#### **EIGHTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 30, 2024**

#### LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

# ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

#### EIGHTEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Tuesday, January 30, 2024

#### **PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Blood and Raybould who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Bostelman, M. Cavanaugh, Hughes, Hunt, Walz, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

#### CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventeenth day was approved.

## MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 22, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch and Members of the Legislature State Capitol Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling:

Dr. Claudia Moore, 1017 North 148th Street, Omaha, NE 68154 Kelly Lambert, 239 Courtland Street, Trumbull, NE 68980 Cameron Arch, 16007 Josephine Street, Omaha, NE 68136

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

LB1339

LB1391

LB1141

LB899

LB1146 LB1029

LB1012

LR278CA

LB1284

LB1056

LB1337

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Natural Resources Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 David Liegl - Nebraska Power Review Board William F. Austin - Nebraska Power Review Board

(Signed) Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

LB1358

LB1375

LB1175

#### Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 8, 2024 LB1300 LB1198 LB1302

LB1303

(Signed) Tom Brewer, Chairperson

## ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs - LB287

Speaker Arch announced the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in Room 1525 and the Natural Resources Committee will conduct its hearing in Room 1510, both at 1:30 p.m.

#### SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 461. ER39, found on page 540, was offered.

ER39 was adopted.

#### Senator Wayne offered the following amendment: AM2245

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER 39)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 48. Section 84-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2022, is amended to read:
- 4 84-901 For purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act:
- 5 (1) Agency shall mean each board, commission, department, officer,
- 6 division, or other administrative office or unit of the state government 7 authorized by law to make rules and regulations, except the Adjutant
- 8 General's office as provided in Chapter 55, the courts including the
- 9 Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, the Commission of Industrial
- 10 Relations, the Legislature, and the Secretary of State with respect to
- 11 the duties imposed by the act;
- 12 (2) Rule or regulation shall mean any standard of general
- 13 application adopted by an agency in accordance with the authority
- 14 conferred by statute and includes, but is not limited to, the amendment
- 15 or repeal of a rule or regulation. Rule or regulation shall not include 16 (a) internal procedural documents which provide guidance to staff on
- 17 agency organization and operations, lacking the force of law, and not
- 18 relied upon to bind the public, (b) guidance documents as issued by an
- 19 agency in accordance with section 84-901.03, and (c) forms and
- 20 instructions developed by an agency. For purposes of the act, every
- 21 standard which prescribes a penalty shall be presumed to have general 22 applicability and any standard affecting private rights, private

- 23 interests, or procedures available to the public is presumed to be relied
- 24 upon to bind the public. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to
- 25 require an agency to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations when 26 statute authorizes but does not require it;
- 1 (3) Contested case shall mean a proceeding before an agency in which
- 2 the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties are required
- 3 by law or constitutional right to be determined after an agency hearing;
- 4 (4) Ex parte communication shall mean an oral or written
- 5 communication which is not on the record in a contested case with respect
- 6 to which reasonable notice to all parties was not given. Filing and
- 7 notice of filing provided under subdivision (6)(d) of section 84-914
- 8 shall not be considered on the record and reasonable notice for purposes
- 9 of this subdivision. Ex parte communication shall not include:
- 10 (a) Communications which do not pertain to the merits of a contested 11 case;
- 12 (b) Communications required for the disposition of ex parte matters 13 as authorized by law;
- 14 (c) Communications in a ratemaking or rulemaking proceeding; and
- 15 (d) Communications to which all parties have given consent;
- 16 (5) Guidance document shall mean any statement developed by an
- 17 agency which lacks the force of law but provides information or direction
- 18 of general application to the public to interpret or implement statutes
- 19 or such agency's rules or regulations. A guidance document is binding on
- 20 an agency until amended by the agency. A guidance document shall not give
- 21 rise to any legal right or duty or be treated as authority for any
- 22 standard, requirement, or policy, except that if the agency does not
- 23 follow such guidance document a person aggrieved by such noncompliance
- 24 may bring an action for injunctive relief or for declaratory judgment
- 25 under the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act; and Internal procedural
- 26 documents which provide guidance to staff on agency organization and
- 27 operations shall not be considered guidance documents; and
- 28 (6) Hearing officer shall mean the person or persons conducting a
- 29 hearing, contested case, or other proceeding pursuant to the act, whether
- 30 designated as the presiding officer, administrative law judge, or some 31 other title designation.
- 1 Sec. 49. Section 84-901.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2 2022, is amended to read:
- 3 84-901.03 (1) Upon the issuance of a guidance document, an agency
- 4 shall make such document available at one public location and on the
- 5 agency's website. The agency shall also publish on its website an index
- 6 summarizing the subject matter of all currently applicable rules and
- 7 regulations and guidance documents. Such agency shall provide the index
- 8 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by December 31 of each
- 10 (2) An agency shall ensure that the first page of each guidance
- 11 document includes the following notice: This guidance document is
- 12 advisory in nature but is binding on an agency until amended by such
- 13 agency. A guidance document does not include internal procedural
- 14 documents that only affect the internal operations of the agency and does
- 15 not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or
- 16 include confidential information or rules and regulations made in
- 17 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that 18 this guidance document imposes additional requirements or penalties on
- 19 regulated parties, you may request a review of the document.
- 20 (3) A person may request in writing that an agency revise or repeal
- 21 a guidance document or convert a guidance document into a rule or 22 regulation. No later than sixty calendar days after the agency receives
- 23 such a request, the agency shall advise the requestor in writing of its
- 24 decision to (a) revise or repeal the guidance document, (b) initiate a
- 25 proceeding to consider a revision or repeal of a guidance document, (c)

