

Legislative Bill Summaries:

Bill Number:	LB 11
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Change Participation and Reimbursement Provisions under the Managed Care Plan Network Adequacy Act
Committee Member:	Perry Root Sr.
Recommendation:	Disregard
Action Taken:	No Action

Brief Description: This bill under review of the Banking, Insurance and Commerce committee would offer a change by allowing family members, who are network managed care providers, to be reimbursed for services provided, and not be denied reimbursement or access if providing care to another family member.

Bill Number:	LB 12
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Suspend Medical Assistance provided to persons who become inmates of public institutions
Committee Member:	Perry Root Sr.
Recommendation:	Support
Action Taken:	

Brief Description: This bill under review by the Health and Human Services committee would suspend medical payments to inmates who qualify for Medicaid under the Medical Assistance Program. The suspension would have to coincide with federal law.

Bill Number:	LB 13
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Change community based Juvenile Services Aid Program Provision
Committee Member:	Perry Root Sr.
Recommendation:	Disregard
Action Taken:	No Action

Brief Description: This bill under review by the Judiciary committee, would require 10 percent of the funding for the Juvenile Services Aid Program to be distributed to the University of Nebraska-Omaha Juvenile Justice Institute to create an evidenced based common data system. There is a component in the bill for a need for "matching funds" from counties.

Bill Number:	LB 14
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Create the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or non-functioning firearm to commit a felony
Committee Member:	Perry Root Sr.
Recommendation:	Support Tier 3
Action Taken:	

Brief Description: The bill to be reviewed by the Judiciary committee, seeks to establish the added definition of using toys that look like guns to be added as a separate and distinct felony from and in addition to existing handgun legislation.

Bill Number:	LB 15
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Provide Additional powers and duties to Guardians Ad Litem
Recommendation:	Support Tier 3
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.

Brief Description: This bill would expand the duties of the guardian ad litem and better regulate cooperation for the guardian ad litem with other providers in determining the best interest of child welfare.

Bill Number:	LB 16
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Adopt the purchasing from Persons from Disabilities Act
Recommendation:	Monitor/More research needed
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill is designed to assist persons with disabilities achieve more personal independence by creating a central non-profit agency and governing board to assist with conformity of the requirement of non-discrimination and affirmative action.

Bill Number:	LB 17
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to transfers to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
Recommendation:	Monitor/ Bill indefinitely postponed
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill seeks to eliminate original provisions that provided funds for public service announcements about the problems with excessive gambling.

Bill Number:	LB21
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Provide requirements for rate increases for providers of behavioral health services as prescribed
Recommendation:	Not sure
Committee Member:	Sarah Hanify
Action:	Tier 1; Unsure

Brief Description:

All rate increases for providers of behavioral health services under the medical assistance program shall be passed on in their entirety to such providers by any contractor governing at-risk managed care service delivery for behavioral health services.

Bill Number:	LB 25
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Change court jurisdiction relating to 17 year olds and young adults
Recommendation:	Monitor/support Tier 3
Committee Member:	Amy West
Action:	Get more information...

Brief Description: This bill is a little complicated (there's a piece about county/district court arraignment of 17 year olds that I don't fully understand), but it appears to allow juvenile courts to extend jurisdiction to 19-20 yr olds in certain situations.

Bill Number:	LB 26
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Adopt the Choice for the Advancement of Nebraska Children in Education Act and provide for tax credits
Recommendation:	
Committee Member:	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: Allowing limited tax credits for individuals and businesses that support organizations that financially assist parents and legal guardians to enroll their children in privately operated elementary and secondary school, thus allowing for more parents and legal guardians to be able to choose privately operated schools.

Bill Number:	LB 31
Introducer:	Bloomfield
One Liner:	Eliminates Motorcycle and Moped helmet requirements
Recommendation:	Disregard Tier 3

Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill would eliminate the point system for not wearing a protective helmet in the operation of a motorcycle or moped.

Bill Number:	LB 32
Introducer:	Mello
One Liner:	Require the Department of Correctional Services to submit strategic plans as part of its budget request and progress reports
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: For 2016-2017, the Doc shall include a strategic plan that identifies the main purpose or purposes of each program, verifiable and auditable key goals that the department believes are fair measures of its progress in meeting each program's main purpose or purposes, and benchmarks for improving performance on the key goals. DOC shall also report whether the benchmarks are being met and, if not, the expected timeframes for meeting them.

Bill Number:	LB 36
Introducer:	Bolz
One Liner:	Adopt the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 3
Committee Member	Becca Brune

Brief Description: creates the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act to provide funding to community colleges to award to income eligible students in eligible programs (not including programs offered for credit, but those aligned with training programs).

Bill Number:	LB 43
Introducer:	Coash
One Liner:	Enact 2 provisions rec'd by Supreme Court Commission on Guardianships & Conservatorships: 1) appoint 'standby' guardian when necessary without further court order/delay, 2) est. guardian & conservator authority to recover assets, person property, & legal documentation of ward's requests (POA, AHCD, HCPOA).
Recommendation:	Support this as it closes a gap in the current Public Guardianship Act. At-risk population: vulnerable 'ward'

	population. Judiciary Committee moves it to calendar to be heard 1/21/15.
Committee Member	Julie D. Eckland

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	LB 46
Introducer:	Waterneier
One Liner:	Change provisions of the Statewide Trauma System Act
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: In regards to medical trauma and the three levels of rehabilitation services available, advanced, basic and general. It is proposed a change in the language from “basic” level of service to “intermediate” level of rehabilitation services. With this change comes a removal of services at the “general” level in such that the following services are omitted, “a twenty four-hour program of coordinated, integrated medical and rehabilitative services by an interdisciplinary team comprised of practitioners of rehabilitation medicine, psychology, rehabilitation nursing, social work, therapeutic recreation, and the therapy services offered by basic level rehabilitative centers.”

Also included is a new definition of overall “Rehabilitative services” including the following, “a system or collection of comprehensive medical and therapy services that are interdisciplinary, coordinated, and resource-intensive with the goal of restoring physical, cognitive, psychological, social, and vocational functioning so that an individual can return to home, work, or society, becoming a productive participant in his or her community” and omitting the following “formal program of multidisciplinary, coordinated, and integrated services for evaluation, treatment, education, and training to help trauma patients who have sustained neurologic or musculoskeletal injury and who need physical or cognitive intervention to return to home, work, or society and to achieve and maintain optimal functional independence in physical, psychosocial, social, vocational, and avocational realms.”

Bill Number:	LB 49
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Provide for Allied School Systems
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill would require school districts under the size of 650 students to either form or join an allied school districts of three or more, but the bill would not require a merger of any allied districts.

Bill Number:	LB 50
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Change provisions related to Medicaid covered services
Recommendation:	Oppose/Bill Withdrawn
Committee Member	Terry W.

Brief Description: This bill is an attempt to eliminate optional services under Medicaid: dental, rehab, chiropractic, durable medical equipment, hospice, mental health, and others. Removes home and community based services for individuals with disabilities unless they meet a nursing facility level of care.

Bill Number:	LB51
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Require disclosures regarding the Intergovernmental risk management act.
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Terry W./ Perry J. Root Sr.

Brief Description: Requires and amends certain disclosures to developing and being a member of a risk management pool.

