

**SIXTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 29, 2026****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION****SIXTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, January 29, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Lawrence Stoley, Diocese of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

**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 Senator Rountree who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hansen, Jacobson, Moser, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifteenth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB1261	Natural Resources

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Mike Anderson - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board  
Dennis Butler - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board  
Blake H Dillon - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board  
Clint Jones - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board  
Steven J Matus - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board  
Thomas R McCaslin - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Matthew B O'Daniel - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board  
Chad J Tessman - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 103.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM878](#), found on page 1418, First Session, 2025, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered [AM1774](#), found on page 537, to the committee amendment.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Pending.

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

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 653.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER102](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 8 and insert "79-265,  
2 79-265.01, and 79-268, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change

3 provisions relating to acceptance of students under the enrollment option  
 4 program; to change provisions relating to requirements for disciplining  
 5 students under the Student Discipline Act; and to repeal the original  
 6 sections."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 716.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 203.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

**ER103**

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
 2 insert the following new sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 71-1626, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 71-1626 For purposes of sections 71-1626 to 71-1636 and section 4 of  
 6 this act:  
 7 (1) Community-wide directed health measure means a public health  
 8 action or intervention by a local public health department involving the  
 9 total population of the jurisdiction of such local public health  
 10 department when there are no known epidemiological links;  
 11 (2)(4) Core public health functions means assessment, policy  
 12 development, and assurance designed to protect and improve the health of  
 13 persons within a geographically defined community by (a) emphasizing  
 14 services to prevent illness, disease, and disability, (b) promoting  
 15 effective coordination and use of community resources, and (c) extending  
 16 health services into the community, including public health nursing,  
 17 disease prevention and control, public health education, and  
 18 environmental health services;  
 19 (3)(2) County, district, or city-county health department means a  
 20 governmental entity approved by the Department of Health and Human  
 21 Services as a local full-time public health service which (a) utilizes  
 22 local, state, federal, and other funds or any combination thereof, (b)  
 23 employs qualified public health medical, nursing, environmental health,  
 24 health education, and other essential personnel who work under the  
 25 direction and supervision of a full-time qualified medical director or of  
 26 a full-time qualified lay administrator and are assisted at least part  
 27 time by at least one medical consultant who shall be a licensed  
 1 physician, and (c) is operated in conformity with the rules, regulations,  
 2 and policies of the Department of Health and Human Services. The medical  
 3 director or lay administrator shall be called the health director; ~~and~~  
 4 (4) Epidemiological link means an instance in which an individual  
 5 may have had exposure to a communicable disease and exposure through  
 6 known modes of transmission is plausible. An exposure may be considered  
 7 epidemiologically linked if at least one entity in the chain of  
 8 transmission is a contact or a confirmed, probable, or suspect case; and  
 9 (5)(3) Local public health department means a county, district, or  
 10 city-county health department.  
 11 Sec. 2. Section 71-1630, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 12 amended to read:  
 13 71-1630 (1) When a health department has been established by the  
 14 county board of a county and approved by the Department of Health and  
 15 Human Services as a county health department, the county board of such  
 16 county shall appoint a board of health which shall consist of the  
 17 following members: (a) One member of the county board; (b) one dentist;  
 18 (c) one physician; and (d) six public-spirited men or women interested in  
 19 the health of the community. The physician and dentist shall each serve  
 20 an initial term of three years. Three public-spirited men or women shall  
 21 each serve an initial term of three years, and three public-spirited men  
 22 or women shall each serve an initial term of two years. After the initial  
 23 terms of office expire, each new appointment shall be for a term of three

24 years. Appointments to fill any vacancies shall be for the unexpired term  
25 of the member whose term is being filled by such appointment. A county  
26 association or society of dentists or physicians or its managing board  
27 may submit each year to the county board a list of three persons of  
28 recognized ability in such profession. If such a list is submitted, the  
29 county board, in making an appointment for such profession, shall  
30 consider the names on the list and may appoint one of the persons so  
31 named.

1 (2) When a district health department has been established by a  
2 joint resolution of the county boards of each county in a district health  
3 department, the county boards of such district shall meet and establish a  
4 district board of health with due consideration for a fair and equitable  
5 representation from the entire area to be served. The district board of  
6 health shall consist of the following members: (a) One member of each  
7 county board in the district, (b) at least one physician, (c) at least  
8 one dentist, and (d) one or more public-spirited men or women interested  
9 in the health of the community from each county in the district. One-  
10 third of the members shall be appointed for terms of one year, one-third  
11 for terms of two years, and one-third for terms of three years. After  
12 their terms of office expire, each new appointment shall be for a term of  
13 three years. Appointments to fill any vacancies shall be for the  
14 unexpired terms. A county association or society of dentists or  
15 physicians or its managing board may submit each year to the county  
16 boards a list of three persons of recognized ability in such profession.  
17 If such a list is submitted, the county boards, in making an appointment  
18 for such profession, shall consider the names on the list and may appoint  
19 one of the persons so named.

