

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM MEETING
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OR IN ROOM 112 OF THE COUNTY CITY BUILDING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Rick Vest, Chair; Deb Schorr, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson, Sean Flowerday and Christa Yoakum

Others Present: Dave Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to media on January 20, 2021 and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on January 20, 2021.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2021

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Flowerday seconded approval of the January 14, 2021 Staff Meeting minutes. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRIORITIES – Joe Kohout and Brennen Miller, Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates LLC

Kohout reviewed the weekly report (Exhibit 1). He noted Speaker Hilgers is expected to release a memo on how testimony at hearings is going to be received. There are a series of precautions they are using to protect the public and legislature members from COVID-19. The memo will restate the precautions and provision for how letters appearing on the record have to be received by the committee chairs.

Kohout gave a reminder to department heads and elected officials to send the lobbyists an email if there is particular legislation that they would request be reviewed.

Kohout noted LB271 (Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act) has been introduced but does not have a hearing date yet.

Miller stated LB663 (Require the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to create a mental health indicator in a criminal justice information system to alert emergency dispatch operators) had some small changes to the draft which should not impact the scope of the bill. A hearing date has not been scheduled.

Regarding LB242 (Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act), Kohout said the City of Lincoln has a similar bill. He will request from the Government Committee that the bills be heard on the same day.

Concerning LB73 (Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies), Kohout reported the Lancaster Event Center (LEC) has retained their own lobbyists. He had a call with the LEC lobbyists to discuss information flow between the lobbyist teams.

A hearing for LB83 (Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing) has been set for January 27.

Kohout reviewed LB291 (Change provisions relating to property tax protests) which would require both a requested valuation amount and a statement by the individual requesting a change as to why the value should be changed.

Regarding LB557 (Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances), Kohout stated Nebraska state residency impacts the number of "free" research hours for public records request. The bill also says body camera recordings are a public record. He encouraged law enforcement feedback be received on this bill before the County takes any action. A hearing date has not been set.

Miller reminded the Board of the virtual Tri-County Legislative Breakfast set for January 25 from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Miller reported Senator Geist's office received a call from a dentist who is concerned that he is not qualified under the 1A tier for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Additionally, a comprehensive listing of bills (Exhibit 2), a listing of bills the Board is taking action on (Exhibit 3), and a listing of hearing dates (Exhibit 4) were available.

3. DISCUSSION OF HEARING AND RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000,000 OF REVENUE BONDS (EASTMONT PROJECT), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT HOMES, INC. D/B/A EASTMONT, TO FINANCE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS, EXPANSIONS, AND ADDITIONS TO EASTMONT'S MAIN CAMPUS – Colleen Duncan, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.; and Andrew Fisher, Executive Director, Eastmont Living

Duncan stated there will be a hearing for the project on February 2, 2021, and there will be a bond resolution. Eastmont is requesting the County issue the bond resolution, which is a requirement under federal tax laws. There is no liability to the County, as the County is the conduit for the funding. The financing is similar in terms of structure to last fall's financing, with the difference being this funding is for a new project.

Fisher said the project is an addition of 151,000 square feet to include a performing arts center, pool and fitness area, an additional dining venue, an underground parking garage, 50 new apartments

and a new entrance.

4. NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL REPORTS (SEE CORRELATING ACTION ITEMS 7.A.1-5) – Brent Meyer, Superintendent, Weed Control Authority

Meyer reviewed the annual reports (see agenda packet).

Regarding the Activity Report, Meyer noted the department has two options to send out legal notices for resident land compliance.

Concerning the Infestation Report and the railroads, Meyer stated the railroads own a lot of property and do not do a good job of containing invasive species outside of the rail area.

Meyer reported more landowners are taking an active approach to control the phragmites on their properties. Additionally, a rust fungus control approach is available to be used on Canada thistle, which will destroy the plant's root system and not harm the surrounding environment.

Amundson thanked Meyer for his leadership.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Nebraska Department of Agriculture Annual Reports

- 1. Activity Report**
- 2. Budget Report**
- 3. Infestation Report DRAFT**
- 4. Board Roster**
- 5. Control Plan**

Meyer requested Board approval for the Chair to sign the reports.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the reports. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Pat Lopez, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Director, reported the County has moved from the COVID-19 red zone to the COVID-19 elevated orange. This change allows for some changes in the Directed Health Measures (DHM). The COVID-19 positivity rate has declined from 33% to 28.5%, with the number of individuals being tested also declining. There have been 185 deaths in the County with 34 of the deaths in November and 74 in December. She noted the intravenous treatments for COVID-19 positive patients have been encouraging.

Lopez said 15,500 doses of vaccines have been administered. The vaccine registration launched on Wednesday and so far, 41,000 have registered. Individuals who are 75 or older and those with underlying health conditions will be prioritized. Pinnacle Bank Arena, as well as other sites that have yet to be determined, will serve as vaccination sites.

Regarding the vaccines, she said Lincoln has received small quantities and the only vaccine the City is receiving is Pfizer as the proper storage is more readily available here than in more rural areas. That decision was made at the state level with the Governor. Also, individuals who receive the vaccine must wait 15 minutes for monitoring before leaving. She noted there have been no negative reactions to the vaccine, other than injection site soreness. Slight fatigue and slight fever have been noted on receiving the second dose of the vaccine.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (LEGAL ADVICE AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION) – Doug Cyr, Chief Deputy County Attorney, and Eric Synowicki, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. for the purposes of receiving legal advice, potential litigation, and to protect the public interest.

The Chair said it has been moved and seconded that the Board enter Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

6. COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Item moved forward on agenda.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Nebraska Department of Agriculture Annual Reports**
 - 1. Activity Report**
 - 2. Budget Report**
 - 3. Infestation Report DRAFT**
 - 4. Board Roster**
 - 5. Control Plan**

Item moved forward on agenda.

8. DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Lancaster County 2021 Priorities**

Schorr added radios for Mutual Aid to her priority list.

9. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. Census Complete Count – Yoakum

Yoakum said the Planning Department thanked everyone for making the census successful. The census results will be released as close to the statutory date as possible. Flowerday added it will be awhile until redistricting is completed.

B. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) – Yoakum

Yoakum reported no meeting was held.

C. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting– Vest

Vest reported the Parks and Recreation action plan was reviewed. It focuses on transitions to low carbon energy, expansion of the bike trail network, emissions reduction in the City fleet vehicles, and continuing to build a resilient local foods system.

Also, the fountain renovations at the Sunken Gardens are not anticipated to begin until 2022.

D. LIBA Elected Officials Forum– Schorr / Amundson

Schorr stated there were discussions on the impact of Medicaid expansion on the County's General Assistance budget, the County's legislative priorities, and the Mayor's environmental initiative. Also, the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) Board discussed the new high schools and middle school, how they are using their pandemic dollars and the upcoming all virtual school.

Amundson added the LIBA strategic plan was reported. Additionally, Bryan Health is working with a medical science focus group for those interested in working in the health sciences. Scholarships will be available to attend the focus group school.

E. District Energy Corporation (DEC) – Schorr / Flowerday / Derbin

Flowerday reported bonds were issued. He noted when the DEC was restructured, the State of Nebraska was removed as its own separate \$25,000,000 bond from the other agencies who were grouped together in a \$55,000,000 bond.

Schorr added she was elected Chair.

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

Mutual Aid Meeting

Amundson reported Mutual Aid needs to continue upgrading their radios for a better system. They have been working on it, but there are logistical issues. The costs for the total upgrade are unknown. She said the fire boards have the authority to levy for funds, and she suggested they have a discussion with the Board.

Schorr added a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the rural fire boards and the County may be needed. Additionally, the Purchasing Department is helping with costs research.

New Americans Task Force

Yoakum stated there have been some resettlement cases. She added Lutheran Family Services said their case management has been improved and they are developing a program for women's health issues. Also, the Gateways for Growth grant next steps were discussed.

Regarding in-person meetings, it was the consensus of the Board to resume meeting in person starting February 4 as long as the COVID-19 zone remains below red.

10. SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

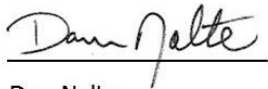
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11. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items.

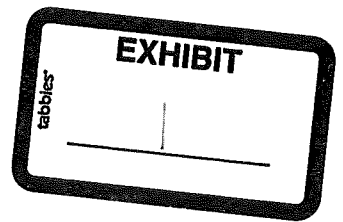
12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Flowerday seconded to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. Amundson, Flowerday, Schorr, Yoakum and Vest voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Joseph D. Kohout
Brennen L. Miller

DATE: January 21, 2021

RE: Weekly Report

Good Morning. Please accept this as your weekly report for the 2021 session of the Legislature for the date noted above.

Yesterday saw the conclusion of bill introduction with 684 bills introduced in the 2021 session. This is about 60 less than what was introduced in 2019.

Today, the Chief Justice will deliver his State of the Judiciary address which will be followed by the beginning of the debate on adoption of the permanent rules of the Legislature. We expect that debate to go on for the remainder of the day.

LANCASTER COUNTY PRIORITIES

Defeat Inheritance Tax Repeal. Three bills have been introduced which would repeal or amend the inheritance tax:

LB133 (Erdman) Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. OPPOSE. *This bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. EPIC stands for the elimination of property (imposed pursuant to Chapter 77), income (state income and state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967), and corporate taxes. The inheritance tax imposed pursuant to sections 77-2001 to 77-2040 would also be repealed. This would become effective 12/31/2024.*

LR11CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation. OPPOSE

LB310 (Clements) Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amount. OPPOSE *The bill would fundamentally change the amounts collected under the inheritance tax and almost phase it out.*

LB377 (DeBoer) Change inheritance tax provisions. *The bill redefines what is meant by the term relative.*

Defeat changes to the Building Commission statutes. We have not seen any legislation on this issue so far this year.

Statewide 24/7 Sobriety. **LB271 (Morfeld) Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act. SUPPORT.** *This bill contains our amended provisions from 2019-20 along with a version of LB500 from last year regarding diversion.*

Sharing of Mental Health Information. **LB663 (Geist) Require the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to create a mental health indicator in a criminal justice information system to alert emergency dispatch operators.** *This legislation is our version of sharing of mental health information. Senator Geist made some changes to the draft in the last hours before introduction that limited the scope of the bill.*

Appropriation Bill to cover leased space by state. Senator Anna Wishart has offered to carry this legislation in the 2022 session.

Infrastructure Funding. **LB242 (Brandt) Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act. SUPPORT.** *This bill would allow for a longer payment period and for design-build for bridges.*

Gaming Revenue. **LB73 (Geist) Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies. SUPPORT.** *For the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, 25% of the tax is already remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located. 10% of the distribution remitted would be distributed to the county agricultural society in the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located, if such county agricultural society has been formed in the county under the County Agricultural Society Act. Following any distribution to a county agricultural society, the remaining funds would be distributed by the county treasurer.*

BILLS IDENTIFIED BY COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS

David Derbin – LB83 (Flood) Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing. Regarding the Open Meetings Act, “virtual conferencing” would replace “videoconferencing.” Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants. No more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies would be able to be held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year (except for organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Municipal Cooperative Financing Act). In an emergency as defined in section 81-829.39 (for purposes of the Emergency Management Act), a public body would be able to hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such an emergency if they give reasonable advance publicized notice.

Beginning 7/31/2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class, the county board with a population greater than 25,000 inhabitants, and the school board of a school district would be required to make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of the governing body.

Developed by the Nebraska League of Municipalities and a group of stakeholders over the interim, we have had numerous conversations with interested parties regarding this bill. Mr. Derbin has worked directly with NACO and the League on this.

The hearing on this bill is scheduled for January 27, 2021.

Brad Johnson - LB111 (Albrecht) Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety. SUPPORT. Relating to public safety crimes and offenses, criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class IV felony if the property involved in the offense belongs to a peace officer, active duty member in the armed services of the US, judge, or elected or appointed government official and the offense was committed with the intent to harass or intimidate such person because of such person's status. Criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class I misdemeanor if the property involved in the offense belongs to the government, a hospital, or a school. Upon conviction for these violations, the court would, in addition to any other punishment imposed, order the defendant to make restitution as provided in sections 29-2280 to 29-2289 and for a second or subsequent violation involving government property, impose a fine of \$5,000. The definitions of school, public safety officer, assault on a public safety officer (such penalty in third degree would be a Class IIIA felony with fine of at least \$1,000), strangulation, suffocation, and offensive substance.

Additionally, a person would not be able to knowingly aim a laser pointer (or aim or deploy any other device with intent to cause serious bodily injury or interference with their sight or hearing) toward the head of a public safety officer while they are engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties. This violation would be a Class I misdemeanor and have a fine of \$5,000, and the defendant would be ordered to make restitution. Definitions would be included for correctional officer, participate, and riot.

