

2014 Legislative Session

(please note that this is the work of the NASW-NE Advocacy Committee's summary as best they understand the bills)

Legislative Bill Summaries:

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| Bill Number: | LB 660 |
| Introducer: | Provide for extension of a pilot project and a contract relating to case management |
| One Liner: | Krist |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Terry |

Brief Description: This bill extends for another year Nebraska Families Collaborative's contract with DHHS. An evaluative report is to be done by December of 2015.

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| Bill Number: | LB 661 |
| Introducer: | Krist |
| One Liner: | Provide for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website and use of Department of Motor Vehicle records |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Curtis Bryant |

Brief Description: Allows Nebraska residents that possess a Nebraska driver's license or ID to update their voter registration through the Secretary of State's website.

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| Bill Number: | LB 662 |
| Introducer: | Krist |
| One Liner: | Provide and change requirements for voter identification |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Curtis Bryant |

Brief Description Requires voters to present a valid government photo ID when updating their voter registration. If after filing a Change of Address with the post office, a voter has failed to return a card from the election commission confirming their change of address by the deadline, the voter must present a valid government photo ID at the polling place before voting.

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| Bill Number: | LB 669 |
| Introducer: | McCoy |
| One Liner: | Transfer cash reserve funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry |

Brief Description One Time transfer of \$85 million from the Cash Reserve to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

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| Bill Number: | LB 670 |
| Introducer: | McCoy |
| One Liner: | Change property tax valuations of agricultural land and horticultural land |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry |
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Brief Description: Reduces agricultural land valuations from 75% to 65% over three years. 72% in 2015, 69% in 2016, and 65% in 2017 and thereafter.

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| Bill Number: | LB 675 |
| Introducer: | Chambers |
| One Liner: | Eliminate the property tax exemption for religious organizations |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Terry |

Brief Description: Eliminates the property tax exemption for property owned by religious organizations;

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| Bill Number: | LB 681 |
| Introducer: | Mello |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to land banks and tax sales for delinquent property taxes |
| Recommendation: | Remove from our list |
| Committee Member | Terry |
| Action: | |

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| Bill Number: | LB 689 |
| Introducer: | Bolz |
| One Liner: | Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services |
| Recommendation: | No action |
| Committee Member | Amy |

Brief Description: Would give DHHS an additional one million dollars each year from the General Fund for the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act.

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| Bill Number: | LB 690 |
| Introducer: | Bolz |
| One Liner: | Creating Aging Nebraskans Task Force |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description: Directs HHS to write for a federal grant as part of the ACA to study long-term care needs as well as workforce development for aging Nebraskans.

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| Bill Number: | LB 691 |
| Introducer: | Bolz |
| One Liner: | Increase a child and dependent care tax credit |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry |

Brief Description: For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross incomes of greater than twenty-nine thousand dollars, a nonrefundable credit equal to twenty-eight percent of the federal credit allowed (from 25%, thus giving middle income working families a larger tax break.

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| Bill Number: | LB 705 |
| Introducer: | Sen Coash |
| One Liner: | Change Personal needs allowance under Medicaid. |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description Increases the amount available for personal expenses to recipients of aged, blind, and disabled funding from \$50.00 per month to \$75.00 per month for persons living in alternative living situations such as a boarding home, a certified adult family home, assisted living facility or residential child-caring agency

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| Bill Number: | LB 706 |
| Introducer: | Harr |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to sexual assault, child abuse, sexually explicit conduct, and child pornography and to provide for forfeiture of property as prescribed |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Andrea Phillips |

Brief Description: Focuses on forfeiture of property after an assault. Also adds “intentionally causes a minor child to be placed in a situation to view a live act of human sexual acts” to abuse definition.

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| Bill Number: | LB 707 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Change provisions and procedures relating to sexual assault, stalking, domestic assault, and use of an electronic communication device and to create the offense of harassment |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Andrea Phillips |

Brief Description: Redefines the offense of sexual assault to include stalking and harassment including electronic communication.

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| Bill Number: | LB 708 |
| Introducer: | Kintner |
| One Liner: | Exempt social security benefits from state income taxation |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list unless someone sees a need to monitor |
| Committee Member | Andrea Phillips |

Brief Description: Beginning on or after January 1, 2015, federal adjusted gross income will be reduced by the amount received as benefits.

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| Bill Number: | LB 721 |
| Introducer: | Janssen |
| One Liner: | Change tax provisions |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry |

Brief Description:

- Reduces agricultural land valuations from 75% to 65%.
- Cuts income tax rates for all brackets – phased in from 2014-2018. By 2018 the top rate is cut from 6.84% to 5.5%. The other rates are cut as follows: 1st bracket, 2.46% to 1.96%, 2nd bracket, 3.51% to 2.78%, 3rd bracket, 5.01% to 4.02%
- Also adjusts tax brackets for inflation starting in 2015.
- Exempts social security and military retirement benefits from state taxation
- Increases the appropriation for the Real Property Tax Credit Cash Fund from \$115 million to \$150 million in 2015. For years after 2015 it specifies that this appropriation would continue using available revenue.

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| Bill Number: | LB 724 |
| Introducer: | Laughtenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Change provision to unlawful possession of firearms in schools |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

- **Brief Description:** cleans up a law to make clear police officer can have weapons in schools

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| Bill Number: | LB 729 |
| Introducer: | Sen Kolowski |
| One Liner: | Create the Task Force on Expanded Learning Opportunities for School Age Youth |
| Recommendation: | Support or monitor |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Creates a task Force to study Expanded Learning Opportunities, out of school day, across the state to determine what is in place and make recommendations.

