

LB 23

Introducer: Matt Williams (LD 36)

Amends the Real Property Appraisers Act (RPAA) by including clarifying language that RPAA does not apply to financial institution salaried employees who render an estimate or opinion of value of real estate when such estimate or opinion is rendered in connection with the employee's employment for the financial institution. Also adds clarifying language regarding requirements to be a credentialed appraiser and further defines disciplinary actions.

Committee: Banking

Public Hearing: January 26

Status: General File **Position**: Monitor

LB 52

Introducer: Steve Lathrop (LD 12)

Provides a general blanket immunity for all persons and businesses against all civil action claims for any injury or death resulting from an alleged exposure to COVID-19, if exposure occurred after the effective

date of this act. **Committee**: Judiciary

Public Hearing: February 18

Position: Support

LB 58

Introducer: Rich Pahls (LD 31)

Changes provisions relating to service of notice by publication in cases involving liens arising from city or village special assessments. It allows for, in lieu of sending a copy of publication notice, a notice to be sent by U.S. mail to every party appearing to have a direct legal interest in action or proceeding that includes the amount owed, the date due, and the date the board of equalization meets in case of an

appeal.

Committee: Judiciary
Public Hearing: March 4

Position: Monitor

LB 94

Introducer: Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

Provides that any online notarial acts performed between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020 pursuant to the Governor's executive order cannot be invalidated. The Governor's executive order moved up the operable date of LB 186 passed in 2019 from July 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020.

Committee: Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Public Hearing: January 29

Status: General File **Position**: Support



LB 95

Introducer: Wendy DeBoer (LD 10)

Makes changes to provisions regarding garnishment summonses. It adds language deciphering that when wages are involved, summons shall be returned within twenty (20) days from the date of its issuance and requires the garnishee to answer within twenty days from the date of service upon the

garnishee.

Committee: Judiciary
Public Hearing: March 4
Position: Monitor

LB 120

Introducer: Megan Hunt (LD 8)

Allows cities and villages in the State to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender

identity in employment, public accommodation, and housing.

Committee: Judiciary

Public Hearing: February 26

Position: Monitor

LB 133

Introducer: Steve Erdman (LD 47)

Adopts the Nebraska EPIC (Elimination of Property, Income, Corporate taxes) Consumption Tax Act. It would create a consumption tax of 10.64% and eliminate property, income and state corporate taxes.

Committee: Revenue **Public Hearing**: February 3

Position: Monitor

LB 139

Introducer: Tom Briese (LD 41)

Creates the COVID 19 Liability Protection Act which would prohibit a person from bringing or maintaining a civil action seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19 unless they can prove by clear and convincing evidence that there was willful and gross negligence. The bill includes protection for businesses that own or lease their property. It imposes a statute of limitations of 2 years. The act would apply to causes of action accruing on or after the effective date of the act and the earlier of December 31, 2022 or one year after the end of the COVID 19 state of emergency.

Committee: Judiciary

Public Hearing: February 18

Position: Support



LB 165

Introducer: Steve Erdman (LD 47)

Allows for an assessment adjustment of real property that has been damaged significantly from fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, or other events causing significant property damage that occur with enough

frequency in the state. **Committee**: Revenue

Public Hearing: February 10

Position: Monitor

LB 171

Introducer: Matt Hansen (LD 26)

Amends the Employment Security Law regarding weekly benefits by adding a provision allowing for a 5%

increase of weekly benefits for each dependent child not exceeding 15%.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 199

Introducer: Tony Vargas (LD 7)

Adopts the Face Surveillance Privacy Act making it unlawful for any government entity in the state to obtain, retain, access, or use any face surveillance system or any information obtained from a face

surveillance system.

Committee: Judiciary

Public Hearing: March 11

Position: Monitor

LB 249

Introducer: Patty Pansing Brooks (LD 28)

Makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to inquire about or seek from a job applicant or from applicants current or former employer wage rate history unless it is to confirm voluntarily provided wage rate history. It does not allow for required disclosure, retaliation against a job applicant for failure to comply with inquiry or rely upon wage rate history in determining the wages for applicant. It does not apply to employees who are applying for a position with the same employer nor does it prohibit voluntary disclosure by applicant.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: January 25

Position: Monitor



LB 258

Introducer: Tony Vargas (LD 7)

Creates the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act requiring employers to provide employees with accrual of "paid sick and safe time" one hour for every thirty hours worked. Employees can accrue more than forty hours but cannot use more than forty hours in a calendar year. Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under 29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) shall be assumed to work forty hours per week. Accrual begins on first day of employment and can be used after the sixtieth day of employment. Employers that provide PTO for their employees that sufficiently meets accrual requirements do not need to provide any additional time for paid sick and safe time.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 260

Introducer: Megan Hunt (LD 8)

Amends good cause for leaving employment by adding that a person leaves employment voluntarily having made all reasonable efforts to preserve employment for the purpose of caring for a family member with a serious health condition. It defines what constitutes a family member for the subdivision.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: January 25

Position: Monitor

LB 290

Introducer: Michaela Cavanaugh (LD 6)

Adopts the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 327

Introducer: Julie Slama (LD 1)

Requires high school students beginning in 2022-2023 to have at least one-half credit hour of a personal

finance or financial literacy course.

Committee: Education **Public Hearing**: February 1

Position: Support



LB 363

Introducer: Matt Williams (LD 36)

The omnibus bill requested by the Department of Banking and Finance which includes the state credit

union wild card or parity provision.

Committee: Banking

Public Hearing: January 26

Status: General File **Position**: Support

LB 388

Introducer: Curt Friesen (LD 34)

This bill was introduced at the Request of Governor Ricketts to create the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act. The purpose is to develop the broadband network to unserved and underserved areas of the state. The program would be administered by the Public Service Commission and the Legislature would appropriate \$20 million annually to the effort starting in 2021-2022.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 398

Introducer: Bruce Bostelman (LD 23)

Specifies that high speed broadband means broadband service at a minimum download speed of one hundred megabits per second as well as upload speed of 100 megabits per second. Areas below the specified speed would be considered unserved or underserved.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 9

Position: Monitor

LB 422

Introducer: Tom Briese (LD 41)

Amends the state sales tax rate from 5.5% to 5% starting October 1, 2022. At the beginning of the next four calendar quarters thereafter the tax commissioner shall adjust the rate to a rate that is estimated to provide the same amount of sales tax revenue had this bill not passed. Amends gross receipts to include the gross income received for providing a service with services being presumed taxable unless a specific exemption is provided.

Committee: Revenue **Public Hearing**: February 3

Position: Monitor



LB 433

Introducer: Revenue Committee

Amends states sales tax to "XX" percent. This bill is a placeholder for changes to the sales tax rate.

Committee: Revenue Public Hearing: TBD Position: Monitor

LB 440

Introducer: Matt Hansen (LD 26)

Amends the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act by adding a provision that prohibits discriminating against a qualified candidate because of the known disability of an individual with whom the qualified

person is known to have a relationship or association.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 451

Introducer: Terrell McKinney (LD 11)

Prohibits the discrimination of a person because of cultural characteristics associated with race including hairstyles such as braids, locks and twists. An employer can enact bone fide health and safety standards that regulate the expression of employee's race, national origin, or religion if the employer demonstrates if health and safety of persons will be impaired, the standard is adopted for non-discriminatory reasons, the standard is equally applied, and the employer has engaged in good faith effort to accommodate the employee.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 452

Introducer: Terrell McKinney (LD 11)

Adopts the Financial Literacy Act. Beginning in 2022-2023 school year, each school district in consultation with the Department of Education develop a financial literacy program to be incorporated in all phases of curriculum for K-12. Requires reporting by school districts and the Department of Education.

Committee: Education **Public Hearing**: February 1

Position: Support



LB 456

Introducer: Curt Friesen (LD 34)

Adopts the Nebraska Enhancing Broadband Act. Creates a program administered by DED to facilitate and fund expansion of broadband to unserved and underserved areas. The minimum speed must be 100 megabits. Intends to allocate \$10 million annually to the fund. The funds would be divided into grants

and loans. Matching funds would be required 50% for grants and 30% for loans.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 463

Introducer: John Arch (LD 14)

Allows employees who are injured and required by the employer or the insurance company that is providing the coverage to submit to an examination by an authorized physician can bring with them to the examination their own doctor to view the examination in person or electronically.

Committee: Business & Labor **Public Hearing**: February 1

Position: Monitor

LB 474

Introducer: Anna Wishart (LD 27) Adopts the Medicinal Cannabis Act.

Committee: Judiciary **Public Hearing**: March 10

Position: Monitor

LB 480

Introducer: Terrell McKinney (LD 11)

Changes the state minimum wage beginning January 2022 to \$10.00 per hour and increases \$1 each year until 2032 when the hourly rate shall be determined by the Commissioner of Labor and shall be equal to the minimum wage from the previous year increased by the percentage, if any, in the

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

Committee: Business & Labor

Public Hearing: TBD Position: Monitor



LB 498

Introducer: Wendy DeBoer (LD 10)

Requires the Public Service Commission to implement a broadband service test and conduct mapping of

broadband service areas.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 9

Position: Monitor

LB 604

Introducer: Suzanne Geist (LD 25)

Adopts the Nebraska Accelerated Broadband Deployment Grant Program Act and changes telecommunications provisions. Allows for grants to projects expanding broadband in small communities with less than 5,000 residents or where more than 50% of residents have access to the minimum standards provided of 50 megabits.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 8

Position: Monitor

LB 616

Introducer: Dan Hughes (LD 44)

Changes provisions related to abandoned motor vehicles. It requires law enforcement to notify lienholders of vehicles in their custody. Once 30 days passes the vehicle is considered abandoned. It adds that any local or state agency in possession of an abandoned vehicle must notify any known lienholder within 15 business days. Local or state law enforcement agencies which has custody for purposes of investigation but no longer need the vehicle for its purposes must notify any lienholder within 15 days.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 2

Position: Monitor

LB622

Introducer: Curt Friesen (LD 34)

Limits the amount of growth that assessed value of all real property (non-ag) can grow in a year to 3% above the prior year's assessment. If the total assessed value of all non-ag real property for any year exceeds the 3% then the Tax Commissioner will set the adjustment ratio to satisfy the limit provided. It also does the same for ag real property. Growth would not include for new growth such as addition of buildings or improvements.

Committee: Revenue **Public Hearing: TBD** Position: Monitor



LB 648

Introducer: Mike Flood (LD 19)

Adopts the Transactions in Digital Assets Act.

Committee: Banking Public Hearing: TBD Position: Monitor

LB 649

Introducer: Mike Flood (LD 19)

Adopts the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act and creates digital asset depositories for the purposes of holding digital or crypto currencies. These new institutions would be regulated by the Department of

Banking & Finance.

Committee: Banking

Public Hearing: TBD

Position: Monitor

LB 656

Introducer: Justin Wayne (LD 13)

Allows municipalities to offer provide broadband and internet services on a retail or wholesale basis.

Committee: Transportation & Telecommunications

Public Hearing: February 9

Position: Monitor

LB 659

Introducer: Mike McDonnell (LD 5)

Creates the Nebraska Workforce Development Committee of the Legislature. The Legislative Committee would study workforce issues and report back to the Legislature on findings and recommendations.

Committee: Executive Board

Public Hearing: TBD Position: Monitor

LR 2 CA

Introducer: Justin Wayne (LD13)

A constitutional amendment to legalize cannabis for persons twenty-one years of age and older and requires the Legislature to pass appropriate legislation relating to the cultivation, manufacture,

distribution, consumption, and sale.

Committee: Judiciary

Public Hearing: February 19

Position: Monitor