Bill Number:	LB 58
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Provide for calculation and distribution of funds to certain schools as prescribed
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: For school districts that did not receive equalization aid in school fiscal year 2014-2015 an amount of funds equal to the difference between the total amount of state aid appropriated for school fiscal years 2013-2014 and the total amount of state aid appropriated for school year 2014-2015 shall be distributed in school fiscal year 2015-2016. The funds shall be distributed to the districts proportionally based on the number of students in each district and shall be used only for property tax reduction. Funds shall be distributed on or prior to July 1 2015 to the eligible school districts.

Bill Number:	LB 59
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Redefine state aid value for purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
Recommendation:	Withdrawn

Committee Member	Stacy Horsham
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Brief Description: This bill was withdrawn.

Bill Number:	LB 60
Introducer:	Kinter
One Liner:	Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill would allow a person to transport their firearm in their own personal vehicle in any place deemed open to the public except for certain provisions.

Bill Number:	LB 62
Introducer:	Sen Schumacher
One Liner:	Provide an income tax reduction for loan principal payments for graduate degrees.
Recommendation:	Support Tier 3 Hearing on 2/4/15 Letter of Support Written
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description: This Bill allows for the amount paid on the principal of a loan, federal or private, that was used for graduate studies to be deducted from the federal adjusted gross income amount that is used to calculate the amount owed for state income tax. This reduction is allowed for the first 10 taxable years after the taxpayer graduates with a graduate degree.

Bill Number:	LB 72
Introducer:	Schumacher
One Liner:	Change and provide provisions relating to trustees, liens for Medicaid reimbursement, and inheritance tax petitions
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill deals with establishing new rules for the priority of Medicaid reimbursement after the death of a trustor in irrevocable trust situations.

Bill Number:	LB 76
Introducer:	
One Liner:	

Recommendation:	Still awaiting submission
Committee Member	Barb H.

Bill Number:	LB 77
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Require a Medicaid state plan amendment for family planning services and state intent relating to the appropriateness of the Every Woman Matters program
Recommendation:	Support Hearing 1-28 Letter Submitted
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	Letter of Support Tier 2

Brief Description: This bill would allot 500k for the next two fiscal years to services provided under the Every Woman Matters Program providing for medical services and testing, family planning, education and outreach.

Bill Number:	LB81
Introducer:	Cook
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to eligibility for child care assistance
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Sarah Hanify
Action:	Tier 2; Possibly letter of support?

Brief Description

Creates provision for families who receive subsidized child care to have a period of 24 months of transitional child care in the event that their income exceeds the income guidelines. Also creates a cost-sharing plan for families to pay for a portion of the child care expenses, based on their income, if their income goes above one hundred forty percent of the federal poverty level.

Bill Number:	LB 87
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Change membership of the Nebraska Children's Commission
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill would add the Commissioner of Education to the committee and change the reporting deadline requirements.

Bill Number:	LB89
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to aid to dependent children

Recommendation:	Tier 2 Hearing 2/6/15 Letter written & submitted to hearing
Committee Member	Toni J.

Brief Description:

The maximum monthly assistance for aid to dependent children for FY2015-2016 and 2016-2017 will be 60% of the standard of need described in 43-513. 2017-18 and 2018-19 will increase to 65% of the standards and 2019-20 and beyond will increase to 70% of the standard of need. The calculation for earned income was modified to include that 20% of gross earned income will be disregarded to test for eligibility for aid for dependent children. In addition, participants in the program and for applicants, 50% of the gross earned income will be disregarded.

Bill Number:	90
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Add another option to ask the Dept. of HHS to review aspects of a profession.
Recommendation:	Monitor (I don't know this bill's background. Unsure what we should do.)
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: NE allows members of a health profession to ask the Dept. of HHS to review whether their profession should be regulated, or whether the profession's scope of practice should be changed. This is known as a directed review. NE also allows the director of Public Health and Chairperson if the Legislature's HHS Committee to ask the Dept. for a directed review. LB 90 is intended to add another option by allowing the Chairperson, in consultation with the Legislature's HHS Committee, to ask for a directed review.

Please Note: Hearing is scheduled for Jan. 23, 2015.

Bill Number:	LB 96
Introducer:	Smith
One Liner:	Eliminate certain taxing authority of learning communities
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: My apologies on this one- I really have no clue as to what this bill is trying to say. I do not know how to break this down any different than what the one liner states. Any help on this one would be appreciated!

Bill Number:	LB 100
Introducer:	Sullivan
One Liner:	Provide for allocation of state aid to tribally controlled community colleges
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Amy West

Action:	None
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Brief Description: The changes in this bill are technical and do not create any new substantive laws nor fiscal costs to the state. There was already a hearing on the 20th, and the bill advanced to General File.

Bill Number:	LB104
Introducer:	Krist, 10
One Liner:	Changes the wording to include electronic notification as a means of alerting a utility customer to a notice of disconnect.
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Angela Koenig

Brief Description: Works to clarify that if a customer receives their bills via electronic communication, they will receive notice of disconnect through electronic means. Likewise, if they receive their bill via USPS, they will receive notice of disconnect via USPS as well.

Bill Number:	LB 108
Introducer:	Sen Crawford
One Liner:	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to fund behavioral health internships.
Recommendation:	Support. Action Alert Tier 1
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description: LB 108 expands the funds that have previously been appropriated for psychiatrists and psychologists to serve underserved areas. This bill would provide funding for 12 one year behavioral health master's level internships in rural and underserved areas of NE. This bill appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2015-2016 and \$250,000 in FY 2016-2017.

Bill Number:	111
Introducer:	Larson
One Liner:	A bill which would require Nebraskans to produce a government-issued photo identification with a current address in order to vote.
Recommendation:	Oppose/Monitor
Committee Member	Shanna Wright

Brief Description: LB 111 revises the current voting statutes to require all Nebraskans to produce a government-issued **photographic** identification in order to complete the voter registration process. If a Nebraskan is unable to produce an approved photographic identifier, he/she will be disallowed from voting in the State of Nebraska. LB 111 removes the previous identification options which included a

current/valid copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that is current.

Bill Number:	113
Introducer:	Larson
One Liner:	Requires inmates to pay a \$10 co-payment for correctional health care services
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Shanna

Brief Description: LB 113 would require inmates to pay a \$10 copayment for correctional health care services except in the following cases: emergency situations; required initial health/mental health examinations; care for diagnosis and treatment of infections or contagious disease; required care due to a natural disaster or disturbance; health care provided by another jurisdiction; staff-initiated care; care for chronic illness; and mental health care. An inmate will not be denied treatment for being unable to pay for treatment. An inmate will not be given preferential treatment by paying the co-pay.

Bill Number:	114
Introducer:	McCoy
One Liner:	This bill creates new standards for clinics that perform abortions.
Recommendation:	Oppose/ Letter
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: This bill classifies clinics that perform more than 5 abortions per calendar month or abortions in the 2nd or 3rd semester to be classified as outpatient surgical centers. Planned Parenthood sees this as an effort to make abortions more difficult to obtain.

Bill Number:	LB 115
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Prohibit certain action related to Social Security Numbers
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill would allow protections of disclosure of one's Social Security number unless it was required by law or a background check.