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| Bill Number: | LB 730 |
| Introducer: | Sen Kolowski |
| One Liner: | Change provisions under the Child Protection Act |
| Recommendation: | Oppose (SSWAN will be looking at this bill) |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Allows for abuse/neglect concerns to be reported to school administrators and chief administrative officers of school districts.

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| Bill Number: | LB 731 |
| Introducer: | Kolowski |
| One Liner: | Changes provisions related to reporting of workmen's compensation |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description

Simply firms up privacy of employee information in a workmen's compensation case

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| Bill Number: | LB 732 |
| Introducer: | Kolowski |
| One Liner: | Change provisions related to income for public assistance |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description Specifically exempts Education Savings Accounts and Income related to work study or scholarships from asset determination for public assistance

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| Bill Number: | LB 748 |
| Introducer: | Avery |
| One Liner: | Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Amy |

Brief Description: This bill is about children who are conceived by sexual assault and whose biological fathers have been convicted of that sexual assault. There are three primary things this bill would do:

1. The county attorney will file a TPR on the bio father, and the conviction would be enough evidence for the TPR, unless the child's bio mother or guardian consents otherwise and the court finds that the TPR isn't in the child's best interest.
2. If there is a pending criminal investigation, the court will pause paternity action. If the bio father is found not guilty, the action will proceed. If the bio father is found guilty, that conviction will establish paternity and the TPR will proceed.
3. If the child is removed from his/her mother/guardian, reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family wouldn't apply to the bio father.

The bill also requires that the mother or guardian must consent in order for the court to determine that a person required to be registered as a sex offender (for an offense that makes their access to a child questionable) be granted custody,

unsupervised parenting time, visitation, or other access to a child. (Current statute simply states that the court must find there is no significant risk to the child.)

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| Bill Number: | LB 752 |
| Introducer: | Lathrop |
| One Liner: | Change certain assault provisions |
| Recommendation: | Monitor? |
| Committee Member | Steph C |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: Adds language to current legislation regarding assault on an officer and adds “an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a DHHS employee, or a health care professional” to the language. It differentiates crimes on a DHHS employee fall under this only if the “person committing the offense is committed as a dangerous sex offender under the Sex Offender Commitment Act”.

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| Bill Number: | LB 752 |
| Introducer: | Lathrop |
| One Liner: | Change certain assault provisions |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Andrea Phillips |

Brief Description Adds emergency responder, state correctional employee, DHHS employee or health care professional to the list for a more harsh punishment for several criminal offenses including assault with a bodily fluid.

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| Bill Number: | LB 760 |
| Introducer: | Mello |
| One Liner: | Combined Sewer overflow |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description: Allows municipalities to get state assistance for unfunded sewer separation mandates

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| Bill Number: | LB 769 |
| Introducer: | Crawford |
| One Liner: | To provide for delegation of a military member’s parenting time |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Georgie Scurfield |

Brief Description

This amends the Parenting Act to allow military members to delegate their parenting time in a parenting agreement to another person who is not the parent, so that a step-parent or grandparent could continue to see the child while the military member is deployed or TDy.

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| Bill Number: | LB 790 |
| Introducer: | Howard |
| One Liner: | Require training for case managers as prescribed |
| Recommendation: | Monitor - attempt to amend |
| Committee Member | Terry |

Brief Description: Requires those agencies who contract with the state to provide child welfare services and state case workers shall all be trained by the state entity to provide consistency.

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| Bill Number: | LB 805 |
| Introducer: | Avery |
| One Liner: | Change provisions for residency for VA Homes |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description: Allows a VA Home applicant to be eligible if their children or parents are residents of the state of Nebraska for last 2 years, even if the VA applicant him/herself is not a resident of Nebraska. Support – but probably doesn't need action to pass.

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| Bill Number: | LB 812 |
| Introducer: | Hansen |
| One Liner: | Terminate the inheritance tax |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: the bill terminates the inheritance tax, which will cost counties significant amount of money, thereby forcing them to cut services, schools etc or raise property taxes.

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| Bill Number: | LB 813 |
| Introducer: | Hansen |
| One Liner: | Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax purposes |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: • Reduces agricultural land valuations from 75% to 65% over two years. 70% in 2015 and 65% in 2016 and thereafter

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| Bill Number: | LB 814 |
| Introducer: | Avery |
| One Liner: | Change the distribution of sales tax revenue to provide funding to the Game and Parks Commission |
| Recommendation: | Ignore |
| Committee Member | Curtis Bryant |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: Would establish the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund to help maintain state parks. The funds would come from sales and use taxes from the sale or lease of motorboats.

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| Bill Number: | LB 821 |
| Introducer: | Lautenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Public Benefits Exemption for Burial |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: But interesting – it just makes it clear that when a public entity has to bury or cremate a body of an indigent the immigration status does not need to be verified – we can bury our dead regardless of whether they are “legal”

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| Bill Number: | LB 823 |
| Introducer: | Lautenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Terminate MUD |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: terminate MUD board of directors effective Jan 1 2015 and provide for transition to sale of public utilities – privatizing public utilities. This has been done in other communities – a classic example of thinking short-term and ignoring long-term damage. Privatization of utilities has never been a smash success in any community. Usually results in immediate rate hikes and no accountability to the community.