A person would also not be able to knowingly participate in a riot or organize 6 or more persons to engage in a riot. This would be a Class I misdemeanor (unless serious bodily injury results, then Class IV felony). A person would also not be able to intentionally interfere with a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance (Class II misdemeanor). A person would also commit an offense by, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly obstructing a public way or disobeying a reasonable request or order to move issued by someone with the authority to control use of the public way.

Brad has requested that the bill apply to county correctional officers.

Cori R. Beattie - LB291 (Friesen) Change provisions relating to property tax protests. Relating to property tax protests, each protest would be made on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner, signed, and filed with the county clerk of the county where the property is assessed. The protest would contain or have attached a

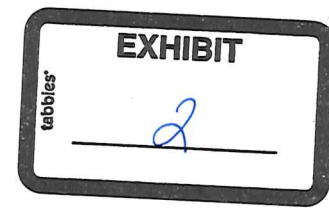
statement of the reason or reasons why the requested change should be made, including the requested valuation.

Cori R. Beattie - LB557 (M. Hansen) Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances.

This bill contains multiple provisions including what is noted in the one liner that would require recordings on body cameras to be open records and required to provide them to the media. The bill also bifurcates a request made by a Nebraska resident for public records to allow for up to 8 hours of research to be done on the same; but it also makes it possible to bill non-resident requesters for a percentage of the researchers salary.

This concludes our report for this week.

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Document	Senator	Position	Committee	Status	Description
LB2	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for certain school district taxes <i>Regarding valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for purposes of certain school district taxes, this bill creates an exception allowing lower percentage of actual value "for school district taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on bonds that are issued on or after the operative date of this act." Where the normal valuation rate is 75% of its actual value, the exception rate would be 30%. Where the normal valuation rate range is 69-75% of actual value, the exception rate would be 24-30%.</i>
LB9	Blood		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change annexation requirements and property tax special valuation provisions <i>Lands, lots, tracts, streets, or highways would be deemed contiguous although property owned by federal government or a natural resources district lies between the same and the corporate limits, so long as those sought to be annexed are adjacent to or contiguous with the property owned by the federal government or natural resources district.</i> <i>Special valuation may be applicable to agricultural or horticultural land included within the corporate boundaries of a city or village if the land is subject to air installation compatible use zone regulations or the land is within a flood plain.</i>
LB11	Blood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions regarding voter registration and requests for ballots for early voting <i>Relating to the Election Act, the registration application prescribed by the Secretary of State would include a permanent request for ballot for early voting for every statewide primary and general election, with the option for "Yes" or "No." The Secretary of State, with the Department of Motor Vehicles, would also implement an electronic process for a registered voter who has a valid Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card to request a ballot for early voting. The election commissioner or county clerk would send an electronic acknowledgement to the registered voter indicating whether the request is approved. A denial must be in writing, give the reasons for denial, and provide whether the registered voter can resubmit or provide additional information to be approved. The Secretary of State would also provide a process for a registered voter to be placed on a list to receive a ballot for early voting for every statewide primary and general election.</i>
LB12	Blood		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require a commuter rail service study by the Department of Transportation <i>The Department of Transportation would conduct a study for commuter rail service between Omaha and Lincoln and would include cost estimates, timelines, and economic impacts for the creation of such service.</i>
LB13	Blood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Prohibit possession of a deadly weapon by the subject of a foreign protection order <i>Regarding Section 28-1206, which describes the offense of possession of a deadly weapon, a "domestic violence protection order" would mean a protection order issued pursuant to section 42-924 or a protection order that meets the criteria set forth in section 42-391 regarding protection orders issued by a court in any other state or a territory, possession, or tribe.</i>
LB23	Williams		Banking, Commerce and Insurance	In Committee 01/11/2021 01/26/2021	Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act <i>Regarding the Real Property Appraiser Act, to fall under the Act and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, a small loan company licensed by this state or supervised or regulated by or through federal enactments covering financial institutions would have to render an estimate or opinion of value of real estate or any interest in real estate when such estimate or opinion is rendered in connection with the salaried employee's employment for any other listed entities (federal government, state agency/government, insurance company, bank). A bachelor's degree or higher in real estate would no longer be required, just any degree in real estate. In this subsection, any action taken by the board or other appraiser regulatory agencies, including late payments of fees, failure to timely renew a credential, or failure to provide notification of a change in contact information, would not be considered disciplinary action. The scope of complex residential real property or real estate for an appraiser would be raised from a transaction value of less than \$250,000 to less than \$400,000.</i>
LB25	Wayne		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021 01/26/2021	Change provisions relating to the division of ad valorem taxes under the Community Development Law <i>Relating to the Community Development Law, cities would fall under the Law if they intend to prepare a redevelopment plan that would divide ad valorem taxes for a period of more than 15 years but not more than 20 years. For any redevelopment plan where more than 50% of property has been declared an extremely blighted area, ad valorem taxes would be divided for a period not to exceed 20 years after the effective date as identified in the project redevelopment contract or in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 18-2124 (bonds; issuance; source of payments; limitations).</i>

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LB28	Wayne		Judiciary 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for motions for new trial based on newly discovered evidence <i>Regarding criminal procedure, newly discovered evidence would include testimony or evidence from a witness who previously asserted a testimonial or constitutional privilege and refused to testify or produce evidence in a prior proceeding. This would apply to everyone whether convicted prior to, on, or subsequent to the effective date of this act.</i>
LB31	Wayne		Judiciary 01/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Authorize punitive damages as prescribed and provide for distribution <i>This bill would authorize punitive damages and require that punitive damages be appropriated for the use of the common schools which could be used to provide property tax relief. Unless waived by all parties, trier of fact determines whether to award punitive damages. Any award of punitive damages would be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution.</i>
LB32	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for Class ICA and IDA felony classifications and change penalties <i>This bill would add Class ICA felony (maximum of 50 years imprisonment and minimum of 5 years imprisonment) and Class IDA felony (maximum of 50 years imprisonment and minimum of 3 years imprisonment). When an offense is a Class IC or ICA felony (or between ID or IDA felony), the prosecutor would be able to elect to charge the offense as either a Class IC or ICA felony (or ID or IDA felony) at their own discretion. Where a Class IC or ID felony is mentioned, Class ICA or IDA is added to attach with it.</i>
LB34	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under twenty-one years of age <i>Minimum imprisonment for a person convicted of Class IC or ID felony under 21 years of age would not be a mandatory minimum but a minimum term only. The death penalty or life imprisonment would not be imposed on anyone younger than 21 years old (as opposed to 18 years old). For someone younger than 21 years old, the penalty for a conviction of Class IA (IB) felony would be a maximum sentence of not greater than 80 (60) years imprisonment and a minimum of not greater than 40 (20) years imprisonment. If the defendant was under 21 years old at the time the crime was committed, the court would consider mitigating factors prior to sentencing.</i>
LB41	Dorn		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to certain payments of funds to townships <i>Relating to counties under township organizations, the proceeds of property tax would be paid by the county treasurer to the town treasurer on or before the 15th day of each month or more frequently as provided in section 77-1759 (collection of taxes; report to and payment of taxes and special assessments; when required).</i>
LB43	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions <i>Each election commissioner would execute a bond with penalties of \$10,000. If a vacancy occurs in the office, the new election commissioner appointed by the county board would serve for the unexpired term until January 2022, and if a vacancy occurs thereafter the office would be filled provided in section 32-567 (vacancies; offices listed; how filled). Anything regarding the chief deputy election commissioner is struck. An election commissioner would be elected in each county having a population of more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 for a 2-year term and in 2024 and each 4 years thereafter, and in counties having a population of not less than 40,000 nor more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 and each 4 years thereafter. They would be elected on the nonpartisan ballot</i>
LB47	Hansen, M.		Judiciary 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change procedures relating to obligees in child support proceedings <i>All orders, decrees, or judgments for temporary or permanent child support payments or judgments for modification of such support payments would include a notice to the obligee that informs them they may file an Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause with the court if they are owed court-ordered child support and it is delinquent. Obligees would be able to use other collection methods as well. Any known obligee would be joined in as a real party in interest to such action where the purpose is to establish paternity or securing, modifying, suspending, or terminating child or medical support.</i>
LB51	Lathrop		Judiciary 01/11/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change and provide qualifications for and duties relating to certification of law enforcement officers, require accreditation of law enforcement agencies, prohibit chokeholds in law enforcement, and require policies on excessive force <i>Relating to law enforcement, each sheriff would only have to attend 40 hours of continuing education as provided in section 81-1414.07 (continuing education requirements; course offerings) each year following the 1st year of their term of office. When a court grants the offender's petition and issues an order, it would preclude use of conviction as evidence of serious misconduct or final conviction of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor for purposes of determining whether an application should be denied, suspended, or revoked.</i>

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<i>The subsection stating that members of a law enforcement reserve force shall be deemed employees of the county or city for which they were appointed would be struck. The definition of "incapacity" would be struck. To be considered a law enforcement officer, it would be required to have successfully completed an entry-level law enforcement certification from a training academy. Definitions for "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" and "serious misconduct" would be added.</i>					
<i>The Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council would expand from 7 to 9 members, 8 being full-time officers or employees of a law enforcement agency instead of 6. A representative chief of police or his or her designee from a city of the primary class and a sworn law enforcement officer holding the rank of sergeant or below would be added. The Governor would appoint the new members within 90 days after the effective date of this Act (one serving a 3-year term and one serving a 4-year term, each member thereafter serving a 4-year term).</i>					
<i>As part of entry-level law enforcement certification, each training academy would require completion of 40 hours of instruction relating to de-escalation and 8 hours of anti-bias and implicit bias training. A law enforcement agency would make a person undergo psychological evaluation to determine fitness for duty before hiring them as a law enforcement officer. An agency would also be required to adopt a policy to investigate complaints of law enforcement officer misconduct and must be completed within 180 days or else it would be deemed closed and the officer would be notified.</i>					
<i>Except when the use of deadly force is authorized, a law enforcement office would not be able to intentionally use a chokehold or carotid restraint control hold on any person, unless the officer reasonably believes it to be necessary or he is trained in carotid holds.</i>					
<i>The Nebraska Police Improvement and Professionalism Fund would also be created to provide grants to law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers to pay for costs of accreditation.</i>					
LB52	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for immunity for injury or death resulting from COVID-19 exposure
<i>Under this bill, no person would be liable in any civil action for any injury or death resulting from an alleged exposure to COVID-19 if such exposure occurred after the effective date of this act.</i>					
LB54	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act
<i>Under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from such an act that is the direct result of the negligent failure of a political subdivision or an employee of a political subdivision to protect a person to whom the political subdivision or employee owes a duty of care. Under the State Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from such an act that is the direct result of the negligent failure of a state agency or an employee of the state to protect a person to whom the agency or employee owes a duty of care.</i>					
LB63	Lindstrom		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change certain deadlines relating to property tax exemptions
<i>Regarding property tax exemptions, the county assessor would examine the applications and recommend either taxable or exempt for the real property or tangible personal property to the county board of equalization on or before March 1 following (no longer February).</i>					
LB71	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to intentional tort claims under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act
<i>Similar to LB54, under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from acts committed by a 3rd party as a result of negligence by a political subdivision or an employee of a political subdivision. Under the State Tort Claims Act, this Act would apply to claims arising from acts committed by a 3rd party as a result of negligence by a state agency or an employee of the state.</i>					
LB73	Geist	Support	General Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies
<i>For the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, 25% of the tax is already remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located. 10% of the distribution remitted would be distributed to the county agricultural society in the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located, if such county agricultural society has been formed in the county under the County Agricultural Society Act. Following any distribution to a county agricultural society, the remaining funds would be distributed by the county treasurer.</i>					

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LB79	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the minimum amount of relief provided under the Property Tax Credit Act <i>Regarding the Property Tax Credit Act, the minimum amount of relief provided for tax years 2020-23 are already \$275 million. For tax year 2024 and each tax year thereafter, the minimum amount of relief granted under the Act would be the minimum amount from the prior tax year increased by the allowable growth percentage as defined in section 77-6702 (for purposes of the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act).</i>
LB81	Hilkemann		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide authority for sanitary and improvement districts to own, construct, and maintain public parking facilities <i>Relating to sanitary and improvement districts, a majority of the owners having an interest in the real property within the limits of a proposed sanitary and improvement district, situated in one or more counties in this state, would be able to form a sanitary and improvement district for the purpose of "acquiring, purchasing, leasing, owning, erecting, constructing, equipping, operating, or maintaining all or a portion of off street motor vehicle public parking facilities located in the district to serve business." If it is proposed to purchase or otherwise acquire off street motor vehicle public parking facilities as described in this section, the resolution would state the price and conditions of the purchase or how such facility is being acquired.</i>
LB82	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change motor vehicle tax schedules <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the motor vehicle tax schedules would be changed. For the first year, the fraction amount would be 0.90. For the second year, the fraction amount would be 0.80 (3rd - 0.70; 4th - 0.60; 5th - 0.45; 6th - 0.35; 7th - 0.25; 8th - 0.20; 9th - 0.15; 10th and 11th - 0.12; 12th and 13th - 0.05; 14th and older - 0.01 or \$1, whichever amount is greater).</i>
LB83	Flood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing <i>Regarding the Open Meetings Act, "virtual conferencing" would replace "videoconferencing." Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants. No more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies would be able to be held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year (except for organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Municipal Cooperative Financing Act). In an emergency as defined in section 81-829.39 (for purposes of the Emergency Management Act), a public body would be able to hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such an emergency if they give reasonable advance publicized notice.</i> <i>Beginning 7/31/2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class, the county board with a population greater than 25,000 inhabitants, and the school board of a school district would be required to make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of the governing body.</i> <i>Developed by the Nebraska League of Municipalities and a group of stakeholders over the interim.</i>
LB89	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care <i>This bill would allow someone 18 years of age or older to make health care decisions for themselves without the consent of a parent or guardian. It would also allow someone under 19 years of age and who is committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care to consent to, and make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the Department without the consent of a parent or guardian except as required in section 71-6902 (performance of abortion; notarized written consent required).</i>
LB90	Halloran		Agriculture	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change fee provisions under the Pesticide Act and the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act <i>Regarding the Pesticide Act, \$50 instead of \$60 of the fee would go to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund as provided in section 2-5106. Regarding the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act, the inspection fee at the rate fixed by the director would not be able to exceed 15 cents per ton instead of 10 cents per ton. The director would also be able to increase or decrease the inspection fee each July 1, but such fee would not be able to exceed the maximum rate established above (15 cents). The director would determine the fee based on the estimated annual revenue and fiscal year-end fund balance.</i>

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LB91	Brandt		Agriculture 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change germination seed testing provisions under the Nebraska Seed Law <i>Under the Nebraska Seed Law, germination seed testing provisions would be changed. Agricultural seed would include seeds of habitat restoration or maintenance. The definition of native plant and nonnative plant would be included. It would now be unlawful for any person to sell any agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds within this state unless the test to determine the percentage of germination or the test to determine the percentage of viability as indicated by a tetrazolium (TZ) test has been completed for native plant species, within a 15-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale. It would still be a 9-month period for nonnative plant species.</i>
LB93			Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Eliminate a reporting requirement regarding marriages <i>Regarding marriage, a reporting requirement would be eliminated. This was that on or before the 5th day of each month, the county clerk would have to return to the department a statement of all marriages recorded by him or her during the preceding calendar month. Failure to do this would result in a \$25 fee for the use of the proper county.</i>
LB98	Walz		Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation <i>Relating to property taxes, in counties with a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants, land would qualify for special valuation if all of the following criteria are met: (a) the land would have to be located outside the corporate boundaries of any sanitary and improvement district, (b) the land would have to be agricultural or horticultural land, and (c) if the land consists of 5 contiguous acres or less, the owner or lessee of the land would have to provide an IRS Schedule F documenting a profit or loss from farming for 2 out of the last 3 years.</i>
LB99	Walz		Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas <i>Regarding the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas, a redevelopment project involving a formerly used defense site as authorized under section 18-2123.01 and, under this bill, any area declared to be an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02 (extremely blighted area; governing body; duties; review; public hearing), would not count towards the percentage limitations contained in this subdivision.</i>
LB102	Dorn		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates <i>Beginning 7/1/2023, in any county that has an elected clerk of the district court, the county board would be able to vote to eliminate the office of this clerk when a vacancy occurs or when the incumbent does not file for reelection by the deadline. If such an office is eliminated, the duties of the clerk of the district court would be performed by the clerk magistrate for such county under the direction of the district court judge for the county and the State Court Administrator. The final decision with respect to maintaining, increasing, or reducing office space provided by such county for this clerkship would be made by the county board. All financial records and bank accounts related to district court functions would be transferred to the Supreme Court.</i> <i>In a county where the clerk magistrate has taken over, they would account for and pay any fees, revenue, prerequisites, or receipts not later than the 15th day of the month following the calendar month in which they were received in the following manner: (a) of the \$42 docket fee, \$1 to the General Fund and \$6 to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, (b) of the \$27 docket fee, \$2 to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, and (c) the remaining fees, revenue, prerequisites, or receipts would be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.</i>
LB103	Dorn		Appropriations	In Committee 01/11/2021	Appropriate funds to aid counties to pay certain federal judgments <i>This bill would appropriate funds to aid counties to pay for federal judgments. It would appropriate \$2 million from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 to any county that has a judgment in excess of \$25 million rendered against it by a federal court for a violation of federal law if the total cost of the judgment is equal to 20% or more of the county's annual budget. Such appropriation would be used in the payment of such judgment, and no expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees would be made from the funds appropriated in this section.</i>
LB105	Friesen		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change certification dates for unpaid county claims <i>For unpaid county claims, the certification dates would be changed from June 15 to June 30 and December 15 to December 31 of each year.</i>

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LB106	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change fees relating to access to drivers' records and provide for a new motor vehicle operator's license services system
<p><i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, beginning 7/1/2021, for any record provided, the requester would be required to pay, in addition to the fee prescribed, a fee of \$4.50 per record. 50 cents would be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and \$4 would be credited to the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund. The Department would build and maintain a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operator's licenses and state identification cards. The Director of Motor Vehicles would designate an implementation date for the new system which date is on or before 7/1/2032.</i></p> <p><i>The Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund would therefore be created. It would be used for the building, implementation, and maintenance of a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards.</i></p>					
LB107	McCollister		Executive Board	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Redistricting Act
<p><i>This bill would adopt the Redistricting Act. The purpose of this Act would be to establish procedures to divide the State of Nebraska into districts by designating boundary lines based on population for the election or appointment of representatives from the State of Nebraska to the US House of Representatives, judges of the Supreme Court, and members of the Legislature, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Public Service Commission, and the State Board of Education. The districts would be established by maps incorporated by reference into legislation enacted by the Legislature. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee would be elected by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the committee. The maps drawn under this Act would be drawn using politically neutral criteria. The committee would conduct at least one public hearing in each congressional district to receive public comment on the maps.</i></p> <p><i>No changes other than corrective amendments would be allowed to the initial version of the maps to be established under this Act or the legislative bills incorporating the maps. If the Legislature would fail in providing district boundaries prior to the adjournment of the legislative session, the Governor would call a special session within 30 days after the adjournment sine die of the session and the director and committee would begin with a new initial version of the map during the special session and otherwise comply with the Act.</i></p>					
LB109	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide that photographing or recording a peace officer is not obstruction of justice
<p><i>This bill would make it so that photographing or recording a peace officer while the peace officer is acting under color of such peace officer's official authority if the person taking the photograph or recording is in a public place or in a place the person has the right to be is not obstruction of justice.</i></p>					
LB110	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change and provide duties relating to use of force in law enforcement
<p><i>Relating to the use of force in law enforcement, a peace officer would be required to intervene to prevent or stop another peace officer from using excessive force, without regard for the chain of command. The intervening peace officer would report the incident to the peace officer's immediate supervisor or to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice within 10 days after the incident. A law enforcement agency or any of its employees, officers, or agents would not be able to discipline or retaliate in any way against a peace officer for intervening or reporting. Additional definitions are provided for excessive force, peace officer, actor, assent, bodily harm, serious bodily harm, reckless, and unlawful force.</i></p> <p><i>Use of force would be justifiable if the peace officer has exhausted reasonable alternatives to the use of force or the peace officer reasonably believes that such alternatives would unduly place a peace officer or other person at risk of bodily harm or death. Deadly force would be justified if the peace officer reasonably and in good faith believes that someone is in imminent danger of being killed or suffering serious bodily harm and a lesser degree of force would be inadequate to prevent the imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm. A private person would be justified in using force to assist a peace officer to the same extent as a peace officer, but they must be assisting a peace officer or reasonably believe someone is a peace officer.</i></p>					
LB111	Albrecht	Support	Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety
<p><i>Relating to public safety crimes and offenses, criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class IV felony if the property involved in the offense belongs to a peace officer, active duty member in the armed services of the US, judge, or elected or appointed government official and the offense was committed with the intent to harass or intimidate such person because of such person's status. Criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class I misdemeanor if the property involved in the offense belongs to the government, a hospital, or a school. Upon conviction for these violations, the court would, in addition to any other punishment imposed, order the defendant to make restitution as provided in sections 29-2280 to 29-2289 and for a second or subsequent violation involving government property, impose a fine of \$5,000. The definitions of school, public safety officer, assault on a public safety officer (such penalty in third degree would be a Class IIIA felony with fine of at least \$1,000), strangulation, suffocation, and offensive substance.</i></p>					

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					<i>Additionally, a person would not be able to knowingly aim a laser pointer (or aim or deploy any other device with intent to cause serious bodily injury or interference with their sight or hearing) toward the head of a public safety officer while they are engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties. This violation would be a Class I misdemeanor and have a fine of \$5,000, and the defendant would be ordered to make restitution. Definitions would be included for correctional officer, participate, and riot.</i>
					<i>A person would also not be able to knowingly participate in a riot or organize 6 or more persons to engage in a riot. This would be a Class I misdemeanor (unless serious bodily injury results, then Class IV felony). A person would also not be able to intentionally interfere with a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance (Class II misdemeanor). A person would also commit an offense by, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly obstructing a public way or disobeying a reasonable request or order to move issued by someone with the authority to control use of the public way.</i>
LB112	Albrecht		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act
					<i>This bill would require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act, except for closed sessions pursuant to section 84-1410.</i>
LB114	McCollister		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Clean Slate Act
					<i>This bill would adopt the Clean Slate Act. The state would provide a clean slate remedy under this Act to provide an incentive for offenders to remain crime-free, provide hope to offenders who are trying to rehabilitate themselves, save the state money that must be spent when offenders recidivate, and ensure appropriate access to criminal history record information by criminal justice agencies and for other purposes essential to the health and safety of the public. Exceptions for qualified offenses are laid out.</i>
					<i>Beginning 1/1/2022, a person would automatically be eligible for clean slate relief for a qualified offense that is a misdemeanor if (a) the qualified offense was committed on or after 1/1/2017, (b) such person has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony anywhere in the US during the eligibility period, and (c) such person has paid all court-ordered financial obligations related to such qualified offense. A person would also be able to petition for clean slate relief.</i>
LB116	McCollister		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to handgun transfer certificates and require suicide prevention training and informational materials
					<i>Upon receipt of an application for a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun, the chief of police or sheriff would be permitted up to 5 days instead of 3, but no sooner than 48 hours after receipt of the application, to conduct an investigation to determine whether the applicant is prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing a handgun. When issuing a certificate under this section, the chief of police or sheriff would include with the certificate informational materials regarding suicide prevention and firearm safety. Such material would provide evidence-based information aligned with best practices in suicide prevention. An appeal for a denial of certificate would be able to be made within ten days after expiration of a certificate not issued within the 5-day period mentioned above.</i>
LB118	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change duration of harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse protection orders and change requirements for affidavits
					<i>Relating to protection orders, a petition and affidavit under this section would not be required to be signed and acknowledged before a notary public. A petition and affidavit under this section would include a written, self-authenticated declaration under penalty of perjury in a form provided. Additionally, the duration of protective orders for harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse would change from one year to five years.</i>
LB119	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act
					<i>Regarding the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act, in any youth rehabilitation and treatment center or Department of Correctional Services adult correctional facility that incarcerates, detains, or houses women, a prisoner or detainee or a juvenile placed at such youth rehab and treatment center who is lactating would be given the opportunity to either nurse such prisoner's, detainee's, or juvenile's infant or express milk to be given to such infant. Any infant would not be separated from a prisoner, detainee, or juvenile who birthed such infant unless the administrator of the facility documents that allowing this would present a clear and imminent danger to such infant. A parent separation policy would also be developed for the process for placing an infant born, information regarding the parental rights, and the plan to provide for a lactating prisoner, detainee, or juvenile. These women would be allowed to live in a space dedicated for mothers and their infants to live together, prior to giving birth, as space allows.</i>
LB125	McCollister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for ranked-choice voting for certain elections
					<i>Regarding the Election Act, this bill would allow for ranked-choice voting for certain elections. Ranked-choice voting means an election voting system in which a voter uses a ranked ballot to indicate the voter's preference between candidates and the results are determined using the ranked-choice voting count. The Secretary of State would provide for the proper and efficient administration of elections determined by ranked-choice voting. This method would be different from the traditional "fill-in-the-one-oval" method, as each candidate would have to be ranked. The specific process is described.</i>

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LB129	McCollister		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act <i>Relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act, the department would adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1936a(e)(12), as such section existed on 1/1/2021, to provide for a period of continuous eligibility for a child who is under 19 years of age and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance under the Medical Assistance Act. The department would provide that the child remains eligible for medical assistance, without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the earlier of (a) the anniversary of the date on which the child's eligibility was determined, (b) the child's 19th birthday, or (c) the child moves out of Nebraska.</i>
LB130	McCollister		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole <i>This bill would change membership provisions for the Board of Parole. Beginning with members appointed for terms beginning after 1/1/2023, at least one member of the board would have to have experience as a professional treating mental illness of substance abuse. The members of the board would elect one member to serve a 4-year term. The members appointed for terms beginning prior to 1/1/2023 still have terms of office of 6 years, while the members appointed for terms beginning after 1/1/2023 would have terms of office of 8 years. A member of the board would not be able to be reappointed for a consecutive term.</i>
LB133	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes <i>This bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. EPIC stands for the elimination of property (imposed pursuant to Chapter 77), income (state income and state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967), and corporate taxes. The inheritance tax imposed pursuant to sections 77-2001 to 77-2040 would also be repealed. This would become effective 12/31/2024. The Nebraska Taxpayer's Bill of Rights would also be established, stating that citizens of Nebraska are entitled to a fair and just tax system. Beginning on 1/1/2024, there would be a tax imposed on the use or consumption in the State of Nebraska of taxable property or services. The rate would be 10.64%. Land, purchase of fuel, taxable property or service purchased for a business purpose in a trade or business, investment purpose, educational purpose, and used property among other listed items would not be subject to the consumption tax.</i> <i>The formula for consumption tax monthly allowance is provided as the product of the consumption tax rate and the monthly poverty level for a family of the size of the qualified family. The process related to qualified families is provided in detail. The Consumption Tax Transition Fund would be created in order to pay the consumption tax monthly allowance to the heads of households of qualified families. It would be a destination principle tax. The process related to registered sellers is provided in detail. There would be a penalty of \$500 for anyone who is required to register under this but fails to do so. This would not limit the ability of counties, cities, or villages from imposing a separate consumption tax within their limits. Beginning 1/1/2024, the primary source of funding for all public and elementary schools and for all educational service units would be the taxes collected under this Act.</i> <i>The State Treasurer would transfer \$240 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Consumption Tax Transition Fund on or before 12/31/2023. The Community College Aid Act would apply until 1/1/2024. After this, community colleges would be funded as provided under this Act.</i>
LB137	Vargas		Education 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System <i>Regarding the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act, beginning 9/1/2022, each employee of a program as defined in section 71-1910 (Child Care Licensing Act) would report his or her educational degrees and professional credentials held, relevant training completed, and work history to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.</i>
LB139	Briese		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act <i>This bill would adopt the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act. Definitions are provided for COVID-19, COVID-19 state of emergency, first responder, gross negligence, health care facility, health care provider, health care service, minimum medical condition, person, premises, public health guidance, and willful misconduct. A person would not be able to bring or maintain a civil action seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 unless the plaintiff can prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the civil action relates to a minimum medical condition resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct.</i> <i>A person would also not be able to bring or maintain a civil action (even against health care providers/facilities or first responders unless proven beyond clear and convincing evidence) seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 if the act or omission alleged to violate a duty of care was permitted by, in substantial compliance with, or consistent with any federal or state statute, regulation, or order or public health guidance related to COVID-19. A person who owns, occupies, possesses, or is in control of a premises, including a tenant, lessee, or occupant of a premises would not be liable in any civil action seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19, unless the plaintiff can prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that the civil action relates to a minimum medical condition resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct. Any civil action related to COVID-19 exposure would have to be brought within 2 years after the cause of action would have accrued. This would apply to any cause of action accruing on or after the effective date of this act and before the earlier of either 12/31/2022 or 1 year after the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency.</i>

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LB150	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Increase the indigent defense court filing fee
<i>Relating to courts, the amount of the indigent defense fee would be (a) beginning on the effective date of this act and until 6/30/2022, \$5, (b) beginning 7/1/2022 and until 6/30/2023, \$6, (c) beginning 7/1/2023 and until 6/30/2024, \$7, (d) beginning 7/1/2024 and until 6/30/2025, \$8, and beginning 7/1/2025, \$9.</i>					
LB151	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act
<i>This bill would adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act. Definitions are included for case number, charge, disposition, policy, prosecutor, and unique identifier. For each case prosecuted, a prosecutor would collect and provide to the Attorney General specific information that is defined in the bill, including case number, indictment number, docket number, unique identifier, and the defendant's race and gender, among other things. A prosecutor would collect and publish the policies of the prosecutor's office regarding specific information that is defined in the bill, including plea bargains, grand juries, discovery, and witnesses, among other things. A prosecutor would collect and publish specific information for every attorney employed in the prosecutor's office, with names and other personally identifying information redacted or replaced by an anonymizing identifier, including age, gender, race, date hired, title, and disciplinary history. A prosecutor would also collect and publish specific information such as the number of attorneys on staff and cases handled per year per attorney, among other things. A prosecutor would maintain a record of all information required to be collected and published for at least 5 years.</i>					
<i>Beginning 1/1/2022, they would post on the prosecutor's website all of the above information. The Attorney General would develop a set of uniform reporting requirements and procedures to receive this information and develop an implementation schedule and plan by which each prosecutor in the state would report all such information to the Attorney General by 1/1/2024. An annual report would be produced by the Attorney General that analyzes this information. The Prosecutorial Transparency Advisory Board would be created, consisting of 7 members appointed by the Governor by 12/1/2021, and would meet with the Attorney General no less often than once per calendar quarter and provide the Attorney General with input and guidance on carrying out the Prosecutorial Transparency Act. This Board would not be compensated but would be reimbursed for incurred expenses in their official duties.</i>					
LB156	Wayne		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act
<i>This bill would adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act. The definitions of board, city, direct financial benefit, family member, inland port authority, inland port district, intermodal facility, major airport, and major rail line are given. Any city which encompasses an area greater than 300 acres eligible to be designated as an inland port district would be able to propose to create an inland port authority by ordinance, subject to the cap on the total number of inland port districts. Criteria is given for determining whether to propose the creation of an inland port authority. No more than 5 inland port districts would be able to be designated statewide. The powers that an inland port authority would have are listed, however, they would not have the power of eminent domain.</i>					
<i>An inland port authority would be able to issue and sell revenue bonds necessary to provide sufficient funds for achieving its purposes. No inland port authority would be required to pay any taxes or any assessments whatsoever to the State of Nebraska or to any political subdivision of the State. The board for an inland port authority would consist of 9 members if created by a city of the metropolitan class, 7 members if created by a city of the primary class, or 5 members if created by a city of the first class.</i>					
LB161			Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Provide for the applicability of state and local construction codes
<i>The state building code would be the legally applicable code in all buildings and structures owned by the state or any state agency regardless of whether the state, state agency, or applicable county, city, or village has provided for the administration or enforcement of the state building code.</i>					
LB162			Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Provide a procedure for detachment of real property from the corporate limits of a city or village and eliminate existing detachment provisions
<i>Any person owning real property located within and adjacent to the corporate limits of a city or village seeking to have such property detached from the corporate limits of such city or village would be able to file a request with the city council or village board of trustees asking that such property be detached. A majority vote from the board of trustees would be needed for detachment. A city or village would also be able to initiate detachment of any real property located within and adjacent to the corporate limits of such city or village by first publishing a proposed resolution of its intention to detach such property in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the city or village. A majority vote from the board of trustees would be needed for detachment.</i>					
LB163			Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change and eliminate provisions relating to cities, villages, and metropolitan utilities districts
<i>Under this bill introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, many provisions would be changed and eliminated throughout this 127-page document relating to cities, villages, and metropolitan utilities districts. Most changes would simply use more specific language. For example, ordinances passed by cities of all classes and villages would have to be posted, published in a legal newspaper "in or of general circulation in the respective cities or villages," or published in book or pamphlet form, as required by their respective charters or general laws. The city council of any city or village board "of trustees" would be able to adopt by ordinance the conditions, provisions, limitations, and terms of any standard code which contains rules and regulations printed as a code in book, pamphlet, or "electronic" form.</i>					

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LB164	Erdman		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to the establishment of speed limits by local authorities <i>Relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road, on all highways within their corporate limits, except on state-maintained freeways which are part of the state highway system, incorporated cities and villages would have the same power and duty to alter the maximum speed limits as the department if the change is based on engineering and traffic investigation or hazardous conditions as determined by the city council or village board, except that no imposition of speed limits on highways which are part of the state highway system in cities and villages under 500 inhabitants.</i>
LB165	Erdman		Revenue	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage <i>Relating to property taxes, damaged real property would replace the term destroyed real property. Any events causing significant property damage that occurs with enough frequency in this state would be made to grant property tax relief to owners of real property adversely affected by such events. Significant property damage would no longer include damage exceeding 20% of the property's assessed value in the current tax year as determined by the county assessor. The county assessor would also inspect and review all properties for which a report has been filed under this section and would submit a comprehensive report of all such properties to the county board of equalization on or before July 20 of the current assessment year.</i>
LB167	Geist		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Protect religious freedoms as prescribed and provide for certain tort claims <i>The government would permit a religious organization to continue operating and engage in religious services during a state of emergency, and no public official would be able to prohibit religious organizations from operating in this state or in a geographic area of this state during a state of emergency as proclaimed by the Governor. A religious organization would be able to assert a violation of this act as a claim against the government or as a defense in any judicial or administrative proceeding without regard to whether the proceeding is brought by or in the name of the government, any private person, or any other party. Sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunities to suit and from liability are waived and abolished under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act to the extent of liability created by this act, and a religious organization would be able to sue the government, except state courts, for damages as allowed by the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act.</i>
LB168	Hansen, M.		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Terminate authorization for creation of sanitary and improvement districts <i>No petition filed to create a sanitary and improvement district would be heard by the district court on or after 7/1/2021, and such court would not declare any sanitary and improvement district a public corporation of this state on or after such date.</i>
LB173	Hansen, B.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon <i>Relating to firearms, the offense of carrying a concealed weapon would not apply to possessing, carrying, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm for any lawful purpose to or from any place where such firearm may be lawfully possessed or carried by a person if such firearm is unloaded and stored in a case and such person is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, carrying, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm.</i>
LB174	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to highways and highway funding, road classifications, licensure of local highway and street superintendents, motor vehicle safety responsibility, accident reports, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road <i>Relating to transportation, municipal members of the board would represent municipalities of certain sizes by population, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recently revised certified count by the US Bureau of the Census. Any professional engineer licensed pursuant to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act would be entitled to a Class B license without examination. A county highway superintendent license or city street superintendent license, whether or Class A or Class B, issued prior to the effective date of this act would be deemed a county highway and city street superintendent license. The holder of at least a Class A license, even with a Class B license, would have their license or licenses reissued as a single Class A county highway and city street superintendent license. The holder of any Class B license without any Class A license would have their license or licenses reissued as a single Class B county highway and city street superintendent license.</i> <i>Beginning in calendar year 2022, any county or municipal county with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants, as determined by the most recent official US census, would receive the full 12-month Class A incentive payment amount applicable to such county's rural population. A county with less than 60,000 inhabitants (or municipality with no population constraints) would be able to appoint and employ a professional engineer to perform the duties of county highway superintendent, and they would have a Class A license for purposes of incentive payments.</i>

