

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM WORKSHEET:
GOOD & BAD BILLS IN THE 2021 LEGISLATURE.**

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

LR 3CA: Slama. To fight voter fraud, preserve eligible citizen rights to vote, ensure the integrity of our state elections, and preserve public confidence in the legitimacy of our government, prospective voters must present voter ID with a photo. 35 states already have ID requirements. The state would provide free ID cards. Opponents include the usual suspects, the NE ACLU, Black Lives Matter, and Socialist Democrat Party. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

LR 13CA: Brewer. That no more than 33% of funding for public schools comes from property taxes. GOOD RESOLUTION/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

LR 22CA: Linehan. Total amount of property tax revenue raised by a local taxing authority in a fiscal year cannot be more than 3% more than that raised in the previous fiscal year. The total amount can exceed this limitation by a vote of a majority of legal voters. This formula not binding on bond issues. Despite property tax credits, property taxes still could rise without a spending limit. Over the past 10 years, income growth hit 18% while property taxes rose 52%. Opponents include the leftist Open Sky Institute and the League of NE Municipalities. GOOD RESOLUTION/ REVENUE COMM.

LR 24CA: Wishart. To clarify the one-subject rule for initiative petitions. Currently, the definition is ambiguous. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

BAD RESOLUTIONS.

LR 2CA: Wayne. To allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, and consumption of marijuana for those 21 years old or older. The eventual black market would contribute to dangerous criminal problems and endanger public safety. BAD RESOLUTION/ JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LR 10CA: M. Cavanaugh. To allow all felons, except those convicted of treason, to vote while incarcerated. The leftist group Civic Nebraska supports the resolution. BAD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LR 20CA: Pansing Brooks. To remove the institution of traditional marriage from the NE Constitution by allowing same sex marriage. The NE ACLU supports the resolution. BAD RESOLUTION/ **GENERAL FILE**

GOOD BILLS.

LB 2: Briese. Land valuation set at only 30% of actual value for public school taxes levied to pay for principal and interest on bonds. GOOD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 3: Briese. Every public school district must issue a statement telling taxpayers how to access information about district statewide receipts by source and expenditures classified by functions, comparison of cost per pupil, and comparison of academic performance. The state education dept. must establish and maintain a website for such information. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

LB 7: Blood. To provide immunity from arrest and prosecution for drug possession or prostitution selected victims and witnesses of violent crimes. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LB 26: Wayne. To remove sales tax from residential water utility bills. The sewer separation project in Douglas and Sarpy Counties has raised water bills astronomically. The state has no sales tax on bottled water. The League of NE Municipalities opposed the bill. GOOD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 36: Erdman. To require every school board to display our national motto "In God We Trust" in English in every classroom. If leftist groups like the ACLU file lawsuits in state or federal courts to invalidate this requirement, the state Att.-Gen. will intervene on behalf of a school board named as a defendant. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE

LB 52: Lathrop. To protect individuals, educational institutions, religious organizations, political subdivisions, and businesses from civil lawsuits for injury or death stemming from alleged exposure to COVID-19. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LB 58: Pahls. Regarding liens for a special assessment imposed by a city or village, such entity instead of sending a copy of published notice can mail notices to save money. GOOD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 64: Lindstrom. To decrease state taxes on Social Security benefits, staggered for 10 years, starting at 5% and increasing 20%, eventually to 100%. Adjacent states Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri do not tax SS benefits. Only 13 states tax SS benefits. GOOD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 67: Day. That school-based health centers cannot include those that perform abortions or refer or counsel for abortion services. GOOD BILL/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMM.

LB 79: Briese. Beginning in tax year 2024, property tax credits will offer a minimum amount of relief equal to the minimum amount from the prior tax year increased by the allowable growth rate determined by ? GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 82: Hilkemann. To lower NE vehicle taxes, which are among the highest in the nation. Our taxes levied on manufacturer price for vehicle, not price paid by buyer. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 83: Flood. To allow meetings by virtual conferencing and public input under the Open Meetings Act, particularly during emergencies. All documents from such meetings must become available online. More citizens, especially the elderly, disabled, and those living in isolated areas could log in to such meetings. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#).

LB 92: Clements. To offer in-state college tuition to graduating students from schools that choose to not meet accreditation standards. These students now face discrimination in tuition costs though they reside in NE. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 93: Government Comm. To no longer require county clerks to report to the state all marriages recorded in their counties. GOOD BILL/ [FINAL READING](#)

LB 104: Friesen. To allow aggregation of monetary losses regarding criminal mischief charges, like for rioters. This bill would hold offenders accountable for more large-scale damages that occur in a series of crimes regarding numerous victims. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 111: Albrecht. To make a Class IV felony for anyone who intentionally and maliciously destroys property belonging to a law officer, active armed services member, judge, or elected or appointed government official. Violators would have to make restitution. For second or later offenses, a \$5,000 fine. Graffiti vandalism is also a Class IV felony if property involved belongs to a law officer, active armed services member, judge, or elected or appointed government official. Assaulting a law officer will merit a \$5,000 fine, 3-15 yrs. in prison, a Class ID felony. Anyone who encourages more than 6 individuals to riot faces a Class I misdemeanor, meriting 1 yr. in prison, a \$1,000 fine, or both. Those guilty could face restitution requirements. In a riot involving serious bodily injury and causing more than \$5,000 in damage, the penalty rises to a Class IV felony, meriting 2 yrs. in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both. The bill criminalizes blocking a public street, disrupting a public meeting, and disobeying a law officer order to get out of a street. This bill is a response to the summer 2020 riots, when rioter assaulted police with fireworks, bricks, and rocks. The NE ACLU was the only group to oppose the bill at its hearing. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 112: Albrecht. Except for closed sessions to discuss confidential matters, government subdivision meetings must allow the public to speak at every meeting. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 118: Morfeld. To increase duration for protection orders involving harassment, sexual abuse, and spouse beating from 1 year to 5 years. No need to sign paperwork before a notary. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 134: Brandt. To require public posting and reporting of tax incentive, refund, and exemption information. The State Treasurer would post this information on the dept. website. Current information is too sparse to allow taxpayers to discern if such incentives serve their purpose. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMMITTEE

LB 139: Briese. To protect businesses, schools, restaurants, churches, medical facilities and their personnel, and individuals against frivolous coronavirus-related lawsuits. Entities nationwide now are facing such lawsuits, many from people simply greedy for money. The bill would prohibit civil lawsuits, unless an individual was hospitalized or died from gross negligence or willful misconduct. Safeguarded are entities that followed federal or state laws, guidelines, or public health orders. Gross negligence or willful misconduct not covered. The NE Association of Trial Attorneys and leftist AARP oppose the bill. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 147: Kolterman. To allow the state retirement system to administer the OPS retirement system, which local administration had bungled, leaving an \$800+ million deficit. The OPS pension plan has only 64% of funds necessary to meet future obligations. This plan would save the pension system about \$250,000 annually. The OPS pension plan must complete a compliance audit this year. It has been 70 years since this pension plan performed a compliance audit. The current pension board of trustees would leave, allowing the school board to appoint an entirely new board. GOOD BILL/ RETIREMENT COMM.

LB 165: Erdman. To allow significant property damage to lower property valuations. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMMITTEE

LB 173: B. Hansen. To not prohibit carrying, transporting, or shipping firearms for lawful purposes in states where it is legal to carry such firearms if firearms unloaded and stored in a case. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 176: Lindstrom. To allow specific farmers who engage in conservation measures a nonrefundable state income tax credit of \$2,500. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 186: Hilkemann. To criminalize soliciting, enticing, or luring children 16 years old or younger into a vehicle or other place. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 188: Halloran. To prohibit the National Guard, county sheriffs, State Patrol, all state agencies, and political subdivisions and their employees from enforcing federal firearms laws that are contrary to state laws or utilize state funds for such enforcement. Other states, including Kansas, have passed such a law. Violators would face a fine of up to \$3,000 for a 1st offense and Class I misdemeanor for later offenses. This bill is in response to the Biden Regime intention to limit purchase of firearms and confiscation of firearms. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 189: Halloran. Requires property tax refunds owed by a political subdivision to be included in their next budget. Refunds must be paid in full at a rate of 9%. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 204: Slama. To require anyone found guilty of sex trafficking or sex trafficking a minor to register as a sex offender. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 206: McDonnell. To criminalize setting fires to conceal commission of a criminal offense. If a public safety official suffers serious bodily harm because of such action, a Class ID felony applies. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 213: Briese. To require the Dept. of Administrative Services contract for an efficiency review of state agencies, departments, and boards. This department will provide results to the Legislative Council. The review will provide an outside study of agencies to make services more cost effective, identify outmoded delivery practices for elimination, identify increased efficiencies in service delivery, and identify possible new sources of funding for services other than taxation. NE has the 14th highest state spending rate in the U.S. The state public employees union testified against the bill. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 223: Erdman. To allow anyone hunting with a valid NE archery hunting permit and stamp to carry a firearm for protection. GOOD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 236: Brewer. To allow counties to authorize the carrying of concealed weapons. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 237: Brewer. To lower the state income tax on Social Security payments staggered over several years, according to payment sums. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 244: Clements. To allow concealed carry gun permit holders to renew a permit up to 30 days after its expiration date, a reasonable allowance to exercise the constitutional right to self-defense. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 259: Halloran. To allow a law officer to sue individuals or organizations or organization leaders for injuring a law officer, firefighter, probation officer, or jail or prison guard during his official duties, violating officer civil rights, or filing false complaints against officers. Ability for officers to recover economic and non-economic monetary damages. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 263: Briese. To require NE occupational boards to issue an occupational license or government certification based on either earned in another state or for work experience in another state or in military service and provide for exams. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 282: Albrecht. To remove an exemption from prosecution for school or library staff who give obscene materials to minors. Parents must trust that when they send their kids to school, teachers and staff will not ply them with porn. Violation means a Class I misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 yr. in prison, a \$1,000 fine, or both. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 285: Brewer. If the NE Sec. of State obtains shared and exchanged information to improve the accuracy and efficiency of voter registration system, it is exempt from disclosure as a public record. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#)

LB 297: Lindstrom. To allow financial advisers to delay for up to 30 business days suspected cases of exploitation of elderly individuals. GOOD BILL/ [FINAL READING](#)

LB 300: Slama. To establish the Castle Doctrine in NE, to allow citizens to use deadly force to protect their lives and property. Present law allows individuals to use deadly force in a residence or workplace if immediate threat of death or serious injury. The new law would presume that anyone forcefully entering a vehicle intends to use force or violence. The burden of proof should not be on someone defending themselves but on the state to prove someone acted irresponsibly. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 301: B. Hansen. To criminalize new illegal drugs on the market. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 309: Clements. To prevent individuals from fraudulently using therapy or emotional support dogs in order to receive preferential housing services. Landlords could require tenants with disabilities and who require a support animal to provide documentation from a health care provider detailing such disability and need for an animal. Some people buy online documentation to fraudulently avoid landlord pet restrictions and rental fees, misrepresenting their pet as a support animal. The bill also would forbid a health care provider from knowingly providing fraudulent documentation of a disability or need for a service animal. Violation would earn a Class II misdemeanor for a 1st offense, with up to 3 months in jail and a \$500 fine or both. Later offenses would earn a Class II misdemeanor, punishable by a 6- month jail sentence, a \$1,000 fine, or both. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 310: Clements. To lower inheritance tax rates and raise exemption amounts, staggered by years. NE is only 1 of 6 states that still levies this tax, first levied in 1901. This tax has increased about 5% every year for 27 years, faster than inflation. County officials oppose the bill, complaining that it reduces property taxes, finances special projects, or funds emergencies. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 313: Sanders. Ability to file a late homestead exemption application, if it includes a copy of the death certificate of a spouse who died during the year in which exemption requested. Applicable only to current tax year. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 315: J. Cavanaugh. To increase criminal penalties for domestic assault if convicted of a previous such crime in another state or under federal law. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 324: Brandt. To help small NE processing plants handle more animals and allow consumers to buy meat directly from producers. Prices for beef and pork have sunk because of difficulty getting animals processed and to market during the pandemic. Some animals sadly euthanized. Consumers cannot buy meat directly from farmers because of need for federal inspection. State inspections would allow sale directly to consumers. This bill would increase state meat processing capacity and expand market access for small and mid-sized beef and pork producers. The Nebraska Cattlemen Assoc. supports the bill. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#)

LB 326: Slama. To establish legal immunity for claims against first responders operating vehicles in cases involving vehicle pursuits. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 364: Linehan. To establish opportunity scholarships for poor students and provide state income tax credits up to 50% of tax liability for contributions to nonprofits, so that kids can succeed in life. A \$10 million limit. The teacher's union opposes the bill. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 369: Sanders. To allow state auditor access to all working papers and audit files regarding reports filed by subdivisions in his office within 3 weeks of request. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#)

LB 372: Day. Individuals requesting compensation under the state crime victim reparations act need not sign an application before a notary public. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 387: Brewer. To exempt 100% instead of 50% of military retirement benefits from state income tax. 5 of 6 adjacent states offer full exemptions. The bill would help alleviate our skilled labor shortage. This exemption partially determines where the military locates facilities. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#)

LB 389: Sanders. To issue teaching certificates to military spouses who hold valid certificates from other states for at least 1 year and have no pending investigations or complaints and meet criminal background check requirements. These certificates valid for 3 years in all areas in which endorsed to teach. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#).

LB 390: Murman. To allow NE credentials based on reciprocity with other states. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 397: Bostelman. Individuals involved in vehicle accidents that cause injury and have no liability insurance cannot legally recover noneconomic damages from such accident. The state DMV will establish and maintain an online verification system whereby the public can access info to determine if a registered vehicle has insurance. GOOD BILL/JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 404: Lowe. To grant concealed carry permits or permit renewals for 10 years instead of 5 years. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 405: Lowe. To allow village boards of trustees to combine or merge appointed or elected offices or combination of duties. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 408: Briese. Total amount of property tax revenue raised by a local taxing authority in a fiscal year cannot be more than 3% more than that raised in the previous fiscal year. The total amount can exceed this limitation by a vote of a majority of legal voters. This formula also not binding on bond issues. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 409: Brewer. To declare a moratorium on public power company construction of electric transmission lines that extend 200 miles or more and that destroy Sand Hills ground cover, prior to obtaining a federal permit. An appointed study committee will study this construction situation and its implications for the areas involved. The committee would study private property rights, ratepayer interests, and preservation of cultural and historical sites. The committee would report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature. GOOD BILL/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

LB 410: Linehan. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, every individual who itemized deductions on a federal tax return can subtract from federal adjusted gross income the total amount of state and local property taxes reported on a federal tax return before any federal disallowance or cap, less the amount of state and local property taxes actually included in federal itemized deductions. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 417: Halloran. To allow full-time off-duty law officers to carry guns on school grounds, in order to add protection for staff and students. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 424: Brewer. No wind energy generation project can be constructed, unless the county in which the project would be located has zoning regulations or a zoning resolution regarding fixed-distance setbacks measured from buildings used for residential purposes and setbacks measured from property lines and restricted noise levels. A decommissioning plan with site restoration required. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 432: Revenue Comm. To lower state income tax rates by an undetermined amount. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 435: B. Hansen. To require an official watermark designed by the NE Sec. of State on ballots. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 437: B. Hansen. To increase penalties for Medicaid and welfare fraud. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 466: Linehan. Whenever real property is sold, the county assessor of the county in which the real property is located shall prorate the property taxes due on such real property for the year in which the sale occurred based on the number of days the buyer and seller owned the property during such year. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 475: Wishart. The Attorney General must issue a legal opinion in writing, if a proposed initiative or referendum petition measure contains a single subject as required by Article III, section 2 of the Constitution of Nebraska. Currently, petitions that may gain ballot access are nullified because of confusion about what constitutes a single subject. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 487: Arch. That health insurance plans must establish rates, terms, and conditions using telehealth or telemonitoring services for mental health services treatment the same as for regular services. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#)

LB 500: Geist. To define venues for prosecution of specific offenses committed with electronic devices. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 507: Bostelman. To prohibit use of treated seed corn to produce biofuel, if its results in a polluting byproduct and is unsafe for livestock consumption. NATURAL RESOURCES COMM. / [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 508: Bostelman. State tax exemption for 1 vehicle owned or used by military veterans who have 100% service-connected disabilities, if they collect Social Security payments and were honorably discharged. GOOD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 513: Brewer. To reduce terms from 6 years to 4 years for utility public board members and require that members actually be a utility customer. GOOD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 524: Brandt. To extend the refundable income tax credit for property tax relief to those who paid their 2019 property taxes late. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 532: Lowe. To allow easier disposition of unclaimed property. GOOD BILL/ [PASSED](#)

LB 554: Blood. To increase public access to professional counseling services by providing for mutual recognition of other state licenses, particularly licenses held by spouses of military personnel. To improve the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information among states. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 564: McDonnell. To allow NE educational savings accounts for certified apprenticeships. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 581: B. Hansen. To require motorcycle or moped riders to wear eye protection but allow those at least 21 years old and certified by a basic motorcycle rider course to not wear a helmet. Repealing the current restriction would increase tourism spending in NE by millions. GOOD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 586: Clements. To require additional reporting of pension fund solvency. GOOD BILL/

LB 592: Stinner. To add assisted living facilities as places where residents can obtain drugs dispensed from an automated medication distribution machine. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 599: Lindstrom. To exempt from the documentary stamp tax family- owned entities. GOOD BILL/ [GENERAL FILE](#)

LB 613: Erdman. To require the Tax Equalization & Review Comm. to hold appeal hearings no later than 6 months following filing date of appeal. If no decision reached within 9 months after filing, appeal automatically decided in favor of property owner and refund given within 30 days. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 621: Friesen. To fine social media web sites like Facebook \$100,000 for each instance in which they disable, suspend, or censor someone if no written explanation given within 30 days and if 1st Amendment rights violated. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 622: Friesen. To restrict valuation hikes on ag and non-ag property to no more than 3% more than the previous year. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 673: Murman. Teachers and school staff not liable for professional or administrative discipline or held criminally or civilly liable for using reasonable physical force to defuse violent student behavior and prevent injury. The NE ACLU opposes the bill. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 680: Linehan. To drop the highest state corporate income tax rate from 7.81% to 6.84% on all taxable income over \$100,000, the same top rate paid on personal income taxes. Note that many small businesses pay personal state income tax. The bill would make the state less dependent on tax incentives. The bill would allow NE to compete with other Midwest states for new business investment. A \$42 million total tax break. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 681: Linehan. To include private elementary and secondary education in NE educational savings plans, up to \$10,000 annual contributions, like 38 other states. The leftist Open Sky Institute opposed the bill. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 684: Clements. To prevent the leftist state teacher's union from restricting when a public school employee can terminate membership in that union. If a teacher misses the current narrow window to quit the union, the union collects union dues from such teacher for another year. The NSEA naturally opposes the bill. GOOD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

BAD BILLS.

LB 8: Blood. To make electioneering by NE political groups like NTF subject to NE Accountability & Disclosure rules, thus making such groups subject to fines and censure for volunteering to help political candidates or ballot issues or issuing voter guides or ads to the public within 30 days of an election. Anyone contributing more than \$250 would become identified and thus subject to harassment and intimidation by leftists. The bill is an obvious violation of the 1st Amendment rights of free speech and association. LB 8 is so bad that the NE ACLU testified against it. Violation would mean a Class IV misdemeanor with fine of \$25 daily, not exceeding \$750. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 16: Kolterman. To raise state funding for judge salaries to 5% of total compensation. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 20: Blood. To force many insurance company policies distributed in NE to cover hormonal contraceptives. Such insurance mandates increase insurance premiums for policyholders. The bill would force employers with religious objections to pay for employee birth control. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 24: Kolterman. To raise court fees to \$12. BAD BILL/ RETIREMENT COMM.

LB 29: Wayne. To abolish Arbor Day as a state holiday and replace it with Juneteenth. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 31: Wayne. To distribute punitive damages dollars from lawsuits to the public schools. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 33: Pansing Brooks. To shorten minimum sentences for incarcerated criminals to not more than ½ the maximum sentence imposed. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 34: Pansing Brooks. For crimes committed by those under 21, the minimum prison sentence for those convicted of a Class IC or Class ID felony cannot be a mandatory minimum sentence but only a minimum term. The penalty for those convicted of a Class IB felony cannot be greater than 60 yrs. in prison and a minimum sentence of not more than 20 yrs. in prison. The bill would prohibit life sentences for criminals under 21. The NE Att.-Gen. office opposes the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 44: M. Hansen. To force Lincoln and Omaha to allow cheap subsidized housing in established neighborhoods despite current zoning disallowing it. BAD BILL/ **PASSED**

LB 45: Hansen. To repeal a current law that forbids judges from granting a continuance in eviction proceedings unless special cause shown and back rent paid. Eviction proceedings not always based on rent nonpayment; they could regard criminal or destructive conduct. This bill would allow tenants to live rent free. Leftist Legal Aid of NE supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 46: M. Hansen. To complicate operations of landlords by eliminating alternative eviction notice requirements. Bad tenants could delay eviction proceedings indefinitely. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 51: Lathrop. To force all NE sheriffs and other law officers to take 40 hrs. of continuing education to remain certified and force all NE law officers to undergo 8 hours of anti-bias training and 40 hrs. of de-escalation training, burdensome and expensive for small departments. To require psychological testing before an officer hired. To restrict ability of law officers to physically restrain violent criminals. This bill is a response to the summer of 2020 riots across NE. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 56: Lathrop. To make every incarcerated criminal eligible for parole after serving ½ of a minimum sentence or 2 yrs. prior to offender mandatory release date, whichever is earlier. Thus allowing earlier release of violent criminals. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 60: Kolterman. To allow NE community colleges to levy an additional property tax for operating expenses or to pay off bonds or to establish a capital improvement and bond sinking fund to amass reserves. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 68: Day. To require the state welfare dept. to pay child care providers based on enrollment instead of attendance, thus raising costs to taxpayers. The bill would cost taxpayers \$26 million annually. BAD BILL/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMM.

LB 101: Walz. To delay for 2 years adding long-term care services nursing facilities under the economical Medicaid Managed Care program. BAD BILL/ **SELECT FILE**

LB 107: McCollister. To redistrict legislative districts to the advantage of Socialist Democrats. If the legislature fails to accomplish such redistricting, the Governor must call a special session within 30 days to comply. The leftist ACLU, Common Cause, Civic Nebraska, League of Women Voters, and Black Lives Matter all support the bill. BAD BILL/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

LB 108: McCollister. For food stamp recipients, eligibility increases the gross income limit to 185% of the federal poverty guideline. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 109: Pansing Brooks. That photographing or recording law officers in a harassing and interfering manner while they are conducting arrests or investigations is no longer a criminal act. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 110: Pansing Brooks. To severely restrict use of force by law officers in dangerous situations. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 114: McCollister. To allow many convicted of committing misdemeanors to erase their criminal records, thereby preventing employers, etc. to scrutinize their backgrounds accurately. Limits dissemination of records to criminal justice agencies. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 115: McCollister. To apply state sales tax to candy and soda pop. The bill would cause cost and inconvenience to grocery and convenience stores having to alter software. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 116: McCollister. To raise the fee from \$5 to \$10 for an application for a firearms certificate to cover the costs of a criminal history background check. Law officers would have 5 instead of 3 days to approve permission. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 117: M. Cavanaugh. To allow all public school children to become eligible for free breakfasts *and* lunches no matter family income. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 119: M. Cavanaugh. To allow infants to remain with their incarcerated mothers in prison or a juvenile facility. The ACLU supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LB 120: Hunt. To prohibit discrimination against transgenders. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 121: Hunt. To allow criminals convicted of felony drug distribution to collect food stamps. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 122: Hunt. To increase the state minimum wage for several categories of tipped employees to \$9 per hour. Tipped workers average wages now are over \$15 per hour, so adding \$9 would bring the total to \$24 per hour. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 125: McCollister. To allow voters to rank choices on their ballot instead of voting for 1 individual. The legislation would apply to races for governor, legislature, and Congress. The bill would greatly increase the cost of printing ballots. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 128: McCollister. To allow deadbeat renters who failed to pay their rent to erase past records of non-payment, preventing landlords from screening tenants. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 129: McCollister. To expand Medicaid medical eligibility to those under 19 and prohibit status reviews of eligibility regardless of change in family resources or income, unless the child leaves the state. BAD BILL/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMM.

LB 137: Vargas. To require all licensed child care providers to report educational, professional, training, and work history information to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System beginning September 1, 2022. This bill would force private daycare providers to submit to rules that favor public early childhood education instead of private providers. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 138: Vargas. To require jails and law enforcement agencies to provide public notice before making agreements with federal immigration agencies to enforce immigration law. If the State Patrol becomes party to such agreement, it must give notice to the Judiciary Comm. of the Legislature. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 150: Morfeld. The court cost assessment for the indigent defense fee would increase from \$3 to \$9. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 151: Morfeld. To create a lengthy list of information that prosecutor offices must produce for defense attorneys, like documenting race and disability of defendants, practices now forbidden by federal law. Very costly to taxpayers. BAD BILL/

LB 157: Wayne. To require courts to appoint a special prosecutor with at least 5 years of experience in criminal litigation, including felony litigation, to lead grand jury investigations. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 158: Wayne. Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 171: M. Hansen. To increase amounts of worker compensation payments for unemployed workers with children. No federal money would help pay for this additional benefit. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 172: M. Hansen. To increase unemployment benefits up to 100%. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 196: Vargas. To force landlords to accept Section 8 government-subsidized tenants or face penalties. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 198: Vargas. To require school districts to reinstate an expelled student. Parents could request a non-school discipline hearing examiner, paid by the school district. Changing the definition of a personal injury caused by accident could allow a student who injured another student or teacher to avoid discipline by claiming that they did not intentionally hurt someone. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 202: Pansing Brooks. To allow 19-year old juvenile state wards to enjoy an additional welfare program. The leftist NE Appleseed supports the bill. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 203: Pansing Brooks. To prohibit NE public colleges and universities from inquiring about criminal histories in student application and admission processes. This bill would prohibit institutions of higher education from screening out convicted violent criminals who would pose a danger to students. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 207: McDonnell. To increase the number of days someone eligible for worker compensation. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 216: Wayne. To muzzle the constitutional free speech rights of law officers to speak about an ongoing investigation or litigation. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 227 Morfeld. To criminalize posting someone's picture who one criticizes on social media and allow civil lawsuits, a bill to muzzle conservative criticism of leftist elected officials. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 229: Hunt. To increase criminal penalties for crimes against gender confused individuals. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 230: Hunt. To prohibit denial of services or housing because of gender identify, e.g, in hotels, restaurants, theaters, and stores. Passage would result in perverts dragging conservative Nebraskans into court for upholding their traditional beliefs. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 231: Hunt. To prohibit licensed medical practitioners to provide corrective conversion therapy to homosexuals and lesbians under 19. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 241: Vargas. To force all NE meatpacking plants to install expensive and unnecessary materials and equipment to counter the coronavirus pandemic. Employees screened for the coronavirus at the beginning of each shift, holding up production. Workers who even suspect that they are infected could leave work and receive a test on paid leave. Paid sick leave for the virus would not count against regular sick leave time. Plant managements already have taken sufficient preventive measures for employee safety. Meatpackers must document and track all virus-related deaths and positive cases by race and ethnicity and submit weekly reports to the Dept. of Labor, HHS, and the Legislature. The bill would slow production lines, reduce capacity, and result in fewer cattle processed, slowing the supply chain from producer to consumer. Illegal aliens working in these plants are a great source of spreading this virus. The NE Chamber of Commerce opposes the bill. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 249: Pansing Brooks. To prohibit employers from inquiring about wages previous paid to applicants from applicants or previous employers or to determine wages paid to such applicants in an employment contract. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 250: Hunt. To force interior designers to register with the state. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 258: Vargas. To force employers to offer additional days of sick leave to employees for additional reasons. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 262: Vargas. To allow illegal alien youth in NE to participate in the bridge to independence program and receive free medical care. This bill would cause a fiscal burden by extending medical coverage to those now ineligible for Medicaid. The leftist NE Appleseed and ACLU support the bill. BAD BILL/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMM.

LB 264: Stinner. To appropriate \$100,000 every fiscal year for cultural district grants. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 266: McCollister. To force public power districts to attain zero carbon emissions by 2050. BAD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 267: McCollister. To merge Douglas County with the City of Omaha. The mayor would become the chief executive with an 11-member executive council. However, the city and county serve different purposes and functions. Many services already consolidated. Only about a 5% savings would occur. Personnel costs have not declined in other mergers, and administrative costs dropped little. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 268: McCollister. To force landlords to give tenants 24-hr. written notice of intent to enter and obtain consent before entering. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 269: McCollister. To force the Parole Board to review the record of every parole-eligible inmate who have been imprisoned for over 30 years and are within 3 years of their earliest parole, in order to parole additional criminals. The ACLU supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 276: Hunt. To eliminate a requirement that a physician be present in a room in which an abortion performed. A doctor could authorize a medication abortion via telemedicine. Potential health problems are identified when patients seen in person. The NE ACLU and Planned Parenthood both support the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 277: Hunt. To require landlords to return rental deposits within 14 days instead of 30 days to mobile home tenants or face paying damages and attorney fees. If a landlord discovers more serious damage after paying back a security deposit, the landlord must absorb the cost. Legal Aid of NE supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 278: Wayne. To lower from a felony to a misdemeanor possessing illegal drug residue. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 284: M. Cavanaugh. To force the state to apply for the maximum amount of federal relief funds allowed by federal law, whether needed or not. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 290: M. Cavanaugh. To adopt a paid family and medical leave act that would greatly increase time that employees could miss work. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 293: Flood. To increase the number of Public Service Commissioners from 5 to 7. BAD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 303: M. Hansen. To remove budget restrictions from law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 306: Brandt. To allow those earning up to 150% of the federal poverty income level to receive home energy subsidies. The welfare dept. must allocate at least 10% of funds for poverty level energy aid for weatherization assistance. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 307: Pansing Brooks. To make it more difficult for juveniles to waive right to a lawyer. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 308: Pansing Brooks. To provide grant subsidies for juvenile indigent legal defense. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 319: J. Cavanaugh. A judge could use prior convictions to enhance a theft sentence only if the previous conviction happened within 15 years prior to commission of the current offense. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 323: Walz. To not reduce state aid to school districts, although the pandemic has caused reduced hours. School costs dropped during the pandemic, and they received monies from the federal coronavirus relief fund. BAD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 329: Wayne. The minimum average wholesale price of gas to calculate one part of our state gas tax would set at \$2.44 per gallon, a permanent higher amount. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 330: Wayne. To raise the age from 18 to 21 for those charged in adult court with violent crimes whose charges would be heard in juvenile court. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 332: Wayne. To increase the number of Omaha city council seats from 7 to 9. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 334: Wayne. To offer additional therapy to prison inmates from private contractors in community work release settings. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 349: McKinney. To establish a state holiday for leftist revolutionary Malcolm X, with celebrations in our public schools and funding from the state education dept. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 352: Lathrop. To raise court cost automation fees from \$8 to \$10 for each case and from \$1 to \$2 for each court training fee. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 356: Hunt. To force NE to opt out of a federal law of 1996 that requires food stamp recipients to look for a job. BAD BILL/ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.

LB 358: Hunt. If a landlord tries to evict a renter for cause within 6 months of the tenant filing a housing violation complaint, the landlord is guilty of retaliatory conduct. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 359: Pansing Brooks. To force all K-12 NE public schools and accredited private and parochial schools to incorporate multicultural education. The state education dept. must hire a full-time experienced multicultural consultant. Schools that refuse to incorporate this curriculum would lose their accreditation. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 361: Dorn. To give \$3.5 million this year and \$3 million next fiscal year to educational service units. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 386: Lathrop. To raise salaries for the Chief Justice and Justices of the state supreme court from \$181,580 to \$198,426. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 394: Morfeld. To allow NE municipalities, counties, or health authorities to declare moratoriums on rental evictions. To eliminate penalties and late fees and prohibit landlords from terminating a lease or filing an eviction notice in court for a full 6 months following a moratorium. Now, only the state can do this. Leftist groups Together Omaha and NE Appleseed support the bill. The bill may be unconstitutional, because it violates the contract clause. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 402: DeBoer. To force the NE Supreme Court to give a biannual report to the clerk of the legislature with detailed information about eviction proceedings, categorized by county. Information would include number and reasons for eviction. Leftist Legal Aid supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 406: McDonnell. To create a task force to plan 3-5 unneeded dams on the lower Platte River that will benefit developers. Cost: \$1.8 million. The Pappas NRD supports the bill, which would offer it additional work to do and money to spend. BAD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 413: Wishart. To require the state welfare dept. to cover medications for illegal drug use disorder treatment and addiction services. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 416: M. Cavanaugh. To force credentialed medical personnel to complete annual implicit bias training. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 419: J. Cavanaugh. At the commencement of an eviction proceeding, the court will appoint counsel for the tenant, unless the tenant already represented by counsel. The tenant may waive court-appointed counsel or retain the tenant's own counsel. The cost of a court-appointed counsel will be paid by the county. In addition to all other court costs assessed, an eviction proceeding fee of \$50 will be assessed as costs for each eviction proceeding filed in each county court and district court by landlords. A summons served upon the defendant must contain a statement in substantially the following form: "As a residential tenant, you have the right to representation by counsel in eviction proceedings. Counsel will be appointed to represent you, at no cost, at the beginning of eviction proceedings." BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 422: Briese. To extend the state sales tax to some services. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 423: Lathrop. To force home inspectors to register with the state, pay a fee, and have liability insurance. Violation would earn a Class IV misdemeanor. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 441: M. Hansen. To make it easier for essential workers to gain worker compensation payments by claiming that you contracted the coronavirus at your workplace, retroactive to March, 2020. Cases filed would not be subject to the usual 7-day waiting period before payment of temporary total disability benefits. The state insurance dept. would have to hire new staff to handle the increased workload and provide them with training, equipment, and supplies. The leftist NE Applesseed supports the bill. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 442: M. Hansen. To create an unneeded 14-member bureaucracy named the Commission on Asian-American Affairs to promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the Asian American community in Nebraska. The Governor would appoint its members. The NE ACLU supports the bill. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 444: M. Hansen. If a person is arrested on 1 charge and prosecuted on another charge stemming from conduct which occurred prior to such person's arrest, credit against the term of any sentence resulting from such prosecution will be given for all time spent in custody under the former charge which has not been credited against another sentence, thus lessening county jail time. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 445: M. Hansen. To make it more difficult for law officers to interrogate juveniles suspected of committing violent crimes. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 451: McKinney. To prohibit employers from discriminating against prospective employees who wear braids, dreadlocks, and twists. This law would force employers and employees to accept a grooming code objectionable to them and their clientele. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 459: M. Cavanaugh. To raise the state cigarette tax from 64c to \$2.14 per pack. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 471: DeBoer. To change the termination date from 2021 to 2025 for the long-term restrictive cell task force regarding prison confinement. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 472: DeBoer. To require every law enforcement agency to adopt and provide to the state law enforcement commission a written policy regarding a duty to intervene in the use of excessive force. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 473: DeBoer. To increase state expenditures on special education. Many students classified for special education only because of unruliness. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 474: Wishart. To legalize medical marijuana. Weed smokers could claim a variety of ailments to access it. Medical science has proved that marijuana use harms cognitive ability and alters the chemical makeup in brains, sometimes leading to suicide. BAD BILL/

LB 480: McKinney. To increase the state minimum wage from \$9 per hour to \$20 per hour over several years. A Harvard Business School study stated that each \$1 hike in the minimum wage would cause 14% of restaurants to close. Any hike would devastate small businesses. The NE ACLU supported the bill. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 481: McKinney. To decriminalize possession of marijuana and intent to manufacture or distribute. It would erase previous convictions for a non-violent drug offense. The bill would remove all records about the crime from the public record and limit dissemination of records to criminal justice agencies. The NE ACLU supports the bill. The bill is a safety risk, because information on drug convictions would no longer be available when the State approves or denies required professional licenses. It would erase 10 years of progress in fighting synthetic marijuana, according to the Att.-Gen. office. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 483: J. Cavanaugh. To mandate that UNL conduct a climate change study and provide an action plan to mitigate and adapt to it. Cost: \$250,000. BAD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 484: J. Cavanaugh. To lower the criminal penalty attached to 1 category of theft. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 485: DeBoer. To increase eligibility for state child care subsidies for families from 130% of the federal poverty level to 200%. Also, welfare payments for those working their way off welfare. The bill would add about 10,800 kids to the program, forcing the welfare dept. to hire 21 new employees at \$29.7 million cost. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 493: M. Cavanaugh. To appropriate \$17 million in FY 2021-22 and \$17 million in FY 2022-23 in order to add additional individuals qualifying for developmental services. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATION COMM.

LB 497: DeBoer. To allow health care providers to apply to the crime victim reparations program for reimbursement of costs from treating personal injuries related to rape or domestic abuse. /BAD BILL/GENERAL FILE

LB 499: DeBoer. To force Correctional Services, Probation Services, and Parole Supervision to create additional annual reports, adding additional bureaucracy to these services. The objective is to identify racial and ethnic disparities in sentencing. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 504: J. Cavanaugh. To decrease criminal penalties for suspension, revocation, or impoundment of a drivers license. BAD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 505: J. Cavanaugh. To apply habitual criminal penalties to fewer specified felonies. BAD BILL/JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 515: McKinney. To hinder the ability of law enforcement officers to deal with uncooperative suspects. To force Omaha to create a police oversight committee to monitor and investigate cops charged with complaints, though the city already has a working citizen complaint board that has legal subpoena power. To investigate all police shootings in Omaha and alleged mistreatment of citizens by police. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS

LB 517: Hunt. To allow non-gender designations on drivers licenses and ID cards and permit such altered designations on birth certificates. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 527: Walz. To force every public school district to provide disabled students from age 14 instead of 16 with special education transition services. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 529: Walz. To allocate millions for annual behavioral awareness training for teachers. Each school district must designate at least 1 employee as a behavior awareness contact for each school. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 533: Day. Allowance for taxpayer-subsidized child care programs exclusion of income not to exceed \$4,000 annually for a maximum of 8 years instead of 4 years. BAD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 544: Wayne. To give state tax dollars to North Omaha redevelopment programs that have failed in the past. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 545: Wayne. To allow additional gambling enterprises and charge them excise taxes. BAD BILL/ GENERAL AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 546: Wayne. To allow legal use of marijuana, tax its use, and erase past criminal convictions for those who have distributed, possessed, or used it. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 548: Wayne. To make it easier for criminal defendants and convicts to avoid incarceration and decrease terms of incarceration by claiming racial prejudice. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 549: Wayne. To appropriate additional state money to North Omaha. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 551: Wayne. To make it more difficult for law officers to apprehend and detain criminal suspects and create a public data base for officers accused but not convicted of misconduct, discipline imposed if any, and appeals. Records maintained for 10 years. NE Commission on Law Enforcement would post data on its website. 8 hrs. of anti-bias training for new recruits. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 553: Wayne. To force Omaha landlords to pay for bed bug inspection and elimination in multi-unit housing, even though tenants bring bed bugs into their premises. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 557: M. Hansen. To add police body camera recordings that involve the death of someone apprehended or in custody to the list of public records. This legislation could taint a jury pool. The NE ACLU supports the bill. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 559: Vargas. To prohibit solitary prison confinement for inmates suffering from bipolar disorder, major depression, or obsessive compulsive disorder. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 576: Bostar. To appropriate \$50,000 in FY 2021-22 and \$50,000 in FY 2022-23 to research bogus climate change and produce a report. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 577: Bostar. To make it easier for ineligible individuals to register to vote by allowing automatic registration when obtaining a drivers license or state ID card, which illegal aliens now can obtain in NE and lead to duplicate registrations. To provide taxpayer funds to pay for postage on the return envelope, thus increasing county mailing costs. Election Day would become a paid holiday. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 601: McKinney. To force every NE law enforcement agency 4 times each year to give to a state law enforcement commission detailed records on disciplinary action taken against every law officer, even if disciplinary action erased by appeal. Internal police investigations could become exposed. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 620: Vargas. To greatly restrict use of solitary confinement for incarcerated criminals. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 623: Vargas. To force every school board to adopt a remote learning plan for students who choose a remote learning option, with remote training for students and their parents. The teachers union supports the bill, probably because lazy

teachers prefer to teach from home. Local school districts should handle problems of remote learning without state mandates, and offering remote learning to students whether they require it or not would bring high costs. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 624: McCollister. To reduce minimum sentences for incarcerated criminals. The ACLU supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 625: Vargas. To levy a state income surtax on higher incomes to provide revenue for expanded early childhood education. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 629: Morfeld. To give taxpayer-paid grants to private businesses adversely affected financially by the pandemic. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 631: Bostar. To prohibit counties from prohibiting use of residential property as short-term rentals, thereby degrading neighborhood environments. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 636: J. Cavanaugh. To eliminate cash bail bonds, allowing dangerous criminals out of jail on their own recognizance. Judges could not consider lack of permanent residence, unrelated criminal history, or refusal to allow a search to influence pre-trial release. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 637: Vargas. To allow local health departments exclusive authority to adopt measures to limit the spread of disease within their boundaries, removing such authority from counties and cities. Such measures could contradict state measures. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 641: Day. To pay public education support professionals, even if they are not working during a pandemic period. BAD BILL/ **GENERAL FILE**

LB 651: Wayne. To end option out enrollment in July, 2022, preventing parents from optioning out their children from OPS schools. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 657: Vargas. To force the Legislative Research Office to prepare racial impact statements for most legislative bills in order to show racial disparities, adding both time and cost to the process. BAD BILL/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

LB 662: McDonnell. To appropriate \$1,980,000 in FY 2021-2022 and \$1,980,000 in FY 2022-2023 for domestic violence services. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.