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| Bill Number: | 826 |
| Introducer: | Sen McCoy |
| One Liner: | Provide for a study relating to education incentives for high-need occupations |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Calls for the Education Committee to conduct a study and report recommendations for the creation of career and technical education programs. Such a program would provide incentives to high schools and community colleges to cooperatively offer a technical-education curriculum that would allow high school juniors and seniors to take courses so that they could graduate from high school with both a diploma and an industry-recognized credential in an occupation identified as a high-need occupation.

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| Bill Number: | LB 828 |
| Introducer: | Seiler – Referred to Judiciary Committee |
| One Liner: | Authorize court acceptance of certain criminal waivers and pleas |
| Recommendation: | |
| Committee Member | Kat |

Brief Description: Statement of Intent LB 828 would allow county courts the same authority as district courts to accept written waivers and pleas voluntarily signed by a criminal defendant and his/her counsel without prejudicing a defendant's right to all other process, procedures and defenses allowed by law. LB 828 will conserve court resources of time and labor, as well as reducing costs for the courts and criminal defendants.

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| Bill Number: | LB 831 |
| Introducer: | |
| One Liner: | Prohibit unreasonable delays to preapproval of medical equipment in insurance plans |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description

Places expectation that insurance carriers not have unreasonable delays in preapproval of medical equipment. Support the measure – but no need for our involvement.

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| Bill Number: | LB 832 |
| Introducer: | Lautenbaugh – Referred to Judiciary Committee |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to reductions in sentence, change good-time provisions, and provide for earned time |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kat |

Brief Description An individual may be eligible to have both their minimum and maximum sentences reduced for good time and earned time, if in pursuant to the law, which could result in a credit of up to six months and thirty-six days credit against a sentence for each year or a pro rata portion thereof that you are sentenced to serve. However, regardless of

good time or earned time obtained, you cannot become parole eligible until you serve at least one half of your minimum sentence.

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| Bill Number: | 834 |
| Introducer: | Sen Avery |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to funding for school breakfast programs |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description Provides grants to school districts to set up alternative school breakfast programs.

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| Bill Number: | LB 848 |
| Introducer: | Harr |
| One Liner: | Provide financial assistance for acquisition of low income housing |
| Recommendation: | Support? Monitor? |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description Transfer funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to a sub-fund specifically set aside for single-family dwellings in high poverty areas with some of the money designated for the buyer to pay back loan over time at graduated amount (ala Habitat for Humanity except that the income limit for the “waulified individual” is crazy low – less than 50% median.) More research to know if this bill is supported by Habitat or other low income housing advocates.

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| Bill Number: | LB 854 |
| Introducer: | Krist |
| One Liner: | Delay request for long term care proposals |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list? |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description: Delays consideration of proposals for providing managed care for long-term care for Medicaid recipients to allow time to consider best options. Really not sure what this bill is about....

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| Bill Number: | LB 858 |
| Introducer: | Howard |
| One Liner: | Adds pharmacist to health provider list |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description: simply adds instruction to all insurance carriers that pharmacist is a health care provider. Duh. Don't know why its needed but apparently is. Not our issue.

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| Bill Number: | LB 859 |
| Introducer: | |
| One Liner: | Change provisions for onsite vaccinations |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Kelly |

Brief Description: a language clean up bill – no real change in any kind of policy whatsoever

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| Bill Number: | LB860 |
| Introducer: | Nordquist |
| One Liner: | Adopt health insurance requirements relating to dollar limits, rescissions, preexisting conditions, and dependents |

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| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | |

Brief Description: Would add several insurance requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to state law. Some of these are prohibiting companies from cancelling policies except for fraud, limiting the proportion of premiums paid that can be spent on overhead, requiring creation of an appeals process for denied coverage, allowing adult children to remain on parents' policies until age 26, etc.

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| Bill Number: | 864 |
| Introducer: | Sen Mello |
| One Liner: | Allocate funds to the Early Childhood Education Grant Program |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Raises the amount of funding from lottery funds for early childhood grant programs from \$1,850,000 to \$2,350,000 in fiscal 2014-15.

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| Bill Number: | LB 870 |
| Introducer: | Bolz |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Public Debt Recovery Program Act |
| Recommendation: | Very Difficult to understand..I say we support or stay neutral, not necessarily and issue we need to focus time. |
| Committee Member | Christie Abdul |
| Action | No Action |

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| Bill Number: | LB875 |
| Introducer: | Howard |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to long-term insurance |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Curtis Bryant |
| Action: | |

Brief Description:
Appears to limit premium increases on long-term care insurance to 6% per year.

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| Bill Number: | 879 |
| Introducer: | Sen Christensen |
| One Liner: | Provide for a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a school |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Bill would allow for a Level II concealed carry permit for employees to carry guns in schools. Bill calls for 24 additional hours of training – in addition to 8 hours required for a Level I permit. Person applying for Level II permit must have approval of the governing body of the school district.

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| Bill Number: | LB 887 |
| Introducer: | Campbell |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry |

- **Brief Description:** Under the ACA, the federal government will pay 100 percent of Nebraska's Medicaid expansion costs for 2014-2016.
- Starting in 2020 states will be required to pay 10 percent of the cost.

