For the foregoing reasons, it is the Opinion of our Office that the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners does not have the authority to grant funds from the Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund to USA Roller Sports based on this application.

Sincerely,

JOE KELLY,  
Lancaster County Attorney



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March 18, 2016

Lancaster County Commissioners  
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Lancaster County Board of Commissioners:

As the president of USA Roller Sports (USARS), the recognized governing body for roller sports in the United States, I am applying for a grant of approximately \$120,000 to be used towards the purchase of a turf protection system.

I would like for this request to be heard before the scheduled VPC meeting in May due to the timeliness of this request.

USARS plans to host its 2016, 2017 and 2019 National Championships in the roller sports of figure skating, rink hockey, roller derby, slalom and speed at Speedway Village in Lincoln, Nebraska. USARS has held national championship events since 1937 and 2016 will mark the 28<sup>th</sup> time the event has been held in Lincoln.

With Pershing Center closing, the purchase of this protection system is a necessary asset that will allow us to use the City of Lincoln-owned skating surface we have used for many years to conduct our championships and further our long-standing relationship with the Lincoln community. Without this purchase, we are unable to hold our event in Lincoln as the Ice Box is too small and Pinnacle Bank arena is too large. In addition to this asset benefiting our event, it will also be available for many other community events to occur at this facility.

Our event has had a \$5 to \$7 million economic impact in previous years. For 2016, we have added two additional sports (roller derby and slalom) to our championship lineup and believe the additional sports will put the economic impact in the \$7 to \$10 million range.

We would love the support of Lancaster County as we continue to further our mission to develop, promote, educate and grow roller sports at all levels and to enable athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence in domestic and international competitions. Lincoln's hospitality and central location have become favorites of our competitors and it is our wish to continue this win-win relationship between USA Roller Sports and the City of Lincoln for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Danny Brown  
USA Roller Sports, President



Member, U.S. Olympic Committee

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**2015 Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund Grant Guidelines**  
(Revised March 2015)

1. Any visitor attraction in Lancaster County, owned by the public or non-profit organization, whose primary purpose is to operate a visitor attraction, is eligible for fund allocation. Only one application from an entity will be accepted each grant year. **Funding for new or existing event related operational costs and expenses are not eligible for grant funding.**
2. All grant applications are reviewed for the economic impact the fund allocation will have on Lincoln and Lancaster County lodging tax collections. Grant applicants must assume the responsibility for providing inclusive and comprehensive information in this application so that the review committee has all pertinent and relevant details in order to arrive at a decision.
3. Allocation of *Visitor Improvement Fund* money will be prioritized as follows:
  - a. Expanding and improving any existing visitor attraction.
  - b. Planning or developing such expansion improvements, exhibits or additions.
  - c. Acquiring or expanding exhibits for existing visitor attractions.
  - d. Promotion and advertising costs associated with such exhibits.
4. Grant funds may not be used for the following:
  - a. General operating expenses
  - b. For additional or current personnel salaries
  - c. For supplies and equipment
  - d. For items not included in the approved grant application.
  - e. Event related operational costs and expenses

In any manner that would violate the Nebraska Development Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-3117, et seq. (as amended from time to time). All grants are discretionary, based upon available funds, other anticipated uses, and anticipated effectiveness of proposed use.

5. Minor grant fund requests and awarded grants shall not exceed \$10,000 per organization each grant year. Goal of grant fund is to provide opportunities as outlined above. **Major grants that exceed \$10,000 and may include new construction and expansion of an existing attraction, will need initial review by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.**

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6. Fund applicants must complete the enclosed *Visitor Improvement Fund* application outlining use and benefits of requested funds. Failure to complete the entire application may result in the rejection of your fund request.
7. Funding requests must be accurately submitted in the appropriate funding categories as defined in the grant application. Requests which do not conform to the proper funding categories may result in the rejection of your fund request.
8. Grant program schedule (minor grants under \$10,000):

	<u>Cycle One</u>	<u>Cycle Two</u>
Grants due to VPC	April 30	October 31
Grants reviewed	May	November
Grants awarded	June	December
Final date for requesting grant reimbursements	12 months from issue	12 months from issue

The Visitors Promotion Committee will meet within 30 days after the month indicated in the month due. A recommendation of acceptance or denial will then be passed on to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Applicants will have a chance to present to the Visitors Promotion Committee prior to any recommendation.

9. Minor grant awards will be made twice yearly in June and December unless determined otherwise by the Visitors Promotion Committee and/or the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Facilities in Lincoln, at the direction of both entities, must be deemed as adequate in accordance with improvement fund allocations.
10. Approved applicants will be notified by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and additional paperwork will be required.
11. All grants awards allocated must be encumbered 1 year from date that the grant was contracted. Any monies that your organization has not encumbered by this deadline shall be returned to the Lancaster County Visitor Improvement Fund.
12. **All applicants are required to submit a preliminary budget with this application. Please see that the following support paperwork accompanies your application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Visitors Promotion Committee.**
  - a. Completed application with project description & budget
  - b. Operating budget
  - c. Marketing budget
  - d. Contractors bid(s)
  - e. Support letters and or entity board approval
  - f. Proof of 501 (c) 3 or 6 status
  - g. Fifteen copies of the application, stapled
13. **Visitor Improvement Funds will be paid to you only upon completion of your project.** To request the reimbursement award fund, your organization must either supply a detailed listing of all expenditures and a professional external audit of your organization that covers the period of those expenditures or your organization must supply a detailed listing of those expenditures and copies of all receipts, cancelled checks, contracts and/or other documents that substantiate those expenditures. Current payment of funds will not take place until this audit is supplied.
14. At the conclusion of approved projects, support given through the grant must be acknowledged through appropriate use of the approved Lancaster County seal. A plaque, sign or appropriate visual notification will be placed on websites, materials or within the facility at the cost of the grantee. Lancaster County will furnish appropriate brand standards for seal placement and use.
15. Larger grant awards of more than \$10,000 will require updates to the VPC and County Board. These updates will be regarding new construction or renovations that happen over an extended period of time.
16. Thanks for recognition of the "Lancaster County Visitor Improvement Fund" must be featured on project literature, banners, websites or structure. Lancaster County logo can be found at <http://lincoln.org/contact>.

*Address  
letters to*

LANCASTER COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND  
GRANT REQUEST

Name of Organization USA Roller Sports US Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating

Contact Person DANNY BROWN

Address/City/State/Zip 4730 South ST, Lincoln, NE 68506

(O) 402 483 7551

Telephone (C) 510 691 9849 Fax 402 483 1465 Email RollDanny@aol.com OR PRESIDENT@USAROLLERSPORTS.ORG

Organization Status: Non-Profit  Association  Civic Group  Other   
(If other, please attach explanation)

Applicant Government/organization Federal ID number 47-055 0989

If tax exempt organization, designate IRS classification:  501(c)3  501(c)6

Provide a detailed description of your exhibit/attraction:

US NATIONAL Rollerskating Championships Starting July 7, 2016 to Aug 3, 2016, US NATIONAL Roller Skating Championships July 8 to Aug 4 2017 then again in dates similar in either 2018 or 2019. Event encompasses 5 different segments of Roller Sports to be held @ Speedway Sports Complex

Number of attendees estimated: Out of town 1000 Local 8000

Check all that apply:

- Expanding and improving any existing visitor attraction.
- Planning or developing such expansion improvements, exhibits or additions.
- Acquiring or expanding exhibits for existing visitor attractions.
- Promotion and advertising costs associated with such exhibits.

Please describe project as indicated above.

Grant money to be used to purchase a Turfmate turf protection system. This surface protection to be used under our Hardwood maple floor system @ City of Lincoln Hardwood maple floor, covering the Facility Artificial GRASS. The Turfmate Turf Protection will be available to cover turf for other events hosted at this location allowing other community events to occur.  
Project Start Date July 5, 2016 Completion Date August 8, 2016

Is this project part of a larger renovation project? NO

If yes, please describe the entire project:

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As it pertains to the grant related project, provide breakdowns of radio and television advertising, showing individual costs, call letters and cities of origin. Also give breakdowns of magazine advertising by individual publications and costs. Similarly, separate the costs for brochures, travel shows by location, billboard advertising, etc. Include target market demographics

Do you anticipate submitting future applications for projects relating to this project? NO

Total projected budget (attach detailed budget)

Total Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Expense \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How will your project impact new visitor recruitment and lodging tax revenues?

With the closure of Pershing Auditorium, this subsurface would allow us to bring back the National Championship events back to Lincoln for multiple years. Our event is too big for Iosbaw to Small for Pinnacle

Estimated annual visitors: Local 1000 Outside of Lincoln 8000

Estimated Annual economic impact of your facility and/or project based on lodging tax use (Use multipliers listed below)

Is this based on annual use of the facility or for a specific event/exhibition? Specific Event

# of hotel rooms utilized 19,000 x 376 (\* Multiplier - see below)

\* National/Regional event Multiplier - \$375 per night

\* State event - \$350 per night

\* Local event - \$245 per night

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT BASED ON FORMULA \$7,125,000

Is this grant request in addition to other project related grant requests?

NO

If yes, then list other grant requests \_\_\_\_\_

Grant amount requested from Visitors Promotion Committee

\$ 110,000<sup>00</sup> - 120,000

Signature of Applicant



Date 2-20-16

Return Application (s) to:

Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Attn: Jeff Maul, Executive Director  
1135 M St. Suite 300  
Lincoln, NE 68501

For more information:  
(402) 434-5343  
[jmaul@lincoln.org](mailto:jmaul@lincoln.org)



On behalf of USA Roller Sports, the Speedway Village would strongly support the decision by the city of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the VPC to award a grant to USA Roller Sports for the investment in a sub-floor that would allow USA Roller Sports to host their event here in Lincoln for years to come. The sub-floor is a requirement for USA Roller Sports to host their national championships here in Lincoln. We certainly believe that economic impact this event provides for the city makes the investment in the sub-floor well worth it. This sub-floor is designed to support the weight of the USARS floors and is vital in the operation of the event. The cost of this turf protection system is \$112,650 and is designed to last more than a decade compared to \$109,000 per year to rent the sub-floor system. This is, without a doubt, a great long-term investment into an event that we would like to keep in Lincoln for many years.

The ability to use this sub-floor system creates a dynamic opportunity for the Village to attract and host other unique events that will be of significant impact to the city as well. Regional and national basketball tournaments, volleyball tournaments, US Youth futsal, graduations and tradeshow all become a possibility to be hosted with the use of the flooring system. The Village would like to thank you for your time and consideration of this request which will help to bring many great events and visitors to our city.

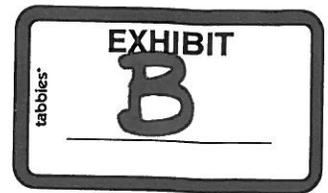
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert M. Lane

Speedway Village

402-525-9013



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**LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: April 7, 2016

RE: Weekly Update on the 2016 Legislature

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This is your fourteenth weekly update of the Nebraska Legislature for 2016. Today is day 57 leaving only today to move off of General File and one day for them to move off of Select File or amend on Final Reading. We continued full-day debate this week and will work through the noon-hour from this point through the end of the session.

On Monday, the Legislature advanced five senator priority bills to Select File before taking up extended debate on Senator McCoy's priority bill LB 10 that would reinstate winner take all. This bill will allow the presidential candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the state will receive all five electoral votes. Senator McCoy successfully moved to invoke cloture and the bill was advanced to Final Reading.

Tuesday the body slowly moved through confirmation reports for Governor appointed positions from the Health and Humans Services, Agriculture, and Education Committees. The confirmation reports took the body to a brief lunch break at noon. The afternoon was spent debating Senator McCollister's priority bill LB 745, which would change Game and Parks Commission fee and permit provisions. This bill would increase fees for Nebraskans and increase the allowed growth rate for fees that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is authorized to charge for permits, stamps, and licenses. All of these increases will fund the Commission's duties and activities related to hunting and fishing. After a successful cloture motion, the bill was advanced to Final Reading. The second bill the legislature took extended debate on was Senator Garrett's priority bill - LB 643 to adopt the Medical Cannabis Act, which would provide for the regulation and taxation of medical cannabis. Senator Garrett moved to invoke cloture, which failed with only 30 ayes, ultimately killing the bill.