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LB179	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/12/2021	Transition from elected to appointed county assessors <i>Starting on 1/1/2023, the county board of every county which has an elected county assessor would appoint a county assessor or designate the county clerk to serve as county assessor. Each county having a population of more than 3,500 inhabitants and having more than 1,200 tax returns in any tax year would have a county assessor appointed by the county board and each other county would have a county assessor or would have the county clerk serve as county assessor as determined by the county board.</i>
LB180	Linehan	Revenue		In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to certain public statements of the Tax Commissioner and certain estimates of General Fund net receipts <i>Within 15 days after the end of each month, the Tax Commissioner would provide a public statement of actual General Fund net receipts, a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly estimated net receipts from the most recent forecast provided by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, and a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly actual net receipts for the same month of the previous fiscal year.</i>
LB186	Hilkemann	Judiciary		In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to offense of criminal child enticement <i>Relating to the offense of criminal child enticement, this bill would change the age of children to any child 16 years of age or younger (no longer under the age of 14).</i>
LB188	Halloran	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Second Amendment Preservation Act <i>This bill would adopt the Second Amendment Preservation Act. Other than compliance with an order of a court, no agency or political subdivision of this state, or employee of an agency or political subdivision of this state acting in such employee's official capacity, would be able to (1) knowingly and willingly participate in any way in the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation regarding a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition if the act, law, order, rule, or regulation does not exist under the laws of this state or (2) utilize any assets, state funds, or funds allocated by the state to local entities on or after the effective date of this act, in whole or in part, to engage in any activity that aids a federal agency or corporation providing services to the federal government in the enforcement or any investigation pursuant to the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation regarding a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition if the act, law, order, rule, or regulation does not exist under the laws of this state. This would be a civil penalty not to exceed \$300,000 for credit to the General Fund, and for a second or subsequent violation, a Class I misdemeanor.</i>
LB189	Halloran	Revenue		In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to property tax refunds <i>Relating to property taxes, the refund of a tax or penalty or the receipt for the registration of a claim made or issued pursuant to this section shall be satisfied in full as soon as practicable. If mutually agreed to by the governing body of the political subdivision and the person holding the receipt, such receipt would be applied to satisfy any tax levied or assessed by that political subdivision which becomes due from the person holding the receipt until the claim is satisfied in full. For any refund or claim due under this section, interest would accrue on the unpaid balance at the rate of 9% beginning on the date of entry of the final non appealable order or other action approving the refund.</i>
LB191	Hughes	Natural Resources		In Committee 01/12/2021	Redefine elector for the Irrigation District Act <i>Regarding the Irrigation District Act, the definition of elector would include for any irrigation district or proposed irrigation district which borders another state and comprises less than 2,000 acres and in which one-half or more of the landowners, leaseholders, or entrymen of government lands are not residents of the State of Nebraska, any person who (A) owns not less than 15 acres of land within any such district, (B) is an entryman of government land within any such district, or (C) holds a leasehold estate in not less than 40 acres of state land within any such district for a period of not less than 5 years from the date at which such elector seeks to exercise the elective franchise.</i>
LB193	Wishart	Appropriations		In Committee 01/12/2021	State intent regarding appropriations for law enforcement training <i>This bill would state that the intent of the Legislature would be to appropriate \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for FY 2021-22 for the purchase of 2 law enforcement training systems and software to simulate real life encounters of law enforcement officers. It would also be their intent that the systems and software be designed for law enforcement officers to train on the use of nondeadly force and that the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council direct the location of such systems so that they are not located where similar systems are in place for law enforcement officers.</i>
LB199	Vargas	Judiciary		In Committee 01/12/2021	Adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act <i>This bill would adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act. It would be unlawful for any governmental entity to obtain, retain, access, or use any face surveillance system or any information obtained from a face surveillance system. None of this information collected or derived would be able to be received in evidence in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. The information would have to be deleted upon discovery. Any person injured by this would be able to bring a civil action for appropriate relief against the governmental entity committing such violation.</i>

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LB201	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction over juveniles <i>Relating to juveniles, the accused would be able to be arraigned in county court or district court if the alleged offense is a traffic offense and the accused was 11 years of age or older at the time the alleged traffic offense was committed, or if the accused was 16 or 17 years of age when an alleged offense was committed, following a transfer from juvenile court. The juvenile court would have exclusive original jurisdiction as to any juvenile who was under 18 years (no longer 16) of age at the time the alleged offense was committed, except that proceedings initiated under this subdivision would be able to be transferred to county court or district court if the juvenile was 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age at the time the alleged offense was committed.</i>
LB204	Slama		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act <i>Regarding the Sex Offender Registration Act, it would also apply to any person who on or after 1/1/2022 (i) has ever pled guilty to, pled nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of sex trafficking or sex trafficking of a minor or (ii) has ever pled guilty to, pled nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of any offense that is substantially equivalent to a registrable offense by any village, town, city, state, territory, commonwealth, or other jurisdiction of the US, by the US Government, by court-martial or other military tribunal, or by a foreign jurisdiction, notwithstanding any other procedure to nullify a conviction other than by pardon. Additionally, any person required to register or who is registered under the Act would inform the sheriff of the county in which such person resides, in person, and complete a travel notification document, if such person intends to travel to another country, at least 21 days prior to such travel.</i>
LB213	Briese.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for an efficiency review of state agencies <i>Under this bill, the Department of Administrative Services would, in compliance with all statutes on contracts, contract for an efficiency review of state agencies listed in section 2 (stating all state agencies) of this act. The Department would electronically provide the results of the review to the Legislative Council no later than 1/1/2023. The efficiency review would be conducted by an independent source to provide an outside study of such state agencies to make the delivery of services more cost effective, identify outdated delivery practices that can be eliminated, identify increased efficiencies in service delivery, identify potential new sources of funding for services other than taxation, and make government more accountable to residents of the state.</i>
LB214	Linehan		Revenue 01/13/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Define certain terms for purposes of property taxes <i>Relating to property taxes, definitions would be included for "recreational land," "primarily used," and "wasteland."</i>
LB215	Hughes		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/13/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change 911 service surcharge provisions <i>Relating to telecommunications, counties containing a city of the metropolitan class would no longer be an exception for the section stating that uniform service surcharges may be increased by an additional amount not to exceed 50 cents per month. Each wireless carrier would collect a surcharge of up to 70 cents on all active telephone numbers or functional equivalents every month from users of wireless service and would remit the surcharge, there would no longer be an exception for active telephone numbers in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class (up to 50 cents).</i>
LB216	Wayne		Judiciary 01/13/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit certain public communications by a peace officer <i>A peace officer who is participating or has participated in an investigation or litigation in the peace officer's official capacity of a matter would not be able to make an extrajudicial statement that the peace officer knows or reasonably should know will be disseminated by means of public communication and will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicative proceeding of the matter. A violation of this section would be a Class V misdemeanor. Statements that a peace officer would be able to make are also listed.</i>
LB217	Wayne		Judiciary 01/13/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide a penalty for filing a false report by a peace officer <i>Any peace officer who, while acting under color of peace officer's official authority, intentionally files or submits any report, narrative, or entry relating to an official investigation that contains a materially false statement, which the peace officer knows to be false, would be guilty of filing a false report. This violation would be a Class IV felony.</i>
LB222	Erdman		Revenue 01/13/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to certain in lieu of tax payments made by the Game and Parks Commission <i>Relating to the Game and Parks Commission, for all land ever acquired (no longer commencing 1/1/1977) by the Commission for wildlife management purposes, the commission would annually make payments in lieu of taxes to the county treasurer of the county in which the land is located. The value of the land would be determined by the county assessor as if it were being used at its highest and best use.</i>

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LB224	Aguilar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions for appointment of a county surveyor in certain counties <i>In a county having a population of less than 150,000 inhabitants in which the voters have voted against the election of a county surveyor or in which no county surveyor has been elected and qualified, the county board of such county would appoint a competent registered land surveyor who is registered pursuant to the Land Surveyors Regulation Act either on a full-time or part-time basis to such office.</i>
LB226	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change motor vehicle tax exemptions as prescribed under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the first \$28,000 of the value when new of each motor vehicle owned and used exclusively by an organization or society qualified for a tax exemption provided in subdivision 1(c) or (d) of section 77-202 (property taxable; exemptions enumerated) would be able to be subtracted from such value for purposes of calculating value when new under section 60-3,190 (motor vehicle fee; fee schedules; Motor Vehicle Fee Fund; created; use; investment).</i>
LB230	Hunt		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit discrimination in public accommodations and under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity <i>This bill would prohibit discrimination public accommodations and under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.</i>
LB232	Hunt		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to gender designation on drivers' licenses and state identification cards <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, beginning on an implementation date designated by the director, which date would be on or before 1/1/2022, the applicant's gender would be indicated as female ("F"), male ("M"), or not specified ("X") and no documentation of gender would be required.</i>
LB236	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/14/2021	Permit counties to authorize carrying concealed weapons as prescribed <i>Counties would have the power to authorize the carrying of concealed weapons for all persons not otherwise prohibited from possessing or carrying such weapons under state or federal law.</i>
LB242	Brandt	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act <i>A political subdivision would be able to use a design-build contract or construction management at risk contract under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act for a project to repair, retrofit, reconstruct, or replace any bridge. The County Bridge Incentive Program would be created. The department would administer the program using funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund designated for the County Bridge Match Program, except that no more than \$10 million would be expended for the County Bridge Incentive Program. The purpose of this program would be to incentivize innovative solutions and provide funding to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient bridges on the county road system.</i>
LB249	Pansing Brooks		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit employers from inquiring about wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act <i>This bill would prohibit employers from inquiring about, requiring disclosure of, retaliating for failure to disclose, or rely on wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act. This would not apply to current employees applying for a position with the same employer, be construed to prohibit a job applicant from voluntarily sharing wage rate history with an employer, or apply to any actions taken by an employer pursuant to any federal, state, or local law that specifically authorizes the disclosure or verification of wage rate history for employment purposes.</i>
LB255	Hansen, M.		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act <i>This bill would adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act. If a first responder is killed in the line of duty, compensation would be paid as provided in the Act to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by such first responder. The amount of compensation would be \$50,000 for deaths occurring during calendar year 2022 and for each year after, the amount would be equal to the previous year increased by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer price Index for All Urban Consumers for the 12 months ending on June 30 of such previous calendar year. The process for determining the person entitled to receive such compensation is provided in detail. A claim must also be made to collect the compensation with the Risk Manager within 1 year after the date of death of the first responder.</i>

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LB258	Vargas		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/13/2021	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act <i>This bill would adopt the Health and Safe Families and Workplaces Act. Employees would accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe time for every 30 hours worked. Employees would not accrue more than 40 hours of paid sick and safe time in a calendar year unless the employer selects a higher limit. Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under 29 U.S.C 213(a)(1) would be assumed to work 40 hours in each work week for purposes of paid sick and safe time accrual unless their normal work week is less than 40 hours, in which case paid sick and safe time accrues based upon that normal work week. This time accrued could be used after the 60th calendar day of employment and would carry over to subsequent calendar years, except that the hours used still not exceed 40 hours in a given year unless a higher limit is selected by the employer. Any employer with a paid leave policy would not have to provide additional paid sick and safe time. All circumstances where an employer would allow an employee to use sick and safe time are listed in detail.</i>
LB259	Halloran		Judiciary	In Committee 01/13/2021	Authorize a civil action for damages sustained by public safety officers <i>A public safety officer would be able to bring a civil action against any person, group of persons, organization, corporation, or the head of an organization or corporation for (i) injury suffered during their official duties, (ii) abridgement of the officer's civil rights arising out of their civil duties, or (iii) the filing of a complaint against the officer, relating to the officer's performance of official duties, which the person filing knew was false when filed. Damages recoverable would include economic and noneconomic damages.</i>
LB260	Hunt		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law <i>Regarding Employment Security Law, good cause for voluntarily leaving employment would include when an individual has made all reasonable efforts to preserve employment but voluntarily leaves employment for the purpose of caring for a family member with a serious health condition. The definitions for "family member" and "serious health condition" are listed.</i>
LB261	Linehan		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions regarding grave markers for certain veterans <i>Relating to veterans, a grave would be marked pursuant to this section if the deceased person served in the active duty armed forces of the US or the reserve forces of the US, served in the Nebraska National Guard in active duty federal service, or served in the Nebraska National Guard on or after 7/1/1973.</i>
LB267	McCollister		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to municipal counties <i>Relating to municipal counties, whenever the proposed creation of a municipal county involves a merger or consolidation between one or more counties and a city of the metropolitan class, within 30 days after the passage of the joint resolution or within 30 days after receipt of a petition by the registered voters, the governing bodies of the county or counties and the city of the metropolitan class involved would create an interjurisdictional planning commission (2 members from the counties, 2 members from the city of metropolitan class, and 3 members chosen by the first 4 members jointly). The purpose of the commission would be to create a plan of merger and to present the plan of merger to the governing bodies of the county or counties and city. The specifics of the plan are listed in detail. Both sides would hold a hearing and vote to approve or disprove of the plan within 45 days after receipt of the plan but no later than 90 days prior to the submission of the proposed merger.</i> <i>Whenever the proposed creation of a municipal county involves the merger or consolidation of a county or counties and a city of the metropolitan class, the municipal county mayor would be elected initially for a 3-year term beginning with the 1st general election following the formation of the municipal county, and thereafter to 4-year terms. It would have the same powers and duties of the county prior to the merger or consolidation, and, in addition, would have the power and duties of a city of the metropolitan class. Any other municipality located within the existing county that is not consolidated into the municipal county may be annexed by the new municipal county in accordance with the laws applicable to cities of the metropolitan class as long as the boundaries of the municipal county's urban service area are adjacent to the boundaries of such municipality.</i>
LB271	Morfeld	Support	Judiciary	In Committee 01/14/2021	Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act <i>This bill would adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act. Each county, through its county sheriff, would be able to participate in a 24/7 sobriety program. If a sheriff is unwilling or unable to participate in a 24/7 sobriety program, the sheriff would be able to designate an entity willing to provide the service. This program would meet at least the following minimum requirements: (a) testing would occur either twice a day or every day at a testing location or locations established by the county sheriff or a designated entity or continuously with a continuous alcohol monitoring device or similar technology, (b) participants would enter into a participation agreement with the sheriff or designated entity, and (c) participants would not consume alcohol or any drug not prescribed by a physician. Sanctions for violations of the program would be according to best practices. If a person is enrolled in a 24/7 sobriety program under this Act and has not violated any program conditions for drugs or alcohol after 30 consecutive days of testing, such person would be able to apply for a 24/7 sobriety program permit as a condition of bail under the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act. Such permit would expire at the same time as the later of any administrative license revocation being served.</i>