- If the Nebraska Legislature passes Wellness in Nebraska, it is estimated:
 - 500 Nebraska lives will be saved annually.
 - About 54,000 uninsured Nebraskans will **get health insurance** and “newly enroll” in Medicaid,
 - Nebraska will see close to \$2 billion returned to our state from the federal government by 2020 to pay for Wellness in Nebraska.
- Wellness in Nebraska: A Win for Employers, Taxpayers, and the Uninsured
 - Save lives and improve the physical and mental health of Nebraska citizens. Research has demonstrated that regular access to health care treatment and services keeps people healthier. A healthier child becomes a healthier adult. A healthier adult is less likely to develop a serious, and expensive, medical issue.
 - Save rural hospitals that may be put at risk due to financial strain if Wellness in Nebraska is not passed in the 2104 legislative session.
 - Access to publicly funded behavioral health services (mental health and substance use disorders) has decreased significantly in recent years. Wellness in Nebraska will provide federal funding to restore services and improve access throughout the state to many of the persons now denied access or not seeking treatment. Without health insurance, people with behavioral health disorders do not seek treatment, or end up in emergency room, hospital, or criminal justice settings that are more costly and less effective in addressing their behavioral health disorders.
 - Protect large and mid-size Nebraska businesses from financial penalties they will be required to pay under the ACA if their workers can’t access health insurance.
 - Reduce health care costs for everyone over the long-term. Again, decades of research has demonstrated that healthier people get sick less often and cost less to treat when they need care.
 - With Wellness in Nebraska, thousands of Nebraska adults will get access to care that will keep them healthier and head of potential illness. In addition, far fewer people who have no insurance and can’t afford to pay for care will present for treatment at Nebraska hospitals.
 - Support and create thousands of good jobs in Nebraska’s growing health care industry.
 - Improve access to health care services for all Nebraska residents. With health care providers in the state’s health care delivery system, access to treatment and physicians will improve for all residents.
 - Wellness in Nebraska will save the state of Nebraska money, save Nebraska lives, and improve the health care of all of Nebraska in ways that should help employers, taxpayers and people who can’t afford health care today.

| Who Falls into the Coverage Gap? | Current Medicaid Eligibility | WIN Income eligibility | Who Benefits from WIN? |
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| Adults without Dependent Children (under 65) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>No one</u> in this category is currently eligible for Medicaid | Income less than 138% FPL or \$15,856 per year for an individual | Low-income adults without dependent children who are unable to afford the cost of insurance |
| Parents and Caretaker Relatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On average, the income eligibility for parents and caretaker relatives is, at most, 57% FPL or \$11,132 per year for a family of 3 | Income between 57% and 138% FPL, or between \$11,132 and \$26,951 per year for a family of 3 | Working parents with low-incomes who are unable to afford the cost of insurance |
| Elderly, Disabled or Blind Individuals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or with a family income less than 100% FPL, or \$11,490 per year for a single person, \$19,530 for a family of 3 | Income between 100% and 138% FPL, or between \$19,530 and \$26,951 for a family of 3 | Elderly, disabled, or blind individuals with low-incomes who are unable to afford the cost of insurance |

Comparison of Key Features of LB 577 and WIN (Wellness in Nebraska)

| | LB 577 | WIN |
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| Saves Lives | Estimated 500 Nebraskan lives saved each year | Estimated 500 Nebraskan lives saved each year |
| Benefits the Economy | Estimated to generate at least \$700 million in new economic activity in Nebraska each year | Estimated to generate at least \$700 million in new economic activity in Nebraska each year |
| Leverages Federal Dollars | 100% in FY14-16; 95% FY17; 94% FY18; 93% FY19 90% FY2020 and thereafter | 100% in FY14-16; 95% FY17; 94% FY18; 93% FY19 90% FY2020 and thereafter |
| Involves private sector insurance | Limited number in Health Insurance Premium Program (HIPP) | Nebraskans who earn 100-133% FPL or have access to cost effective employer-sponsored insurance receive premium assistance to purchase health plans on the Exchange/Marketplace |
| Enrollees Pay for Coverage | Enrollees pay co-pays for services | Enrollees pay premiums for coverage. Health assessments and personal responsibility for engagement in healthy behaviors reduce premiums. |
| Protects patients who churn from eligible to ineligible | --- | Premium assistance for Nebraskans substantially reduces number of individuals who would lose coverage as a result of fluctuations in income from year to year |
| Innovates Health Care Delivery System | Addresses uncompensated care. Participation in managed care. | Addresses uncompensated care and reduces emergency room overuse. Patient Centered Medical Homes and other provisions improve access, quality and cost for all patients. |
| Innovates Health Care Reimbursement Model | --- | Value-based reimbursement to include incentives for care coordination, risk adjustment and performance improvement |
| Incentivizes Health and Wellness Activities | --- | Monthly contributions are waived if preventative services/wellness activities are completed. |

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| Bill Number: | 897 |
| Introducer: | Cook |
| One Liner: | Provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients |
| Recommendation: | |
| Committee Member | Steph C |

Brief Description: The bill allows for a non-refundable income tax credit to employers of any person receiving public assistance for up to two years beginning 1/1/15. Credit is 20% of employers annual expenditures for education provided by a public institution of postsecondary education, insurance for the employee receiving public assistance, child care services for minor children of employees receiving public assistance, transportation of employee to work.

I think it's a good idea but here are my thoughts..how will employers know their employees are receiving public assistance. Do you think it's possible that some people might not want their employers to know? Do you think employers might discriminate against hiring someone on public assistance rather than see the tax benefit?

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| Bill Number: | 901 |
| Introducer: | McGill |
| One Liner: | Provide for psychology internships through the Behavioral Health Education Center |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Patty |

Brief Description:

The Director of NE-NASW and Directors of Social Work Programs were told to not take action and that social work internships would be included next year.

