

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM WORKSHEET:  
GOOD & BAD BILLS IN THE 2022 LEGISLATURE.**

**GOOD RESOLUTIONS.**

**LR 263CA: Blood.** To prohibit the State from imposing unfunded mandates on local governments for existing programs or increased levels of service. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LR 268CA: Briese.** To allow voters to recall the Governor and state senators. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**BAD RESOLUTIONS.**

**LR 269CA: Hunt.** A constitutional amendment to create an independent commission to draw future political district maps, using the most recent census. This measure in other states has resulted in liberal commissions drawing maps to favor Socialist Democrats. BAD RESOLUTION/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

**GOOD BILLS.**

**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. The exemption for immediate families would rise to \$100,000 but retain the same rate. The exemption for more distant relatives would increase to \$40,000, the rate dropping to 11%. The amount for unrelated heirs would increase to \$25,000, the rate dropping to 15%. GOOD BILL/ [SELECT FILE](#)

**LB 364: Linehan.** To establish opportunity scholarships for poor students and provide state income tax credits up to 50% of state tax liability for individuals, corporations, estates, and trusts for contributions to nonprofits, so that kids can succeed in life outside of public schools. A \$5 million limit per year. The credits would pay for tuition and fees for NE residents only in accredited nonprofit K-12 private or parochial schools. The teacher's union opposed the bill. GOOD BILL/ KILLED

**LB 691: Blood.** To include kidnapping victims in the Address Confidentiality Act. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 713: Flood.** To prohibit TIF funding for redevelopment plans that include casinos and licensed racetracks. GOOD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

**LB 731: J. Cavanaugh.** To require wireless telecom providers to reasonably notify adjacent property owners or residents before installing poles. The poles cannot obstruct or hinder walkers or public safety. GOOD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

**LB 735: Bostar.** To increase the interest rate for property tax refunds from 9% to 14%. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 742: Erdman.** To require minutes kept in electronic form under the Open Meetings Act, allowing taxpayers to more easily verify information. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 743: Erdman.** To require taxing authority subcommittees to abide by closed session provisions of the Open Meetings Act. GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 768: Albrecht.** To prohibit the State Board of Education from developing, approving, distributing, or adopting academic standards for health/sex education. Local districts still could develop these standards. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 773: Brewer.** To allow carrying of concealed handguns without a permit and prohibit regulation of such by NE cities, villages, and counties. Excluded are felons, those convicted of domestic violence, and individuals who violated protection orders. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 779: Gragert.** To extend time provisions for use of NE National Guard tuition assistance program. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 781: Slama.** This Heartbeat Act would prevent abortions after detection of fetal heartbeat. The leftist ACLU and Planned Parenthood both oppose the bill. Sen. Megan Hunt strongly opposes this bill, stating that "we just can't legislate from a place of Christian morality." GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 785: Groene.** To require mail-in or early ballots mailed not sooner than 22 days before a primary election instead of 35 days. Voters would have 22 days before such election to cast early ballots at an election office instead of 30 days. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 803: Hughes.** To expand the categories of closely-related relatives who can obtain limited permits for deer, antelope, wild turkey, or elk hunting. GOOD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

**LB 808: Morfeld.** To criminalize additional categories of fentanyl drugs. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 812: Hilkemann.** To allow pharmacy technicians to administer vaccinations. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 825: Lindstrom.** To accelerate the period of time until no state tax on Social Security payments, reaching 100% deduction on Jan. 1, 2025. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 828: Briese.** To apply a Class II felony to anyone who by bribery, extortion, theft, or fraud intentionally manipulates the result of a primary or general election. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 836: Hunt.** Every fifth year, each city having an area designated as blighted, extremely blighted, or substandard for over 30 years must review such area to determine if it still fits such designation. Cities must examine studies and analyses. If finding that such an area no longer fits within such guidelines, the city council by resolution must declare such area no longer blighted, extremely blighted, or substandard. Removal of such designation will not affect the validity of redevelopment plans or projects or bond issues. *The use of tax increment financing is flagrantly abused by cities.* GOOD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

**LB 843: Brewer.** A voter integrity bill. Election commissioners and county clerks must remove voters who have transferred their driver's license or ID card to another state. They must compare signatures of individuals requesting an early ballot with voter registration signatures on file. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 851: Wishart.** To enhance protection of and prosecution of crimes against domestic animals that result in injury or illness. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 858: Clements.** An election conducted pursuant to the Election Act can become funded only by an appropriation from the federal government, the State of Nebraska, a political subdivision, or a combination of such sources. The Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks cannot solicit, accept, or use grants or donations from a private entity for preparing for, administering, or conducting an election. *Leftist billionaires like George Soros are funding elections with the aim of influencing them against conservative candidates and issues.* GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 859: Clements.** To require city or county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures, like requiring face masks, vaccination, and testing, from the state HHS dept. prior to implementation. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 903: Bostar.** To criminalize using drones to spy on the privacy of individuals. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 906: B. Hansen.** To require the state welfare dept. to develop a vaccine exemption form for public and private employees, who can claim vaccine exemptions because of moral or ethical beliefs. Employers of at least 20 employees must abide by such decision but may request such employees, at employer expense, to take periodic tests or wear a mask or other personal protection equipment. Both employers and employees are complaining about vaccine mandates. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 933: Albrecht.** To criminalize administering, prescribing, selling, otherwise prescribing medicine or drugs, or using an instrument or procedure, to cause or assist an abortion. Violating is a Class II felony. The law would take effect only if Roe v. Wade overturned or a constitutional amendment pass to outlaw abortion. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 938: Linehan.** In Jan. 2024, the corporate income tax would fall to 5.58% on the 1<sup>st</sup> \$100,000 of income and 6.50% in excess of \$100,000. In Jan. 2026, these rates would set at 5.58% and 5.84%. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 939: Linehan.** To lower the top rate of state individual income tax in 3 steps from 6.84% to 5.8% on Jan. 1, 2025. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 942: Slama.** To allow for training requirements for a noncertified law officer. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 963: Murman.** Threats to the rights of conscience of medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payers are becoming more common and severe recently. This bill would state that the right of conscience is fundamental. None of the above should be compelled to participate in or pay for a medical procedure or prescribe or pay for any medication to which such individual or entity objects on the grounds of conscience, including religious, moral, or ethical beliefs or principles. Counseling and admitting included. Examples include gender transformation and assisted suicide. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMMITTEE

**LB 982 Hilkemann:** To allow parents or legal guardians to establish educational savings accounts with an income tax deduction. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 990: B. Hansen.** To charge with a Class I misdemeanor anyone who commits the offense of stolen valor by fraudulently representing themselves as an active member or veteran of the Armed Forces, reserves, or National Guard and obtain money, property, or other benefits through fraudulent representation. Same penalty for anyone who fraudulently represents themselves as recipients of combat medals and obtain money, property, or other benefits through fraudulent representation. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 1000: B. Hansen.** To prevent the court system from intervening in parental prerogatives that do not constitute actual child abuse or neglect. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 1001: Erdman.** To require public school districts to begin the school year after Labor Day and end before Memorial Day, stopping the trend by school districts to impose 12-month school years. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 1010: Geist.** To require information available to law enforcement and entered into the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System for each juvenile on probation or parole, the name of the juvenile, the name of the probation officer, and the conditions of probation. The same for time and location of juveniles on electronic monitoring. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 1020: Brewer.** Veterans having homestead exemptions would not have to file for such each year, if their disability status has not changed. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1050: Flood.** To prohibit NE colleges and universities from discriminating against student organizations based on their viewpoints, beliefs, and missions and provide for civil lawsuits for violations. NE postsecondary institutions regularly discriminate against conservative student organizations. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1053: Lathrop.** To permit courts to use virtual conferencing by video or phone to conduct proceedings. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1055: McDonnell.** To appropriate \$50 million from the federal pandemic aid funds for the welfare dept. to create a program to provide grants to hospitals that employ front-line nurses. The grants will pay for premium pay bonuses to these nurses, who care for coronavirus patients. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1056: Brewer.** To allow counties to regulate industrial wind turbines that are eroding soil in NE counties. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1062: Albrecht.** To tighten total disability worker compensation payments by ending them at age 72. However, if an employee injured after age 67, compensation will end after 5 years. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1077: B. Hansen.** To prohibit public schools, colleges and universities, and government subdivisions from training or teacher Critical Race Theory. Violations would mean elimination of state funding. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1086: Geist.** To criminalize giving abortion-inducing drugs to pregnant women or enabling another individual to do so, with a few exceptions. Violation constitutes a Class II misdemeanor. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1121: Albrecht.** To require the Sec. of State to examine all vote counting machines before every primary, general, and special election to ensure that such machines do not have inside them technology that hackers could utilize. Inspector would seal the outside of each machine for safeguarding. The Sec. of State would create a report listing all voting machine serial numbers and dates inspected. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1123: Erdman.** To prohibit election commissioners or county clerks from counting early, mailed-in, or in-person ballots on Election Day until all polling places closed. Such law would prevent prospective voters from staying home, believing that their candidate was losing or did not need their votes. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1124: Erdman.** To exclude from probate taxes \$200,000 instead of \$50,000 in personal property in small estates. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1143: Linehan.** To require approval by voters whenever a school district or educational service unit issues bonds under an interlocal agreement. GOOD BILL/

**LB 1158: Sanders.** To require each public school district to have a policy telling parents how to excuse their children from particular activities or instruction. Policies must show parents how to access information about activities, digital materials, websites or applications used for learning, training materials for teachers, administrators, and staff; procedures for the review and approval of training materials, and learning materials. Any public hearing under this subsection must include a reasonable opportunity for public comments. By January 1, 2023, each school district shall make all policies of the district and schools of the district accessible on the public website for each school in the district. The policies must be accessible by a prominently displayed link on each school's website. If a policy altered, the new version of the policy must be made accessible within a reasonable time thereafter. To the extent practicable, each public school district must make a reasonable effort to make any learning materials, including original materials, available for public inspection upon request. Districts that refuse to comply would lose all state aid. GOOD BILL/

### **BAD BILLS.**

**LB 696: Blood.** Use federal pandemic funds to give pay bonuses to public school teachers. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

**LB 698: Kolterman.** To require state funds to pay for glucose monitoring devices. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 710: McCollister.** To disallow additional income in order to make more people eligible for food stamps. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 715: Hunt.** To allow insurance coverage for abortions. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

**LB 716: Hunt.** To allow NE additional medical practitioners like registered nurses and physician assistants to perform abortions. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 719 Morfeld.** To require interpreters for NE employees undergoing medical services. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

**LB 734: J. Cavanaugh.** To restrict contributions to a yearly election campaign committee to \$5,000 per individual. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 740: DeBoer.** To allow renters to deduct up to \$3,000 or sum equal to annual amount of rent paid, whichever is less, from their annual federal adjusted gross income for state tax purposes. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 772: Day.** To prohibit specific health care and medical services from taking debt collection actions against victims of domestic assault or child abuse. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 810: J. Cavanaugh.** To restrict room confinement for juvenile criminals and require lengthy bureaucratic reports on their room confinement. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 814: McKinney.** To require the Legislative Research Office to prepare and provide racial impact statements for every bill, specifically criminal justice bills. Each impact statement must summarize the estimated impact of the bill on racial minority populations and racial disparities. The statement must reflect data and methods used to measure racial impact. BAD BILL/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

**LB 815: McKinney.** To force every built or renovated public accommodation site in NE to have a baby diaper changing station in each male, female, and *gender-neutral* rest room. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

**LB 821: M. Hansen.** To appropriate \$15 million in annual grants to NE municipalities to pay for infrastructure improvements. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

**LB 832: M. Cavanaugh.** To raise state income tax rates for higher income individuals and families. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 838: Kolterman.** To appropriate \$15 million annually to fund early childhood workforce programs. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 855: Day.** To expand Medical Assistance welfare coverage to additional persons. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 862: McCollister.** To require medical welfare coverage for renal disease. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 865: De Boer.** To increase child care subsidies temporarily from the federal pandemic aid money, after which local and state taxpayers must pay. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 867: Morfeld.** To appropriate \$500,000 of federal pandemic aid money to fund ways to avoid contracting AIDs during sex. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

**LB 871: M. Hansen.** To add burdensome and expensive regulations for meatpacker employers of employees who cannot speak English, which would include many illegal aliens. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

**LB 878: J. Cavanaugh.** To make it easier for individuals accused of misdemeanors to get out of jail sooner, a Get Out of Jail Free card. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 880: McKinney.** To place price controls on all NE jail and prison commissaries. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 883: McKinney.** To require identity confidentiality for minors tried in adult court for serious crimes and restrict interrogation of arrested juveniles. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 885: M. Cavanaugh.** To require many credentialed medical and health care professionals to undergo annual mandatory Critical Race Theory bias training when renewing licenses. BAD BILL/HHS COMM.

**LB 890: Walz.** To divert 20% of state tax revenue to public schools without meaningful property tax relief. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 895: Walz.** To place restrictive requirements and limits on the use of prior authorizations by managed care organizations. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

**LB 917: Wayne.** To give convicted felons a 65% income tax deduction during the first 12 months of employment, not exceeding \$20,000. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 918: Wayne.** To increase the dollar amount thresholds for committing various misdemeanors and felonies, making it more difficult to prosecute criminals. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 920: Lathrop.** To liberalize criminal sentencing, pre-trial diversion, and parole. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 921: Lathrop.** To imprison additional convicted felons in county jails instead of the state penitentiary, bloating expenses for county taxpayers. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 926: Pahls.** To give renters a state income tax deduction equal to the greater of 2% of total annual rent or \$50 but not exceeding \$500. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 930: Hunt.** To include child care services as authorized campaign expenditures under state accountability and disclosure regulations. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 940: M. Hansen.** To appropriate \$200 million for affordable subsidized housing. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

**LB 947: Wayne.** To end child support payments upon death of custodial parent and absolve such estate from financial responsibility. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 952: J. Cavanaugh.** To require the State to give onsite Medicaid enrollment assistance to inmates prior to their release from prison. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 960: Vargas.** To eliminate basic skills and content test requirements that require ability to write plainly in English from a requirement for a NE teaching certificate. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 968: Dorn:** To appropriate \$8 million of federal pandemic funds for affordable subsidized housing, including housing for refugees and illegal aliens, and \$2 million of such funds for job training for refugees. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

**LB 980: McKinney.** Violent criminals incarcerated with life sentences could win parole after 25 years or after serving half of his minimum sentence. The parole board must give highest priority to parole reviews for those serving the longest sentences. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

**LB 995: Linehan.** To limit the total amount reimbursed by the State to \$100 million. If the total amount certified by all counties exceed this amount, the Tax Commission would proportionately reduce the amount reimbursed to each county. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 996: Dorn.** To appropriate \$5.4 million of the federal pandemic funds to assisted-living facilities. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

**LB 1002: McDonnell.** To appropriate \$2 million in federal pandemic funds to poor households for heating and cooling purposes. 50% of funds disbursed to urban utility districts to utilize, and 50% of funds to the Omaha public power district. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

**LB 1018: McKinney.** To pay all employees of the Omaha Public School District a salary equal to at least 70% of the NE statewide average hourly wage. BAD BILL/

**LB 1019: McKinney.** To require the welfare dept. to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program. BAD BILL/

**LB 1024: Wayne.** To use \$450 million in federal pandemic funds for projects in North Omaha. BAD BILL/

**LB 1025: Wayne.** To give \$450 million in federal pandemic funds to the state Dept. of Economic Development for projects in North Omaha. BAD BILL/

**LB 1026: J. Cavanaugh.** To offer the means to eliminate restrictive covenants in residential neighborhoods. BAD BILL/

**LB 1027: Hunt.** Public schools having an American Indian mascot that voluntarily discontinue the use of such mascot can apply for and receive a grant of up to \$200,000 to help offset the costs associated with the discontinued use of such mascot. BAD BILL/

**LB 1028: Hunt.** To force employers of employees who receive tips to keep annual bureaucratic records of payment. BAD BILL/

**LB 1031: McCollister.** To limit charges levied by telecommunications services provided at jails. BAD BILL/

**LB 1038: M. Hansen.** To prohibit landlords from charging a cleaning and damage charge in rental agreements. BAD BILL/

**LB 1049: Kolterman.** To appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund for each of the next 2 fiscal years to enlarge the staff of the Office of Public Guardian. BAD BILL/

**LB 1051: J. Cavanaugh.** To erase convictions and erase records of criminals convicted of concealed weapons offenses. BAD BILL/

**LB 1052: J. Cavanaugh.** To appropriate \$40 million from the federal pandemic relief funds for the state welfare dept. to offer grants to nonprofit organizations for use for homeless assistance. BAD BILL

**LB 1073: Wayne.** To create a state Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, an unneeded bureaucracy. BAD BILL/

**LB 1126: M. Cavanaugh.** To eliminate family co-payments from the state child care welfare subsidy program. BAD BILL/

**LB 1128: DeBoer.** To provide taxpayer-funded student loan repayment funds to public school teachers. BAD BILL/

**LB 1129: Morfeld.** To supply an unlimited supply of free contraceptives to women, courtesy of the General Fund. BAD BILL/

**LB 1136: Hunt.** To prohibit senior care facilities from discriminating against transgender residents. BAD BILL/

**LB 1141: Vargas.** To appropriate \$3 million from the federal pandemic relief funds to the Commission for Public Advocacy which would then fund leftist Legal Aid representing poor clients in civil cases and eviction avoidance. BAD BILL/

**LB 1142: Vargas.** To appropriate \$25 million from the federal pandemic relief funds to pay for additional taxpayer-subsidized housing units. BAD BILL/

**LB 1154: McKinney.** To require 80% of eligible convicts placed in local jails or transitional housing, greatly increasing incarceration costs for local taxpayers. BAD BILL/