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**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Bosn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Murman.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, DeBoer, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-fifth day was approved.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on February 27, 2026, at 12:20 p.m. were the following: LB's 548, 70, 110, 653, 741, 751, 783, 807, 836, 877, and 795.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Rules

The Rules Committee met on February 27, 2026, and advanced the following proposed rules:

Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 610.

Proposed Rule Change 2, found on page 611.

Proposed Rule Change 3, found on page 777.

(Signed) Loren Lippincott, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 743. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 748. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 749. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 924. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 940. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 956. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1022. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 878. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1159. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2343](#)

1 1. On page 2, strike beginning with "Except" in line 3 through "the"
 2 in line 4, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "This subsection
 3 shall not apply to subsections (2) and (3) of this section. The"; and
 4 strike beginning with "Notwithstanding" in line 18 through "the" in line
 5 19, show as stricken, and insert "The".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB1237](#):

[FA1020](#)

On page 8, line 29 insert, "(c) Any information obtained, collected, or recorded from implementing and administering such procedures, including but not limited to any video recordings or recorded images of members of the public, public officials, public employees, or any other person shall be considered a public resource under Section 49-14,101.02 and shall be subject to the prohibitions contained therein."

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 345, 346, 347, 348, and 349 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 345, 346, 347, 348, and 349.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 455. Committee [AM678](#), found on page 863, First Session, 2025, and considered on page 838, was renewed.

Senator Raybould [MO77](#), found on page 796, First Session, 2025, to bracket until June 9, 2025, was ruled out of order.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO448](#), found on page 783, to bracket until April 10, 2026.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Raybould asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO78](#), found on page 796, First Session, 2025, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew [FA996](#), found on page 752, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew [FA997](#), found on page 752, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2401](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM678)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 48-144.01 ~~(1)(a)(1)~~ In every case of reportable injury arising out
- 6 of and in the course of employment, the employer or workers' compensation
- 7 insurer shall file a report thereof with the Nebraska Workers'
- 8 Compensation Court. Such report shall be filed within ten days after the
- 9 employer or insurer has been given notice of or has knowledge of the
- 10 injury.
- 11 (b) Upon receipt of a report filed under this subsection the
- 12 compensation court shall send a letter to the employee for whom the
- 13 report is made notifying such employee that a report has been filed and
- 14 including the following information: The Nebraska Workers' Compensation
- 15 Court cannot give legal advice. However, if your claim is denied or if
- 16 you have any questions regarding the handling of your claim, you have the
- 17 right to contact a Nebraska attorney who accepts workers' compensation
- 18 cases who can provide guidance on your rights and options.
- 19 ~~(2)(a) To protect the confidentiality of the employee, a report made~~
- 20 ~~under subsection (1) of this section shall not be disclosed, redisclosed,~~
- 21 ~~released, disseminated, or otherwise published with the employee's~~
- 22 ~~confidential information except as otherwise provided in this subsection~~
- 23 ~~or as necessary for the compensation court to administer and enforce or~~
- 24 ~~perform its lawful duties under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.~~
- 25 (b) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this

26 section may be made available to the employee for whom the report is
1 made, with or without a request from the employee. If the employee is
2 deceased, any right or obligation under this subdivision shall extend to
3 the employee's personal representative as defined in section 30-2209. The
4 compensation court may provide any or all information from that report to
5 the employee or such personal representative.

6 (c) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this
7 section is subject to disclosure by the compensation court pursuant to
8 sections 84-712 to 84-712.09, except as to the employee's confidential
9 information and any other personally identifiable information. A request
10 to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section or for any
11 information contained in such report may be fulfilled by the compensation
12 court pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 so long as the
13 confidential information and any other personally identifiable
14 information is redacted from such report or extract.

15 (d) An employee may elect to waive confidentiality of reports under
16 subsection (1) of this section involving such employee. A waiver of
17 confidentiality shall permit disclosure of the employee's confidential
18 information. An election to waive, once made, shall remain in effect
19 notwithstanding any change in employment by such employee unless the
20 election to waive is revoked by the employee. An election to waive
21 confidentiality or revocation of that waiver shall be made in a form and
22 manner prescribed by the administrator of the compensation court.

23 (e) At the discretion of the compensation court, information from
24 the report made pursuant to subsection (1) may be used in any pending
25 matter before the compensation court involving the employee.

26 (f) In response to a public records request pursuant to sections
27 84-712 to 84-712.09, any report made pursuant to subsection (1) of this
28 section that includes the employee's confidential information may be
29 provided by the compensation court.

30 (i) To an attorney or authorized agent representing the employee as
31 to any workers' compensation claim or claim involving personal injury. An
1 attorney or authorized agent representing the employee shall provide a
2 written authorization to obtain a report from the employee if requested
3 by the compensation court;

4 (ii) To the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management
5 pool, or third-party administrator involved in the reported injury or an
6 attorney or authorized agent who represents the employer, workers'
7 compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator.
8 An attorney or authorized agent representing the employer, workers'
9 compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator
10 shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the
11 employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-
12 party administrator if requested by the compensation court;

13 (iii) To an attorney or authorized agent of an insurer or a third-
14 party administrator who is involved in administering any claim for
15 insurance benefits related to any injury of the employee whose report is
16 filed with the compensation court. An attorney or authorized agent of
17 such insurer or third-party administrator shall provide a written
18 authorization to obtain a report from the insurer or third-party
19 administrator if requested by the compensation court;

20 (iv) To an attorney representing a party to a lawsuit filed by or on
21 behalf of the employee whose report is filed with the compensation court.
22 An attorney representing a party to such a lawsuit shall provide a
23 written authorization to obtain a report from the party if requested by
24 the compensation court;

25 (v) To a federal or state governmental unit at the request of the
26 governmental unit if the information sought to be disclosed is necessary
27 for the receiving federal or state governmental unit to operate a program
28 or carry out a purpose specifically authorized by federal or state

29 statute, including, but not limited to, the investigation of a fraud,
30 criminal offense, or licensing or regulatory violation, child support
31 enforcement, or to act upon an application for benefits submitted by the
1 employee who is the subject of the report under subsection (1) of this
2 section;

3 (vi) To a person engaged in bona fide statistical research,
4 including, but not limited to, actuarial studies and health or safety
5 investigations which are authorized by federal or state statute or
6 regulation or other federal or state governmental units. The employee's
7 confidential information or any other personally identifiable information
8 shall not be disclosed unless the researcher has entered into a
9 confidentiality agreement with the compensation court and has agreed that
10 any research findings or reports will not disclose the employee's
11 confidential information or any other personally identifiable
12 information;

13 (vii) To a nonprofit organization that certifies to the
14 administrator of the compensation court under penalty of perjury that the
15 purpose of using the confidential information is to offer financial
16 assistance to dependents of the employee or to send condolences to,
17 provide memorials for, or offer grief counseling to family members of an
18 employee whose injury or death was caused by a workplace incident;
19 (viii) When release of the report is ordered by a court of competent
20 jurisdiction;

21 (ix) When a request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of
22 this section is made by a treating physician or other health care
23 provider who has rendered treatment to an employee or is seeking
24 authorization for treatment or special services and the information
25 sought to be disclosed relates to the compensability of a claim related
26 to such treatment or authorization for special services or billing for
27 services provided; or

28 (x) When more than sixty days have passed since the date the report
29 was filed.

30 (g) Any request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of
31 this section shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the
1 administrator of the compensation court.

2 (3)(2) For purposes of this section:

3 (a) Reportable injury means an injury or diagnosed occupational
4 disease which results in: (i) Death, regardless of the time between the
5 death and the injury or onset of disease; (ii) time away from work; (iii)
6 restricted work or termination of employment; (iv) loss of consciousness;
7 or (v) medical treatment other than first aid;

8 (b) Restricted work means the inability of the employee to perform
9 one or more of the duties of his or her normal job assignment. Restricted
10 work does not occur if the employee is able to perform all of the duties
11 of his or her normal job assignment, but a work restriction is assigned
12 because the employee is experiencing minor musculoskeletal discomfort and
13 for the purpose of preventing a more serious condition from developing;

14 (c) Medical treatment means treatment administered by a physician or
15 other licensed health care professional; and

16 (d) First aid means:

17 (i) Using a nonprescription medication at nonprescription strength.
18 For medications available in both prescription and nonprescription form,
19 a recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care
20 professional to use a nonprescription medication at prescription strength
21 is not first aid;

22 (ii) Administering tetanus immunizations. Administering other
23 immunizations, such as hepatitis B vaccine and rabies vaccine, is not
24 first aid;

25 (iii) Cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the surface of the
26 skin;

27 (iv) Using wound coverings, such as bandages and gauze pads, and
 28 superficial wound closing devices, such as butterfly bandages and steri-
 29 strips. Using other wound closing devices, such as sutures and staples,
 30 is not first aid;

31 (v) Using hot or cold therapy;

1 (vi) Using any nonrigid means of support, such as elastic bandages,
 2 wraps, and nonrigid back belts. Using devices with rigid stays or other
 3 systems designed to immobilize parts of the body is not first aid;

4 (vii) Using temporary immobilization devices, such as splints,
 5 slings, neck collars, and back boards, while transporting accident
 6 victims;

7 (viii) Drilling of a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure or
 8 draining fluid from a blister;

9 (ix) Using eye patches;

10 (x) Removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a
 11 cotton swab;

12 (xi) Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than
 13 the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs, or other simple means;

14 (xii) Using finger guards;

15 (xiii) Using massages. Using physical therapy or chiropractic
 16 treatment is not first aid; and

17 (xiv) Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress; ~~and~~;

18 (e) Confidential information means an employee's name, address,

19 telephone number, and email address.

20 Sec. 2. Section 48-146.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 21 amended to read:

22 48-146.03 (1) Each workers' compensation insurance policy issued by
 23 an insurer pursuant to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act:

24 (a) Shall offer, at the option of the insured employer, a deductible
 25 for medical benefits in the amount of five hundred dollars to two
 26 thousand five hundred dollars per claim in increments of five hundred
 27 dollars; or

28 (b) May offer, at the option of the insured employer and the
 29 workers' compensation insurer, a deductible for all amounts paid by the
 30 insurer as long as the deductible is not more than forty percent of the
 31 insured employer's otherwise applicable annual workers' compensation
 1 insurance premium at rates approved for the insurer but not less than
 2 fifty thousand dollars.

3 The insured employer, if choosing to exercise one of such options
 4 listed in this subsection, may choose only one of the amounts as the
 5 deductible. The provisions of this section shall be fully disclosed to
 6 each prospective purchaser in writing.

7 (2) The deductible form shall provide that the workers' compensation
 8 insurer shall remain liable for and shall pay the entire cost of medical
 9 benefits for each claim directly to the medical provider, shall remain
 10 liable for and pay the entire cost of benefits, claims, and expenses as
 11 required by the policy irrespective of the deductible provision, and
 12 shall then be reimbursed by the employer for any deductible amounts paid
 13 by the workers' compensation insurer. The employer shall be liable for
 14 reimbursement up to the limit of the deductible.

15 (3) Beginning January 1, 2027, losses reimbursed by the employer
 16 under the deductible shall be credited against the employer's experience
 17 modification while the deductible option is used, unless the employer
 18 elects to purchase a gross reportable deductible policy.

19 ~~(4)~~(3) A workers' compensation insurer shall not be required to
 20 offer a deductible if, as a result of a credit investigation, the insurer
 21 determines that the employer does not have the financial ability to be
 22 responsible for the payment of deductible amounts.

23 ~~(5)~~(4) A workers' compensation insurer shall service and, if
 24 necessary, defend all claims that arise during the policy period,

25 including those claims payable in whole or in part from the deductible
 26 amount, and shall make such reports to the compensation court of payments
 27 made, including payments made under the deductible provisions, as may be
 28 required by the compensation court.
 29 ~~(6)~~(5) A person who is employed by a policyholder which chooses to
 30 exercise the option of a deductible policy shall not be required to pay
 31 any of the deductible amount, and any such policyholder shall not require
 1 or attempt to require the employee to give up his or her right of
 2 selection of physician set out in section 48-120. Any violation of this
 3 subsection shall be a Class II misdemeanor.
 4 Sec. 3. Original sections 48-144.01 and 48-146.03, Reissue Revised
 5 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 1 nay, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2260](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE BILL 986. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2353](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 21, after "other" insert "reasonable".

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 214. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM1665](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 43-4901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 4 2024, is amended to read:
 5 43-4901 Sections 43-4901 to 43-4903 and sections 2 to 7 of this act
 6 shall be known and may be cited as the Newborn Safe Haven Act.
 7 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Newborn Safe Haven Act:
 8 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
 9 (2) Newborn infant means a child ninety days old or younger; and
 10 (3) Newborn safety device means a padded and temperature-controlled
 11 device used for the purpose of permitting an individual to anonymously
 12 surrender a newborn infant.

13 Sec. 3. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to implement a
14 pilot program that provides for the installation of four newborn safety
15 devices in the state. The department shall: (a) Adopt and promulgate
16 rules and regulations specifying the minimum safety and security
17 requirements for a newborn safety device; (b) develop criteria for
18 qualification as a location for a newborn safety device in the pilot
19 program; and (c) create an application form. A decision of the department
20 to approve a newborn safety device location is final and shall be based
21 on merit. The date of application may also be considered.

22 (2) As part of the pilot program, one newborn safety device shall be
23 approved for installation at a hospital or fire station located in each
24 of the following: (a) The first congressional district; (b) the second
25 congressional district; (c) the third congressional district east of the
26 one hundredth meridian; and (d) the third congressional district west of
27 the one hundredth meridian.

1 (3) Participation as a location of a newborn safety device shall be
2 voluntary. The proposal, location selection, and purchase of a newborn
3 safety device shall be initiated by one or more residents of a local
4 community or by an authorized drop-off location. Such devices may be
5 purchased using (a) public funds approved by local boards, councils, or
6 commissions and (b) philanthropic funds and private donations.

7 (4) The pilot program shall terminate on December 31, 2028,
8 regardless of the number of approved newborn safety device locations.
9 Grant funds allocated prior to the termination date may be awarded after
10 December 31, 2028.

11 (5) Upon request, the department shall electronically report to the
12 Clerk of the Legislature statistics compiled both during the pilot
13 program and after the pilot program is terminated, including, but not
14 limited to, (a) the number of newborn infants surrendered, (b) the
15 consistency of ongoing community financial support for installed newborn
16 safety devices, and (c) problems and concerns relating to installed
17 newborn safety devices.

18 (6) Nothing in sections 3 to 7 of this act shall prohibit an
19 individual from surrendering a newborn infant to a hospital, staffed fire
20 station, staffed law enforcement agency, or emergency care provider
21 pursuant to section 43-4903.

22 Sec. 4. (1) If a newborn safety device is located at a hospital,
23 (a) the hospital shall be staffed twenty-four hours per day, seven days
24 per week to provide care to patients and (b) the device shall be located
25 in a conspicuous area and visible to hospital staff.

26 (2) If a newborn safety device is located at a fire station, (a) the
27 fire station shall be staffed twenty-four hours per day, seven days per
28 week and (b) the device shall be located in a conspicuous area and
29 visible to staff or the device shall be located in an area that is not
30 visible to staff, but is equipped with a motion sensor and a dual alarm
31 system connected to the physical location where the device is installed.

1 (3) A newborn safety device shall (a) be equipped with a dual alarm
2 system meeting the requirements set forth in this section, (b) be
3 visually inspected once per day, and (c) contain a pouch with
4 informational literature which shall be available to any individual using
5 the device.

6 (4) The dual alarm system shall be:

7 (a) Programmed to sound first when the newborn safety device is
8 opened by immediately placing a telephone call to a 911 service and
9 dispatching an emergency medical care provider or a firefighter to the
10 location of the device, and to sound a second time by immediately placing
11 a telephone call to a 911 service after movement is detected inside the
12 device; and

13 (b) Tested at least once per week.

14 Sec. 5. The staff at each location where a newborn safety device is

15 installed shall:

16 (1) Perform all necessary repairs, complete documentation of all
 17 inspections and tests, and notify the department of any failure that
 18 requires a device to be removed from service; and
 19 (2) Post signage, approved by the department, that clearly
 20 identifies that the newborn safety device and location have been approved
 21 by the department. Such signage shall also identify the newborn safety
 22 device access portal door and provide both printed and pictorial
 23 instruction. The printed signage shall be in English and Spanish and may
 24 also be printed in any other language that is commonly used in the
 25 community. The printed and pictorial instruction shall describe how to
 26 (a) open the access portal door, (b) place the newborn infant inside the
 27 unit, (c) retrieve the pouch containing informational literature, and (d)
 28 close the access portal door to engage the lock.

29 Sec. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate four
 30 thousand dollars to the department for fiscal year 2026-27 for the
 31 purpose of awarding grants to be used for the installation, but not for
 1 the purchase or ongoing operation, of newborn safety devices approved for
 2 the pilot program unless the lack of such funding jeopardizes the
 3 continued use of an installed device.

4 Sec. 7. The department shall develop procedures, which shall be
 5 published on its website, to allow an individual to (1) anonymously
 6 provide medical history information relating to a newborn infant
 7 surrendered under the Newborn Safe Haven Act, (2) reconsider the
 8 surrender of a newborn infant under the act, and (3) undergo paternity
 9 testing for a newborn infant surrendered under the act.

10 Sec. 8. Section 43-4902, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 11 2024, is amended to read:

12 43-4902 (1) Subject to available funding, it is the intent of the
 13 Legislature to appropriate sixty-five thousand dollars to the Department
 14 of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2024-25 and ten thousand
 15 dollars each fiscal year thereafter, to develop, implement, and maintain
 16 a public information program to inform the general public of the Newborn
 17 Safe Haven Act.

18 (2) Components of the program shall include, but not be limited to:

19 (a) Creation and maintenance of a permanent, interactive website
 20 that provides information to the public about the Newborn Safe Haven Act,
 21 including authorized drop-off locations;

22 (b) Distribution of literature at statewide locations, as determined
 23 by the department, including the toll-free telephone number of the
 24 National Safe Haven Alliance;

25 (c) Development of educational, promotional, and informational
 26 materials in print, audio, video, electronic, and other media formats
 27 which includes the toll-free telephone number of the National Safe Haven
 28 Alliance; and

29 (d) Training to carry out the provisions of the Newborn Safe Haven
 30 Act for emergency care providers, 911 operators, hospital staff,
 31 firefighters, law enforcement officers, or any member of the public
 1 expressing an interest in such training; and

2 (e) Promotion of public awareness of newborn safety devices.

3 Sec. 9. Section 43-4903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 4 2024, is amended to read:

5 43-4903 (1) An individual who surrenders a newborn infant pursuant
 6 to the Newborn Safe Haven Act shall:

7 (a) Not be prosecuted for any crime based solely upon the act of
 8 surrendering such newborn infant to the custody of an employee on duty
 9 at: (i) A hospital licensed by the State of Nebraska; (ii) a staffed fire
 10 station; (iii) a staffed law enforcement agency; or (iv) an emergency
 11 care provider; and

12 (b) Be allowed to remain anonymous unless evidence of abuse or

13 ~~neglect of the newborn infant is apparent.~~
 14 ~~(2) An individual who surrenders a newborn infant using a newborn~~
 15 ~~safety device shall:~~
 16 ~~(a) Not be prosecuted for any crime based solely upon the act of~~
 17 ~~surrendering such newborn infant pursuant to sections 2 to 7 of this act;~~
 18 ~~and~~
 19 ~~(b) Be allowed to remain anonymous unless evidence of abuse or~~
 20 ~~neglect of the newborn infant is apparent.~~
 21 ~~(1) No person shall be prosecuted for any crime based solely upon~~
 22 ~~the act of leaving a child ninety days old or younger in the custody of~~
 23 ~~an employee on duty at: (a) A hospital licensed by the State of Nebraska;~~
 24 ~~(b) a staffed fire station; (c) a staffed law enforcement agency; or (d)~~
 25 ~~an emergency care provider.~~
 26 ~~(3)(2) The hospital, staffed fire station, staffed law enforcement~~
 27 ~~agency, or emergency care provider shall promptly contact appropriate~~
 28 ~~authorities to take custody of a newborn infant surrendered pursuant to~~
 29 ~~the Newborn Safe Haven Actthe child.~~
 30 Sec. 10. Original sections 43-4901, 43-4902, and 43-4903, Revised
 31 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
 1 Sec. 11. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 2 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 739. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 908. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2283](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 17, strike "research" and insert "evidence".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1195. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2358](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 47-111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 47-111 (1) This section applies to a county containing a city of the
 6 metropolitan class or a city of the primary class.
 7 (2) In every county jail where there is a female prisoner, twenty-
 8 four-hour supervision shall be provided by a female correctional
 9 officer ~~matron~~ appointed by the county board, whose duty it shall be to
 10 have entire charge of the female prisoners. ~~The,~~ and the board may also
 11 in its discretion appoint a female correctional officer ~~such matron~~ when
 12 there is a sick prisoner or one that is a minor under the age of sixteen.
 13 (3) Such female correctional officers ~~matrons~~ shall:
 14 (a) ~~Be~~ ~~be~~ under the direction of the sheriff or such other person as
 15 may be charged with the administrative direction of the jail;
 16 (b) ~~Take,~~ ~~shall take~~ the necessary oath before entering upon the
 17 duties of the office;
 18 (c) ~~Be,~~ ~~and shall be~~ paid by the board from the county treasury only
 19 for the time actually engaged; and
 20 (d) ~~When required, report to the board or district judges. Provided,~~
 21 ~~that in counties having a population in excess of two hundred thousand~~
 22 ~~inhabitants, a deputy or correctional officer shall be hired by the~~
 23 ~~person whose duty it shall be to have charge of the female prisoners and~~
 24 ~~perform those functions required of a deputy related to such duty, at a~~

~~25 salary of not less than five hundred dollars per month, which salary
26 shall be drawn out of the county treasury. Such matron, deputy, or
27 correctional officer shall, when required, report to the board of
1 district judges.
2 Sec. 2. Each county and city jail shall comply with the rules and
3 regulations of the Jail Standards Board concerning cross-gender
4 supervision and cross-gender searches of inmates.
5 Sec. 3. Original section 47-111, Reissue Revised Statutes of
6 Nebraska, is repealed.~~

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 354. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

WHEREAS, March 2026 is recognized as the 5th Annual Celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, theatre education and the Nebraska Thespians organization are both active in more than forty-four junior and senior high schools in the state of Nebraska and serve over eight hundred Nebraska students; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Thespians is a nationally recognized theatre program that has awarded over ten thousand dollars in college scholarships to Nebraska theatre students; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska theatre students and teachers of Nebraska high schools have been nationally recognized for their excellence in theatre education, performance, advocacy, and production; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska high school theatre productions contribute positively to the Nebraska economy, creating tens of thousands of dollars in ticket sales and other theatrical purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the effort it takes for students, parents, and teachers to organize such great productions.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2026 as Celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Month.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time to celebrate the history, educational value, and impact of theatre and its contributions to our students, parents, and teachers.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1124. Senator Conrad offered the following motion:

[MO485](#)

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

Senator Sorrentino opened on LB1124.

Senator Conrad opened on MO485.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 813. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB525:
[AM2284](#) is available in the Bill Room.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraska Thespians from across the state; students from St. Columbkille, Papillion; members of Matriarchs for Change from across the state; former Senator Tony Vargas, Omaha; students and teacher from Nebraska Lutheran High School, York.

RECESS

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator G. Meyer the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar and Dover who were excused until they arrive.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 3, 2026

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 70, 110, 548, 741, 751, 783, 795, 836, and 877 were received in my office on February 27, 2026, and signed on March 3, 2026.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 3, 2026.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
AM2396 Amending LB1139

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1124. Senator Conrad renewed [MO485](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Sorrentino moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 29 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 6 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Conrad motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 13 ayes, 24 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2253](#), found on page 810, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:

[MO486](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 771. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 948. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER127](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER128](#)

1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM2028, on page 1, line 9,
2 strike the underscored semicolon and insert an underscored colon.
3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 6
4 and insert "the State Capitol; to amend section 28-1202.01, Revised
5 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-101 and 81-1108.15,
6 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to prohibit certain weapons and
7 prohibited substances from being brought into the State Capitol as
8 prescribed; to provide for the carrying of concealed handguns in the
9 State Capitol as prescribed; to define terms; to provide a duty to the
10 Nebraska State Patrol; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
11 original sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 894. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER129](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001A. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER130](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "appropriations" in line 1
2 through line 3 and insert "appropriations; to amend Laws 2025, LB261,
3 section 76; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of
4 Legislative Bill 1001, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session,
5 2026; to change certain appropriations; to repeal the original section;
6 and to declare an emergency."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 596. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2282](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1058. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2050](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Banking

LEGISLATIVE BILL 768. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2364](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 950. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM1881](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 81-6,123, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 4 is amended to read:
 5 81-6,123 Sections 81-6,123 to ~~81-6,128~~81-6,126 shall be known and
 6 may be cited as the Population Health Information Act.
 7 Sec. 2. Section 81-6,125, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 8 amended to read:
 9 81-6,125 (1) The purpose of the Population Health Information Act is
 10 to designate a health information exchange to provide the data
 11 infrastructure needed to assist in creating a healthier Nebraska and
 12 operating the electronic health records initiative.
 13 (2) The designated health information exchange shall:
 14 (a) Enable the secure and seamless exchange of health information in
 15 real-time between health care providers and health care entities for the
 16 purposes of evaluating and monitoring a patient's care and treatment and
 17 reducing health care costs;
 18 (b)~~(a)~~ Aggregate clinical information from health care entities
 19 needed to support the operation of the medical assistance program under
 20 the Medical Assistance Act;
 21 (c)~~(b)~~ Act as the designated entity for purposes of access to, and
 22 analysis of, health data;
 23 (d)~~(e)~~ Collect and analyze data for purposes of informing the
 24 Legislature, the department, health care providers, and health care
 25 entities as to the cost of, access to, and quality of health care in
 26 Nebraska; and
 27 (c)~~(d)~~ Act as a collector and reporter of public health data for
 1 registry submissions, electronic laboratory reporting, immunization
 2 reporting, and syndromic surveillance from an electronic health record,
 3 which does not include claims data; ~~and~~
 4 (e) ~~Enable any health care provider or health care entity to access~~
 5 ~~information available within the designated health information exchange~~
 6 ~~to evaluate and monitor care and treatment of a patient in accordance~~
 7 ~~with the privacy and security provisions set forth in the federal Health~~
 8 ~~Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191.~~
 9 (3)(a) On or before ~~January 1, 2027~~September 30, 2021, each health
 10 care facility listed in subdivision (b) of this subsection shall
 11 participate in the designated health information exchange through sharing
 12 of clinical information. Subject to subsection (5) of this section,
 13 such~~Such~~ clinical information shall include the clinical data that the
 14 health care facility captured in its existing electronic health record as
 15 permitted by state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Any patient
 16 health information shared with the designated health information exchange
 17 as determined by the rules and regulations~~polices~~ adopted by the Health
 18 Information Technology Board shall be provided in accordance with the
 19 privacy and security provisions set forth in the federal Health Insurance
 20 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and regulations adopted under
 21 the act.
 22 (b) This subsection applies to an ambulatory surgical center, a
 23 critical access hospital, a general acute hospital, a health clinic, a
 24 hospital, an intermediate care facility, a long-term care hospital, a
 25 mental health substance use treatment center, a PACE center, a pharmacy,

26 a psychiatric or mental hospital, a public health clinic, or a
 27 rehabilitation hospital, as such terms are defined in the Health Care
 28 Facility Licensure Act, or a diagnostic, laboratory, or imaging center.
 29 (c) This subsection does not apply to (i) a state-owned or state-
 30 operated facility or (ii) an assisted-living facility, a nursing
 31 facility, or a skilled nursing facility, as such terms are defined in the
 1 Health Care Facility Licensure Act.
 2 (d) Any connection established by July 1, 2021, between a health
 3 care facility and the designated health information exchange to
 4 facilitate such participation shall be at no cost to the participating
 5 health care facility.
 6 (e) ~~A health care facility may apply to the board for a waiver from
 7 the requirement to participate under this subsection due to a
 8 technological burden. The board shall review the application and
 9 determine whether to waive the requirement. If the board waives the
 10 requirement for a health care facility, the board shall review the waiver
 11 annually to determine if the health care facility continues to qualify
 12 for the waiver.~~
 13 (e)(f) The board shall not require a health care facility to
 14 purchase or contract for an electronic records management system or
 15 service.
 16 (4)(a) On or before January 1, 2022, each health insurance plan
 17 shall participate in the designated health information exchange through
 18 sharing of information. Subject to subsection ~~(6)(5)~~ of this section,
 19 such information shall be determined by ~~rules and regulations~~ rules and regulations
 20 adopted by the Health Information Technology Board and shall be provided
 21 in accordance with the privacy and security provisions set forth in the
 22 federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and
 23 regulations adopted under the act.
 24 (b) For purposes of this subsection:
 25 (i) Health insurance plan includes any group or individual sickness
 26 and accident insurance policy, health maintenance organization contract,
 27 subscriber contract, employee medical, surgical, or hospital care benefit
 28 plan, or self-funded employee benefit plan to the extent not preempted by
 29 federal law; and
 30 (ii) Health insurance plan does not include (A) accident-only,
 31 disability-income, hospital confinement indemnity, dental, hearing,
 1 vision, or credit insurance, (B) coverage issued as a supplement to
 2 liability insurance, (C) insurance provided as a supplement to medicare,
 3 (D) insurance arising from workers' compensation provisions, (E)
 4 automobile medical payment insurance, (F) insurance policies that provide
 5 coverage for a specified disease or any other limited benefit coverage,
 6 or (G) insurance under which benefits are payable with or without regard
 7 to fault and which is statutorily required to be contained in any
 8 liability insurance policy.
 9 (5) The designated health information exchange shall not require a
 10 health care facility or health insurance plan to submit data or
 11 information except that required by rules and regulations adopted by the
 12 Health Information Technology Board.
 13 ~~(6)(5)~~ The designated health information exchange and the department
 14 shall enter into an agreement to allow the designated health information
 15 exchange to collect, aggregate, analyze, report, and release de-
 16 identified data, as defined by the federal Health Insurance Portability
 17 and Accountability Act of 1996, that is derived from the administration
 18 of the medical assistance program. Such written agreement shall be
 19 executed no later than September 30, 2021.
 20 ~~(7)(6)~~ In addition to the right to opt out as provided in section
 21 71-2454, an individual shall have the right to opt out of the designated
 22 health information exchange or the sharing of information required under
 23 subsections (3) and (4) of this section. The designated health

24 information exchange shall adopt a patient opt-out policy consistent with
 25 the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
 26 and other applicable federal requirements. Such policy shall not apply to
 27 mandatory public health reporting requirements.

28 Sec. 3. Section 81-6,127, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 29 amended to read:

30 81-6,127 (1) The Health Information Technology Board is created. The
 31 board shall have seventeen members. Except for members designated in
 1 subdivision (2)(o) of this section, the members shall be appointed by the
 2 Governor with the approval of a majority of the members of the
 3 Legislature. The members may begin to serve immediately following
 4 appointment and prior to approval by the Legislature. The members shall
 5 be appointed by February 1, 2021, and the board shall begin meeting on or
 6 before April 1, 2021.

7 (2) Members designated under subdivisions (b), (c), (d), (e), (g),
 8 (h), and (i) of this subsection shall hold a credential under the Uniform
 9 Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this
 10 section, the board shall consist of:

11 (a) One individual who has experience in operating the prescription
 12 drug monitoring program created under section 71-2454;

13 (b) Two physicians, one of whom shall be a family practice
 14 physician, who are in active practice and in good standing with the
 15 Department of Health and Human Services appointed from a list of
 16 physicians provided by a statewide organization representing physicians;

17 (c) One pharmacist who is in active practice and in good standing
 18 with the department appointed from a list of pharmacists provided by a
 19 statewide organization representing pharmacists;

20 (d) One alcohol and drug counselor providing services for a state-
 21 licensed alcohol and drug abuse addiction treatment program;

22 (e) One health care provider who is board-certified in pain
 23 management;

24 (f) ~~Two~~ One hospital ~~administrators~~ administrator appointed from a
 25 list of hospital administrators provided by a statewide organization
 26 representing hospital administrators, only one of which shall represent
 27 critical access hospitals as defined in section 71-409;

28 (g) One dentist who is in active practice and in good standing with
 29 the department appointed from a list of dentists provided by a statewide
 30 organization representing dentists;

31 (h) One nurse practitioner who is in active practice and in good
 1 standing with the department authorized to prescribe medication appointed
 2 from a list of nurse practitioners authorized to prescribe medication
 3 provided by a statewide organization representing such nurse
 4 practitioners;

5 (i) One veterinarian who is in active practice and in good standing
 6 with the department appointed from a list of veterinarians provided by a
 7 statewide organization representing veterinarians;

8 (j) ~~Two representatives~~ One representative of the Department of
 9 Health and Human Services including one representative from the Division
 10 of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human
 11 Services;

12 (k) One representative of a delegate as defined in section 71-2454;

13 (l) One health care payor as defined in section 25-21,247 or an
 14 employee of a health care payor;

15 (m) One credentialed health information management professional
 16 appointed from a list of such professionals provided by a statewide
 17 organization representing such professionals;

18 (n) One representative of the statewide health information exchange
 19 described in section 71-2455; ~~and~~

20 (o) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of
 21 the Legislature and the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of

22 the Legislature, both of whom are nonvoting, ex officio members;

23 (p) One representative of an insurer, as defined in section 44-103,

24 who offers at least one health insurance plan as defined in section

25 81-6,125; and

26 (q) One individual with experience in the electronic exchange of

27 sensitive information.

28 (3) Except for members designated in subdivisions (2)(a) and (o) of

29 this section:

30 (a) A minimum of three members shall be appointed from each

31 congressional district;

1 (b) Each member shall be appointed for a five-year term ~~beginning on~~

2 ~~April 1, 2021,~~ and may serve for any number of such terms; ~~and~~

3 ~~(e) Any member appointed prior to April 1, 2021, shall begin to~~

4 ~~serve immediately upon appointment and continue serving for the term~~

5 ~~beginning on April 1, 2021; and~~

6 ~~(c)(d)~~ Any vacancy in membership, other than by expiration of a

7 term, shall be filled within ninety days by the Governor by appointment

8 for the vacant position as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

9 (4) If, after appointment, the classification of a member's

10 credential changes or a member's credential classification is terminated

11 and if such credential was a qualification for appointment, the member

12 shall be permitted to continue to serve as a member of the board until

13 the expiration of the term for which appointed unless the member loses

14 the credential due to disciplinary action.

15 (5) The members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary

16 expenses incurred in serving on the board as provided in section 71-2455.

17 (6) A simple majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the

18 transaction of all business.

19 Sec. 4. Section 81-6,128, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

20 amended to read:

21 81-6,128 (1) The Health Information Technology Board shall:

22 (a) Establish criteria for data collection and disbursement by the

23 statewide health information exchange described in section 71-2455 and

24 the prescription drug monitoring program created under section 71-2454 to

25 improve the quality of information provided to clinicians. Such data

26 shall not include proprietary or confidential financial information

27 maintained by a health care provider or health care entity;

28 (b) Establish the framework and standards necessary to ensure the

29 secure and seamless exchange of health information in real-time between

30 health care providers and health care entities through the statewide

31 health information exchange;

1 ~~(c)(b)~~ Evaluate and ensure that the statewide health information

2 exchange is meeting technological standards for reporting of data for the

3 prescription drug monitoring program, including the data to be collected

4 and reported and the frequency of data collection and disbursement;

5 ~~(d)(e)~~ Provide the governance oversight necessary to ensure that any

6 health information in the statewide health information exchange and the

7 prescription drug monitoring program may be accessed, used, or disclosed

8 only in accordance with the privacy and security protections set forth in

9 the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,

10 Public Law 104-191, and regulations promulgated thereunder. All protected

11 health information is privileged, is not a public record, and may be

12 withheld from the public pursuant to section 84-712.05; and

13 ~~(c)(d)~~ Provide recommendations to the statewide health information

14 exchange on any other matters referred to the board.

15 (2) The board shall adopt ~~and promulgate rules and~~

16 ~~regulations policies and procedures~~ necessary to carry out the Population

17 Health Information Act's duties.

18 (3) The authority of the board to direct the use or release of data

19 under this section or section 71-2454 shall apply only to requests

20 submitted to the board after September 1, 2021.

21 (4) The board may hold meetings by telecommunication or electronic
22 communication subject to the Open Meetings Act. Any official action or
23 vote of the members of the board shall be preserved in the records of the
24 board.

25 (5) By November 15, 2021, and November 15 of each year thereafter,
26 the board shall develop and submit an annual report to the Governor and
27 the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature regarding
28 considerations undertaken, decisions made, accomplishments, and other
29 relevant information. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be
30 submitted electronically.

31 Sec. 5. Original sections 81-6,123, 81-6,125, 81-6,127, and
1 81-6,128, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1063. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1955](#)

1 1. On page 14, lines 15, 17, and 31; and page 15, lines 1, 3, 5, 10,
2 and 17, after "person" insert "in control".

3 2. On page 15, line 9, after the first occurrence of "person" insert

4 "in control".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to [LB1139](#):

[AM2396](#)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 2. Section 43-1409, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 43-1409 (1) The signing of a notarized acknowledgment, whether under
5 section 43-1408.01 or otherwise, by the alleged father shall create a
6 rebuttable presumption of paternity as against the alleged father.

7 (2) The signed, notarized acknowledgment is subject to the right of
8 any signatory to rescind the acknowledgment within the earlier of (a)(1)
9 sixty days or (b)(2) the date of an administrative or judicial proceeding
10 relating to the child, including a proceeding to establish a support
11 order in which the signatory is a party.

12 (3)(a) After the rescission period, a signed, notarized
13 acknowledgment is considered a legal finding of paternity. Such legal
14 finding of paternity which may be challenged and set aside only:

15 (i) ~~On~~ on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact;
16 or

17 (ii) By a person who has reason to believe he is the biological
18 father of the child, on the basis of a scientifically reliable genetic
19 test that establishes that the acknowledged father is not the biological
20 father of the child. Such test shall be performed by a laboratory
21 accredited by the College of American Pathologists or any other national
22 accrediting body or public agency which has requirements that are
23 substantially equivalent to or more comprehensive than those of the
24 college.

25 (b) In a challenge under this subsection, with the burden of proof
26 shall be upon the challenger, and the legal responsibilities, including
27 the child support obligation, of any signatory arising from the
1 acknowledgment shall not be suspended during the challenge, except for
2 good cause shown.

3 (4) Such a signed and notarized acknowledgment or a certified copy
4 or certified reproduction thereof shall be admissible in evidence in any

5 proceeding to establish support.

6 (5) The changes made to this section by this legislative bill apply
 7 to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on the
 8 effective date of this act and to cases filed on or after such date.

9 Sec. 3. Section 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 10 amended to read:

11 43-1412.01 (1) An individual may file a complaint for relief and the
 12 court may set aside a final judgment, court order, administrative order,
 13 obligation to pay child support, or any other legal determination of
 14 paternity if a scientifically reliable genetic test performed in
 15 accordance with sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 establishes the exclusion of
 16 the individual named as a father in the legal determination. The court
 17 shall appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interest of the child.
 18 The filing party shall pay the costs of such test.

19 (2) A court that sets aside a determination of paternity in
 20 accordance with this section shall order completion of a new birth record
 21 and may order any other appropriate relief, including setting aside an
 22 obligation to pay child support.

23 (3) No support order may be retroactively modified, but may be
 24 modified with respect to any period during which there is a pending
 25 complaint for relief from a determination of paternity under this
 26 section, but only from the date that notice of the complaint was served
 27 on the nonfiling party.

28 (4) A court shall not grant relief from determination of paternity
 29 if the individual named as father:

30 (a) Completed ~~(1) completed~~ a notarized acknowledgment of paternity
 31 pursuant to section 43-1408.01, unless such acknowledgement has been set
 1 aside under subsection (3) of section 43-1409;

2 (b) Adopted ~~(2) adopted~~ the child; or

3 (c) Knew ~~(3) knew~~ that the child was conceived through artificial
 4 insemination.

5 (5) The changes made to this section by this legislative bill apply
 6 to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on the
 7 effective date of this act and to cases filed on or after such date.

8 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 9 accordingly.

Senator Lonowski filed the following amendment to LB596:

AM2405

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2282)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 10. Section 72-728, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 3 amended to read:

4 72-728 (1) This subsection shall not apply to subsections (2) and
 5 (3) of this section. The ~~Except as provided in subsection (2) of this~~
 6 ~~section,~~ the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission shall not name more than
 7 one person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during each five-year period
 8 beginning on and after January 1, 2005. During the first two years of
 9 each five-year period, the commission shall receive nominations of
 10 candidates to be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. The commission shall
 11 review the nominations and may select the finalists for induction. During
 12 the subsequent two years of each five-year period, the commission shall
 13 review the finalists, if any, and shall hold public hearings regarding
 14 the finalists in each of the congressional districts. After the hearings,
 15 the commission may select one finalist for induction. If a finalist is
 16 selected for induction, the commission shall name him or her to the
 17 Nebraska Hall of Fame during the final year of each five-year period. No
 18 individual shall be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame until at least
 19 thirty-five years after such person's demise.

20 (2) ~~The~~ Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by subsection (1) of

21 ~~this section~~, the commission shall procure an appropriate plaque upon
 22 which shall be placed the names of each Nebraskan awarded the Medal of
 23 Honor as a result of such person's services in the armed forces of the
 24 United States. Such plaque shall have sufficient space for listing the
 25 names of persons who shall be awarded the Medal of Honor in the future.
 26 The plaque shall have a suitable place in the State Capitol.
 1 (3) Prior to January 1, 2027, the commission shall name one living
 2 person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Such person shall:
 3 (a) Be a prior member of the United States House of Representatives;
 4 (b) Be a former head coach of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 5 football team;
 6 (c) Have served as Athletic Director of the University of Nebraska-
 7 Lincoln; and
 8 (d) Have attended Hastings High School.
 9 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 10 accordingly.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB972](#):
[AM2258](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2260)

1 1. On page 47, line 20, strike "four" and insert "three"; and in
 2 line 24 strike "red."
 3 2. On page 51, after line 9 insert the following new subdivision:
 4 "(17) Scarlet and Cream License Plates. The department shall design
 5 such license plates so that (a) a scarlet-colored background covers the
 6 entire front of the license plates and (b) the license plate designations
 7 use cream-colored characters. The designated recipient for alternate
 8 license plate fees for Scarlet and Cream License Plates is the Department
 9 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. A person may apply for Scarlet and Cream
 10 License Plates beginning on January 1, 2027."; in line 10 strike "(17)"
 11 and insert "(18)"; in line 15 strike "(18)(a)" and insert "(19)(a)"; and
 12 in line 31 strike "(19)" and insert "(20)".
 13 3. On page 52, line 7, strike "(20)" and insert "(21)"; and in line
 14 19 strike "(21)" and insert "(22)".

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to [LB1124](#):
[AM2395](#)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Section 1. Section 71-3801, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 3 amended to read:
 4 71-3801 Sections 71-3801 to 71-3815 and section 2 of this act shall
 5 be known and may be cited as the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.
 6 Sec. 2. (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, an excise tax shall be
 7 levied on the retail sale of kratom products to consumers. The tax shall
 8 be at a rate of ten percent of the retail purchase price.
 9 (2) The excise tax imposed by this section shall be in addition to
 10 all other occupation, privilege sales, or use taxes imposed by this state
 11 or by any political subdivision of the state.
 12 (3) Each retailer of kratom products shall maintain complete and
 13 accurate electronic records of sales of kratom products, in the manner
 14 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Each such retailer shall provide
 15 such records to the department upon request.
 16 (4)(a) Each retailer of kratom products shall file a return with the
 17 department by the twentieth day of the month following the month reported
 18 and with the report shall remit the amount of excise tax due.
 19 (b) The return, which shall be upon forms prescribed and furnished
 20 by the department, shall contain, among other things, the total amount of
 21 kratom products sold or transferred during the preceding month and the
 22 amount of tax due thereon.

23 (c) The department may require retailers to file tax returns
 24 electronically and to remit payments due by electronic funds transfers.
 25 (5) The department shall collect the excise tax and shall account
 26 for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each month all money
 27 collected pursuant to such tax for credit to the General Fund.

1 Sec. 3. Section 71-3809, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 2 amended to read:

3 71-3809 (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or
 4 distribute an adulterated kratom product in the State of Nebraska.

5 (2) A product shall be deemed adulterated if:

6 (a) It contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite, including
 7 7-hydroxymitragynine, and does not meet the definition of a kratom
 8 product under section 71-3802; or

9 (b) The kratom product is combined with a dangerous nonkratom
 10 substance that contains a poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom
 11 ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed as a
 12 controlled substance under the laws of this state or federal law.

13 ~~(3) If the department has a reasonable belief that upon receipt of~~
 14 ~~evidence that suggests a product may be an adulterated kratom product,~~
 15 ~~the department may require the person selling, providing, or distributing~~
 16 ~~the product to obtain an independent third-party test of the product by a~~
 17 ~~laboratory of the department's choosing. A person shall not sell,~~
 18 ~~provide, or distribute any product undergoing such testing until the test~~
 19 ~~results verify that such product is not adulterated.~~

20 Sec. 4. Section 71-3810, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 21 amended to read:

22 71-3810 (1) Any processor or retailer that violates any section of
 23 the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, including those related to the
 24 application or registration, or any of the rules and regulations adopted
 25 and promulgated by the department that apply to processors or kratom
 26 products shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section.

27 (2) For the first violation, the department shall impose a civil
 28 penalty of up to one thousand dollars. For the second violation, the
 29 department shall impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars.
 30 For a third violation and any subsequent violations, the department shall
 31 impose a civil penalty of at least five thousand dollars and no more than
 1 twenty thousand dollars and, if the violator is a processor, the
 2 department shall prohibit the sale of any kratom products of such
 3 processor within the State of Nebraska for a period of three years.

4 ~~(3) If a processor violates the Kratom Consumer Protection Act by~~
 5 ~~selling, offering for sale, providing, or distributing an adulterated~~
 6 ~~kratom product in the State of Nebraska, the department shall remove any~~
 7 ~~product found to be adulterated from the list of registered kratom~~
 8 ~~products on the department's website.~~

9 ~~(4)(3) For any processor or retailer that has no violation for a~~
 10 ~~period of four consecutive years, a new violation shall be treated as a~~
 11 ~~first violation.~~

12 ~~(5)(4) No determination that a violation has occurred shall be made~~
 13 ~~until notice has been given and a hearing has been held by the Tax~~
 14 ~~Commissioner as provided in section 71-3811 if requested by the processor~~
 15 ~~or retailer.~~

16 ~~(6)(5) A retailer shall not be found to be in violation of the~~
 17 ~~Kratom Consumer Protection Act if it is shown by a preponderance of the~~
 18 ~~evidence that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representation~~
 19 ~~of a processor that a product is not an adulterated kratom product as~~
 20 ~~defined in section 71-3809 or otherwise conformed to the act.~~

21 Sec. 5. Section 71-3812, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 22 amended to read:

23 71-3812 (1) The Attorney General shall have authority to enforce the
 24 Kratom Consumer Protection Act pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act

25 and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This section shall not be
 26 construed to allow for a private right of action under the Kratom
 27 Consumer Protection Act even though such action is authorized under the
 28 Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
 29 (2) If a kratom product is found to be adulterated under section
 30 71-3809 with ingredients not reflected on the label of the product, such
 31 violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act is also prima facie
 1 evidence of a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.
 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 3 accordingly.
 4 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 5 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
 6 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB985:
AM2424

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2117)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
 2 insert the following new sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 30-2201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 4 2024, is amended to read:
 5 30-2201 Sections 30-401 to 30-406, 30-701 to 30-713, 30-2201 to
 6 30-2902, 30-3901 to 30-3923, 30-4001 to 30-4045, ~~and~~ 30-4201 to 30-4210
 7 and section 7 of this act and the Public Guardianship Act shall be known
 8 and may be cited as the Nebraska Probate Code.
 9 Sec. 2. Section 30-2619, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 10 amended to read:
 11 30-2619 (a) The person alleged to be incapacitated or any person
 12 interested in his or her welfare may petition for a finding of incapacity
 13 and appointment of a guardian or a standby guardian. The petition shall
 14 be verified and shall contain specific allegations with regard to each of
 15 the areas as provided under section 30-2619.01 in which the petitioner
 16 claims that the person alleged to be incapacitated lacks sufficient
 17 understanding to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning his
 18 or her own person. An interested person may file a motion to make more
 19 definite and certain requesting a specific description of the functional
 20 limitations and physical and mental condition of the person alleged to be
 21 incapacitated with the specific reasons prompting the request for
 22 guardianship.
 23 (b) Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall set a date for
 24 hearing on the issues of incapacity and unless the person alleged to be
 25 incapacitated has retained counsel of his or her own choice or has
 26 otherwise indicated a desire for an attorney of his or her own choice,
 1 the court may appoint an attorney to represent him or her in the
 2 proceeding. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem as provided in
 3 sections 30-4201 to 30-4210 to advocate for the best interests of the
 4 person alleged to be incapacitated.
 5 (c) The person alleged to be incapacitated may be examined by a
 6 physician appointed by the court. The physician shall submit his or her
 7 report in writing to the court and may be interviewed by a visitor, if so
 8 appointed pursuant to sections 30-2619.01 and 30-2624, sent by the court.
 9 (d) The person alleged to be incapacitated is entitled to be present
 10 at the hearing virtually or in person and to see and hear all evidence
 11 bearing upon his or her condition. He or she is entitled to be present by
 12 counsel, to compel the attendance of witnesses, to present evidence, to
 13 cross-examine witnesses, including the court-appointed physician and the
 14 visitor appointed by the court pursuant to sections 30-2619.01 and
 15 30-2624, and to appeal any final orders or judgments. The issue may be
 16 determined at a closed hearing only if the person alleged to be
 17 incapacitated or his or her counsel so requests.

18 (e) At any hearing conducted under this section, the court may
19 designate one or more standby guardians of the person whose appointment
20 will become effective immediately upon the death, unwillingness or
21 inability to act, resignation, or removal by the court of the initially
22 appointed guardian and upon compliance with any rules promulgated by the
23 Supreme Court. The standby guardian shall have the same powers and duties
24 as the initially appointed guardian. The standby guardian shall receive a
25 copy of the order establishing or modifying the initial guardianship and
26 the order designating the standby guardian. Upon assuming office, the
27 standby guardian shall so notify the court in writing. Upon notification
28 and upon compliance with any rules promulgated by the Supreme Court, the
29 court shall issue new letters of guardianship that specify that the
30 standby guardianship appointment is permanent. A standby guardian shall
31 complete the training required by section 30-2601.01 at the time or times
1 required by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court or as otherwise
2 provided by order of the county court.

3 (f) The Public Guardian shall not be appointed as a standby
4 guardian.

5 Sec. 3. Section 30-2623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 30-2623 (a) On petition of the ward or any person interested in the
8 ward'shis welfare, the court may remove a guardian and appoint a
9 successor if in the best interests of the ward. On petition of the
10 guardian, the court may accept the guardian'shis resignation and make any
11 other order which may be appropriate.

12 (b) An order adjudicating incapacity may specify a minimum period,
13 not exceeding one year, during which no petition for an adjudication that
14 the ward is no longer incapacitated may be filed without special leave.
15 Subject to this restriction, the ward or any person interested in the
16 ward'shis welfare may petition for an order that the wardhe is no longer
17 incapacitated, and for removal or resignation of the guardian. A request
18 for this order may be made by informal letter to the court or judge and
19 any person who knowingly interferes with transmission of this kind of
20 request to the court or judge may be adjudged guilty of contempt of
21 court.

22 (c) Before removing a guardian, accepting the resignation of a
23 guardian, or ordering that a ward's incapacity has terminated, the court,
24 following the same procedures to safeguard the rights of the ward as
25 apply to a petition for appointment of a guardian, may send a visitor to
26 the residence of the present guardian and to the place where the ward
27 resides or is detained, to observe conditions and report in writing to
28 the court.

29 Sec. 4. Section 30-2628, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
30 amended to read:

31 30-2628 (a) Except as limited by section 30-2620, a guardian of an
1 incapacitated person has the same powers, rights, and duties respecting
2 the guardian's ward that a parent has respecting the parent's
3 unemancipated minor child, except that a guardian is not liable to third
4 persons for acts of the ward solely by reason of the parental
5 relationship. In particular, and without qualifying the foregoing, a
6 guardian has the following powers and duties, except as may be specified
7 by order of the court:

8 (1) To the extent that it is consistent with the terms of any order
9 by a court of competent jurisdiction relating to detention or commitment
10 of the ward, a guardian is entitled to custody of the person of his or
11 her ward and may establish the ward's place of abode within this state
12 or, with court permission, outside of this state. When establishing the
13 ward's place of abode, a guardian shall make every reasonable effort to
14 ensure that the placement is the least restrictive alternative. A
15 guardian shall authorize a placement to a more restrictive environment

16 only after careful evaluation of the need for such placement. The
17 guardian may obtain a professional evaluation or assessment that such
18 placement is in the best interest of the ward.

19 (2) If entitled to custody of his or her ward, a guardian shall make
20 provision for the care, comfort, and maintenance of his or her ward and,
21 whenever appropriate, arrange for the ward's training and education.
22 Without regard to custodial rights of the ward's person, a guardian shall
23 take reasonable care of his or her ward's clothing, furniture, vehicles,
24 and other personal effects and commence protective proceedings if other
25 property of his or her ward is in need of protection.

26 (3) A guardian may give any consents or approvals that may be
27 necessary to enable the ward to receive medical, psychiatric,
28 psychological, or other professional care, counsel, treatment, or
29 service. When making such medical or psychiatric decisions, the guardian
30 shall consider and carry out the intent of the ward expressed prior to
31 incompetency to the extent allowable by law. Notwithstanding this
1 provision or any other provision of the Nebraska Probate Code, the ward
2 may authorize the release of financial, medical, and other confidential
3 records pursuant to sections 20-161 to 20-166.

4 (4) If no conservator for the estate of the ward has been appointed,
5 a guardian shall, within thirty days after appointment, prepare and file
6 with the appointing court a complete inventory of the ward's estate
7 together with the guardian's oath or affirmation that the inventory is
8 complete and accurate so far as the guardian is informed. The guardian
9 shall mail a copy thereof by first-class mail to the ward, if the ward
10 can be located and has attained the age of fourteen years, and to all
11 other interested persons as defined in section 30-2601. The guardian
12 shall file with the court a certificate of mailing showing that copies
13 were sent to all interested persons by first-class mail along with a form
14 to send back to the court that indicates if such person wants to continue
15 receiving notifications about the proceedings. The guardian shall keep
16 suitable records of the guardian's administration and exhibit the same on
17 request of any interested person. To the extent a guardian, who has not
18 been named a conservator, has possession or control of the ward's estate,
19 the guardian shall file with the court an updated inventory every year
20 along with a certificate of mailing showing that copies were sent to all
21 interested persons and, if a bond has been required, to the bonding
22 company by first-class mail.

23 (5) If no conservator for the estate of the ward has been appointed,
24 a guardian may:

25 (i) Institute proceedings to compel any person under a duty to
26 support the ward or to pay sums for the welfare of the ward to perform
27 such person's duty;

28 (ii) Receive money and tangible property deliverable to the ward and
29 apply the money and property for support, care, and education of the
30 ward; but a guardian may not use funds from his or her ward's estate for
31 room and board which the guardian or the guardian's spouse, parent, or
1 child has furnished the ward unless a charge for the service is approved
2 by order of the court made upon notice to at least one of the next of kin
3 of the ward, if notice is possible. A guardian must exercise care to
4 conserve any excess for the ward's needs; and

5 (iii) Exercise a settlor's powers with respect to revocation,
6 amendment, or distribution of trust property when authorized by a court
7 acting under the authority of subsection (f) of section 30-3854. In
8 acting under the authority of subsection (f) of section 30-3854, the
9 court shall proceed in the same manner as provided under subdivision (3)
10 of section 30-2637.

11 (6) A guardian is required to report the condition of his or her
12 ward and of the estate which has been subject to the guardian's
13 possession or control, at least every year and as required by the court

14 or court rule. The court shall receive from any interested person, for a
15 period of thirty days after the filing of the guardian's report, any
16 comments with regard to the need for continued guardianship or amendment
17 of the guardianship order. If the court has reason to believe that
18 additional rights should be returned to the ward or assigned to the
19 guardian, the court shall set a date for a hearing and may provide all
20 protections as set forth for the original finding of incapacity and
21 appointment of a guardian.

22 (7) If a conservator has been appointed, all of the ward's estate
23 received by the guardian in excess of those funds expended to meet
24 current expenses for support, care, and education of the ward must be
25 paid to the conservator for management as provided in the Nebraska
26 Probate Code, and the guardian must account to the conservator for funds
27 expended.

28 (b) Any guardian of one for whom a conservator also has been
29 appointed shall control the custody and care of the ward and is entitled
30 to receive reasonable sums for the guardian's services and for room and
31 board furnished to the ward as agreed upon between the guardian and the
1 conservator if the amounts agreed upon are reasonable under the
2 circumstances. The guardian may request the conservator to expend the
3 ward's estate by payment to third persons or institutions for the ward's
4 care and maintenance.

5 (c) Nothing in subdivision (a)(3) of this section or in any other
6 part of this section shall be construed to alter the decisionmaking
7 authority of an attorney in fact designated and authorized under sections
8 30-3401 to 30-3432 to make health care decisions pursuant to a power of
9 attorney for health care.

10 (d) A guardian shall monitor the ward and his or her care.
11 Monitoring shall, at a minimum, consist of quarterly personal contact
12 with the ward. The guardian shall maintain a written record of each
13 visit. Personal contact may be in person or virtually if such contact
14 allows the guardian to assess the ward and his or her care. If a guardian
15 is unable to contact a ward, the guardian shall provide the court
16 documentation of the attempts to contact the ward made by the guardian.
17 The requirements of this subsection may be modified or waived by the
18 court upon a request by the guardian.

19 (e) A guardian shall make all reasonable efforts to provide the ward
20 the ability to attend all hearings relating to his or her guardianship in
21 person or virtually.

22 (f) A guardian shall not accept an appointment for a permanent
23 guardianship of an individual if the guardian serves as a permanent
24 guardian or conservator for twenty or more individuals. Temporary
25 guardianships or conservatorships shall not count toward such limit.
26 Sec. 5. Section 30-2636, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 30-2636 (a) Upon receipt of a petition for appointment of a
29 conservator or other protective order because of minority, the court
30 shall set a date for hearing on the matters alleged in the petition. If,
31 at any time in the proceeding, the court determines that the interests of
1 the minor are or may be inadequately represented, the court may appoint
2 an attorney to represent the minor, giving consideration to the choice of
3 the minor if he or she is fourteen years of age or older. A lawyer
4 appointed by the court to represent a minor as provided in sections
5 30-4201 to 30-4210 has the powers and duties of a guardian ad litem.

6 (b) Upon receipt of a petition for appointment of a conservator or
7 other protective order for reasons other than minority, the court shall
8 set a date for hearing. Unless the person to be protected has counsel of
9 his or her own choice, the court may appoint an attorney to represent him
10 or her in the proceeding. The court may appoint a guardian ad litem as
11 provided in sections 30-4201 to 30-4210 to advocate for the best

12 interests of the person to be protected. If the alleged disability is
 13 mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability,
 14 chronic use of drugs, or chronic intoxication, the court may direct that
 15 the person to be protected be examined by a physician designated by the
 16 court, preferably a physician who is not connected with any institution
 17 in which the person is a patient or is detained. The court may send a
 18 visitor to interview the person to be protected. The visitor may be a
 19 guardian ad litem or an officer or employee of the court.

20 (c) The minor or person to be protected under subsections (a) and
 21 (b) of this section shall have the right to attend each court hearing
 22 virtually or in person.

23 (d)(e) After hearing, upon finding that clear and convincing
 24 evidence exists for the appointment of a conservator or other protective
 25 order, the court shall make an appointment or other appropriate
 26 protective order.

27 Sec. 6. Section 30-2655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 28 amended to read:

29 30-2655 (a) The court may, at the time of appointment or later,
 30 limit the powers of a conservator otherwise conferred by sections 30-2653
 31 and 30-2654, or previously conferred by the court, and may at any time
 1 relieve the conservator of any limitation. If the court limits any power
 2 conferred on the conservator by section 30-2653 or 30-2654, the
 3 limitation shall be endorsed upon the conservator's letters of
 4 appointment.

5 (b) A conservator shall not change a protected person's place of
 6 abode to a location outside of the State of Nebraska without court
 7 permission.

8 (c) A conservator shall not accept an appointment for a
 9 conservatorship of an individual if the conservator serves as a permanent
 10 guardian or conservator for twenty or more individuals. Temporary
 11 conservatorships or guardianships shall not count toward such limit.

12 (d) The limitation described in subsection (c) of this section shall
 13 not apply to a corporate entity serving as a conservator.

14 Sec. 7. In any judicial proceeding involving the appointment of a
 15 guardian or a conservator, the administration of a guardianship or
 16 conservatorship, or an accounting for a guardianship or a
 17 conservatorship, the court, as justice and equity may require, may award
 18 costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, to any party,
 19 to be paid by another party or from the trust that is the subject of the
 20 controversy.

21 Sec. 8. Original sections 30-2619, 30-2623, 30-2628, 30-2636, and
 22 30-2655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 30-2201,
 23 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB847:
AM2161

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2141)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 33. Section 81-12,158, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 3 amended to read:

4 81-12,158 (1) The department shall establish a financial assistance
 5 program to provide financial assistance to businesses that employ no more
 6 than five hundred employees or to individuals for the purposes of
 7 creating a prototype of a product stemming from research and development
 8 at a business operating in Nebraska or a public or private college or
 9 university in Nebraska.

10 (2)(a) Until three months after April 20, 2022, funds shall be
 11 matched by nonstate funds equivalent in money equal to fifty percent of
 12 the funds requested; and

13 (b) Beginning three months after April 20, 2022, funds shall be

14 matched by nonstate funds equivalent in money equal to:
 15 (i) Twenty-five percent of the funds requested if the applicant's
 16 principal residence or principal place of business is located in an
 17 economic redevelopment area within a city of the metropolitan class; or
 18 (ii) Fifty percent of the funds requested for any other applicant.
 19 (3) Matching funds may be from any nonstate source, including
 20 private foundations, federal or local government sources, quasi-
 21 governmental entities, or commercial lending institutions, or any other
 22 funds whose source does not include funds appropriated by the
 23 Legislature.
 24 (4) The amount the department may provide shall not exceed one
 25 hundred fifty thousand dollars per project.
 26 (5) A business or individual applying for financial assistance under
 1 this section shall include a business plan that includes a proof-of-
 2 concept demonstration.
 3 (6) Financial assistance under this section shall be expended within
 4 twenty-four months after the date of the awarding decision.
 5 (7) The department shall award at least four million dollars per
 6 year and may award up to six million dollars per year for financial
 7 assistance under this section.
 8 Sec. 34. Section 81-12,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 9 amended to read:
 10 81-12,160 (1) The department shall establish a financial assistance
 11 program to provide financial assistance to businesses operating in
 12 Nebraska that employ no more than five hundred employees or to
 13 individuals that have a prototype of a product or process for the
 14 purposes of commercializing such product or process. The applicant shall
 15 submit a feasibility study stating the potential sales and profit
 16 projections for the product or process.
 17 (2) The department shall create a program with the following
 18 provisions to support commercialization of a product or process:
 19 (a) Commercialization infrastructure documentation, including market
 20 assessments and start-up strategic planning;
 21 (b) Promotion, marketing, advertising, and consulting;
 22 (c) Management and business planning support;
 23 (d) Linking companies and entrepreneurs to mentors;
 24 (e) Preparing companies and entrepreneurs to acquire venture
 25 capital; and
 26 (f) Linking companies to sources of capital.
 27 (3) Funds shall be matched by nonstate funds equal to fifty percent
 28 of the funds requested. Matching funds may be from any nonstate source,
 29 including private foundations, federal or local government sources,
 30 quasi-governmental entities, or commercial lending institutions, or any
 31 other funds whose source does not include funds appropriated by the
 1 Legislature.
 2 (4) The department shall not provide more than five hundred thousand
 3 dollars to any one project. Each year the department shall award at least
 4 four million dollars and may award up to six million dollars under this
 5 section.
 6 (5) Financial assistance provided under this section shall be
 7 expended within twenty-four months after the date of the awarding
 8 decision.
 9 (6) To carry out this section, the department shall contract with
 10 one statewide venture development organization that is incorporated in
 11 the State of Nebraska and exempt for federal tax purposes under section
 12 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 13 Sec. 35. Section 81-12,163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 14 amended to read:
 15 81-12,163 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
 16 fifteen million dollars to the department for fiscal year 2026-27 and

17 each fiscal year thereafter for purposes of carrying out the Business
 18 Innovation Act.

19 ~~(2)(4)~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that (a) the four million
 20 dollars saved due to the elimination of funding for the Angel Investment
 21 Tax Credit Act be used to increase the appropriation to the department
 22 for the Business Innovation Act by four million dollars for fiscal year
 23 2021-22 and each fiscal year thereafter and (b) the one hundred thousand
 24 dollars saved due to the reduction in tax credits authorized under the
 25 Angel Investment Tax Credit Act for calendar year 2019 be used to
 26 increase the appropriation to the Department of Revenue by one hundred
 27 thousand dollars for fiscal year 2019-20 to offset the costs incurred by
 28 the Department of Revenue to implement Laws 2019, LB334.

29 ~~(3)(2)~~ Up to five percent of the funds appropriated for the Business
 30 Innovation Act may be used by the department, or by a nonprofit entity
 31 with which the department contracts, for administrative expenses.

1 Sec. 37. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
 2 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 39,
 3 and 40 of this act become operative three calendar months after the
 4 adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act
 5 become operative on their effective date.

6 Sec. 38. Original sections 81-12,158, 81-12,160, and 81-12,163,

7 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

8 Sec. 41. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 9 passed and approved according to law.

10 2. On page 40, strike beginning with "The" in line 8 through the
 11 period in line 9 and show as stricken.

12 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Clouse filed the following amendment to LB1235:

AM2354

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2178)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 53-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 3 amended to read:

4 53-101 Sections 53-101 to 53-1,122 and sections 6 to 8 and 11 of
 5 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Liquor Control
 6 Act.

7 Sec. 2. Section 53-103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 8 2024, is amended to read:

9 53-103 For purposes of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the
 10 definitions found in sections 53-103.01 to 53-103.52 and sections 6 to 8
 11 of this act apply.

12 Sec. 3. Section 53-103.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 13 amended to read:

14 53-103.02 (1) Alcoholic liquor includes alcohol, spirits, wine,
 15 beer, and any liquid or solid, patented or not, containing one-half of
 16 one percent or more alcohol by volume alcohol, spirits, wine, or beer and
 17 capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being. Alcoholic
 18 liquor also includes confections or candy that contains more than one-
 19 half of one percent alcohol.

20 (2) The Nebraska Liquor Control Act does not apply to (a) alcohol
 21 used in the manufacture of denatured alcohol produced in accordance with
 22 acts of Congress and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such
 23 acts, (b) flavoring extracts, syrups, medicinal, mechanical, scientific,
 24 culinary, or toilet preparations, or food products unfit for beverage
 25 purposes, but the act applies to alcoholic liquor used in the

26 manufacture, preparation, or compounding of such products or confections
 1 or candy that contains more than one-half of one percent alcohol, ~~or~~ (c)

2 wine intended for use and used by any church or religious organization

3 for sacramental purposes, or (d) nonalcoholic beer, nonalcoholic wine, or

4 nonalcoholic spirits, except as provided in section 11 of this act and
 5 section 53-174.

6 Sec. 4. Section 53-103.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 7 amended to read:

8 53-103.03 (1) Beer means a beverage obtained by alcoholic
 9 fermentation of an infusion or concoction of barley or other grain, malt,
 10 and hops in water and includes, but is not limited to, beer, ale, stout,
 11 lager beer, porter, ~~near-beer~~, flavored malt beverage, and hard cider.
 12 (2) Beer does not include nonalcoholic beer.

13 Sec. 5. Section 53-103.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 14 amended to read:

15 53-103.24 ~~Nonalcoholic beer~~ ~~Near-beer~~ means any beverage that:
 16 (1) Contains alcohol obtained by alcoholic fermentation of an
 17 infusion or concoction of barley or other grain, malt, and hops in water;

18 (2) Is intended to be marketed or sold as any nonalcoholic: Beer,
 19 ale, stout, lager beer, porter, malt beverage, or cider; and

20 (3) Contains at least a trace amount of alcohol but ~~beer containing~~
 21 less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume.

22 Sec. 6. Nonalcoholic drink means any nonalcoholic beer,
 23 nonalcoholic spirits, or nonalcoholic wine.

24 Sec. 7. Nonalcoholic spirits means any beverage that:

25 (1) Contains alcohol obtained by distillation, mixed with water or
 26 other substance in solution;

27 (2) Is intended to be marketed or sold as any nonalcoholic spirit or
 28 liquor, including, but not limited to, brandy, rum, whiskey, or gin; and

29 (3) Contains at least a trace amount of alcohol but less than one-
 30 half of one percent of alcohol by volume.

31 Sec. 8. Nonalcoholic wine means any beverage that:

1 (1) Contains alcohol obtained by the fermentation of the natural
 2 contents of fruits or vegetables, containing sugar, including such
 3 beverages when fortified by the addition of alcohol or spirits;

4 (2) Is intended to be marketed or sold as any nonalcoholic wine; and

5 (3) Contains at least a trace amount of alcohol but less than one-
 6 half of one percent of alcohol by volume.

7 Sec. 9. Section 53-103.38, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 8 amended to read:

9 53-103.38 Spirits means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained
 10 by distillation, mixed with water or other substance in solution. Spirits
 11 includes brandy, rum, whiskey, gin, or other spirituous liquors and such
 12 liquors when rectified, blended, or otherwise mixed with alcohol or other
 13 substances. Spirits does not include flavored malt beverages or
 14 nonalcoholic spirits.

15 Sec. 10. Section 53-103.42, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 16 amended to read:

17 53-103.42 Wine means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the
 18 fermentation of the natural contents of fruits or vegetables, containing
 19 sugar, including such beverages when fortified by the addition of alcohol
 20 or spirits. Wine does not include nonalcoholic wine.

21 Sec. 11. No person shall sell, furnish, give away, exchange, or
 22 deliver, or permit the sale, gift, or procuring of, any nonalcoholic
 23 drink to any minor. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this
 24 section is guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

25 Sec. 15. Section 53-174, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 26 2024, is amended to read:

27 53-174 (1) For purposes of this section:

28 (a) Co-branded alcoholic beverage means an alcoholic liquor beverage
 29 containing the same or similar brand name, logo, or packaging as a
 30 ~~nonalcoholic~~ beverage containing no alcohol;

31 (b) Immediately adjacent means directly touching or immediately
 1 bordering one another from above, below, or the side. Immediately

2 adjacent does not include a separate aisle; ~~and~~
3 (c) Nonalcoholic drink has the same meaning as in section 6 of this
4 act; and
5 (d)(~~e~~) Retail sales floor means the part of a retailer's premises
6 that contains goods on display that are freely accessible to the
7 consumer.
8 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the holder
9 of a retail license to sell alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine at retail for
10 consumption off the licensed premises with a retail sales floor that is
11 larger than two thousand five hundred square feet shall not display any
12 co-branded alcoholic beverage or nonalcoholic drink immediately adjacent
13 to any soft drink, fruit juice, bottled water, candy, or snack food
14 portraying cartoons or youth-oriented images.
15 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the holder
16 of a retail license to sell alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine at retail for
17 consumption off the licensed premises with a retail sales floor that is
18 two thousand five hundred square feet or smaller shall either:
19 (a) Not place any co-branded alcoholic beverage or nonalcoholic
20 drink immediately adjacent to any soft drink, fruit juice, bottled water,
21 candy, or snack food portraying cartoons or youth-oriented images; or
22 (b) Equip any such display containing any co-branded alcoholic
23 beverage or nonalcoholic drink immediately adjacent to any soft drink,
24 fruit juice, bottled water, candy, or snack food portraying cartoons or
25 youth-oriented images with signage that indicates the product is an
26 alcoholic beverage or may contain alcohol. Such signage shall be clearly
27 visible to consumers, shall be not less than eight and one-half by eleven
28 inches in size, and shall contain language substantially similar to:
29 "This product is an alcoholic beverage or may contain alcohol and is
30 available only to persons who are twenty-one years of age or older."
31 (4) This section does not apply to a shelf, aisle, display, or
1 display area in which the primary items for sale contain alcoholic liquor
2 or in an area in which persons younger than twenty-one years of age are
3 prohibited from entering without a parent or legal guardian.
4 (5) The commission may cause inspection to be made on the premises
5 of all retail licensees relating to co-branded alcoholic beverage and
6 nonalcoholic drink displays, and if it is found that any such licensee is
7 violating this section or any rules and regulations adopted and
8 promulgated by the commission pursuant to this section, the license may
9 be suspended, canceled, or revoked after the licensee is given an
10 opportunity to be heard in the licensee's defense.
11 Sec. 25. The following section is outright repealed: Section
12 53-160.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
13 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
14 accordingly.
15 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
16 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
17 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1124. Committee [AM2253](#), found on page 810 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Conrad renewed [MO486](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 9 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:

[MO487](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2263](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2008](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 838. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2326](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 967. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2324](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to [LB972](#):
[AM2288](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2260)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 48. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be
- 5 known as Military Honor Plates.
- 6 (2)(a) The department shall create a design for each of the
- 7 following armed forces that honors designs honoring persons who have
- 8 served or are serving in the:
 - 9 (i) United States Army;₃
 - 10 (ii) United States Army Reserve;₃
 - 11 (iii) United States Navy;₃
 - 12 (iv) United States Navy Reserve;₃
 - 13 (v) United States Marine Corps;₃
 - 14 (vi) United States Marine Corps Reserve;₃
 - 15 (vii) United States Coast Guard;₃
 - 16 (viii) United States Coast Guard Reserve;₃
 - 17 (ix) United States Air Force;₃
 - 18 (x) United States Air Force Reserve; or,
 - 19 (xi) United States Space Force;₃
- 20 (b) The department shall create a design for each of the following
- 21 armed forces that honors persons who have served or are serving in the:
 - 22 (i) Air National Guard;₃; or
 - 23 (ii) Army National Guard.
- 24 ~~(b) The department may begin issuing the license plates with the~~
- 25 ~~design honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United~~
- 26 ~~States Space Force on January 1, 2026.~~
- 1 (3) The design for each of the armed forces specified in subsection
- 2 of this section shall reflect the ~~There shall be thirteen such~~
- 3 ~~designs, one for each of such armed forces reflecting its official~~
- 4 ~~emblem, official seal, or other official image of such armed forces.~~ The
- 5 issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be conditioned on
- 6 the approval of the armed forces owning the copyright to the official
- 7 emblem, official seal, or other official image.
- 8 (4)(a) The department shall create six additional designs
- 9 honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of
- 10 the United States and who have been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign
- 11 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,
- 12 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Inherent Resolve
- 13 Campaign Medal.
- 14 ~~(b) A person may apply for license plates with the Inherent Resolve~~
- 15 ~~Campaign Medal beginning on January 1, 2026.~~
- 16 (5) The department shall create the following additional designs
- 17 honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed forces of
- 18 the United States and may begin issuing such license plates on January 1,
- 19 2026:
 - 20 (a) One design that includes the word "veteran"; and
 - 21 (b) One design that includes the word "veteran" and the
 - 22 internationally accepted wheelchair symbol specified in section 60-3,113.
- 23 (6)(a) A person may qualify for a Military Honor Plate by
- 24 registering with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section
- 25 80-414. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify the applicant's
- 26 eligibility for a plate created pursuant to this section by consulting
- 27 the registry established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 28 (b) To be eligible for the license plates described in subdivision
- 29 (5)(b) of this section, in addition to any other eligibility requirements
- 30 for such license plates under this section:
 - 31 (i) An application and proof of disability in the form and with the
 - 1 information required by section 60-3,113.02 shall be submitted before
 - 2 issuance or reissuance of such license plates; and

3 (ii) The handicap or disability of the handicapped or disabled
4 person shall be certified as permanent.

5 (7) The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the
6 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the
7 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The
8 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each
9 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and
10 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section
11 60-3,122.04.

12 (8) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric plates.
13 The department shall:

14 (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and
15 (b) Not use a county designation.

16 (9) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be personalized message
17 plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same conditions
18 specified for personalized message license plates in section 60-3,118,
19 except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

20 (10) The department shall cease to issue Military Honor Plates
21 beginning with the next license plate issuance cycle after the license
22 plate issuance cycle that begins in 2023 pursuant to section 60-3,101 if
23 the total number of registered vehicles that obtained such plates is less
24 than one hundred per year within any prior consecutive two-year period.
25 Sec. 49. Section 60-3,122.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
26 amended to read:

27 60-3,122.04 (1)(a) An eligible person may apply to the department
28 for Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates on an
29 application prescribed and provided by the department for any motor
30 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer
31 registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military
1 Honor Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons
2 shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the plate.

3 (b) The department shall make forms available for such applications
4 through the county treasurers.

5 (c) The license plates shall be issued upon payment of the license
6 fee described in subsection (2) of this section and verification by the
7 department of an applicant's eligibility using the registry established
8 by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. To be
9 eligible an applicant shall be:

10 (i) Active duty or reserve duty armed forces personnel serving in
11 any of the armed forces listed in subsection (2) of section 60-3,122.03
12 or a veteran of any of such armed forces who was discharged or otherwise
13 separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under
14 honorable conditions);

15 (ii) A current or former commissioned officer of the United States
16 Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
17 who has been detailed directly to any branch of such armed forces for
18 service on active or reserve duty and who was discharged or otherwise
19 separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under
20 honorable conditions) as proven with valid orders from the United States
21 Department of Defense, a statement of service provided by the United
22 States Public Health Service, or a report of transfer or discharge
23 provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

24 (iii) A person who is serving or has served in the armed forces of
25 the United States and who has been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign
26 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,
27 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Inherent Resolve
28 Campaign Medal;

29 (iv) For the license plate described in subdivision (5)(a) of
30 section 60-3,122.03, a person who is serving or has served in the armed
31 forces of the United States;

1 (v) For the license plate described in subdivision (5)(b) of section
 2 60-3,122.03, a person who is serving or has served in the armed forces of
 3 the United States and is permanently handicapped or disabled; or
 4 (vi) ~~Beginning January 1, 2026,~~ a trust that owns the motor
 5 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer if a designated beneficiary of the trust
 6 qualifies under this subdivision (1)(c).

7 (d) Any person using Military Honor Plates shall surrender the
 8 plates to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for
 9 the plates. Regular plates shall be issued to any such person upon
 10 surrender of the Military Honor Plates for a three-dollar transfer fee
 11 and forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar
 12 transfer fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
 13 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

14 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
 15 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
 16 or renewal of alphanumeric Military Honor Plates shall be accompanied by
 17 a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting ~~such fees~~ pursuant
 18 to this subdivision shall remit ~~such fees~~ to the State Treasurer. The
 19 State Treasurer shall credit ~~such fee to the designated recipient~~
 20 ~~specified in subdivision (c) of this subsection.~~ ~~five dollars of the fee~~
 21 ~~to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.~~

22 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
 23 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
 24 or renewal of personalized message Military Honor Plates shall be
 25 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting ~~such~~
 26 ~~fees~~ pursuant to this subdivision shall remit ~~such fees~~ to the
 27 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of
 28 ~~such the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates~~ to the
 29 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of
 30 ~~such the fee to the designated recipient specified in subdivision (c) of~~
 31 ~~this subsection.~~ ~~Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.~~

1 (c) ~~The designated recipient for the fee paid for any license plate~~
 2 ~~described in:~~

3 (i) ~~Subdivision (2)(a) or subsection (4) or (5) of section~~
 4 ~~60-3,122.03 is the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund; or~~

5 (ii) ~~Subdivision (2)(b) of section 60-3,122.03 is (A) prior to~~
 6 ~~January 1, 2027, the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund and~~
 7 ~~(B) beginning on January 1, 2027, the Military Department Aid Fund.~~

8 (3)(a) When the department receives an application for Military
 9 Honor Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration
 10 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county
 11 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is
 12 registered and the delivery of the plates and registration certificate
 13 shall be made through a secure process and system. If delivery of the
 14 plates and registration certificate is made by the department to the
 15 applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in an
 16 amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and
 17 handling for the specific items mailed to the registrant. The department
 18 shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department
 19 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund. The county treasurer or the department shall
 20 issue Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates when the
 21 applicant complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle
 22 Registration Act for registration of the motor vehicle or trailer. If
 23 Military Honor Plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall
 24 be issued replacement license plates upon request pursuant to section
 25 60-3,157.

26 (b) The county treasurer or the department may issue temporary
 27 license stickers to the applicant under this section for the applicant to
 28 lawfully operate the vehicle pending receipt of the license plates. No
 29 charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the issuance

30 of a temporary license sticker under this subdivision. The department
 31 shall furnish temporary license stickers for issuance by the county
 1 treasurer at no cost to the counties. The department may adopt and
 2 promulgate rules and regulations regarding the design and issuance of
 3 temporary license stickers.

4 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Military Honor
 5 Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred
 6 to a motor vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or trailer for
 7 which such plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle or
 8 trailer is owned by the owner of the plates. The owner may have the
 9 unused portion of the fee for the plates credited to the other motor
 10 vehicle or trailer which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and
 11 one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration
 12 period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of
 13 three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
 14 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor
 15 Vehicles Cash Fund.

16 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Military Honor Plates at any time
 17 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section
 18 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the designated recipient specified
 19 in subdivision (2)(c) of this section~~Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System~~
 20 ~~Operation Fund~~ shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund
 21 in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of
 22 Military Honor Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102
 23 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the
 24 designated recipient specified in subdivision (2)(c) of this
 25 section~~Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund~~.

26 (6) If the director discovers evidence of fraud in an application
 27 for Military Honor Plates or that the holder is no longer eligible to
 28 have Military Honor Plates, the director may summarily cancel the plates
 29 and registration and send notice of the cancellation to the holder of the
 30 license plates.

31 Sec. 75. (1) The Military Department Aid Fund is created. The
 1 Adjutant General shall administer the fund. The fund shall consist of
 2 gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private
 3 source, money credited pursuant to section 60-3,122.04, and money
 4 transferred to the fund by the Legislature.
 5 (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
 6 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
 7 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any interest
 8 or realized capital gains from any such investment shall be credited to
 9 the Military Department Aid Fund.
 10 (3) The Military Department Aid Fund shall only be used pursuant to
 11 this section.

12 (4) The Adjutant General may award grants from the Military
 13 Department Aid Fund pursuant to section 76 of this act.
 14 Sec. 76. (1) Beginning on January 1, 2027, a member of the Military
 15 Department may apply to the Adjutant General for a grant under this
 16 section. The Adjutant General shall prescribe the form for the
 17 application.

18 (2) The Adjutant General may award a grant to any member of the
 19 Military Department who applies under this section and meets the
 20 qualifications of an eligible grant recipient that are adopted and
 21 promulgated in rules and regulations by the Adjutant General.
 22 (3) The State of Nebraska shall not require or request any recipient
 23 of a grant awarded under this section to reimburse any money received
 24 from such grant.

25 (4) No later than January 1, 2027, the Adjutant General shall adopt
 26 and promulgate rules and regulations for the qualifications of an
 27 eligible grant recipient. Any such rules and regulations shall limit the

28 eligible recipients of any grant awarded under this section to needy

29 uniformed service members of the Military Department.

30 (5) The Adjutant General may adopt and promulgate rules and

31 regulations to carry out this section.

1 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

2 accordingly.

3 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the

4 sections added by this amendment become operative on their effective

5 date.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB1032.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Isiah Guzman, Omaha; JoDee Hayes, Lincoln; members of Leadership Kearney.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 p.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