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| Bill Number: | LB 907 |
| Introducer: | Ashford, Avery, Harms, Krist, Lathrop, Mello |
| One Liner: | Provide for supervised release, reentry probation officers, create the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and change presentence investigations and good time provisions |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Andrea Phillips |

Brief Description: This is a 38 page bill so there is a lot included but basically it is adding the option of supervised release for offenders. It appears to be offering offenders the opportunity to stay out of jail under court supervision when their presentence investigation deems that it would be safe to do so. It also takes away the right to earn good time if an offender commits a new crime while on supervised release. I think we should monitor this bill until we know more about it, but it appears to be something we might support.

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| Bill Number: | 908 |
| Introducer: | Coash |
| One Liner: | Change child guardianship, ward, and adoption for child out of wedlock |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Christie |
| Action: | feedback from Steph and/or Amy |

Brief Description: Allows HHS or court to start publication to identify potential biological fathers' during pregnancy and not wait for 5 business days after delivery...but must be published within 5 business days following delivery. Allows for court to consider guardianship as a permanent option if adoption or placement back with a biological is not an option.

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| Bill Number: | LB 912 |
| Introducer: | Kolowski |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act |
| Recommendation: | Remove from list |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: • Provides property tax relief for taxes levied against homesteads – homesteads are defined mostly as residential property – homesteads are exempt from taxation up to \$8,000.

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| Bill Number: | LB 913 |
| Introducer: | Kolowski |
| One Liner: | Provide an income tax credit for property taxes paid |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter maybe |

- **Brief Description:** Allows for a nonrefundable income tax credit against property taxes paid up to \$250 for an individual and \$500 for a married couple.
- These credits are not allowed for individuals whose income exceeds \$100,000 and for married couples whose income exceeds \$200,000.

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| Bill Number: | 920 |
| Introducer: | Coash |
| One Liner: | The establishment and regulation of the Office of Public Guardian. |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Shanna Wright |

Brief Description: LB 920 expands current guardianship laws to include an Office of Public Guardian. Currently, an individual in need of a guardian has to rely on qualified volunteers. The goal of LB 920 is to provide guardianship service when an individual in need of a guardian does not have access to a qualified guardian.

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| Bill Number: | 928 |
| Introducer: | Tribal Relations Committee, Coash |
| One Liner: | Clarification of language for Nebraska's ICWA statute to allow for enhanced compliance by supporting the right of Native American children to remain connected to their families, culture, and heritage. |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Shanna Wright |

Brief Description: LB 928 clarifies the language in the current Nebraska ICWA statute in an attempt to improve ICWA compliance. The goal of LB 928 is to ensure that Native American children are able to remain connected to their families, heritage, and culture. LB 928 is the product of the work of the Nebraska ICWA Coalition.

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| Bill Number: | 923 |
| Introducer: | Sen McGill |
| One Liner: | Require training on suicide awareness and prevention for school personnel |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Would require some specific school district personnel to receive at least one hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each year. In the list of professionals does not list school social workers, but does say "any other appropriate personnel". Directs the Department of Education to develop a list of approved training materials. Bill also removes the liability of those who have had the training. It would be good to have school social workers listed also.

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| Bill Number: | 931 |
| Introducer: | Bolz |
| One Liner: | Adopt Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Christie |
| Action: | Letter |

Brief Description: Appropriate 100,000 to train trainers on the National Model of First Aid Mental Health training

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| Bill Number: | LB 932 |
| Introducer: | Avery |
| One Liner: | Restrict public employer requests for criminal history information from an applicant |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kat - Testify |

Brief Description: "Ban the Box" One factor that affects the successful reintegration of those returning back into our respective communities is their ability to find and maintain gainful employment. This type of policy would not be to prevent a state employer from knowing someone's criminal record but, rather, to keep this information confidential until the point where that individual is being considered as a qualified applicant for that position, rather, than allowing the automatic disqualification that is associated with just the admission of the fact that one has a criminal record.

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| Bill Number: | LB 933 |
| Introducer: | McGill |
| One Liner: | Change provisions and redefine terms relating to labor and sex trafficking |
| Recommendation: | Support/Monitor |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: Cleans up language mostly – but includes debt bondage, abusing the legal process. Abusing their mental/physical impairment, and illegally controlling victims' access to controlled substances to the list of punishable acts.

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| Bill Number: | LB 934 |
| Introducer: | McGill |
| One Liner: | Establish Coordinator of Human Trafficking Prevention and Rehabilitation within Commission of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: Establish a Coordinator to oversee programs for rehab for victims, research obstacles and barriers to access to legal system for victims, and prevention activities statewide.

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| Bill Number: | LB 943 |
| Introducer: | Nordquist |
| One Liner: | Change the minimum wage rate |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert |

Brief Description: The current minimum wage has not been increased in four years. LB 943 would increase the minimum wage in Nebraska from \$7.25 to \$9.00 per hour by 2017.

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| Bill Number: | LB 944 |
| Introducer: | Bolz |

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| One Liner: | State intent relating to funding for early childhood services |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert |

Brief Description: appropriate four hundred thousand dollars in each of fiscal years FY2014-15 and FY2015-16

- to (a) expand the Nurturing Healthy Behaviors program
- and (b) contract with partner organizations for early childhood consultation services.
- Such services shall include, but not be limited to, mental health screening, assessment, individualized program plans, staff training, curriculum development, and program evaluation. Such services shall be available to child care centers, preschool programs, and elementary schools to serve children from birth through eight years of age

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| Bill Number: | LB 947 |
| Introducer: | Lathrop |
| One Liner: | Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert |

Brief Description: Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities. The first year shall be \$3.00 per hour and increase each year \$.95 until it is 70% of the minimum wage.

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| Bill Number: | 952 |
| Introducer: | Sen Lautenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Working to Improve Nebraska Schools Act |
| Recommendation: | Oppose/Remove |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description Very prescriptive curriculum focused bill. Allows for persons who do not have education degrees to be teaching. Would take away a lot of decision making from local school boards. Discusses retention, summer programs, before and after school, programs in very specific terms. Bill appears to be a packaged bill brought in from elsewhere. This bill did not come from education committee.

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| Bill Number: | 953 |
| Introducer: | Howard |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Health Information Initiative Act |
| Recommendation: | not sure...could have major implications....need further knowledge |
| Committee Member | Christie |
| Action: | none |

Brief Description:(1) Health information initiative means a public-private statewide initiative that operates a health information exchange which facilitates the secure exchange of clinical information among physicians and other health care providers in real time at the point of care;

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| Bill Number: | LB 955 |
| Introducer: | Dubas |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Act |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert |

Brief Description:

- an employee who qualifies for paid family medical leave shall be entitled to wages during the time the employee qualifies for paid family medical leave under the Paid Family Medical Leave Act.
- Wages paid during such leave shall be the average wage of the employee over the last calendar quarter, or portion thereof
- An employee may take up to six consecutive work weeks or up to forty-two days on an intermittent basis of paid family medical leave per year

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| Bill Number: | LB 956 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Increase the earned income tax credit |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert |

Brief Description: Increases the EITC to 13% - refundable

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| Bill Number: | LB 960 |
| Introducer: | Carlson |
| One Liner: | Change inheritance tax rates |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert? |

Brief Description: • Decreases the inheritance tax rates from 13% to 7% of the value of the property over \$15,000 for all close relatives and from 18% to 9% of the value of the property over \$10,000 for all others

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| Bill Number: | 967 |
| Introducer: | Education Committee |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to state aid to schools and funding for early childhood education programs |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Lengthy and complicated bill that discusses changes in early childhood education program funding. Difficult to determine what the impact on funding would be. It was introduced by the Education Committee.

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| Bill Number: | LB 972 |
| Introducer: | Lautenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Adopt Independent Schools Act |
| Recommendation: | Take off list |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: "Charter Schools" by another name. Clearly not an original bill. Not a good idea, but doubt it will go anywhere with this Education committee and this legislature. Also probably not a SW issue.

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| Bill Number: | 984 |
| Introducer: | Sen Sullivan |
| One Liner: | Change Allocations from the Education Innovation Fund |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Proposes changes in the lottery funded Education Innovation Fund for Early Childhood Education. Bill encourages school and community based projects that would provide more opportunities for high quality early childhood programs especially the year prior to children attending kindergarten.

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| Bill Number: | LB 986 |
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| Introducer: | Revenue Committee |
| One Liner: | Change homestead exemption income limitations |
| Recommendation: | Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Monitor |

Brief Description:

- Broadens the range of percentages of relief that are available in the homestead exemption so that they are in 10% increments from 100% down to 0%
- Also increases the income thresholds for the cutoffs for eligibility for the exemptions

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| Bill Number: | LB 987 |
| Introducer: | Revenue Committee |
| One Liner: | Adjust individual income tax brackets for inflation and exempt social security benefits from income taxation |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | |

Brief Description:

- Adjusts income tax brackets for inflation starting in Jan 2015
- Also removes social security benefits from federal AGI for tax purposes for married making less than \$58,000 and all others less than \$42,000 starting in Jan 2015.

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| Bill Number: | 992 |
| Introducer: | Sen Howard |
| One Liner: | Create the Early Childhood Data Governing Body |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description Establishes a group with specific members in the field of early childhood and others to develop a plan to create and sustain a unified data system for early childhood in NE. This data system will be source of information that will assist in developing policy and programs for early childhood programs.

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| Bill Number: | LB 993 |
| Introducer: | Christensen |
| One Liner: | Provide that health sharing ministries are not insurance |
| Recommendation: | Take off list |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: Not our issue – looks like it just wants to make sure consumers are warned that health sharing ministries are not the same as having insurance and they will still be considered uninsured. Could also be protecting health sharing ministries from lawsuits from uninformed consumers.

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| Bill Number: | LB 995 |
| Introducer: | Hadley |
| One Liner: | Provide an income tax credit for state and local taxes paid |
| Recommendation: | Favor |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter and Action Alert? |

Brief Description: Provides for a credit to residents who are in the state at least months of the year for total state and local taxes paid for those with incomes up to \$25,500 – credit ranges from \$10 to \$340 depending upon income level

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| Bill Number: | 999 |
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| Introducer: | Ashford and 12 others |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Patty |

Brief Description of 45 pages:

Clarifies parts of the Act and moves authority from Community Corrections to the Reentry Programming Board

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act is to build upon the history of the Community Corrections Act enacted in 2003, with the goal of increasing public safety.

The Community Corrections Act provided for the development and establishment of community-based facilities and programs in Nebraska for adult offenders. The resulting increase in Nebraska's prison population and corrections costs necessitate a new approach to managing those who violate the criminal laws of our state.

The Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act changes the approach to Nebraska's criminal justice system from a focus on incapacitation to a focus on offender transition and reentry. The Reentry Programming Board is created.