Yesterday the body debated the Education Committee priority bill LB959 the Governors Property Tax Bill from the Education Committee, Senator Sullivan's priority bill LB 1067, which would eliminate the common levy and LB 958 the Revenue Committee priority bill (the Governors bill to affect local political subdivisions).

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. Amendment 2199 was adopted.**

**Schumacher Filed AM2140 FAILED; Cloture vote failed**

**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**

***The provisions of LB711 have been amended into LB1038 via COMAM2472.***

***LB1038 was advanced to Final Reading April 4, 2016.***

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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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**  
*Presented to Governor on April 01, 2016*

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 774 - Provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit substance abuse treatment centers.**  
**Introduced by Senator Jim Scheer of Norfolk**  
**Hearing Date: February 5, 2016**  
**Committee: Revenue**  
**Revenue Committee Priority Bill**  
**POSITION: SUPPORT THROUGH A LETTER FROM THE BOARD**  
*Placed on Final Reading April 4, 2016.*

*AM2422 includes the provisions of LB542 which was introduced at the request of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society that would exempt ag societies from paying sales tax on purchases.*

LB 774 adds that sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on substance abuse treatment centers licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. They may apply for an exemption on forms provided by the Tax Commissioner.

Hearing Notes: Proponent Testimony of Pat Connel, Boystown; John Synowiecki, Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health; No Neutral or Opponent testimony.

**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 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**

***Presented to Governor on April 1, 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.

AM1962 is a white copy amendment to LB894 that combines the bill with provisions originally in LB675, LB709, LB845 and LB893. Senator Krist's AM2456 amended the provisions included as part of LB845.

**LB 915 - Create a veterans treatment court pilot project**

**Introduced by Senator John McCollister of Omaha**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Hearing: February 5, 2016**

**POSITION: NEUTRAL**

***Note: The provisions of LB915 have been amended into LB919***

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**

***Placed on Final Reading March 15, 2016***

**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 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**  
***Senator Jerry Johnson offered AM2786 that would include provisions of LB940 into LB958 during debate, but then withdrew his amendment.***

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 Mike Gloor of Grand Island at the request of the Governor**  
**Committee: Revenue**  
**Hearing Date: February 4, 2016**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE / NACO OPPOSE**  
**Prioritized by Revenue Committee**

The amendment becomes the bill. New language increases the allocation for agricultural and horticultural land to 133% of taxable value. This has the effect of allocating the credit at full taxable value for ag land rather than the current 75% of taxable value. There is no change to the credit allocation for all other property, but new language provides that non-agricultural property will receive the same amount of credit for tax year 2017 as it received in tax year 2016. AM2617 clarifies dates and dollar amounts. It clarifies restrictions on new unused funds. It does not change restricted funds or unrestricted funds. It remains 3% of total unused funds from the previous fiscal year. It follows current language that applies to schools. Page 3 section three specifies the amount increase for 2017. This dollar amount is in concept of the increase of agricultural land. Important, but misunderstood, this amount is harmless of current 2016 agriculture land credit. There is no fiscal impact until 2018.

***Placed on Select File April 4, 2016.***

**LB 959 - Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority.**  
**Introduced by: Senator Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids at the request of the Governor.**  
**Committee: Education**  
**Prioritized by the Education Committee**

***Placed on Select File March 31, 2016.***

LB 959 states that for school fiscal year 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 reducing budget authority over the five-year period for which cost savings have been demonstrated in an amount equal to ten percent of the approved exclusion of the five years.

**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. Placed on Final Reading March 22, 2016***

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 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**  
**Prioritized by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee**  
***Placed to Final Reading March 24, 2016.***

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.

**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 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 Feb. 24.**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Senator Gloor Priority**

**POSITION: SUPPORT – AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT**

***LB1013 failed to advance on a 2-6 vote following the stalling of an amendment within the committee on a 4-4 vote.***

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 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 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 Bloom filed a motion to bracket the bill Tuesday morning, which prevailed with 28 ayes and 20 nays on March 29, 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.

**LB 1042 – Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing  
Introduced by Senator Curt Friesen of Henderson  
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.

**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 Ernie Chambers of Omaha**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Hearing Date: February 24, 2016**

**NACO Position Monitor**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

**Placed on General File W/AM2257**

***The provisions of LB1055 have been included in COMAM2704 to LB1000. LB 1000 was advanced to Select File Tuesday afternoon.***

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.

## **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 W/AM244, Chambers AM2449**

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**

**Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016**

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**

***Placed on Final Reading with ST65 March 10, 2016***

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 707 – Increase the number of judges of the separate juvenile court.**

**Introduced by Senator Colby Coash**

**Hearing Date: March 2, 2016**

**Committee: Judiciary Committee**

**Placed on General File March 8, 2016**

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

**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 W/AM2134

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**  
**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**  
***Placed on Final Reading March 15, 2016***

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 Final Reading with ST63 March 9, 2016***

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 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 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, Chambers AM2526***

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**

***Approved by Governor on March 9, 2016***

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 exempts 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 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 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  
Advanced to Final Reading March 22, 2016**

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**  
**Advanced to Final Reading March 22, 2016**

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**  
***Approved by Governor on March 9, 2016***

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 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.

**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 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.

**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**  
***Advanced to Select File March 29, 2016.***

AM2522 The amendment replaces the underlying bill and provides Omaha with a tax turnback from privately owned associated hotels. It further clarifies that 600 yard limit is measured from any point of the exterior perimeter or that it could be within the program area of there is unbuildable property. It also adds the option for Lincoln to appropriate 10 percent of its funds to qualified low-income housing projects.

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**

**Davis Priority Bill**

**Placed on General File March 3, 2016**

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.***

***Amended into Revenue Committee Bill LB774***

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 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**  
**Indefinitely Postponed**

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 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 906 – Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers.**

**Introduced by Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha**  
**Hearing Date: January 25, 2016**  
**Committee: Education**  
**Murante Priority Bill**  
**Advanced to Final Reading March 21, 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.

**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**  
**Cloture Vote Failed March 22, 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.

**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**

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 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**

Andy will testify in opposition. Has several concerns.

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.

**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**

**Indefinitely Postponed**

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.**

***Approved by Governor March 9, 2016***

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 Enrollment and Review Initial with ER178***

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**  
**Placed on General File with AM2386 March 10, 2016**

LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 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  
Advanced to Select File March 23, 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.

**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  
Advanced to Final Reading March 23, 2016**

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**  
***Approved by Governor on March 7, 2016***

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 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)**

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 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.

**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**

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 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**

**Placed on General File with Am2704 March 22, 2016**

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**  
**INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**

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**  
**Placed on Select File March 21, 2016**

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
**Placed on General File W/AM2230**

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.

**LB1036: 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**  
***Advanced to Select File March 29, 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.

**LB 1044 – Terminate the Commission of Industrial Relations.**  
**Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete**  
**Hearing Date: February 22, 2016**  
**Committee: Business and Labor**  
**INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**

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.

**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 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 Final Reading March 9, 2015**  
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**  
**Placed on General File with AM2337, Bolz filed AM2721 which incorporates her LB910 into the 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**  
**Placed on General File with AM2394 March 9, 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.

**LB 1107 – Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative**  
**Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue**  
**Hearing Date: February 24, 2016**  
**Committee: Government**

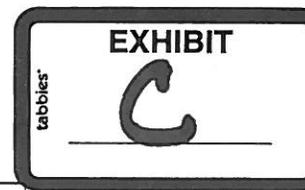
LB 1107 states the current vote tabulation and ballot-marking equipment in Nebraska will soon be outdated. The bill would establish the Nebraska Election System. The goal is to examine the voting process, in Nebraska. Review methods of polling sites, early voting, equipment; disabled, minority and young 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.

This concludes our report for this week.

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB30	McCoy		Prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permitholder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/15	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	1/21/15	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	1/21/15	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	1/29/15		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	1/21/15	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	1/27/15	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	3/16/15		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	2/12/15	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	2/18/15	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	2/12/15		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	1/28/15		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
LB122	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/15	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Bloomfield AM407 Filed; AM407 Adopted; Final Reading 2/23; Passed on Final Reading 46-03; Approved		X		

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LB126	Nordquist		Change a combined contribution retirement benefit rate as prescribed	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/20/15	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	1/27/15	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		
LB132	Ebke	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/15	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	1/21/15			x		

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LB139	Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/27/15	General File w/AM119; AM119 Adopted; Schumacher AM893 Filed; AM893 Adopted; Select File w/ER51; Final Reading 3/31; Passed on Final Reading 45-04; Approved		X		
LB142	Schilz		Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding	Natural Resources	1/21/15	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		
LB146	Crawford		Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery	Health and Human Services	1/29/15	General File w/AM142; AM142 Adopted; Select File w/ER42; Final Reading 3/10; Passed on Final Reading 44-05; 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		

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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	3/2/15		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	2/11/15			X		Support/AM472
LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/15	General File w/AM472; AM472 Adopted; Select File w/ER82;		X		
LB186	Bolz		Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act	Revenue	1/29/15		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		

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LB188	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	1/23/15	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	2/26/15			X		
LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/15	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
LB210	Ebke		Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments	Revenue	2/12/15		<i>Relating to low income housing</i>	X		
LB212	Chambers		Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed	Judiciary	2/25/15		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		

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/15	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/15			X		
LB224	Harr		Provide and change restrictions relating to electioneering	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/15		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	2/19/15	General File w/AM752		X		
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/15			X		
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations				X		

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LB241	Stinner		Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots	General Affairs	1/26/15	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-02; Approved		X		
LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/15			X		
LB245	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to DNA testing of biological material	Judiciary	1/30/15	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 42-4-3; 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	1/26/15			X		

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LB253	Morfeld	Craighead	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads	Judiciary	2/6/15	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	2/20/15		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		
LB259	Gloor	Revenue	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act	Revenue	1/29/15	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	1/23/15	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	2/27/15	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		

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LB266	Crawford		Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances	Urban Affairs	2/3/15	General File w/AM122; AM122 Adopted; Select File w/ER30; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-02; 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		
LB277	Harr		Change tax deed lien priority	Revenue	2/12/15	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	2/11/15	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
LB288	Ebke		Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Business and Labor	3/9/15		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		

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LB290	Coash		Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender	Judiciary	2/12/15	General File 2/20		X		
LB293	Schnoor		Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/15		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	2/3/15	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	2/27/15	Indefinitely Postponed		X		

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LB309	Davis		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/15		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	2/5/15		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		
LB325	Davis	Speaker Hadley	Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts	Revenue	2/26/15	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	2/11/15			X		
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations	3/16/15			X		Support/AM829
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/15			X		

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LB337	Harr		Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act	Natural Resources	2/5/15		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	3/20/15		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		
LB341	Howard		Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody	Banking Commerce & Insurance	3/9/15		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		

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LB344	Kolowski		Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources	3/6/15		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	2/12/15		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	2/26/15	General File w/AM598; AM598 Adopted; Select File w/ER63; Final Reading 4/14; Krist AM1490 Filed; Krist AM1547 Filed;		x		
LB350	Brasch	Brasch	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/15		This bill decreases valuations by 10% from 75% to 65%	x		

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LB356	Harr	Revenue	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects	Revenue	2/26/15	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	2/18/15			X		
LB359	Johnson		Change a fee collected from dog licensees	Agriculture	2/17/15	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	2/17/15		The purpose of LB 376 is to allow for Public Charitable Corporations to request funding under the Deferred Building Renewal Act	X		
LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15			X		
LB384	Lindstrom		Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/15		Land owner with 160 acres of crop land may have 30 acres to 160 acres valued as pasture if planted to perennial cover	X		

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LB387	Schnoor		Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/15		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	2/27/15		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(I)(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	3/5/15		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		
LB406	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property as prescribed	Judiciary	2/19/15		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	3/5/15	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		

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LB415	Pansing Broc	Speaker Hadley	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Judiciary	2/19/15	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	2/6/15			X		
LB420	Crawford		Require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate in a sanitary and improvement district	Urban Affairs	2/10/15	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		
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/15			X		
LB427	Groene		Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/15		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	2/27/15	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 Withdrawn Bill Filed; Bill Withdrawn	Makes changes including allowing the custodian of the records to provide the requested materials in an electronic format	X		

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LB442	Bolz		Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund	Appropriations	2/27/15		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	2/2/15	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		
LB472	Campbell	Health and Human Services	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act	Health and Human Services	2/25/15	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	3/5/15		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		

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LB479	Bloomfield		Change provisions relating to memorials to veterans	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/20/15	General File w/AM485; AM485 Adopted; Select File 4/30;	<b>Removes:</b> 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		
LB482	Krist	Judiciary	Change provisions relating to juveniles	Judiciary	2/25/15	General File w/AM691; AM691 Adopted; Select File w/ER64; Final Reading 4/14; Passed on Final Reading 4-2-3; Approved		X		
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/15	General File 4/16		X		
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15			X		
LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/15			X		

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LB499	Krist		Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to behavioral and mental health services	Health and Human Services	3/4/15		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	3/4/15	General File w/AM650; AM650 Adopted; Select File3/26; 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]
LB502	Krist		State intent to establish a family court pilot project	Judiciary	2/26/15		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	2/5/15	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	3/18/15		LB 518 establishes the Nebraska Health Savings Account Plan to provide state funds for eligible recipients	X		

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LB539	Watermeier	Speaker Hadley	Change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/6/15	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		
LB543	Harr		Provide for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under medicaid	Health and Human Services	2/6/15		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	2/24/15	General File w/AM697		x		
LB549	Campbell		Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	2/20/15		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		

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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		
LB560	Williams		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	Appropriations	3/3/15		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	2/12/15	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	3/3/15		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	2/11/15		LB 567 seeks to establish legislative intent of the law and to clarify the section	X		

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LB570	Brasch		Change operation restrictions on golf car vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/10/15	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		
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/15	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	2/5/15	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	2/18/15	General File w/AM189		x		
LB578	Murante		Change provisions relating to elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/15		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	2/17/15			x		

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LB587	McCollister		Change the motor vehicle tax schedules	Revenue	3/18/15		Changes the motor vehicle tax schedule for motor vehicles other than passenger cars; automobiles and motorcycles. Operative date of January 1, 2016	x		
LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15			x		
LB590	Friesen		Change provisions relating to a taxable value certified under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Education	2/2/15		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	2/20/15		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	3/3/15		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	2/4/15	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	3/19/15			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	2/20/15	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	2/20/15			X		
LB609	Smith		Adopt the Nebraska Bridge Repair Act	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/15		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	3/6/15	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
LB615	Kintner		Provide a property tax exemption for homesteads of certain persons	Revenue	2/12/15		LB615 would require the frozen assessed value to be adjusted after any substantial improvements by the owner to the homestead	X		

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LB623	Nordquist	McCollister	Provide for issuance of motor vehicle operators' licenses and state ID cards to persons with lawful status	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/15	General File w/AM1203		X		
LB626	Campbell		Create a fund and change motor vehicle fees and taxes and their distribution	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/9/15		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	2/5/15		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	3/18/15		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	3/18/15	Stinner AM880 Filed;	Appropriates \$20,000,000 to counties and \$20,000,000 to cities for infrastructure projects	X		Support
LB639	Garrett		Provide authority for the Department of Roads to issue permits to control roadside vegetation as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	3/3/15		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	2/25/15			X		

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LB649	Kintner	McCoy	Require all votes taken by public officials to be a public record as prescribed	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/15	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	2/5/15	Indefinitely Postponed		X		
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File w/AM828; Select File w/ER113; Mello AM1501 Filed; AM1501 Adopted;		X		
LB657	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for state government expenses	Appropriations	2/23/15	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	2/23/15	General File 4/28; Select File 5/5;		X		
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File w/AM1191; Select File 5/5;		X		
LB660	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File w/AM830; Select File w/ER116; Mello AM1502 Filed; AM1502 Adopted;		X		

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LB661	Speaker Hadley		Provide fund transfers, create a fund, and authorize certain transfers	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File w/AM831; Mello AM1486 Filed; AM1486 adopted; Chambers AM1434 Filed; McCoy AM1486 Filed; Select File w/ER117; AM1488 Adopted;		x		
LB662	Speaker Hadley		Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/23/15	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	2/4/15	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		

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LB670	Krist		Require a hearing prior to release for persons taken into custody for mental health reasons	Judiciary	2/17/16		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	2/5/16	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	
LB672	Krist		Eliminate Fees on Tires as Prescribed	Natural Resources	1/21/16		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	

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LB673	Krist		Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem Introduced by Krist	Judiciary	1/20/16	General File W/AM244, AM 2449	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	1/20/16		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	1/20/16		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	2/4/16		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	1/28/16		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	2/10/16		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	1/19/16	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.			
LB703	Urban Affairs Committee		Change provisions relating to nuisances in cities and villages	Urban Affairs	1/19/16	Passed	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 201	Change building code provisions applicable to political subdivisions	Urban Affairs	1/19/16	Passed	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	3/2/16	General File	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	1/20/16		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	2/18/16		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			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	1/22/16		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	1/25/16	Select File	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	2/4/16		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	2/25/16		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	1/22/16	Final Reading	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	1/22/16		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	1/22/16		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 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.		Support	

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LB725	Schumacher		Provide an exception to a filing requirement relating to conveyances of real estate	Revenue	1/21/16	Passed	<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 paid.</p>			

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LB729	Johnson		Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act Introduced by Johnson	Banking Commerce & Insurance	1/25/16	Passed	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	1/25/16	Passed	<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 related to the qualifications,</p>			Support

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LB741	Hansen		Change electioneering provisions related to yard signs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/16		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	2/4/16	Final Reading	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	1/21/16	Final Reading	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	2/24/16	Passed	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 od 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.		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	1/26/16		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 letter
LB768	Garrett	Speaker Hadley	Provide for Choose Life License Plates	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/9/16	Bracketed until 4/20	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	

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LB770	Groene		Change the termination date of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/8/16	Passed	LB 770 changes the amount of time an appointed member of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act from four years to three years.		Cond. Support	
LB774	Scheer	Revenue 2016	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit substance abuse treatment centers	Revenue	2/5/16	Final Reading	LB 774 adds that sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on substance abuse treatment centers licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. They may apply for an exemption on forms provided by the Tax Commissioner.			
LB777	Gloor		Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow	Revenue	1/21/16		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 letter

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LB779	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to the partisan status of certain political subdivision offices	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	3/2/16		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	2/3/16		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	
LB784	Friesen		Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards	Government	1/27/16	Passed	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	1/25/16	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	1/20/16	Passed	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	1/28/16		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	1/27/16		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	2/18/16		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	2/16/16	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	
LB807	Williams		Allow counties of all sizes to waive quarterly reports by county attorneys	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/27/16	Passed	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	

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LB811	Brasch		Change provisions relating to counties' use of alphanumeric and county number system license plates	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/19/16	Passed	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	2/18/16		<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 oh 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</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	1/27/16		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	2/8/16	IPP	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	1/20/16		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	3/2/16		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.			

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LB863	Schilz		Adopt the Wind Energy Expansion Act	Natural Resources	2/4/16		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	2/8/16		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	1/21/16	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	
LB877	Murante		Change a provision relating to review of proposed subdivision plats by certain county planning commissions	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/16	Passed	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	

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LB884	Scheer	Smith 2016	Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Sport Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	Revenue	1/22/16	Select File, AM2828	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.			
LB886	Davis	Davis 2016	Adopt the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act and provide income tax credits	Revenue	2/3/16	Final Reading	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.			

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LB888	Mello		Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	Revenue	1/28/16	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	1/22/16		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	1/20/16	Final Reading	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.			
LB896	Hansen		Require pay increases for state employees to recognize length of service	Business and Labor	2/1/16	IPP	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	

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LB905	Ebke		Adopt the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys Establishment Act of 2016	Health and Human Services	3/2/16		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	
LB906	Lindstrom	Murante 2015	Adopt the Law Enforcement Education Act authorizing tuition waivers	Education	1/25/16	Passed	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	2/4/16	Cloture vote failed	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	

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LB911	Bolz	Referral	State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems of care	Appropriations	2/8/16		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	
LB912	Smith	Referral	Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/10/16		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	2/5/16		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	2/19/16		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	1/26/16		LB 918 transfers on 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	2/5/16	Final Reading	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.			Req Add info

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LB920	Pansing Brooks		Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council	Judiciary	2/18/16		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	2/5/16		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	2/17/16		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.			
LB927	Hilkemann		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/16		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	2/1/16	IPP	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	1/25/16	Passed	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	2/8/16		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	2/3/16	Final Reading	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 201	Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/16	Final Reading	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	2/17/16		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	1/27/16		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	2/29/16	Final Reading	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	2/4/16		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	1/27/16		changes references of husband and wife to "spouses in a marriage relationship."			
LB944	Hansen		Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships	Judiciary	1/27/16		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	2/10/16		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	2/24/16	Passed	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	Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Executive Board	1/22/16	Passed	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	2/1/16	Passed	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	2/1/16	Passed	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	2/4/16	Select File	bill. New language increases the allocation for agricultural and horticultural land to 133% of taxable value. This has the effect of allocating the credit at full taxable value for ag land rather than the current 75% of taxable value. There is no change to the credit allocation for all other property, but new language provides that non-agricultural property will receive the same amount of credit for tax year 2017 as it received in tax year 2016. AM 2617 clarifies dates and dollar amounts. It clarifies restrictions on new unused funds. It does not change restricted funds or unrestricted funds. It remains 3% of total unused funds from the previous fiscal year. It follows current language that applies to schools. Page 3 section three specifies the amount increase for 2017. This dollar amount is in concept of the increase of agricultural land. Important, but misunderstood, this amount is harmless of current 2016 agriculture land credit. There is no fiscal impact until 2018. Page 5 subsection 5 clarifies the credit. . Property tax credits for			Dennis Meyer Testify

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LB959	Sullivan	Education 2016	Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority	Education	2/9/16	Select File	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 reducing budget			

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LB960	Smith	Brasch 2016	Adopt the Transportation Innovation Act and provide transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund	Appropriations	2/16/16	Final Reading	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	Support
LB968	Johnson	Agriculture 2016	Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program	Agriculture	2/16/16		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	

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LB976	Seiler		Change provisions relating to jury sequestration	Judiciary		Withdrawn	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	2/1/16	Final Reading	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	
LB979	Kuehn		Provide for selection of interchangeable biological products by pharmacists	Health and Human Services	2/5/16	General File W/AM2139	LB979 – updates Nebraska Statues 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	2/10/16		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.			

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LB986	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee		Change duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study	Retirement	2/5/16		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.			
LB989	Murante		Change provisions relating to motor vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/2/16		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	2/17/16		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	2/17/16		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	2/24/16		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
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	2/17/16	Final Reading	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	

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LB1001	Ebke		Change provisions relating to a compensation schedule for injuries resulting in disability	Business and Labor	2/18/16	IPP	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	2/17/16	Final Reading	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.			
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	2/4/16		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	2/25/16		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	2/25/16		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	
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	2/10/16	Braceketed 4/20/16	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	Rome testify in support
LB1034	Campbell		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission	Health and Human Services	2/19/16	General File W/AM2230	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	2/1/16		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	Brasch	Kintner 2016	Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/17/16	Bracketed 4/20/16	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	2/9/16		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	2/22/16	IPP	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	2/24/16	General File W/AM2257	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.		Monitor	Support
LB1058	Crawford		Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions	Judiciary	2/25/16		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 201	Require certain disclosures under the Community Development Law and the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act	Urban Affairs	2/2/16	Passed	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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LB1063	Sullivan		Change provisions relating to state aid to schools	Education	2/9/16		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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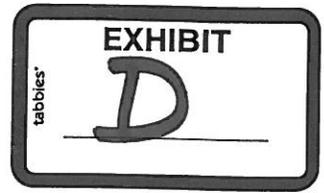
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LB1094	Judiciary Cor	Seiler 2016	Change provisions relating to evidence, sentencing, certain criminal penalties, criminal mischief, assault, theft, forgery, and probation	Judiciary	2/4/16	Select File	LB 1094 addresses matters extending from LB 605. 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	2/18/16		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	2/5/16		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	2/3/16	Cloture vote failed	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	2/24/16		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.			



Lancaster County Board Briefing  
 Thursday, April 7, 2016  
 Statewide Tornado Drill Results

**National Weather Service (NWS) Statewide Tornado Drill**

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 10am

**Planning**

- Small planning group
- Improved Signage and Standard Report Form
- Department/Division representatives: 30

**Objective**

- Test current severe weather plans
- Notification and Shelter

**Promotion**

- County Board Resolution for 'Severe Weather Awareness' Week
- Weatherfest**, UNL East Campus, Sat, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm
- Media release and interviews; social media posts

**Participation**

- Target Audience: County and City Employees in the workplace
- School districts

**Number of Participants**

County & city employees, clients and guests	<b>912</b>
Lancaster County Corrections inmates	558
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1470</b>
County and City Departments & Divisions	41

**Results**

**Strengths**

- Increased participation of employees
- Test of current plans
- Improved signage
- NOAA weather radios
- Outdoor warning sirens
- Ability to coordinate citizens

**Areas of Improvement**

- Review of Shelter Areas
- Increase number of NOAA weather radios
- Verify VOIP notification process
- Availability of 'Severe Weather' kits

**NEMA's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP)**

NEMA letter regarding REPP awareness and training

Department	4/6/2016	NOAA?	Signs
City	Participants	Radio	Needed
Mayor's Office	11	No	
City Coucil Office	1	Yes	
Aging	87	Yes	
Bldg & Safety	8	Yes	
City Attorney	5	No	
City Atty-Human Rights	26	No	
Finance	14		
Health Department	150	Yes	
Public Works & Utilities (19)			
Watershed Mgmt	0	?	
Watershed Mgmt (MSC)	2	?	
Admin/Accounting	15	Yes	
Customer Service	7	No	
Compliance & Devel Servs		No	
Ashland Treatment Plant	13	Yes	
MSC-General (6)	58	Yes	
MSC-Fire Training	9	Yes	
MSC-Radio Maintenance	2	Yes	
Northeast Wastewater	5	No	
Wastewater Support	10	No	
Theresa St Wastewater	2	No	
PWU-Water	10	No	
PWU-Baldwin St Maint Ops	28	No	
PWU-SE Dist St Ops	24	No	
PWU Solid Waste	0	No	
StarTran	40	Yes	15
Urban Development	16	No	
Information Services	35	Yes	
<b>County</b>			
County Board	10	Yes	
Budget	2	Yes	
Corrections	43	Yes	
County Extension	97	Yes	
County Assessor	31	Yes	
County Clerk	20	No	
County Engineer	100	Yes	6
Emergency Management	3	Yes	
Sheriff-Hall of Justice			
Gen Asst/Human Services	6	Yes	
Risk Management	2	Yes	
Pinnalce Arena	20	Yes	
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>912</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>Including Inmates</b>	<b>1470</b>		

**47-703. Payment by governmental agency; when; notice to provider.**

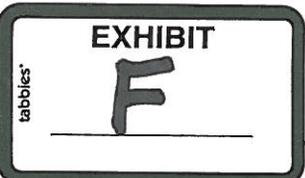
(1) Upon a showing that reimbursement from the sources enumerated in section 47-702 is not available, in whole or in part, the costs of medical services shall be paid by the appropriate governmental agency. Such payment shall be made within ninety days after such showing. For purposes of this section, a showing shall be deemed sufficient if a provider of medical services signs an affidavit stating that (a) in the case of an insurer, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, or other similar source, a written denial of payment has been issued or (b) in all other cases, efforts have been made to identify sources and to collect from those sources and more than one hundred eighty days have passed or the normal collection efforts are exhausted since the medical services were rendered but full payment has not been received. Such affidavit shall be forwarded to the appropriate governmental agency. In no event shall the provider of medical services be required to file a suit in a court of law or retain the services of a collection agency to satisfy the requirement of showing that reimbursement is not available pursuant to this section.

(2) In the case of medical services necessitated by injuries or wounds suffered during the course of apprehension or arrest, the appropriate governmental agency chargeable for the costs of medical services shall be the apprehending or arresting agency and not the agency responsible for operation of the institution or facility in which the recipient of the services is lodged. In all other cases, the appropriate governmental agency shall be the agency responsible for operation of the institution or facility in which the recipient of the services is lodged, except that when the agency is holding the individual solely for another jurisdiction, the agency may, by contract or otherwise, seek reimbursement from the other jurisdiction for the costs of the medical services provided to the individual being held for that jurisdiction.

(3) Except as provided in section 47-705, a governmental agency shall not be responsible for paying the costs of any medical services provided to an individual if such services are provided after he or she is released from the legal custody of the governmental agency or when the individual is released on parole.

(4) Any governmental agency requesting medical services for an individual who is arrested, detained, taken into custody, or incarcerated shall notify the provider of such services of (a) all information possessed by the agency concerning potential sources of payment and (b) the name of the appropriate governmental agency pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

**Source:** Laws 1999, LB 112, § 3; Laws 2012, LB881, § 1.



May 2015 Storm Damage FEMA PWs										Details												
	NEMA project #	FEMA project #	Data collected	Data to FEMA	FEMA req. add. info	PW sent to QC	QC req. changes	LCED req. changes	PW NEMA approved	PW \$	PW Mit. \$	Estimates	Mitigation Estimates	Replacement Estimates	Fed %	Fed \$	Check #	State %	State \$	Local %	Local \$	
Category A	Debris 30 days	43	LAIL11A						10/13/2015	\$ 28,329.02		\$ 28,329.02			85%	\$ 24,079.67	778942	7.5%	\$ 2,124.68	7.5%	\$ 2,124.68	
	Debris 90 days	43v2	LAIL11A						11/16/2015	\$ 41,286.60		\$ 41,286.60			80%	\$ 33,029.28	778942	10.0%	\$ 4,128.66	10.0%	\$ 4,128.66	
	Debris 180 days	43v3	LAIL11A	including debris contract						3/21/2016	\$ 532,697.48		\$ 460,407.00			75%	\$ 399,523.11		12.5%	\$ 66,587.19	12.5%	\$ 66,587.19
Category A Total										\$ 602,313.10		\$ 530,022.62				\$ 456,432.06			\$ 72,840.52		\$ 72,840.52	
Category B	Emergency	162	LAIL23B						1/4/2016	\$ 10,533.56		\$ 10,533.56			75%	\$ 7,900.17	778942	12.5%	\$ 1,316.70	12.5%	\$ 1,316.70	
	Category B Total										\$ 10,533.56		\$ 10,533.56				\$ 7,900.17			\$ 1,316.70		\$ 1,316.70
Category C	Culverts - done	174	LAIL19C						1/4/2016	\$ 37,634.98		\$ 37,634.98			75%	\$ 28,226.24	778942	12.5%	\$ 4,704.37	12.5%	\$ 4,704.37	
	Culverts - future	191	LACP12C						1/28/2016	\$ 8,045.68		\$ 8,035.68			75%	\$ 6,034.26	192471	12.5%	\$ 1,005.71	12.5%	\$ 1,005.71	
	Culverts Total										\$ 45,680.66		\$ 45,670.66				\$ 34,260.50			\$ 5,710.08		\$ 5,710.08
	Roads (Dist 1 & 2)		LAIL20C							\$ 71,701.18		\$ 74,000.00			75%	\$ 53,775.89		12.5%	\$ 8,962.65	12.5%	\$ 8,962.65	
	Roads (Dist 3)	291	LAIL21C						3/21/2016	\$ 328,301.41		\$ 263,000.00			75%	\$ 246,226.06		12.5%	\$ 41,037.68	12.5%	\$ 41,037.68	
	Roads (Dist 4)	293	LAIL22C						3/21/2016	\$ 144,862.75		\$ 153,000.00			75%	\$ 108,647.06		12.5%	\$ 18,107.84	12.5%	\$ 18,107.84	
	Roads Total										\$ 544,865.34		\$ 490,000.00				\$ 408,649.01			\$ 68,108.17		\$ 68,108.17
	M-23	227	LARD33C						3/2/2016	\$ 24,139.60	\$ 17,276.70	\$ 37,249.00	\$ 41,862.00	\$ 937,565.00	75%	\$ 18,104.70		12.5%	\$ 3,017.45	12.5%	\$ 3,017.45	
	S-65	226	LARD35C						3/2/2016	\$ 16,297.88	\$ 14,831.78	\$ 17,720.57	\$ 40,334.30	\$ 1,060,597.00	75%	\$ 12,223.41		12.5%	\$ 2,037.24	12.5%	\$ 2,037.24	
	G-2		LARD37C							\$ 17,684.95	\$ 12,641.05	\$ 43,428.00		\$ 2,305,257.00	75%	\$ 13,263.71		12.5%	\$ 2,210.62	12.5%	\$ 2,210.62	
T-171		LARD31C	Denied 3/25/2016							\$ 98,573.07	\$ 72,087.42	\$ 200,496.00		\$ 879,248.00	75%	\$ 73,929.80		12.5%	\$ 12,321.63	12.5%	\$ 12,321.63	
N-19		LARD34C							\$ 171,694.91	\$ 73,736.68	\$ 200,496.00	\$ 225,071.00	\$ 879,248.00	75%	\$ 128,771.18		12.5%	\$ 21,461.86	12.5%	\$ 21,461.86		
X-30	253	LARD36C						3/21/2016	\$ 96,646.29	\$ 74,019.09	\$ 123,239.28	\$ 204,740.00	\$ 940,950.00	75%	\$ 72,484.72		12.5%	\$ 12,080.79	12.5%	\$ 12,080.79		
K-144	248	LARD38C						3/21/2016	\$ 64,648.06	\$ 59,465.35	\$ 226,364.00	\$ 63,501.00	\$ 1,223,684.00	75%	\$ 48,486.05		12.5%	\$ 8,081.01	12.5%	\$ 8,081.01		
E-117		LARD32C							\$ 235,656.55	\$ 86,763.88	\$ 267,601.00		\$ 816,193.00	75%	\$ 176,742.41		12.5%	\$ 29,457.07	12.5%	\$ 29,457.07		
H-207		LARD30C							\$ 101,249.67	\$ 116,804.36	\$ 111,613.50	\$ 261,544.52	\$ 2,483,698.00	75%	\$ 75,937.25		12.5%	\$ 12,656.21	12.5%	\$ 12,656.21		
Bridges									\$ 826,590.98	\$ 527,626.31	\$ 1,228,207.35	\$ 837,052.82	\$ 11,526,440.00		\$ 619,943.24			\$ 103,323.87		\$ 103,323.87		
Bridges w/Mit									\$ 1,354,217.29		\$ 2,065,260.17					\$ 1,147,569.55					\$ 103,323.87	
Category C Total										\$ 1,944,763.29		\$ 1,763,478.01				\$ 1,062,852.74			\$ 177,142.12		\$ 177,142.12	
Disaster Total										\$ 2,577,686.95		\$ 2,304,434.19				\$ 1,525,411.31			\$ 251,299.34		\$ 251,299.34	

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Bridges	H-115														\$ -			\$ -
	Y-181														\$ -			\$ -
Category C Total												\$ -				\$ -		\$ -