20 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, when the  
21 county board of any county and the city council of any city located in  
22 such county have executed an agreement, approved by the Department of  
23 Health and Human Services, for maintaining a city-county health  
24 department, the city and county shall establish a city-county board of  
25 health. It shall consist of the following members selected by a majority  
26 vote of the city council and the county board, with due consideration to  
27 be given in an endeavor to secure a fair and equitable representation  
28 from the entire area to be served: (a) One representative of the county  
29 board, (b) one representative from the city council, (c) one physician,  
30 (d) one dentist, and (e) five public-spirited men or women, not employed  
31 in the health industry or in the health professions, who are interested  
1 in the health of the community. One-third of its members shall be  
2 appointed for terms of one year, one-third for terms of two years, and  
3 one-third for terms of three years. After their terms of office expire,  
4 each new appointment shall be for a period of three years. A county  
5 association or society of dentists or physicians or its managing board  
6 may submit each year to the city council and the county board a list of  
7 three persons of recognized ability in such profession. If such a list is  
8 submitted, the city council and the county board, in making an  
9 appointment for such profession, shall consider the names on the list and  
10 may appoint one of the persons so named.

11 (4)(a) When the county board of any county having a population of  
12 more than two hundred thousand inhabitants and the city council of any  
13 city located in such county have executed an agreement, approved by the  
14 Department of Health and Human Services, for maintaining a city-county  
15 health department on or after January 1, 1997, the city and county shall  
16 establish a city-county board of health. The board shall consist of the  
17 following members to be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the  
18 city council and county board: One representative of the county board,  
19 one representative from the city council, one physician, one dentist, and  
20 five public-spirited persons who are interested in the health of the  
21 community. Three of the members shall be appointed for terms of one year,

22 three for terms of two years, and three for terms of three years. After  
23 the initial terms of office expire, each successor member shall be  
24 appointed for a term of three years. The physician and dentist members  
25 shall be appointed as provided in this subdivision. The mayor shall  
26 invite the local county association or society of dentists or physicians  
27 or its managing board to timely submit to the mayor a list of three  
28 persons of recognized ability in the profession. A list is timely  
29 submitted if it is submitted within sixty days after the mayor's  
30 invitation. If the list is not timely submitted, the mayor may consider  
31 the list timely submitted at any time prior to making an appointment,  
1 otherwise the mayor shall appoint a person of recognized ability in the  
2 profession. If the list is timely submitted, the mayor shall consider the  
3 names on the list and shall either appoint one of the persons on the list  
4 or invite a list of three new names using the process provided in this  
5 subdivision.

6 (b) The board of health shall, immediately after appointment, meet  
7 and organize by the election of one of its own members as president and  
8 one as vice president. The board members may elect such other officers as  
9 they deem necessary and may adopt and promulgate rules for the guidance  
10 of the board which are not inconsistent with law or the agreement  
11 creating the board. If any board member resigns or ceases to meet the  
12 requirements for eligibility on the board, or if there is any other  
13 vacancy on the board, the mayor shall appoint another representative to  
14 serve for the member's unexpired term subject to consent by a majority  
15 vote of both the city council and the county board. Any appointment to  
16 fill a vacancy on the board shall be for the unexpired term of the member  
17 whose vacancy is being filled.

18 (c) The board of health shall have the following duties:

19 (i) Assessment of community health status and available resources  
20 for health matters, including collecting and analyzing relevant data and  
21 annually reporting and making recommendations on improving public health  
22 matters to the mayor, city council, and county board;

23 (ii) Policy development for proposals before the board of health,  
24 the city council, and the county board to support and improve public  
25 health, including appointing, with the approval of the mayor, city  
26 council, and county board, advisory committees to the board of health to  
27 facilitate community development functions and coalition building related  
28 to public health and adopting and approving official health department  
29 policies consistent with applicable law and approved by the affirmative  
30 vote of not less than five board members at a regular meeting of the  
31 board in the following areas:

1 (A) Community health services and health promotion and outreach,  
2 specifically including policies related to the following:

3 (I) Client services and fees;

4 (II) Standing orders, supervision, screening, and emergency and  
5 referral protocols and procedures;

6 (III) Monitoring and reporting; and

7 (IV) Communicable disease investigation, immunization, vaccination,  
8 testing, and prevention measures, including measures to arrest the  
9 progress of communicable diseases;

10 (B) Environmental health, specifically including policies related to  
11 the following:

12 (I) Permitting, inspection, and enforcement;

13 (II) Monitoring, sampling, and reporting;

14 (III) Technical assistance and plan review; and

15 (IV) Prevention measures;

16 (C) Investigating and controlling diseases and injury, specifically  
17 including policies related to the following:

18 (I) Permitting, inspection, and enforcement;

19 (II) Monitoring, sampling, and reporting;