Bill Number:	LB 119
Introducer:	Schumacher
One Liner:	Change where certain sentences of imprisonment may be served
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: Concern with this bill would be if inmates could be sent to any county jail which may take them to far away for their families to visit. Call Senator's office for more info & clarification

Bill Number:	121
Introducer:	Shumacher
One Liner:	Requires government-issued photographic identification and secret-ballot envelopes.
Recommendation:	Oppose
Committee Member	Shanna Wright

Brief Description: LB 121 includes language proposing government-issued photographic identification with some minor variance from LB 111. LB 121 clearly defines photographic documentation issued by an official Indian Tribe as acceptable while LB 111 does not (though LB 111 does recognize photographic identification from any government entity which one would assume Tribal government to be included). LB 121 would also require secret-ballot envelopes to be utilized at polling venues and outlines the appropriate usage of the secret-ballot envelopes.

Bill Number:	LB123
Introducer:	Schumacher, 22.
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to the payment/notification of warrants (money owed) and how it is to be handled by County Treasurers across the state.
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Angela Koenig

Brief Description: This is an accounting issue regarding county treasurers and how they will notify citizens of money owed to them. This bill also details how the way in which county treasurers will pay money owed.

Bill Number:	LB 124
Introducer:	Senator Jeremy Nordquist
One Liner:	Provides requirements relating to copayments, coinsurance and deductibles
Recommendation:	Yes
Committee Member	Daniel Coats

Brief Description: This bill mandates that the equal copayments, coinsurance and deductibles are charged to the insurer for services rendered by physical therapist, occupational therapist, audiologist, speech language therapist and or chiropractor and chiropractic physicians licensed under the “Uniform Credentialing Act” that would be charge for the services rendered by a medical doctor acting as a primary care physician or a osteopath and or osteopathic physician licensed under the same act.

Bill Number:	LB 125
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Create a fund relating to health care homes for the medically underserved
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2 or 3
Committee Member	Becca Brune

Brief Description: Creates the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund to enhance the ability of Nebraska’s federally qualified health centers to provide patient-centered medical homes to low-income medically underserved people.

Bill Number:	LB 147
Introducer:	Crawford
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to asset limitations for public assistance
Recommendation:	Tier 3 Hearing 2/6/15 Letter submitted to committee
Committee Member	Becca Brune

Brief Description: Total of liquid assets (cash on hand, funds in accounts, money market accounts, share accounts) shall not be considered when determining eligibility for financial assistance to any dependent child/relative or eligible caretaker of such dependent child.

Bill Number:	LB 148
Introducer:	Crawford
One Liner:	Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2 Hearing 1/30/15 Letter of support and Testimony
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of support

Brief Description: Currently, all states must provide Medicaid coverage up to age 26 for youth who age out of foster care (per the ACA). States are given the option of covering youth who age out of other states. This bill would require Nebraska provide extended Medicaid coverage to youth who age out of other states and move into Nebraska. The bill also strengthens some of the current processes in place for covering youth who age out in Nebraska. A hearing is set for Jan. 30

Bill Number:	LB 153
Introducer:	Morfield
One Liner:	Prevent college textbooks from being taxed
Recommendation:	Monitor/ Hearing 2/6/15
Committee Member	Mark Smith

Brief Description:

This bill seeks to remove textbooks whether used or new at institutes of higher learning from being taxed. It looks like this bill will become in effect this year once approved.

Bill Number:	LB172
Introducer:	Chambers
One Liner:	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties
Recommendation:	Tier 3/ Monitor
Committee Member	Toni J.

Brief Description

Removed mandatory minimum sentences for Class 1C felony and 1D felony. Removed provisions that previously expired.

Bill Number:	LB 173
Introducer:	Chambers
One Liner:	Change habitual criminal provisions
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: If someone has been twice convicted of a violent crime & commits another violent crime it will be considered habitual (the law currently states any felony not violent crime). Also, changes the mandatory 10 years to a minimum.

Bill Number:	LB 182
Introducer:	Senator Ken Haar
One Liner:	Create the School funding and educational outcome review committee
Recommendation:	Yes/ Committee Hearing: 2/3/15/ Monitor
Committee Member	Daniel Coats

Brief Description This bill mandates that a committee is created to monitor that all school district in the state of Nebraska and individuals within those districts are afforded equal resources and

this will insure equal opportunity for success for the schools and individuals within those communities. This committee will report to the governor it's findings once a year.

Bill Number:	LB187
Introducer:	Kintner
One Liner:	Require the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion
Recommendation:	Unsure of NASW's stance on reproductive/abortion rights – Suggestion is to oppose/Monitor
Committee Member	Sarah Hanify
Action:	Tier 2; Letter of support or more, based on NASW's policy

Brief Description:

Per this bill, DHHS would be required to develop a web page on their site where if people searched for terms "abortion" or "abortion information," they would be shown video/ultrasound images of fetuses at various stages of development, provided with alternatives to abortion and provided with names of facilities where they can obtain ultrasounds free of charge. Would also require health care facilities that provide abortions to provide a link to the DHHS page from their facility web site. Would also require health care facilities to post signs reminding patients that abortion is their choice and no one can force them to have an abortion.

Bill Number:	LB 189
Introducer:	
One Liner:	
Recommendation:	Still awaiting submission/Monitor?
Committee Member	Allison H.

Bill Number:	LB 199
Introducer:	Howard
One Liner:	Stipends for College students in field of Child Welfare
Recommendation:	Support/NASW NE Testify 2/19/15
Committee Member	Mark Smith

Brief Description: The bill wants to pay a stipend to college students who want to work in the field of child welfare and to set up an application process to determine eligibility.

Bill Number:	202
Introducer:	Davis
One Liner:	Allows unaffiliated voters to vote in primary elections.
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Shanna Wright

Brief Description: LB 202 would allow voters who have not declared a political party affiliation to be given a partisan ballot of their choice for the primary election for local, county, and state offices at the voter's request. Unaffiliated voters would still be excluded from voting for candidates for the office of delegate to the party's county, state, or national convention. LB 202 would change Nebraska's status as a closed primary state.

Bill Number:	LB 212
Introducer:	Chambers
One Liner:	Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed
Recommendation:	Monitor/support? Tier 3
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Let's discuss...

Brief Description: Provides specifications for when restraints (handcuffs, chains, irons, and straitjackets) should be used on juveniles. Prohibits the use of restraints during juvenile court proceedings unless a probable cause findings is made.

Bill Number:	LB 215
Introducer:	Craighead
One Liner:	Changing provisions in relation to thefts
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Mark Smith

Brief Description:

This bill is amending sections and changing provisions in relation to thefts. The bill is basically rewording the use of photography of stolen item to be used as a primary way to identify what was stolen.

Bill Number:	LB 219
Introducer:	Crawford
One Liner:	A bill about child custody and visitation for military parents
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Mark Smith

Brief Description:

This bill seeks to adopt the uniformed parents custody and visitation act to allow for custody of children to nonparents while the military parents are deployed.

Bill Number:	LB 221
Introducer:	Harr
One Liner:	Addition to the Uniform Residential Landlord & Tenant Act and the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord & Tenant Act which provides direction to Landlords regarding disposition/disposal/storage of personal property of tenants who decease.
Recommendation:	Watch. It would be a nice addition to the Residential Act. Hearing 2/6/15
Committee Member	Julie D. Eckland

Brief Description

Bill Number:	LB 227
Introducer:	Hansen
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to education bridge programs
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: Appropriate \$200,000 to the department from the Education Innovation Fund to provide grants in order to establish or continue educational bridge programs each fiscal year as opposed to just 3 consecutive years starting from FY 2012-2013. Educational bridge programs shall provide English reading, writing and math skills required to succeed in a postsecondary educational program, lead to the attainment of college credit and a recognized postsecondary educational credential or an industry recognized credential, be open to low income participants who are co-enrolled in adult education, developmental education, or English as a second language, target the specific workforce of an occupational sector within the state and provide services aimed at improving education skills and employment prospects for low-income adults.

Bill Number:	LB229
Introducer:	Watermeier
One Liner:	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for court appointed special advocate state aid
Recommendation:	Tier 3 Monitor
Committee Member	Toni J.

Brief Description:

Appropriation of \$400,000 in FY2015-16 and \$400,000 in FY2016-17 to the Supreme Court to support the CASA programs statewide. I believe that this is an increase over previous years.

Bill Number:	LB 237
Introducer:	Coash
One Liner:	Appropriate funds for correctional facilities
Recommendation:	Revise: Monitor
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: Appropriate \$2.6 million from the general fund to the DOC to implement projects from the 2014 master plan report (Oct.27, 2014).

Bill Number:	LB 240
Introducer:	Sen Hansen
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to a behavioral health pilot program
Recommendation:	Support Tier 3
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description This Bill would convert this program from a pilot to a permanent program. This program provides in behavioral health services in primary care offices in underserved areas which would make these services more available across the state. It would also change the number of such sites, from “three”, to “at least three”. The staff at BHECN that has been working on this Bill assures NASW that LMHPs can be part of the “team” serving in these locations without any changes needing to occur.

Bill Number:	LB 243
Introducer:	Bolz
One Liner:	Create a pilot project relating to family finding services
Recommendation:	Tier 3 Letter to be written
Committee Member	Becca Brune

Brief Description: With the intent to promote kinship care through family finding, prevent abuse, reduce the length of time in care, reduce multiple placements, remain in compliance with Foster Connections, LB 243 creates a pilot project for the process of locating and engaging family members in the life of a ward or who is in the Bridge to Independence program. The department, contracted providers, and these family members will practice in the evidence-based process of family finding.

Bill Number:	244
Introducer:	Pansing Brooks
One Liner:	To change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence; and to repeal the original section.
Recommendation:	Support/ Letter written
Committee Member	Judiciary

Brief Description: This legislation will help wrongfully convicted Nebraskans by removing both the arbitrary three-year limit to request a new trial if non-DNA evidence emerges and the requirement that a defendant prove that DNA technology did not exist at her/his original trial.

Bill Number:	251
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Veteran Subsidized Training & Employment
Recommendation:	Monitor/ Committee Hearing 2/2/15
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description:
Subsidizes business for first 180 days of training & employing a qualified veteran

Bill Number:	255
Introducer:	Morfeld
One Liner:	Provide Tax Incentives for Apprenticeships
Recommendation:	No action/Committee Hearing 2/4/15
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	257
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Require insurers to provide descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring
Recommendation:	Tier 2- No Action
Committee Member	Christie Abdul

Brief Description (a) Telehealth means the use of medical information electronically exchanged from one site to another, whether synchronously or asynchronously, to aid a health care provider in the diagnosis or treatment of a patient. Telehealth includes services originating from patient's home or any other location where such patient is located, asynchronous services involving the acquisition and storage of medical information at one site that is then forwarded to or retrieved by a health care provider at another site for medical evaluation, and telemonitoring;

Bill Number:	LB264
Introducer:	Morfeld
One Liner:	Provide for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training, or experience
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Sarah Hanify
Action:	Tier 1; Possibly letter?

Brief Description:

This bill would allow for military training, service, or education to serve as minimum standards for credentialing; applies to mental health licensure.

Bill Number:	LB265
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare
Recommendation:	Support-Tier III
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description This bill proposes changes to the position of the Guardian ad Litem and their requirements on visitation as well as written reports due to the courts. Also included in this bill is the proposal for copies of court information to go in front of the Foster Care Review Board when a child is in the foster care system. It is recommended that the Foster Care Review Office collect data including identify outcomes of juveniles in the foster care system, tracking juveniles within the system, identifying indicators of success and predictions of future needs. This data will be resented by the Foster Care Review Office advisory group and presented to the Legislature on or before December 15th, 2015.

Bill Number:	268
Introducer:	Sen. Chambers
One Liner:	Change penalty of death to life imprisonment
Recommendation:	Tier 3 :Social Justice Issue
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: This bill eliminates use of the death penalty in Nebraska.

Bill Number:	LB 272
Introducer:	Senator Sue Crawford
One Liner:	Create a voluntary veteran preference in private employment
Recommendation:	I'm willing to write a letter in support of this bill
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Support

Brief This policy give private employers the legal right to have a veteran preference policy giving veterans preference in the hiring selection process.

Bill Number:	LB 281
Introducer:	Kolowski
One Liner:	Adopt the child support for college savings act
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 3
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of support

Brief Description: This bill is modeled after a similar bill that was passed in (I think) Kansas. In situations where the custodial parent has been getting ADC and the non-custodial parent owes the State child support, this bill would allow the non-custodial parent to contribute funds to a college savings account for their child at a 2:1 rate (versus having to pay the State). In other words, for every \$1 the non-custodial parent contributed to the college savings account, \$2 of their debt to the State would be forgiven.

Bill Number:	288
Introducer:	Ebke
One Liner:	Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Shanna Wright

Brief Description: LB 288 would prohibit a public employer from deducting union dues, assessments, or other amounts from the wages of public employees.

Bill Number:	290
Introducer:	Coash
One Liner:	Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Shanna

Brief Description: LB 290 would remove the requirement of a registered sex offender to provide a list to all sheriffs with whom he or she must register of all email addresses, instant messaging identifiers, chat room identifiers, global unique identifiers, and other Internet communication identifiers that the defendant uses or plans to use, all domain names registered by the defendant, and all blogs and Internet web sites maintained by the defendant or to which the defendant has uploaded any content or posted any

messages or information. It also removes the prohibition of a registered sex offender from using or accessing any Internet social networking web site or any instant messaging or chat room service that has the likelihood of allowing the defendant to have contact with any child who is under the age of eighteen years if the conviction was for kidnapping of a minor, false imprisonment of a minor, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree, incest of a minor, criminal child enticement, enticement by electronic enticement, and possessing visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct.

Bill Number:	LB 292
Introducer:	Coash
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to the central registry to child protection cases
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	

Brief Description: For subjects of child abuse or neglect cases who are also children, between 12 and 19 years old, they will be notified of the hearing and the option to waive the hearing, will be given an explanation of the hearing process, the implications of being entered in the central registry as a subject. Removes subjects from the system if the 3(a) case is dismissed, and not entered if the subject is a minor child. Requires mandatory expungement hearings for these cases.

Bill Number:	LB 294
Introducer:	Scheer
One Liner:	Adopt the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act and change and adopt provisions relating to service of process, sexual assault, crimes relating to morals, human trafficking, search warrants, juveniles, intercepted communications, and forfeiture of assets
Recommendation:	Support/Monitor
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	Tier 3

Brief Description: The Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act added new definitions of trafficking, assists survivors who are recovering damages. Allows the victim/plaintiff to request to use a pseudonym instead of legal name in court documents. Adds section on foreign corporations. Changes solicitation and keeping a place of prostitution to a felony and requires education classes. Adds that those committing labor trafficking are guilty of a felony. Juveniles will be immune from criminal prosecution for the above crimes. Deals with forfeiture of property also.

Bill Number:	LB 296
Introducer:	Kolterman
One Liner:	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notification after removal of a child

Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of support

Brief Description: In addition to notifying noncustodial parents, grandparents, adult siblings, adult aunts, adult uncles, adult cousins, and adult relatives when a child is removed from their home, this bill would require DHHS to also notify all parents who have legal custody of a sibling of the child. The bill also specifies that all adult siblings must be notified, and it clarifies that the definition of siblings includes those even if termination of parental rights or other disruption in parental rights (e.g. death of a parent) have occurred.

Bill Number:	LB 302
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Create the offense of rehomeing a child
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	Tier 2

Brief Description: Rehomeing occurs when a parent/guardian engages in a transaction to leave the child and avoid parental responsibility by placing the child in a nonrelative home without court approval. This includes the selling of a child, but does not have to involve money. Rehomeing of a child will be a Class IV felony.

Bill Number:	LB 303
Introducer:	Bloomfield
One Liner:	Authorize schools to adopt a child sexual abuse policy
Recommendation:	Support-Tier III
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description This bill states that the legislature should create a better understanding of, awareness of, and response to child sexual abuse for each school of the state of NE. The state department of education shall develop a model of child sexual abuse policy, on or before July 1 2016, to assist school should they elect to adopt such a policy. If a child sexual abuse policy is adopted by a school, the policy shall be published in any school handbook, manual, etc. The policy shall be presented to students in an age-appropriate manner during an educational program or school assembly. If the school elects to develop such a policy age-appropriate training will be given to school personal. NE state mandatory reporting guidelines shall remain intact.

Bill Number:	LB 305
Introducer:	Senator David Schnoor
One Liner:	Allow for veteran aid to be used for transportation cost for veterans
Recommendation:	I'm willing to write a letter in support of this bill
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Support

Brief Description This act establishes that a veteran can apply for aid to be used for food, shelter, clothing, fuel. Medical or surgical aid and transportation. In addition a deceased veteran eligible dependents can receive aid to assist with the same. Furthermore if the veteran and or eligible dependents are deceased leaving no one to apply for aid to cover last illness or burial expenses a reputable veteran organization or a county service officer may apply on their behalf.

Bill Number:	LB307
Introducer:	Kolowski, 31
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to stalking and domestic abuse.
Recommendation:	Monitor, Tier 3
Committee Member	Angela Koenig

Brief Description: Changes the wording of original bill to include electronic communication to the definition of "harass". Additions to the definition of stalking. Adds that the venue for prosecution would be in the county in which the offense occurred. Clarifies the charges for 1st offense, 2nd offense, etc. Defines the definitions of substantial bodily injury and torture.

Bill Number:	LB 315
Introducer:	Howard
One Liner:	Change provisions related to Medicaid recovery audit contractors
Recommendation:	Tier 2 Monitor
Committee Member	Terry W./Perry J. Root Sr.

Brief Description: This bill would set guidelines for the recovery auditor for enforcement of monies owed for services rendered.

Bill Number:	LB320
Introducer:	Sen. Bolz
One Liner:	Adopt Aging and Disabled Resource Center Act
Recommendation:	Tier 2 Hearing 2/5/15 Letter of Support Written
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: The State will establish aging and disabled resource centers that will provide information about long-term care services and supports available in home and community. The

intent is to provide a stream-lined approach to identify the needs of older Nebraskans and individuals with disabilities through uniform assessments and single point of contact. The responsible governmental agency for this will be the State Unit on Aging of the Long-term Care Service of Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of DHHS.

Bill Number:	322
Introducer:	Bolz
One Liner:	Raise child tax credit limit
Recommendation:	Support (SJ) Letter written Submit letter to committee on 2/11/15
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description

Raises income limit from 29,000 to 52,000 for qualifying for child tax credits

Bill Number:	323
Introducer:	Davis
One Liner:	Create the School refinancing Commission
Recommendation:	No action by NASW/Committee Hearing 2/3/15
Committee Member	Kelly Keller
Action:	

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	326
Introducer:	Williams
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to marijuana, amphetamine, and methamphetamine
Recommendation:	No Action
Committee Member	Christie Abdul

Brief Description: Out of scope to advocate before or against

Bill Number:	LB 327
Introducer:	Williams
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to garnishment
Recommendation:	Oppose maybe?? Tier 3

Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Get more information...

Brief Description: This is really complicated. It sounds like it includes “property or credits” as things that can be garnished/taken (in addition to wages) in civil lawsuits, and it also adds a “garnishment fee.”

Bill Number:	330
Introducer:	Larson
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to alcoholic liquor
Recommendation:	Oppose all changes, Tier 2,
Committee Member	Christie Abdul-will write letter and testify on behalf of NASW

Brief Description: makes it legal to sell powdered alcohol in Nebraska, adds hard cider in the category of beer, therefore reducing the alcohol tax associated with this type of alcohol from .95 to .31 per gallon, eliminates restricted hours of alcohol sales allowing sale of alcohol 24/7.

Bill Number:	LB 332
Introducer:	Kuehn
One Liner:	Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	None right now

Brief Description: This bill appropriates a total of \$1,200,000 from the General Fund to carry out a statewide prescription drug disposal project. No explanation of this project is given...

Bill Number:	333
Introducer:	Gloor
One Liner:	Health care Services Transformation Act
Recommendation:	No action – became a later bill 549 introduced by Campbell
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Bill Number:	334
Introducer:	Mello
One Liner:	Repeal Workforce Investment Act
Recommendation:	Find out more??
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description:

Looks like he is abolishing the Workforce Investment Act and Board – and not putting anything in its place?

Bill Number:	335
Introducer:	Sen. Mello
One Liner:	Create and provide duties for intergenerational poverty task force
Recommendation:	Tier 2: work with coalition. (This looks like an important bill for Social Workers.) Letter written Hearing on 2/18/15
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: This task force, which includes leadership and representation from the legislature, will study and identify the issue of poverty among children in the State and create a long term plan to address the problem of poverty among children.

Bill Number:	LB 341
Introducer:	Howard
One Liner:	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: An insurer offering a health benefit plan may not deny reimbursement for services or supplies on the basis that the insured is in custody of jail pending disposition of charges

Bill Number:	LB 346
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Require a Medicaid state plan amendment to cover children's day health services
Recommendation:	Support/Committee Hearing 2/4/15
Committee Member	Linda Shadoin
Action:	Tier 2 or 3

Brief Description: DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care must submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to CMS to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for children’s day health services. (DHHS defines children’s day health service as “a person or any legal entity which provides specialized care and treatment...for a period of less than 24 consecutive hours in a community-based group program to 20 or more persons under 21...”)

Bill Number:	LB 347
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of support?

Brief Description: Exactly what the title says. ☺ It expands the jurisdiction of the current Inspector General of the CW system to the juvenile justice system.

Bill Number:	LB354
Introducer:	McCollister
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to Crime victims and witnesses
Recommendation:	Tier 3 or 2
Committee Member	

Brief Description:

This bill would add a right to the Victims’ Bill of Rights, enumerating that information obtained by the court be kept from public view for all victims and witnesses. It also provides for changes to the Crime Victims Reparations fund, adding a victim representative to the review board, and increasing the overall limit for funds allocated from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Bill Number:	LB 358
Introducer:	Garrett
One Liner:	Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 3
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of support?

Brief Description: This bill does four main things: 1) In cases where a child was conceived as a result of sexual assault, this bill excludes biological fathers who have been convicted of the sexual assault from being considered a part of the child’s family for purposes of requiring reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family (should the child be in foster care). 2) The bill would also require the county attorney to automatically file for the termination of the biological father’s rights in situations where

the father is convicted. 3) The bill would hit pause on paternity action of there was a pending criminal allegation of sexual assault. If found guilty, the paternity of the child would be established by the conviction and the parental rights may be terminated. 4) Allows room for the mother or guardian of the child to give consent for the father to have access to custody, parenting time, visitation, or other access (which is currently totally banned).

Bill Number:	LB 365
Introducer:	Baker
One Liner:	Allow school districts and educational service units to keep electronic records
Recommendation:	Support-Tier III
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: This bill proposes that all books, papers, documents, reports, and records kept by a school district or educational service unit may be retained as electronic records. This would include all minutes of the school board or educational service unit meetings.

Bill Number:	366
Introducer:	Sen. Pansing-Brooks
One Liner:	Increase personal needs allowance from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month under Medical Assistance Act
Recommendation:	Tier 2; work with coalition to support /Hearing: 2/4/15- Letter of Support Written
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: DHHS shall include in the standard of need for eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons at least \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month for personal needs allowance under the Medical Assistance Act for people who reside in alternative living arrangements.

Bill Number:	LB 369
Introducer:	Sen Riepe
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to impaired credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act.
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description This Bills lays out in detail the procedure the boards over seeing credentialed individuals must follow in the case of impaired credentialed individuals.

Bill Number:	LB 371
Introducer:	Senator Kate Sullivan
One Liner:	Create and provide duties for the Nebraska Council for Educational Success
Recommendation:	Tier 2 I'm willing to write a letter in support of this bill.
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Support

Brief Description: The purpose of the Nebraska Council is to strengthen and facilitate collaboration of publicly funded programs from early childhood through postsecondary education to ensure that all students have received the appropriate level of educational training to prepare them for the next grade level and to establish a statewide process for measuring the implementation and success of this state vision for education.

Bill Number:	379
Introducer:	Bolz
One Liner:	
Recommendation:	No Action
Committee Member	Kelly Keller
Action:	

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	LB 380
Introducer:	Senator Adam Morfeld
One Liner:	Create and provide duties for the Higher Education Affordability Commission
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Monitor

Brief Description: The Commission responsibility is to share, examine and analyze data and information on ways to reduce the expense of post-secondary education for students and families in the state of Nebraska

Bill Number:	381
Introducer:	Sen. Cook
One Liner:	\$200,000 to DHHS to provide housing for people with Substance Abuse disorders
Recommendation:	Need more information
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description:: The bill states that the money will be used to support evidence-based practices that conform to nationally recognized standards for residential treatment for people with substance abuse disorders; increase access to residential treatment for people with substance abuse disorders in geographical areas of the State with demonstrable need; support the administrative needs of providing housing services to people recovering from substance abuse disorders.

Bill Number:	388
Introducer:	Hansen
One Liner:	Annual Adjustments to Total Disability Income
Recommendation:	No Action
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	390
Introducer:	Crawford
One Liner:	Medical Marijuana
Recommendation:	No Action
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description:

Very specific to seizure disorders and to limited testing

Bill Number:	LB400
Introducer:	Sen. Smith
One Liner:	Change filing requirement for statements of financial interest
Recommendation:	Do nothing, unless we get information indicating it should be supported at a Tier 2 level.
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: Some changes including decreasing number of days to file from 15 to 5. Added was that candidates who fail to file statements as required by law shall not appear on the ballot. (Not sure if there were finer points of significance I might have missed, which is why the recommendation above reads as it does.)

Bill Number:	LB 401
Introducer:	Senator Mark Kolterman
One Liner:	Adopt the College Tuition Equalization Grant Program
Recommendation:	Tier 2, I'm willing to write a letter in support of this bill.
Committee Member	Daniel Coats

Action:	Support
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Brief Description: Description The College Tuition Equalization Grant Program act provides financial assistance to individuals who have substantial financial need to attend privately controlled, non-profit colleges or universities in the state of Nebraska.

Bill Number:	405
Introducer:	Davis
One Liner:	Create Alzheimer and Related Disorder Advisory Work Group
Recommendation:	Support (level 2) Hearing 2/5/15 Letter Submitted to Hearing
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description

To assess current services, gaps in services and devise a state plan

Bill Number:	LB 411
Introducer:	Cook
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Recommendation:	Tier 2 Monitor/Needs further research
Committee Member	Terry W./Perry J. Root Sr.
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill increases eligibility to 185% of FPL but will not increase the gross income eligibility limit.

Bill Number:	411
Introducer:	Cook
One Liner:	Change Provisions SNAP program
Recommendation:	??
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description: increases gross income eligibility to 185% of poverty but not net income eligibility...
 .what does that mean for the person on the street?

Bill Number:	LB 415
Introducer:	Pansing Brooks
One Liner:	Change provisions related to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act

Recommendation:	Tier 3 Monitor/Needs further research
Committee Member	Terry W./Perry J. Root Sr

Brief Description: Very complicated bill having to do with international law and the language of establishing and maintain tribunals and jurisdictions.

Bill Number:	LB 418
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Change distribution of cigarette tax proceeds
Recommendation:	Tier 3 Monitor
Committee Member	Terry W./Perry J. Root Sr

Brief Description: This bill seeks to use cigarette tax proceeds to use in biomedical research.

Bill Number:	LB 422
Introducer:	Sen Howard
One Liner:	Provide for reasonable fees and costs for proceedings involving a minor under the Probate Court
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description: Provides for payment of fees court appointed professionals by the estate of the minor or by the county.

Bill Number:	LB 425
Introducer:	Riepe
One Liner:	Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time
Recommendation:	Monitor!
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: What is concerning in getting rid of good time all together is the lack of programming. This bill proposes one earns good time through vocational & academic classes, mental health programming, & meaningful work programs. E.g., Many female prisoners with long-term sentences have been on substance abuse treatment waiting list for 5+ years; Does that mean they lose out on earning good time because of the DOC's inadequate funding & programming?!

Bill Number:	LB437
Introducer:	Sen. Ebke
One Liner:	Change provisions related to Parenting Act
Recommendation:	Need better understanding of bill from professionals in this area

Committee Member	Mary Sullivan
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Brief Description: This bill states that the Court is being encouraged to adopt a parenting plan that provides for joint custody. It also states the court shall not prefer a parent's parenting plan because of the parent's.

Bill Number:	LB 439
Introducer:	
One Liner:	
Recommendation:	Still awaiting submission/Committee 2/2/15
Committee Member	Allison H.

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	440
Introducer:	Morfeld
One Liner:	Study rates of care for Alzheimer Facilities for Medicaid waiver reimbursement
Recommendation:	Support (SJ) Hearing 2/5/15 Letter Submitted to Hearing
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description

\$50,000 for a study of appropriate rates in Alzheimer care facilities for future Medicaid coverage of such places

Bill Number:	LB 441
Introducer:	Bolz
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to the bridge to independence program
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	Tier 3

Brief Description: This strengthens the already existing Bridge to Independence Program. Youth who are in guardianships will now be eligible, and have the choice to participate in B2I or the extended guardianship assistance program. Other clean ups like ensuring tribal youth will be eligible for B2I, creating the Independence Hearing to give youth more info who B2I as they are aging out. Creates better timelines for hearings with the youth, helps to draw down federal IV-E funds better, ensures confidentiality of youth adults information when in B2I.

Bill Number:	LB 443
Introducer:	Sen Bolz
One Liner:	Redefine support services for purposes of the Special Education Act.
Recommendation:	Support Tier 3
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description This Bill adds mental health services at school or elsewhere to support services for students in residential facilities.

Bill Number:	449
Introducer:	Mello
One Liner:	Change provisions for funding of microloans
Recommendation:	No Action
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description: increases amount and percentage instructions for business tech development.

Bill Number:	LB 454
Introducer:	Senator Tommy Garrett
One Liner:	Change provision relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Disregard

Brief Description

Bill Number:	LB 459
Introducer:	Crawford
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to a deposition of a child victim or child witness
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2?
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of support

Brief Description: Prohibits the deposition of children under age 16 who has already had a video recorded interview at a child advocacy center or police department, except by agreement of the parties or by approval of the court (and the court would have to find that the testimony of the child is essential and that the information isn't available by

other means [e.g. the video recorded interview]). Should the request for a child to be deposed be granted, the court would have to make any protective order necessary to protect the child from emotional harm or distress, harassment, undue influence, or intimidation.

Bill Number:	LB 470
Introducer:	Senator Tom Hansen
One Liner:	Provide an income tax credit for caregivers
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Support

Brief Description To give an one hundred percent tax credit to caregivers whose annual income is twenty two thousand or less and to deduct ten percent of that amount for every one thousand dollar increase.

Bill Number:	LB 472
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Adopt the Medicaid Redesign Act
Recommendation:	Tier 1 Closely Monitor and Investigate Further and possibly oppose
Committee Member	Terry W./Perry J. Root Sr.

Brief Description: This bill would redesign Medicaid by creating health “homes” for super utilizers of physical and behavioral health services. It could possibly put an undue burden on people with co-pays and penalties for over-utilization of services in seeking to contain costs.

Bill Number:	LB 479
Introducer:	Senator Dave Bloomfield
One Liner:	Change provision relating to memorials for veterans
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Support

Brief Description: This bill mandates that all municipalities in the state of Nebraska may erect or aid in erecting a memorial commemorating the service of the members of the armed forces.

Bill Number:	LB 482
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to juveniles

Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: Exhausting community based resources prior placing a juvenile in a staff secure setting.

Bill Number:	LB 485
Introducer:	Stinner
One Liner:	State intent relating to appropriations for child welfare
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	Tier 3

Brief Description: Requires the Legislature to appropriate an additional \$500,000 general funds for fiscal year 2015-2016 and an additional \$500,000 for FY 16-17 to DHHS for the Child welfare program to only be used to develop and fund ongoing operation of nine satellite offices and a statewide outreach coordinator.

Bill Number:	490
Introducer:	Watermeier
One Liner:	Adopt the Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment Act
Recommendation:	Letter of support
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description:

This bill has been a dream of the hospice and health care community for years. Adds clarity and authority to patient wishes to forego CPR and other life-extending treatments when they have terminal illness.

Bill Number:	493
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Adopt the Healthy & Safe Families and Workplaces Act
Recommendation:	Support Letter Submitted to committee on 2/6/2015
Committee Member	Kelly Keller
Action:	

Brief Description:

Requires virtually all employers (4 employees plus) to provide one hour sick leave pay for every 30 hrs. worked – but does not require that get paid out if the person terminates employment with the employer. Includes domestic violence as reason for sick leave.

Bill Number:	494
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Increase minimum wage for gratuity-based workers
Recommendation:	Support /Committee Hearing 2/2/15
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description: to 50% of minimum wage

Bill Number:	495
Introducer:	Pansing Brooks
One Liner:	Increase Earned Income Tax Credit
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description

From 10% to 15% of federal by 2017

Bill Number:	LB499
Introducer:	Sen. Krist
One Liner:	Provide duties for DHHS related to the behavioral and mental health services
Recommendation:	Tier 2
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: There are no details yet in this bill; however, this bill will be important to NASW. It states DHHS shall reestablish the provision of behavioral and mental health services throughout the State. DHHS shall collaborate with Sept. of Correctional Services, Office of Probation Administration and Office of Juvenile Services when reestablishing the services.

Bill Number:	LB 500
Introducer:	Senator Sara Howard
One Liner:	Require application for Medicaid state plan amendment for multisystemic therapy and family functional therapy
Recommendation:	Tier 1
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Support

Brief Description: This policy mandates and amendment to the Medicaid state plan to allocate monies to provide multisystemic and family functional therapy for youth who are on probation at home and who are otherwise eligible for the Medical Assistance Program and CHIP.

Bill Number:	502
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	State Intent to Establish a Family Court Pilot
Recommendation:	Support—Tier 2
Committee Member	Christie Abdul

Brief Description: Establish a family court pilot project in Douglas County.

Bill Number:	LB 509
Introducer:	Sen Cook
One Liner:	Change and eliminate provisions relating to a poverty allowance under the state aid formula.
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description This Bill changes the formula for the poverty allowance allowed for school districts based on the poverty plans submitted by school districts.

Bill Number:	LB 510
Introducer:	Cook
One Liner:	Provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	Ask for another committee member to look @

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	LB 518
Introducer:	Sen Riepe
One Liner:	Provide for changes to the medical assistance program.
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description: Per the discussion at the Medicaid Coalition meeting this bill is difficult to understand. It is vague and does not contain a lot of detail. The Medicaid Coalition finds it difficult to take a position because there are too many questions. The Bill discusses establishing the NE Health Savings Plan and corresponding health savings accounts for recipients of benefits.

Bill Number:	LB 519
Introducer:	Senator Kate Sullivan
One Liner:	Provide for school and student aid, grants and assistance as prescribed.

Recommendation:	disregard
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill mandates how lottery funds should be disbursed

Bill Number:	LB 525
Introducer:	Sullivan
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to education
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: Cleanup bill-Additional language regarding early childhood educational providers to report their educational degree and credentials to NE Early Childhood Professional Record system. Additional language requiring school districts whose family/student becomes homeless may re-enroll in the same school district they were residing prior to becoming homeless.

Bill Number:	LB 529
Introducer:	Senator Kate Sullivan
One Liner:	Change provision relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Disregard

Brief Description This bill provides formula as to how monies will be allocated per district.

Bill Number:	LB 547
Introducer:	Sen Campbell
One Liner:	Change provisions of the Quality Child Care Act.
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description: This Bill adjusts upward the percentage of funding from the federal child care and development block grant for the purposes of activities related to quality child care services.

Bill Number:	549
Introducer:	Campbell
One Liner:	Adopt Health care Transformation Act

Recommendation:	Support – Research get involved
Committee Member	Kelly Keller

Brief Description: creates a commission to make recommendations and oversee DHHS and Department of Insurance regarding “patient-centered medical homes” and “value-based care”. Includes behavioral health frequently in the global sense of its scope, but does not specifically name a behavioral health representative to the 24 member commission.

Bill Number:	LB 556
Introducer:	Kolowski
One Liner:	Waive workers’ compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	Tier 3

Brief Description:

Waive workers' compensation as the exclusive remedy if an employer is willfully negligent. If an employee is found by the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or any judge thereof to have been injured by reason of the willful negligence of the employer, the employee shall be entitled to bring an action at law for his or her damages.

Bill Number:	LB 566
Introducer:	Coash
One Liner:	Change provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: This bill will include Indian tribal law into consideration upon determination of paternity

Bill Number:	LB572
Introducer:	Davis, 43
One Liner:	Provides duties for the state school security director relating to cyberbullying and digital citizenship issues.
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Angela Koenig

Brief Description: Tier 3 - Adds the wording: “**Recommending curricular and extracurricular materials to assist school districts in preventing and responding to cyberbullying and digital citizenship issues**” to the list of duties of the state school security director. (Already included in this bill: Overseeing suicide awareness and prevention training in public schools.)

Bill Number:	LB586
Introducer:	Sen. Morfeld

One Liner:	Prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity
Recommendation:	Tier 2 Hearing: 2/4/15-Letter of Support Written
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: Adds sexual orientation and gender identity to State laws regarding the prohibition of discrimination.

Bill Number:	LB591
Introducer:	Bolz, 29, Coash 27, Gloor 35, Pansing Brooks 28
One Liner:	Create the Achieve a Better Life experience program and provide for adjustments to taxable income.
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Angela Koenig

Brief Description: Tier 2 – To create the **Achieve a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program** by amending the Section 529 of IRS Service Code of 1986, to allow tax-free savings accounts for individuals with disabilities without disrupting their eligibility for services. These savings accounts can be used for the purpose of funding future qualified disability expenses. Allows anyone to voluntarily contribute to an account in order to meet the qualified disability expenses on behalf of a disabled individual.

Bill Number:	LB 592
Introducer:	Bolz
One Liner:	Change provisions relating to corrections and parole and mentally ill offenders
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: redefines terms mentally ill and dangerous sex offender (removes personality disorder from the sex offender description and adds it to the mentally ill clause). When discharging mentally ill or dangerous persons, procedures under the NE Mental Health Commitment Act must be promptly commenced.

...to provide a duty for the Director of Correctional Services; provide notice and change provisions regarding release of persons who are mentally ill and dangerous; change provisions relating to the Board of Parole, the DOC, and the Office of Parole Administration; rename and transfer supervision of the Division of Community-Centered Services; authorize and mandate the DOC Services to provide mental health care and establish certain release and reentry programs for mentally ill committed offenders; to make permanent a reentry planning pilot program...

Bill Number:	LB 598
Introducer:	Schumacher

One Liner:	Change and provide requirements regarding treatment and segregation of mentally ill inmates
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: long-term plan for usage of segregation and other types of isolation, redefining rules & regs, move toward least restrictive manner, comprehensive quarterly reports regarding inmates held in segregation

Bill Number:	LB 605
Introducer:	Mello
One Liner:	Change classification of penalties, punishments, probation and parole provisions, and provisions relating to criminal records and restitution and provide for a special legislative committee
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: There is a lot to this bill: to change the classification of penalties and punishments as prescribed; to change sentencing provisions; to create a special legislative committee; to state intent relating to funding a sentencing data base; to change provisions and provide requirements relating to restitution; to change provisions and provide requirements relating to probation and parole; to authorize access to criminal records as prescribed; to provide duties for the Department of Correctional Services; to provide for applicability; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections...

Bill Number:	LB 606
Introducer:	Mello
One Liner:	Adopt the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act, change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, and mandate a declaration by the Governor of a correctional system overcrowding emergency as prescribed
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: provides more oversight and increased accountability

Bill Number:	607
Introducer:	Mello
One Liner:	Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights Act
Recommendation:	No action

Committee Member	Kelly Keller
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Brief Description: It's really a consumer protection act more than a patient protection act

Bill Number:	LB 614
Introducer:	Senator William Kintner
One Liner:	Change provision relating to the taxation of military retirement benefit
Recommendation:	
Committee Member	Daniel Coats
Action:	Disregard

Brief Description

Bill Number:	LB 616
Introducer:	Larson
One Liner:	Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act
Recommendation:	Monitor
Committee Member	Stacy Horsham

Brief Description: The bill proposes an Independent Public School to be located in the Metropolitan area. The Independent Public School would operate under a compact granted by the State Board of Education and be managed by a board of trustees. (A charter school) This bill outlines steps that would need to be taken to submit a proposal for an Independent Public School Act and the application process for students (drafted student handbook, school policies and procedures, etc.)

Bill Number:	LB623
Introducer:	Sen. Nordquist
One Liner:	Provide a driver's license and state ID to people with lawful status.
Recommendation:	Tier 2 and work with coalition; or see this as social justice issue - Tier 3
Committee Member	Mary Sullivan

Brief Description: this bill is for the limited intent of reaffirming the original intent of LB 2011, LB 215. It allows a driver's license for individuals brought to Nebraska by undocumented parents, but now here with lawful status. Nebraska is the only state that does not allow these individuals to get a driver's license

Bill Number:	625
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Adopt the Interstate Placement for Involuntarily Admitted Patients Agreement Act

Recommendation:	Support?
Committee Member	Kelly Keller
Action:	

Brief Description: allows for cross-border delivery of mental health services with neighboring states.

Bill Number:	LB 643
Introducer:	
One Liner:	
Recommendation:	Still awaiting submission
Committee Member	Allison H.

Brief Description:

Bill Number:	LB 645
Introducer:	Sen Nordquist
One Liner:	Adopt the Early Childhood Workforce Development Opportunity Act and provide tax credits
Recommendation:	Disregard
Committee Member	Mary Bahney

Brief Description: Establishes a mechanism for the establishment of granting organizations that provide grants that reward higher education in the field of early childhood education. Contributions to these granting organizations are eligible for tax credits.

Bill Number:	LB 646
Introducer:	Kintner
One Liner:	Eliminate provisions for secret ballots for leadership under the Open Meetings Act
Recommendation:	Oppose, Tier 3
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Letter of opposition? Let's talk about it ☺

Brief Description: This would make senators' votes for leadership (e.g. chairs of committees) public. (Which I can anecdotally tell you would be REALLY REALLY bad for a lot of the issues we care about.)

Bill Number:	LB 647
Introducer:	Nordquist
One Liner:	Prohibit discrimination relating to child placement
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2 Hearing 2/4/15 Letter of Support Written
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Testimony, action alert

Brief Description: This bill would prohibit DHHS from discriminating against prospective adoptive parents based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, or national origin.

Bill Number:	LB 648
Introducer:	Howard
One Liner:	Provide for adoption by two adult persons
Recommendation:	Support, Tier 2 Hearing 2/5/15-Letter of Support Written
Committee Member	Amy West
Action:	Testimony, action alert

Brief Description: Would allow two adults to adopt a child (AKA this bill would allow both members of a same sex relationship to have legal relationships with their child/ren)

Bill Number:	LR 32
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee to be known as the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature
Recommendation:	Support
Committee Member	Becca Brune
Action:	Tier 2 or 3

Brief Description: the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee established in 2008 and reauthorized through 2013, authorized to study the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, investigate placement and quality of care for those that have developmental disabled, and investigate by services were permitted to decline to the level in the US DOJ report. They Committee will continue to study those topics as well as funding and capacity, options for service provisions, how DHHS determines eligibility for services. Will issue a report.

Bill Number:	LR 33
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee to be known as the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature
Recommendation:	Support Hearing 2/6/15 Perry Attend Letter submitted to committee
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	Letter

Brief Description: ACCESSNebraska continues to have issues such as lost documentation and long wait times. This committee will try to do something to improve it.

Bill Number:	LR 34
Introducer:	Krist
One Liner:	Provide the Executive Board reappoint the Department of Correctional Services Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature
Recommendation:	Support-Hearing 2/6/15-Perry attend Letter submitted to committee
Committee Member	Kat
Action:	

Brief Description: Further study and oversight is necessary to prevent additional mistakes and to correct inadequate department procedures and policies.