- 26 initiate the rulemaking or regulationmaking process to convert the
- 27 guidance document into a rule or regulation, or (d) deny the request and
- 28 state the reason for the denial.
- 29 (4) All decisions made by an agency under this section shall be made
- 30 available at one public location and on the agency's website.
- 31 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and 1 correct the repealer accordingly.

The Wayne amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 16.** ER43, found on page 541, was offered.

ER43 was adopted.

#### Senator Brewer offered the following amendment: AM2229

(Amendments to AM2102)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 3. Section 84-617, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 84-617 (1) There is hereby created the State Treasurer
- 5 Administrative Fund. Funds received by the State Treasurer pursuant to
- 6 his or her administrative duties shall be credited to the fund. Such
- 7 funds shall include:
- 8 (a) Payments for returned check charges or for electronic payments 9 not accepted;
- 10 (b) Payments for wire transfers initiated by the State Treasurer at
- 11 the request of state agencies;
- 12 (c) Payments for copies of cashed state warrants;
- 13 (d) Payments for copies, including microfilm, computer disk, or
- 14 magnetic tape, of listings relating to outstanding state warrants; and
- 15 (e) Payments for copies, including microfilm, computer disk, or
- 16 magnetic tape, of listings of owners of unclaimed property held by the
- 17 State Treasurer pursuant to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property 18 Act; and -
- 19 (f) Payments under the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act.
- 20 (2) Money in the fund received pursuant to subdivisions (1)(a)
- 21 through (d) of this section shall be credited to the General Fund
- 22 quarterly. Money in the State Treasurer Administrative Fund received
- 23 pursuant to <u>subdivisions</u> subdivision (1)(e) and (f) of this section shall
- 24 be credited to the Unclaimed Property Cash Fund. The State Treasurer may
- 25 retain such amount as he or she deems appropriate in the State Treasurer
- 26 Administrative Fund for purposes of making change for cash payments. Any 1 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 2 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 3 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 4 (3) (2) The State Treasurer may establish a fee schedule for any of
- 5 the services listed in subdivisions (1)(a) through (e) subsection (1) of
- 6 this section. The fees shall approximate the cost of providing the
- 8 Sec. 14. Sections 14 to 21 of this act shall be known and may be
- 9 cited as the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act.
- 10 Sec. 15. In order to safeguard life, health, and property, to
- 11 promote the public welfare, and to recognize the need for design
- 12 professionals to obtain government-issued permits or approval that may
- 13 only be obtained with a construction document stamp, the profession of

- 14 interior design is declared to be subject to regulation in the public 15 interest. On and after January 1, 2025, it shall be unlawful for any
- 16 person to hold oneself out to be a registered interior designer unless
- 17 the person is registered under the Interior Design Voluntary Registration
- 18 Act.
- 19 Sec. 16. For purposes of the Interior Design Voluntary Registration
- 20 Act:
- 21 (1) Design means the preparation of schematics, layouts, plans,
- 22 drawings, specifications, calculations, and other diagnostic documents
- 23 which show the features of a registered interior design project;
- 24 (2) Direct supervision means having full professional knowledge over
- 25 work that constitutes the practice of registered interior design;
- 26 (3) Good ethical character means such character that will enable a
- 27 person to discharge the fiduciary duties of a registered interior
- 28 designer to such person's client and to the public for the protection of
- 29 the public health, safety, and welfare;
- 30 (4) Interior alteration or construction project means a project for
- 31 an interior space or area within a proposed or existing building or
- 1 structure, including construction, modification, renovation,
- 2 rehabilitation, or historic preservation that involves changing or
- 3 altering:
- 4 (a) The design function or layout of rooms; or
- 5 (b) The state of permanent fixtures or equipment;
- 6 (5) Interior nonstructural element means an element or component of
- 7 a building that does not require structural bracing, is not load-bearing,
- 8 and is not essential to the structural or seismic integrity of the
- 9 building;
- 10 (6)(a) Practice of registered interior design means the design of
- 11 interior spaces as part of an interior alteration or construction project
- 12 in conformity with public health, safety, and welfare requirements,
- 13 including the preparation of any document relating to a building code
- 14 description, any project egress plan that does not require additional
- 15 exits in the space affected, any space planning, any finish material, any
- 16 furnishing, any fixture, any equipment, and the preparation of any
- 17 document and technical submission relating to interior construction; and
- 18 (b) Services that are not in the scope of the practice of registered
- 19 interior design include:
- 20 (i) Services that constitute:
- 21 (A) The practice of professional engineering; or
- 22 (B) The practice of professional architecture, except as
- 23 specifically provided for within the Engineers and Architects Regulation
- 24 Act;
- 25 (ii) The construction or alteration of:
- 26 (A) The structural system of a building, including changing the
- 27 building's live or dead load on the structural system;
- 28 (B) The building envelope, including an exterior wall, wall
- 29 covering, or wall opening, an exterior window, an exterior door, any
- 30 architectural trim, a balcony or similar projection, a bay, an oriel
- 31 window, any roof assembly and rooftop structure, and any glass and
- 1 glazing for exterior use in both vertical and sloped applications;
- 2 (C) Any mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, 3 ventilation, electrical, vertical transportation, fire sprinkler, or fire
- 5 (D) An egress system beyond the exit access component of such
- 6 system: and
- 7 (E) Any life safety system such as a fire safety or fire protection
- 8 of structural elements and smoke evacuation and compartmentalization
- 9 system or a fire-rated vertical shaft in multistory structures;
- 10 (iii) Changes to an occupancy classification of greater hazard as
- 11 determined by the International Building Code; and

- 12 (iv) Changes to the construction classification of the building or
- 13 structure according to the International Building Code;
- 14 (7) Project means one or more related activities that require the
- 15 practice of registered interior design for completion; and
- 16 (8) Registered interior designer or registrant means a person who is
- 17 listed on the registry of interior designers under the Interior Design
- 18 Voluntary Registration Act.
- 19 Sec. 17. To be a registered interior designer, an individual shall:
- 20 (1) Apply to the State Treasurer in a form and manner prescribed by
- 21 the State Treasurer;
- 22 (2) Pay an application fee of not more than fifty dollars as
- 23 determined by the State Treasurer; and
- 24 (3) Satisfy the requirements for placement on the registry as
- 25 provided in section 18 of this act.
- 26 Sec. 18. (1)(a) The interior design registry is created.
- 27 (b) The State Treasurer shall list each interior designer
- 28 registration in the registry. A listing in the registry shall be valid
- 29 for the term of the registration and upon renewal unless such listing is
- 30 refused renewal or is removed as provided in the Interior Design
- 31 Voluntary Registration Act.
- 1 (c) The registry shall contain (i) the individual's full name and
- 2 (ii) any other information as the State Treasurer may require by rules
- 3 and regulations.
- 4 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or section 20 of
- 5 this act, the following shall be considered as the minimum evidence
- 6 satisfactory to the State Treasurer that an applicant is eligible for
- 7 listing on the interior design registry:
  8 (a) Education eligibility as outlined by the Council for Interior
- 9 Design Qualification to sit for an examination on technical and
- 10 professional subjects of interior design as required by the council;
- 11 (b) Experience eligibility as outlined by the Council for Interior
- 12 Design Qualification to sit for an examination on technical and
- 13 professional subjects of interior design as required by the council;
- 14 (c) Successful passage of an examination on technical and
- 15 professional subjects of interior design as required by the Council for
- 16 Interior Design Qualification;
- 17 (d) Passage of an examination on the statutes, rules and
- 18 regulations, and other requirements unique to this state regarding the
- 19 practice of registered interior design; and
- 20 (e) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
- 21 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
- 22 acceptable to the State Treasurer shall be included in the application
- 23 for registration.
- 24 (3) An individual holding a credential to practice interior design
- 25 issued by a proper authority of any jurisdiction, based on credentials
- 26 that do not conflict with subsection (2) of this section, may, upon
- 27 application, be listed on the interior design registry after:
- 28 (a) Successful passage of an examination on the statutes, rules and
- 29 regulations, and other requirements unique to this state regarding the
- 30 practice of registered interior design; and
- 31 (b) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
- 1 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
- 2 acceptable to the State Treasurer shall be included in the application
- 3 for registration.
- 4 (4) An individual who holds a current and valid certification issued
- 5 by the Council for Interior Design Qualification and who submits
- 6 satisfactory evidence of such certification to the State Treasurer may,
- 7 upon application, be listed on the interior design registry after:
- 8 (a) Successful passage of an examination on the statutes, rules and
- 9 regulations, and other requirements unique to this state regarding the

- 10 practice of registered interior design; and
- 11 (b) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
- 12 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
- 13 acceptable to the State Treasurer shall be included in the application
- 14 for registration.
- 15 (5) An individual who has been credentialed to practice interior
- 16 design for fifteen years or more in one or more jurisdictions and who has
- 17 practiced interior design for fifteen years in compliance with the
- 18 <u>credentialing laws in the jurisdictions where such individual interior</u>
- 19 design practice has occurred since initial issuance of the credential
- 20 may, upon application, be listed on the interior design registry after: 21 (a) Successful passage of an examination on the statutes, rules and
- 22 regulations, and other requirements unique to this state regarding the
- 23 practice of registered interior design; and
- 24 (b) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
- 25 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
- 26 acceptable to the State Treasurer shall be included in the application
- 27 for registration.
- 28 (6) None of the examination materials described in this section
- 29 shall be considered public records.
- 30 (7) The State Treasurer or the State Treasurer's agent shall direct
- 31 the time and place of the interior design examinations referenced in this 1 section.
- 2 (8) The State Treasurer may adopt the examinations and grading
- 3 procedures of the Council for Interior Design Qualification. The State
- 4 Treasurer may also adopt guidelines published by the council.
- 5 (9) Registration shall be effective upon listing in the registry.
- 6 Sec. 19. (1) Each registered interior designer shall obtain a seal.
- 7 The design of the seal shall be determined by the State Treasurer. The
- 8 following information shall be on the seal: State of Nebraska;
- 9 registrant's name; registrant's business city; and the words Registered
- 10 Interior Designer.
- 11 (2) Whenever the seal is applied, the registrant's signature shall 12 be across the seal. The seal and date of its placement shall be on all
- 13 technical submissions and calculations whenever presented to a client or
- 14 any public or governmental agency. It shall be unlawful for a registrant
- 15 to affix such registrant's seal or to permit such seal to be affixed to
- 16 any document after the expiration of the registration or for the purpose
- 17 of aiding or abetting any other person to evade or attempt to evade the
- 18 Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act.
- 19 (3) The seal and date shall be placed on all originals, copies,
- 20 tracings, or other reproducible drawing and the first and last pages of
- 21 specifications, reports, and studies in such a manner that the seal,
- 22 signature, and date will be reproduced and be in compliance with the 23 Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act. The application of the
- 24 registrant's seal shall constitute certification that the work was done
- 25 by the registrant or under the registrant's control.
- 26 (4) A registered interior designer shall not affix such registered
- 27 interior designer's seal and signature to technical submissions that are
- 28 subject to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act unless the
- 29 technical submissions were:
- 30 (a) Prepared entirely by the registered interior designer; or
- 31 (b) Prepared entirely under the direct supervision of the registered 1 interior designer.
- 2 (5) A registered interior designer may affix such registered
- 3 interior designer's seal to technical submissions not subject to the
- 4 Engineers and Architects Regulation Act if the registered interior
- 5 designer has reviewed or adapted in whole or in part such submissions and
- 6 integrated them into such registered interior designer's work.
- 7 Sec. 20. (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, it is unlawful for any

- 8 person to use the title registered interior designer or similar
- 9 description to convey the impression that such person is a registered
- 10 interior designer unless the person is registered under the Interior 11 Design Voluntary Registration Act.
- 12 (2) Nothing in the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act shall
- 13 be construed to: (a) Require a person to be a registered interior
- 14 designer in order to engage in an activity traditionally performed by an
- 15 interior designer or interior decorator, including any professional
- 16 service limited to the planning, design, and implementation of kitchen
- 17 and bathroom spaces or the specification of products for kitchen and
- 18 bathroom areas; or (b) prevent or restrict the practice, service, or
- 19 activity of any person licensed to practice a profession or an occupation
- 20 in this state from engaging in such profession or occupation.
- 21 (3) A licensed architect holding a license in good standing under
- 22 the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act may register with the State
- 23 Treasurer as a registered interior designer without having to meet the
- 24 registration requirements outlined in section 18 of this act.
- 25 Sec. 21. (1) The State Treasurer shall:
- 26 (a) Operate an interior designer registry listing registered
- 27 interior designers;
- 28 (b) Credit fees collected under the Interior Design Voluntary
- 29 Registration Act to the State Treasurer Administrative Fund; and
- 30 (c) Prescribe individually identifiable seals to be used by
- 31 registered interior designers pursuant to section 19 of this act.
- 1 (2) The State Treasurer may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 2 regulations to carry out the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act.
- 3 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 4 and the repealer accordingly.