20 (III) Technical assistance and plan review; and  
21 (IV) Prevention measures; and  
22 (D) Other health matters as may be requested by the city council or  
23 county board; and  
24 (iii) Assurance that needed services are available through public or  
25 private sources in the community, including:  
26 (A) Acting in an advisory capacity to review and recommend changes  
27 to ordinances, resolutions, and resource allocations before the city  
28 council or county board related to health matters;  
29 (B) Annually reviewing and recommending changes in the proposed  
30 budget for resource allocations related to the health department as  
31 provided in the city-county agreement; and  
1 (C) Monitoring and reviewing the enforcement of laws and regulations  
2 of the board of health, city council, and county board related to public  
3 health in the community.  
4 (d) The mayor of the city shall appoint, with the approval of the  
5 board of health, city council, and county board, the health director of  
6 the health department. The health director shall be a member of the  
7 unclassified service of the city under the direction and supervision of  
8 the mayor. The health director shall be well-trained in public health  
9 work, but ~~he or she~~ need not be a graduate of an accredited medical  
10 school. If the health director is not a graduate of an accredited medical  
11 school, the health director shall be assisted at least part time by at  
12 least one medical consultant who is a licensed physician. The mayor shall  
13 submit the health department budget to the city council and county board.  
14 The mayor shall also provide budget information to the board of health  
15 with sufficient time to allow such board to consider such information.  
16 The mayor may enter into contracts and accept grants on behalf of the  
17 health department. The mayor may terminate the health director with  
18 approval of a majority vote of the city council, the county board, and  
19 the board of health. The health director shall:  
20 (i) Provide administrative supervision of the health department;  
21 (ii) Make all necessary sanitary and health investigations and  
22 inspections;  
23 (iii) Investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious  
24 disease. The health director shall receive written approval by a majority  
25 of the publicly elected representatives of the county board and city  
26 council who are appointed to the city-county health department pursuant  
27 to subdivision (4)(a) of this section for community-wide directed health  
28 measures prior to issuance of such measures. Such directed health  
29 measures shall be submitted to the city-county board of health for  
30 ratification at a regular or emergency meeting of the board. Any duties  
31 required to be carried out by a public body under this subdivision may be  
1 completed using virtual conferencing when permitted under subsection (7)  
2 of section 84-1411. For purposes of this subdivision, written includes  
3 electronic records or documents and adopt measures to arrest the progress  
4 of the disease;  
5 (iv) Distribute free, as the local needs may require, all vaccines,  
6 drugs, serums, and other preparations obtained from the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services or otherwise provided for public health  
8 purposes;  
9 (v) Give professional advice and information to school authorities  
10 and other public agencies on all matters pertaining to sanitation and  
11 public health;  
12 (vi) Inform the board of health when the city council or county  
13 board is considering proposals related to health matters or has otherwise  
14 requested recommendations from the board of health;  
15 (vii) Inform the board of health of developments in the field of  
16 public health and of any need for updating or adding to or deleting from  
17 the programs of the health department; and

18 (viii) Perform duties and functions as otherwise provided by law.  
 19 Sec. 3. Section 71-1632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 20 amended to read:  
 21 71-1632 ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection (4) of section 71-1630,  
 22 ~~the~~ health director of a county, district, or city-county health  
 23 department shall have the power and duty to (1) be the executive officer  
 24 of the local boards of health; (2) appoint, subject to any applicable  
 25 county or city civil service laws, rules, or regulations, a properly  
 26 functioning staff and other personnel as may be necessary, whose  
 27 qualifications shall conform to the United States Public Health Standards  
 28 and whose remuneration shall conform to an established compensation  
 29 schedule set by such local board of health and which is reviewed and  
 30 approved annually by such board; (3) issue and enforce community-wide  
 31 directed health measures. The health director shall receive approval of  
1 such directed health measures in writing prior to issuance by a majority  
2 of the publicly elected representatives of the county board or, in the  
3 case of a city-county health department, written approval by a majority  
4 of the publicly elected representatives of the city council, and such  
5 directed health measures shall be submitted to the board of health for  
6 ratification at a regular or emergency meeting of the board. Any duties  
7 required to be carried out by a public body under this subdivision may be  
8 completed using virtual conferencing when permitted under subsection (7)  
9 of section 84-1411. For purposes of this subdivision, written or in  
10 writing includes electronic records or documents; (4)(3) review annually,  
 11 with the local board of health, the proposed budget of the department;  
 12 (5)(4) organize, with the approval of the local board of health, a  
 13 citizens' advisory health council that will aid in developing a public  
 14 health program to meet the particular needs, hazards, and problems of the  
 15 health district; and (6)(5) organize, with the approval of the local  
 16 board of health, a medical and dental advisory committee.  
 17 Sec. 4. A community-wide directed health measure (1) shall be  
 18 subject to approval as provided in sections 71-1630 and 71-1632, (2)  
 19 shall expire seven days after the date of issuance, and (3) may be  
 20 reauthorized subject to approval as provided in sections 71-1630 and  
 21 71-1632.  
 22 Sec. 5. Original sections 71-1626, 71-1630, and 71-1632, Reissue  
 23 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.  
 24 2. On page 1, line 4, after the semicolon insert "to provide  
 25 requirements relating to community-wide directed health measures; to  
 26 harmonize provisions;"

#### LEGISLATIVE BILL 437. Placed on Select File with amendment.

##### [ER101](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
 2 insert the following new sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 71-5848.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:  
 5 71-5848.01 A new or modified certificate of need shall be valid for  
 6 a period of ~~three years~~ one year from the date of issuance and may be  
 7 renewed at the expiration of such period for up to one year if the holder  
 8 of the certificate establishes that the holder is meeting the timetable  
 9 or making a good faith effort to meet it. The department shall give  
 10 written notice to an applicant for a renewal certificate of its decision  
 11 within thirty days after receipt of an application. Such decision shall  
 12 be considered a final decision of the department for purposes of appeal.  
 13 If the decision is not appealed, it shall be final as of the date issued.  
 14 Sec. 2. Original section 71-5848.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 15 Nebraska, is repealed.  
 16 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 2 through line 12  
 17 and insert "to amend section 71-5848.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of

18 Nebraska; to change the validity period for a new or modified certificate  
19 of need; and to repeal the original section."

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
LB762 (reschedule)

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
LB939 (reschedule)

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 103.** Committee [AM878](#), found on page 1418, First Session, 2025, and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 2 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 5 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 821.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM664](#), found on page 805, First Session, 2025, was offered.

Pending.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 5, 2026  
LB1252  
LB1183



LB1154

LB1219

Note: This will be a combined hearing with LR317CA  
LR317CA

Note: This will be a combined hearing with LB1219

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 6, 2026

LB1110

LB1240

LB1191

LB1192

LB852

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

## COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 807.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1828](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 2-945.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 2-945.01 Sections 2-945.01 to 2-9662-970 shall be known and may be  
6 cited as the Noxious Weed Control Act.  
7 Sec. 2. Section 2-958.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:  
9 2-958.02 (1) From funds available in the Noxious Weed and Invasive  
10 Plant Species Assistance Fund, the director may administer a grant  
11 program to assist local control authorities and other weed management  
12 entities in the cost of implementing and maintaining noxious weed control  
13 programs and in addressing special weed control problems as provided in  
14 this section.  
15 (2) The director shall receive applications by local control  
16 authorities and weed management entities for assistance under this  
17 subsection and, in consultation with the advisory committee created under  
18 section 2-965.01, award grants for any of the following eligible  
19 purposes:  
20 (a) To conduct applied research to solve locally significant weed  
21 management problems;  
22 (b) To demonstrate innovative control methods or land management  
23 practices which have the potential to reduce landowner costs to control  
24 noxious weeds or improve the effectiveness of noxious weed control;  
25 (c) To encourage the formation of weed management entities;  
26 (d) To respond to introductions or infestations of invasive plants  
27 that threaten or potentially threaten the productivity of cropland and  
1 rangeland over a wide area;  
2 (e) To respond to introductions and infestations of invasive plant  
3 species that threaten or potentially threaten the productivity and  
4 biodiversity of wildlife and fishery habitats on public and private  
5 lands;  
6 (f) To respond to special weed control problems involving weeds not

7 included in the list of noxious weeds promulgated by rule and regulation  
8 of the director if the director has approved a petition to bring such  
9 weeds under the county control program;

10 (g) To conduct monitoring or surveillance activities to detect, map,  
11 or determine the distribution of invasive plant species and to determine  
12 susceptible locations for the introduction or spread of invasive plant  
13 species; and

14 (h) To conduct educational activities.

15 (3) The director shall select and prioritize applications for  
16 assistance under subsection (2) of this section based on the following  
17 considerations:

18 (a) The seriousness of the noxious weed or invasive plant problem or  
19 potential problem addressed by the project;

20 (b) The ability of the project to provide timely intervention to  
21 save current and future costs of control and eradication;

22 (c) The likelihood that the project will prevent or resolve the  
23 problem or increase knowledge about resolving similar problems in the  
24 future;

25 (d) The extent to which the project will leverage federal funds and  
26 other nonstate funds;

27 (e) The extent to which the applicant has made progress in  
28 addressing noxious weed or invasive plant problems;

29 (f) The extent to which the project will provide a comprehensive  
30 approach to the control or eradication of noxious weeds or invasive plant  
31 species as identified and listed by the Nebraska Invasive Species  
1 Council;

2 (g) The extent to which the project will reduce or prevent the total  
3 population or area of infestation of a noxious weed or invasive plant  
4 species as identified and listed by the Nebraska Invasive Species  
5 Council;

6 (h) The extent to which the project uses the principles of  
7 integrated vegetation management and sound science; and

8 (i) Such other factors that the director determines to be relevant.

9 ~~(4) The director shall receive applications for grants under this~~  
10 ~~subsection and shall award grants to recipients and programs eligible~~  
11 ~~under this subsection. Priority shall be given to grant applicants whose~~  
12 ~~proposed programs are consistent with vegetation management goals and~~  
13 ~~priorities and plans and policies of the Riparian Vegetation Management~~  
14 ~~Task Force established under section 2-970. Beginning in fiscal year~~  
15 ~~2022-23, it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate three million~~  
16 ~~dollars annually for the management of vegetation within the banks or~~  
17 ~~flood plain of a natural stream. Such funds shall only be used to pay for~~  
18 ~~activities and equipment as part of vegetation management programs that~~  
19 ~~have as their primary objective improving conveyance of streamflow in~~  
20 ~~natural streams. Grants from funds appropriated as provided in this~~  
21 ~~subsection shall be disbursed only to weed management entities, local~~  
22 ~~weed control authorities, and natural resources districts whose territory~~  
23 ~~includes river basins, with priority given to river basins that are the~~  
24 ~~subject of an interstate compact or decree. The Game and Parks Commission~~  
25 ~~shall assist grant recipients in implementing grant projects under this~~  
26 ~~subsection, and interlocal agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation~~  
27 ~~Act or the Joint Public Agency Act shall be utilized whenever possible in~~  
28 ~~carrying out the grant projects.~~

