

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY - MARCH 23, 2026

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, March 23, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Debra McKnight, Urban Abbey United Methodist Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Arch.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dover, Juarez, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-seventh day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Thomas Dargy - Public Employees Retirement Board

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 753. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 904. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1195. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2358](#), found on page 894, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 829. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2091](#), found on page 682, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1253. Title read. Considered.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:

[AM2108](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 77-1837.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
5 77-1837.01 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)
6 through (4) and (3) of this section, the laws in effect on the date of the
7 issuance of a tax sale certificate govern all matters related to tax deed
8 proceedings, including noticing and application, and foreclosure
9 proceedings. Changes in law shall not apply retroactively with regard to
10 the tax sale certificates previously issued.
11 (2) Tax sale certificates sold and issued between January 1, 2010,
12 and December 31, 2016, shall be governed by the laws and statutes that
13 were in effect on December 31, 2009, with regard to all matters relating
14 to tax deed proceedings, including noticing and application, and
15 foreclosure proceedings.
16 (3) Tax sale certificates sold and issued between January 1, 2017,
17 and September 7, 2019, shall be governed by the laws and statutes that
18 are in effect on September 7, 2019, with regard to all matters relating
19 to tax deed proceedings, including noticing and application, and
20 foreclosure proceedings.
21 (4) Tax sale certificates that are foreclosed upon, regardless of

22 date of issuance, shall be governed by section 77-1909, as such section
23 was in effect on May 7, 2025, with regard to the matters addressed in
24 such section.

25 Sec. 2. Original section 77-1837.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
26 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

27 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
1 passed and approved according to law.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1055. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA713](#), found on page 340.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 788. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA417](#), found on page 193.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 913. [ER151](#), found on page 1184, was offered.

ER151 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA573](#), found on page 245.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 784. [ER152](#), found on page 1184, was offered.

ER152 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA413](#), found on page 192.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM2682](#), found on page 1105.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 977. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA633](#), found on page 291.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 905. Title read. Considered.

Senator Arch offered [AM2149](#), found on page 736.

The Arch amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to [LB304](#):

[MO532](#)

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

[MO533](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO534](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO535](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO536](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO537](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO538](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to [LB304](#):

[FA1085](#)

To FA1052. Strike the material in FA1052 and insert the following to LB304, "On page 2, line 14 strike "2025" and insert "2026".

[FA1086](#)

To AM2065, on page 2, line 11 strike "two hundred" and insert "three hundred".

[FA1087](#)

To AM2065, in page 3, line 20 strike the first comma.

[FA1088](#)

To AM2065, on page 3, line 21 strike "shall" and insert "may".

[FA1089](#)

On page 2, line 16 strike "eighty-five" and insert "one hundred".

[FA1090](#)

On page 2, line 11 strike "two hundred" and insert "two hundred and fifty".

[FA1091](#)

On page 2, line 16 strike "eighty-five" and insert "ninety".

[FA1092](#)

On page 3, line 20 strike the second comma.

[FA1093](#)

On page 3, lines 21 and 22 strike "the costs to the state resulting".

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB304:

[AM1712](#)

1 1. On page 3, after line 19 insert the following new subdivision:
 2 "(ii) The income of a qualified apprentice shall not be considered
 3 when determining eligibility for access to a federal child care subsidy
 4 if the total household income is less than two hundred fifty percent of
 5 the federal poverty level. A household qualifying for the program under
 6 this section shall be entitled to receive up to fifty percent of the
 7 subsidy to which the household would otherwise be entitled. For purposes
 8 of this subdivision, qualified apprentice means an individual who is: (A)
 9 Represented by an organization described in section 501(c)(5) of the
 10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and (B) employed by a redeveloper,
 11 contractor, or subcontractor participating in a registered apprenticeship
 12 program, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 3131(e)(3)(B), if the training facility
 13 of such program is located in Nebraska."; in line 20 strike "(ii)", show
 14 as stricken, and insert "(iii)"; and in line 29 strike "(iii)", show as
 15 stricken, and insert "(iv)".
 16 2. On page 4, line 2, strike "(iv)", show as stricken, and insert
 17 "(v)" and strike "(2)(b)(ii) and (2)(b)(iii)", show as stricken, and
 18 insert "(2)(b)(iii) and (2)(b)(iv)".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 395. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Boys State Basketball Championship was held at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Southwest High School Silver Hawks defeated the Papillion-La Vista South High School Titans and secured a 57-53 victory; and

WHEREAS, with this victory, the Silver Hawks claimed the first state championship in program history and became the first Lincoln team to win the title since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Southwest concluded the season with an outstanding 24-4 record, demonstrating perseverance, teamwork, and determination throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of head coach Alex Bahe, the Silver Hawks achieved this historic win by emphasizing skill, discipline, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lincoln Southwest High School boys basketball team for winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Boys State Basketball Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Southwest High School boys basketball team and head coach Alex Bahe.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 781. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 986. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2353](#), found on page 891, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 3 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. Committee [AM2420](#), found on page 989 and considered on page 1184, was renewed.

Senator Ibach renewed [AM2761](#), found on page 1124 and considered on page 1184, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
 Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2743](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1050. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2605](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB1219](#):
[AM2655](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
 2 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding the Property Tax Growth Limitation
 3 Act and the School District Property Tax Limitation Act, for bienniums
 4 beginning July 1, 2027, and July 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter
 5 the amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political
 6 subdivision in any biennium shall be determined as follows:
 7 (a) The total amount of property taxes levied in the first year of a
 8 biennium shall not exceed the total amount levied in the prior year by
 9 more than the allowable growth percentage; and
 10 (b) The total amount of property taxes levied in the second year of
 11 a biennium shall not exceed the total amount levied in the prior year by
 12 more than a percentage equal to the sum of (i) the allowable growth
 13 percentage and (ii) the amount of the allowable growth percentage not
 14 used to increase the total amount of property taxes levied in the first
 15 year of such biennium up to two and one-half percent.
 16 (2) This section shall not apply to community colleges.
 17 (3) A political subdivision may exceed the limits provided in
 18 subsection (1) of this section by an amount approved by sixty percent of
 19 qualified electors of such political subdivision voting on the issue at a
 20 primary, general, or special election. The governing body of such
 21 political subdivision may call for the submission of the issue to the
 22 electors by passing a resolution calling for exceeding the limits
 23 provided in subsection (1) of this section. The resolution of the
 24 governing body shall include the amount by which the political
 25 subdivision would increase the amount of property taxes levied by the
 26 political subdivision over and above the limits provided in subsection
 27 (1) of this section. Such resolution shall be filed with the county clerk
 1 or election commissioner by March 1 for the primary election or September
 2 1 for the general election. The resolution shall be filed with the county
 3 clerk or election commissioner of the county having the greatest number
 4 of electors. The time of publication and providing a copy of the notice
 5 of election required in section 32-802 shall be no later than twenty days
 6 prior to the election. A governing body may pass no more than one
 7 resolution calling for an election pursuant to this section during any
 8 six-month period. The election shall be held pursuant to the Election
 9 Act, and all costs shall be paid by the political subdivision.

10 (4) For purposes of this section:

- 11 (a) Allowable growth percentage means a percentage equal to the sum
 12 of (i) two and one-half percent plus (ii) the political subdivision's
 13 real growth percentage;
 14 (b) Real growth percentage means the percentage obtained by dividing
 15 (i) the political subdivision's real growth value by (ii) the political
 16 subdivision's total property valuation from the prior year; and
 17 (c) Real growth value means the increase in a political
 18 subdivision's total property valuation from the prior year to the current
 19 year due to (i) improvements to real property as a result of new
 20 construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other
 21 improvements to real property which increase the value of such property,
 22 (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (iv) a
 23 change in the use of real property, and (v) any increase in personal
 24 property valuation over the prior year.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB997:

FA1094

To AM2365, strike Section 1.

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to LB839:

AM2471

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 2. Section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 3 amended to read:

4 58-701 Sections 58-701 to 58-712 and section 3 of this act shall be
 5 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

6 Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of this section:

7 (a) Accessible has the same meaning as in 24 C.F.R. 8.3, as such
 8 regulation existed on January 1, 2026; and

9 (b) Multifamily rental unit project means residential buildings that
 10 contain five or more dwelling units within one structure occupied by
 11 renters.

12 (2) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the Department of
 13 Economic Development shall not approve a multifamily rental unit project
 14 for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund unless:

15 (a) At least ten percent of the dwelling units included in the
 16 project will be accessible for persons with mobility impairments; and

17 (b) At least four percent of the dwelling units included in the
 18 project will be accessible for persons with hearing or vision
 19 impairments.

20 2. On page 2, line 31, after "units" insert ", what efforts have
 21 been made by the city to expand the use of accessory dwelling units, what
 22 obstacles exist to allowing more accessory dwelling units in the city and
 23 any strategies to overcome those obstacles, and which areas of the city
 24 allow for accessory dwelling units by right".

25 3. On page 3, strike lines 12 through 19 and all amendments thereto
 26 and insert the following new subdivisions:

27 "(1)(i) The number of multifamily housing units constructed within
 1 the corporate limits of the city and issued an initial certificate of
 2 occupancy since January 1, 2021, and either:

3 (A) The number of such units considered covered multifamily
 4 dwellings that were designed and constructed in accordance with the
 5 accessibility requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C.
 6 3601 et seq. For purposes of this subdivision, covered multifamily
 7 dwelling has the same meaning as in 42 U.S.C. 3604; or

8 (B) The number of such units considered Type B units under chapter
 9 11 of the 2018 edition of the International Building Code.

10 (ii) If a city is unable to provide the information described in

11 subdivision (l)(i) of this subsection with regard to construction that
12 occurred on or after January 1, 2021, and before the effective date of
13 this act, the city shall note such fact in its report and may omit such
14 information from the report;"; in line 22 strike the period, show as
15 stricken, and insert "; and"; and after line 22 insert the following new
16 subdivision:
17 "(n) Recommendations on actions that the state could take to assist
18 cities in the construction of affordable housing."
19 4. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
20 accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB304:

FA1095

To AM2065, Strike Section 1.

FA1096

To AM2065, Strike Sec. 2.

FA1097

To AM2065, Strike Sec. 3.

FA1098

To AM2065, on page 1 strike line 27.

FA1099

To AM2065, on page 2, strike line 1.

FA1100

Strike Sec. 1.

FA1101

Strike Sec. 2.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to LB803:

AM2756

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2651)

1 1. Strike sections 21 and 23 and insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 21. Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, and 25 of this act
3 become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13,
4 20, and 23 of this act become operative three calendar months after the
5 adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act
6 become operative on their effective date.
7 Sec. 23. Original sections 13-3403 and 77-2716, Revised Statutes
8 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
9 Sec. 24. Original section 77-1315, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10 Nebraska, sections 77-1502, 77-1601, and 77-1776, Revised Statutes
11 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 77-1632, Revised Statutes
12 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
13 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA1102

In AM2651, on page 6, line 12, strike "carry out" and insert "dine in".

FA1103

In AM2651, on page 6, line 12, strike "carry out" and insert "implement".

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 841A. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 841, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Jim Loyet, Omaha; Kira Zaitsava, Florida; Randy Bretz; members of Nebraska Manufacturers-Nebraska Chamber of Commerce; students from Wheeler Central, Bartlett; students from Bluestem Montessori, Lincoln; students from Hayward Elementary, Nebraska City; students from Norris Elementary, Omaha.

RECESS

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, and Hughes who were excused until they arrive.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. Committee [AM2420](#), found on page 989 and considered on page 1184 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Ibach renewed [AM2761](#), found on page 1124 and considered on page 1184 and in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:

[AM2864](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The second committee amendment is as follows:

[AM2863](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 16. Section 48-628, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 48-628 (1) An individual shall be disqualified for benefits for any
6 week of unemployment in which the commissioner finds he or she has
7 failed, without good cause, to apply for available, suitable work when so
8 directed by the employment office or the commissioner, to respond to an
9 offer for a job interview for suitable work within one week, to respond
10 to an offer for a job for suitable work within one week, to appear for a
11 previously scheduled job interview for suitable work without notifying
12 the prospective employer of the need to cancel or reschedule the
13 interview, to accept suitable work offered him or her, or to return to
14 his or her customary self-employment, if any, and for the twelve weeks
15 immediately thereafter. The total benefit amount to which he or she is
16 then entitled shall be reduced by an amount equal to the number of weeks
17 for which he or she has been disqualified by the commissioner. The
18 commissioner may consider the manner of communication established between
19 the individual and the prospective employer about how the interview will
20 be conducted or a job offer will be extended in determining if an
21 individual failed to appear for a previously scheduled job interview
22 without notifying the prospective employer of the need to cancel or
23 reschedule the interview or failed to respond to an offer for a job.
24 (2) In determining whether or not any work is suitable for an
25 individual, the commissioner shall consider the following:
26 (a) The degree of risk involved to the individual's health, safety,
27 and morals;
28 (b) His or her physical fitness and prior training;
29 (c) His or her experience and prior earnings;
30 (d) His or her length of unemployment and prospects for securing
31 local work in his or her customary occupation; and
32 (e) The distance of the available work from his or her residence.
33 (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Employment Security
34 Law, no work shall be deemed suitable and benefits shall not be denied
35 under such law to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to
36 accept new work under any of the following conditions:
37 (a) If the position offered is vacant due directly to a strike,
38 lockout, or other labor dispute;
39 (b) If the wages, hours, or other conditions of the work offered are
40 substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for
41 similar work in the locality; or
42 (c) If, as a condition of being employed, the individual would be
43 required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from
44 joining any bona fide labor organization.
45 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section relating to
46 failure to apply for or a refusal to accept suitable work, no otherwise
47 eligible individual shall be denied benefits with respect to any week in
48 which he or she is in training with the approval of the commissioner.
49 (5) No individual shall be disqualified for refusing to apply for
50 available, full-time work or accept full-time work under subsection (1)
51 of this section solely because such individual is seeking part-time work
52 if the majority of the weeks of work in an individual's base period
53 include part-time work. For purposes of this subsection, seeking only
54 part-time work shall mean seeking less than full-time work having
55 comparable hours to the individual's part-time work in the base period,
56 except that the individual must be available for work at least twenty
57 hours per week.

31 Sec. 23. Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, and 25 of
1 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. The other sections of this
2 act become operative on their effective date.
3 Sec. 24. Original sections 48-628, 48-2209, 81-8,236, 81-8,300,
4 81-8,316, and 81-8,318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are
5 repealed.

The first committee amendment, [AM2864](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Ibach reoffered [AM2761](#), found on page 1124 and considered on page 1184 and in this day's Journal, to the first committee amendment.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to [LB935](#):

[FA1104](#)

To AM2743, strike Sec. 35.

[FA1105](#)

To AM2743, on page 1, line 11 reinstate the stricken "fifteen" and strike "seventy-five".

Senator Guereca filed the following amendments to [LB878](#):

[FA1106](#)

On page 2, line 3, strike the semicolon.

[FA1107](#)

On page 3, line 6, strike the period.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to [LB1050](#):

[FA1108](#)

To AM2605, Strike Section 1.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

WHEREAS, The University of Nebraska Cornhusker men's basketball team had a historic season; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska was selected as a four seed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska played Troy in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday, March, 19, 2026, in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska defeated Troy with a score of 76-47; and

WHEREAS, the victory over Troy gave the Nebraska men's basketball team its first win in an NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska men's basketball team continue to be a source of pride for the community, students, alumni, and fans of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state and celebrates the historic achievements of the University of Nebraska men's basketball team this season.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska men's basketball team and Head Coach Fred Hoiberg on the team's historic season and achieving the first NCAA Tournament win in school history for the men's basketball team.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to coach Hoiberg and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln men's basketball team.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. The first committee amendment, [AM2864](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Ibach renewed [AM2761](#), found on page 1124 and considered on page 1184 and in this day's Journal, to the first committee amendment.

Senator Kauth moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 5 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Ibach amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Ibach offered [AM2786](#), found on page 1159, to the first committee amendment.

Senator Kauth moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 2 nays, and 19 not voting.

The Ibach amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Ibach withdrew [FA550](#), found on page 236.

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

The second committee amendment, [AM2863](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

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

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 1 nay, and 21 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 27 ayes, 7 nays, and 15 not voting.

The second committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 6 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO542](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM2683.

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

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, and 22 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 27 ayes, 9 nays, and 13 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh [FA1084](#), found on page 1186, to the original committee amendment, was ruled out of order.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 994. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2726](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Appropriations

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1209. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee desires to report that the committee voted to make no recommendation on the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be voted on by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Maureen Larsen-Director-Department of Economic Development

Aye: 7. Bostar, Hallstrom, Hardin, Jacobson, Riepe, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 1. Dungan. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB803:

[MO539](#)

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

[MO540](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO541](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB803:

[FA1109](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA1110](#)

Strike Section 2.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[FA1111](#)

On page 16, line 4 insert "If the Commissioner finds that the prospective employer failed to communicate with the potential employee, that prospective employer shall be responsible to reimburse the prospective lost or missing benefits resulting from the false report."

Senator Dover moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 4 nays, and 17 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her amendment.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 9 ayes, 27 nays, 5 present and not voting, 6 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO544](#)

Reconsider the vote taken of FA1111.

Senator Murman moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 4 nays, and 19 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion failed with 7 ayes, 28 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 3 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2766](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 4 2024, is amended to read:
 5 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-9,111 and section 2 of this act shall
 6 be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.
 7 Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:
 8 (a) Assessment tool means any standardized instrument, including the
 9 InteRAI assessment system or successor tools, used by the department to
 10 evaluate functional eligibility, service needs, or service tier
 11 assignments for medicaid or home and community-based services waiver
 12 participants;
 13 (b) Clinical interviewing means a type of directed conversation
 14 applied in a variety of contexts, including assessment and treatment
 15 planning for persons applying for, or receiving, services under the
 16 medical assistance program or a home and community-based services waiver
 17 authorized under section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act, as
 18 amended. Clinical interviewing may include the use of standard assessment
 19 materials but allows the interviewer, based on training and patient
 20 responses, to determine the questions to ask, clarify ambiguities, and
 21 adapt the questions to the patient's comprehension in order to enhance
 22 understanding; and
 23 (c) Waiver participant means an individual applying for, or
 24 receiving, services under a home and community-based services waiver

25 authorized under section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act, as
26 amended.

27 (2) The department shall ensure that all employees and contractors
1 who administer or utilize assessment tools for waiver participants
2 receive training in clinical interviewing techniques. Such training shall
3 include, but not be limited to:

4 (a) Proper administration of assessment tools;
5 (b) Techniques for adapting questions to the comprehension and
6 communication needs of the individual being assessed;
7 (c) Methods for clarifying ambiguous or incomplete responses; and
8 (d) Procedures that ensure accurate and complete assessment results.

9 (3) The department shall communicate eligibility determinations,
10 service tier assignments, and service hour determinations to a waiver
11 participant, or a parent or legal guardian of a waiver participant, in a
12 timely, clear, and specific manner. Such communication shall include:
13 (a) A complete explanation of the assigned service tier and
14 eligibility determination;
15 (b) A clear and precise explanation of the assessment tool results;
16 and
17 (c) Information regarding the right to appeal the determination.

18 (4)(a) Services authorized under a waiver shall be based upon
19 individualized assessments of medical necessity, functional need, and
20 health and safety requirements, as determined through the person-centered
21 planning process in accordance with federal home and community-based
22 services waiver regulations.

23 (b) The department shall ensure that services are sufficient in
24 amount, duration, and scope to reasonably serve the needs of participants
25 and prevent unnecessary institutionalization, hospitalization, or risk of
26 serious harm.

27 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the state's
28 obligation to comply with federal medicaid requirements governing
29 comparability, reasonable standards, and protection of the health and
30 welfare of waiver participants.

31 (5) If a determination results in a reduction of a waiver
1 participant's service tier, authorized service hours, or service
2 provision, the department shall conduct an immediate supervisory review
3 of the assessment and determination prior to final implementation of the
4 reduction.

5 (6) No later than August 1, 2026, and August 1, 2027, the department
6 shall submit a report electronically to the Legislative Oversight
7 Committee of the Legislature, the Health and Human Services Committee of
8 the Legislature, and the office of the Public Counsel regarding the
9 implementation and use of assessment tools for waiver participants. The
10 report shall only apply to the developmental disability waiver using
11 intermediate level of care criteria and shall include, but not be limited
12 to:

13 (a) The metrics used in the assessment tools;
14 (b) An explanation of nonproprietary algorithms, case-mix
15 methodologies, or scoring matrices used to determine eligibility or
16 service tiers;
17 (c) The number and percentage of waiver participants whose service
18 tiers remained the same, increased, or decreased, and the reasons for
19 such changes;
20 (d) Aggregate assessment results compared to previous years'
21 assessments and service tier determinations;
22 (e) Any identified disparities, trends, or implementation
23 challenges;
24 (f) Any other information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness,
25 accuracy, and fairness of the assessment tools;
26 (g) The ways in which the department is complying with the federal
27 Ensuring Access to Medicaid Final Rule, including requirements related to
28 grievance procedures, critical incident reporting, and appeal processes
29 for waiver participants; and
30 (h) The procedures implemented by medicaid managed care contractors

31 relating to grievances, critical incidents, and appeals for waiver
1 participants.

2 Sec. 3. Section 68-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 68-908 (1) The department shall administer the medical assistance
5 program.

6 (2) The department may (a) enter into contracts and interagency
7 agreements, (b) adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, (c) adopt fee
8 schedules, (d) apply for and implement waivers and managed care plans for
9 services for eligible recipients, including services under the Nebraska
10 Behavioral Health Services Act, and (e) perform such other activities as
11 necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties under the Medical
12 Assistance Act. A covered item or service as described in section 68-911
13 that is furnished through a school-based health center, furnished by a
14 provider, and furnished under a managed care plan pursuant to a waiver
15 does not require prior consultation or referral by a patient's primary
16 care physician to be covered. Any federally qualified health center
17 providing services as a sponsoring facility of a school-based health
18 center shall be reimbursed for such services provided at a school-based
19 health center at the federally qualified health center reimbursement
20 rate.

21 (3) The department shall maintain the confidentiality of information
22 regarding applicants for or recipients of medical assistance and such
23 information shall only be used for purposes related to administration of
24 the medical assistance program and the provision of such assistance or as
25 otherwise permitted by federal law.

26 (4) The department shall provide the maximum amount of retroactive
27 coverage for each medical assistance eligibility category as permitted by
28 section 71112 of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law
29 119-21, as such section existed on January 1, 2026.

30 ~~(5)~~(4) The department shall prepare an annual summary and analysis
31 of the medical assistance program for legislative and public review. The
1 department shall submit a report of such summary and analysis to the
2 Governor and the Legislature electronically no later than December 1 of
3 each year. The annual summary shall include, but not be limited to:

4 (a) The number and percentage of applications approved and denied;

5 (b) The number of eligibility determinations, including the number
6 and percentage of those individuals remaining enrolled, terminations, and
7 other determinations;

8 (c) The number of case closures in the medical assistance program
9 and the Children's Health Insurance Program and the specific reason for
10 the closure broken down by (i) eligibility category, including program
11 type, (ii) local public health district or other geographic area, and
12 (iii) race or ethnicity, if available;

13 (d) The number of medical assistance program and Children's Health
14 Insurance Program enrollees broken down by (i) eligibility category,
15 including program type, (ii) local public health district or other
16 geographic area, and (iii) race or ethnicity, if available;

17 (e) The number and percentage of redeterminations or renewals
18 processed ex parte, broken down by (i) eligibility category, including
19 program type and (ii) race or ethnicity, if available;

20 (f) The average number of days required to process applications for
21 the medical assistance program and Children's Health Insurance Program,
22 separating the data by applicants with modified adjusted gross income and
23 nonmodified adjusted gross income eligibility;

24 (g) The rate of re-enrollment within ninety days of termination and
25 within twelve months of termination, broken down by (i) eligibility
26 category, including program type, (ii) local public health district or
27 other geographic area, and (iii) race or ethnicity, if available;

28 (h) The average client call duration;

29 (i) The client call abandonment rate;

30 (j) The number of requests for a fair hearing separated by (i)
31 eligibility category and program type, (ii) outcome, and (iii) amount of
1 time until final disposition; ~~and~~

2 (k) A link to the medical assistance program fair hearing decisions
3 that have been redacted to protect private and health information, which
4 shall be posted on the department's website;:-
5 (l) The status of community engagement requirements, including:
6 (i) A description of the plans to implement community engagement
7 requirements for medicaid recipients, including the authority and
8 effective date for the requirements and the recipients subject to the
9 requirements;
10 (ii) The number of denied applications and renewals for failure to
11 meet community engagement requirements;
12 (iii) The number of applications and renewals denied because the
13 community engagement requirement verification could not be completed;
14 (iv) The number of applications and renewals which required the
15 recipient to submit additional information relating to compliance with
16 community engagement requirements;
17 (v) The number of applications and renewals approved because the
18 applications and renewals received an exemption, the type of exemption,
19 whether or not the exemption was applied automatically, and whether or
20 not the recipient was required to take action to receive the exemption;
21 (vi) The number of applications and renewals approved because the
22 applications and renewals complied with the community engagement
23 requirement, disaggregated by the compliance activity type, whether or
24 not compliance was determined automatically, and whether or not the
25 recipient was required to take further action in order to be approved;
26 (vii) The number of applications and renewals denied or terminated
27 due to a failure to meet community engagement requirements in which the
28 recipient was re-enrolled within ninety days and the number of such
29 applications and renewals in which the recipient was re-enrolled within
30 twelve months;
31 (viii) A list of data sources the department uses to verify
1 compliance or exemption status; and
2 (ix) A list of external vendors contracted by the state to assess
3 compliance with, or exemption from, community engagement requirements,
4 including a link to each vendor's current contract;
5 (m) The number of identified cases of concurrent enrollment and
6 external vendors contracted by the state to identify concurrent
7 enrollees, including a link to each vendor's contract. For cases
8 terminated for concurrent enrollment, the rate of re-enrollment within
9 ninety days after the date of termination and the rate of re-enrollment
10 within twelve months after the date of termination; and
11 (n) A description of cost sharing, premiums, copays, and deductibles
12 for goods and services provided under the medical assistance program,
13 including (i) the amounts of the cost sharing, premiums, copays, and
14 deductibles and (ii) the payment source for collected cost sharing.
15 Sec. 4. Original sections 68-901 and 68-908, Revised Statutes
16 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
17 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
18 passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 757. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2356](#)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 2. Section 81-703, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 81-703 The Department of Transportation Aeronautics Capital
 5 Improvement Fund is created. The fund shall consist of money credited to
 6 the fund pursuant to section 77-27,132, transfers authorized by the
 7 Legislature, and any gifts, grants, bequests, or donations to the fund.
 8 The fund shall be administered by the Department of Transportation and
 9 shall be used to build, repair, renovate, rehabilitate, restore, modify,
 10 or improve any infrastructure at any ~~public use~~ airport
 11 licensed by the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of
 12 Transportation. The department shall give first priority to the public
 13 use airports that are not utilizing scheduled commercial air
 14 transportation. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
 15 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
 16 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
 17 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 18 accordingly.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB1135:

AM2872

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2460)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 19. Section 68-1215, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 3 2024, is amended to read:
 4 68-1215 (1) For purposes of determining eligibility of a household
 5 for the low-income home energy assistance program pursuant to section
 6 68-1201 as administered by the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal
 7 Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 8621 to 8630, the Department of
 8 Health and Human Services shall apply a household total annual income
 9 level of one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level published
 10 annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or
 11 such successor agency which publishes the federal poverty level.
 12 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall make crisis
 13 assistance payments as necessary of no more than eight hundred dollars
 14 per program year and may authorize crisis assistance payments for more
 15 than eight hundred dollars per program year based on extenuating
 16 circumstances.
 17 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.
 18 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 19 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
 20 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB901:

AM2869 is available in the Bill Room.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following motion:

Suspend Rule 5, Sec. 7(f) and (g) to allow for the A bills for LBs 759, 847, 901, 1101, and 1235, to be indefinitely postponed and for the appropriations for these bills to be contained in LB1209.

Senator Clements filed the following motion:

To indefinitely postpone LB759A, LB847A, LB901A, LB1101A, and LB1235A.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 397. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Lonowski, 33.

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Wrestling Championships were held on March 14, 2026, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Lopers earned the national title after a tightly contested championship match between their own Otgonbayar Batsuuri and the University of Central Oklahoma's Hunter Jump; and

WHEREAS, winning the championship was a team effort with six Lopers earning All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dalton Jensen was named the 2026 National Championship Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this is the University of Nebraska at Kearney's second year in a row and sixth time overall earning the national championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the collegiate students of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Kearney's men's wrestling team on winning the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Wrestling Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Coach Dalton Jensen and the University of Nebraska at Kearney wrestling team.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867. Senator McKinney offered [MO490](#), found on page 940, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hardin opened on LB867.

Senator McKinney opened on MO490.

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:31 p.m. until 6:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**GENERAL FILE**

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867. Senator McKinney renewed [MO490](#), found on page 940 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2270](#), found on page 879, was offered.

Senator McKinney offered [MO491](#), found on page 940, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO492](#), found on page 940, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator McKinney withdrew [FA1021](#), found on page 940.

Senator Clouse withdrew [AM2685](#), found on page 1076, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2859](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

- 1 1. Strike section 29.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 accordingly.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2555](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

1 1. Strike original sections 14 and 16 and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 14. Section 71-564, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 71-564 (1) The ~~Aging, Alzheimer's, and Dementia~~Alzheimer's Disease
6 ~~and Other Dementia~~ Advisory Council is created and shall include:
7 (a) ~~Seventeen~~Twelve voting members appointed by the Governor. The
8 voting members shall consist of: (i) An individual living with
9 Alzheimer's disease or another dementia or a family member or care
10 partner with experience caring for such an individual; (ii) an
11 individual who is a state representative of a nationwide organization
12 that advocates for aging adults or individuals living with Alzheimer's
13 disease or other dementiathe family caregiver of an individual living
14 with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia; (iii) an individual who is
15 a medical professional with experience diagnosing or treating Alzheimer's
16 disease or other dementiarepresents nursing homes; (iv) an individual who
17 represents assisted-living facilities; (v) an individual who represents
18 providers of nonmedical home and community-based services, including home
19 care, respite, or adult day care servicesrepresents providers of adult
20 day care services; (vi) an individual who conducts research regarding
21 aging and dementia-related issuesrepresents home care providers; (vii) an
22 individual representing nursing homes; (viii) an individual at large
23 representing those who are aging in Nebraska; (ix) an individual or an
24 advocate with experience or expertise in aging and special populations;
25 and (x) one representative from each of the eight planning-and-service
26 areas as designated in the Nebraska Community Aging Services Actmedical
27 professional who has experience diagnosing and treating Alzheimer's
28 disease; (viii) an individual who conducts research regarding Alzheimer's
29 disease or other dementia; (ix) an individual who represents a leading,
30 nationwide organization that advocates on behalf of individuals living
31 with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; (x) an individual who
32 represents an area agency on aging; (xi) an individual representing an
33 organization that advocates for older adults; and (xii) an individual
34 with experience or expertise in the area of the specific needs of
35 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and
36 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; and
37 (b) Five nonvoting members. The nonvoting members shall consist of:
38 (i) The Director of Public Health or the director's designee; (ii) the
39 Director of Disability and AgingMedicaid and Long-Term Care or the
40 director's designee; (iii) the administratora representative of the State
41 Unit on Aging or the administrator's designeeof the Division of Medicaid
42 and Long-Term Care designated by the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term
43 Care; (iv) a representative of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board
44 designated by the board; and (v) the state long-term care ombudsman or
45 the ombudsman's designee.
46 (2) The terms of the initial members shall begin on the date of the
47 first meeting as called by the Director of Public Health and (a) one-
48 third shall serve for two-year terms, (b) one-third shall serve for
49 three-year terms, and (c) one-third shall serve for four-year terms,
50 including the chairperson and vice-chairperson. Thereafter all members
51 shall serve four-year terms. Members may not serve more than two
52 consecutive four-year terms. Vacancies shall be appointed by the Governor
53 in the same manner as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section.
54 (3) Members of the council shall select the chairperson and vice-
55 chairperson who shall not be employees of the state and may serve in such
56 role for up to four consecutive years. The Director of Public Health or
57 the director's designee shall call and preside over the first meeting
58 until a chairperson is selected. Thereafter, the council shall meet at
59 least quarterly at the call of the chairperson. A majority of the voting

3 members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings.

4 (4) The council shall hold meetings at least once every calendar
5 quarter.

6 (5) Members shall serve on the council without compensation but
7 shall be compensated for expenses incurred for such service as provided
8 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

9 (6) The department shall provide staff and support to the council as
10 necessary to assist the council in the performance of its duties.

11 Sec. 16. Section 71-566, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 71-566 The council shall consider and make findings and

14 recommendations on the following topics:

15 (1) Trends in the state's aging and Alzheimer's disease and other
16 dementia populations and service needs, including:

17 (a) The state's role in providing or facilitating long-term care,
18 family caregiver support, home and community-based services to the aging,
19 and assistance to those with early-stage or early-onset Alzheimer's
20 disease or other dementia;

21 (b) The state's policies regarding services provided to aging
22 individuals and individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;

23 (c) The fiscal impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia on
24 publicly funded health care programs; and

25 (d) The establishment of a surveillance system to better determine
26 the number of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other
27 dementia and to monitor changes to such numbers;

28 (2) Existing resources, services, and capacity relating to the
29 diagnosis and care of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or
30 other dementia, including:

31 (a) The type, cost, and availability of dementia care services;

1 (b) The availability of health care workers who can serve people
2 with dementia, including, but not limited to, neurologists,
3 geriatricians, and direct care workers;

4 (c) Dementia-specific training requirements for public and private
5 employees who interact with people living with Alzheimer's disease or
6 other dementia which shall include, but not be limited to, long-term care
7 workers, case managers, adult protective services, law enforcement, and
8 first responders;

9 (d) Home and community-based services, including respite care for
10 individuals sixty years of age and older or for individuals exhibiting
11 symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and their families;

12 (e) Quality care measures for home and community-based services and
13 residential care facilities; and

14 (f) State-supported Alzheimer's disease and other dementia research
15 conducted at universities located in this state; ~~and~~

16 (3) Policies and strategies that address the following:

17 (a) Increasing public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other
18 dementia;

19 (b) Educating providers to increase early detection and diagnosis of
20 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia;

21 (c) Improving the health care received by individuals diagnosed with
22 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;

23 (d) Evaluating the capacity of the health care system in meeting the
24 growing number and needs of those with Alzheimer's disease and other
25 dementia;

26 (e) Increasing the number of health care professionals necessary to
27 treat the growing aging and Alzheimer's disease and other dementia
28 populations;

29 (f) Improving services provided in the home and community to delay
30 and decrease the need for institutionalized care for individuals sixty
31 years of age or older or individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease

1 or other dementia;
 2 (g) Improving long-term care, including assisted living, for those
 3 with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;
 4 (h) Assisting unpaid Alzheimer's disease or dementia caregivers;
 5 (i) Increasing and improving research on Alzheimer's disease and
 6 other dementia;
 7 (j) Promoting activities to maintain and improve brain health;
 8 (k) Improving the collection of data and information related to
 9 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia and the resulting public health
 10 burdens;
 11 (l) Improving public safety and addressing the safety-related needs
 12 of those with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;
 13 (m) Addressing legal protections for, and legal issues faced by,
 14 individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; and
 15 (n) Improving the ways in which the government evaluates and adopts
 16 policies to assist individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or
 17 other dementia and their families;—
 18 (4) The collection of facts and statistics and special studies of
 19 the conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health,
 20 financial status, recreation, social adjustment, or other conditions and
 21 problems relating to the general welfare of aging individuals of the
 22 state;
 23 (5) State and local agencies serving aging individuals for purposes
 24 of coordinating such agencies' activities, and reports from the various
 25 state agencies and institutions relating to matters within the
 26 jurisdiction of the council;
 27 (6) The latest developments of research, studies, and programs being
 28 conducted throughout the nation relating to the problems and needs of
 29 aging individuals;
 30 (7) The mutual exchange of ideas and information relating to aging
 31 individuals among federal, state, and local governmental agencies,
 1 private organizations, and individuals; and
 2 (8) Cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies or private
 3 organizations in administering and supervising demonstration programs of
 4 services for aging individuals designed to foster continued participation
 5 of such individuals in family and community life and to prevent, insofar
 6 as possible, the onset of dependency and the need for long-term
 7 institutional care.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2830](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 33. The State Department of Education may authorize any
 3 accredited or approved public, private, denominational, or parochial
 4 school to maintain epinephrine in any form approved by the federal Food
 5 and Drug Administration for the purpose of emergency first aid to
 6 students who experience allergic reactions.
 7 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2829](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 9. Section 68-949, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 68-949 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department
5 implement reforms to the medical assistance program such as those
6 contained in the Medicaid Reform Plan, including (a) an incremental
7 expansion of home and community-based services for aged persons and
8 persons with disabilities consistent with such plan, (b) an increase in
9 care coordination or disease management initiatives to better manage
10 medical assistance expenditures on behalf of high-cost recipients with
11 multiple or chronic medical conditions, and (c) other reforms as deemed
12 necessary and appropriate by the department, in consultation with the
13 committee.

14 (2) The department shall develop recommendations based on a
15 comprehensive analysis of various options available to the state under
16 applicable federal law for the provision of medical assistance to persons
17 with disabilities who are employed, including persons with a medically
18 improved disability, to enhance and replace current eligibility
19 provisions contained in subdivision (8) of section 68-915.

20 (3) The department shall develop recommendations for further
21 modification or replacement of the defined benefit structure of the
22 medical assistance program. Such recommendations shall be consistent with
23 the public policy in section 68-905 and shall consider the needs and
24 resources of low-income Nebraska residents who are eligible or may become
25 eligible for medical assistance, the experience and outcomes of other
26 states that have developed and implemented such changes, and other
1 relevant factors as determined by the department.

2 (4)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the total amount
3 appropriated to the department for medicaid nursing facility rates be
4 identified as a dollar amount in the state budget and be used in the
5 medicaid nursing facility rate calculation, including the calculation of
6 the annual inflation factor. The total amount appropriated for medicaid
7 nursing facility rates shall include amounts for rate enhancement and any
8 other purpose related to medicaid nursing facility services and shall be
9 used as the base for funding for the following fiscal year.

10 (b) The department may take into consideration utilization relating
11 to client needs and preferred setting when establishing nursing facility
12 rates for prospective rating periods. If the department uses an amount
13 that differs from the identified appropriation in the calculation of
14 nursing facility rates for the prospective rate period, the department
15 shall calculate the average weighted medicaid nursing facility rate by
16 dividing the projected total medicaid nursing facility expenditures by
17 the projected total medicaid nursing facility days for the prospective
18 rating period and such dollar amount and the number of projected medicaid
19 nursing facility resident days used in the calculation shall be
20 identified to the Legislature in the report required under subdivision
21 (4)(c) of this section. The average weighted medicaid nursing facility
22 daily rate shall not be less than the average weighted medicaid nursing
23 facility daily rate as of January 1, 2026, unless directed by the
24 Legislature or in the event of, and during, a state of emergency
25 proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to section 81-829.40.

26 ~~(c)(b)~~ The department shall file a report electronically with the
27 Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Clerk of the Legislature no later than
28 ~~June 15~~ ~~August 1~~ of each year identifying how the inflation factor was
29 calculated for that year's medicaid nursing facility rates and including
30 the information described in subdivisions (4)(a) and (b) of this section.

31 (d)(e) The department shall file a report electronically with the
 1 Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Clerk of the Legislature between
 2 December 15 and December 31 of each year identifying the amount of any
 3 remaining unobligated appropriation from the prior appropriations
 4 earmarked for medicaid nursing facility payments. The report shall
 5 include an identification of encumbrances and retroactive payments.
 6 (5) No later than December 31, 2026, the department shall submit an
 7 application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
 8 establish a money follows the person program to assist qualified
 9 individuals to transition from an institutional setting to a community
 10 setting while continuing to receive long-term care.
 11 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 12 and the repealer accordingly.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Riepe offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2856](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 20. Section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 3 amended to read:
 4 71-1908 (1) Sections 71-1908 to 71-1923.03 and section 21 of this
 5 act shall be known and may be cited as the Child Care Licensing Act.
 6 (2) The Legislature finds that there is a present and growing need
 7 for quality child care programs and facilities. There is a need to
 8 establish and maintain licensure of persons providing such programs to
 9 ensure that such persons are competent and are using safe and adequate
 10 facilities. The Legislature further finds and declares that the
 11 development and supervision of programs are a matter of statewide concern
 12 and should be dealt with uniformly on the state and local levels. There
 13 is a need for cooperation among the various state and local agencies
 14 which impose standards on licensees, and there should be one agency which
 15 coordinates the enforcement of such standards and informs the Legislature
 16 about cooperation among the various agencies.
 17 Sec. 21. (1) The department shall establish a youth afterschool
 18 eligibility letter for individuals who are sixteen or seventeen years of
 19 age and who are seeking employment in school-age child care programs or
 20 temporary nonresidential child care programs. For purposes of this
 21 section, temporary nonresidential child care program means a program in
 22 which child care is provided (a) for no more than twelve consecutive
 23 hours, (b) not on a continuous or regularly scheduled basis, and (c) in a
 24 location not ordinarily used as a licensed child care center.
 25 (2)(a) To obtain a youth afterschool eligibility letter, an
 26 applicant shall:
 1 (i) Complete all registry checks required for licensed child care
 2 staff, including the child abuse and neglect and sex offender registries,
 3 and any additional registry checks required by the department;
 4 (ii) Submit all background check documentation required by the
 5 department; and
 6 (iii) Complete a minimum seven-hour new staff orientation for
 7 school-age programs approved by the department.
 8 (b) If an applicant is seeking employment in a school-age child care
 9 program or a temporary nonresidential child care program, the applicant
 10 shall reimburse the state for the cost of the application.
 11 (3) An applicant who has submitted all required background check
 12 materials may engage in provisional employment while such checks are

13 pending if: (a) The applicant is not left alone in a room with children;
 14 (b) the applicant is not included in staff-to-child ratio requirements;
 15 and (c) the applicant's provisional employment is limited to school-age
 16 child care programs and temporary nonresidential child care programs.
 17 (4)(a) Upon completion of the requirements in subsection (2) of this
 18 section, the department shall issue a youth afterschool eligibility
 19 letter. The eligibility letter may be used to obtain initial employment
 20 in a school-age child care program or a temporary nonresidential child
 21 care program for one hundred eighty days after the date of issuance of
 22 such letter.
 23 (b) If the eligibility letter holder begins employment in a school-
 24 age child care program or a temporary nonresidential child care program
 25 within one hundred eighty days after the date of issuance, the
 26 eligibility letter shall remain valid for purposes of such employment for
 27 one year after the date of issuance if the eligibility letter holder
 28 maintains continuous employment with such program.
 29 (c) A youth afterschool eligibility letter that is not used within
 30 one hundred eighty days after the date of issuance shall expire and shall
 31 not be used to obtain future employment.
 1 (d) A youth afterschool eligibility letter may be renewed through an
 2 expedited process established by the department.
 3 (5) A licensed child care program or youth-serving program approved
 4 by the department may accept a valid youth afterschool eligibility letter
 5 as verification that the eligibility letter holder has met the initial
 6 background check and training requirements under this section.
 7 (6) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
 8 carry out this section, including, but not limited to, application
 9 procedures, background check verification, renewal procedures, fees,
 10 approval of training providers, and privacy and data-sharing protections.
 11 (7) This section does not apply if it would result in a loss of
 12 federal funding for a child care or an early childhood education program
 13 or any successor program, including funds received under the federal
 14 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, or would otherwise
 15 violate federal requirements for such funds.
 16 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 17 accordingly.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST72

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Clements amendment, AM2649:
 - a. On page 46, line 4, "subsections (2), (3), and (4)" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "subsection (2)" inserted; and

b. On page 153, line 19, the period has been struck, shown as stricken, and an underscored semicolon inserted.

2. On page 1, lines 2 through 23 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "2-2701, 2-2703.01, 2-2705, 2-2706, 13-2041, 29-2262.07, 37-327.01, 47-632, 48-3004, 48-3008, 54-857, 55-131, 66-733, 66-734, 66-735, 68-1604, 71-17,108, 71-3001, 71-3004, 71-3006, 71-3525, 71-3526, 79-303, 79-1035.01, 79-2607, 80-401, 81-2,174, 81-2,237, 81-1201.22, 81-1202, 81-1204, 81-1209, 81-1210.02, 81-1213.03, 81-1213.04, 81-1230, 81-12,134, 81-12,146, 81-12,147, 81-12,218, 81-1429.03, 81-1463, 81-1505.05, 81-15,303, 81-1607.01, 81-1835, 81-2105, 81-2504, 82-108.03, 82-316, 82-331, 83-915.01, 84-321, 84-512, 85-1501, 85-1503, 85-1511, 85-1515, 85-1516, 85-1521, 85-1535, 85-1539, 85-1920, and 85-3112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-812, 19-5707, 38-157, 43-2404.01, 43-2404.02, 44-116, 48-101.01, 48-145, 48-621, 53-117.06, 58-703, 68-1206, 68-1724, 71-2490, 71-5318, 71-7104, 74-1317, and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 9-1107, 37-811, 37-1804, 48-1,116, 55-901, 60-6,211.05, 61-222, 61-305, 71-7608, 71-7611, 72-1001, 77-27,144, 77-4025, 77-4602, 77-5601, 77-7305, 81-132, 81-1203, 81-1239, 81-12,110, 81-15,120, 81-15,174, 81-15,180, 84-612, 85-1412, and 85-1654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, and Laws 2025, LB264, sections 6, 8, 12, 64, 69, 70, and 81; to provide requirements for implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Program; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to funds and fund transfers; to provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund; to create funds; to provide for transfer of investment earnings from certain funds; to provide for a grant from the Site and Building Development Fund; to require state agencies to provide a technology inventory as prescribed; to change the distribution of the permanent school fund, municipal sales and use taxes, proceeds under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, disbursements under the Property Tax Credit Act and the School District Property Tax Credit Act, fees under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act, and grants under the Nebraska Operational Assistance Act; to change the disposition of workers' compensation self-insurer payments; to provide for an additional use of the Davis Scholarship Trust Fund, the Administrative Cash Fund, the Commercial Feed Administration Cash Fund, the Military Department Cash Fund, and the Victim's Compensation Fund; to change provisions relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program and the Welfare Reform Act, the Commission Grant Program, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act, the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act, the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Act, the Teleworker Job Creation Act, and motor fuel taxes; to restate intent regarding appropriations for reading instruction and animal damage control; to eliminate provisions relating to tractor testing fees, job training grants, the Bioscience Innovation Program, the Critical Incident Stress Management Program, certain services requested by agencies housed in the State Capitol, certain reimbursements provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to first responders, and the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund; to provide for termination of the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund and the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund; to eliminate the Bioscience Innovation Cash Fund, the Capitol Commission Revolving Fund, the Community College Aid Fund, the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund, the Customized Job Training Cash Fund, the Designated Collection Fund, the Economic Development Cash Fund, the Nebraska Film Office Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Job Training Cash Fund, the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund, the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act, the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund, the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Cash Fund, the Nebraska Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Act, the Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Cash Fund, the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund, the Sector Partnership Program Fund, the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund, the State Treasurer's Land Sales Distributive Fund, the Tractor Permit Cash Fund, the Violence Prevention Cash Fund, and the Youth Outdoor Education Innovation Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-1502, 2-1503.01, 2-1503.02, 2-1503.03, 2-2705.01, 2-3101, 2-3102, 2-3103, 2-3104, 2-3105, 2-3106, 2-3107, 2-3108, 2-3109, 2-3110, 71-17,112, 71-17,113, 71-17,116, 71-3007, 72-2205.01, 72-2211.01, 81-1220, 81-12,114, 81-12,155.01, 81-12,163.01, 81-1451, 81-2509, 81-2510, 81-2511, 81-2513, 81-2514, 81-2515, 85-1540, 85-2235, and 90-248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 66-2302, 66-2303, 66-2304, 66-2305, 66-2306, and 66-2307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 48-622.02, 48-3405, 66-2308, 81-1201.21,

81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1213.05, and 81-1216, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following motion to LB901:

MO546

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB847:

AM2875

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER135)

1 1. Strike sections 2, 3, and 4 and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Registered Apprenticeship Act,

4 unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (1) Apprentice means a worker who is at least sixteen years of age

6 and who is employed to learn an apprenticeable occupation under standards

7 of apprenticeship fulfilling the requirements of 29 C.F.R. 29.5, as such

8 regulation existed on January 1, 2026;

9 (2) Apprenticeable occupation means an occupation that is specified

10 by industry and to which all of the following apply:

11 (a) The occupation involves skills that are customarily learned in a

12 practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the-job

13 supervised learning;

14 (b) The occupation is clearly identified and commonly recognized

15 throughout an industry;

16 (c) The occupation involves the progressive attainment of manual,

17 mechanical, or technical skills and knowledge which, in accordance with

18 the industry standard for the occupation, would require the completion of

19 at least two thousand hours of on-the-job learning to attain; and

20 (d) The occupation requires related instruction to supplement the

21 on-the-job learning;

22 (3) Apprenticeship agreement means a written agreement, accepted and

23 recorded by the Nebraska Office of Registered Apprenticeship, between an

24 apprentice and an apprenticeship sponsor that contains the terms and

25 conditions of the apprentice's employment and training consistent with 29

26 C.F.R. part 29, as such regulations existed on January 1, 2026, and the

1 Nebraska Registered Apprenticeship Act;

2 (4) Apprenticeship program means a program registered with the

3 United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, or the

4 Nebraska Office of Registered Apprenticeship that includes terms and

5 conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and

6 training of apprentices, including the requirement for a written

7 apprenticeship agreement;

8 (5) Apprenticeship sponsor means an entity operating an

9 apprenticeship program or an entity in whose name an apprenticeship

10 program is being operated, which entity is registered with or approved by

11 the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, or the

12 Nebraska Office of Registered Apprenticeship;

13 (6) Cancellation means the termination of the registration of a

14 quality pre-apprenticeship program or apprenticeship program at the
15 request of the apprenticeship sponsor, or the termination of an
16 apprenticeship agreement at the request of the apprentice;
17 (7) Commissioner means the Commissioner of Labor;
18 (8) Department means the Nebraska Department of Labor;
19 (9) Employee organization means (a) any labor union, (b) any
20 organization of any kind, or any agency or employee representation
21 committee, association, group, or plan, in which employees participate
22 and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with
23 employers concerning an employee benefit plan or other matters incidental
24 to employment relationships, and (c) any employees' beneficiary
25 association organized for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
26 establishing an employee benefit plan;
27 (10) Employer means a person or organization employing an
28 apprentice, whether or not such person or organization is a party to an
29 apprenticeship agreement with the apprentice;
30 (11) Employer organization means a collective organization of
31 manufacturers, retailers, or other employers of wage labor which seeks to
1 coordinate the behavior of its member companies in matters of mutual
2 interest;
3 (12) Expansion of an existing apprenticeship program means adding a
4 new occupation or a new employer to an existing apprenticeship program;
5 (13) Large apprenticeship program means an apprenticeship program
6 with more than three hundred fifty active apprentices;
7 (14) On-the-job training means training provided by an employer to
8 which all of the following apply:
9 (a) The training is provided to a paid apprentice who is engaged in
10 productive work in an occupation, and the work provides knowledge or
11 skills essential to the full and adequate performance of the occupation;
12 and
13 (b) The training is limited in duration as appropriate to the
14 occupation for which the apprentice is being trained, based on the
15 content of the training, the apprentice's prior work experience, and the
16 apprentice's service strategy, as appropriate;
17 (15) Public member means a member of the Nebraska Apprenticeship
18 Council who is not representing an employer organization or employee
19 organization and who is familiar with apprenticeable occupations;
20 (16) Quality pre-apprenticeship program means a program or set of
21 strategies, registered by the Nebraska Office of Registered
22 Apprenticeship, including basic skills training, academic skills
23 remediation, or introduction to the industry, that is designed to prepare
24 individuals for entry into an apprenticeship program;
25 (17) Registered apprenticeship program means a program to which all
26 of the following apply:
27 (a) The program has been accepted and recorded by the Nebraska
28 Office of Registered Apprenticeship or registered with the United States
29 Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship;
30 (b) The program includes all of the following:
31 (i) Employer participation in accordance with 29 C.F.R. 29.5, as
1 such regulation existed on January 1, 2026;
2 (ii) On-the-job training;
3 (iii) Related training instruction;
4 (iv) Paid work experience; and
5 (v) Receipt of a portable state or nationally recognized credential;
6 and
7 (c) The program is for the recruitment, selection, employment, and
8 training of apprentices and is developed pursuant to 29 C.F.R part 29, as
9 such regulations existed on January 1, 2026, and any rules and
10 regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the Nebraska Registered
11 Apprenticeship Act;

12 (18) Registration agency means the state agency that is responsible
13 for registering apprenticeship programs and apprentices, providing
14 technical assistance, and conducting reviews for compliance with federal
15 law;
16 (19) Related training instruction means an organized and systematic
17 form of instruction, other than on-the-job training, to which all of the
18 following apply:
19 (a) The instruction is designed to provide an apprentice with
20 knowledge of the subjects related to the apprentice's occupation; and
21 (b) The instruction is given in a classroom, through occupational or
22 industrial courses, through correspondence or online courses, or through
23 other forms of self-study; and
24 (20) Small apprenticeship program means an apprenticeship program
25 with three hundred fifty or fewer active apprentices.
26 Sec. 3. (1) The Nebraska Office of Registered Apprenticeship is
27 established within the department in accordance with 29 U.S.C. 50 and 29
28 C.F.R. part 29, as such section and regulations existed on January 1,
29 2026. The office shall be operated and managed by the commissioner or the
30 commissioner's designee.
31 (2) The office is established for all of the following purposes:
1 (a) To serve as the state apprenticeship agency as defined in 29
2 C.F.R. 29.2, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026;
3 (b) To serve as the registration agency for this state;
4 (c) To establish standards of apprenticeship for quality pre-
5 apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships, and other apprenticeships;
6 (d) To establish requirements regarding the registration of quality
7 pre-apprenticeship programs, registered apprenticeship programs, and
8 other apprenticeship programs in the state when the sponsor of such
9 programs chooses to certify or register the programs with the office; and
10 (e) To resolve disputes between parties to an apprenticeship
11 agreement.
12 Sec. 4. (1) The Nebraska Office of Registered Apprenticeship shall
13 develop standards to create a nationally recognized state apprenticeship
14 completion credential in compliance with standards established in 29
15 C.F.R. 29.5, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026, for
16 completing a registered apprenticeship program.
17 (2) The office shall approve or deny the registration of a
18 registered apprenticeship program, whether for a new program or expansion
19 of an existing apprenticeship program. The office shall provide an entity
20 whose registration is not approved with specific reasons for the
21 disapproval and an option for modifying the application for registration.
22 (3) The office shall establish competency-based, time-based, and
23 hybrid apprenticeship frameworks based on the regional and statewide
24 collection of valuable credentials and consistent with 29 C.F.R. 29.5(b)
25 (2), as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026.
26 (4) The office shall establish a plan to provide reciprocal
27 approval, for federal purposes, to apprentices, apprenticeship programs,
28 and standards that are registered in other states by the United States
29 Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, or a registration agency,
30 if such reciprocity is requested by the apprenticeship sponsor.
31 Apprenticeship sponsors seeking reciprocal approval shall meet wage and
1 hour provisions and apprentice ratio standards of this state.
2 (5) The office may consider advice provided by the Nebraska
3 Apprenticeship Council when completing the office's duties as set forth
4 in this section.
5 (6) The office shall serve as the registration agency for quality
6 pre-apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships, and other
7 apprenticeships.
8 (7) The office shall develop a plan providing a procedure for the
9 cancellation or deregistration of programs and for temporary suspension.

10 ~~cancellation, or deregistration of apprenticeship agreements.~~
 11 ~~(8) The office shall not require affiliation with a labor~~
 12 ~~organization, employer organization, or other limited-membership~~
 13 ~~organization as a criterion of an apprenticeship program. This subsection~~
 14 ~~does not prohibit labor organizations, employer organizations, and~~
 15 ~~limited-membership organizations from requiring membership to participate~~
 16 ~~in the apprenticeship training provided by the organization.~~

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB1165:

AM2881

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2504)

- 1 1. Strike section 25.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 3 accordingly.

AM2878

- 1 1. Strike section 13.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

AM2879

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2504)

- 1 1. Strike sections 20 and 21.
- 2 2. On page 45, line 1, after the semicolon insert "and"; strike
- 3 lines 2 through 14; and in line 15 strike "(n)" and insert "(m)".
- 4 3. On page 46, line 31, strike ", an".
- 5 4. On page 47, strike beginning with "employer" in line 1 through
- 6 "81-12,147." in line 2; and in line 2 strike "(1)(n)" and insert "(1
- 7 (m)".
- 8 5. On page 48, strike beginning with "(a)" in line 4 through "(b)"
- 9 in line 5; and in line 6 strike "(1)(n)" and insert "(1)(m)".
- 10 6. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 11 and the repealer accordingly.

AM2877

- 1 1. Strike sections 7 to 12.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 398. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Library Commission celebrates one hundred and twenty-five years of service to the State of Nebraska on March 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Library Commission was established by an act of the Legislature on March 27, 1901, as the Nebraska Public Library Commission with the purpose of encouraging the growth and development of public libraries throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Commission has evolved from a small state agency into a statewide leader in library development, professional training, and resource sharing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's responsibilities have expanded to support public, academic, school, and special libraries across Nebraska, serving as a

central hub for information services, consulting, technology development, and statewide coordination; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the Commission's services and resources have benefited library staff, state employees, government information seekers, and Nebraskans with print disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Library Commission has continually adapted to meet the changing needs of communities by embracing new technologies, strengthening support for rural libraries, and promoting equitable access to information for all Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's long-standing commitment to strengthening libraries and expanding access to information has contributed to lifelong learning and the educational, cultural, and economic vitality of the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Nebraska Library Commission on celebrating one hundred and twenty-five years of dedicated service to the community.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Library Commission.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2496](#), found on page 1082, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2654](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

1 1. On page 48, line 13, strike "fifty" and insert "twenty-five".

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1112](#)

To AM2496, Strike Sec. 64

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were UNL Beef Industry Scholars, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Beth Dodson, Valentine.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