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LB273	Lowe		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers <i>Relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, this bill would include any facility operated and utilized as a youth rehabilitation and treatment center in compliance with state law, not just the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney.</i>
LB274	Lowe		General Affairs	In Committee 01/14/2021	Provide for a promotional farmers market special designated license under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act <i>Regarding the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the commission would be able to issue a promotional farmers market special designated license to a craft brewery, microdistillery, or farm winery license for the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor, which the holder is licensed to produce, at a farmers market conducted by the licensee outside of the manufacturer's designated premises under conditions specified in this section. The application process for such a license is listed in detail. There would be a fee of \$15 for such a license payable to the commission and submitted with the application. The holder of such a license would be able to use the license to apply to sell or dispense alcoholic liquor, which the holder would be licensed to produce, for consumption at a farmers market located within the jurisdiction of the local governing body.</i>
LB281	Albrecht		Education	In Committee 01/14/2021	Require child sexual abuse prevention instructional programs for school students and staff <i>Each school district would adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for students in kindergarten through grade five for implementation beginning in school year 2022-23. The details of the program are listed, including a minimum of four instructional sessions per school year, with each year's instruction building on the previous year's instruction and age-appropriate curriculum, including role-playing, discussion activities, and books to educate students regarding body safety that includes child sexual abuse prevention. Funding would be from money available under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. 6301, as the act existed on 1/1/2021.</i>
LB284	Cavanaugh, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/14/2021	Provide requirements regarding federal funds under the Governor's Emergency Program <i>Regarding the Governor's Emergency Program, any expansion of federal programs during a declared emergency would be implemented for the duration of the declaration. Application for federal relief funds would be made for the maximum allowed by federal law. If such federal funds are made available, the Legislature would appropriate the funds from the state treasury to the Governor's Emergency Program or such other agency or program as appropriate to address the emergency. If the appropriation is required after the first 10 legislative days of a regular legislative session, a legislative bill would be introduced to provide for such appropriation. If the Legislature is not in session, the federal funds would not be expended until an appropriation is passed by the Legislature.</i>
LB290	Cavanaugh, M.		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/14/2021	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act <i>This bill would adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. Beginning 1/1/2023, a covered individual would be able to take paid family and medical leave for the following qualifying reasons: (a) to care for a new child during the first year after birth, adoption, or placement through foster care of that child, (b) to care for a family member of the covered individual who has a serious health condition, (c) to care for a covered servicemember if the covered individual is a family member or the next of kin of the covered servicemember, (d) for qualifying exigency leave, or (e) because the covered individual has a serious health condition, including pregnancy, that makes the covered individual unable to perform the functions of the position held by such covered individual. The maximum amount of paid family leave and medical leave that a covered individual would be able to take would be 12 weeks or, for leave taken on an intermittent basis, 60 work days during any benefit year. Family and medical leave benefit calculations and claiming processes are listed in detail. The Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund would be created.</i>
LB291	Friesen		Revenue	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to property tax protests <i>Relating to property tax protests, each protest would be made on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner, signed, and filed with the county clerk of the county where the property is assessed. The protest would contain or have attached a statement of the reason or reasons why the requested change should be made, including the requested valuation.</i>
LB292	Friesen		Revenue	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to partial payments of property taxes <i>Relating to property taxes, the county treasurer (no longer any county board) would accept partial payments for the discharge of current or delinquent real property taxes, personal property taxes, or both or any charges for interest, publication, penalties, or other charges by reason of the delinquency of such taxes and would hold such payments in escrow or contract with another party to hold such payments in escrow.</i>
LB294	Flood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/14/2021	Exempt certain agency deputy directors and legal counsel from the State Personnel System <i>Under this bill, certain people would be exempt from the State Personnel System, including all personnel employed as deputy directors of all agencies other than those already listed in the subsection and all personnel employees as agency legal counsel of agencies which have 200 or more employees other than the agencies already listed in the subsection. The definitions for deputy director and agency legal counsel.</i>

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LB302	Hansen, M.		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to administrative license revocation under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, a person whose operator's license is subject to revocation would have all proceedings dismissed or his or her operator's license immediately reinstated without payment of the reinstatement fee upon receipt of suitable evidence by the director that: (i) the prosecuting attorney responsible for the matter declined to file a complaint alleging a violation of section 60-6,196 (driving under influence of alcoholic liquor or drug; penalties) or dismissed a filed complaint alleging a violation of section 60-6,196 prior to trial; (ii) the defendant, after trial, was found not guilty of violating section 60-6,196; or (iii) in the criminal action on the charge of a violation of section 60-6,196 arising from the same incident, the court had certain holdings (these would remain unchanged).</i>
LB304	Hansen, M.		Appropriations	In Committee 01/14/2021	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice <i>This bill would appropriate \$172,000 from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to be used by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center to enforce sections 81-1456 (employment of law enforcement officer; submit personnel change in status form; record; contents; report of termination or resignation in lieu of termination) and 81-1457 (employment of law enforcement officer; waiver to prospective employer; contents; form; former employer; duties) relating to revocation of law enforcement officer certification.</i>
LB307	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles <i>Relating to juveniles, the court would not accept a juvenile's waiver of the right to counsel unless the county attorney or city attorney, on the record, waives any possible pre-adjudication or post-adjudication placements of the juvenile outside of the juvenile's home. If the court accepts the juvenile's waiver of counsel, the court order and any probation order would affirmatively show that the juvenile cannot be removed from the home or detained outside the home by the court on the adjudicated petition. This would apply to any period between adjudication and disposition, any period of probation, or in response to an alleged violation of probation on the adjudicated petition. The county attorney or city attorney would be able to withdraw such attorney's waiver under this section prior to the adjudication of the petition, and at such time the juvenile would be appointed counsel. On or before 7/1/2022, the Supreme Court would provide, by court rule, a process to ensure that juveniles are provided the opportunity to consult with counsel to assist the juvenile in making the decision to waive counsel. A juvenile's right to be represented by counsel would be able to be waived for any adjudication on a juvenile petition that may be used later to enhance or sustain a criminal conviction in an adult proceeding.</i>
LB308	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Provide grants for juvenile indigent legal defense <i>The Juvenile Indigent Defense Fund would be created, administered by the Commission on Public Advocacy, and would only be used to provide legal services to juveniles in juvenile court, provide resources to assist counties in fulfilling their obligation to provide for effective assistance of legal counsel for indigent juveniles, and pay the costs of administering the Juvenile Indigent Defense Grant Program, which would also be created. Funds from the Fund would be used to provide grants to counties to help offset the cost of providing legal counsel for indigent juveniles and for the administrative costs of the commission. A county would be able to apply for a grant under the program beginning 10/15/2022. Reporting methods for this program are listed in detail. A juvenile indigent defense fee of \$1 would be assessed as costs for each case filed in each county court, separate juvenile court, and district court, including appeals, and for each appeal and original action filed in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. The fees would go to the Fund.</i>
LB310	Clements	Oppose	Revenue	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts <i>Relating to inheritance tax rates and exemption amount, in the case of a father, mother, grandparent, sibling, child, or child legally adopted, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 1% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$40,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 1% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$150,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 0.75% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$150,000; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 0.5% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$160,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$5,000.</i> <i>In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 13% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$15,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 11% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$60,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 9% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$62,500; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 6% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$65,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$2,500.</i>

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<i>In all other cases, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 18% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$10,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 15% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$40,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 12% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$42,500; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 9% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$45,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$2,500.</i>					
LB313	Sanders		Revenue	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to late applications for homestead exemptions
<i>Relating to late applications for homestead exemptions, an owner would be able to file a late application if he or she includes a copy of the death certificate of a spouse who died during the year for which the exemption is requested. This request for exemption would only be for the current tax year. The late application would be filed with the county assessor on or before June 30 of the year in which the real estate taxes levied on the property for the current year become delinquent. Applications would include a copy of the death certificate of the deceased spouse. If the approval occurs after the date on which the first half of the real estate taxes levied on the property for the current year become delinquent, such delinquency and any interest would be removed from the tax roll. The approved application and other documentation would be forwarded to the Tax Commissioner. Any delinquency or interest accrued prior to the application date would, in the case of a rejection, remain on the tax roll.</i>					
LB326	Slama		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide immunity for claims against first responders operating motor vehicles and arising from vehicular pursuits and provide for policies, training, and duties relating to vehicular pursuits
LB329	Wayne		Revenue	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to taxes imposed on the average wholesale price of gasoline
LB330	Wayne		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Raise the jurisdictional age limit for juvenile court to age twenty-one for certain purposes
LB331	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Prohibit contractual criminal enforcement of certain offenses related to animals
LB333	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to possession of an electronic communications device in Department of Correctional Services facilities
LB335	Flood		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Require announcement of the average cost of incarceration at sentencing for sentences served at the Department of Correctional Services
LB339	Bostelman		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/15/2021	Require a utility coordination plan for certain highway and bridge contracts
LB348	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to succession to real property by affidavit
LB349	McKinney		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/15/2021	Create El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X Day and establish a holiday
LB352	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change the amounts of certain court fees
LB353	Lathrop		Appropriations	In Committee 01/15/2021	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services for a community corrections facility
LB354	Lathrop		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Require courts to issue decisions on motions to transfer jurisdiction in cases involving juveniles within thirty days after hearing
LB355	Lathrop		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to county judges, clerk magistrates, and civil procedure
LB357	Hunt		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights
LB362	Halloran		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act

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LB368	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide the Auditor of Public Accounts enforcement powers for failure of political subdivisions to file reports
LB369	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide the Auditor of Public Accounts access to working papers and audit files
LB370	Sanders		Judiciary	In Committee 01/15/2021	Adopt the Personal Privacy Protection Act
LB371	Aguilar		General Affairs	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide for games of chance under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act at state, district, and county fair locations
LB377	DeBoer		Revenue	In Committee 01/15/2021	Change inheritance tax provisions
LB379	Hilgers		Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2021	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations
LB380	Hilgers		Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2021	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2023
LB394	Morfeld		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Public Health Emergency Housing Protection Act and change deadlines for trials in actions for possession and forcible entry and detainer
LB404	Lowe		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change permit and renewal time periods under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act
LB405	Lowe		Urban Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions relating to village boards of trustees
LB407	McDonnell		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/20/2021	Include certain county correctional officers in provisions governing mental injuries and mental illnesses under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB408	Briese		Revenue 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Property Tax Request Act
LB414	Wishart		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions of the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act
LB419	Cavanaugh, J.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require appointment of counsel in eviction proceedings and provide for a filing fee
LB422	Briese		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services
LB424	Brewer		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2021	Provide and change zoning requirements for wind energy generation projects
LB426			Appropriations	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require the Department of of Health and Human Services to conduct a cost analysis for capital improvement and structural changes at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and submit a report
LB427			Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/20/2021	State intent that substance abuse and behavioral health treatment for juveniles by the Department of Health and Human Services not be delayed
LB428			Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/20/2021	Entitlement of juveniles at youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to receive an appropriate educational equivalent to educational opportunities offered in public schools

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LB429			Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require notification by the Department of Health and Human Services to the Legislature prior to implementation of substantial changes to facilities and programs under the Office of Juvenile Services
LB431			Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change taxation provisions relating to improvements on leased lands, the assessment of undervalued and overvalued property, methods for giving notice, and the collection of certain taxes and fees
LB435	Hansen, B.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require an official watermark on certain ballots under the Election Act
LB441	Hansen, M.		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions relating to compensation for individuals affected by COVID-19 under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB443	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/20/2021	Exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act
LB444	Hansen, M.		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions relating to credit against jail terms
LB447	Cavanaugh, M.		Health and Human Services	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change provisions relating to immunization under the Child Care Licensing Act
LB450	McKinney		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act
LB454	Friesen		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the School Property Tax Stabilization Act and change the valuation of agricultural land
LB455	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Broadband Pole Attachment Act
LB460	Brandt		Transportation and Telecommunications	In Committee 01/20/2021	Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission
LB466	Linehan		Revenue	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require the proration of property taxes when real property is sold
LB472	DeBoer		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Require law enforcement officers to intervene when excessive force is used and require policies on excessive force
LB474	Wishart		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act
LB480	McKinney		Business and Labor	In Committee 01/20/2021	Change the minimum wage as prescribed
LB481	McKinney		Judiciary	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adot the Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act, decriminalize possessory marijuana and synthetic cannabinoid offenses and drug paraphernalia offenses, and change related provisions
LB483	Cavanaugh, J.		Natural Resources	In Committee 01/20/2021	Provide for a climate change study and action plan
LB490	Cavanaugh, M.			Introduced 01/19/2021	Require youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to obtain a license from the Division of Public Health
LB492	Cavanaugh, M.			Introduced 01/19/2021	Create the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body and the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System
LB496	Hilkemann			Introduced 01/19/2021	Require collection of DNA samples for persons arrested for crimes of violence

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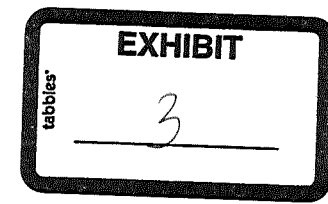
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LB501	Flood			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Uniform Easement Relocation Act
LB504	Cavanaugh, J.			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change certain penalty provisions for the suspension, revocation, or impoundment of a motor vehicle operator's license
LB512	Brewer			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act
LB515	McKinney			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act
LB520	Friesen			Introduced 01/19/2021	Provide for applications for the collocation of certain wireless facilities
LB521	Friesen			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to applications for property tax exemptions
LB525	Wishart			Introduced 01/19/2021	Provide duties and requirements for transitional housing facilities and change powers of the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System
LB537	Geist			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to placement and commitment of juveniles
LB539	Walz			Introduced 01/19/2021	Provide for a limit on the length of trains
LB540	Walz			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change terminology related to disability in civil rights provisions
LB542	Walz			Introduced 01/19/2021	Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act
LB544	Wayne			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Urban Redevelopment Act and provide tax incentives
LB546	Wayne			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Marijuana Control Act and the Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act
LB547	Wayne			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Nebraska Small Business Act and provide tax incentives
LB549	Wayne			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act
LB551	Wayne			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change and provide qualifications for and duties relating to certification of law enforcement officers, require accreditation of law enforcement agencies, prohibit chokeholds in law enforcement, require policies on excessive force, and create a public data base of law enforcement officer misconduct
LB557	Hansen, M.			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances
LB559	Vargas			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to restrictive housing under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act
LB560	Briese			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act
LB561	Briese			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to the State Racing Commission and provide regulatory authority of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act

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LB568	Pansing Brooks			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to truancy, juvenile courts, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the Commission Grant Program, and compulsory education
LB569	Pansing Brooks			Introduced 01/19/2021	Provide for certain treatment options for patients with Lyme disease
LB577	Bostar			Introduced 01/19/2021	Establish Election Day as a holiday and change provisions relating to early voting and automatic voter registration
LB579	Moser			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to Department of Transportation reports regarding highway construction and state intent regarding appropriations
LB580	Moser			Introduced 01/19/2021	Change provisions relating to the operation of games of chance under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act
LB584	Vargas			Introduced 01/19/2021	Adopt the Mobile Food Unit Act and change fees for a mobile food unit
LR2CA	Wayne		Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to legalize cannabis for persons twenty-one and older and to require legislation
LR3CA	Slama		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to require verification of identity prior to voting
LR10CA	Cavanaugh, J.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting
LR11CA	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation
LR13CA	Brewer		Education	In Committee 01/12/2021	Constitutional amendment to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes
LR27CA	Hansen, M.			Introduced 01/19/2021	Constitutional amendment to provide legislative authority in emergencies resulting from a pandemic

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LB73	Geist	Support	General Affairs	In Committee 01/11/2021	Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies <i>For the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, 25% of the tax is already remitted to the county treasurer of the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located. 10% of the distribution remitted would be distributed to the county agricultural society in the county in which the licensed racetrack enclosure is located, if such county agricultural society has been formed in the county under the County Agricultural Society Act. Following any distribution to a county agricultural society, the remaining funds would be distributed by the county treasurer.</i>
LB111	Albrecht	Support	Judiciary	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety <i>Relating to public safety crimes and offenses, criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class IV felony if the property involved in the offense belongs to a peace officer, active duty member in the armed services of the US, judge, or elected or appointed government official and the offense was committed with the intent to harass or intimidate such person because of such person's status. Criminal mischief or unauthorized application of graffiti would be a Class I misdemeanor if the property involved in the offense belongs to the government, a hospital, or a school. Upon conviction for these violations, the court would, in addition to any other punishment imposed, order the defendant to make restitution as provided in sections 29-2280 to 29-2289 and for a second or subsequent violation involving government property, impose a fine of \$5,000. The definitions of school, public safety officer, assault on a public safety officer (such penalty in third degree would be a Class IIIA felony with fine of at least \$1,000), strangulation, suffocation, and offensive substance.</i> <i>Additionally, a person would not be able to knowingly aim a laser pointer (or aim or deploy any other device with intent to cause serious bodily injury or interference with their sight or hearing) toward the head of a public safety officer while they are engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties. This violation would be a Class I misdemeanor and have a fine of \$5,000, and the defendant would be ordered to make restitution. Definitions would be included for correctional officer, participate, and riot.</i> <i>A person would also not be able to knowingly participate in a riot or organize 6 or more persons to engage in a riot. This would be a Class I misdemeanor (unless serious bodily injury results, then Class IV felony). A person would also not be able to intentionally interfere with a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance (Class II misdemeanor). A person would also commit an offense by, without legal privilege, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly obstructing a public way or disobeying a reasonable request or order to move issued by someone with the authority to control use of the public way.</i>
LB133	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes <i>This bill would adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes. EPIC stands for the elimination of property (imposed pursuant to Chapter 77), income (state income and state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967), and corporate taxes. The inheritance tax imposed pursuant to sections 77-2001 to 77-2040 would also be repealed. This would become effective 12/31/2024. The Nebraska Taxpayer's Bill of Rights would also be established, stating that citizens of Nebraska are entitled to a fair and just tax system. Beginning on 1/1/2024, there would be a tax imposed on the use or consumption in the State of Nebraska of taxable property or services. The rate would be 10.64%. Land, purchase of fuel, taxable property or service purchased for a business purpose in a trade or business, investment purpose, educational purpose, and used property among other listed items would not be subject to the consumption tax.</i> <i>The formula for consumption tax monthly allowance is provided as the product of the consumption tax rate and the monthly poverty level for a family of the size of the qualified family. The process related to qualified families is provided in detail. The Consumption Tax Transition Fund would be created in order to pay the consumption tax monthly allowance to the heads of households of qualified families. It would be a destination principle tax. The process related to registered sellers is provided in detail. There would be a penalty of \$500 for anyone who is required to register under this but fails to do so. This would not limit the ability of counties, cities, or villages from imposing a separate consumption tax within their limits. Beginning 1/1/2024, the primary source of funding for all public and elementary schools and for all educational service units would be the taxes collected under this Act.</i> <i>The State Treasurer would transfer \$240 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Consumption Tax Transition Fund on or before 12/31/2023. The Community College Aid Act would apply until 1/1/2024. After this, community colleges would be funded as provided under this Act.</i>
LB242	Brandt	Support	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act <i>A political subdivision would be able to use a design-build contract or construction management at risk contract under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act for a project to repair, retrofit, reconstruct, or replace any bridge. The County Bridge Incentive Program would be created. The department would administer the program using funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund designated for the County Bridge Match Program, except that no more than \$10 million would be expended for the County Bridge Incentive Program. The purpose of this program would be to incentivize innovative solutions and provide funding to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient bridges on the county road system.</i>

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LB271	Morfeld	Support	Judiciary	In Committee 01/14/2021	Adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act
<p><i>This bill would adopt the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act. Each county, through its county sheriff, would be able to participate in a 24/7 sobriety program. If a sheriff is unwilling or unable to participate in a 24/7 sobriety program, the sheriff would be able to designate an entity willing to provide the service. This program would meet at least the following minimum requirements: (a) testing would occur either twice a day or every day at a testing location or locations established by the county sheriff or a designated entity or continuously with a continuous alcohol monitoring device or similar technology, (b) participants would enter into a participation agreement with the sheriff or designated entity, and (c) participants would not consume alcohol or any drug not prescribed by a physician. Sanctions for violations of the program would be according to best practices. If a person is enrolled in a 24/7 sobriety program under this Act and has not violated any program conditions for drugs or alcohol after 30 consecutive days of testing, such person would be able to apply for a 24/7 sobriety program permit as a condition of bail under the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act. Such permit would expire at the same time as the later of any administrative license revocation being served.</i></p>					
LB310	Clements	Oppose	Revenue	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts
<p><i>Relating to inheritance tax rates and exemption amount, in the case of a father, mother, grandparent, sibling, child, or child legally adopted, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 1% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$40,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 1% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$150,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 0.75% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$150,000; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 0.5% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$160,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$5,000.</i></p> <p><i>In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 13% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$15,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 11% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$60,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 9% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$62,500; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 6% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$65,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$2,500.</i></p> <p><i>In all other cases, the rate of tax would be: for (a) decedents dying prior to 1/1/2022, 18% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$10,000; (b) for decedents dying during calendar year 2022, 15% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$40,000; (c) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023, 12% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of \$42,500; (d) for decedents dying during calendar year 2023 or thereafter, 9% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of the applicable exempt amount for the year. For calendar year 2024, the exempt amount would be \$45,000. For each subsequent calendar year, the exempt amount would increase by \$2,500.</i></p>					
LR11CA	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue	In Committee 01/11/2021	Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation

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LB249	Pansing Brooks		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Prohibit employers from inquiring about wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act <i>This bill would prohibit employers from inquiring about, requiring disclosure of, retaliating for failure to disclose, or rely on wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act. This would not apply to current employees applying for a position with the same employer, be construed to prohibit a job applicant from voluntarily sharing wage rate history with an employer, or apply to any actions taken by an employer pursuant to any federal, state, or local law that specifically authorizes the disclosure or verification of wage rate history for employment purposes.</i>
LB255	Hansen, M.		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act <i>This bill would adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act. If a first responder is killed in the line of duty, compensation would be paid as provided in the Act to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by such first responder. The amount of compensation would be \$50,000 for deaths occurring during calendar year 2022 and for each year after, the amount would be equal to the previous year increased by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer price Index for All Urban Consumers for the 12 months ending on June 30 of such previous calendar year. The process for determining the person entitled to receive such compensation is provided in detail. A claim must also be made to collect the compensation with the Risk Manager within 1 year after the date of death of the first responder.</i>
LB260	Hunt		Business and Labor 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions relating to good cause for voluntarily leaving employment under the Employment Security Law <i>Regarding Employment Security Law, good cause for voluntarily leaving employment would include when an individual has made all reasonable efforts to preserve employment but voluntarily leaves employment for the purpose of caring for a family member with a serious health condition. The definitions for "family member" and "serious health condition" are listed.</i>
LB137	Vargas		Education 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System <i>Regarding the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act, beginning 9/1/2022, each employee of a program as defined in section 71-1910 (Child Care Licensing Act) would report his or her educational degrees and professional credentials held, relevant training completed, and work history to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.</i>
LB106	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change fees relating to access to drivers' records and provide for a new motor vehicle operator's license services system <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, beginning 7/1/2021, for any record provided, the requester would be required to pay, in addition to the fee prescribed, a fee of \$4.50 per record. 50 cents would be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and \$4 would be credited to the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund. The Department would build and maintain a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operator's licenses and state identification cards. The Director of Motor Vehicles would designate an implementation date for the new system which date is on or before 7/1/2032.</i> <i>The Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund would therefore be created. It would be used for the building, implementation, and maintenance of a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards.</i>
LB174	Friesen		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to highways and highway funding, road classifications, licensure of local highway and street superintendents, motor vehicle safety responsibility, accident reports, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road <i>Relating to transportation, municipal members of the board would represent municipalities of certain sizes by population, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recently revised certified count by the US Bureau of the Census. Any professional engineer licensed pursuant to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act would be entitled to a Class B license without examination. A county highway superintendent license or city street superintendent license, whether or Class A or Class B, issued prior to the effective date of this act would be deemed a county highway and city street superintendent license. The holder of at least a Class A license, even with a Class B license, would have their license or licenses reissued as a single Class A county highway and city street superintendent license. The holder of any Class B license without any Class A license would have their license or licenses reissued as a single Class B county highway and city street superintendent license.</i> <i>Beginning in calendar year 2022, any county or municipal county with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants, as determined by the most recent official US census, would receive the full 12-month Class A incentive payment amount applicable to such county's rural population. A county with less than 60,000 inhabitants (or municipality with no population constraints) would be able to appoint and employ a professional engineer to perform the duties of county highway superintendent, and they would have a Class A license for purposes of incentive payments.</i>

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LB302	Hansen, M.		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/25/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to administrative license revocation under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, a person whose operator's license is subject to revocation would have all proceedings dismissed or his or her operator's license immediately reinstated without payment of the reinstatement fee upon receipt of suitable evidence by the director that: (i) the prosecuting attorney responsible for the matter declined to file a complaint alleging a violation of section 60-6,196 (driving under influence of alcoholic liquor or drug; penalties) or dismissed a filed complaint alleging a violation of section 60-6,196 prior to trial; (ii) the defendant, after trial, was found not guilty of violating section 60-6,196; or (iii) in the criminal action on the charge of a violation of section 60-6,196 arising from the same incident, the court had certain holdings (these would remain unchanged).</i>
LB90	Halloran		Agriculture 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change fee provisions under the Pesticide Act and the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act <i>Regarding the Pesticide Act, \$50 instead of \$60 of the fee would go to the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund as provided in section 2-5106. Regarding the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act, the inspection fee at the rate fixed by the director would not be able to exceed 15 cents per ton instead of 10 cents per ton. The director would also be able to increase or decrease the inspection fee each July 1, but such fee would not be able to exceed the maximum rate established above (15 cents). The director would determine the fee based on the estimated annual revenue and fiscal year-end fund balance.</i>
LB91	Brandt		Agriculture 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change germination seed testing provisions under the Nebraska Seed Law <i>Under the Nebraska Seed Law, germination seed testing provisions would be changed. Agricultural seed would include seeds of habitat restoration or maintenance. The definition of native plant and nonnative plant would be included. It would now be unlawful for any person to sell any agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds within this state unless the test to determine the percentage of germination or the test to determine the percentage of viability as indicated by a tetrazolium (TZ) test has been completed for native plant species, within a 15-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale. It would still be a 9-month period for nonnative plant species.</i>
LB23	Williams		Banking, Commerce and Insurance 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act <i>Regarding the Real Property Appraiser Act, to fall under the Act and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, a small loan company licensed by this state or supervised or regulated by or through federal enactments covering financial institutions would have to render an estimate or opinion of value of real estate or any interest in real estate when such estimate or opinion is rendered in connection with the salaried employee's employment for any other listed entities (federal government, state agency/government, insurance company, bank). A bachelor's degree or higher in real estate would no longer be required, just any degree in real estate. In this subsection, any action taken by the board or other appraiser regulatory agencies, including late payments of fees, failure to timely renew a credential, or failure to provide notification of a change in contact information, would not be considered disciplinary action. The scope of complex residential real property or real estate for an appraiser would be raised from a transaction value of less than \$250,000 to less than \$400,000.</i>
LB82	Hilkemann		Transportation and Telecommunications 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change motor vehicle tax schedules <i>Regarding the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the motor vehicle tax schedules would be changed. For the first year, the fraction amount would be 0.90. For the second year, the fraction amount would be 0.80 (3rd - 0.70; 4th - 0.60; 5th - 0.45; 6th - 0.35; 7th - 0.25; 8th - 0.20; 9th - 0.15; 10th and 11th - 0.12; 12th and 13th - 0.05; 14th and older - 0.01 or \$1, whichever amount is greater).</i>
LB25	Wayne		Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions relating to the division of ad valorem taxes under the Community Development Law <i>Relating to the Community Development Law, cities would fall under the Law if they intend to prepare a redevelopment plan that would divide ad valorem taxes for a period of more than 15 years but not more than 20 years. For any redevelopment plan where more than 50% of property has been declared an extremely blighted area, ad valorem taxes would be divided for a period not to exceed 20 years after the effective date as identified in the project redevelopment contract or in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 18-2124 (bonds; issuance; source of payments; limitations).</i>
LB99	Walz		Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas <i>Regarding the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas, a redevelopment project involving a formerly used defense site as authorized under section 18-2123.01 and, under this bill, any area declared to be an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02 (extremely blighted area; governing body; duties; review; public hearing), would not count towards the percentage limitations contained in this subdivision.</i>

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LB162			Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Provide a procedure for detachment of real property from the corporate limits of a city or village and eliminate existing detachment provisions <i>Any person owning real property located within and adjacent to the corporate limits of a city or village seeking to have such property detached from the corporate limits of such city or village would be able to file a request with the city council or village board of trustees asking that such property be detached. A majority vote from the board of trustees would be needed for detachment. A city or village would also be able to initiate detachment of any real property located within and adjacent to the corporate limits of such city or village by first publishing a proposed resolution of its intention to detach such property in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the city or village. A majority vote from the board of trustees would be needed for detachment.</i>
LB163			Urban Affairs 01/26/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change and eliminate provisions relating to cities, villages, and metropolitan utilities districts <i>Under this bill introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, many provisions would be changed and eliminated throughout this 127-page document relating to cities, villages, and metropolitan utilities districts. Most changes would simply use more specific language. For example, ordinances passed by cities of all classes and villages would have to be posted, published in a legal newspaper "in or of general circulation in the respective cities or villages," or published in book or pamphlet form, as required by their respective charters or general laws. The city council of any city or village board "of trustees" would be able to adopt by ordinance the conditions, provisions, limitations, and terms of any standard code which contains rules and regulations printed as a code in book, pamphlet, or "electronic" form.</i>
LB83	Flood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing <i>Regarding the Open Meetings Act, "virtual conferencing" would replace "videoconferencing." Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants. No more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies would be able to be held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year (except for organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Municipal Cooperative Financing Act). In an emergency as defined in section 81-829.39 (for purposes of the Emergency Management Act), a public body would be able to hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such an emergency if they give reasonable advance publicized notice.</i> <i>Beginning 7/31/2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class, the county board with a population greater than 25,000 inhabitants, and the school board of a school district would be required to make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of the governing body.</i> <i>Developed by the Nebraska League of Municipalities and a group of stakeholders over the interim.</i>
LB112	Albrecht		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act <i>This bill would require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act, except for closed sessions pursuant to section 84-1410.</i>
LB191	Hughes		Natural Resources 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Redefine elector for the Irrigation District Act <i>Regarding the Irrigation District Act, the definition of elector would include for any irrigation district or proposed irrigation district which borders another state and comprises less than 2,000 acres and in which one-half or more of the landowners, leaseholders, or entrymen of government lands are not residents of the State of Nebraska, any person who (A) owns not less than 15 acres of land within any such district, (B) is an entryman of government land within any such district, or (C) holds a leasehold estate in not less than 40 acres of state land within any such district for a period of not less than 5 years from the date at which such elector seeks to exercise the elective franchise.</i>
LB408	Briese		Revenue 01/27/2021	In Committee 01/20/2021	Adopt the Property Tax Request Act

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LB43	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions
<i>Each election commissioner would execute a bond with penalties of \$10,000. If a vacancy occurs in the office, the new election commissioner appointed by the county board would serve for the unexpired term until January 2022, and if a vacancy occurs thereafter the office would be filled provided in section 32-567 (vacancies; offices listed; how filled). Anything regarding the chief deputy election commissioner is struck. An election commissioner would be elected in each county having a population of more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 for a 2-year term and in 2024 and each 4 years thereafter, and in counties having a population of not less than 40,000 nor more than 400,000 inhabitants at the statewide general election in 2022 and each 4 years thereafter. They would be elected on the nonpartisan ballot</i>					
LB213	Briese		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Provide for an efficiency review of state agencies
<i>Under this bill, the Department of Administrative Services would, in compliance with all statutes on contracts, contract for an efficiency review of state agencies listed in section 2 (stating all state agencies) of this act. The Department would electronically provide the results of the review to the Legislative Council no later than 1/1/2023. The efficiency review would be conducted by an independent source to provide an outside study of such state agencies to make the delivery of services more cost effective, identify outdated delivery practices that can be eliminated, identify increased efficiencies in service delivery, identify potential new sources of funding for services other than taxation, and make government more accountable to residents of the state.</i>					
LB224	Aguilar		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/13/2021	Change provisions for appointment of a county surveyor in certain counties
<i>In a county having a population of less than 150,000 inhabitants in which the voters have voted against the election of a county surveyor or in which no county surveyor has been elected and qualified, the county board of such county would appoint a competent registered land surveyor who is registered pursuant to the Land Surveyors Regulation Act either on a full-time or part-time basis to such office.</i>					
LB294	Flood		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Exempt certain agency deputy directors and legal counsel from the State Personnel System
<i>Under this bill, certain people would be exempt from the State Personnel System, including all personnel employed as deputy directors of all agencies other than those already listed in the subsection and all personnel employees as agency legal counsel of agencies which have 200 or more employees other than the agencies already listed in the subsection. The definitions for deputy director and agency legal counsel.</i>					
LB89	Morfeld		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care
<i>This bill would allow someone 18 years of age or older to make health care decisions for themselves without the consent of a parent or guardian. It would also allow someone under 19 years of age and who is committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care to consent to, and make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the Department without the consent of a parent or guardian except as required in section 71-6902 (performance of abortion; notarized written consent required).</i>					
LB201	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/12/2021	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction over juveniles
<i>Relating to juveniles, the accused would be able to be arraigned in county court or district court if the alleged offense is a traffic offense and the accused was 11 years of age or older at the time the alleged traffic offense was committed, or if the accused was 16 or 17 years of age when an alleged offense was committed, following a transfer from juvenile court. The juvenile court would have exclusive original jurisdiction as to any juvenile who was under 18 years (no longer 16) of age at the time the alleged offense was committed, except that proceedings initiated under this subdivision would be able to be transferred to county court or district court if the juvenile was 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age at the time the alleged offense was committed.</i>					
LB273	Lowe		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers
<i>Relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, this bill would include any facility operated and utilized as a youth rehabilitation and treatment center in compliance with state law, not just the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney.</i>					

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LB307	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles <i>Relating to juveniles, the court would not accept a juvenile's waiver of the right to counsel unless the county attorney or city attorney, on the record, waives any possible pre-adjudication or post-adjudication placements of the juvenile outside of the juvenile's home. If the court accepts the juvenile's waiver of counsel, the court order and any probation order would affirmatively show that the juvenile cannot be removed from the home or detained outside the home by the court on the adjudicated petition. This would apply to any period between adjudication and disposition, any period of probation, or in response to an alleged violation of probation on the adjudicated petition. The county attorney or city attorney would be able to withdraw such attorney's waiver under this section prior to the adjudication of the petition, and at such time the juvenile would be appointed counsel. On or before 7/1/2022, the Supreme Court would provide, by court rule, a process to ensure that juveniles are provided the opportunity to consult with counsel to assist the juvenile in making the decision to waive counsel. A juvenile's right to be represented by counsel would be able to be waived for any adjudication on a juvenile petition that may be used later to enhance or sustain a criminal conviction in an adult proceeding.</i>
LB308	Pansing Brooks		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/14/2021	Provide grants for juvenile indigent legal defense <i>The Juvenile Indigent Defense Fund would be created, administered by the Commission on Public Advocacy, and would only be used to provide legal services to juveniles in juvenile court, provide resources to assist counties in fulfilling their obligation to provide for effective assistance of legal counsel for indigent juveniles, and pay the costs of administering the Juvenile Indigent Defense Grant Program, which would also be created. Funds from the Fund would be used to provide grants to counties to help offset the cost of providing legal counsel for indigent juveniles and for the administrative costs of the commission. A county would be able to apply for a grant under the program beginning 10/15/2022. Reporting methods for this program are listed in detail. A juvenile indigent defense fee of \$1 would be assessed as costs for each case filed in each county court, separate juvenile court, and district court, including appeals, and for each appeal and original action filed in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. The fees would go to the Fund.</i>
LB330	Wayne		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Raise the jurisdictional age limit for juvenile court to age twenty-one for certain purposes
LB354	Lathrop		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Require courts to issue decisions on motions to transfer jurisdiction in cases involving juveniles within thirty days after hearing
LB357	Hunt		Judiciary 01/28/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights
LB93			Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Eliminate a reporting requirement regarding marriages <i>Regarding marriage, a reporting requirement would be eliminated. This was that on or before the 5th day of each month, the county clerk would have to return to the department a statement of all marriages recorded by him or her during the preceding calendar month. Failure to do this would result in a \$25 fee for the use of the proper county.</i>
LB368	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide the Auditor of Public Accounts enforcement powers for failure of political subdivisions to file reports
LB369	Sanders		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/15/2021	Provide the Auditor of Public Accounts access to working papers and audit files
LB28	Wayne		Judiciary 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Provide for motions for new trial based on newly discovered evidence <i>Regarding criminal procedure, newly discovered evidence would include testimony or evidence from a witness who previously asserted a testimonial or constitutional privilege and refused to testify or produce evidence in a prior proceeding. This would apply to everyone whether convicted prior to, on, or subsequent to the effective date of this act.</i>

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LB47	Hansen, M.		Judiciary 01/29/2021	In Committee 01/11/2021	Change procedures relating to obligees in child support proceedings
<i>All orders, decrees, or judgments for temporary or permanent child support payments or judgments for modification of such support payments would include a notice to the obligee that informs them they may file an Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause with the court if they are owed court-ordered child support and it is delinquent. Obligees would be able to use other collection methods as well. Any known obligee would be joined in as a real party in interest to such action where the purpose is to establish paternity or securing, modifying, suspending, or terminating child or medical support.</i>					