Members of the board shall include:

- (a) A behavioral health provider;
- (b) A mental health provider;
- (c) A substance abuse treatment provider;
- (d) A community reentry organization;
- (e) A formerly incarcerated person who has had successful reentry;
- (f) A criminal justice research expert;
- (g) A prosecutor;
- (h) A retired district court judge;
- A law enforcement officer;
- j) The Director of Correctional Services or his or her designee;
- (k) The chairperson of the Board of Parole or his or her designee; and
- (l) A representative from the Office of Probation

The board shall:

- (1) Evaluate programming available to inmates, probationers, and parolees, to ensure that programs are evidence based and develop other criteria for ensuring programming is effective;
 - (2) Coordinate with Department of Correctional Services, the Office of Parole Administration, and the Office of Probation Administration to track inmate, probationer, and parolee participation in programming;
 - (3) Evaluate access to nongovernmental programming;
 - (4) Track reentering offenders' participation in programming;
- Coordinate with nongovernmental providers and organizations for more nongovernmental provider programming, including contracts with community-based providers, including the University of Nebraska Medical Center, nonprofits, and private providers, for more programming in the areas of mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment, and coordinating with community-based organizations;
- (6) Conduct independent evaluations of (a) the Department of Correctional Services programming and access to programming within such department and (b) other prison, probation, or parole mandated or recommended programming;
 - (7) Coordinate with nongovernmental researchers to conduct independent evaluation of the classification system;
 - (8) Advocate for removal of barriers to offender reentry and work with governmental agencies and nongovernmental entities to remove restrictions on funding for services to formerly incarcerated people in the areas of housing, job skills training, hiring restrictions, education, and child custody;
 - (9) Develop a plan for transitioning from a community corrections model to a reentry model;
 - (10) Develop standards for the use of reentry facilities and programs by the Department of Corrections, the Nebraska Probation System, and the parole system;
 - (11) Analyze and promote the consistent use of offender risk assessment tools; Inform the courts, the Board of Parole, criminal justice system stakeholders, and the general public about the availability, use, and benefits of reentry facilities and programs;
 - (13) Ensure adequate funding for reentry facilities and programs, and develop or assist with the development of facilities and programs as provided in subdivision of section 29-2252 and subdivision of section 83-1,102;
 - (14) Develop standardized definitions of outcome measures for existing community corrections facilities and programs and for reentry facilities and programs;
 - (15) Research and evaluate existing community corrections facilities and programs;
 - (16) Provide an annual report as provided in section 18 of this act;
 - (17) Manage all data acquired in a confidential manner in compliance with section 25 of this act;
 - (18) Enter into and administer contracts, if necessary, to carry out the purposes of the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act; and perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the act.

Each reporting center shall provide, contract for, or utilize a voucher service program for access to mental health services for those on probation.

It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate fifteen million dollars to the Reentry Programming Board Cash Fund. Five million dollars shall be allocated for violence reduction and anger management programming, five million dollars for job training, and five million dollars for housing. Fifty percent of the funds shall be expended for programming under the Department of Correctional Services and fifty percent for community-based programs approved by the Reentry Programming Board.

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| Bill Number: | 1000 |
| Introducer: | Karpisek |
| One Liner: | Change Provisions Regarding Parenting Plans |
| Recommendation: | Monitor--not action needed |
| Committee Member | Christie |

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| Bill Number: | LB 1006 |
| Introducer: | McGill |
| One Liner: | Change a provision of the Private Prison Contracting Act and prohibit state agencies from entering into contracts that include certain provisions |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kat |

Brief Description: Prevents Prison Industrial Complex – No state agency may enter into a contract with a private entity that guarantees payment for services not provided, unduly restricts the state agency from taking actions in the public interest, or unfairly places the burden of risk under the contract on taxpayers.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1007 |
| Introducer: | Haar |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to the Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kat |

Brief Description: Certain criminal history may not be part of public records...

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| Bill Number: | 1021 |
| Introducer: | Seller |
| One Liner: | Change provisions relating to the sealing of records of a juvenile |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Sarah Hanify |

Brief Description: This bill cleans up the language of the previous bill and makes it easier to seal the records of juveniles with law violations.

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| Bill Number: | 1026 |
| Introducer: | Sen Bolz |
| One Liner: | Create and provide for a Nebraska Educational Trust Fund |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Established a trust fund that would be added to when there is a historic high in state revenues. Funds would be held in this trust fund to fund the schools in years when there is less income to the state.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1031 |
| Introducer: | Kintner |
| One Liner: | Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide for decreased income tax rates |
| Recommendation: | Monitor/Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: If the federal government expands the state's authority that would require residents to pay increased sales and use taxes to out-of-state retailers, the Dept. could make a determination and lower income tax rates by an amount that would offset ½ of the additional amount of sales and use tax paid

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| Bill Number: | LB 1032 |
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| Introducer: | Kintner |
| One Liner: | Mandate postings in abortion provider lobbies and waiting rooms |
| Recommendation: | Monitor-Neutral? |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: Not as offensive as it sounds. This is a bill to mandate that places providing abortions post legible signs where patients are informing patient she can not be forced to have an abortion and she has legal rights and protection from forced abortion. This actually sounds like something we support – along the lines of preventing violence against women and informing victims of their rights. This could be one of those rare moments where you get people on opposite sides on an issue agreeing on a value – no woman should be forced to have an abortion.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1056 |
| Introducer: | Davis |
| One Liner: | Change individual income tax brackets and rates |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | Letter? |

Brief Description:

- Adds an additional income tax bracket at the top – 7.84% for \$75k and over
- Also broadens the existing four brackets so the income thresholds for each are higher

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| Bill Number: | LB 1057 |
| Introducer: | Davis |
| One Liner: | Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide duties for the Department of Revenue |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
| Action: | |

Brief Description: If the federal government expands the state’s authority that would require residents to pay increased sales and use taxes to out-of-state retailers, the Dept. could make a determination and credit the proceeds from the additional sales and use taxes collected to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund

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| Bill Number: | 1064 |
| Introducer: | Sen Lautenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Teach for Nebraska Program Act |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Establishes 6 week summer programs lead by education students at UNO and UNK in the school of education for students completing 8th grade and 11th grade who meet income guidelines (free lunch), grade point between 2.0 and 4.0 and be enrolled in college preparatory class(es) in the following school year. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to continue their education in high school and beyond.. Establishes a fund for this program.

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| Bill Number: | 1073 |
| Introducer: | Lathrop |
| One Liner: | Require Employers to e-verify immigration status before hiring |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Christie |

Brief Description I believe this legislation revises a statute passed in 2009 but it includes all private employers to e-verify immigration status. The initial legislation only stated that public companies or contractors of public companies have to e-verify immigration status..this now says all employers must. It appears that the initial legislation says that in 2011 this

was supposed to happen but legislation hasn't been updated...my concern is this could lead to additional discrimination so I am not sure._

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| Bill Number: | 1077 |
| Introducer: | Sen Sullivan |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Shared Responsibility for Access and Success Act |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Establishes a dual enrollment program, high school and college.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1078 |
| Introducer: | Nordquist |
| One Liner: | Make provision for teleheath |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: Changes the language to be less restrictive on telehealth as an alternative to in-clinic health care. Increases access. Allows provider to determine when telehealth is appropriate and when it is not.

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| Bill Number: | 1088 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Change income eligibility provisions relating to federal child care assistance |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Sarah Hanify |

Brief Description: Increases the federal poverty level standards for who can access child care assistance in the state of Nebraska (from 130% to 140% by FY2015-2016).

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| Bill Number: | 1089 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Provide for disposition of residual funds in class action litigation and charitable trusts |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Sarah Hanify |

Brief Description: This bill enables any left over funds from a class-action lawsuit to be awarded trust property be applied or distributed, in whole or in part, in a manner consistent with the settlor's charitable purposes or to the Legal Aid and Services Fund. The bill also allows the court to set a date whereby all of the people in the class-action lawsuit have to claim their funds prior to the funds being turned over to the Legal Aid and Services Fund.

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| Bill Number: | 1090 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Adopt the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Sarah Hanify |

Brief Description: This bill clarifies what paid sick time is for and how people are compensated, how people accrue sick leave and for what purpose they can use the sick leave they have acquired (this also includes taking care of an ill family member). It also states that employers have no ability to refuse to allow employees to use sick time and protects

employees from retaliation by employers when they use acquired sick leave, including preventing termination based solely on using sick leave. Any violations of this act can be reported to a commissioner and civil action can be taken in court.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1097 |
| Introducer: | Harr |
| One Liner: | Change individual income tax brackets and rates and corporate income tax rates |
| Recommendation: | Monitor/Oppose |
| Committee Member | Terry Werner |
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Brief Description:

- Personal income tax brackets adjusted from 4 to 3 – all rates cut – top rate to 5.9% by 2017
- Corporate income tax rates cut – top rate to 5.9% by 2017

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| Bill Number: | 1099 |
| Introducer: | Sen Haar |
| One Liner: | Provide for a study relating to state aid to schools |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Establishes a study that would establish a new formula for funding the state's schools.

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| Bill Number: | 1101 |
| Introducer: | Crawford |
| One Liner: | Change and eliminate provisions relating to state aid and learning communities. |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Mary Bahney |

Brief Description: Would do away with Learn Community.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1108 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Change provisions related to competency of woman to obtain abortion |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: Instructs the court that if a woman has navigated the court system to petition for the right to an abortion without parental consent that act alone shows maturity level sufficient for establishing competency to determine whether they want an abortion. Removes the language “clear and convincing evidence” that the woman is mature enough.

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| Bill Number: | LB 1109 |
| Introducer: | Conrad |
| One Liner: | Change provisions for obtaining parental consent |
| Recommendation: | ??? |
| Committee Member | Kelly Keller |

Brief Description: This bill is removing the need for notarized consent from parent or guardian and putting in its place certified attempts to notify. It retains a 48-hr rule that the minor/dependent pregnant woman has to have notified parent through certified mail. Also takes out the “clear and convincing” standard for courts to determine in lieu of parental

notification. However, it also takes out a provision that anyone forcing a woman to have an abortion is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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| Bill Number: | LR 111 |
| Introducer: | McGill |
| One Liner: | Interim study to explore the possibility of replicating the Delancey Street Foundation in Nebraska, which is considered one of the nation's leading self-help residential education centers for ex-convicts and former substance abusers |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kat |

*This is one I am personally keeping track of & can discuss on our call if anyone would like

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| Bill Number: | LR397CA |
| Introducer: | Lautenbaugh |
| One Liner: | Constitutional amendment to require public recording and preservation of votes of public officials |
| Recommendation: | Monitor |
| Committee Member | Curtis Bryant |
| Action: | |

Brief Description:

Requires that all votes by elected officials be recorded publicly.

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| Bill Number: | LR 400 |
| Introducer: | Dubas |
| One Liner: | Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to be known as the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature |
| Recommendation: | Support |
| Committee Member | Kat |

Brief Description: Appoint a special committee - ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature authorized to study the adequacy of staffing and training of DHHS employees working within the ACCESSNebraska system including the number of employees for local offices, the number of employees for call centers and document imaging centers, the type and amount of training received, the education levels and years of experience of employees, client access to employees, and the need for and availability of dedicated caseworkers for clients.

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