

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113 - BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
8:30 A.M.**

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

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

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners Staff Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and provided to the media on April 20, 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 APRIL 14, 2016 STAFF MEETING

MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded approval of the April 14, 2016 Staff Meeting minutes. Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Avery and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried 3-0.

Hudkins arrived at the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Report on Commissioner Schorr's Discussion with Don Killeen, County Property Manager, Regarding the Request to Expand the County Extension Office

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

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

Joe Kohout, Kissel/E&S Associates, presented a legislative update, legislative bills of interest report, and a list of interim studies (Exhibits A-C). He also discussed the 2016 Legislative Session, noting four priority bills didn't get debated on the floor. Kohout said a record number of filibusters (24) consumed a large portion of the Legislature's time this session. The Legislature still managed to pass 226 bills which is a significant amount of legislation. In terms of future sessions, Kohout said he believes it is critical to develop consensus early in the process on County priority issues to try to avoid filibusters.

Kohout reviewed how bills fit with the County's standing position on property tax relief and the County's priorities (see Exhibit A). In terms of property tax relief, Kohout said Legislative Resolution (LR) 597 (Interim study to examine financing mechanisms available to various political subdivisions to issue bonds or assume future payment obligations without a direct vote of taxpayers) was brought about in response to Legislative Bill (LB) 992 (Provide a restriction on installment contracts for the purchase of real or personal property by political subdivisions). He said the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) and League of Nebraska Municipalities oppose LB 992 and the lobbyists will work with them over the interim to identify what LR 597 might do.

Avery arrived at the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

In terms of County Priority No. 3 (Eliminate Responsibility of County to Pay Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Rent), Kohout said LB 61 Change funding for the county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs) had a significant fiscal note because it was applied state-wide. He suggested looking at a phase-in for certain counties which would reduce the fiscal impact.

Kohout referenced County Priority No. 4 (Amend Mental Health Commitment Act/Funding for Community-Based Sex Offender Treatment) and said he and Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, worked with the provider (Counseling Affiliates of Nebraska, LLC) to develop a pilot program. However, the provider did not provide information that was essential to the drafting legislation until close to the end of bill introductions. He said the Legislature has empaneled an oversight board of behavioral and mental health that will be chaired by Senator Kate Bolz and recommended discussing those issues with her.

Schorr asked Kohout what issues remain that might “bubble back up” before the Legislature convenes in January. Kohout said the budget and tax reform. He noted the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board will meet again in October and said some senators have already expressed concerns about potential budget shortfalls in out-years. Hudkins said the property tax issue is not resolved and said income tax and sales tax revenues were short this and the previous month. He thought there could be pressure to hold a Special Legislative Session.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, suggested LB 774 (Change revenue and taxation provisions) be moved to the Property Tax Relief category.

Kohout also suggested holding a session for candidates for Lancaster County Senate Offices who will advance following the primary election on Lancaster County’s priorities. He felt that session should take place prior to holding the annual Legislative Retreat. Wiltgen suggested that it be held at the Lancaster Event Center.

4 PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION - Kristy Bauer and David Derbin, Deputy County Attorneys; Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director; Sheli Schindler, Youth Services Center (YSC) Director

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to pending and potential litigation. Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Avery exited the meeting.

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Avery was absent from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

5 REVISION OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA) GUIDELINES - Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, presented proposed revisions of General Assistance (GA) Guidelines (see agenda packet), noting major changes involve the behavioral health component. She said the other component that ties into behavioral health is assisted living, noting clients who are in assisted living facilities have a behavioral health diagnosis. Hoyle said it was determined that Region V Systems can serve these individuals in the community and can provide them with case managers who can dispense their medications.

Avery returned to the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

In response to a question from Wiltgen, Eagan said he will follow up on whether prisoners in the custody of the Lancaster County Correctional System are able to receive GA during incarceration (see Section 3:102).

NOTE: The Board will take action at the April 26, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting to set a public hearing on revisions to the GA Guidelines.

6 VETERANS COURT - Joe Kelly, County Attorney; Landon Parks, Community Corrections Coordinator

Joe Kelly, County Attorney, asked for the Board's support to submit a proposal to the Nebraska Supreme Court to establish a Veterans Court in Lancaster County. He said there are hundreds of Veterans Courts operating in the United States and said he, Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director; Jim Cada, a local attorney and Judge Advocate, AMVETS Department of Nebraska; and others in the community have made several site visits to see how they operate. Kelly noted the Legislature passed a bill (LB 915) this past session that would require the Nebraska Supreme Court to establish a veterans court in Douglas County as a three-year pilot program with approximately \$250,000 in funding. He said Douglas County intends to structure their program in close conjunction with Adult Probation. Kelly said that differs from this proposal which would use the Veterans Administration (VA) almost exclusively for services with some assistance from Community Corrections. Kelly added Etherton believes the program can be covered by the department's existing budget because a small number of participants is anticipated (five to ten per year) for the trial period. He said the Nebraska Supreme Court can contrast the two slightly different concepts and decide what it wants to endorse and fund in the future.

Kelly said the Veterans Court would only be available to combat veterans who've suffered a traumatic brain injury or have developed Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a result of their service in a combat zone. He noted Veterans Courts require court involvement and said District Court Judge John Colborn has indicated a willingness to participate. The local VA would also be heavily involved. Kelly explained participants would have to plead guilty to the charge, which could involve felonies such as domestic assault, alcohol and drugs, road rage, and terroristic threats. **NOTE:** The County has had a Veterans Pre-Trial Diversion Program in place for three years which is overseen by the County Attorney's Office. That program does not require participants to plead guilty to their charges before being allowed to participate. He said once an individual is accepted and begins the process, they would be assigned a mentor with a similar background.

Schorr asked how the mentors would be recruited and assigned. Landon Parks, Community Corrections Coordinator, said the VA has a mentor program in place.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to support the Veterans Court concept, as outlined. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Kelly said a copy of the application will be provided to the Board.

Also present for the discussion was Jennifer Kulwicki, District Court Administrator.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Re-Appointment of Dr. Michelle Petersen and Tom Randa to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health for Terms to Expire on April 15, 2019

The Board scheduled the reappointments on the April 26, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

- B. Appointment of Keith Neil Larsen to Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council for Term Expiring July 1, 2018

The Board scheduled the appointment on the April 26, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

There was also consensus to ask Randy Jones, Aging Partners Director, if the Board could also appoint a County representative to the Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council.

- C. Date for Village Meeting

There was consensus to schedule the meeting on July 14th. The following agenda items were suggested: 1) Economic development briefing by Mike Lang, Economic Development Coordinator; 2) Briefing by David Young, Fiber Infrastructure and Right-of-Way Manager, City Public Works & Utilities; and a representative of ALLO Communications (telecommunications company) on a conduit project; 3) Recycling; and 4) Update on the Lincoln South Beltway.

- D. Request from Kernel (Time Warner Production Division) to Film a Production in Wilderness Park

Eagan said the City has a film permit, but the County does not. The City's fee is \$45.00. He said the County Attorney's Office has drafted a contract and the applicant has provided an insurance certificate.

There was consensus to: 1) Schedule the item on the April 26, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda; 2) Request coordination with the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, which manages Wilderness Park for the County; and 3) Ask Kernel to make a donation to the Lincoln Parks Foundation in consideration of using the Park for filming.

7 HP RECORDS MANAGER (HPRM) TRANSITION - Alison Lotto, Records Administrator; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Cori Beattie, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Alison Lotto, Records Administrator, presented a updated Records Management Policy draft (Exhibit D), noting Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, and Dave Derbin, Deputy County Attorney, had made minor changes to language regarding public records requests and record and non-record material. She added Brian Pillard, Records & Information Manager, has indicated he is comfortable with the current language.

Wiltgen asked that Item 3 in the Policies Section, Item 3 be edited to read, "*Employee user levels in the ERMS (electronic records management system) will be determined by the Department head/elected official or designee in consultation with the Records Administrator.*"

Cori Beattie, Chief Deputy County Attorney, noted Item 6 in the Policies Section which states in part, "*Appointed department heads will be required to use the Records Center and ERMS to maintain their records*" and asked if the Board wants to include a provision to require departments to provide an explanation if they are using a system other than the ERMS for records management. Lotto explained ERMS is not intended to replace the systems departments are currently using, it is intended to enhance them and provide a system to store records. Eagan did not feel additional language is needed in Item 6. He said directors can be asked whether they are using ERMS during their evaluations and if not, to provide an explanation. Schorr felt a statement that ERMS is not intended to replace other systems should be added to the opening paragraph.

Lotto said when a disposition report is sent to departments at the end of the year departments can be reminded to remove records scheduled for disposal across all the systems where they may be stored. She also stressed that adherence to the records retention schedule will be the responsibility of the department head. Lotto noted it is typically recommended that a records management program have a required training structure and said that is something she is planning to do.

In response to a question from Avery, Lotto said she has reviewed the Open Records Act. Lotto estimated that 90 percent of records are public records and are subject to review by the public. Beattie said one of their goals is to look at how public records maintained in HPRM could be interfaced with the web so they are more available to the

public.

Lotto also reported a new Administrator Account has been created with her caveats (security) (see April 13, 2016 County Board Staff Meeting minutes). She said she will eliminate access for the current administrators once the Board gives her authorization and that will be the only Administrator Account. Thorpe, who is one of the current administrators, said she needs to consult Erik Willsey, Kapish Software Company, first but believes the transition can take place shortly. Lotto said she will activate the Administrator Account, deactivate her account and leave Thorpe as an administrator for a few days. Once Thorpe's work is completed, she will activate caveats for the two departments she does not currently have caveats for. She said she will only access the Administrator Account when she is doing administrator level work. Amundson asked that the Board be updated once the transition is complete.

There was consensus to: 1) Schedule discussion of the Records Management Policy on the May 12, 2016 Management Team Meeting Agenda and to include a copy of the policy with the meeting notice; 2) Schedule a briefing on expanded use of electronic records management on the Meeting with Villages agenda; and 3) Have Lotto provide an update to the Board in early September.

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E. Annual Report

Thorpe presented possible items that might be included in an annual report, a list of options, and decisions the Board will need to make regarding the document (Exhibit E).

Schorr exited the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Amundson said it could be printed on newsprint and included with the budget document.

Schorr returned to the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, said he typically prints 25-30 copies of the budget book and provides a link to the document on the website.

There was consensus to have the annual report serve as an introduction to the budget document.

Wiltgen exited the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

F. Director's Manual

Eagan presented an outline for the Lancaster County Director's Manual (Exhibit F) and said he is willing to share a preliminary draft with Board members on an individual

basis.

Wiltgen returned to the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Schorr said she envisioned a document that would explain how County government operates and help new directors to "hit the ground running." She suggested the Commissioners and recently appointed Directors share what information would have been helpful to them when they took office.

Amundson said she would like to see the document finalized before the next election. She suggested Board members write down their thoughts on the manual and meet with Eagan individually to discuss it in further detail.

8 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015-2016 - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, requested authorization to send a memorandum to departments regarding additional appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 and the year-end expenditure cut-off (see agenda packet).

MOTION: Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to authorize the Chair to initial the memorandum so the document can be sent to County departments. Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins, Avery and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Report on Commissioner Schorr's Discussion with Don Killeen, County Property Manager, Regarding the Request to Expand the County Extension Office

Schorr referenced discussion at the April 13, 2016 County Board Staff Meeting regarding additional County Extension staffing and expansion of the County Extension Building at a potential cost of \$250,000 and said she would prefer to look at that expenditure in the context of the entire budget. She said she is apprehensive about spending money on architect and design fees for the project when she is not sure how it will fall in with other budget requests. Avery concurred.

Hudkins said Coby Mach, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA), contacted him after that meeting and requested a list of alternates. He said Mach also expressed concerns about expanding the building. Hudkins said Don Killeen, County Property Manager, is researching possible sites, including businesses in that area that may have available office space. He said Killeen should have an inventory report completed by the April 28th Staff Meeting and agreed the Board should delay any further expenditures for architectural

fees before reviewing that report.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Wiltgen seconded to direct Don Killeen, County Property Manager, to: 1) Suspend any further architectural negotiations with Greg Newport, The Clark Enersen Partners, on the County Extension proposal; and 2) Provide a report at the April 28th County Board Staff Meeting on possible alternatives. Schorr, Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

H. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) Economic Development Breakfast (Tuesday, May 24, 2016)

It was noted the Commissioners plan to attend the Employee Recognition Breakfast that morning instead.

I. Zoning Issues With Special Designated Licenses (SDL's) and Reception Centers

Eagan said recently there has been a proliferation of requests for amusement licenses and special designated licenses (SDL's). Some have been from reception centers that want to operate a business at their location. He said they are trying to fit under existing zoning under the home occupation definition but said it is problematic. Eagan said the question becomes does the Board want to provide a permitted use for reception centers in the County. If so, it would need to work with the Planning Department to define the use and what types of activities could occur.

Amundson said Avalon Event Center (12788 West Roca Road, Crete, Nebraska) has begun erecting large tents to conduct outside weddings. However, given the size of the parking required for their events, their operation has run up against outside area limitations. Hillside Events (12400 West Denton Road, Denton, Nebraska) intends to conduct weddings inside a converted barn which has some issues. In these cases, the home occupation special permit does not necessarily apply. She said these facilities are submitting SDL applications with very little lead time. Beattie pointed out SDL's are a liquor license and special permits are tied to zoning.

Amundson said the Board set a precedent when it approved an event for Avalon last fall. It was made clear that approval was limited to that event and that Avalon would work with the Planning Department to acquire proper zoning (see September 22, 2015 County Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes). The County Clerk's Office was notified an application from Avalon for a special permit for an expanded home occupation will be scheduled on the April 27, 2016 Planning Commission agenda.

NOTE: The item has been moved to the May 11, 2016 Planning Commission agenda. Avalon has also submitted an application for an SDL for an event in May.

Hudkins said these facilities are being run as commercial ventures and said that is not fair to the social halls or commercial facilities that were planned to hold these type of events. He said he would only support allowing them to hold one event per year.

Schorr felt a discussion of how to change the zoning code and what rules and regulations would need to be put in place to make sure events could be held safely should be scheduled with representatives of the County Attorney's Office, Building and Safety Department and the Planning Department.

Wiltgen said this is an economic opportunity for rural Lancaster County. He also expressed concern that if the SDL's are denied, there could be a proliferation of keg parties or open bars in rural Lancaster County. Beattie said irregardless of the liquor issue, they are holding an event they are not properly zoned for. Amundson noted the County Attorney has advised that approving a SDL for a facility that is not properly zoned would be very risky. Avery suggested a moratorium on SDL's unless the facility has first complied with zoning.

Kelly Lundgren, County Records Specialist III, County Clerk's Office, appeared and said the Board recently approved three SDL's for events at Hillside Events. Hillside Events indicated it is booked every Saturday until the end of July but will not take any additional requests until it is properly zoned (see April 19, 2016 County Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes). A SDL application from Dave's Drive-In d/b/a Dave's Wine & Liquor for a wedding reception on May 14, 2016 at Avalon Event Center, is scheduled for action on the April 26, 2016 County Board of Commissioners agenda.

Eagan advised against taking action on the issue until the Chair and Vice Chair meet with the Planning Department next week.

9 ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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- E. Annual Report
- F. Director's Manual

Items A-F were moved forward on the agenda.

G. Department Tours

There was general consensus to tour County Extension, Weed Control, County Engineer, Emergency Management Storage Facility, and the Motor Vehicle Facility on West "O" Street on August 23rd.

- H. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) Economic Development Breakfast (Tuesday, May 24, 2016)
- I. Zoning Issues With Special Designated Licenses (SDL's) and Reception Centers

Items H and I were moved forward on the agenda.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION: Wiltgen moved and Schorr seconded to add an update on the neighborhood related to the proposed change of zone for the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Building Property to the agenda. Hudkins, Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Avery reported on a neighborhood meeting held April 19, 2016 to provide information on the proposed change of zone for the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Building Property (2201 South 17th Street). He indicated the meeting was poorly attended. In addition to Commissioners Avery and Wiltgen, there were two citizens, one who resided in the neighborhood, and Richard Meginnis, NAI FMA Realty, in attendance. Avery said the neighborhood resident was concerned about increasing traffic in the neighborhood. The other citizen indicated she was generally interested in zoning and planning issues. He said Meginnis did not express an opinion on the proposed change of zone.

12 PENDING

There were no pending items.

13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

A. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Wiltgen

Wiltgen said the City is working on a plan to improve use of technology and has asked whether the County is interested in joining that effort.

B. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Hudkins

Hudkins said they discussed plans to expand the Lincoln Children's Zoo, including moving most of the parking across "A" Street. He said the Ager Indoor Play Center will be converted back into indoor zoo exhibits.

C. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Amundson

Amundson said they had a presentation on Southeast Community College's (SCC's) Five-Year Strategic Plan and Ten-Year Master Plan.

D. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Hudkins/Schorr

Schorr said they received updates on operations and capital projects and accepted the annual audit.

E. Parks and Recreation Futures Committee Meeting - Hudkins

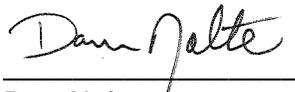
Hudkins said Parks and Recreation may apply for a Visitors Improvement Grant to assist with funding the Lincoln Children's Zoo expansion.

14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no emergency items or other business.

15 ADJOURNMENT

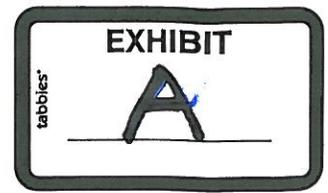
MOTION: Schorr moved and Wiltgen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Avery, Wiltgen, Schorr, Hudkins and Amundson voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte



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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

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

DATE: April 21, 2016

RE: Final Update on the 2016 Legislature

This is your final weekly update of the Nebraska Legislature for 2016. Yesterday was day 60. The only item of business taken up by the Legislature was the gubernatorial veto of LB 947 introduced by Senator Heath Mello to provide licenses for the children of immigrants brought to the United States. The Legislature took two hours to debate the motion to override the Governor's veto. The final vote was 31 to 6 to override – one more than necessary.

As promised last week, we have attached the list of Interim Studies as prioritized by individual committees for your review. Of particular note, I would identify LR 597 – this was introduced by the Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee at the request of Senator Laura Ebke in response to LB 992 failing to advance from that Committee.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with and for you once again this year.

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

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

STANDING COUNTY POSITION: Property Tax Relief

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 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
DID NOT ADVANCE FROM COMMITTEE

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 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.
DID NOT ADVANCE FROM COMMITTEE

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
DID NOT ADVANCE FROM COMMITTEE
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

Signed by the Governor on April 19, 2016.

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.

The bill, in Final Reading form, transferred \$20 Million to the Property Tax Relief Fund to be given to agricultural land owners for relief.

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. Signed by the Governor on April 18, 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 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

DID NOT ADVANCE FROM COMMITTEE

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.

LR 597 Interim study to examine financing mechanisms available to various political subdivisions to issue bonds or assume future payment obligations without a direct vote to tax payers was brought about in response to Senator Ebke's LB 992.

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.

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
BILL DID NOT ADVANCE FROM COMMITTEE

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.

COUNTY PRIORITY 1: Monitor Adult and Juvenile Justice Reform

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.
Signed by the Governor on April 19, 2016.

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

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
Signed by the Governor on April 7, 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.

COUNTY PRIORITY 2: Address Lancaster County Obligations Under the 300,000 Population Threshold

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

Signed by the Governor on April 07, 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.

COUNTY PRIORITY 3: Eliminate Responsibility of County to Pay HHS Rent

LB 61 - Change funding for the county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs

Introduced by Senator Kate Bolz of Lincoln

Hearing Date: January 29, 2015

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Position: Support/NACO Support

Carryover bill from the first session, but did not see any movement this session.

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 state. The purpose is to provide fairness to counties across the state and to provide accountability and transparency to the Department of Health and Human Services. LB 61 would eliminate the county provision of no cost office and service space to DHHS for the administration of public assistance programs as previously existed. Additional revolving expenditures for SBD would be incurred as a result of the new landlord payments that would be processed. Using the current 185,000 sq. ft. of rental space paid at an estimated rate of \$12.50 for an increase of rent expense of \$2,312,500 (185,000 sq. ft. x \$12.50 = \$2,312,500). The amount in FY2015-16 would be half (\$1,156,250) as the bill is effective January 2016.

COUNTY PRIORITY 4: Amend Mental Health Commitment Act/ Funding for Community-Based Sex Offender Treatment

Gwen Thorpe and I worked with the provider to obtain information in an effort to craft legislation for narrow funding in this regard. The provider did not provide the information until close to the end of bill introductions.

The Legislature did create a task force for oversight on Behavioral and Mental Health which will be chaired by Senator Kate Bolz. I encourage us to avail ourselves of this and to work with Senator Bolz to obtain funding in the next session.

COUNTY PRIORITY 5: Support Medicaid Reform under the Affordable Care Act

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 Bloomfield 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.

Other Priority Legislation

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 signed by the Governor on April 18, 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 30th. First report would be due on 6/30/2017

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

Signed by the Governor on April 18, 2016.

AM2422 included 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 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

LB 919A introduced by Senator Williams.

Signed by the Governor on April 18, 2016.

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 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

Signed by the Governor on April 18, 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 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

Signed by the Governor on April 18, 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 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.

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 signed by the Governor on April 12, 2016.

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

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

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 9, 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

Signed by the Governor March 30, 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.

Signed by the Governor on April 19, 2016

LB 716 states a pedestrian lawfully entering designed bike or walk path of a highway intersection or adjacent to intersection of two highways controlled by traffic signal has the right-of-way within the

crossing with respect to vehicles and bicycles. Bicyclist cannot suddenly leave a curb or safety path into the path of a car that it is so close it is impossible for the driver to stop. Nothing in the subsection relieves a bicyclist or driver from duty of care.

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

Signed by the Governor March 18, 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 Priority Bill
Signed by the Governor on March 12, 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 768 – Provide for Choose Life License Plates
Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue
Hearing Date: February 9, 2016
Committee: Transportation
Speaker Priority Bill
Bracketed until 4/20/16.

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 exclaims that there will be subtracted interest received by the owner of obligations of the State of Nebraska or its political

subdivisions or authorities which are Build America Bonds to the extent includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income shall be reduced by contributions to an account established under the achieving a better life experience program made for the benefit of a beneficiary. It increases the federal taxable income for any withdrawals by the owner of an account established under the achieving better life experience program for nonqualified expenses or to terminate such account. The bill includes that a refundable income tax credit is considered an overpayment even if the taxpayer has no income tax liability prior to applying the refundable credit. LB 776 adds that if an individual is granted a homestead exemption that individual is not required to submit the certification required under this subdivision in succeeding years.

LB 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
Signed by the Governor on April 6, 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 Curt Friesen of Aurora
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Government

Signed by the Governor on March 30, 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
Signed by the Governor on April 19, 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

Signed by the Governor on April 18, 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

Signed by the Governor on March 30, 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

Included in Mainline Budget Adjustments

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 on 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
POSITION: Treasurer Stebbing testified in opposition with 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 / Provisions of the bill included in LB 83

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
Signed by the Governor on April 18, 2016.

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
Vetoed by the Governor; No Override Motion Filed.

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

LB 937 – Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease.
Introduced by Senator Laura Ebke of Crete
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016
Committee: Judiciary

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

LB 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
Signed by the Governor on April 18, 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 Burke Harr of Omaha
Committee: Revenue
Hearing Date: February 10, 2016
Provisions of this bill were included in LB884

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

Signed by the Governor on March 30, 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 Jerry Johnson of Wahoo

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 Paul Schumacher of Columbus

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 farmers 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

Signed by the Governor on April 13, 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 1st of odd numbered years.

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

Introduced by Senator Tyson Larson of O'Neill

Hearing Date: February 25, 2016

Committee: Government

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

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

Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln

Hearing Date: February 19, 2016

Committee: Health and Human Services

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.

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

Introduced by Senator Campbell

Hearing Date: February 09, 2016

Committee: Banking, Commerce, and Insurance

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

LBI037 - 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

Brasch Unanimous Consent to Bracket adopted on March 29, 2016.

LBI037 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

Prioritized by Urban Affairs Committee

Signed by the Governor on March 30, 2016.

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 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; Schumacher Motion to Invoke Cloture 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.

LB 1107 – Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative

Introduced by Senator Tommy Garrett of Bellevue

Hearing Date: February 24, 2016

Committee: Government

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

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

Introduced by Senator Burke Harr of Omaha

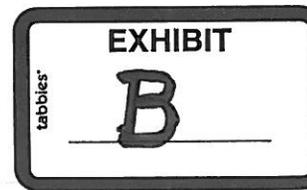
Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Committee: Judiciary

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

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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB37	Krist		Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions	Health and Human Services	1/21/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB43	Coash		Provide for standby guardians and recovery of assets under the Nebraska Probate Code	Judiciary	1/21/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB53	Scheer		Provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/3/15	Passed	LB 53 states as of January 1, 2017, a request for one license plate can be made for any passenger car. With a request for a single license plate and license decal, there is a one hundred dollar fee payable to the county treasurer			[LC Priority] Support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB61	Bolz		Change funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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			
LB65	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB66	Schumacher		Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability	Judiciary	1/21/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	Allows of a cause of action against a political subdivision who does not disclose certain liabilities at the time of a bond sale. There are liabilities contained in the bill.			Support
LB88	Campbell		Change fees relating to marriage licenses	Judiciary	1/21/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB94	Smith		Provide for issuance of printed motor vehicle certificate of title for nonresidents as prescribed	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB98	Bolz		State intent regarding appropriations for tobacco use prevention control	Appropriations	3/16/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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			Oppose

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB105	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to payment of fees and costs associated with deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	State of Nebraska would be responsible for payment of juror when the individual in question died by unlawful means while serving at a state facility. An autopsy done by the county coroner of that individual shall be charged back to the state			Support
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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	LB 106 creates the Livestock Operating Siting and Expansion Act and to be implemented by the creation of the Livestock Operation Siting Review Board			
LB111	Larson		Require identification to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/23/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB113	Larson	Larson	Provide a co-payment for correctional inmates' health care services	Judiciary	2/18/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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			
LB118	Larson		Provide for licensure of cigar shops		1/26/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				Oppose/AM132 7

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB119	Schumacher		Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served	Judiciary	2/12/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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			
LB120	Schumacher		Provide for seizure of license plates of certain uninsured motor vehicles or trailers as prescribed	Judiciary	1/28/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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			
LB122	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to operation of utility-type vehicles	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/27/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				
LB126	Nordquist		Change a combined contribution retirement benefit rate as prescribed	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/20/15	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.				

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB131	Craighead		Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets	Urban Affairs	1/27/15	Final Reading	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.			
LB132	Ebke	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change joint public agency bonding powers and procedures	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/29/15	General File.	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			
LB135	Johnson		Change provisions relating to termination of township boards	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/15					Support/AM472
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				

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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			
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			Support
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			

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LB158	McCollister		Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation	Business and Labor	3/2/15	IPP	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			
LB172	Chambers		Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties	Judiciary	2/11/15					
LB173	Chambers	Seiler	Change habitual criminal provisions	Judiciary	2/11/15	General File w/AM472; AM472 Adopted; Select File w/ER82;				
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			

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LB188	Watermeier		Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit	Judiciary	1/23/15	IPP	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			
LB202	Davis		Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/26/15					
LB209	Hilkemann		Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act	Judiciary	1/23/15	Indefinitely Postponed				
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>			
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			

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LB213	Schumacher		Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes	Banking Commerce & Insurance	2/17/15	Indefinitely Postponed				
LB214	Schumacher		Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions	Government, Military &Veterans Affairs	2/18/15					
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			
LB230	Mello		Change provisions relating to partition actions	Revenue	2/19/15	General File w/AM752				
LB236	Coash		Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans	Nebraska Retirement Systems	1/27/15					
LB237	Coash		Appropriate funds for correctional facilities	Appropriations						

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LB241	Stinner		Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots	General Affairs	1/26/15	General File 1/29; Select File 2/9; Final Reading 2/19; Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2; Approved				
LB244	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence	Judiciary	1/30/15					
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			
LB250	Larson		Eliminate time restrictions on keno	General Affairs	1/26/15					

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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;				
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.			
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			
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			
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			

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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			
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			
LB282	Baker		Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/11/15	Indefinitely Postponed				
LB288	Ebke		Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Business and Labor	3/9/15	IPP	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			

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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				
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%.			
LB295	Scheer		Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction	Urban Affairs	2/3/15	Passed	requires that cities of all classes and villages receive approval from county boards, with jurisdiction over an extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, before they are able to enforce ordinances, bylaws, rule, regulations, and resolutions within said extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction unless otherwise provided by law			Support/AM829
LB308	Kolowski		Provide for preregistration to vote	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15	Indefinitely Postponed				

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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			
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 are eligible to vote on all candidates and issues submitted to voters			
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			
LB331	Nordquist		Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act	Revenue	2/11/15					
LB332	Kuehn		Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project	Appropriations	3/16/15					
LB333	Gloor		Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	3/11/15					

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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			
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			
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			

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LB344	Kolowski	Kolowski 2016	Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds	Natural Resources	3/6/15	IPP	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			
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			
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;				
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%			

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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			
LB357	Smith	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund	Revenue	2/18/15					Support
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			
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			
LB383	Hansen		Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15					
LB384	Lindstrom		Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/19/15		<i>Land owner with 160 acres of crop land may have 30 acres to 160 acres valued as pasture if planted to perennial cover</i>			

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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			
LB391	Crawford		Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles	Revenue	2/27/15		LB 391 adds an additional tax in 77-2703(1)(l)(iii) to read: <u>plus an additional one-half of one percent of all amounts in excess of three thousand dollars</u>			
LB398	Harr		Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax	Revenue	3/5/15		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			
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			Support
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			Support

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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				
LB416	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death	Judiciary	2/6/15					
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			
LB425	Riepe		Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time	Judiciary	2/18/15					Support
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			
LB428	Garrett		Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans	Revenue	2/27/15	General File w/AM733				
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			

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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.			
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			
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.			
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			

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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;	Removes: all counties, townships, cities, and villages of Nebraska that may erect or aid in the erection of statues, monuments, or other memorials commemorating the services of the members of the Armed Forces of the Civil, Spanish – American, or World Wars or the Korean or Vietnam conflict to be located upon the public lands or within the public buildings within such county, township, city or village			[DC Priority]
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				
LB483	Pansing Brooks		Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing	Judiciary	2/11/15	General File 4/16				
LB491	Morfeld		Provide for an election day voter registration pilot project	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15					
LB492	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to fees charged by the register of deeds	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/12/15	General File				

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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.			
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			
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			
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			
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			

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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			
LB542	Harr		Provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by county agricultural societies	Revenue	3/6/15	General File 3/19	This bill ads county agricultural societies into the exemption listing			Oppose
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			
LB544	Harr		Adopt the Community Gardens Act	Agriculture	2/24/15	General File w/AM697				
LB549	Campbell	Speaker Hadley	Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act	Health and Human Services	2/20/15	General File W/AM2239	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			

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LB556	Kolowski		Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent	Business and Labor		IPP	, at the option of the employee, make the exclusive remedy protection for the employer inapplicable in cases where the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court has made a determination that the injury is due to the willful negligence of the employer			
LB560	Williams		Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska and create a fund	Appropriations	3/3/15		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			
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;				
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			
LB567	Johnson		Permit transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed	Health and Human Services	2/11/15	Passed	LB 567 seeks to establish legislative intent of the law and to clarify the section			

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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			
LB574	Davis		Adopt the Intangible Personal Property Tax Act	Revenue	3/12/15	Indefinitely Postponed	<i>Intangible Property Tax Act</i>			
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;				
LB577	Murante	Speaker Hadley	Permit counties to regulate peddlers, hawkers, and solicitors	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/18/15	General File w/AM189				
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			
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					

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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			
LB588	Pansing Brooks		Provide for electronic application for ballots to vote early by mail	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/27/15					
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			
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			Oppose
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			Support

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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			
LB603	Bloomfield		Provide for processing and certification of federal firearms forms as prescribed	Judiciary	3/19/15					
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				
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			

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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					
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			Support
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			
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			

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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				
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			
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			
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			
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			
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			
LB646	Kintner		Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/25/15					

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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.			
LB651	Bloomfield		Change liability for certain court costs as prescribed	Judiciary	2/5/15	Indefinitely Postponed				
LB656	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File w/AM828; Select File w/ER113; Mello AM1501 Filed; AM1501 Adopted;				
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;			Oppose	
LB658	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File 4/28; Select File 5/5;			Oppose	
LB659	Speaker Hadley		Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers	Appropriations	2/23/15	General File w/AM1191; Select File 5/5;			Oppose	
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;			Support	

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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; Sselect File w/ER117; AM1488 Adopted;				
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;			Oppose	
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			

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			
LB671	Krist		Repeal the Build Nebraska Act and change the distribution of sales tax revenue Introduced by Krist	Revenue	2/5/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			
LB672	Krist		Eliminate Fees on Tires as Prescribed	Natural Resources	1/21/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			

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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.			

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LB675	Krist		Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles	Judiciary	1/20/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Monitor	

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Support	
LB687	Bloomfield		Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/4/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	LB 693 extends from one year to two years every tort claim against a political subdivision.			Weed Control Support
LB696	Howard		Provide for a medicaid state plan waiver to provide coverage for treatment of opioid abuse.	Health and Human Services	2/10/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Oppose	

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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.		Support	
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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	Amended into LB1038	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		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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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			
LB716	Kolowski	Speaker Hadley	Provide and eliminate provisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists	Transportation & Telecommunications	1/25/16	Passed	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Support	
LB720	Kuehn		Change certain invasion of privacy provisions to include unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems	Judiciary	2/25/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			

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LB722	Baker	Baker 2016	Adopt the Stroke System of Care Act	Health and Human Services	1/22/16	Passed	<p>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.</p>			Support

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LB723	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Oppose	

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LB724	Schumacher		Change sales and use tax collection fees	Revenue	1/22/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Oppose	

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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>		Monitor	Support through letter

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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.			Support

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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>		Cond. Support	

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LB741	Hansen		Change electioneering provisions related to yard signs	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/21/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	Approved by Governor April 07.	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.			Oppose through letter
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	Approved by Governor on April 18.	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardian ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force.			

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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	Approved by Governor 06.	LB 750 introduces language that prohibits an individual or a business pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act from retaliating against any person who make a report to the department of Health and Human Services relating to an act or omission of the credential holder to the License Assistance Program. The act ensures that the identity of someone who makes a report is confidential. Further, any person making a report is immune from criminal or civil liability of any nature. The bill restricts a health care facility pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act from retaliating against any person who makes a report under the Uniform Credentialing Act relating to an individual employed or under contract with a health care facility.		Support	

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			
LB768	Garrett	Speaker Hadley	Provide for Choose Life License Plates	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/9/16	Garrett motion to bracket 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.		Cond. Oppose	

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LB770	Groene		Change the termination date of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	2/8/16	Approved by Governor 06.	LB 770 changes the amount of time an appointed member of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act from four years to three years.		Support	
LB774	Scheer	Revenue 2016	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by nonprofit substance abuse treatment centers	Revenue	2/5/16	Approved by Governor April 18.	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.		Neutral	
LB777	Gloor		Change provisions relating to partial payments for property taxes held in escrow	Revenue	1/21/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Support	
LB780	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to emergency protective custody	Judiciary	2/3/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Monitor	
LB784	Friesen		Change provisions relating to deficit expenditures by county boards	Government	1/27/16	Approved by Governor 06.	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.		Monitor	

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LB785	Friesen		Change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/25/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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		Support	

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LB786	Larson		Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits	Health and Human Services	1/20/16	Approved by Governor April 09.	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.		Monitor	
LB787	Morfeld		Allow a voter to photograph and reveal a marked ballot	Government	1/28/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	would allow for a voter to photograph his or her ballot.		Support	
LR389CA	Harr		Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska	Judiciary	1/27/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	Put to the vote of the people the repeal of the state's ban on same-sex marriage.			
LB797	Harr		Change provisions relating to the accrual of interest on denied and reduced homestead exemptions	Revenue	2/18/16	IPP on a procedural m	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.			

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LB806	Mello		Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act	Urban Affairs	2/16/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			
LB807	Williams		Allow counties of all sizes to waive quarterly reports by county attorneys	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	1/27/16	Approved by Governor April 09.	LB 807 removes language that states counties with less than two hundred thousand population may waive the duty to make a annual inventory statement.			

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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	Approved by Governor March 09.	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.			

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LB825	Davis		Provide reporting requirements for tax-exempt property	Revenue	2/18/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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		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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Neutral	
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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	Approved by Governor February 24.	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	Approved by Governor April 07.	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.		Support	

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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	Approved by Governor April 18.	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	Approved by Governor April 18.	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.		Neutral	

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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	Amended into 774.	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		Support	
LB893	Pansing Brooks		Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles	Judiciary	1/22/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	Approved by Governor April 07.	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.			Req Add info
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	IPP on a procedural m	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	Approved by Govern	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.			Req Add info
LB910	Bolz	Judiciary 2016	Change provisions relating to parole administration	Judiciary	2/4/16	Cloture vote failed. Bill was amended into LB1094	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.			

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LB911	Bolz	Referral	State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems of care	Appropriations	2/8/16	IPP on a procedural m	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.			
LB912	Smith	Referral	Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/10/16	IPP on a procedural m	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	IPP on a procedural m	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.			
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	IPP on a procedural m	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.		Oppose	

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LB918	Murante		Provide for the redistribution of motor vehicle taxes as prescribed	Transportation and Telecommunications	1/26/16	IPP on a procedural m	LB 918 transfers on one percent of the collected motor vehicle tax to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund.			
LB919	Williams	Williams 2016	Change provisions relating to problem solving court programs	Judiciary	2/5/16	Approved by Govern	LB 919, the Legislature declares that problem solving court programs, including drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, and other problem solving court programs, help in reducing recidivism. The bill states problem solving court programs offer a person accused of drug alcohol and other alternative to traditional criminal justice proceedings or juvenile justice dispositions. LB 919 would use funds already appropriated to Nebraska Supreme Court to be used to look into evidence-based interventions, including medication-assisted treatment.		Support	

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LB920	Pansing Brooks		Add members to the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council	Judiciary	2/18/16	IPP on a procedural m	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.		Oppose	
LB922	Kolterman		Change terms of Public Employees Retirement Board members as prescribed	Retirement	2/5/16	IPP on a procedural m	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	IPP on a procedural m	LB 925 states at anytime within 9 months after the expiration of two years after the date of sale of any real estate for taxes or special assessments if such real estate is not legally occupied and deemed vacant or abandoned. Vacant and abandoned real estate is defined by local ordinance or determined by the appropriate local governing body. Conditions of real estate include overgrown or dead vegetation, trash and waste and /or visible deterioration.			Oppose
LB927	Hilkemann		Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service	Transportation & Telecommunications	2/1/16	IPP on a procedural m	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 March 09.	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	Approved by Governor	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.			oppose
LB931	Bolz		Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted-living facilities and change distribution of the Behavioral Health Services Fund	Appropriations	2/8/16	IPP on a procedural m	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.			
LB934	Coash	Coash 2016	Change provisions relating to the Office of the Public Guardian	Judiciary	2/3/16	Approved by Governor	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.			

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LB935	Schilz	Government 201	Change provisions relating to the Auditor of Public Accounts	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/5/16	Returned by Governor without approval on April 15, 2016.	LB 935 states information not received by the auditor by December 31st of a calendar year will be considered delinquent. A political subdivision will be notified of the delinquency. If the necessary material is not received within thirty days of the December 31st, a five hundred dollars will be withheld from the next state aid payment to that that political subdivision and continue for each additional thirty days of delinquency. Upon delinquency, the auditor can make an audit of the political subdivision at which the cost will be billed to the political subdivision.		Oppose	
LB936	Ebke		Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts	Revenue	2/17/16	IPP on a procedural m	LB 936 changes inheritance tax to one percent for everything above one-hundred thousand dollars and anything below that limit will not be taxed		Support	
LB937	Ebke		Eliminate a prohibition on marriage of persons with venereal disease	Judiciary	1/27/16	IPP on a procedural m	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	Approved by Governor	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.			
LB940	Johnson		Adopt the Tax Stabilization Act	Revenue	2/4/16	IPP on a procedural m	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	IPP on a procedural m	changes references of husband and wife to "spouses in a marriage relationship."			Dennis Meyer Testify
LB944	Hansen		Change terminology relating to parentage and marital relationships	Judiciary	1/27/16	IPP on a procedural m	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	IPP on a procedural m	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.		Support	Support
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	Approved by Govern	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.		Monitor	

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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	Approved by Governor April 07.	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.		Monitor	Support through letter
LB956	Speaker Hadley		Provide for deficit appropriations	Appropriations	2/1/16	Approved by Governor April 07.	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.		Oppose	

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LB957	Speaker Hadley		Authorize additional uses for certain funds and provide for certain transfers	Appropriations	2/1/16	Approved by Governor April 07.	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.			Support

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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	Approved by Governor April 18.	<p>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</p>			

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LB959	Sullivan	Education 2016	Change and eliminate provisions relating to school funding, budgets, and levy authority	Education	2/9/16	Approved by Governor April 18.	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	Approved by Governor April 18.	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.			
LB968	Johnson	Agriculture 2016	Change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program	Agriculture	2/16/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			Letter in opposition

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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.			
LB977	Smith	Transportation & Telecommunicat ions 2016	Change provisions relating to implements of husbandry on highways	Transportation & Telecommunicat ions	2/1/16	Approved by Governor April 18.	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.			support
LB979	Kuehn		Provide for selection of interchangeable biological products by pharmacists	Health and Human Services	2/5/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Oppose	
LB984	Schumacher		Change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals	Judiciary	2/10/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Support	

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			Halstead -\$600 - \$800 to Department

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Monitor	
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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.		Monitor	Monitor

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			
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	Approved by Governor April 18.	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.			Rome testify in support

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LB/LR	Sponsor	Priority	One-Liner	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary	LC	NACO Position	LC Position
LB1001	Ebke		Change provisions relating to a compensation schedule for injuries resulting in disability	Business and Labor	2/18/16	IPP March 09.	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.			
LB1010	Williams		Change provisions relating to juvenile court petitions	Judiciary	2/17/16	Approved by Governor April 07.	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/	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			Monitor

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.			

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LB1031	Hansen		Change the levy authority of railroad transportation safety districts	Revenue	2/25/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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	Support
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	
LB1034	Campbell		Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission	Health and Human Services	2/19/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	Adds juvenile justice to the strategic plan of reform of the Nebraska Child Welfare Commission to review and evaluate the juvenile justice system		Support	

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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 b 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 license and the borrower.			
LB1037	Brasch	Kintner 2016	Change property tax provisions relating to agricultural land and horticultural land	Revenue	2/17/16	Braceketed 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.			

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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	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.	X		
LB1058	Crawford		Change provisions relating to enforcement of certain tobacco restriction provisions	Judiciary	2/25/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.	X		

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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	Approved by Governor April 18.	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.	X		

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LB1063	Sullivan		Change provisions relating to state aid to schools	Education	2/9/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.	X		

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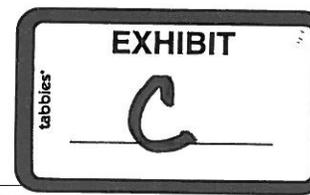
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LB1094	Judiciary Cor	Seiler 2016	Change provisions relating to evidence, sentencing, certain criminal penalties, criminal mischief, assault, theft, forgery, and probation	Judiciary	2/4/16	Approved by Governor April 18.	LB 1094 addresses matters extending 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.	X		
LB1097	Morfeld		Change provisions relating to sexual assault forensic testing	Judiciary	2/18/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.	X		
LB1102	Davis		Authorize legislative performance audits of tax-increment financing projects	Executive Board	2/5/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	LB 1102 – includes any authority as defined in section 18-2103 that uses tax-increment financing as authorized in section. 18-2147	X		

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LB1103	Schumacher	Schumacher 201	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.	X		
LB1107	Garrett		Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	2/24/16	IPP on a procedural motion at end of session.	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.	X		



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LR397	Gloor	Health and Human Services	Interim study to monitor the health care transformation in Nebraska	3 of 20
LR439	Crawford	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine the use of tax-increment financing by municipalities for residential development	2 of 9
LR489	Crawford	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine issues relating to housing authorities	4 of 9
LR490	Crawford	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine the enforcement of state and local building codes	1 of 9
LR495	Urban Affairs Committee	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine state law governing cities of the second class and villages in Chapter 17 of the Nebraska statutes	8 of 9
LR496	Urban Affairs Committee	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee	9 of 9
LR499	Campbell	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	20 of 20
LR504	Murante	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Interim study to examine the numerous deadlines involved in the election process	1 of 7
LR506	Seiler	Judiciary	Interim study to examine the efficacy of testing and monitoring programs, particularly the 24/7 sobriety program, in reducing recidivism for driving under the influence and controlled substance offenses	4 of 10
LR507	Davis	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine the development of a public notification system to broadcast alerts when vulnerable adults go missing	14 of 20
LR512	Business and Labor Committee	Business and Labor	Interim study to examine the Commission of Industrial Relations	1 of 4
LR513	Howard	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine workforce issues within the child welfare and juvenile justice systems	4 of 20
LR514	Howard	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine the availability of transition services for youth who will leave or have left the juvenile justice system while in an out-of-home placement	7 of 20

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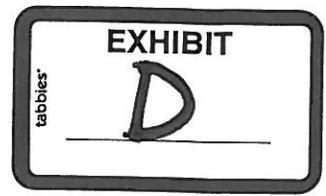
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LR517	Howard	Appropriations	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	4 of 7
LR523	Howard	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine Nebraska law regarding the protection of children who have reached eighteen years of age but have not yet reached the age of majority	12 of 20
LR526	Hansen	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine municipal classifications	3 of 9
LR527	Schumacher	Judiciary	Interim study to examine possible legislative reforms to Nebraska's mandatory minimum sentencing laws	8 of 10
LR533	Bolz	Business and Labor	Interim study to examine promoting career education and training that can lead to job readiness for middle-skill jobs	2 of 4
LR538	Smith	Transportation and Telecommunications	Interim study to examine telecommunication services in Nebraska	1 of 4
LR548	Riepe	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine issues surrounding youth tobacco use	18 of 20
LR550	Schumacher	Judiciary	Interim study to examine the feasibility of creating a common data collection site for county jail information necessary to receive funding under the County Justice Reinvestment Grant Program	3 of 10
LR551	Krist	Health and Human Services	Interim study to explore and assess the use of congregate care in Nebraska for youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems	9 of 40
LR553	Riepe	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Medicaid Reform Council	20 of 20
LR555	Lindstrom	Revenue	Interim study to examine the process and procedures used in appeals before the Tax Equalization and Review Commission	2 of 10
LR560	Krist	Judiciary	Interim study to examine the origins and utility of using court fees as a source of funding in Nebraska	6 of 10

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LR561	Krist	Judiciary	Interim study to examine the effectiveness, economic stability, and long-term viability of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Geneva	1 of 10
LR566	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary	Interim study to examine the availability of education, rehabilitation, and reentry support for incarcerated men and women	9 of 10
LR571	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	Nebraska Retirement Systems	Interim study to examine local political subdivision retirement plans for public employees	3 of 4
LR572	Riepe	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Division of Veterans' Homes of the Dept. of Health and Human Services and wait times for admission to the veterans' homes system	19 of 20
LR574	McCollister	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine aspects of Nebraska's medicaid program that include share of cost or resource spend down components	10 of 20
LR575	McCollister	Health and Human Services	Interim study to continue the ongoing study of access to healthcare in Nebraska	2 of 20
LR576	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary	Interim study to examine children's access to legal counsel in juvenile proceedings across the state of Nebraska	2 of 10
LR582	Riepe	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine how, through better coordination of health services, the state can better assist low-income individuals currently without insurance	11 of 20
LR584	Morfeld	Judiciary	Interim study to examine the possibility of providing direct and statewide funding for legal representation in order to provide more equitable access to civil justice in Nebraska	7 of 10
LR588	Harr	Appropriations	Interim study to determine best practices in drafting tax legislation and determining the fiscal impact of tax policies	3 of 7
LR589	Seiler	Judiciary	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee	10 of 10

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LR590	Riepe	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine options to offer incentives to health care professionals who provide free care and services to qualified recipients	13 of 20
LR591	Hadley	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	Interim study to examine and make recommendations on improving health care coverage plans available to Nebraska small businesses with fifty or less employees	7 of 7
LR593	Gloor	Revenue	Interim study to examine the structure, compliance, and administration of real and personal property taxes	9 of 10
LR596	Murante	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee	3 of 7
LR597	Murante	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Interim study to examine financing mechanisms available to various political subdivisions to issue bonds or assume future payment obligations without a direct vote of taxpayers	4 of 7
LR600	Johnson	Revenue	Interim study to examine alternatives for valuing agricultural land for property tax purposes	4 of 10
LR603	Haar	Health and Human Services	Interim study to examine the issues faced by residents of mobile home communities	15 of 20
LR604	Davis	Revenue	Interim study to examine inconsistencies in the practices utilized by county assessors in determining agricultural land value	3 of 10
LR605	Mello	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine issues relating to urban redevelopment	6 of 9



Records Management Policy

Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Lancaster County records are information assets, and that retention and disposition regulations adopted by the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office provide legal guidance in the management of records. The Board also recognizes its legal responsibility to preserve records in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

The purpose of this records management policy is to affirm the application of systematic controls to records and information, regardless of media, through their entire lifecycle from creation or receipt to destruction or permanent retention. Building on the existing records management structures in Lancaster County will allow the policies to adapt to changes in the records environment. Except where specified below, all parts of this policy address both electronic and physical records, as they are seen as equivalent by the Secretary of State.

Objectives:

- Efficient and responsible management of records including related costs
- Security and protection of confidential and vital records is of the utmost importance
- Access and customer service are paramount concerns
- Records are retained for as long as legally and operationally required and no longer
- Records are systematically destroyed according to their retention schedule

Definitions:

- **Record:** For Records Management purposes, any book, document, paper, photograph, microfilm, sound recording, magnetic storage medium, optical storage medium, and any file created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means, or any other material regardless of physical form or characteristic created or received pursuant to law, charter, or ordinance of in connection with any other activity relating to or having an effect upon the transaction of public business (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1202(4)); State of Nebraska State Records Administrator Durable Medium Written Best Practices & Procedures (October 2009), <http://www.sos.ne.gov/records-management/pdf/Electronic%20Records%20Guidelines.pdf>
- **Convenience copy:** A duplicate copy of the official document kept for the use of a person or office. A convenience copy is not an official document.
- **Non-record Material:** The following materials are considered non-records by the Nebraska Secretary of State for Records Management purposes:
 - a. Books, periodicals, newspapers, and catalogues acquired and saved as a general reference resource;
 - b. Extra copies of documents saved only for convenience or reference for which no action is recorded or taken (i.e. reading files);
 - c. Identical or convenience copies of reports, memoranda, etc., for which your office was not the originator or the office of record, and which have not been annotated by your office;

- d. Stocks of publications, reproduced documents, or other printed materials preserved for supply purposes;
 - e. Blank forms;
 - f. Junk mail, spam, tickler files "to-do" and task lists that serve as a reminder that an action is required on a given date or that a reply to action is expected;
 - g. Materials received documenting employee fringe activities (carpool locators, employee recreation and welfare activities, blood donors, charitable funds, community notices, holiday and social meetings, etc.).
- (Nebraska Records Management Division Schedule 24, Item 24-60 (January 5, 2015).

- Electronic Records Management System (ERMS): Software provided by the County to expressly maintain electronic records subject to statutory retention and compliant with Department of Defense (DoD) Standard 5015.2 regulating electronic records management applications.

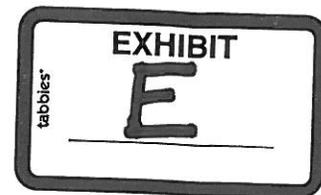
Definitions (Continued):

- Records Administrator: Employee responsible for the administration of the County's ERMS.
- Records Coordinator: Employee responsible for managing physical records and related functions at the County Records Center.

Policies:

1. Each department is responsible for its own records and should work with records management professionals, designated by the County Board, to train employees in the management and disposition of records under their jurisdiction.
2. Access to physical and/or electronic records will be given only to authorized employees as designated in writing by the respective department head/elected official. Such access will be reviewed on an as-needed basis or, at a minimum, annually.
3. Employee user levels in the ERMS will be determined by the Records Administrator in consultation with the Department head/elected official or designee. Each department will have at least one designated "Super User" with elevated rights in the system.
4. It is recognized that there may be sensitive and confidential information contained in records. No one, including the Records Coordinator or Records Administrator, shall access the content of records without the express written permission of the respective department head/elected official or designee.
5. All employees, volunteers, interns and independent contractors shall be informed that information contained in non-public records shall not be discussed with unauthorized individuals and shall only be disclosed or reproduced as authorized.

6. Appointed department heads will be required to use the Records Center and ERMS to maintain their records. Elected officials will have access to the same resources and are encouraged to utilize them for records management.
7. The County considers electronic, paper and microfilm records as equivalent. With a few exceptions, the State does not require any records to be kept in a particular format. It is at the discretion of the department head/elected official to identify how each record type is retained.
8. Non-record material should not be stored in the Records Center or the ERMS.
9. Records shall be destroyed according to retention and disposition schedules approved by the Secretary of State.
10. The Records Center will notify departments in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to the designated disposal date.
11. The Records Administrator will perform a year-end audit of all electronic records scheduled for disposal and will notify departments accordingly. Departments will be responsible for deleting electronic records under their jurisdiction.
12. If a department head/elected official believes a record should be retained longer than statutorily required, a written request outlining the reason(s) why shall be submitted to the Records Coordinator and/or Records Administrator. The County Board will formally review all requests and make a final determination.
13. All requests from the public, including Nebraska Public Records Statutes requests, will be managed by the responsible department in consultation with the County Attorney's Office. Response to records requests will be within the time required by law, unless it is not possible to comply within that time frame. In those cases, the requesting member of the public will be notified as required by law by the responsible department. See generally Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 through 84-712.09.
14. When a subpoena or other court document requests access to or production of records, departments shall immediately contact the County Attorney's Office.
15. The Records Administrator will be responsible for creating and maintaining electronic records management policies and training manuals.
16. The Records Coordinator and Records Administrator will work closely with all County departments to ensure compliance with state statutes governing public records retention.



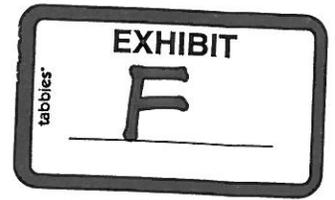
Referencing Marin County Report

Possible Annual Report:

- Introductory letter from Commissioners
- Pictures of elected officials and department directors?
- Brief information about county (size, number towns/villages, etc.)?
- Department updates
- Budget information
 - ✓ approved FY 16-17
 - ✓ Actual FY 15-16
 - ✓ Number employees?
 - ✓ Budget shown grouped by areas (Justice, Human Services, etc.)?
 - ✓ OR budget shown by department?
 - ✓ Revenue sources
- Challenges (funding, roads and bridges, unfunded mandates, etc.)?

Decisions:

- Number of pages
- Color or black and white
- Printed copies, and how many
- On-line
- When? Budget is approved in September



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