29 ~~(4)(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve control~~  
30 ~~authorities of their duties and responsibilities under the Noxious Weed~~  
31 ~~Control Act or the duty of a person to control the spread of noxious~~  
1 ~~weeds on lands owned and controlled by him or her.~~

2 ~~(5)(6) The Department of Agriculture may adopt and promulgate~~  
3 ~~necessary rules and regulations to carry out this section.~~

4 ~~(6)(7) The director may annually apply for conservation funding from~~

5 the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States  
6 Department of Agriculture.  
7 Sec. 3. Section 61-218, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
8 amended to read:  
9 61-218 (1) The Water Resources Cash Fund is created. The fund shall  
10 be administered by the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. Any  
11 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
12 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
13 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.  
14 (2) The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund such money as is  
15 (a) transferred to the fund by the Legislature, (b) paid to the state as  
16 fees, deposits, payments, and repayments relating to the fund, both  
17 principal and interest, (c) donated as gifts, bequests, or other  
18 contributions to such fund from public or private entities, (d) made  
19 available by any department or agency of the United States if so directed  
20 by such department or agency, (e) transferred pursuant to section  
21 81-15,175, and (f) received by the state for settlement of claims  
22 relating to interstate river compacts or decrees.  
23 (3)(a) The fund shall be expended by the department in any area that  
24 has adopted an integrated management plan as provided in section 46-715.  
25 (b) The fund shall be used in any such area:  
26 (i) To aid management actions taken to reduce consumptive uses of  
27 water;  
28 (ii) To enhance streamflows or ground water recharge;  
29 (iii) For any other activity deemed necessary by the department in  
30 the development and implementation of an integrated management plan;  
31 (iv) For purposes of the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act; ~~or~~  
1 (v) For purposes of projects or proposals described in the grant  
2 application as set forth in subdivision (2)(h) of section 81-15,175; ~~or~~  
3 (vi) For purposes of providing grants to weed management entities as  
4 provided in section 4 of this act.  
5 (c) To the extent funds are not expended pursuant to subdivision (b)  
6 of this subsection, the department may conduct a statewide assessment of  
7 short-term and long-term water management activities and funding needs to  
8 meet statutory requirements in sections 46-713 to 46-718 and 46-739 and  
9 any requirements of an interstate compact or decree or formal state  
10 contract or agreement.  
11 (d) The fund shall not be used to pay for administrative expenses or  
12 any salaries for any political subdivision.  
13 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that three million three  
14 hundred thousand dollars be transferred each fiscal year from the General  
15 Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund for FY2011-12 through FY2022-23,  
16 except that for FY2012-13 it is the intent of the Legislature that four  
17 million seven hundred thousand dollars be transferred from the General  
18 Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund. It is the intent of the  
19 Legislature that the State Treasurer credit any money received from any  
20 Republican River Compact settlement to the Water Resources Cash Fund in  
21 the fiscal year in which it is received.  
22 (5)(a) Expenditures from the Water Resources Cash Fund may be made  
23 to natural resources districts eligible under subsection (3) of this  
24 section for activities to either achieve a sustainable balance of  
25 consumptive water uses or assure compliance with an interstate compact or  
26 decree or a formal state contract or agreement and shall require a match  
27 of local funding in an amount equal to or greater than forty percent of  
28 the total cost of carrying out the eligible activity. The department  
29 shall, no later than August 1 of each year, beginning in 2007, determine  
30 the amount of funding that will be made available to natural resources  
31 districts from the Water Resources Cash Fund and notify natural resources  
1 districts of this determination. The department shall adopt and  
2 promulgate rules and regulations governing application for and use of the