The Brewer amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 308. ER42, found on page 541, was offered.

ER42 was adopted.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew AM2140, found on page 494.

#### Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment: AM2190

- 1 1. On page 2, lines 6, 7, 20, 21, and 24 strike the period and
- 2 insert an underscored semicolon.
- 3 2. On page 3, line 11, strike the period and insert an underscored
- 4 semicolon; and in line 14 strike the period and insert "; and".
- 5 3. On page 4, line 25, strike "valid legal process" and insert "a
- 6 court order"
- 4. On page 5, line 6, after the first comma insert "or" and strike
- 8 the second comma; and in line 13, after the period insert "Within thirty
- 9 days after receipt of any civil penalty amount, the Attorney General
- 10 shall remit such amount to the State Treasurer to be distributed in
- 11 accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of 12 Nebraska."

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 664.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 600. ER41, found on page 541, was offered.

ER41 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** The Briese amendment <u>AM541</u>, found on page 603, First Session, 2023, was not considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 252.** <u>ER11</u>, found on page 606, First Session, 2023, was offered.

ER11 was adopted.

Senator Brewer offered AM2061, found on page 327.

The Brewer amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Senator Brandt offered <u>FA206</u>, found on page 502.

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140A. ER40, found on page 536, was offered.

ER40 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** ER10, found on page 606, First Session, 2023, was offered.

ER10 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 299.** Senator Linehan withdrew <u>AM2031</u>, found on page 234.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 146.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Placed on General File with amendment. AM2060 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brewer, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Placed on General File with amendment. AM2019

- 1 1. On page 2, strike lines 6 through 9 and insert the following new
- 2 subdivisions:
- 3 "(c) By a utility employee as defined in 49 C.F.R. 218.5 and subject
- 4 to the requirements described in 49 C.F.R. 218.22, as such regulations
- 5 existed on January 1, 2024;
- 6 (d) For the purpose of loading or unloading freight, including
- 7 grain; or
- 8 (e) By a Class III rail carrier classified pursuant to 49 C.F.R.
- 9 part 1201 1-1, as such part existed on January 1, 2024.".

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

#### RESOLUTION(S)

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 290. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

WHEREAS, the purpose of unclaimed property laws is to protect the public by ensuring money and property owed is returned to its rightful owner rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments, and other entities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the State of Nebraska continues to help residents find and claim their unclaimed property easily and securely; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska currently has two hundred and twentyfive million dollars worth of unclaimed property; and

WHEREAS, February 1 has been recognized by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators as Unclaimed Property Day; and

WHEREAS, beginning on March 10, 2024, a list of owners of unclaimed property will be published in newspapers across the state pursuant to state law; and

WHEREAS, last year, the State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division returned seventeen million dollars to rightful owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

- 1. That the Legislature recognizes the importance of returning unclaimed property held by the state to its rightful owners.
- 2. That the Legislature encourages all Nebraskans to search for their unclaimed property.
- 3. That the Legislature recognizes February 1, 2024, as Unclaimed Property Day in Nebraska.

Laid over.

#### BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 600A. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 600, One Hundred Eighth Legislature, Second Session, 2024; and to declare an emergency.

#### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Executive Board Room 2102 12:00 PM

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 LB1235 LR283CA

(Signed) Raymond Aguilar, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Senator Erdman renewed <u>FA207</u>, found and considered on page 531.

Pending.

#### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Murman offered the following motion: Suspend Rule 3, Section 14, to permit scheduling of a public hearing on February 5, 2024, by the Education Committee. The Murman motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

## **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 5, 2024

LB997

LB939

LB1066

LB1201

LB1385

LB1238

LB1230

LB1399

LB1193

LB1083

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

#### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Erdman name added to LB1035.

Senator Murman name added to LB1084.

Senator Conrad name added to LB1263.

#### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Noah Day, Omaha; Quinn Ibach, Bennington; members of the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association with students from Creighton, UNMC, Southeast Community College, Northeast Community College, Clarkson College, College of St. Mary, and Nebraska Methodist.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Patrick Hotovy of York.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:50 a.m., on a motion by Senator Kauth, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature