

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:

GOOD AND BAD BILLS/RESOLUTIONS IN THE 2026 LEGISLATURE.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

LR 18CA: Government. Comm. A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature after the year 2026 or for increased levels of service required by the Legislature after the year 2026. Unfunded mandates impose great financial challenges on NE public schools. It strains local budgets, diverts resources from essential programs, and hampers local control. Counties have difficulty meeting resident needs. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GENERAL FILE

LR 283 CA: DeKay. Constitutional amendment stating that only a U.S. citizen can serve as an election elector. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GENERAL FILE

LR 292 CA: Andersen. To institute 2 valuations for every real estate parcel, fair market value and taxable value. Fair market value determined by county assessors. Taxable value used to establish the baseline valuation for tax liability for property owners. Fair market value assessed uniformly and proportionately on all real property. Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, all real property valued for tax purposes at its taxable market value unless tax exempt. For non-ag land, the taxable market value is 100% of fair market value. For ag land, taxable market value is 75% of fair market value, except for property taxes levied by a school district to pay principal and interest on bonds, the taxable market value is 50% of fair market value. Property taxes levied on real property cannot increase annually by more than originally set. If an officially declared emergency or if there exists a financial need for a local taxing authority which cannot be funded by previously appropriated funds, an election can authorize a special bond levy. Such election would require at least 50% of registered voters to vote in the election and at least 2/3rds votes cast in favor of authorization. GOOD RESOLUTION/ REVENUE COMM.

LR 293: Kauth. To urge Congress to quickly enact legislation to provide veterans access to treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder and any other legislation improving or authorizing access to other important therapies and counseling, and legislation fostering research and development of additional therapies. GOOD RESOLUTION/ REFERENCE COMM.

LR 305CA: Lippincott. To authorize the recall of the governor, Lt.-gov., Sec. of State, Treasurer, the Att.-Gen., State Auditor, and state senators. A crooked officials could do much harm before voters could vote him out at the next regular election. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

BAD RESOLUTIONS.

LR 284 CA: McKinney. Constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 16. Leftist Civic NE supports the resolution. BAD RESOLUTION/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LR 297CA: M. Cavanaugh. Constitutional amendment to prevent the Legislature from amending or modifying a law enacted by initiative petition. BAD RESOLUTION/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

LR 299CA: McKinney. Constitutional amendment to create a NE Board of Commutation. BAD RESOLUTION/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LR 303CA: M. Cavanaugh. To force all NE employers to offer a minimum of 6 wks. of paid family medical leave for all employees, increasing to 12 wks. in 2028. BAD RESOLUTION/ BUSINESS COMM.

GOOD BILLS.

LB 203: Kauth. To require local health directors to obtain written approval from a majority of elected officials before enacting a public health measure. An approved measure would expire 7 days after issuance unless renewed by a vote. This bill is in response to public outrage at having to wear face masks during the coronavirus pandemic. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 258: Raybould. To reduce the cost of living increases in the state minimum wage to 1.75% annually or the CPI and set this wage at \$13.50 per hour for 14 and 15 yr. olds and for a training wage for those under 20. Freezing the youth wage would offer incentives for hiring teens. The training wage would increase by 1.5% annually and the youth minimum wage every 5th year beginning in 2030. The employer may only pay the training wage to such an employee for the first ninety days of employment. Higher business costs resulting from a higher minimum wage causes reduction in work hours, which means a lower monthly income, or fewer employees, also a push towards

automation. These increases will provide businesses with predictable and consistent labor costs. The leftist Women's Fund of Omaha and NE Appleseed oppose the bill, also the NE AFL-CIO. The present system forces small businesses to cut staff or raise prices. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 320: Sanders. To allow the state Att.-Gen., Dept of Labor, and hotels to cooperate to approve human trafficking training, with hotel employee training optional. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 384: Storer. At least 1 voting member of the governing body of each participating political subdivision must attend the joint public hearing justifying property tax hikes. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 397: Moser. To eliminate unneeded and unfunded workplace safety committees and programs, with their rules and regulations, because they duplicate OSHA operations. Public sector employees could still enact such committees. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 429: Murman. A school board could not grant access by a professional employees' organization, like the NSEA, to the physical or electronic mailbox of a school employee without giving equal access to another professional employees' organization which requests such access. If a professional employees' organization can display information at or send a representative to attend a school employee meeting or event, including, but not limited to, a school employee orientation meeting, in an effort to recruit new members, any other professional employees' organization which requests permission to display information at or send a representative to attend such meeting also could obtain such permission. The bill requires equal treatment for signs and information displayed on school property. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 437: Riepe. To extend the timeline for compliance with certificate of need requirements from 1 yr. to 3 yrs. with possible 1 yr. extensions. The bill would help rural NE communities trying to reopen closed nursing homes or assisted living facilities. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 668: Storer. To establish an appeals process for individuals before their names added to a state registry for abuse or neglect of a senior citizen or child. Families and individuals entitled to notification of right to contest an illegitimate determination. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 669: Storer. To require abortion providers to screen patients for signs of coercion, abuse, or sex trafficking. This bill would strengthen our state informed consent laws and ensure patient privacy and safety. Coerced women would have an opportunity to reconsider and access additional resources. Providers would have to supply phone numbers for a national domestic violence and human trafficking hotline and allow patients to make confidential calls. Planned Parenthood, the ACLU-NE, and I Be Black Girl opposed the bill. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 714: Clements. Designed to offset county revenue lost because of Inheritance Tax reductions. This bill furthers that effort by not only allowing for the continued reduction of the Inheritance Tax but also lowering the Motor Vehicle Personal Property Tax. This bill would provide direct tax relief to Nebraskans who own a vehicle but may not own a home. GOOD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 717: Jacobson. To authorize the emergency closing of financial institutions if a cybersecurity breach. To update lending limits by increasing the usury exemption cap from \$25,000 to \$100,000. GOOD BILL/ PASSED

LB 727: Kauth. To authorize law enforcement agencies to obtain, maintain, and use epinephrine autoinjectors and require officer training. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 728: Kauth. Require proxy advisors for companies to disclose if a financial analysis used for proxy services. This is a transparency bill. Currently proxy advisors give financial advice without being required to actually know about the issue on which they are advising. This bill would require them to specify whether or not they have actual knowledge of the topic. GOOD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 730: Kauth. To require schools, colleges, and state agencies to designate bathrooms and locker rooms based on sex. It will also require each state agency to define an individual's sex as either male or female for purposes of rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative actions, and the adjudication of disputes. It prohibits retaliation for reporting violations. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 731: Kauth. Adopt the Gender Transition Malpractice Act relating to profession negligence. The bill provides an exemption to the time limitation to commence specific actions relating to professional negligence. This bill would extend the time frame for those who have been subjected to gender ideology to sue, also require any insurance company that has authorized sex-rejection procedures to authorize treatments to try to correct them. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 732: Kauth. To prohibit health care practitioners in the future from knowingly prescribe to youth under 19 cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs to assist such individuals with gender changing. Violators would face fines of \$25,000 for each violation. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a states' right and responsibility to fully ban these drugs. Nebraska must take this step. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 735: Rountree. To join a compact so that a licensed respiratory therapist can use an existing license to practice in a member state. 5 state already are in the compact. 8 additional states considering membership. This legislation would benefit military spouses who relocate. Many licensees reside near our state borders and must carry multiple licenses to practice in border states. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 745: Juarez. To allow individuals of any age who has received a GED to receive a diploma. GOOD BILL/ FINAL READING

LB 748: Sorrentino. To allow use of NE Educational Savings plan trust funds for postsecondary credential programs and many other K-college expenses, like tutoring, online learning, and room and board, up to \$20,000 annually. It mirrors Trump federal legislation. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 760: Brandt. To transfer authority to permit, license, and inspect swimming pools from the state environment dept. to local governments, who could adopt their own requirements. GOOD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 763: Holdcroft. To exempt from Board of Parole open meetings act provisions strategic planning sessions, business procedure development, internal education, training, but maintain brief public records of these meetings made available to the public. It would reduce unnecessary strain on incarcerated individuals and staff and allow the Board to carry out its work more effectively. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 765: Holdcroft. School districts could not use taxpayer dollars, including building funds, cash funds, and discretionary funds to establish, conduct, underwrite, promote, or subsidize a campaign to influence potential voters in a school district bond election. No school district or educational service unit employee could devote work time to likewise support a bond issue. School employees may provide subject matter, bond amount, and election date to prospective voters. Campaign materials supporting or advocating a school bond issue not allowed for distribution or posting on school grounds or vehicles. Successful bond issue elections related to schools and educational service units would require a voter turnout of at least 50.1% of qualified electors in the district before they can pass. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 785: Hallstrom. To criminalize using a mail box key or lock to defraud or deprive an individual or personal property by obtaining, using, or transferring such key or lock. The penalty is a Class IV felony. GOOD BILL/JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 795: DeKay. To designate bromazolam as a dangerous Scheule I illegal drug. GOOD BILL/ FINAL READING

LB 802: Revenue Comm. To lower one bracket of state income tax a partial percentage point. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 809: Dover. No local government could enact or enforce an ordinance that prohibits landlords from refusing to lease or rent a property to an individual whose lawful source of income to pay includes federal or other housing aid funding, such as Sec. 8 vouchers. This bill intends to prevent local governments from enacting or enforcing ordinances that mandate a landlord's participation in a voluntary federal housing assistance program. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 816: Storer. To institute confidentiality and immunity for peer support services involving hospital, public safety, and emergency personnel. The bill addresses a critical barrier to mental health support by ensuring that conversations with peer support team members, colleagues specially trained to provide emotional support, cannot become disclosed in legal, administrative, or disciplinary proceedings. The bill will help law officers seek help early and reduce burnout. Several states, including Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri already have this legislation. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 817: Storer. To increase felony criminal penalties involving fentanyl. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 824: Lonowski. To allow retired educators to wait only 120 days instead of 180 days to return to a classroom, helping to solve our teacher shortage. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 832: Hansen. To extend the prohibition of the addition of long-term care services and supports to the Medicaid managed care program. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 834: Kauth. In all counties with at least 100,000 population, property owners could meet personally with the county assessor or his representative. This is a bill to eliminate multiple unnecessary statutes from county codes. Getting rid of red-tape is a significant part of lowering taxes. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 843: G. Meyer. To include additional drugs on the Medicaid program preferred drug list. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 849: J. Cavanaugh. To exempt over the counter drugs from state sales tax. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 870: Andersen. To prohibit illegal aliens from paying in-state fees and tuition at NE post-secondary institutions, repealing current law. The Trump Administration Justice Dept. is suing states who refuse to end such tuition for illegal aliens. Radical NE Appleseed opposes the bill. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 874: Hallstrom. To increase penalties for motor vehicle homicide and motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child caused by cell phone use. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 877: Hallstrom. To add substances to the list of controlled illegal drugs. GOOD BILL/ FINAL READING

LB 882: Andersen. To eliminate the requirement for totally-disabled veterans to file for homestead exemptions every year. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 884: Andersen. The NE Sec. of State must use the federal Systematic Alien Verification Program to remove non-citizen registered voters. No ballot or ballot envelope must display an indication of voter political party affiliation. Ballot deliverers must deliver them directly to a centralized location and make no stops. Polling station personnel could not remove ballots from ballot boxes unless poll watchers from 2 different political parties observe the removal. Poll watchers must have the ability to plainly see and hear all actions taken during ballot counting, including verification of signatures and opening of envelopes related to early voting. Poll watchers could watch the counting process for early voting. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 886: Andersen. To prohibit non-citizens and illegal aliens from obtaining driver's licenses or ID in NE. Our state would not recognize driver's licenses issued to illegal aliens in other states. The leftist NE ACLU and Appleseed oppose the bill. GOOD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 887: Hallstrom. To facilitate the transfer of medical prescriptions. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 910: Hardin. To create a \$100 per device fee for convictions of a sexual offense against a child, paid by the criminal. The fee will go into the NE State Patrol Cash Fund and used to defray the costs of forensic analysis of such devices. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 914: Hardin. To eliminate physician liability for physician assistant negligence. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 916: G. Meyer. Protects NE landowners against the use of eminent domain. The bill gives authority to the NE Oil and Gas Commission to approve applications for the construction of C02 pipelines if they meet safety and economic criteria and prohibits the use of eminent domain for the purposes of acquiring right-of-way, constructing and operating C02 pipelines. The bill also requires CO2 storage operators to obtain the consent of all affected landowners within the storage reservoir. GOOD BILL/ NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

LB 925: Andersen. To criminalize homeless individuals from siting in parks and other public places. Violations of the new law would be a Class V misdemeanor, but, for first-time offenders, law enforcement would direct them to the nearest appropriate shelter for homeless individuals. Political subdivisions prohibited from allowing anyone to regularly camp or sleep on such property or rights-of-way and could not prohibit or discourage enforcement. The NE Department of Health and Human Services would oversee alleged violations. It creates several mechanisms to hold noncompliant subdivisions accountable, including litigation from aggrieved residents, businesses, or the Att.-Gen., also jeopardizing specific funding streams until compliance met. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 926: Andersen. To limit cash assistance welfare payments under the ADC program from 60 months to 36 months and eliminate transitional benefits after a recipient no longer eligible for cash assistance. It also narrows the definition of adults in a recipient family to parents and siblings and reduces the support threshold for family income to less than 200% of the federal poverty guideline. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 927: Andersen. To prohibit foreign nationals from funding and organizing ballot question activities. The bill expands reporting requirements and increases fines for violations to at least \$100,000. It also adds protections to limit disclosure of lawful donors' identities during investigations. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 965: Bostar. To prohibit sexual abuse of a probationer or problem-solving court participant, sexual abuse by a conservator, guardian, or guardian ad litem, and sexual abuse by a child welfare service provider. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 978: Storer. To create a civil cause of action allowing individuals depicted in or exposed to obscene material, child sexual abuse material, or content promoting child sexual exploitation to seek damages against entities that intentionally distribute such content on publicly available Internet websites. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions to restrain violations and would provide that Internet utilities are not liable solely for providing access or connection services. Additionally, LB978 would prohibit the sale or distribution of child sexual exploitation devices or images and establish civil penalties of up to ten thousand dollars per violation, enforceable by the Attorney General or county attorneys. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 979: Brandt. Anyone who possesses, transports, sells, buys, barter, trades, or imports or exports wildlife taken in violation of the law would face a Class I misdemeanor. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 986: Bostar. To allow campaigns to spend campaign funds on security services and systems, including security personnel, hardware, software, electronic security equipment, installation, maintenance, monitoring and other physical and structural security measures and improvements in order to protect candidates and officeholders. There are increased threats, intimidation, and harassment against candidates and officeholders. County assessors and registers of deeds could withhold candidate and elected official home addresses. GOOD BILL/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

LB 998: Andersen. To allow NE National Guard members to exclude 100% of their income received from serving on active military duty or employed as a federal dual status technician with the Guard. It also reduces the administrative burden on the Guard member to determine what portion of his pay is exempt from state income tax. GOOD BILL/REVENUE COMM.

LB 1003: G. Meyer. To prevent deceptive trade practices regarding renewable energy products and services. GOOD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1005: Clouse. To allow utility-type vehicles and ATVs to operate between sunset and sunrise with lights. Vehicle lighting clarified. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1020: Bostar. To criminalize installing a mobile tracking device on the personal property of another without consent or cause such device to track the position or movement of someone. To spy on someone directly or through electronic or other remote means, including drones. LB1020 creates the offense of swatting and establishes penalties. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1022: Murman. To eliminate the human relations training requirement for obtaining a teaching certificate, administrators included. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 1023: Murman. To eliminate the sales tax exemption for zoos and aquariums. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 1024: Murman. Each school district must include age-appropriate instruction on the history of communism within the social studies curriculum. The instruction must include the history of U.S. communist movements and their tactics, also the increased threat of communism in the U.S. and the suppression and persecution of religious faiths under communist regimes. Tim Royers, president of the Nebraska State Education Association, the biggest teachers' union in the state, said the union is "obviously opposed." GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1043: G. Meyer: To allow HHS and the pharmaceutical and therapeutics committee to approve antidepressant prescription drugs, antipsychotic prescription drugs, and anticonvulsant prescription drugs on the preferred drug list for Medicaid patients. The bill would save taxpayers \$1.24 million. GOOD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 1049: Ibach. To require the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare and submit an economic impact report to a legislative committee that would include a cost-benefit analysis for every adoption, promulgation, or amendment to a rule. State agencies must provide information relevant to the report. GOOD BILL/ EXECUTIVE BOARD

LB 1053: Education Comm. To eliminate the prohibition on suspending a pre-kiddiegarden through 2nd Grade student. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1059: Bosn. To criminalize installing a mobile tracking device on the personal property of another without consent or cause such device to track the position or movement of someone. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1063: Bostar. Prohibits money transmission activities by companies connected to foreign adversaries. Requires certifications to verify applicants and key individuals are not foreign adversaries. GOOD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1071: Arch. To revise and balance the biennial budget by reducing spending, transferring or reducing about \$358 million from 94 funds that have excess balances. The leftist Open Sky Institute opposes the bill. GOOD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 1075: Sanders. To tighten election procedures. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 1079: Von Gillern. If a felony committed is a violation of specific laws and 2 or more previous felony convictions violated such laws or similar statutes, the mandatory minimum sentence is 3 yrs. incarceration and the maximum sentence is not more than 20 yrs. The bill directly aims at repeated thefts from construction sites. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1081: G. Meyer. Every NE state agency and political subdivision must purchase U.S. and state flags 100% manufactured in the U.S. with U.S. materials and supplies. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 1082: Storer. Every telecom company operating in NE must protect subscribers and customers from receiving spam calls or messages using misleading or inaccurate caller ID information. GOOD BILL/ TRANSPORTATION COMM.

LB 1096: Bostar. The bill establishes criminal penalties for the unauthorized importation of high-risk agricultural pathogens, restricts foreign adversary access to critical infrastructure and sensitive technologies, and designates enforcement to the Att.-Gen. To withhold records relating to our critical water infrastructure. GOOD BILL/JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1103: Bostar. To raise the State Patrol mandatory retirement age from 60 to 65. GOOD BILL/ RETIREMENT COMM.

LB 1118: Bosn. To prohibit deceptive and fraudulent social media platforms that accept paid advertising. The bill would require a process for law enforcement to report suspected fraud ads. GOOD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1119: Bosn. To prohibit collection and use of personal data of minors by Internet services. GOOD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1123; Bostar. To increase penalties for impersonating a peace officer. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1134: Kauth. To prohibit cities, villages, and counties that enact, administer, or enforce building, construction, electrical, or energy codes from adopting or updating a code without providing evidence verifying that the change is necessary to protect the public from danger. The bill aims to reduce the cost of building housing. GOOD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS

LB 1138: Hallstrom. To adopt the NE Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act. which establishes a formal process for life insurance companies and producers to delay or stop transactions suspected of exploiting seniors or vulnerable adults. The legislation would adopt a process similar to those already existing for transactions involving financial institutions or securities by allowing a senior or vulnerable adult to designate a third party who may be contacted when a transaction involving suspected exploitation occurs. LB 1138 also provides the necessary immunities to parties involved in stopping or delaying a transaction to encourage insurance companies, insurance producers, and others to stop suspected financial exploitative transactions before they occur. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1143: Hardin. To allow individuals to go from institutions to community settings while continuing to receive long-term care. Most elderly do not want to become institutionalized. The state welfare dept. currently lacks discretion regarding directing funds appropriated for long-term care to nursing homes. GOOD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 1164: Lonowski. To require the Comm. for Postsecondary Education to approve and publicly post a list of recognized exams and minimum passing scores accessible to students and families. Students then could make informed choices about course selection, exam participation, and college pathways. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1169: Wordekemper. To criminalize assault against a court operations officer. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1174: Kauth. To levy a 20% excise tax on all remittance monies transferred by a licensee or delegate to a resident of a hostile foreign country. This bill not applicable to sending or receiving money of active military members or their dependents. GOOD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1181: Bosn. To enhance rights of crime victims. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1183: Lippincott. To value ag property at 37 and 5/10ths of its actual value for taxation purposes. School district taxes levied to pay principal and interest on bonds would levy on only 25% of actual value. All other real property valued at 50% of actual value. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 1188: DeKay. To prohibit the state and its political subdivisions from owning interest in real estate in a hostile nation. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1219: Brandt. To limit the amount of property taxes that a local subdivision could levy to the same amount levied the previous year plus allowable growth percentages. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1227: Andersen. To prohibit certain political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing local electrical codes that are more stringent than those prescribed by the state. GOOD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 1240: Murman. The bill seeks to protect funds invested in ABLE accounts by preventing the state from seeking recovery of any distributed funds upon the death of the account's beneficiary. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1242: Murman. To require the state welfare dept. to establish and enforce child support for biological fathers of unborn children if requested by the mother. Such payments can become retroactively collected. This measure not implemented, if it poses risk of harm to the unborn child. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1255: Bostar. To prohibit public power agencies from using eminent domain. GOOD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1261: DeKay. To prohibit a consumer-owned NE utility from using eminent domain to purchase a private power facility. This bill would help NE public utilities meet surging electricity demand from large industrial customers like data centers. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1262: Andersen. To prohibit postsecondary education institutions in the state of Nebraska from receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, funding from a foreign adversary. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

BAD BILLS.

LB 60: Quick. To allow Nebraskans to buy lottery tickets from vending machines. The funds raised for property tax relief would not offset the social costs from increased gambling, such as crime and welfare. BAD BILL/ PASSED

LB 365: Quick. The state welfare department must provide coverage and reimbursement for self-measure blood pressure monitoring clinical support services for all persons eligible under state Medicaid. BAD BILL/ FINAL READING

LB 725: Quick. To revise the state electrical code that would increase the cost of new homes and increase maintenance costs of existing homes. Higher inspection and late fees. BAD BILL/ GENERAL AFFAIRS

LB 726: Quick. To codify state electrical code revisions that would increase the cost of new homes and increase maintenance costs of existing homes. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS

LB 734: Hunt. To require the state to ask the USDA to waive work requirements for homeless individuals and foster care individuals in order for them to obtain food stamps. The bill deletes language regarding food stamp waivers passed by the legislature in 2025. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 740: McKinney. To authorize Medicaid reimbursement for supportive housing services for those who experience or risk homelessness. Services would include outreach, application aid, pressure on landlords, case management, eviction prevention, and links to community resources. Also, health care, behavioral health care, and drug abuse treatment. To create the Housing First Supportive Services Fund with legislative appropriations, federal Medicaid funds, and gifts and grants. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 742: McKinney. To allow 7th and 8th Graders to participate in high school sports. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 750: Spivey. To require the state Health & Human Services Dept. to increase its reimbursement rate to PACE elderly program services to no less than 80% of its costs. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 751: Spivey. To require the State Patrol to conduct a study and collect data to determine how to increase state criminal justice protective and investigative resources for reporting and identifying missing Black women and children. The State Patrol must coordinate with the Comm. on African American Affairs to convene meetings with state and local law enforcement agencies, federal agencies, and community groups to determine the scope of the

problem. An electronic report detailing findings to be completed and submitted to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council by June 1, 2027. I Be Black Girl supports the bill. BAD BILL/ FINAL READING

LB 752: Spivey. To reduce by \$5.2 million FY 2026-2027 appropriations for the Dept. of Corrections Cornhusker Clink and instead use these funds for tuition, fees, and other expenses for re-entry programs for ex-convicts. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 762: Dungan. To force insurance companies to cover pediatric autoimmune disorders. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 773: Dungan. To eliminate the sunset date on the Prenatal Plus Program and advance the date to 2034 to allow services to mothers up to and including the 60th day following birth. Services include nutritional counseling, psych counseling and support, health promotion, and case management. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 777: M. Cavanaugh. The state welfare dept. retroactively must provide the maximum amount of coverage for every medical assistance eligibility category as permitted by federal law. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 779: Conrad. No health care facility or collection agency could charge a patient interest or late fees on medical debt until 90 days after the due date on the final invoice. No interest or fees can exceed 3% of the amount of medical debt per year. No primary residential property can accrue liens or foreclosures to collect medical debt. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 780: Dungan. To force insurance companies to cover diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 797: Urban Affairs Comm. To increase the minimum bidding amount for specific cities and villages to \$90,000, thereby curtailing competitive bidding. BAD BILL/ SELECT FILE

LB 799: Urban Affairs Comm. To require metropolitan cities, counties over 500,000 population, and specific state agencies to report the name and address of every individual or entity awarded a service contract, the total dollar value of such contracts, the total dollar value of service contracts awarded to individuals and entities in depressed areas, and efforts made to increase the number of contracts awarded to individuals and entities in depressed areas. If a city or county fails to submit an annual report, the State Treasurer will suspend all state aid until the annual report submitted. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS

LB 800: Urban Affairs Comm. To revise building and energy codes that would increase construction costs. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

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LB 805: Lonowski. To force insurance companies to offer coverage for infant cranial helmets. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 811: Dover. To allow all NE municipalities to establish land banks, thereby preventing private parties from purchasing abandoned properties. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 812: Bostar. To expand Medicaid eligibility. Prohibits HHS from implementing other Medicaid work requirements unless required by federal law. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 839: Rountree. To force cities to report the number of multifamily housing units built with federal accessibility requirements. Cities would have difficulty compiling these housing records. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 840: Rountree. To obtain assistance from the affordable housing fund only if 20% of a housing project units available to disabled people and 10% for people with vision or hearing problems. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 843: Rountree. To require the welfare dept. to file a food stamp waiver with the federal government in order to extend food stamps to refugees and legal and illegal immigrants. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 851: Dungan. To force select Nebraskans who are shareholders of a small business corporation or who are members of a limited liability corporation to pay increased state income tax. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 853: Dungan. To increase federal income tax by the amount of depreciation deduction of a qualified production property received. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 854: Hunt. To prohibit federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from covering their faces and require them to wear identification. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 855: McKinney. To appropriate funds for a Youth Early Intervention and Support Act. The legislation would require schools to deal with student hygiene concerns, and school districts must establish youth support teams. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 856: McKinney. To establish an excise tax for a Community Re-investment and Equity Act. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 858: Fredrickson. To appropriate additional welfare dept. funds of \$500,000 annually for community health centers. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 860: Bostar. To require the welfare dept. to create a program to provide behavioral health care services for individuals under 21. Services include mobile response, intensive home treatment, inpatient and outpatient care, psychiatric residential treatment facility care, illegal drug treatment, and developmental disability care. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 871: Conrad. To increase and provide for inflation adjustments for amounts exempt from judicial enforcement by creditors, also homestead and exempt property allowances. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 872: Conrad. To eliminate an income tax deduction for extraordinary dividends and specific capital gains. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 878: Guereca. To require paid paternity leave for state employees. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 880: Guereca. Prohibit residential landlords from charging extra fees for tenant payments made by automated clearinghouse transfer. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 881: Guereca. To require law enforcement agencies, jails, and the State Patrol to receive approval at least 30 days prior before making agreements to enforce federal immigration laws. The local governing body and/or the State Law Enforcement Comm. must hold a public hearing on the matter and then vote on such agreement. Violating this law would mean a violation of the Open Meetings Act. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 896: Lonowski. To increase marriage license fees from \$25 to \$50 and from \$9 to \$16 for certified copies. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 902: Dungan. To provide enhanced medical services for convicted criminals. Cost: \$5.6 million. BAD BILL/JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 906: Juarez. To prohibit law enforcement officers from covering their faces and require them to wear identification. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 907: Juarez. To prohibit law enforcement officers without a warrant from entering schools, libraries, courthouses, law offices, shelters, churches, and medical facilities to enforce immigration laws. The NE ACLU supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 921: Ibach. To force employers to provide translators for their employees, costing over \$90,000 annually. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 929: Fredrickson. To exempt Medicaid recipient deductions, cost sharing, co-insurance, or co-payments from cash assistance eligibility. It requires HHS to set the new cost sharing for Medicaid expansion enrollees required by H.R.1 at the lowest amount possible. To prohibit Medicaid providers from denying care or services, if recipient does not pay a required deduction, cost-sharing, or similar charge. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 934: J. Cavanaugh. To provide for the election of members of the NE Medical Cannabis Comm. beginning in 2028. BAD BILL/ GENERAL AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 957: J. Cavanaugh. To criminalize an adult for allowing a minor younger than 14 to have access to a firearm or waves it in public or leaving a loaded firearm in a location accessible to a minor. The legislation would result in overlapping charges by creating duplicate offenses for conduct already prohibited under existing child neglect laws. The liberal League of Women Voters supports the bill. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 960: McKinney. To require nonvoting student members on public school boards in equal numbers to regular board members. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 961: McKinney. To allow removal of sanctions from convicted criminals. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 962: McKinney. To create an expensive and bureaucratic Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 963: McKinney. To prohibit state agencies from making agreements to aid in immigration enforcement without legislative approval and disallow the Cornhusker Clink from holding illegal aliens. An immigration enforcement agreement not previously approved by the Legislature is void and unenforceable. An immigration

agreement entered into by a state agency or official prior to the effective date of this act is void and unenforceable. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 966: M. Cavanaugh. To offer free school breakfasts and lunches to additional students. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 970: Guereca. To require the state welfare dept. to seek approval for federal matching funds to expand state Medicaid services for early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for early literacy promotion and intervention during home visits for children from birth through 5 yrs. old. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 971: Guereca. To force insurance companies to offer total coverage for rescue asthma inhalers. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 974: Conrad. To impose an additional state income tax of 9.5% on individuals earning over \$1 million annually and impose an additional state income tax of 9.5% on married couples earning over \$2 million annually. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 981: Urban Affairs Comm. To require a housing authority in Omaha to comply with any city rental inspection and registration ordinance, code enforcement, and inspection of residential rental properties. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS

LB 993: McKinney. To force law officers to pay compensatory damages, including for physical injury, pain, and suffering, emotional distress, and loss of reputation. Other equitable and declaratory relief as appropriate. Plus attorney fees and other litigation costs. Qualified sovereign immunity for law officers negated. A public employer must indemnify its law enforcement officers for judgements against them. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 994: McKinney. To increase good time and parole eligibility in order to free violent criminals prematurely. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 995: Rountree. To require appointment of lawyers for juveniles in every county juvenile court. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 996: Rountree. To allow shackling of a juvenile prisoner only if he presents a substantial risk of inflicting physical harm on others and that no other restrictive alternative will prevent such risk. Shackling limited to the duration strictly necessary to prevent risk. The bill extends existing restraint policies to private transportation contractors and requires that any exception be narrowly limited, documented, and subject to review. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 999: Spivey. To create an unneeded Business Innovation & Startup Commission Act. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1002: M. Cavanaugh. To increase filing fees for political campaigns. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 1007: Dungan. To prohibit a landlord from keeping a security deposit when a rental agreement not signed and prohibit nondisclosure terms in rental agreements. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1009: Dungan. To allow earlier receipt of NE worker compensation payments. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 1011: Dungan. Compensation for temporary disability would cease only after employee given 30-days notice. If an employer relies on evidence besides that of treating doctors, the employee can seek a medical finding by an independent doctor paid by the employer. BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 1017: Raybould. No individuals could make a contribution to a candidate more than \$3,500 during an election period. A candidate, within 10 days of receipt, must return contributions that exceed this amount and report such contribution on campaign statements disclosing the name and address of contributor plus amount received, which would open such individual to leftist harassment. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 1033: Spivey. To require the state HHS dept. to grant energy payments of \$800 or more annually to crisis energy programs. BAD BILL/ HHS COMM.

LB 1034: Dungan. To prohibit public school staff from allowing federal immigration enforcement officers to access school property without a warrant. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1035: M. Cavanaugh. To prohibit insurance companies from raising premiums for homeowners greater than 10% above the highest rate from the previous year. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1039: Dungan. To prohibit school resource officers and security guards from using corporal punishment. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1041: Rountree. To force cities, villages, and counties to allow small accessory dwelling units on existing residential properties, which would devalue properties. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1045: McKinney. To establish a socialist public housing preservation trust. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS CONMM.

LB 1046: McKinney. To require public schools to allow their athletes to commercialize their names and images. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1056: Conrad. To liberalize workers compensation and force employers to pay for interpreters for employees who cannot readily understand or communicate in English. Such employees could select their interpreter. These costs refer to medical examinations. Increases the maximum weekly income benefit to 200% of the state average weekly wage, and raises the minimum weekly income benefit to 50% of the worker's weekly wage. Increases compensation available to surviving spouses and/or dependent children, BAD BILL/ BUSINESS COMM.

LB 1067: Hallstrom. To increase the documentary stamp tax on real estate transfers from \$2.32 to \$3.82 for each \$1,000 valuation. This increase would add about \$450 on a \$300,000 house. The tax would subsidize affordable housing projects at \$12 million per year. This bill would increase sale closing costs, erode seller equity, and limit options for a next home. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1088: Raybould. To force individuals convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence subject to protection orders to surrender their firearms for several months. LB 1088 would require these individuals to temporarily place firearms in their possession into storage with a court-approved third party. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1090: Murman. To force every petition circulator to file an affidavit with the Sec. of State including name, date of birth, mailing address, and if the circulator is a convicted felon or pled guilty to a felony and was pardoned. Felons not eligible to circulate petitions. Violators would face a Class III felony. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1112: McKinney. To force all public, private, and parochial schools to use a statewide standardized grading system. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1124: Sorrentino. Raises the excise tax on cigarettes, which was set in 2002, from 64c per pack to \$1.64 per pack of 20 cigarettes. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 1140: Spivey. To appropriate \$500,000 in FY 2026-2027 for an apprenticeship pilot program serving young adult criminals in Omaha. This program would duplicate existing programs. BAD BILL/ APPROPRIATIONS COMM.

LB 1149: Hunt. To require disclosure of proposed state agency contracts with private entities that have contracts with ICE. BAD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

LB 1161: Juarez. To clarify when a person under 19 may consent to health care without the consent of a parent or guardian. The bill applies to 3 sets of minors: (1) a minor who is pregnant or experiencing a pregnancy-related medical condition, (2) a minor who is the parent of a dependent child, and (3) an individual who is 18. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1186: J. Cavanaugh. To implement liberal subsidized energy provisions. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 1206: Juarez. To exempt all teachers and paraprofessionals from paying state income tax. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 1207: Juarez. To offer every public school teacher 5 days of paid mental health leave each fiscal year. School districts could not require documentation from a mental health or medical provider to prove need for such leave. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1214: McKinney. To create a pilot program for neighborhood data collaboratives, an unneeded service. BAD BILL/ URBAN AFFAIRS COMM.

LB 1216: Mc Kinney. To provide additional education services for state prisoners. BAD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

LB 1222: Prokop. To force insurance companies to cover brain injury services and require insurance and Medicaid coverage of specific testing and treatments for dementia. BAD BILL/ BANKING COMM.

LB 1228: Holdcroft. To levy a \$35-\$116 court docket fee for court expenses. BAD BILL/ JUDICIARY COMM.

LB 1237: Executive Board. To prohibit bringing firearms, tasers, explosives, or knives into the State Capitol building, except for active and retired law enforcement officers and individuals having prior approval by the State Patrol. The bill would be costly. Violators would face a Class III misdemeanor. BAD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

LB 1244: Murman. To remove sales taxes exemption and put capital gains tax back on precious metals. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

LB 1252: Murman. To establish a 27c motor vehicle delivery fee. BAD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.