3 Water Resources Cash Fund by natural resources districts. Such rules and  
4 regulations shall, at a minimum, include the following components:  
5 (i) Require an explanation of how the planned activity will achieve  
6 a sustainable balance of consumptive water uses or will assure compliance  
7 with an interstate compact or decree or a formal state contract or  
8 agreement as required by section 46-715 and the controls, rules, and  
9 regulations designed to carry out the activity; and  
10 (ii) A schedule of implementation of the activity or its components,  
11 including the local match as set forth in subdivision (5)(a) of this  
12 section.  
13 (b) Any natural resources district that fails to implement and  
14 enforce its controls, rules, and regulations as required by section  
15 46-715 shall not be eligible for funding from the Water Resources Cash  
16 Fund until it is determined by the department that compliance with the  
17 provisions required by section 46-715 has been established.  
18 (6) The Department of Water, Energy, and Environment shall submit  
19 electronically an annual report to the Legislature no later than October  
20 1 of each year that shall detail the use of the Water Resources Cash Fund  
21 in the previous year. The report shall provide:  
22 (a) Details regarding the use and cost of activities carried out by  
23 the department; and  
24 (b) Details regarding the use and cost of activities carried out by  
25 each natural resources district that received funds from the Water  
26 Resources Cash Fund.  
27 (7)(a) Prior to the application deadline for fiscal year 2011-12,  
28 the Department of Natural Resources shall apply for a grant of nine  
29 million nine hundred thousand dollars from the Nebraska Environmental  
30 Trust Fund, to be paid out in three annual installments of three million  
31 three hundred thousand dollars. The purposes listed in the grant  
1 application shall be consistent with the uses of the Water Resources Cash  
2 Fund provided in this section and shall be used to aid management actions  
3 taken to reduce consumptive uses of water, to enhance streamflows, to  
4 recharge ground water, or to support wildlife habitat in any river basin  
5 determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or  
6 designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713.  
7 (b) If the application is granted, funds received from such grant  
8 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Water  
9 Resources Cash Fund for the purpose of supporting the projects set forth  
10 in the grant application. The department shall include in its grant  
11 application documentation that the Legislature has authorized a transfer  
12 of three million three hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund  
13 into the Water Resources Cash Fund for each of fiscal years 2011-12 and  
14 2012-13 and has stated its intent to transfer three million three hundred  
15 thousand dollars to the Water Resources Cash Fund for fiscal year  
16 2013-14.  
17 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department apply  
18 for an additional three-year grant that would begin in fiscal year  
19 2014-15, an additional three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental  
20 Trust Fund that would begin in fiscal year 2017-18, and an additional  
21 three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund that would  
22 begin in fiscal year 2020-21 if the criteria established in subsection  
23 (4) of section 81-15,175 are achieved.  
24 (8) The department shall establish a subaccount within the Water  
25 Resources Cash Fund for the accounting of all money received as a grant  
26 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund as the result of an  
27 application made pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.  
28 (9) Any funds transferred from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund  
29 to the Water Resources Cash Fund shall be placed within the subaccount  
30 created under subsection (8) of this section and expended in accordance  
31 with section 81-15,168.

1 (10) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million dollars from the  
 2 Water Resources Cash Fund to the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Cash Fund  
 3 as soon as administratively possible after July 19, 2024, but before June  
 4 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
 5 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
 6 Services.

7 Sec. 4. (1) For purposes of this section:

8 (a) Eligible purpose means:

9 (i) The removal of riparian vegetation as part of a vegetation  
 10 management program, if such vegetation management program is being  
 11 conducted for the primary objective of improving the conveyance of  
 12 streamflow in natural streams; and

13 (ii) The acquisition of equipment that is used for the removal of  
 14 riparian vegetation described in subdivision (a)(i) of this subsection;  
 15 and

16 (b) Qualified applicant means the following entities that provide  
 17 weed management services in a river basin:

18 (i) Any weed management entity;

19 (ii) Any weed control authority; and

20 (iii) Any natural resources district.

21 (2) A qualified applicant may apply to the Department of Water,  
 22 Energy, and Environment for a grant under this section. No later than  
 23 January 1, 2027, the department shall prescribe the form for the  
 24 application.

25 (3) The department may award a grant to any qualified applicant who  
 26 applies under this section for an eligible purpose. If the department  
 27 receives multiple applications under this section, the department shall  
 28 prioritize awarding grants to the qualified applicants that provide weed  
 29 management services within an area that is the subject of an interstate  
 30 compact or decree.

31 (4) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
 1 carry out this section.

2 Sec. 5. Original sections 2-945.01 and 2-958.02, Reissue Revised  
 3 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 61-218, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
 4 2025, are repealed.

5 Sec. 6. The following sections are outright repealed: Section  
 6 2-970, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-969, Revised  
 7 Statutes Supplement, 2025.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 70.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM1660](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 877.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM1763](#)

1 1. Strike original section 1.

2 2. On page 17, line 31, after the semicolon insert "and".

3 3. On page 18, line 3, strike "; and" and insert an underscored  
 4 period; and strike line 4.

5 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 6 accordingly.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

## Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 429.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 745.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 940.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1022.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Hunt filed the following amendments to LB669:

[FA929](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA930](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA931](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA932](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA933](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA934](#)

Strike Section 2.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Committee [AM664](#), found on page 805, First Session, 2025, and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING****PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Senator Lippincott moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 2 nays, and 21 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 1 nay, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 9 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Tassia Falcon da Silva Steidley - Environmental Quality Council

Alden Zuhlke - Environmental Quality Council

LB1026

LB1027

LB1261

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Jamie Bearup - Nebraska Ethanol Board

Scott B McPheeters - Nebraska Ethanol Board

Taylor Nelson - Nebraska Ethanol Board

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.

Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Douglas A Zingula - Game and Parks Commission

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.

Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Steve Mattoon - Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.

Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Garfield Coleman - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

Aye: 7. Brandt, Clouse, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. Conrad.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB940:

[AM1817](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 9, strike "2026" and insert "2027".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB1165:

[FA940](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA941](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA942](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA943](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB1228:

[FA935](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA936](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA937](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA938](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA939](#)

Strike Section 2.

**MOTION(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB1165:

[MO379](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO380](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.



[MO381](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO382](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO383](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO384](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to [LB1228](#):

[MO373](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO374](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO375](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

[MO376](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO377](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

[MO378](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 335.** Introduced by Raybould, 28; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Prokop, 27.

WHEREAS, Lincoln Electric System was established on February 1, 1966, as a community-owned utility dedicated to providing reliable and affordable energy to the residents and businesses of Lincoln, Nebraska, and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, for six decades, Lincoln Electric System has played a vital role in powering homes, schools, hospitals, industries, and public institutions, thereby supporting economic growth, public safety, and quality of life throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Electric System has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to operational excellence, fiscal responsibility, and customer service, ensuring dependable electric service through changing technologies, evolving energy needs, and periods of growth and challenge; and

WHEREAS, as a locally governed utility, Lincoln Electric System has prioritized accountability, reinvestment in infrastructure, and long-term planning to serve the best interests of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated employees, leadership, and governing board of Lincoln Electric System have exemplified professionalism, innovation, and public service, earning the trust and respect of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the sixtieth anniversary of Lincoln Electric System provides an opportunity to recognize its history, celebrate its achievements, and commend its ongoing contributions to the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Lincoln Electric System on sixty years of reliable service and continued commitment to Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature reaffirms Nebraska's proud tradition of public power, where electric utilities are locally governed, community-focused, and dedicated to serving the people of Nebraska.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 538.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1385](#), found on page 1643, First Session, 2025, was offered.

Senator Hardin asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO322](#), found on page 1766, First Session, 2025 to bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO324](#), found on page 1766, First Session, 2025 to recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO325](#), found on page 1766, First Session, 2025 to indefinitely postpone.

No objection so ordered.

Senator Hardin withdrew the following amendments:

[FA330](#), found on page 1761, First Session, 2025, to the committee amendment.

[FA331](#), found on page 1761, First Session, 2025, to the committee amendment.

[FA332](#), found on page 1761. First Session, 2025, to the committee amendment.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM1866](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1385)

- 1 1. On page 1, after line 3, insert the following new subdivisions:
- 2 "(1) Anti-blackness means the societal, institutional, and
- 3 structural devaluation of black people and blackness rooted in the
- 4 history of slavery and its afterlives and expressed through stereotypes,
- 5 violence, exclusion, and policies that disproportionately harm black
- 6 communities;
- 7 (2) Anti-indigenous means the erasure, marginalization, and ongoing
- 8 harm directed at indigenous peoples, grounded in settler colonialism and
- 9 expressed through land dispossession, denial of sovereignty and treaty
- 10 rights, cultural suppression, and framing of indigenous peoples as relics
- 11 of the past rather than living nations;"; in line 4 strike "(1)" and
- 12 insert "(3)"; and in line 7 strike "(2)" and insert "(4)".
- 13 2. On page 2, lines 5, 17, 23, 29, and 31, after "antisemitism"
- 14 insert ", anti-blackness, and anti-indigenous".
- 15 3. On page 3, lines 3 and 5, after "antisemitism" insert ", anti-
- 16 blackness, and anti-indigenous".
- 17 4. On page 4, line 10, after "antisemitism" insert ", anti-
- 18 blackness, and anti-indigenous".

Pending.

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB538](#):[AM1861](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1385)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 4 (a) Antisemitic discrimination or antisemitism has the same meaning
- 5 as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition
- 6 of antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, as adopted on May
- 7 26, 2016;
- 8 (b) Board means the State Board of Education;
- 9 (c) Department means the State Department of Education;
- 10 (d) National origin includes characteristics associated with actual
- 11 or perceived place of birth, ancestry, or ethnicity including, but not
- 12 limited to, religion; and
- 13 (e) Race includes characteristics associated with actual or
- 14 perceived race, ancestry, or ethnicity.
- 15 (2) On or before December 1, 2026, the board shall develop and
- 16 distribute a model policy for schools that facilitates and encourages an
- 17 inclusive and positive learning environment while complying with any
- 18 applicable federal or state nondiscrimination law. Such policy shall not
- 19 diminish or infringe upon any rights protected by the First Amendment to
- 20 the Constitution of the United States or by Article I, section 3, 4, or
- 21 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska. Such model policy shall:
- 22 (a) Prohibit discrimination against a student or an employee of a
- 23 school district on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex,
- 24 disability, religion, or marital status;
- 25 (b) Prohibit denying the benefits of any education program, class,
- 26 or activity offered or sponsored by a school district on the basis of
- 1 race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital
- 2 status;
- 3 (c) Ensure the criteria for admission to an education program or
- 4 class does not have the effect of restricting access by persons of a

5 particular race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, or  
6 marital status;

7 (d) Require all education programs or classes offered by a school  
8 district be made available without discrimination on the basis of race,  
9 ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status;

10 (e) Require guidance or counseling services and financial assistance  
11 services be made available to all students of a school district equally,  
12 regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability,  
13 religion, or marital status;

14 (f) Treat harassment or discrimination against students or employees  
15 of a school district or harassment or discrimination resulting from  
16 institutional policies or programs of a school district motivated by, or  
17 including, antisemitic discrimination in an identical manner to  
18 harassment or discrimination motivated by race;

19 (g) Require that the definition of antisemitism be included in the  
20 student and employee code of conduct of a school district and that  
21 antisemitism be included as prohibited conduct; and

22 (h) Provide for a process to annually report any incidents or  
23 reports of discrimination in violation of this section to the Title VI  
24 coordinator of the department.

25 (3) On or before July 1, 2027, each school board shall adopt a  
26 written policy to be implemented by the school district at the start of  
27 the 2027-28 school year which provides for standards and guidelines in  
28 conformance with the minimum standards set forth in the model policy  
29 developed by the board pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and  
30 includes any other procedures and provisions the school board deems  
31 necessary to conform with the intent of this section.

1 (4) On or before July 1, 2027, each school board shall include  
2 antisemitism awareness training as part of other trainings on harassment  
3 provided by such school district to students and employees.

4 Sec. 2. (1) The Commissioner of Education shall designate an  
5 individual to fulfill the role and duties of the Title VI coordinator  
6 within the State Department of Education.

7 (2) The Title VI coordinator shall monitor and investigate reports  
8 of discrimination in school districts, including discrimination as  
9 described in section 1 of this act. Duties of the coordinator include,  
10 but are not limited to, investigating all complaints of discrimination in  
11 school districts in violation of a policy adopted pursuant to section 1  
12 of this act.

13 (3) If after investigation the coordinator determines that a school  
14 district has engaged in, permitted, or not sufficiently prohibited  
15 discrimination in violation of a policy adopted by such school district  
16 pursuant to section 1 of this act or the federal Civil Rights Act of  
17 1964, the coordinator shall give written notice of such determination to  
18 the school board of such school district and request that the board  
19 address such violation and comply with such section or such act. If the  
20 school board does not comply within thirty days after receipt of such  
21 written notice by the coordinator, the coordinator shall report the  
22 findings to the United States Department of Education and the United  
23 States Department of Justice by making a complaint under Title VI of the  
24 federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

25 (4) The coordinator shall annually submit a report electronically to  
26 the Legislature relating to discrimination in the schools, including, but  
27 not limited to, antisemitism. Such report shall detail the number of  
28 incidents or complaints received and the resolution, if any. Such report  
29 shall not identify any particular student, employee, or individual.

30 Sec. 3. Section 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1 85-1401 Sections 85-1401 to 85-1420 and section 5 of this act shall  
2 be known and may be cited as the Coordinating Commission for

3 Postsecondary Education Act.

4 Sec. 4. Section 85-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

5 amended to read:

6 85-1411 To assist it in carrying out its duties, the commission

7 shall:

8 (1) Employ an executive director and all other employees of the

9 office of the commission and hire consultants as may be necessary and

10 prescribe their duties and designate a Title VI coordinator as prescribed

11 in section 5 of this act;

12 (2) Except as may be provided pursuant to the State Employees

13 Collective Bargaining Act, fix the compensation of the officers and

14 employees of the office and provide benefits for all present or future

15 employees of the commission, including retirement benefits, group life

16 insurance, group hospital-medical insurance, and group long-term

17 disability income insurance;

18 (3) Pay expenses for the recruitment of administrative and

19 professional personnel for the commission; and

20 (4) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the

21 Administrative Procedure Act or as otherwise provided in the Coordinating

22 Commission for Postsecondary Education Act to carry out the Coordinating

23 Commission for Postsecondary Education Act and the powers and duties of

24 the commission, except that for sections 85-1402 and 85-1413 to 85-1416,

25 the provisions in section 84-908 for approval of the adoption, amendment,

26 or repeal of any rule or regulation by the Governor shall not apply.

27 Sec. 5. (1) The commission shall designate an individual to fulfill

28 the roles and duties of the Title VI coordinator within the commission.

29 (2) The Title VI coordinator shall monitor discrimination and

30 harassment in public institutions, including antisemitic discrimination

31 as defined in section 1 of this act. Duties of the coordinator include,

1 but are not limited to, investigating all complaints of discrimination or

2 harassment in public institutions in violation of a policy adopted

3 pursuant to section 6 of this act and filing an annual report.

4 (3) If after a reasonable investigation the coordinator determines

5 that a public institution has engaged in, allowed, or not sufficiently

6 prohibited discrimination or harassment, including antisemitic

7 discrimination, in violation of such policy or the federal Civil Rights

8 Act of 1964, the coordinator shall give written notice of such

9 determination to the governing board and require the governing board to

10 address such violation and comply with such policy or such act. If the

11 governing board does not comply within thirty days after written notice

12 by the coordinator, the coordinator shall report the finding to the

13 United States Department of Education and the United States Department of

14 Justice by making a complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of

15 1964.

16 (4) The coordinator shall annually submit a report electronically to

17 the Legislature relating to discrimination and harassment in public

18 institutions, including antisemitism. Such report shall detail the number

19 of incidents or complaints received and the resolution, if any. Such

20 report shall not identify any particular individual, employee, or

21 student.

22 Sec. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of

23 Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the

24 Nebraska State Colleges, and the board of governors of any community

25 college area may adopt a policy for such board's respective postsecondary

26 educational institutions, including standards and guidelines, which

27 prohibits antisemitic discrimination as defined in section 1 of this act.

28 Sec. 7. Original sections 85-1401 and 85-1411, Reissue Revised

29 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

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

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

Senator Hardin name added to LB951.  
Senator Hardin name added to LB1197.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dave Hoelting, Pender.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 30, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature