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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, April 20, 2023

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Rabbi Mendel Katzman, Chabad of Nebraska, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Retired Lt. Commander Bonnie Brewer, Navy.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Kauth and Slama who were excused; and Senators Day and Vargas who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-fifth day was approved.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 19, 2023, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Dover, David
Omaha Public Power District
Husch Blackwell Strategies

Magellan Health
Radcliffe, Walter H. of Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
WiPro LLC
Teepell, Taylor
Lumen (Withdrawn 04/19/2023)

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 106. Introduced by Halloran, 33; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Blood, 3; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Clements, 2; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Hansen, B., 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine interests in agricultural lands in Nebraska held by foreign individuals, business entities, and governments and factors underlying the dramatic increase in foreign-held interests in agricultural lands.

Foreign investment in agricultural production or other activities occurring on agricultural lands in the state has increased substantially over the past decade. The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 requires foreign persons and foreign-held entities who acquire or transfer an interest in agricultural land to report such transactions to the United States Secretary of Agriculture. The United States Department of Agriculture publishes information compiled from such reporting annually. According to the 2020 Foreign Holdings of U.S. Agricultural Lands publication, foreign landholdings in Nebraska as of December 31, 2020, included over six hundred ninety thousand acres, which was one and one-half percent of privately held agricultural land in the state, compared to over thirty-four thousand acres in 2010 which was one-tenth of one percent of privately held agricultural land in the state in 2010.

The interim study shall include a review of the need for and utility of legislation to improve the ability of the State of Nebraska to monitor foreign investments in agricultural lands and agricultural production in order to better understand:

- (1) The types of interests held by foreign investors;
- (2) The purposes for which such investment has occurred and is likely to occur in the future;
- (3) The benefits of foreign investment for agricultural production, rural landowners, and rural economies; and
- (4) Any actual or potential adverse impacts of foreign investment for food security and agricultural and rural economies.

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

- 1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
- 2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 94 and 95 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 94 and 95.

MOTION - Chairperson of Transportation and Telecommunications

Senator Fredrickson moved to proceed to the election of the Transportation and Telecommunications chairperson, by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 3, Sec. 8(a).

The motion prevailed.

Senator DeBoer placed her name in nomination.

Senator Brandt placed his name in nomination.

Senator Moser placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Dungan, McDonnell, and Armendariz as tellers.

Senator DeBoer	12
Senator Brandt	5
Senator Moser	<u>28</u>
	45

Senator Moser was duly elected Chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

MOTION - Executive Board Member

Senator Bostelman moved to approve the 1st District Caucus Report, found on page 1138, appointing Senator Ballard to the vacated seat due to the resignation of Senator Geist on the Executive Board, pursuant to Rule 1, Section 1(b)(iv).

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES SECOND FINAL REPORT

Senator Albrecht moved the adoption of the Committee on Committees Second Preliminary Report, found on page 1085, made due to the resignation of Senator Geist.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the adoption of the Committee on Committees Second Preliminary Report.

The Committee on Committees Second Preliminary Report was approved with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 0 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn has been appointed to the Judiciary Committee and Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 191. Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [MO351](#), found on page 939 and considered on page 1202, to recommit to Business and Labor Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 8 ayes, 4 nays, and 37 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 44:

Aguilar	Brewer	Dover	Hunt	Murman
Albrecht	Briese	Dungan	Ibach	Raybould
Arch	Cavanaugh, J.	Erdman	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Clements	Fredrickson	Linehan	Sanders
Blood	Conrad	Halloran	Lippincott	von Gillern
Bosn	Day	Hansen	Lowe	Walz
Bostar	DeBoer	Hardin	McDonnell	Wayne
Bostelman	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	Wishart
Brandt	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz Kauth Slama Vargas

The M. Cavanaugh motion to recommit to committee failed with 0 ayes, 44 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judiciary

The Judiciary Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Robey L. Jeffreys Director - Department of Correctional Services

Aye: 7. Blood, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Justin Wayne, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 533. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 243A. Introduced by Briese, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 243, One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session, 2023; and to declare an emergency.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 191. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO968](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO351.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to reconsider.

Committee [AM1330](#), found on page 1143, was offered.

Senator Halloran offered the following motion:

[MO969](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Halloran moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 3 nays, and 24 not voting.

Senator Halloran requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Aguilar	Brandt	Dorn	Hughes	Moser
Albrecht	Brewer	Dover	Hunt	Murman
Arch	Briese	Dungan	Ibach	Raybould
Armendariz	Cavanaugh, J.	Erdman	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Clements	Fredrickson	Linehan	Sanders
Blood	Conrad	Halloran	Lippincott	von Gillern
Bosn	Day	Hansen	Lowe	Walz
Bostar	DeBoer	Hardin	McDonnell	Wayne
Bostelman	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	Wishart

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Kauth	Slama	Vargas
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The Halloran motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Aguilar	Brandt	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser
Albrecht	Brewer	Dorn	Hughes	Murman
Arch	Briese	Dover	Ibach	Raybould
Armendariz	Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Erdman	Linehan	Sanders
Blood	Clements	Fredrickson	Lippincott	von Gillern
Bosn	Conrad	Halloran	Lowe	Walz
Bostar	Day	Hansen	McDonnell	Wayne
Bostelman	DeBoer	Hardin	McKinney	Wishart

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Hunt

Excused and not voting, 3:

Kauth Slama Vargas

The committee amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Aguilar	Brandt	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser
Albrecht	Brewer	Dorn	Hughes	Murman
Arch	Briese	Dover	Ibach	Raybould
Armendariz	Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Erdman	Linehan	Sanders
Blood	Clements	Fredrickson	Lippincott	von Gillern
Bosn	Conrad	Halloran	Lowe	Walz
Bostar	Day	Hansen	McDonnell	Wayne
Bostelman	DeBoer	Hardin	McKinney	Wishart

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Hunt

Excused and not voting, 3:

Kauth Slama Vargas

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to [LB799A](#):
[AM1435](#) is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 562. Senator Hunt offered [MO641](#), found on page 960, to indefinitely postpone, prior to the bill being read, pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f).

Senator Dorn opened on his bill, LB562.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Hunt opened on her motion, MO641.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 11 ayes, 6 nays, and 32 not voting.

Senator Hunt requested a roll call vote on her motion to indefinitely postpone, prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 41:

Albrecht	Brewer	Dover	Linehan	Sanders
Arch	Briese	Erdman	Lippincott	Vargas
Armendariz	Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lowe	von Gillern
Ballard	Clements	Halloran	McDonnell	Walz
Blood	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Wishart
Bosn	Day	Holdcroft	Moser	
Bostar	DeBoer	Hughes	Murman	
Bostelman	DeKay	Ibach	Raybould	
Brandt	Dorn	Jacobson	Riepe	

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Hunt

Excused and not voting, 6:

Aguilar	Hansen	Slama
Dungan	Kauth	Wayne

The Hunt motion to indefinitely postpone, prior to the bill being read, failed with 0 ayes, 41 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 800. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 153. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1421](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 17, after "district" insert "with expected
 2 special education expenditures that total (a) at least fifty thousand
 3 dollars annually or (b) one-half percent or more of such school
 4 district's annual budget, whichever is greater."; and in lines 20 and 21
 5 strike "the requirement of".
 6 2. On page 3, line 15, strike "appropriated" and insert
 7 "transferred"; and strike lines 27 through 30 and insert the following
 8 new subsection:
 9 "(3) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer two million
 10 five hundred thousand dollars from the Education Future Fund to the
 11 Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Fund for fiscal
 12 year 2023-24 to carry out the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education
 13 Expenditures Act. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
 14 Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Fund maintain a
 15 minimum balance at the start of each fiscal year of two million five
 16 hundred thousand dollars and that the Legislature make transfers from the
 17 Education Future Fund to the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education
 18 Expenditures Fund annually to maintain such balance.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 603. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1392](#)

1 1. On page 4, strike lines 30 and 31 and insert the following new
 2 subsection:
 3 "(4) An individual who receives an alternative certificate to teach
 4 pursuant to this section shall:
 5 (a) Participate in a school district clinical experience for one
 6 semester in such individual's first semester of employment as a teacher
 7 pursuant to this section; and
 8 (b) Be subject to the same certification criteria as an individual
 9 who completes a traditional teacher preparation program if converting the
 10 alternative certificate to teach to a standard certificate to teach.".
 11 2. On page 5, strike lines 1 through 3.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 762. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM1399](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new
 2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

4 (a) Board means the State Board of Education;

5 (b) Department means the State Department of Education; and

6 (c) Program means the Nebraska Paraprofessional to Teacher Program.

7 (2)(a) The department shall create and administer the Nebraska
 8 Paraprofessional to Teacher Program. The purpose of the program is to
 9 help recruit and increase the number of teachers throughout the state by
 10 utilizing individuals employed as a paraprofessional or paraeducator at a
 11 school in this state through an alternative paraprofessional
 12 certification process.

13 (b) The department may work with standard institutions of higher
 14 education as defined in section 79-807, the Department of Labor, and
 15 other entities the State Department of Education deems necessary to
 16 develop and implement the program.

17 (3) The program shall provide services and supports to assist
 18 paraprofessionals and paraeducators in this state in obtaining a
 19 certificate to teach through training opportunities and grants to
 20 paraprofessionals or paraeducators for educational expenses required to
 21 obtain a certificate to teach.

22 (4) Subject to available funds, beginning in fiscal year 2023-24, a
 23 paraprofessional or paraeducator in this state may apply to the
 24 department on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department for a
 25 grant to fund educational expenses related to training or education
 26 required to obtain a certificate to teach in this state. Such educational
 27 expenses shall include tuition, books, and other required materials for
 1 class or training. A grant shall not exceed three thousand dollars. The
 2 department shall give priority to applications in order of filing.

3 (5) The Paraprofessional to Teacher Program Fund is created. The
 4 fund shall be administered by the department to carry out the program.
 5 The fund shall consist of money transferred by the Legislature and any
 6 gifts, grants, bequests, donations, or other contributions from public or
 7 private sources. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
 8 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
 9 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

10 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer one million
 11 dollars for fiscal year 2023-24 and each fiscal year thereafter from the
 12 Education Future Fund to the Paraprofessional to Teacher Program Fund for
 13 the purposes of carrying out the program.

14 (7) The board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
 15 carry out the program.

16 Sec. 2. Section 79-8,145, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 17 2022, is amended to read:

18 79-8,145 (1) In addition to certificates issued pursuant to sections
 19 79-806 to 79-815:

20 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall, subject to the provisions
 21 of subsection (3) of this section, grant a temporary certificate to teach
 22 on a full-time basis to any applicant who:

23 (i) Has completed a teacher education program at a standard
 24 institution of higher education as defined in section 79-807; and

25 (ii) Currently possesses a certificate to teach in good standing
 26 from another state; ~~and~~

27 (b) The commissioner may, subject to the provisions of subsection
 28 (3) of this section, grant a temporary certificate to teach on a full-
 29 time basis to any applicant who:

30 (i) Has earned and been awarded a bachelor's degree, graduate

31 degree, or professional degree from a college or university accredited by
 1 an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
 2 Education; and
 3 (ii) Has satisfactorily demonstrated basic skills competency and
 4 passed any appropriate subject area examination as designated by the
 5 State Board of Education; and -
 6 (c) Beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, the commissioner shall,
 7 subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, grant a
 8 temporary certificate to teach on a full-time basis to any applicant who:
 9 (i) Has completed two years at a college or a university accredited
 10 by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department
 11 of Education with at least forty-eight or more semester credit hours or
 12 obtained an associate's degree from such a college or university;
 13 (ii) Is employed as a paraprofessional or paraeducator at an
 14 elementary school, middle school, or high school in Nebraska; and
 15 (iii) Has passed any appropriate subject area examination as
 16 designed by the State Board of Education.
 17 (2) Any temporary certificate to teach issued pursuant to this
 18 section shall be valid for a period not to exceed two years, during which
 19 the holder of such temporary certificate must obtain a certificate to
 20 teach pursuant to sections 79-806 to 79-815 by completing the
 21 requirements contained in such sections.
 22 (3) Issuance of a temporary certificate to teach pursuant to this
 23 section shall be subject to a criminal history record information check
 24 pursuant to section 79-814.01 and payment of any required fees.
 25 Sec. 3. Original section 79-8,145, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 26 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.
 27 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 28 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

AMENDMENT - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB683:
[AM1301](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Strike sections 29 and 31.
- 2 2. On page 1, lines 19 and 20, strike "to provide operative dates;".
- 3 3. On page 31, line 13, strike "Beginning January 1, 2025, no" and
- 4 insert "No".
- 5 4. On page 32, line 24, strike "and 81-502.03" and insert
- 6 "81-502.03, and 86-125"; and in line 26 after the second comma insert
- 7 "86-324, 86-328,".
- 8 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 562. Senator Hunt offered the following motion:

[MO970](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO641.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 8 ayes, 2 nays, and 39 not voting.

Senator Hunt requested a roll call vote on her motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 1:

Hunt

Voting in the negative, 38:

Albrecht	Brandt	Dungan	Ibach	Raybould
Arch	Brewer	Erdman	Jacobson	Sanders
Armendariz	Briese	Fredrickson	Linehan	Vargas
Ballard	Cavanaugh, J.	Halloran	Lippincott	von Gillern
Blood	Conrad	Hansen	Lowe	Walz
Bosn	DeBoer	Hardin	McKinney	Wishart
Bostar	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	
Bostelman	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

Excused and not voting, 9:

Aguilar	Day	Kauth	Riepe	Wayne
Clements	Dover	McDonnell	Slama	

The Hunt motion to reconsider failed with 1 aye, 38 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107. Introduced by Clements, 2; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, Jerome "Jerry" Deichert is a Director Emeritus of the Center for Public Affairs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he worked from 1987 until his retirement in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has been involved as a partner at the Omaha Community Foundation which is a giving collective that connects philanthropists with the people and nonprofits in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has contributed his knowledge to numerous scientific demographic studies throughout the years and has been the recipient of many awards; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's passion is making demographic and economic information more useful for decisionmaking; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is an expert on trends and small-area data for the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has been a member of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board for thirty-five years providing objective and accurate revenue forecasts used by both the Governor and the Legislature in developing the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has led the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board as chairperson since October 26, 2012, and presided over twenty-eight meetings; and

WHEREAS, Jerry created a presentation called "The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board and Nebraska State Revenue Forecasts" and used that presentation to educate his students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha on the purpose, history, and structure of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, how the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board makes its forecasts, the types of forecasts the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board makes, and examples of actual Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board forecasts so that those students could better understand how forecasts assist the legislative and executive branches of the State of Nebraska in making decisions related to state revenue; and

WHEREAS, Jerry in 2020 was instrumental in designing a first of its kind structured framework for voluntary orientations of new Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board members and took a major role in the first electronic two-hour live orientation of new board members, Zac Karpf and John Bourne; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's steady leadership and guidance throughout the years has been appreciated by the present and past members of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a respected friend to many, a proud father, and a loving grandfather.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Jerome "Jerry" Deichert for his service and dedication to the Legislature and the State of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature recognizes and thanks Jerome "Jerry" Deichert for a job well done during his thirty-five years of service as a member of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 562. Title read. Considered.

Senator Hunt offered [MO643](#), found on page 961, to bracket until June 1, 2023.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Placed on General File with amendment.AM1420

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act.
5 Sec. 2. The purpose of the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
6 Retention Act is to provide financial incentives to recruit and retain
7 teachers in Nebraska classrooms.
8 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
9 Retention Act:
10 (1) Department means the State Department of Education;
11 (2) Grant means a grant for teacher recruitment and retention
12 payments under the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act; and
13 (3) Teacher means a person who holds a valid certificate to teach in
14 Nebraska issued by the Commissioner of Education and is employed in
15 Nebraska for the instruction of students in elementary or high school
16 grades.
17 Sec. 4. (1) A teacher may apply to the department for a grant. The
18 department shall not prioritize a grant based upon the school where the
19 applicant teaches.
20 (2) A teacher is eligible to apply for:
21 (a) A retention one grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
22 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's second
23 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
24 school in school years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;
25 (b) A retention two grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
26 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's fourth
27 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
1 school in school years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;
2 (c) A retention three grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
3 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's sixth
4 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
5 school in school years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27; and
6 (d)(i) A high-need retention grant of five thousand dollars if on or
7 after the effective date of this act a teacher:
8 (A) Obtains an endorsement in special education, mathematics,
9 science, technology, or dual credit; and
10 (B) Signs a contract to complete a school year of full-time
11 employment as a teacher at a Nebraska school in school years 2024-25,
12 2025-26, or 2026-27.
13 (ii) A teacher shall only be eligible to receive one high-need
14 retention grant.
15 Sec. 5. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage individual
16 schools and school districts to adopt policies incentivizing teacher
17 recruitment and retention through policies similar to the Nebraska
18 Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act. Teachers at schools not adopting a
19 recruitment and retention policy shall not be prohibited from receiving a
20 grant under the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act.
21 Sec. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature to use funds from the
22 Education Future Fund to carry out the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
23 Retention Act.
24 Sec. 7. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules
25 and regulations to carry out the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
26 Retention Act.
27 Sec. 8. The Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act
28 terminates on January 1, 2028.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

AMENDMENTS - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB562:
[AM1369](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1248)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 16. No person shall engage in agriculture for profit in the
- 3 State of Nebraska.
- 4 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB562:
[AM1380](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1248)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 16. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one
- 3 hundred fifty thousand dollars to the University of Nebraska to carry out
- 4 an ethanol sustainability study. It is further the intent of the
- 5 Legislature that the University of Nebraska provide the funding
- 6 appropriated in this section to the University of Nebraska Institute of
- 7 Agriculture and Natural Resources to conduct the study.
- 8 (2) The study shall include, but not be limited to:
- 9 (a) An analysis and evaluation of the short-term and long-term
- 10 effects of corn-based ethanol production, including how land used to grow
- 11 corn for ethanol production impacts food crop production;
- 12 (b) The overall life cycle of carbon emissions resulting from the
- 13 use of ethanol in gasoline, including emissions resulting from changes in
- 14 land use, processing, and combustion necessitated by ethanol standards;
- 15 (c) The effects on carbon emissions from tilling and application of
- 16 nitrogen fertilizers in corn fields used to grow corn for ethanol
- 17 production;
- 18 (d) Carbon sequestration associated with the planting of new
- 19 ethanol-related cropland;
- 20 (e) Rates of water usage on ethanol-related cropland; and
- 21 (f) The effects on natural habitats and pollinator populations of
- 22 the increased use of agricultural land to grow corn for ethanol
- 23 production.
- 24 (3) The institute may contract with a third-party, science-based
- 25 organization to develop an independent report on the results of the
- 26 study. The report shall be electronically submitted to the Legislature by
- 1 January 1, 2025.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

MOTIONS - Print in Journal

Senator Halloran filed the following motion to LB562:
[MO971](#)
 Bracket until June 9, 2023.

Senator Halloran filed the following motion to LB562:
[MO972](#)
 Recommit to Agriculture Committee.

AMENDMENTS - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB727](#):

[AM1443](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1152)

1 1. Strike the enacting clause.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB727](#):

[AM1444](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1152)

1 1. Strike section 2.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB727](#):

[AM1445](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1152)

1 1. Strike sections 9 to 15.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers

Unanimous consent to add Senators as cointroducers. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad name added to LB43.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB46.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB55.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB62.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB64.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB75.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB88.
 Senator Blood name added to LB103.
 Senator Blood name added to LB116.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB116.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB124.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB140.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB190.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB201.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB227.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB235.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB249.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB250.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB253.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB276.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB298.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB314.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB326.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB358.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB385.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB413.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB459.
 Senator Conrad name added to LB516.

Senator Conrad name added to LB523.
Senator Conrad name added to LB524.
Senator Conrad name added to LB527.
Senator Conrad name added to LB557.
Senator Conrad name added to LB583.
Senator Conrad name added to LB585.
Senator Conrad name added to LB609.
Senator Conrad name added to LB618.
Senator Conrad name added to LB630.
Senator Conrad name added to LB679.
Senator Conrad name added to LB684.
Senator Vargas name added to LB684.
Senator Conrad name added to LB686.
Senator Conrad name added to LB698.
Senator Conrad name added to LB707.
Senator Conrad name added to LB731.
Senator Conrad name added to LB772.

VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were UNMC Student Delegates, Omaha; students from Fire Ridge Elementary, Omaha; Fremont Home Schoolers; students from Osceola Elementary, Osceola; students from Columbus Christian School, Columbus; students from St. John's Lutheran, Battle Creek; students from Humphrey St. Francis, Humphrey; students from Tekamah-Herman School, Tekamah; students and teachers from Sumner-Eddyville-Miller, Sumner; students from Stanton Elementary, Stanton.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator McKinney, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

