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**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 25, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-ninth day was approved.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. Senator Clements renewed [AM2748](#), found on page 1115 and considered on pages 1134 and 1140.

Senator Conrad renewed [AM2782](#), found and considered on page 1141, to the committee amendment.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 29 ayes, 12 nays, and 8 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 12 nays, and 12 not voting.

The Conrad amendment lost with 12 ayes, 32 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Clements offered [AM2920](#), found on page 1272, to his amendment.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to [LB937](#):
[AM2606](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2454)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 4. Section 79-215, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

3 amended to read:

4 79-215 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student
5 is a resident of the school district where he or she resides and shall be
6 admitted to any such school district upon request without charge.

7 (2) A school board shall admit a student upon request without charge
8 if at least one of the student's parents resides in the school district.

9 (3) A school board shall admit any homeless student upon request
10 without charge if the district is the district in which the student (a)
11 is currently located, (b) attended when permanently housed, or (c) was
12 last enrolled.

13 (4) A school board may allow a student whose residency in the
14 district ceases during a school year to continue attending school in such
15 district for the remainder of that school year.

16 (5) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school
17 district pursuant to a contract with the district where the student is a
18 resident and shall collect tuition pursuant to the contract.

19 (6) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school
20 district pursuant to the enrollment option program as authorized by
21 sections 79-232 to 79-246, and such admission shall be without charge.

22 (7) In order to carry out the provisions of section 79-2201, a
23 school board shall permit children of military families to enroll
24 preliminarily in a school district if a parent presents evidence of
25 military orders that the military family will be stationed in this state
26 during the current or following school year. Such preliminary enrollment
1 and any advanced enrollment policies related to a child of a military

2 family shall also apply if such child has an individualized family
 3 service plan, has an individualized education program under the federal
 4 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.,
 5 receives special accommodations or services under section 504 of the
 6 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or receives special
 7 education as defined in section 79-1125. A student of a military family
 8 shall be admitted to the school district without charge upon arrival in
 9 Nebraska if the requirements of this section are met.

10 (8) A school board may admit a student who is a resident of another
 11 state to the school district and collect tuition in advance at a rate
 12 determined by the school board.

13 (9) When a student as a ward of the state or as a ward of any court
 14 (a) has been placed in a school district other than the district in which
 15 he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward and such ward does
 16 not reside in a foster family home licensed or approved by the Department
 17 of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or used pursuant
 18 to section 83-108.04 or (b) has been placed in any institution which
 19 maintains a special education program which has been approved by the
 20 State Department of Education and such institution is not owned or
 21 operated by the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she
 22 became a ward, the cost of his or her education and the required
 23 transportation costs associated with the student's education shall be
 24 paid by the state, but not in advance, to the receiving school district
 25 or approved institution under rules and regulations prescribed by the
 26 Department of Health and Human Services and the student shall remain a
 27 resident of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she
 28 became a ward. Any student who is a ward of the state or a ward of any
 29 court who resides in a foster family home licensed or approved by the
 30 Department of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or
 31 used pursuant to section 83-108.04 shall be deemed a resident of the
 1 district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a foster
 2 child, unless it is determined under section 43-1311 or 43-1312 that he
 3 or she will not attend such district in which case he or she shall be
 4 deemed a resident of the district in which the foster family home or
 5 foster home is located.

6 (10)(a) When a student is not a ward of the state or a ward of any
 7 court and is residing in a residential setting located in Nebraska for
 8 reasons other than to receive an education and the residential setting is
 9 operated by a service provider which is certified or licensed by the
 10 Department of Health and Human Services or is enrolled in the medical
 11 assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act and
 12 Title XIX or XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, the
 13 student shall remain a resident of the district in which he or she
 14 resided immediately prior to residing in such residential setting. The
 15 resident district for a student who is not a ward of the state or a ward
 16 of any court does not change when the student moves from one residential
 17 setting to another.

18 (b)(i)(b) If a student is residing in a residential setting as
 19 described in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential
 20 setting does not maintain an interim-program school as defined in section
 21 79-1119.01 or an approved or accredited school;

22 (A) For a student who is a resident of a Class V school district,
 23 such Class V school district shall provide for transportation and all
 24 educational services, including all special education services and
 25 support services as defined in section 79-1125.01, unless the parent or
 26 guardian of such student requests that the Class V school district
 27 contract with the school district in which the residential setting is
 28 located for all such services; or

29 (B) For a student who is not a resident of a Class V school
 30 district, the resident school district shall contract with the school

31 district in which such residential setting is located for the provision
1 of all educational services, including all special education services and
2 support services as defined in section 79-1125.01, unless a parent or
3 guardian and the resident school district agree that an appropriate
4 education will be provided by the resident school district while the
5 student is residing in such residential setting.

6 (ii) If the resident school district is required to contract, the
7 school district in which such residential setting is located shall
8 contract with the resident school district and provide all educational
9 services, including all special education services, to the student. If
10 the two school districts cannot agree on the amount of the contract, the
11 State Department of Education shall determine the amount to be paid by
12 the resident school district to the school district in which such
13 residential setting is located based on the needs of the student,
14 approved special education rates, the department's general experience
15 with special education budgets, and the cost per student in the school
16 district in which such residential setting is located. Once the contract
17 has been entered into, all legal responsibility for special education and
18 related services shall be transferred to the school district in which the
19 residential setting is located.

20 (c) If a student is residing in a residential setting as described
21 in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential setting
22 maintains an interim-program school as defined in section 79-1119.01 or
23 an approved or accredited school, the department shall reimburse such
24 residential setting for the provision of all educational services,
25 including all special education services and support services, with the
26 amount of payment for all educational services determined pursuant to the
27 average per pupil cost of the service agency as defined in section
28 79-1116. The resident school district shall retain responsibility for
29 such student's individualized education program plan, if any. The
30 educational services may be provided through (i) such interim-program
31 school or approved or accredited school, (ii) a contract between the
1 residential setting and the school district in which such residential
2 setting is located, (iii) a contract between the residential setting and
3 another service agency as defined in section 79-1124, or (iv) a
4 combination of such educational service providers.

5 (d) If a school district pays a school district in which a
6 residential setting is located for educational services provided pursuant
7 to subdivision (10)(b) of this section and it is later determined that a
8 different school district was the resident school district for such
9 student at the time such educational services were provided, the school
10 district that was later determined to be the resident school district
11 shall reimburse the school district that initially paid for the
12 educational services one hundred ten percent of the amount paid.

13 (e) A student residing in a residential setting described in this
14 subsection shall be defined as a student with a handicap pursuant to
15 Article VII, section 11, of the Constitution of Nebraska, and as such the
16 state and any political subdivision may contract with institutions not
17 wholly owned or controlled by the state or any political subdivision to
18 provide the educational services to the student if such educational
19 services are nonsectarian in nature.

20 (11) A school board shall admit a student upon request without
21 charge for part-time enrollment for purposes of participating in
22 extracurricular activities in accordance with section 79-2,136 if (a) the
23 student is also enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial
24 school or in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to
25 meet accreditation or approval requirements and (b) either (i) the school
26 district where such student or such student's parent resides does not
27 offer the extracurricular activity in which the student desires to
28 participate and the school district which the student is requesting to

29 attend is the closest school district to the residence of such student or
30 such student's parent that offers such extracurricular activity or (ii)
31 the school district where such student or such student's parent resides
1 does offer the extracurricular activity in which the student desires to
2 participate but the school district the student is requesting to attend
3 includes the closest school to the residence of such student or such
4 student's parent that offers such extracurricular activity.
5 (12) A school board shall ensure that any preliminary or advanced
6 enrollment policies of a school district that apply to a student
7 enrolling in such school also apply to a student enrolling in such school
8 that has an individualized family service plan, has an individualized
9 education program under the federal Individuals with Disabilities
10 Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., receives special accommodations or
11 services under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
12 U.S.C. 794, or receives special education as defined in section 79-1125.
13 (13) In the case of any individual eighteen years of age or younger
14 who is a ward of the state or any court and who is placed in a county
15 detention home established under section 43-2,110, the cost of his or her
16 education shall be paid by the state, regardless of the district in which
17 he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward, to the agency or
18 institution which: (a) Is selected by the county board with jurisdiction
19 over such detention home; (b) has agreed or contracted with such county
20 board to provide educational services; and (c) has been approved by the
21 State Department of Education pursuant to rules and regulations
22 prescribed by the State Board of Education.
23 (14) No tuition shall be charged for students who may be by law
24 allowed to attend the school without charge.
25 (15) The State Department of Education shall establish procedures
26 and criteria for collecting enrollment, admission, and related
27 information needed for any student to attend a school district in this
28 state which shall include, but not be limited to, having an adult with
29 legal or actual charge or control of a student provide through electronic
30 means or other means specified by the department the name of the student,
31 the name of the adult with legal or actual charge or control of the
1 student, the address where the student is or will be residing, and
2 information on how and where the adult may generally be reached during
3 the school day.
4 (16) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
5 to carry out the provisions of this section.
6 Sec. 14. Section 79-1129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:
8 79-1129 (1) The school board of the resident school district shall
9 provide one of the following types of services to children with
10 disabilities:
11 (a) Provide for the transportation expenses for children with
12 disabilities who are forced to leave the school district temporarily
13 because of lack of educational services. A parent or guardian
14 transporting such a child shall be paid for each day of attendance at the
15 mileage rate provided in section 81-1176 for each actual mile or fraction
16 thereof traveled between the place of residence and the program of
17 attendance, and when any parent or guardian transports more than one
18 child with a disability in his or her custody or control enrolled in
19 programs at the same location, the amount of payments to such parent or
20 guardian shall be based upon the transportation of one such child. No
21 transportation payments shall be made to a parent or guardian for mileage
22 not actually traveled by such parent or guardian;
23 (b) Provide for the transportation expenses within the school
24 district, or for a Class V school district, within the county or counties
25 in which such school district has schools, of any child with a disability
26 who is enrolled in a special educational program of the district when

27 either (i) the child is required to attend a facility other than what
 28 would be the normal school or attendance facility of the child to receive
 29 appropriate special educational services or (ii) the nature of the
 30 child's disability is such that special transportation is required. A
 31 parent or guardian transporting such child shall be paid for each day of
 1 attendance at the mileage rate provided in section 81-1176 for each
 2 actual mile or fraction thereof traveled between the place of residence
 3 and the program of attendance, and when any parent or guardian transports
 4 more than one child with a disability in his or her custody or control
 5 enrolled in programs at the same location, the amount of payments to such
 6 parent or guardian shall be based upon the transportation of one such
 7 child. No transportation payments shall be made to a parent or guardian
 8 for mileage not actually traveled by such parent or guardian;
 9 (c) Provide visiting teachers for homebound children with
 10 disabilities. Such teachers shall be certified and qualified in the same
 11 manner as required for other teachers in Nebraska;
 12 (d) Provide correspondence instruction approved by the Commissioner
 13 of Education; or
 14 (e) Provide any other method of instruction approved by the
 15 Commissioner of Education.
 16 (2) When a child with a disability resides in or attends a preschool
 17 or child care program in a school district other than the school district
 18 of residence of his or her parents or guardian, the nonresident school
 19 district may, upon mutual agreement with the school district of
 20 residence, provide for the transportation expenses of the child.
 21 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
 22 correct the repealer accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 446. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine auctioneer licensing and continuing education requirements.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examining the current statutory and regulatory requirements for auctioneering;
- (2) Reviewing the scope, content, and delivery methods of prelicensing education and continuing education;
- (3) Examining how other states regulate auctioneer education and licensing;
- (4) Examining the impact of online and electronic auctions on education and competency standards;
- (5) Reviewing consumer protection considerations and enforcement issues; and
- (6) Determining whether changes to statutes or regulations are warranted to improve educational quality, accessibility, and relevance while maintaining appropriate oversight.

In conducting this interim study, the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature may confer with stakeholders, including licensed auctioneers, auction firms, educators, regulators, and consumers.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 447. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how a baccalaureate degree requiring fewer than the traditional one hundred twenty credit hours, or four years, may benefit the state.

The Department of Labor reports that the percentage of jobs in the state requiring a baccalaureate degree is increasing from nineteen and seven-tenths percent for the period from 2012 to 2022 to a projected twenty-seven percent for the period from 2022 to 2032. The department also reports jobs considered to be in high demand, requiring high skill levels, and providing high wages, are increasing significantly over the same periods, rising from forty-two and one-half percent to a projected sixty-two percent.

Currently, there are seven public and eleven private postsecondary institutions in Nebraska that grant baccalaureate degrees requiring at least one hundred twenty credit hours. All but one of these institutions are physically located within the eastern geographic half of the state.

As the number of jobs requiring a baccalaureate degree continues to grow, access to baccalaureate degree-granting institutions becomes increasingly critical to economic development and workforce preparedness in the state. As workforce shortages persist in occupations requiring a baccalaureate degree, it is necessary for the state to consider whether existing postsecondary resources can be leveraged to fill any accessibility gaps and meet workforce demand.

Nebraska is not the first state to examine this issue. In response to gaps in access to bachelor's degrees, nearly sixty institutions across the country have begun to develop and implement baccalaureate programs requiring fewer than one hundred twenty credit hours in select disciplines. In addition, twenty-four states currently authorize community colleges to confer bachelor's degrees, expanding geographic access and strengthening workforce pipelines in high-demand fields. These developments suggest that alternative baccalaureate pathways may provide the state with additional tools to improve degree attainment, expand access in underserved regions, and better align postsecondary education with evolving workforce needs.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Geographic areas of the state that would most benefit from bachelor's degrees requiring fewer than one hundred twenty credit hours;

(2) Industries and career pathways that would most benefit from such degrees;

(3) Student populations that would most benefit from such degrees; and

(4) Postsecondary institutions, including community colleges, that may be capable of offering such degrees.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 448. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the quality and availability of assistance to Nebraska veterans and their families regarding benefits and services available to them based on their military service.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Determining the ratio of accredited veteran service officers to military veterans in the state;

(2) Examining the benefits services that veteran service officers provide to military veterans;

(3) Examining federal law pertaining to accreditation of veteran service officers;

(4) Examining federal criminal or civil penalties associated with such accreditation;

(5) Reviewing the process that determines what benefits a veteran may be eligible for; and

(6) Examining the Veterans Affairs disability claims review process.

In conducting this interim study, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, legislative officers and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 449. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dover, 19; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, F., 41; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine:

(1) State resources and programs to assist with recovery and restoration of agricultural lands that have suffered from devastating wildfires within the state;

(2) The loss of agricultural productivity from such wildfires;

(3) Agricultural-resource degradation from such wildfires and the effects of such resource degradation;

(4) Federal, state, and local government responses to such wildfires;

(5) Available programs and assistance that are available to respond to the agricultural damage caused by such wildfires; and

(6) Recommendations to enhance this state's capability to facilitate long-term recovery from such wildfires.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 450. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 451. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review occupational regulations for bulk milk haulers and field

representatives under the Nebraska Milk Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 452. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine funding sources, fee structures, service types, oversight structures, reimbursement structures, and appropriations for cross-system services between child welfare and juvenile justice.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Reviewing the current appropriations and budget allocations supporting services for youth involved in both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system, including funds administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Probation Administration;

(2) Evaluating how costs for youth served by both systems are distributed among state agencies, counties, behavioral health regions, and contracted service providers, including any statutory or administrative cost sharing;

(3) Analyzing the reimbursement and fee structures, including rate setting, payment methods, and whether current reimbursement levels provide adequate funding to meet program goals;

(4) Examining the coordination of payment and funding sources between the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Probation Administration, the Department of Correctional Services, behavioral health regions, and contracted providers to ensure continuity of care, with particular attention to progress related to previous audit reports from the Auditor of Public Accounts on this subject;

(5) Reviewing federal and state funding streams that support cross-system services, including fee structures and opportunities to maximize federal reimbursement; and

(6) Identifying best practices from other states that have successfully strengthened fiscal oversight and accountability for such funding.

In conducting this interim study, the Appropriations Committee may confer with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, other state agencies, juvenile justice professionals, foster and kinship caregivers, service providers, impacted youth and families, behavioral health experts, advocates, and other relevant stakeholders as needed.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 453. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the impact on homestead exemptions of Legislative Bill 126, One Hundred Eighth Legislature, Second Session, 2024.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 454. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine alternative funding sources for addressing the shortage of affordable and workforce housing in Nebraska. Historically, affordable and workforce housing programs in Nebraska have been funded by the General Fund and proceeds from the documentary stamp tax. As money from the General Fund has become unavailable, additional funding sources need to be identified. This study shall examine how housing is funded in other states and explore new funding sources for housing in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 455. Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; Guereca, 7; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine recruitment, retention, and professional recognition of prekindergarten, elementary, and secondary educators.

Educators are essential to the academic success, workforce readiness, and civic development of students in the state. Meanwhile, school districts are experiencing ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified educators, including teachers, faculty, and support staff. Educators have reported feeling undervalued as professionals, citing concerns related to compensation, benefits, workplace conditions, administrative burdens, and the overall respect and recognition afforded to the profession. Increased workloads, emotional demands, student behavioral challenges, and safety concerns contribute to educator burnout and attrition. Contract negotiations and, in some cases, failed negotiations between educators and employers may further impact morale, retention, and the stability of educational environments. State and federal educational mandates, compliance requirements, and administrative expectations may contribute to increased burdens on educators and reduce the time available for instruction and student engagement. Shortages of qualified educators, including substitute teachers and paraeducators, place additional strain on existing staff and impact the quality of education delivered to students. Improving educator recognition, professional respect, and working conditions is essential to strengthening Nebraska's education system and ensuring long-term student success.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Factors contributing to educator shortages and challenges in recruitment;
 - (2) Causes of educator demoralization and attrition, including burnout, workload, and workplace conditions;
 - (3) Compensation structures, including salaries and benefits, and the competitiveness of such salaries and benefits regionally and nationally;
 - (4) The impact of student behavior, discipline policies, and classroom management challenges on educator retention;
 - (5) Administrative burdens, educational mandates, and compliance requirements affecting educator workload;
 - (6) The impact of contract negotiations, including failed negotiations, on educator morale and retention;
 - (7) School safety concerns and their effect on educator well-being;
 - (8) Availability of resources, funding structures, and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by educators;
 - (9) Strategies to improve professional recognition, respect, and public perception of educators;
 - (10) Evidence-based practices and policies from other states that successfully improve educator recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction;
- and

(11) Strategies the state and school districts may implement to mitigate educator burnout, improve workplace conditions, and incentivize long-term retention in the profession.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 456. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the implementation of recreational cannabis in Nebraska.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The impact of legalized recreational cannabis, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and eligibility standards;

(2) Potential economic impact on Nebraska;

(3) The reasons for and impacts of restricted access for patients of medical cannabis; and

(4) Receiving input from medical professionals, business owners, agricultural producers, and economists.

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

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 457. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify the barriers to multiple employer insurance plans. Multiple employer insurance plans allow employers to pool their risks and jointly purchase health insurance for employees. This model supports smaller employers by reducing administrative costs, allowing access to better insurance rates, and offering large group benefits. The study shall include,

but not be limited to, a review of state and federal statutes and rules and regulations applicable to multiple employer insurance plans.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 458. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, F., 41; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the availability and disclosure of data regarding tax exemptions and tax incentives to Nebraska state personnel. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Compiling information for all of the current tax exemptions and tax incentives in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the intended goals and actual outcomes, value, and the beginning and ending dates;

(2) Conducting an assessment of the actual economic impact of each tax exemption and tax incentive including the return on investment;

(3) Researching and identifying a means for all relevant information regarding tax exemptions and tax incentives to be shared with all Nebraska state personnel involved in the state appropriations process including state senators and their staff; and

(4) Examining transparency and reporting requirements for sharing information regarding tax exemptions and tax incentives.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 459. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the assessment of agricultural land value based on potential income and determine whether such method of assessment is the best way to

properly assess agricultural land. In conducting this study, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Nebraska Farm Bureau, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Governor's Policy Research Office, and other stakeholders with expertise in agricultural land assessment. This study shall include the following:

(1) An examination of which other midwest and great plains states use the potential income method of assessment for agricultural land, and the process of such assessment by such states;

(2) A determination of the challenges faced by past legislation that changed agricultural land assessment to the potential income method of assessment;

(3) A determination of solutions that can be implemented to overcome hurdles in passing legislation to change agricultural land assessment to the potential income method of assessment;

(4) An examination of the unique challenges in Nebraska that makes utilizing the potential income method of assessment for agricultural land more difficult;

(5) A determination of the best source of information to evaluate the potential income of agricultural land. Some examples of such information sources being the three-year trend analysis of rents within geographically similar areas based on weather conditions and soil types gathered from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Farm Real Estate Market Report, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Farmland Values and Cash Rental Rates, or Nebraska Extension annual reports; and

(6) An examination of whether trend analysis is helpful in determining the potential income of agricultural land.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 460. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to residential building codes and land development regulations and to examine which specific codes may be cost prohibitive in the building of affordable and workforce housing.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An examination of whether there are any existing exceptions to the residential building or energy codes that make affordable or workforce housing more affordable;

(2) A determination of what exceptions could be made to residential building or energy codes to lower the cost of affordable and workforce housing;

(3) A determination of what existing residential building codes in Nebraska may be deemed unnecessary or excessive, inhibiting the building of affordable or workforce housing;

(4) A determination of whether there is a way to calculate the cost-to-benefit ratio for building codes and what such calculation looks like;

(5) An examination of which current requirements imposed by cities or villages or the state on land development drive costs of development up and cause new construction prices to become inflated;

(6) A determination of what increased costs are incurred or saved by building outside of a city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction;

(7) A determination on whether there are any additional ordinances or regulations that cities or villages or the state place on the building of affordable and workforce residential housing that cause new construction prices to become inflated; and

(8) A determination of any modifications that may be made to buildings codes, city or villages ordinances, or state regulations that would reduce the cost of building residential housing that utilizes the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund, or the Middle Income Work Housing Investment Fund.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Nebraska State Home Builders Association, the Nebraska Housing Developers Association, city officials and other stakeholders with expertise in housing codes, ordinances, and construction.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 461. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: (1) The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to complement the work of the Infrastructure Review Task Force, conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's highway funding structure, and recommend possible alternatives to the traditional methods that have historically been employed in the state.

(2) While revenue continues to decrease through less fuel consumption and less motor vehicle sales tax revenue, highway construction costs continue to increase through inflationary factors and greater needs due to increased traffic volume.

(3) Nebraska is rapidly approaching the point where sustaining the number one priority of system preservation will be difficult.

(4) This study shall examine several factors surrounding the state of highways in Nebraska, including, but not limited to:

(a) An analysis of the current funding for highways and streets in Nebraska and the emphasis on user fees;

(b) An analysis of the overall effectiveness of the fuel tax in today's economic environment;

(c) An analysis of how the Department of Transportation has responded to lower revenue and higher costs over the past several years, including a reassessment of the priority funding system;

(d) An analysis of how city and county governments have fared under the state's highway revenue structure; and

(e) A review of other states' alternative methods of funding highways, including, but not limited to, bonding, implementing a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) system, tolling, using public-private partnerships, redistributing current state revenue, and ensuring vehicle taxes are being utilized for highway and road funding.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867A. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 867, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958A. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 958, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. Senator Clements renewed [AM2748](#), found on page 1115 and considered on pages 1134, 1140, and in this day's Journal.

Senator Clements renewed [AM2920](#), found on page 1272 and considered in this day's Journal, to his amendment.

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:

[MO548](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, and 14 not voting.

Speaker Arch requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer, G.	Strommen
Armendariz	Dover	Jacobson	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Hunt	Quick
Brandt	Conrad	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hughes	Prokop	Riepe

Present and not voting, 4:

Bosn	McKinney	Storer	Wordekemper
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Excused and not voting, 3:

Dungan	Rountree	Spivey
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The Arch motion failed with 27 ayes, 15 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 462. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine a stair-stepping approach to public assistance eligibility, which would gradually reduce public assistance to recipients based on increases in income, and whether such an approach would result in cost savings while

improving outcomes by fostering economic stability and promoting upward mobility.

(1) The study shall examine whether the stair-stepping approach could benefit taxpayers by:

(a) Reducing long-term dependency. By incentivizing work and career progression, stair-stepping could help move individuals and families toward self-sufficiency, ultimately reducing long-term reliance on government assistance programs;

(b) Lowering administrative costs. Standardizing eligibility requirements and streamlining the phase-out process can reduce the complex administrative burden associated with the abrupt, varied income limits of different programs;

(c) Increasing tax revenue. As recipients earn more and work steady jobs, they contribute more through income taxes, boosting government revenue;

(d) Encouraging economic growth. By promoting workforce participation and stability, the overall economy benefits, leading to better community health and reduced poverty rates; and

(e) Promoting health care savings. Stable financial foundations and access to basic needs, such as food and housing, lead to better health outcomes, which can lower public health care expenditures.

(2) The study shall also examine whether a stair-stepping approach would benefit recipients by:

(a) Avoiding financial loss. The primary benefit is preventing the net loss of income that occurs with a benefits cliff. Instead of a pay raise resulting in a net pay cut due to lost benefits, families see a real financial gain as they earn more;

(b) Incentivizing work and advancement. A gradual reduction ensures that pursuing a new job, a raise, or a promotion is always a beneficial decision, rather than a risky one that could lead to financial hardship;

(c) Providing stability. Gradual phase-outs give recipients the necessary time to adjust budgets and build savings, creating a stable financial foundation as recipients transition off public assistance;

(d) Encouraging opportunity. With a more predictable and supportive system, recipients are more likely to pursue education, skills training, or career development opportunities that can lead to intergenerational economic mobility; and

(e) Reducing stress. Predictable, gradual changes alleviate the stress and anxiety associated with the sudden loss of vital aid like child care or housing assistance.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 463. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Juarez, 5; Meyer, G., 17; Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to analyze data from learning community schools to investigate the return on investment.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Compiling and summarizing statutes related to learning communities;
- (2) Identifying funding streams related to learning communities and the amount of money received by the existing learning community and its member school districts;
- (3) Identifying how the money received by the existing learning community and its member school districts is being spent and determine if such funding continues to be necessary;
- (4) Determining if state aid could be removed so that the rest of the state is not funding learning communities;
- (5) Reviewing all community achievement plans approved by the State Board of Education and all reports on the success of the plans and evaluation results;
- (6) Identifying existing goals for learning communities and determining if the existing learning community and its member school districts are achieving such goals;
- (7) Identifying any required measurable outcomes;
- (8) Determining if any measurable progress has been made toward closing the learning gaps by subgroups for achievement equity;
- (9) Examining outside accountability mechanisms and how they can be enhanced; and
- (10) Analyzing the use of nonprofit organizations by the existing learning community and the contribution of such organizations to the goals of such learning community.

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

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 464. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the potential for a de minimis property tax exemption.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following questions:

- (1) What is the economic purpose of a de minimis property tax exemption for tangible personal property and why have other states pursued them?

(2) What percentage of property tax revenue from tangible personal property is derived from the top one, five, ten, and twenty percent of personal property return filers?

(3) What exemption levels would be necessary to exempt eighty, ninety, ninety-five, or ninety-nine percent of personal property return filers?

(4) What is the administrative cost to county governments for processing low-dollar tangible personal property returns? What is the cost of processing tangible personal property returns with less than fifty dollars of reported liability? What is the cost of processing the lowest eighty or ninety percent of personal property returns compared to property tax revenue from those returns?

(5) How does the cost of administering low-dollar personal property returns compare to the cost of administering high-value personal property returns?

(6) What is the personal property tax compliance cost ratio for small businesses, representing how much they spend complying with personal property returns versus their actual liability?

(7) What de minimis exemptions have been adopted by other states, what are the reported revenue implications, and what percentage of potential personal property taxpayers do they exempt?

(8) What are the best practices to avoid tax cliffs and eliminate compliance costs for small business taxpayers?

(9) What design considerations are necessary for successful implementation of a de minimis property tax exemption for tangible personal property?

(10) How should revenue losses associated with a de minimis property tax exemption for tangible personal property be addressed, and should any state reimbursement be net of reduced county administrative costs?

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 465. Introduced by Murman, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to school policies on student surveys and the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers. The study shall include the implementation and effects of Laws 2025, LB428, relating to the administration of mental health surveys to students and the right of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers to remove children from such surveys.

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

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 466. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the prevalence, causes, and impacts of suspensions and other exclusionary discipline practices affecting elementary school students, and to identify the resources, policies, and supports necessary to reduce or eliminate such practices.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Current state and local policies governing suspensions and expulsions for students in elementary school;
- (2) The frequency, demographic breakdown, and geographic distribution of such disciplinary actions;
- (3) The short-term and long-term impacts of early exclusionary discipline on student outcomes, including academic achievement, behavioral development, and involvement in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems;
- (4) The availability and effectiveness of alternative disciplinary approaches, including restorative practices, behavioral interventions, trauma-informed care, and school-based mental health supports;
- (5) The capacity of school districts, educators, and support staff to implement developmentally appropriate behavioral interventions;
- (6) What school districts are doing to address the needs of students that may be suspended;
- (7) Workforce needs related to this issue, including access to school psychologists, social workers, behavioral specialists, and other support personnel;
- (8) Funding structures and resource gaps at the state and local levels;
- (9) Best practices from other states that have limited or prohibited suspensions in early elementary grades; and
- (10) The feasibility of establishing statewide standards, funding mechanisms, and accountability measures to support schools in reducing reliance on exclusionary discipline for students while maintaining safe and supportive learning environments.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 467. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine strategies, policies, and investments that cities, villages, and the State of Nebraska may use to make the state more attractive to young people, including, but not limited to, students, young professionals, entrepreneurs, and early-career families.

This study shall evaluate the factors influencing whether young people choose to remain in, relocate to, or leave Nebraska and identify opportunities to strengthen talent retention, workforce development, and community vitality across the state.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An analysis of current demographic trends related to young people in Nebraska, including retention rates, out-migration patterns, and regional disparities between urban and rural communities;

(2) An evaluation of job availability, wage competitiveness, career pathways, and alignment between education systems and workforce needs, including opportunities in emerging industries;

(3) An assessment of housing availability, affordability, and accessibility for young people, including rental and homeownership opportunities;

(4) A review of factors such as arts and culture, entertainment, public spaces, transportation, and overall livability that influence decisions of young people;

(5) An examination of kindergarten through grade twelve, postsecondary, and workforce training systems, including partnerships with colleges, universities, and employers to retain graduates in Nebraska;

(6) An evaluation of resources, capital access, and support systems available to young entrepreneurs and small business startups;

(7) An examination of opportunities for young people to engage in civic life, leadership development, and community decision-making;

(8) An identification and analysis of best practices from other states and regions that have successfully attracted and retained young people; and

(9) Identification of systemic, economic, or social barriers that discourage young people from staying in or moving to Nebraska.

The study may also include input from stakeholders including young residents, employers, educational institutions, economic development organizations, community groups, and policy experts.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 468. Introduced by Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine policies that could be enacted to provide assurances to immigrant communities that some community areas would be safe from immigration harassment and enforcement.

In the 109th Legislature, Second Session, the Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on LB 907, which would provide that in some community spaces immigration enforcement, with the exception of the execution of judicial warrants, would not be conducted. These sensitive areas included schools, libraries, and other places of learning; hospitals, homeless shelters, and other places of refuge; and courthouses and legal service providers.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) How other states have provided assurances to immigrant communities by enacting laws similar to LB 907.

(2) What other states' attorneys general have done in issuing guidance to schools and other sensitive areas on how to respond to federal immigration authorities; and

(3) What local governments have done across the country to provide similar assistance to sensitive areas.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 469. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

WHEREAS, Omaha South High School's Performing and Fine Arts Pathway earned the 2025 Nebraskans for the Arts NebraskARTS Award for supporting and encouraging student achievement in fine and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Omaha South High School is a pathway school allowing students to explore personal areas of interest and to connect with community partners to learn skills needed for post-secondary education and careers; and

WHEREAS, Omaha South High School's Performing and Fine Arts Pathway represents over one thousand three hundred students involved in dance, film, journalism, vocal music, band, orchestra, piano, guitar, fashion design, music technology, theatre, stagecraft, 2D art, and 3D art; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Performing and Fine Arts Pathway is made possible through the broad support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Omaha South High School's Performing and Fine Arts Pathway for earning the 2025 Nebraskans for the Arts NebraskARTS Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Omaha South High School.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 470. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to streamline and improve wireless connectivity for residents, families and businesses, specifically by examining policies to address unreasonable fees and other costs for wireless deployments.

In recent years, wireless providers and infrastructure companies have experienced an exponential growth in fees for processing siting applications that include or require engagement with third-party contractors or consultants. Permitting fees for wireless sites are often substantially higher in municipalities and jurisdictions that utilize these consultants compared with those that do not. In some cases across the country, jurisdictions even require upfront retainer payments before an application can be considered.

This growth in fees and costs is happening as the public's demand for wireless services is growing at historic proportions in Nebraska and across the nation. In 2024 alone, United States consumers used a record 132 trillion megabytes of mobile data, shattering the 100 trillion-megabyte mark set the year before. The amount of wireless infrastructure necessary to carry that traffic and meet this growing demand is staggering and will only continue to grow, which is why wireless providers invested \$29 billion in 2024 and approximately \$219 billion since 2018 to expand the nation's wireless networks.

In 2021, LB520 was introduced to address this and other permitting issues. The bill preserved and protected the ability of Nebraska jurisdictions to charge fees for wireless permitting provided the assessed fees are reasonable and reflective of actual costs of wireless permitting. This included specific limits and guardrails on consultant-based fee assessments. Even if this and other related provisions had been enacted into law, LB520 would have maintained already substantial, appropriate local control over the wireless permit application process.

This study shall examine policies adopted by other states as well as federal laws and regulations governing fees and costs assessed by municipalities

and other jurisdictions for wireless permitting to facilitate the development of future Nebraska legislation to address the issue.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 471. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the production of natural gas. Recent dynamic changes and growth in energy consumption will drive pressure on the supply of natural gas, the capacity of the existing pipelines, and affordability.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating whether natural gas companies operating in Nebraska have sufficient natural gas capacity to cover:

- (a) Home heating;
- (b) Existing, planned, and forecasted generation of electric power;
- (c) The production of ethanol; and
- (d) The needs of the agriculture industry/bioeconomy;

(2) Evaluating whether natural gas companies have adequate existing pipelines, pipeline capacity, firm supply, and storage; and

(3) Evaluating the affordability of the rising prices of natural gas.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

MOTION(S) - Return 1133 to Select File

Senator Kauth moved to return 1133 to Select File for her specific amendment, [AM2887](#), found on page 1236.

The Kauth motion to return prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. The Kauth specific amendment, [AM2887](#), found on page 1236, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 472. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Meyer, G., 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine federally funded Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs and to provide state policy recommendations in support of such programs. Head Start Preschool provides high-quality early childhood education and wraparound services for preschoolers to promote school readiness and healthy development. Early Head Start provides high-quality early childhood education and wraparound services for infants, toddlers, expectant parents, and families to enhance healthy development, pregnancy, and postpartum recovery.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) A comprehensive overview of the services, impact, and access to Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs in Nebraska;
- (2) An overview of the federal and state history of Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs;
- (3) An overview of the structure and operation of Head Start and Early Head Start programs, including the supporting role of the Nebraska Head Start Collaboration Office and other state governmental bodies and associations;
- (4) An inventory of the federal funding sources for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs;
- (5) An examination of staffing challenges affecting Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs and their ability to provide services to young children and families;
- (6) An examination of compliance with federal law regarding Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start background checks; and
- (7) A review of approaches in other states to support Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programming.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 473. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Meyer, G., 17; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine opportunities for countywide local option sales taxes. Currently counties are allowed to levy sales taxes only in areas without a municipal sales tax and revenues must be used for public safety services. Similar to municipal sales taxes, voters must approve implementation of county sales taxes. Expanded authority for county local option sales taxes could provide a non-property-tax revenue stream for necessary county government duties and services.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Options for allowing a county sales tax to be implemented countywide after a designated proportion of the population residing in municipalities in the county have implemented a city sales tax;

(2) Options for creating specific districts where county sales taxes could be charged, including areas near a highway or other selected regions outside of municipal boundaries;

(3) Rates and other fiscal considerations for county sales taxes; and

(4) Allocation of countywide sales taxes to public safety services or other county functions.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 474. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Quick, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Municipal Equalization Fund that is used to provide state aid to equalize the property tax capacity of incorporated cities in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) An examination of the populations of the cities that have received a distribution from the Municipal Equalization Fund and the amount of aid those cities received;

(2) Whether it is appropriate to exclude a city from utilizing the fund when its population, including the population of its surrounding area, reaches a certain threshold; and

(3) The identification of any abuses or irregularities regarding use of the fund.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 475. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Hansen, 16; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17; Sorrentino, 39; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of state funding provided to nonprofit organizations. The study aims to promote transparency, accountability, and effective stewardship of state resources.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying all organizations that receive state funding and that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) Reviewing state funding sources that provide funds to such organizations;

(3) Articulating the purpose for which such state funds are awarded or granted;

(4) Identifying the amount of such state funds and qualification standards for receiving such state funds;

(5) Examining allowable uses of state funds received by nonprofit organizations;

(6) Analyzing oversight and traceability of state funds received by nonprofit organizations; and

(7) Reviewing the return on investment of state funds received by nonprofit organizations.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 476. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Hansen, 16; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine:

(1) The fiscal, constitutional, and administrative implications of adopting LB1095 (2026);

(2) The fiscal impact of divesting assets of the retirement systems from the People's Republic of China on the State of Nebraska and the residents of this state, including the cost of initial divestment and the projected long-term revenue loss from divestment;

(3) The creation or use of a list of restricted entities;

(4) If definition clarity or scope-of-time requirements are needed for LB1095 (2026);

(5) The practicability of implementing LB1095 (2026);

(6) Which state agencies should administrate certain functions of LB1095 (2026);

(7) The long-term implications of adopting LB1095 (2026); and

(8) The best timeline for divesting from the People's Republic of China in the context of national security and fiscal responsibilities.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 477. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska School Activities Association recognized twenty-eight outstanding coaches for the 2026 Champions for Coaches Award celebrating each coach's and educator's exceptional dedication to their students, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Brittany McDaniel, a communications and theatre teacher at North Platte High School, was awarded such honor for her dedication to her students; and

WHEREAS, McDaniel was nominated for the award by students, administrators, and the community for her commitment to excellence and leadership in speech and theatre; and

WHEREAS, Brittany McDaniel coaches speech and directs multiple theatre productions each year, including a traveling children's theatre production that performs for elementary students across the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes McDaniel's dedication to her students for supporting their academic and artistic achievements.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Brittany McDaniel for earning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Champions for Coaches Award for Play Production.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brittany McDaniel.

Laid over.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096A. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1096, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. Senator Conrad offered [MO524](#), found on page 1145, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bosn opened on LB935.

Senator Conrad opened on MO524.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

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

Makayla Brockhaus - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 603. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2847](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 478. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the governance and operational structure of Nebraska's prescription drug monitoring program, including its relationship with the health information exchange.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 479. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 14, 2026, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team won the 2026 Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship, making the team repeat Class C-2 state champions; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan Knights defeated the Norfolk Catholic Knights 59-50 to win the championship title; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Bergan boys basketball team finished the year with a 28 to 1 win-loss record and the sixth state title in program history; 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 Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 480. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how public resources for youth development programming are currently distributed across Nebraska, identify gaps in availability and access, particularly in rural areas and communities with fewer resources, and develop recommendations for ensuring those resources work more efficiently and effectively for youth, families, and communities.

In many Nebraska communities, the demand for quality youth development programming far outpaces current availability, leaving working families without reliable options for keeping children safe and supported during out-of-school hours. Nebraska parents of 144,606 children want afterschool programs, yet only 28,828 children are currently enrolled, meaning 4 in 5 Nebraska children cannot access these programs. An additional 1,431 Nebraska youth are currently waiting for a mentor. Without a clearer understanding of how existing public resources are being deployed, this gap will intensify, turning today's shortage into tomorrow's crisis.

Current resources directed towards youth development programming are distributed across multiple funding streams without a comprehensive picture of where they are going, which communities they are reaching, and where critical gaps remain.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Mapping existing state and federal funding streams directed toward youth development programming, including funding administered through the State Department of Education, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and collaborating with organizations already engaged in fiscal mapping or resource distribution analysis to avoid duplication and leverage work currently underway;

(2) Assessing the availability and geographic distribution of youth development programs across Nebraska;

(3) Identifying gaps between the demand for youth development programming and current program capacity, including the number of youth on waitlists or in communities without available programs;

(4) Examining the impact of accessible, quality youth development programming on working families, local employers, and community economic vitality;

(5) Reviewing best practices from other states regarding public investment in youth development programming and strategies for maximizing the impact of limited public resources;

(6) Evaluating opportunities to better align and coordinate existing funding streams to reduce duplication and improve outcomes; and

(7) Recommending a sustainable, scalable framework for public investment in youth development programming that ensures all Nebraska communities have access to quality programs.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the State Department of Education, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, youth development program providers, coalitions and organizations serving youth, organizations currently engaged in fiscal mapping or resource distribution analysis related to youth programming, local school districts, employers, working families, youth, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 481. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal and operational issues related to the addition of long-term care services and supports to the medicaid managed care program.

LB832 was introduced by Senator Hansen in 2026 and would continue the prohibition on long-term care services and supports from being added prior to July 1, 2030. The addition of long-term care services and supports to the medicaid managed care program has been debated for many years. This study shall investigate the issues surrounding such proposal and shall include information from other states regarding the potential costs and challenges faced when those states have added long-term care services and supports to medicaid managed care programs.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 482. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study relating to insurance coverage practices and policies and reimbursement structures for access to nonopioid treatment options to address opioid use, overdose outcomes, and access to care across Nebraska.

The United States and the State of Nebraska continue to face a significant public health challenge related to opioid addiction, drug overdoses, and substance use disorders. Opioid medications include both illegal substances, such as heroin and illicitly manufactured fentanyl, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska reported approximately one hundred fifteen to one hundred thirty-three drug overdose deaths annually in recent years, with opioids involved in a substantial share of those deaths and synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, contributing to a growing proportion.

Disparities in opioid use, overdose, and treatment access exist across Nebraska populations, including differences based on race and ethnicity, geography, age, and socioeconomic status. Socioeconomic factors include income level, insurance coverage, housing stability, and employment and affect both the risk of substance use disorders and access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Certain demographic groups, including working-age adults, males, and individuals between twenty-five to forty-four years of age, have experienced higher rates of overdose mortality in Nebraska. Disparities also exist in access to nonopioid pain management therapies, which have been identified as safe and effective alternatives for many conditions, but may be subject to coverage limitations or provider availability constraints. The opioid prescribing rate in Nebraska and reliance by Nebraska residents on pain medications, estimated to be approximately forty-two prescriptions per one hundred persons, reflect ongoing exposure to opioid medications in the state. Expanding awareness of, and equitable access to, nonopioid treatment options and substance use disorder services may reduce reliance on opioids and improve patient outcomes. The State of Nebraska and the Legislature play a critical role in ensuring equitable access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and pain management services across all communities and setting policies to accomplish such goals.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) A review of insurance coverage practices, medicaid policies, and reimbursement structures to assess whether barriers exist for individuals in Nebraska to access nonopioid pain management therapies or substance use disorder treatment services;
- (2) An examination of the disparities in opioid use, overdose outcomes, and access to care across Nebraska;
- (3) An examination on how to expand access to nonopioid pain medications and pain management, including nonopioid pain treatment awareness and patient education through tools such as nonopioid directives, among others; and

(4) Any statutory or administrative changes that may be needed to help address opioid use, overdose outcomes, and access to care across Nebraska.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 483. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, Wilson Munsterman from Omaha, Nebraska, is an adoptee from China and wrote his book "Marked by Adoption" to explain the challenges and perspectives of adopted children using his own experience; and

WHEREAS, the writing of "Marked by Adoption" began while Wilson was a student at Creighton University where he studied Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, "Marked by Adoption" reached number one new release status on Amazon, earned placement in the collection of the Library of Congress, joined the shelves of Creighton University's Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library, has been added to adoption agency reading lists, was featured by The Adoption Medicine Clinic at the University of Minnesota, and received recognition from Governor Jim Pillen; and

WHEREAS, Wilson's perspective has added helpful insight to the inner lives of adopted children and has allowed new adoptive parents to understand the challenges their children may face throughout their lives.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses appreciation to Wilson Munsterman for sharing his insights and congratulates him on the success of his book, "Marked by Adoption".

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Wilson Munsterman.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Bergan Elementary, Fremont; members of Kearney FFA; members of Telegu Samiti of Nebraska and the US-India Relationship Council and Omaha Sanatana Kendra, Omaha; members of Just Emagine, Omaha; students from Palisades Elementary,

Gretna; members of Heartland Workers – Omaha, Fremont, Octavia, Neely, Columbus, Schuyler; students from Clarkson Public School, Clarkson.

RECESS

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator G. Meyer the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Senator Strommen presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators DeBoer, Dorn, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, and Storm who were excused until they arrive.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. Senator Conrad renewed [MO524](#), found on page 1145 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 3 nays, and 20 not voting.

The Conrad motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 8 ayes, 36 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2743](#), found on page 1193, was offered.

Senator McKinney 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:

AM2930

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 5. (1) For purposes of this section:
4 (a) Child sexual abuse material has the same meaning as in section
5 28-1802;
6 (b) Internet utility has the same meaning as in section 87-1002;
7 (c) Obscene has the same meaning as in section 28-807; and
8 (d) Prohibited content means any depiction or content that:
9 (i) Is child sexual abuse material;
10 (ii) Promotes child sexual abuse material; or
11 (iii) Is obscene.
12 (2) A person shall not knowingly and intentionally:
13 (a) Allow or facilitate access to prohibited content on a publicly
14 available Internet website;
15 (b) Issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmit,
16 circulate, or disseminate by any means on an Internet website any
17 prohibited content; or
18 (c) Create or develop prohibited content that is made available on
19 an Internet website.
20 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of this section, an
21 individual depicted in or exposed to prohibited content may bring a civil
22 action for appropriate relief against any person who violates subsection
23 (2) of this section with respect to such prohibited content.
24 (b) This subsection does not authorize a civil action by an adult
25 whose exposure to child sexual abuse material was caused by such adult's
26 intentional viewing of such material.
27 (c) Appropriate relief in an action under this subsection includes:
28 (i) Such preliminary and other equitable relief as may be
29 appropriate; and
30 (ii) Actual damages, both economic and noneconomic.
31 (d) If the plaintiff prevails in an action brought under this
32 subsection, the court shall award to the plaintiff reasonable attorney's
33 fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.
34 (e) In an action under this subsection, the doctrine of contributory
35 negligence shall not apply, and no plaintiff shall be allocated fault
36 under Chapter 25. A person who violates subsection (2) of this section
37 shall be jointly and severally liable for damages caused by such
38 violation.
39 (4)(a) A person who violates subsection (2) of this section shall be
40 subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars per
41 violation. The Attorney General or a county attorney may seek recovery of
42 such civil penalties in a civil action.
43 (b) The Attorney General or a county attorney may also bring a civil
44 action against a person who violates subsection (2) of this section to
45 restrain or enjoin such violation and for such other equitable relief as
46 the court deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.
47 (c) If the Attorney General or county attorney prevails in an action
48 brought under this subsection, the court shall award to the Attorney
49 General or county attorney reasonable attorney's fees and other
50 litigation costs reasonably incurred.
51 (d) Any civil penalties collected under this section shall be
52 remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with
53 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.
54 (5) Any violation of subsection (2) of this section shall,
55 additionally and separately, constitute a deceptive trade practice under
56 the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
57 (6) This section shall not be construed to affect the liability for
58 any action that otherwise violates the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices
59 Act.

2 (7) An Internet utility does not violate subsection (2) of this
3 section solely by providing access or connection to or from a website or
4 other information or content on the Internet or a facility, system, or
5 network not under the Internet utility's control, including providing
6 access or transmitting, downloading, or storing data, to the extent that
7 such Internet utility is not responsible, in whole or in part, for the
8 creation or development of prohibited content.
9 (8) This section is intended to create a new statutory cause of
10 action that is in addition to any other remedy that may exist under the
11 law. The duties and liabilities created under this section apply whether
12 or not the violator would be considered a publisher or distributor of
13 prohibited content under any other statutory or common law cause of
14 action.
15 (9) Sovereign immunity shall not be an affirmative defense in a
16 civil action brought pursuant to this section.
17 (10) Any remedy available under this section may be awarded without
18 regard to whether the conduct giving rise to the remedy resulted in a
19 criminal conviction.
20 Sec. 6. (1) For purposes of this section:
21 (a) Law enforcement officer has the same meaning as in section
22 81-1401; and
23 (b) Prohibited content has the same meaning as in section 5 of this
24 act.
25 (2) There shall be no civil or criminal liability for the viewing or
26 possession of prohibited content by:
27 (a) A judge who does so in good faith and for purposes of a
28 proceeding before the court;
29 (b) An attorney who does so in good faith in the course of
30 representing a client or potential client;
31 (c) An agent or employee of a judge or attorney who does so in good
1 faith and for a legitimate purpose while acting within the scope of such
2 agency or employment; or
3 (d) A law enforcement officer who does so in good faith in the
4 course of his or her official duties.
5 Sec. 7. (1) For purposes of this section:
6 (a) Child sexual exploitation device or image means an anatomically
7 correct mannequin, robot, doll, device, or image that:
8 (i) Has the features of, or features that resemble those of, a
9 minor; and
10 (ii) Is intended for use in sexual acts; and
11 (b) Minor means an individual under eighteen years of age.
12 (2) A person shall not:
13 (a) Knowingly buy, sell, deliver, or distribute any child sexual
14 exploitation device or image;
15 (b) Knowingly possess a child sexual exploitation device or image
16 that has been bought, sold, delivered, or distributed; or
17 (c) Possess a child sexual exploitation device or image with the
18 intent to engage in any conduct prohibited by subdivision (2)(a) of this
19 section.
20 (3)(a) A minor whose features are represented by, or intended by the
21 violator to be represented by, a child sexual exploitation device or
22 image, may bring a civil action for appropriate relief against any person
23 who violates subsection (2) of this section with respect to such device
24 or image.
25 (b) Appropriate relief in an action under this subsection includes:
26 (i) Such preliminary and other equitable relief as may be
27 appropriate; and
28 (ii) Actual damages, both economic and noneconomic.
29 (c) If the plaintiff prevails in an action brought under this
30 subsection, the court shall award to the plaintiff reasonable attorney's

31 fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.

1 (4)(a) A person who violates subsection (2) of this section shall be
 2 subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars per
 3 violation. The Attorney General or a county attorney may seek recovery of
 4 such civil penalties in a civil action.

5 (b) The Attorney General or a county attorney may also bring a civil
 6 action against a person who violates subsection (2) of this section to
 7 restrain or enjoin such violation and for such other equitable relief as
 8 the court deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

9 (c) If the Attorney General or county attorney prevails in an action
 10 brought under this subsection, the court shall award to the Attorney
 11 General or county attorney reasonable attorney's fees and other
 12 litigation costs reasonably incurred.

13 (d) Any civil penalties collected under this section shall be
 14 remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with
 15 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

16 (5) Any violation of subsection (2) of this section shall,
 17 additionally and separately, constitute a deceptive trade practice under
 18 the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

19 (6) This section shall not be construed to affect the liability for
 20 any action that otherwise violates the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices
 21 Act.

22 Sec. 45. Sections 35, 36, and 37 of this act become operative on
 23 July 1, 2026. Sections 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 47 of
 24 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
 25 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 33,
 26 38, 42, 43, 44, and 48 of this act become operative three calendar months
 27 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
 28 this act become operative on their effective date.

29 Sec. 46. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 30 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 31 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

1 Sec. 47. Original section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 2 Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-358.01 and 42-927, Revised Statutes
 3 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

4 Sec. 48. Original sections 7-203, 25-824, 25-1802, 25-1804, 27-804,
 5 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 42-371, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue
 6 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-311.08 and 59-1608.04, Revised
 7 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 26-102, 26-114,
 8 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes
 9 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

10 Sec. 49. Original sections 43-1409 and 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised
 11 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

12 Sec. 50. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 13 passed and approved according to law.

The second committee amendment is as follows:

[AM2927](#)

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

3 Sec. 2. Section 25-824, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:

5 25-824 (1) A pleading shall not be used against a party in any
 6 criminal prosecution or action or proceeding for a penalty or forfeiture
 7 as proof of a fact admitted or alleged in such pleading. If a pleading is
 8 frivolous or made in bad faith, it may be stricken. The signature of a
 9 party or of an attorney on a pleading constitutes a certificate by him or
 10 her that he or she has read the pleading; that to the best of his or her
 11 knowledge, information, and belief there is good ground for the filing of
 12 the pleading; and that it is not interposed for delay.

13 (2) Except as provided in subsections ~~(6)(5)~~ and ~~(7)(6)~~ of this
 14 section, in any civil action commenced or appealed in any court of record
 15 in this state, the court shall award as part of its judgment and in
 16 addition to any other costs otherwise assessed reasonable attorney's fees
 17 and court costs against any attorney or party who has brought or defended
 18 a civil action that alleges a claim or defense which a court determines
 19 is frivolous or made in bad faith.

20 ~~(3) When a court determines reasonable attorney's fees or costs~~
 21 ~~should be assessed, it shall allocate the payment of such fees or costs~~
 22 ~~among the offending attorneys and parties as it determines most just and~~
 23 ~~may charge such amount or portion thereof to any offending attorney or~~
 24 ~~party.~~

25 ~~(3)(4)~~ The court shall assess attorney's fees and costs if, upon the
 26 motion of any party or the court itself, the court finds that an attorney
 27 or party brought or defended an action or any part of an action that was
 1 frivolous or that the action or any part of the action was interposed
 2 solely for delay or harassment. If the court finds that an attorney or
 3 party unnecessarily expanded the proceedings by other improper conduct,
 4 including, but not limited to, abuses of civil discovery procedures, the
 5 court shall assess attorney's fees and costs.

6 (4)(a) For purposes of this subsection:

7 (i) Claim includes a claim, cross-claim, or counter-claim; and

8 (ii) Political subdivision means any village, city, county, school
 9 district, public power district, community college, natural resources
 10 district, or other unit of local government.

11 (b) It is the policy of the state to deter frivolous or harassing
 12 litigation, especially when it involves frivolous claims or defenses
 13 against a political subdivision that necessitate the wasteful expenditure
 14 of scarce taxpayer resources.

15 (c) A political subdivision may request an award of costs and
 16 attorney's fees as provided in this subsection if:

17 (i) The political subdivision is defendant against a claim that is
 18 frivolous or intended primarily to harass the political subdivision or
 19 its public officials; or

20 (ii) Another party asserts a defense against a claim of the
 21 political subdivision and such defense is frivolous or intended primarily
 22 to harass the political subdivision or its public officials.

23 (d) The political subdivision may make such request as a claim or a
 24 motion. When a court has determined that judgment will be entered denying
 25 a claim or defense against a political subdivision and the political
 26 subdivision has filed a claim or motion under this subsection, the court
 27 shall conduct a separate hearing as provided in subdivision (4)(e) of
 28 this section. Such hearing shall be conducted before entering any order
 29 of dismissal or other resolution.

30 (e) At such hearing the court shall determine whether the other
 31 party's claim or defense was frivolous or intended primarily to harass
 1 the political subdivision or its public officials. If the court
 2 determines that a claim or defense was frivolous or intended primarily to
 3 harass the political subdivision or its public officials, the party
 4 asserting such claim or defense shall have the burden to rebut that
 5 finding or show the claim was otherwise excused under subsection (6) or
 6 (7) of this section. If such party fails to meet its burden, the court
 7 shall award reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses to the
 8 political subdivision. A court may award fees and expenses pursuant to
 9 this subsection in addition to any compensation awarded in a judgment.

10 (5) When a court determines reasonable attorney's fees or costs
 11 should be assessed, it shall allocate the payment of such fees or costs
 12 among the offending attorneys and parties as the court determines most
 13 just and may charge such amount or portion thereof to any offending
 14 attorney or party.

15 ~~(6)~~(5) No attorney's fees or costs shall be assessed if a claim or
 16 defense was asserted by an attorney or party in a good faith attempt to
 17 establish a new theory of law in this state or if, after filing suit, a
 18 voluntary dismissal is filed as to any claim or action within a
 19 reasonable time after the attorney or party filing the dismissal knew or
 20 reasonably should have known that he or she would not prevail on such
 21 claim or action.

22 ~~(7)~~(6) No party who is appearing without an attorney shall be
 23 assessed attorney's fees unless the court finds that the party clearly
 24 knew or reasonably should have known that his or her action or defense or
 25 any part of such action or defense was frivolous or made in bad faith,
 26 except that this subsection shall not apply to any situation in which an
 27 attorney licensed to practice law in the state is appearing without an
 28 attorney, in which case he or she shall be held to the standards for
 29 attorneys prescribed in this section.

30 Sec. 3. Section 25-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 31 amended to read:

1 25-1802 For purposes of sections 25-1802 to 25-1807, unless the
 2 context otherwise requires:

3 (1) Fees and other expenses ~~means shall mean~~ reasonable attorney's
 4 fees and the reasonable expense of expert witnesses plus court costs, but
 5 shall not include any portion of an attorney's fee or salary paid by a
 6 unit of ~~local~~, state, or federal government in the case;

7 (2) Political subdivision ~~means any village, city, county, school~~
 8 district, public power district, community college, natural resources
 9 district, or other unit of local government;

10 ~~(3)~~(2) State ~~means shall mean~~ the State of Nebraska, a state agency,
 11 or any official of the state acting in his or her official capacity; and

12 ~~(4)~~(3) State agency ~~means shall mean~~ any state constitutional office,
 13 any state administrative department, or any state board or commission
 14 established by an act of the Legislature.

15 Sec. 4. Section 25-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 16 amended to read:

17 25-1804 (1) A party seeking an award for fees and other expenses
 18 pursuant to sections 25-1802 to 25-1807 shall, not later than thirty days
 19 after the entry of the final judgment in the action, submit to the court
 20 an application which provides evidence of eligibility for an award
 21 pursuant to such sections and which specifies the amount sought. If the
 22 amount sought includes an attorney's fee or the fee for an expert
 23 witness, the application shall include an itemized statement for each
 24 such fee indicating the actual time expended in service to the applicant
 25 and the rate at which the fees were computed.

26 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of such sections, fees and
 27 other expenses shall be awarded as provided in such sections only to
 28 those prevailing parties who are:

29 (a) Natural persons; ~~or~~

30 (b) Political subdivisions; or

31 ~~(c)~~(b) A sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability

1 company, corporation, association, or public or private organization:
 2 (i) That had an average daily employment of fifty persons or less

3 for the twelve months preceding the filing of such action; and

4 (ii) Whose gross receipts for the twelve-month period preceding the
 5 filing of the action was two million dollars or less or whose average
 6 gross receipts for the three twelve-month periods preceding the filing of
 7 such appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act was two million
 8 dollars or less, whichever amount is greater.

9 Sec. 45. Sections 35, 36, and 37 of this act become operative on
 10 July 1, 2026. Sections 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 47 of
 11 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
 12 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 33,

13 38, 42, 43, 44, and 48 of this act become operative three calendar months
 14 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
 15 this act become operative on their effective date.
 16 Sec. 46. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 17 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 18 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
 19 Sec. 47. Original section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 20 Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-358.01 and 42-927, Revised Statutes
 21 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
 22 Sec. 48. Original sections 7-203, 25-824, 25-1802, 25-1804, 27-804,
 23 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 42-371, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue
 24 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-311.08 and 59-1608.04, Revised
 25 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 26-102, 26-114,
 26 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes
 27 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
 28 Sec. 49. Original sections 43-1409 and 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised
 29 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
 30 Sec. 50. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 31 passed and approved according to law.

The third committee amendment is as follows:

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1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Sec. 8. Section 26-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 26-102 For purposes of the Protection Orders Act:
 6 (1) Abuse has the same meaning as in section 42-903;
 7 ~~(2) Course of conduct has the same meaning as in section 28-311.02;~~
 8 ~~(3) Family or household members has the same meaning as in~~
 9 ~~section 42-903;~~
 10 ~~(3)(4) Harass has the same meaning as in section 28-311.02;~~
 11 ~~(4)(5) Household pet means any animal maintained for companionship~~
 12 ~~or pleasure but does not include any animal kept primarily for commercial~~
 13 ~~purposes or for consumption or any livestock animal as defined in section~~
 14 ~~54-902;~~
 15 ~~(5)(6) Law enforcement agency means the police department or town~~
 16 ~~marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of the sheriff in~~
 17 ~~unincorporated areas, and the Nebraska State Patrol; and~~
 18 ~~(6)(7) Sexual assault offense means:~~
 19 (a) Conduct amounting to sexual assault under section 28-319 or
 20 28-320, sexual abuse by a school worker under section 28-316.01, sexual
 21 assault of a child under section 28-319.01 or 28-320.01, a violation of
 22 section 28-311.08, or an attempt to commit any of such offenses; or
 23 (b) Subjecting or attempting to subject another person to sexual
 24 contact or sexual penetration without such person's consent, as such
 25 terms are defined in section 28-318.
 26 Sec. 9. Section 26-114, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 27 amended to read:
 1 26-114 (1)(a) Upon the issuance of a temporary ex parte protection
 2 order or final protection order, the clerk of the court shall forthwith
 3 provide, free of charge:
 4 (i) The petitioner with two certified copies of such order;
 5 (ii) The local police department or local law enforcement agency and
 6 the local sheriff's office with one copy each of such order and one copy
 7 each of the sheriff's return thereon; and
 8 (iii) A copy of the protection order to the sheriff's office in the
 9 county where the respondent may be personally served, together with
 10 instructions for service.
 11 (b) Upon receipt of the order and instructions for service, the

12 sheriff's office in the county where the respondent may be personally
 13 served shall forthwith serve the protection order upon the respondent and
 14 file its return thereon with the clerk of the court which issued the
 15 protection order within fourteen days of the issuance of the protection
 16 order.

17 (2) If any protection order is dismissed or modified by the court,
 18 the clerk of the court shall forthwith provide the local police
 19 department or local law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's
 20 office, without charge, with one copy each of the order of dismissal or
 21 modification.

22 (3) Any document required to be provided under this section,
 23 including certified copies of protection orders, may be provided
 24 electronically.

25 (4) If the respondent was present at a hearing convened pursuant to
 26 section ~~26-108 or 26-109 following issuance of an ex parte protection~~
 27 ~~order and the court entered a final protection order at such hearing was~~
 28 ~~not dismissed~~, the respondent shall be deemed to have notice ~~of by the~~
 29 ~~court at such hearing that the protection order will be granted and~~
 30 ~~remain in effect~~ and further service of notice described in this section
 31 is not required for purposes of prosecution under section 26-118.

1 Sec. 19. Section 28-358.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 2 amended to read:

3 28-358.01 (1) Isolation means intentional acts (a) committed for the
 4 purpose of preventing, and which do prevent, a vulnerable adult or senior
 5 adult from having contact with family, friends, or concerned persons; (b)
 6 committed to prevent a vulnerable adult or senior adult from receiving
 7 his or her mail or telephone calls; (c) of physical or chemical restraint
 8 of a vulnerable adult or senior adult committed for purposes of
 9 preventing contact with visitors, family, friends, or other concerned
 10 persons; or (d) which restrict, place, or confine a vulnerable adult or
 11 senior adult in a restricted area for purposes of social deprivation or
 12 preventing contact with family, friends, visitors, or other concerned
 13 persons.

14 (2) Isolation does not include (a) medical isolation prescribed by a
 15 licensed physician caring for the vulnerable adult or senior adult; (b)
 16 action taken in compliance with a protection order issued under the
 17 Protection Orders Act, a valid foreign protection order recognized
 18 pursuant to section 26-123 or 26-124, or an order excluding a person from
 19 certain premises issued pursuant to section 42-357; ~~or~~ (c) action
 20 authorized by an administrator of a nursing home pursuant to section
 21 71-6021; or (d) action taken in compliance with a no-contact period
 22 required under section 27 of this act.

23 Sec. 26. For purposes of sections 26 to 32 of this act:

24 (1) Domestic assault offense means any offense under section 28-323;

25 (2) Law enforcement agency has the same meaning as in section
 26 81-1401;

27 (3) Law enforcement officer has the same meaning as in section
 28 81-1401;

29 (4) No-contact period means the period of time that:

30 (a) Begins when a person is arrested for a domestic assault offense
 31 or sexual assault offense; and

1 (b) Ends at 11:59 p.m. on the third day after the date of such
 2 arrest. If such third day is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a day during which
 3 the offices of courts of record may be legally closed as provided in
 4 section 25-2221, the no-contact period shall end at 11:59 p.m. on the
 5 next day on which such offices will be open;

6 (5) Sexual assault offense means:

7 (a) A felony violation of section 28-316.01, 28-319, 28-319.01,

8 28-320, or 28-320.01 or an attempt to commit any such violation; or

9 (b) Any other felony that involves subjecting or attempting to

10 subject another person to sexual contact or sexual penetration without
11 such person's consent, as such terms are defined in section 28-318; and
12 (6) Victim means the person alleged to have been the victim of a
13 domestic assault offense or sexual assault offense.
14 Sec. 27. Unless the victim has provided a waiver under section 28
15 of this act, when a person is arrested for a domestic assault offense or
16 sexual assault offense, the person shall, for the duration of the no-
17 contact period:
18 (1) Not contact the victim;
19 (2) Avoid the residence of the victim and, if applicable, any
20 premises temporarily occupied by the victim; and
21 (3) Avoid causing any person, other than law enforcement officers
22 and attorneys for the arrested person and victim, to contact the victim.
23 Sec. 28. (1) A victim may waive the no-contact period by signing
24 the written waiver in the form provided for in section 29 of this act.
25 (2) Additionally, at any time during the no-contact period, a victim
26 may waive the no-contact period by contacting the law enforcement agency
27 of the arresting officer, signing a written waiver form, and providing
28 such form to the agency.
29 Sec. 29. (1) When a law enforcement officer arrests a person for a
30 domestic assault offense or a sexual assault offense, the officer shall,
31 if possible, provide the victim with a printed advisement. Such printed
1 advisement shall include a statement in substantially the following form:
2 Under Nebraska law, [name of person arrested] is required to avoid
3 contact with you until [date and time of expiration of no-contact
4 period]. [Name of person arrested] is also not allowed to cause any other
5 person to contact you, other than their attorney, your attorney, or a law
6 enforcement officer.
7 You may agree to waive this protection, and allow [name of person
8 arrested] to contact you. You may do so now by signing this form and
9 returning it to the law enforcement officer. You may also do so later by
10 contacting the officer's law enforcement agency and filling out a written
11 form they will provide.
12 If you wish to seek continuing protection after [date and time of
13 expiration], you must apply for a protection order from the court. You
14 may seek the advice of an attorney about any matter connected with your
15 application for any future court orders. The attorney should be consulted
16 promptly so that the attorney may assist you in making your application.
17 (2) Such form may be provided as a separate document or included as
18 part of another document provided to the victim.
19 (3) Such form may include any other matters as prescribed by the
20 State Court Administrator.
21 (4) The State Court Administrator shall develop the form required
22 under this section and the written waiver form described in subsection
23 (2) of section 28 of this act. The administrator shall develop forms in
24 English and may develop forms for other languages spoken by Nebraska
25 residents.
26 Sec. 30. (1)(a) If a person arrested for a domestic assault offense
27 or sexual assault offense is released from custody prior to the
28 expiration of the no-contact period, the person shall be advised of the
29 restrictions of the no-contact period and the penalties under section 31
30 of this act for violating such restrictions. Such advisement shall be
31 provided orally and in writing.
1 (b) Such advisement may be provided by a law enforcement officer, a
2 judge, a jail official, or a designee of any such person.
3 (c) The arrested person shall sign a written acknowledgment stating
4 that such person has received the advisements required by this
5 subsection, understands the restrictions of the no-contact period, and
6 understands the penalties for violating such restrictions.
7 (d) If the arrested person refuses to sign the acknowledgment, such

8 person shall not be released from custody until after expiration of the
9 no-contact period.
10 (2) Any statements or information provided by an arrested person
11 while he or she is being given the advisements required by subsection (1)
12 of this section shall not be admissible in any proceeding, except for a
13 proceeding relating to a violation of section 27 of this act.
14 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if:
15 (a) The victim provides a waiver as provided in section 28 of this
16 act; or
17 (b) The court orders the discharge of the arrested person under
18 section 29-506 after finding that no domestic assault offense or sexual
19 assault offense has been committed or that there is no probable cause for
20 holding the person to answer for the offense.
21 Sec. 31. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
22 a person who knowingly violates section 27 of this act shall be guilty of
23 an offense and punished as follows:
24 (a) For a first violation of such section, such person shall be
25 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor; and
26 (b) For a second or subsequent violation of such section, such
27 person shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.
28 (2) A person shall not be prosecuted for a violation of section 27
29 of this act if the person was released from custody during the no-contact
30 period without being given the advisements and without signing the
31 acknowledgment required under section 30 of this act.
1 Sec. 32. A law enforcement officer shall, with or without a
2 warrant, arrest a person if the officer has probable cause to believe
3 that the person has committed a violation of section 27 of this act.
4 Sec. 34. Section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2024, is amended to read:
6 29-4315 (1) Upon an initial interaction with a victim relating to or
7 arising from a sexual assault of such victim, a health care provider or
8 peace officer, and in the case of a victim under eighteen years of age,
9 the Department of Health and Human Services, shall provide the victim
10 with information that explains the rights of victims under the Sexual
11 Assault Victims' Bill of Rights Act and other relevant law. The
12 information shall be presented in clear language that is comprehensible
13 to a person proficient in English at the fifth grade level, accessible to
14 persons with visual disabilities, and available in all major languages
15 spoken in this state. This information shall include, but not be limited
16 to:
17 (a) A clear statement that a victim is not required to participate
18 in the criminal justice system or to undergo a medical evidentiary or
19 physical examination in order to retain the rights provided by the act
20 and other relevant law;
21 (b) Contact information for appropriate services provided by
22 professionals in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault,
23 including advocates;
24 (c) State and federal relief available to victims of crime;
25 (d) Law enforcement protection available to the victim, including:
26 (i) No-contact periods under sections 26 to 32 of this act; and
27 (ii) Domestic ~~domestic~~ violence protection orders, harassment
28 protection orders, and sexual assault protection orders and the process
29 to obtain such protection;
30 (e) Instructions for requesting information regarding the victim's
31 sexual assault forensic evidence as provided in section 29-4313; and
1 (f) State and federal compensation funds for medical and other costs
2 associated with the sexual assault and information on any municipal,
3 state, or federal right to restitution for a victim in the event of a
4 conviction.
5 (2) The information to be provided under subsection (1) of this

6 section shall be developed by the Attorney General and the Nebraska
7 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with input from
8 prosecutors, sexual assault victims, and organizations with a statewide
9 presence with expertise on domestic violence, sexual assault, and child
10 sexual assault.

11 (3) The information to be provided under subsection (1) of this
12 section shall be made available for viewing and download on the websites
13 of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska
14 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Other relevant state
15 agencies are also encouraged to make such information available on their
16 websites.

17 Sec. 39. Section 42-927, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
18 amended to read:

19 42-927 All law enforcement agencies in the state shall provide
20 officers employed by them with an education and training program designed
21 to inform the officers of the problems of domestic abuse, procedures to
22 deal with such problems, no-contact periods under sections 26 to 32 of
23 this act, the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, the Protection Orders
24 Act, and the services and facilities available to abused family and
25 household members.

26 Sec. 45. Sections 35, 36, and 37 of this act become operative on
27 July 1, 2026. Sections 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 47 of
28 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
29 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 33,
30 38, 42, 43, 44, and 48 of this act become operative three calendar months
31 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
1 this act become operative on their effective date.

2 Sec. 46. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

5 Sec. 47. Original section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative
6 Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-358.01 and 42-927, Revised Statutes
7 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

8 Sec. 48. Original sections 7-203, 25-824, 25-1802, 25-1804, 27-804,
9 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 42-371, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue
10 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-311.08 and 59-1608.04, Revised
11 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 26-102, 26-114,
12 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes
13 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

14 Sec. 49. Original sections 43-1409 and 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised
15 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

16 Sec. 50. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
17 passed and approved according to law.

The fourth committee amendment is as follows:

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

3 Sec. 38. Section 42-371, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 42-371 Under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and sections
6 42-347 to 42-381, 43-290, 43-512 to 43-512.10, and 43-1401 to 43-1418:

7 (1)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b) of this section,

8 all(1)-AH judgments and orders for payment of money shall be liens, as
9 in other actions, upon real property and any personal property registered
10 with any county office and may be enforced or collected by execution and
11 the means authorized for collection of money judgments.;

12 (b) A judgment or order for payment of child support or spousal
13 support creates a lien upon the real or personal property of the judgment
14 debtor which attaches when the payment is due and extinguishes when the

15 payment is made.

16 (c) For purposes of this section, a current child support or spousal
17 support order payment history from the Title IV-D Division of the
18 Department of Health and Human Services or spousal support order payment
19 history from the clerk of the district court setting forth evidence that
20 all support payments are current, and have been made as ordered for the
21 previous twelve-month period or the total length of time the order has
22 been in effect, whichever is shorter, is prima facie evidence that such
23 payments are in fact current and such evidence operates to release the
24 lien described in subdivision (1)(b) of this section for purposes of
25 transferring a specific parcel of real property;

26 (2) The judgment creditor may execute a partial or total release of
27 the judgment or a document subordinating the lien of the judgment to any
1 other lien, generally or on specific real or personal property.

2 Release of a judgment for child support or spousal support or
3 subordination of a lien of a judgment for child support or spousal
4 support may, if all such payments are current and not delinquent or in
5 arrears, be released or subordinated by a release or subordination
6 document executed by the judgment creditor, and such document shall be
7 sufficient to remove or subordinate the lien. A properly executed,
8 notarized release or subordination document explicitly reciting that all
9 child support payments or spousal support payments are current is prima
10 facie evidence that such payments are in fact current. For purposes of
11 this section, any delinquency or arrearage of support payments shall be
12 determined as provided in subsection (2) of section 42-358.02;

13 (3) If a judgment creditor refuses to execute a release of the
14 judgment or subordination of a lien as provided in subdivision (2) of
15 this section or the support payments are not current, the person desiring
16 such release or subordination may file an application for the relief
17 desired in the court which rendered the original judgment. A copy of the
18 application and a notice of hearing shall be served on the judgment
19 creditor either personally or by registered or certified mail no later
20 than ten days before the date of hearing. If the court finds that the
21 release or subordination is not requested for the purpose of avoiding
22 payment and that the release or subordination will not unduly reduce the
23 security, the court may issue an order releasing real or personal
24 property from the judgment lien or issue an order subordinating the
25 judgment lien. As a condition for such release or subordination, the
26 court may require the posting of a bond with the clerk in an amount fixed
27 by the court, guaranteeing payment of the judgment. If the court orders a
28 release or subordination, the court may order a judgment creditor who,
29 without a good faith reason, refused to execute a release or
30 subordination to pay the judgment debtor's court costs and attorney's
31 fees involved with the application brought under this subdivision. A
1 showing that all support payments are current shall be evidence that the
2 judgment creditor did not have a good faith reason to refuse to execute
3 such release or subordination. For purposes of this section, a current
4 certified copy of support order payment history from the Title IV-D
5 Division of the Department of Health and Human Services setting forth
6 evidence that all support payments are current is prima facie evidence
7 that such payments are in fact current and is valid for thirty days after
8 the date of certification;

9 (4) Full faith and credit shall be accorded to a lien arising by
10 operation of law against real and personal property for amounts overdue
11 relating to a support order owed by a judgment debtor or obligor who
12 resides or owns property in this state when another state agency, party,
13 or other entity seeking to enforce such lien complies with the procedural
14 rules relating to the filing of the lien in this state. The state agency,
15 party, or other entity seeking to enforce such lien shall send a
16 certified copy of the support order with all modifications, the notice of

17 lien prescribed by 42 U.S.C. 652(a)(11) and 42 U.S.C. 654(9)(E), and the
18 appropriate fee to the clerk of the district court in the jurisdiction
19 within this state in which the lien is sought. Upon receiving the
20 appropriate documents and fee, the clerk of the district court shall
21 accept the documents filed and such acceptance shall constitute entry of
22 the foreign support order for purposes of this section only. Entry of a
23 lien arising in another state pursuant to this section shall result in
24 such lien being afforded the same treatment as liens arising in this
25 state. The filing process required by this section shall not be construed
26 as requiring an application, complaint, answer, and hearing as might be
27 required for the filing or registration of foreign judgments under the
28 Nebraska Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act or the Uniform
29 Interstate Family Support Act;
30 (5) Support order judgments shall cease to be liens on real or
31 registered personal property ten years from the date (a) the youngest
1 child becomes of age or dies or (b) the most recent execution was issued
2 to collect the judgment, whichever is later, and such lien shall not be
3 reinstated;
4 (6) Alimony and property settlement award judgments, if not covered
5 by subdivision (5) of this section, shall cease to be a lien on real or
6 registered personal property ten years from the date (a) the judgment was
7 entered, (b) the most recent payment was made, or (c) the most recent
8 execution was issued to collect the judgment, whichever is latest, and
9 such lien shall not be reinstated;
10 (7) The court may in any case, upon application or its own motion,
11 after notice and hearing, order a person required to make payments to
12 post sufficient security, bond, or other guarantee with the clerk to
13 insure payment of both current and any delinquent amounts. Upon failure
14 to comply with the order, the court may also appoint a receiver to take
15 charge of the debtor's property to insure payment. Any bond, security, or
16 other guarantee paid in cash may, when the court deems it appropriate, be
17 applied either to current payments or to reduce any accumulated
18 arrearage;
19 (8)(a) The lien of a mortgage or deed of trust which secures a loan,
20 the proceeds of which are used to purchase real property, and (b) any
21 lien given priority pursuant to a subordination document under this
22 section shall attach prior to any lien authorized by this section. Any
23 mortgage or deed of trust which secures the refinancing, renewal, or
24 extension of a real property purchase money mortgage or deed of trust
25 shall have the same lien priority with respect to any lien authorized by
26 this section as the original real property purchase money mortgage or
27 deed of trust to the extent that the amount of the loan refinanced,
28 renewed, or extended does not exceed the amount used to pay the principal
29 and interest on the existing real property purchase money mortgage or
30 deed of trust, plus the costs of the refinancing, renewal, or extension;
31 and
1 (9) Any lien authorized by this section against personal property
2 registered with any county consisting of a motor vehicle or mobile home
3 shall attach upon notation of the lien against the motor vehicle or
4 mobile home certificate of title and shall have its priority established
5 pursuant to the terms of section 60-164 or a subordination document
6 executed under this section.
7 Sec. 40. Section 43-1409, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:
9 43-1409 (1) The signing of a notarized acknowledgment, whether under
10 section 43-1408.01 or otherwise, by the alleged father shall create a
11 rebuttable presumption of paternity as against the alleged father.
12 (2) The signed, notarized acknowledgment is subject to the right of
13 any signatory to rescind the acknowledgment within the earlier of (a)(1)
14 sixty days or (b)(2) the date of an administrative or judicial proceeding

15 relating to the child, including a proceeding to establish a support
16 order in which the signatory is a party.

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

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

22 (ii)(A) By a person who has reason to believe he is the biological
23 father of the child, on the basis of scientifically reliable genetic
24 testing that establishes that such person is the biological father of the
25 child and that the acknowledged father is not the biological father of
26 the child. Such genetic testing shall be performed by a laboratory
27 accredited by the College of American Pathologists or any other national
28 accrediting body or public agency which has requirements that are
29 substantially equivalent to or more comprehensive than those of the
30 college.

31 (B) A challenge under subdivision (3)(a)(ii)(A) of this section that
1 is filed on or after the operative date of this section shall only be
2 brought by a person who is also seeking to establish paternity in
3 himself. This requirement does not apply to cases pending on the
4 operative date of this section.

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

10 (4) Such a signed and notarized acknowledgment or a certified copy
11 or certified reproduction thereof shall be admissible in evidence in any
12 proceeding to establish support.

13 (5) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3)(a)(ii)(B) of
14 this section, the changes made to this section by this legislative bill
15 apply to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on
16 the operative date of this section and to cases filed on or after such
17 date.

18 Sec. 41. Section 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
19 is amended to read:

20 43-1412.01 (1) An individual may file a complaint for relief and the
21 court may set aside a final judgment, court order, administrative order,
22 obligation to pay child support, or any other legal determination of
23 paternity if a scientifically reliable genetic test performed in
24 accordance with sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 establishes the exclusion of
25 the individual named as a father in the legal determination. The court
26 shall appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interest of the child.
27 The filing party shall pay the costs of such test.

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

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

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

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

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

12 (c) Knew ~~(3) knew~~ that the child was conceived through artificial

13 insemination.

14 (5) The changes made to this section by this legislative bill apply
 15 to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on the
 16 operative date of this section and to cases filed on or after such date.
 17 Sec. 45. Sections 35, 36, and 37 of this act become operative on
 18 July 1, 2026. Sections 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 47 of
 19 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
 20 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 33,
 21 38, 42, 43, 44, and 48 of this act become operative three calendar months
 22 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
 23 this act become operative on their effective date.
 24 Sec. 46. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 25 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 26 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
 27 Sec. 47. Original section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 28 Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-358.01 and 42-927, Revised Statutes
 29 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
 30 Sec. 48. Original sections 7-203, 25-824, 25-1802, 25-1804, 27-804,
 31 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 42-371, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue
 1 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-311.08 and 59-1608.04, Revised
 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 26-102, 26-114,
 3 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes
 4 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
 5 Sec. 49. Original sections 43-1409 and 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised
 6 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
 7 Sec. 50. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 8 passed and approved according to law.

The fifth committee amendment is as follows:

[AM2932](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Sec. 10. Section 27-804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 27-804 (1) Unavailability as a witness includes situations in which
 6 the declarant:
 7 (a) Is exempted by ruling of the judge on the ground of privilege
 8 from testifying concerning the subject matter of the declarant's~~his~~
 9 statement; or
 10 (b) Persists in refusing to testify concerning the subject matter of
 11 the declarant's~~his~~ statement despite an order of the judge to do so; or
 12 (c) Testifies to lack of memory of the subject matter of the
 13 declarant's~~his~~ statement; or
 14 (d) Is unable to be present or to testify at the hearing because of
 15 death or then existing physical or mental illness or infirmity; or
 16 (e) Is absent from the hearing and the proponent of the
 17 declarant's~~his~~ statement has been unable to procure the declarant's~~his~~
 18 attendance by process or other reasonable means.
 19 A declarant is not unavailable as a witness if the declarant's~~his~~
 20 exemption, refusal, claim of lack of memory, inability, or absence is due
 21 to the procurement or wrongdoing of the proponent of the declarant's~~his~~
 22 statement for the purpose of preventing the declarant~~witness~~ from
 23 attending or testifying.
 24 (2) Subject to the provisions of section 27-403, the following are
 25 not excluded by the hearsay rule if the declarant is unavailable as a
 26 witness:
 27 (a) Testimony given as a witness at another hearing of the same or a
 1 different proceeding, or in a deposition taken in compliance with law in
 2 the course of the same or a different proceeding, at the instance of or
 3 against a party with an opportunity to develop the testimony by direct,

4 cross, or redirect examination, with motive and interest similar to those
5 of the party against whom now offered;

6 (b) A statement made by a declarant while believing that the
7 declarant's death was imminent, concerning the cause or circumstances
8 of what the declarant believed to be the declarant's impending
9 death;

10 (c) A statement which was at the time of its making so far contrary
11 to the declarant's pecuniary or proprietary interest, or so far tended to
12 subject the declarant to civil or criminal liability or to render
13 invalid a claim by the declarant against another, that a reasonable
14 person in the declarant's position would not have made the
15 statement unless such person believed it to be true. A statement
16 tending to expose the declarant to criminal liability and offered to
17 exculpate the accused is not admissible unless corroborating
18 circumstances clearly indicate the trustworthiness of the statement;

19 (d)(i) A statement concerning the declarant's own birth, adoption,
20 marriage, divorce, legitimacy, relationship by blood, adoption, or
21 marriage, ancestry, or other similar fact of personal or family history,
22 even though declarant had no means of acquiring personal knowledge of the
23 matter stated; or (ii) a statement concerning the foregoing matters, and
24 death also, of another person, if the declarant was related to the other
25 by blood, adoption, or marriage or was so intimately associated with the
26 other's family as to be likely to have accurate information concerning
27 the matter declared; ~~or~~

28 (e) A statement offered against a party that wrongfully caused, or
29 intentionally aided another in wrongfully causing, the declarant's
30 unavailability as a witness, and did so intending that result; or

31 (f)(e) A statement not specifically covered by any of the foregoing
1 exceptions but having equivalent circumstantial guarantees of
2 trustworthiness, if the court determines that (i) the statement is
3 offered as evidence of a material fact, (ii) the statement is more
4 probative on the point for which it is offered than any other evidence
5 which the proponent can procure through reasonable efforts, and (iii) the
6 general purposes of these rules and the interests of justice will best be
7 served by admission of the statement into evidence. A statement may not
8 be admitted under this exception unless the proponent of it makes known
9 to the adverse party, sufficiently in advance of the trial or hearing to
10 provide the adverse party with a fair opportunity to prepare to meet it,
11 the proponent's intention to offer the statement and the particulars
12 of it, including the name and address of the declarant.

13 Sec. 45. Sections 35, 36, and 37 of this act become operative on
14 July 1, 2026. Sections 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 47 of
15 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
16 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 33,
17 38, 42, 43, 44, and 48 of this act become operative three calendar months
18 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
19 this act become operative on their effective date.

20 Sec. 46. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
21 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
22 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

23 Sec. 47. Original section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative
24 Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-358.01 and 42-927, Revised Statutes
25 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

26 Sec. 48. Original sections 7-203, 25-824, 25-1802, 25-1804, 27-804,
27 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 42-371, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue
28 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-311.08 and 59-1608.04, Reissue
29 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 26-102, 26-114,
30 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes
31 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

1 Sec. 49. Original sections 43-1409 and 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised

2 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
3 Sec. 50. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
4 passed and approved according to law.

The sixth committee amendment is as follows:
[AM2933](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The seventh committee amendment is as follows:
[AM2928](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 7-203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 7-203 For purposes of the Legal Education for Public Service and
6 Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Act:
7 (1) Board means the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural
8 Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Board;
9 (2) Designated legal profession shortage area means a rural area
10 located within any county in Nebraska having a population of less than
11 ~~seventy-five~~^{fifteen} thousand inhabitants and not included within a
12 metropolitan statistical area as defined by the United States Department
13 of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and determined by the board to be
14 underserved by available legal representation;
15 (3) Educational loans means loans received as an educational
16 benefit, scholarship, or stipend toward a juris doctorate degree and
17 either (a) made, insured, or guaranteed by a governmental unit or (b)
18 made under a program funded in whole or in part by a governmental unit or
19 nonprofit institution; and
20 (4) Public legal service means providing legal service to indigent
21 persons while employed by a tax-exempt charitable organization.
22 Sec. 42. Section 59-1608.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
23 2024, is amended to read:
24 59-1608.04 (1) The State Settlement Cash Fund is created. The fund
25 shall be maintained by the Department of Justice and administered by the
26 Attorney General. Except as otherwise provided by law, the fund shall
27 consist of all recoveries received pursuant to the Consumer Protection
1 Act, including any money, funds, securities, or other things of value in
2 the nature of civil damages or other payment, except criminal penalties,
3 whether such recovery is by way of verdict, judgment, compromise, or
4 settlement in or out of court, or other final disposition of any case or
5 controversy, or any other payments received on behalf of the state by the
6 Department of Justice and administered by the Attorney General for the
7 benefit of the state or the general welfare of its citizens, but
8 excluding all funds held in a trust capacity where specific benefits
9 accrue to specific individuals, organizations, or governments. The fund
10 may be expended for any allowable legal purposes as determined by the
11 Attorney General. Transfers from the State Settlement Cash Fund may be
12 made at the direction of the Legislature to the Nebraska Capital
13 Construction Fund, the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural
14 Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, the Nebraska State Patrol Cash
15 Fund, the Financial Literacy Cash Fund, and the General Fund. To provide
16 necessary financial accountability and management oversight, revenue from
17 individual settlement agreements or other separate sources credited to
18 the State Settlement Cash Fund may be tracked and accounted for within
19 the state accounting system through the use of separate and distinct
20 funds, subfunds, or any other available accounting mechanism specifically
21 approved by the Accounting Administrator for use by the Department of
22 Justice. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
23 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital

24 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning
 25 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the
 26 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

27 (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million five hundred
 28 thousand dollars from the State Settlement Cash Fund to the Nebraska
 29 Capital Construction Fund on July 1, 2013, or as soon thereafter as
 30 administratively possible.

31 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer eight hundred seventy-six
 1 thousand nine hundred ninety-eight dollars from the State Settlement Cash
 2 Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2018, on such dates and in
 3 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
 4 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

5 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million seven hundred
 6 fifty-six thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars from the State
 7 Settlement Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2019, on
 8 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
 9 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

10 (5) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred twenty-five
 11 thousand dollars from the State Settlement Cash Fund to the Legal
 12 Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance
 13 Fund on or before April 30, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as
 14 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
 15 Department of Administrative Services.

16 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred fifty thousand
 17 dollars from the State Settlement Cash Fund to the Legal Education for
 18 Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund on or
 19 before July 9, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
 20 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
 21 Administrative Services.

22 (7) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten thousand dollars from the
 23 State Settlement Cash Fund to the Legal Education for Public Service and
 24 Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund on the operative date of
 25 this section, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.

26 Sec. 45. Sections 35, 36, and 37 of this act become operative on
 27 July 1, 2026. Sections 19, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, and 47 of
 28 this act become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
 29 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 33,
 30 38, 42, 43, 44, and 48 of this act become operative three calendar months
 31 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
 1 this act become operative on their effective date.

2 Sec. 46. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

5 Sec. 47. Original section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 6 Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-358.01 and 42-927, Revised Statutes
 7 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

8 Sec. 48. Original sections 7-203, 25-824, 25-1802, 25-1804, 27-804,
 9 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 42-371, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue
 10 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-311.08 and 59-1608.04, Revised
 11 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 26-102, 26-114,
 12 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes
 13 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

14 Sec. 49. Original sections 43-1409 and 43-1412.01, Reissue Revised
 15 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

16 Sec. 50. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 17 passed and approved according to law.

The eighth committee amendment is as follows:

[AM2935](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, [AM2930](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the first committee amendment:

[AM2938](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2743)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be
3 cited as the State and Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act.

4 Sec. 2. The Legislature hereby declares that the state, state
5 agencies, and political subdivisions shall be liable in a similar manner
6 and to a similar extent as a private individual or entity under like
7 circumstances for tort claims arising out of sexual abuse of children and
8 individuals with developmental disabilities.

9 Sec. 3. For purposes of the State and Political Subdivisions Sexual
10 Abuse Liability Act:

11 (1) Child sexual abuse means conduct that amounts to a violation of
12 section 28-319.01 or 28-320.01;

13 (2) Developmental disability has the same meaning as in section
14 71-1107;

15 (3)(a) Employee, with reference to a political subdivision, has the
16 same meaning as in section 13-903.

17 (b) Employee, with reference to a state agency, has the same meaning
18 as in section 81-8,210;

19 (4) Political subdivision has the same meaning as in section 13-903;

20 (5) Sexual abuse means conduct that amounts to a violation of
21 section 28-319 or 28-320, other than a misdemeanor violation of section
22 28-320;

23 (6) State agency has the same meaning as in section 81-8,210; and

24 (7) Tort claim means any claim against a political subdivision or
25 state agency for money only on account of personal injury or death,
26 caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any official or
1 employee of the political subdivision or state agency, while acting
2 within the scope of his or her office or employment, under circumstances
3 in which the political subdivision or state agency, if a private person,
4 would be liable to the claimant for such injury or death.

5 Sec. 4. (1) An individual who is a victim of child sexual abuse may
6 bring a tort claim arising from such child sexual abuse against a
7 political subdivision or a state agency.

8 (2) An individual with a developmental disability who is a victim of
9 sexual abuse may bring a tort claim arising from such sexual abuse
10 against a political subdivision or a state agency.

11 Sec. 5. The State and Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability
12 Act constitutes a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the state and all
13 political subdivisions, and an action under the act is not subject to the
14 State Tort Claims Act or the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act or
15 the limitations or requirements in such acts, including, but not limited
16 to, limits on recoverable damages, limits on the availability of a jury
17 trial, notice requirements, and statutes of limitations.

18 Sec. 6. (1) Criminal prosecution of any sexual abuse is not
19 required to maintain a civil action under the State and Political
20 Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act.

21 (2) The remedy provided in the State and Political Subdivisions
22 Sexual Abuse Liability Act is cumulative and shall be in addition to any
23 other remedies provided by law.

24 (3) No writ of execution shall issue against the state, a state
25 agency, or a political subdivision for a tort claim under the State and
26 Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act.

27 Sec. 8. Section 13-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
28 amended to read:

29 13-903 For purposes of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
30 and sections 16-727, 16-728, 23-175, 39-809, and 79-610, unless the
31 context otherwise requires:

1 (1) Political subdivision ~~includes~~~~shall include~~ villages, cities of
2 all classes, counties, school districts, learning communities, public
3 power districts, and all other units of local government, including
4 entities created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Joint
5 Public Agency Act. Political subdivision shall not be construed to
6 include any contractor with a political subdivision;

7 (2) Governing body ~~means~~~~shall mean~~ the village board of a village,
8 the city council of a city, the board of commissioners or board of
9 supervisors of a county, the board of directors of a public power
10 district, the governing board or other governing body of an entity
11 created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or Joint Public Agency
12 Act, and any duly elected or appointed body holding the power and
13 authority to determine the appropriations and expenditures of any other
14 unit of local government;

15 (3) Employee of a political subdivision ~~means~~~~shall mean~~ any one or
16 more officers or employees of the political subdivision or any agency of
17 the subdivision and shall include members of the governing body, duly
18 appointed members of boards or commissions when they are acting in their
19 official capacity, volunteer firefighters, and volunteer rescue squad
20 personnel. Employee shall not be construed to include any contractor with
21 a political subdivision; and

22 (4)(a)(4) Tort claim ~~means~~~~shall mean~~ any claim against a political
23 subdivision for money only on account of damage to or loss of property or
24 on account of personal injury or death, caused by the negligent or
25 wrongful act or omission of any employee of the political subdivision,
26 while acting within the scope of his or her office or employment, under
27 circumstances in which the political subdivision, if a private person,
28 would be liable to the claimant for such damage, loss, injury, or death
29 but shall not include any claim accruing before January 1, 1970.

30 (b) Tort claim does not include an action under the State and
31 Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act.

1 Sec. 9. Section 25-228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 25-228 (1) For purposes of this section, the terms child sexual
4 abuse, developmental disability, and sexual abuse have the same meanings
5 as in section 2 of this act. ~~(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of~~
6 law:

7 (2)(a) ~~(a)~~ There shall not be any time limitation for an action
8 against the individual or individuals directly causing an injury or
9 injuries suffered by a plaintiff when the plaintiff was a victim of child
10 sexual abuse ~~a violation of section 28-319.01 or 28-320.01~~ if such
11 ~~abuse~~~~violation~~ occurred (i) on or after August 24, 2017, or (ii) prior to
12 August 24, 2017, if such action was not previously time barred; ~~and~~

13 (b) An action against any person or entity other than the individual
14 directly causing an injury or injuries suffered by a plaintiff when the
15 plaintiff was a victim of child sexual abuse, including an action under
16 the State and Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act, ~~a~~
17 ~~violation of section 28-319.01 or 28-320.01~~ may only be brought within
18 twelve years after the plaintiff's twenty-first birthday.

19 (3)(a) There shall not be any time limitation for an action against
20 the individual or individuals directly causing an injury or injuries
21 suffered by a plaintiff when the plaintiff was an individual with a
22 developmental disability and was a victim of sexual abuse, if such abuse
23 occurred (i) on or after the effective date of this act, or (ii) prior to
24 the effective date of this act, if such action was not previously time

25 ~~barred.~~
26 (b) An action against any person or entity other than the individual
27 directly causing an injury or injuries suffered by a plaintiff when the
28 plaintiff was an individual with a developmental disability and was a
29 victim of sexual abuse, including an action under the State and Political
30 Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act, may only be brought within the
31 later of:

- 1 (i) Four years after the abuse; or
- 2 (ii) Twelve years after the plaintiff's twenty-first birthday.
- 3 (4)(2) Criminal prosecution of a defendant ~~under section 28-319.01~~
- 4 ~~or 28-320.01~~ is not required to maintain a civil action described in this
- 5 ~~section for violation of such sections.~~

6 Sec. 51. Section 81-8,210, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 81-8,210 For purposes of the State Tort Claims Act:

9 (1) State agency includes all departments, agencies, boards,
10 bureaus, and commissions of the State of Nebraska and corporations the
11 primary function of which is to act as, and while acting as,
12 instrumentalities or agencies of the State of Nebraska but shall not
13 include corporations that are essentially private corporations or
14 entities created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint
15 Public Agency Act. State agency does not include any contractor with the
16 State of Nebraska;

17 (2) State Claims Board means the board created by section 81-8,220;

18 (3) Employee of the state means any one or more officers or
19 employees of the state or any state agency and shall include duly
20 appointed members of boards or commissions when they are acting in their
21 official capacity. State employee does not include any employee of an
22 entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint
23 Public Agency Act or any contractor with the State of Nebraska;

24 (4)(a)(4) Tort claim means any claim against the State of Nebraska
25 for money only on account of damage to or loss of property or on account
26 of personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or
27 omission of any employee of the state, while acting within the scope of
28 his or her office or employment, under circumstances in which the state,
29 if a private person, would be liable to the claimant for such damage,
30 loss, injury, or death but does not include any claim accruing before
31 January 1, 1970, any claim against an employee of the state for money

1 only on account of damage to or loss of property or on account of
2 personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or
3 omission of the employee while acting within the scope of his or her
4 employment occurring on or after August 25, 1989, and any claim allowed
5 under the Nebraska Claims for Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment Act.;

6 (b) Tort claim does not include an action under the State and
7 Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act;

8 (5) Award means any amount determined by the Risk Manager or State
9 Claims Board to be payable to a claimant under section 81-8,211 or the
10 amount of any compromise or settlement under section 81-8,218; and
11 (6) Risk Manager means the Risk Manager appointed under section
12 81-8,239.01.

13 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
14 accordingly.

15 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
16 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
17 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

SENATOR STROMMEN PRESIDING

Senator Conrad offered [MO525](#), found on page 1145, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

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

No objections. So ordered.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

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

Senator Jacobson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 1 nay, and 23 not voting.

The first committee amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The second committee amendment, [AM2927](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1069](#), found on page 1147.

[FA1070](#), found on page 1147.

[FA1071](#), found on page 1147.

[FA1072](#), found on page 1147.

Senator Bosn moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 17 ayes, 0 nays, and 32 not voting.

The second committee amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 768. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 838. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST70](#)

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

1. Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST69](#)

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

1. Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1067. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER159](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER155](#)

1 1. On page 1 strike beginning with "education" in line 1 through
 2 line 14 and insert "education; to amend sections 79-209, 79-239, 79-308,
 3 79-528, 79-816, 79-8,113, 79-8,114, 79-1035, 79-1601, 79-3407, 79-3703,
 4 and 79-3704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-710 and
 5 79-2,136, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to define terms; to prohibit
 6 the transfer or disenrollment of students in certain circumstances; to
 7 change provisions relating to school absences, option enrollment, and
 8 extracurricular activities; to eliminate obsolete provisions relating to
 9 grants for an evaluation model, learning community levies, and funding
 10 from solar or wind agreements on school lands; to change provisions
 11 relating to certain reports; to provide requirements relating to
 12 applications for employment at a school; to change provisions relating to
 13 the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program and the Nebraska Teacher
 14 Recruitment and Retention Act; to prohibit persons convicted of certain
 15 crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at a school which elects
 16 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; to change a deadline
 17 under the School District Property Tax Limitation Act; to change
 18 provisions relating to the College Pathway Program Act; to adopt the
 19 Prior Learning Act; to eliminate provisions relating to the Junior
 20 Mathematics Prognosis Examination; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the
 21 original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-309.01 and 79-718,
 22 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1135. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER153](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 6
 2 and insert "government; to amend sections 13-3206, 18-2124, 18-2125,
 3 18-2136, 18-3405, 18-3407, 18-3408, 18-3410, and 18-3413, Reissue Revised
 4 Statutes of Nebraska, section 18-2117.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 5 Supplement, 2024, and sections 18-2101.02 and 18-2147, Revised Statutes
 6 Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Service Contract Reporting Act; to
 7 authorize certain municipal contracts and agreements relating to parking
 8 facilities; to change provisions relating to delinquent annual
 9 assessments and PACE liens under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act;
 10 to authorize the issuance of conduit revenue bonds and certain taxpayer
 11 agreements under the Community Development Law; to change provisions of
 12 the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide

13 a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to provide operative dates; to repeal
14 the original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 889. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 878. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER154](#)

1 1. In the Kauth amendment, AM2715, on page 1, line 18, strike "to"
2 and insert "through".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 933. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER156](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 4, after "prescribed" insert "; to harmonize
2 provisions".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2846](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1092. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendments to [LB1135](#):

[AM2925](#)

(Amendments to AM2695)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "At" in line 3 through "2026"
2 in line 10 and insert "At least one member who resides in an area
3 comprised of the qualified census tracts that contain a majority of the
4 land bank's properties. This subdivision shall only apply to a land bank
5 created by a city of the metropolitan class. For purposes of this
6 subdivision, qualified census tract has the same meaning as in 26 U.S.C.
7 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on January 1, 2026".

[AM2862](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2460)

1 1. Strike sections 2, 3, and 4 and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Service Contract Reporting Act:
4 (1) City means a city of the metropolitan class;
5 (2) County means a county in this state with a population of more
6 than five hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent
7 federal decennial census;
8 (3) Division means the materiel division of the Department of
9 Administrative Services;
10 (4) Fiscal year means the twelve-month period used by the city,
11 county, or state agency for budgeting purposes;
12 (5) Service contract means a contract that:
13 (a) Is awarded by a city, county, or state agency for the provision
14 of legal services, accounting services, financial consulting services,
15 management consulting services, health care services, engineering
16 services, architectural services, information technology services,
17 marketing and advertising services, human resources consulting services,
18 environmental consulting services, educational and training services,
19 snow removal and hauling services, janitorial services, custodial and
20 cleaning services, yard maintenance services, or tree removal services;
21 and
22 (b) Has a value of:
23 (i) For contracts entered into prior to January 1, 2029, seventy
24 thousand dollars or more;
25 (ii) For contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2029, and
26 prior to January 1, 2034, ninety thousand dollars or more; or
1 (iii) For contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2034, one
2 hundred ten thousand dollars or more;
3 (6) State agency means any agency, board, or commission of this
4 state other than the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges,
5 the courts, the Legislature, or any officer or state agency established
6 by the Constitution of Nebraska;
7 (7) State aid means:
8 (a) For both cities and counties, state aid paid pursuant to
9 sections 60-3,202 and 77-3523;
10 (b) For cities, state aid to cities paid pursuant to sections
11 39-2501 to 39-2520, 60-3,190, and 77-27,139.04 and insurance premium tax
12 paid to cities; and
13 (c) For counties, state aid to counties paid pursuant to sections
14 60-3,184 to 60-3,190, insurance premium tax paid to counties, and
15 reimbursements to counties from funds appropriated pursuant to section
16 29-3933; and
17 (8) Zip code means the numerical code used by the United States
18 Postal Service to identify geographic areas.
19 Sec. 3. On or before March 1, 2028, and on or before March 1 of
20 each year thereafter, each city, county, and state agency shall submit a
21 report to the division containing the following information:
22 (1) The name and address of each individual or entity that was
23 awarded a service contract during the most recently completed fiscal year
24 and the type of service involved in each such contract;
25 (2) The total dollar value of service contracts awarded during the
26 most recently completed fiscal year, including an overall total and a
27 breakdown by zip code; and
28 (3) A description of any efforts made by the city, county, or state
29 agency to increase the number of service contracts awarded to individuals
30 and entities located within zip codes with the lowest amounts of service
31 contract awards.

1 Sec. 4. On or before April 1, 2028, and on or before April 1 of
2 each year thereafter, the division shall compile the information reported
3 under section 3 of this act and shall electronically submit a
4 comprehensive report regarding such information to the Governor, the
5 Clerk of the Legislature, and the Urban Affairs Committee of the
6 Legislature. The division shall also make the comprehensive report
7 available on the website of the Department of Administrative Services.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 484. Introduced by McKinney, 11;
Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, Imani Skanes, a freshman student-athlete at the College of Saint Mary, achieved an extraordinary athletic accomplishment by winning the women's long jump at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 6, 2026, in Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Skanes entered the finals in third place and earned the championship title with her second jump of 5.99 meters securing the first national championship in any sport in the history of the College of Saint Mary athletic program; and

WHEREAS, Skanes is a graduate of Omaha Northwest High Magnet School and has demonstrated remarkable determination and competitive excellence by improving her performance throughout her athletic career; and

WHEREAS, the achievement reflects the dedication, hard work, and talent of Imani Skanes, the leadership of Head Coach Steve Gordon Jr. and the College of Saint Mary coaching staff, and the continued growth of the College of Saint Mary cross country and track and field programs; and

WHEREAS, this historic accomplishment brings pride to the College of Saint Mary community, the city of Omaha, and the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Imani Skanes on winning the women's long jump at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Indoor Track and Field Championships and becoming the first national champion in the history of the College of Saint Mary athletic program.

2. That the Legislature recognizes the College of Saint Mary track and field program, Head Coach Steve Gordon Jr., and all those who support the program for their commitment to excellence and the advancement of collegiate athletics in Nebraska.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to Imani Skanes, Head Coach Steve Gordon Jr., and the College of Saint Mary to commemorate this historic achievement.

Laid over.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525A. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 525, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972A. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 972, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. The third committee amendment, [AM2931](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The third committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The fourth committee amendment, [AM2934](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The fourth committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The fifth committee amendment, [AM2932](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The fifth committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The sixth committee amendment, [AM2933](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Rountree offered the following amendment to the sixth committee amendment:

[AM2889](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2743)

- 1 1. Strike sections 24 and 25.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
- 3 correct the operative date and repealer sections accordingly.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:29 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**GENERAL FILE**

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. The sixth committee amendment, [AM2933](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Rountree renewed [AM2889](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the sixth committee amendment.

The Rountree amendment was withdrawn.

The sixth committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The seventh committee amendment, [AM2928](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1105](#), found on page 1198, to the seventh committee amendment.

Senator Quick offered the following amendment to the seventh committee amendment:

[FA1114](#)

To AM2928, on page 1, line 11 strike the contents starting with "and" through "Census," on line 13.

The Quick amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The seventh committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The eighth committee amendment, [AM2935](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1104](#), found on page 1198, to the eighth committee amendment.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the eighth committee amendment:

[AM2943](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2743)

1 1. Strike sections 35, 36, and 37 and insert the following new

2 section:

3 Sec. 35. (1)(a) For purposes of this section, complex case means a

4 civil cause of action that requires exceptional judicial management to
5 avoid placing unnecessary burdens on the court or the litigants and to
6 expedite the case, keep costs reasonable, and promote effective
7 decisionmaking by the court, the parties, and counsel.
8 (b) The Supreme Court shall by rule set forth more specifically
9 which types of cases shall be considered complex cases, factors that may
10 be considered in making such determination, and procedures and
11 requirements for carrying out this section.
12 (2)(a) In addition to all other court costs assessed according to
13 law, a complex case fee shall be taxed as costs in each complex case
14 filed in the district courts and county courts.
15 (b) A single complex case fee of one thousand dollars shall be paid
16 on behalf of all plaintiffs, whether filing separately or jointly.
17 (c)(i) Additionally, a complex case fee of one thousand dollars
18 shall be paid separately on behalf of each defendant, intervenor,
19 respondent, or other adverse party in the action.
20 (ii) Total fees assessed under subdivision (2)(c)(ii) of this
21 section shall not exceed eighteen thousand dollars. If the fees due would
22 otherwise exceed such limit, the court shall make an order necessary to
23 ensure that the total complex case fees paid by the defendants,
24 intervenor, respondents, or other adverse parties appearing in the case
25 do not exceed the limit and that the complex case fees paid by those
26 parties are apportioned fairly among those parties.
1 (3) The fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer on forms
2 prescribed by the State Treasurer within ten days after the end of the
3 month. The State Treasurer shall credit the fees to the General Fund.
4 (4) Notwithstanding section 29-2709 or the in forma pauperis status
5 of any litigant, a county, city, or village shall not be required to pay
6 a complex case fee in any case.
7 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
8 accordingly.
9 3. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by
10 this amendment becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

The eighth committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 10 nays,
8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator DeBoer offered [AM2914](#), found on page 1259.

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

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO526](#), found on
page 1145, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 4 nays, 9 present
and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1091. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2381](#) found on page 958, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 959. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2839

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 71-1908 (1) Sections 71-1908 to 71-1923.03 and section 2 of this act
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Child Care Licensing Act.
7 (2) The Legislature finds that there is a present and growing need
8 for quality child care programs and facilities. There is a need to
9 establish and maintain licensure of persons providing such programs to
10 ensure that such persons are competent and are using safe and adequate
11 facilities. The Legislature further finds and declares that the
12 development and supervision of programs are a matter of statewide concern
13 and should be dealt with uniformly on the state and local levels. There
14 is a need for cooperation among the various state and local agencies
15 which impose standards on licensees, and there should be one agency which
16 coordinates the enforcement of such standards and informs the Legislature
17 about cooperation among the various agencies.
18 Sec. 2. (1) The department shall establish a youth afterschool
19 eligibility letter for individuals who are sixteen or seventeen years of
20 age and who are seeking employment in school-age child care programs or
21 temporary nonresidential child care programs. For purposes of this
22 section, temporary nonresidential child care program means a program in
23 which child care is provided (a) for no more than twelve consecutive
24 hours, (b) not on a continuous or regularly scheduled basis, and (c) in a
25 location not ordinarily used as a licensed child care center.
26 (2)(a) To obtain a youth afterschool eligibility letter, an
27 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 Sec. 3. Original section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 17 2025, is repealed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1187. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2886](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to [LB912](#):
[AM2923](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER144)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 13. Section 38-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 3 2024, is amended to read:
 4 38-2101 Sections 38-2101 to 38-2147 and section 14 of this act shall
 5 be known and may be cited as the Mental Health Practice Act.
 6 Sec. 14. (1) Every two years, a minimum of two hours of continuing
 7 education in domestic abuse counseling shall be required for all licensed
 8 mental health practitioners and licensed independent mental health
 9 practitioners under the Mental Health Practice Act.
 10 (2) Such training shall be conducted by an individual who has (a)
 11 received the domestic abuse training required in section 38-2123, (b) a
 12 minimum of three years' experience working with victims of domestic abuse
 13 or offenders, and (c) completed an additional forty hours in domestic

14 abuse-related training.

15 ~~(3)~~ For purposes of the section, domestic abuse means abuse as
16 defined in section 42-903.

17 Sec. 15. Section 38-2123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 38-2123 (1) A person who needs to obtain the required three thousand
20 hours of supervised experience in mental health practice as specified in
21 section 38-2122 to qualify for a mental health practitioner license shall
22 obtain a provisional mental health practitioner license. To qualify for a
23 provisional mental health practitioner license, such person shall:

24 (a) Have a master's degree, a doctoral degree, or the equivalent of
25 a master's degree, as determined by the board, that consists of course
26 work and training which was primarily therapeutic mental health in
1 content and included a practicum or internship and was from a mental
2 health program as specified in section 38-2122;

3 (b) Apply prior to earning the three thousand hours of supervised
4 experience; ~~and~~

5 (c) Pay the provisional mental health practitioner license fee; ~~and~~

6 ~~(d)~~ Beginning September 1, 2027, obtain three hours of training
7 relating to domestic abuse, which shall include: (i) Appropriate
8 screening tools for victims of domestic abuse; (ii) indicators of high
9 lethality or risk; (iii) documentation standards; (iv) appropriate
10 referrals to domestic abuse specific services, advocacy, and systems
11 navigation professionals; (v) impact on children; (vi) ethical practice
12 and boundaries; and (vii) trauma-informed, victim-centered care and
13 safety planning. For purposes of this subdivision (1)(d), domestic abuse
14 means abuse as defined in section 42-903.

15 ~~(2)~~ An individual or organization providing the training described
16 in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall submit all training materials
17 to the board for approval.

18 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ The rules and regulations approved by the board and adopted
19 and promulgated by the department shall not require that the applicant
20 have a supervisor in place at the time of application for a provisional
21 mental health practitioner license.

22 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ A provisional mental health practitioner license shall expire
23 upon receipt of licensure as a mental health practitioner or five years
24 after the date of issuance, whichever comes first.

25 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ A person who holds a provisional mental health practitioner
26 license shall inform all clients that he or she holds a provisional
27 license and is practicing mental health under supervision and shall
28 identify the supervisor. Failure to make such disclosure is a ground for
29 discipline as set forth in section 38-2139.

30 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
31 accordingly.

1 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
2 sections added by this amendment become operative on January 1, 2027.

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB972:
AM2844 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB965:
FA1115
To AM2846, Strike Section 1.

FA1116
To AM2846, Strike Section 2.

[FA1117](#)

To AM2846, Strike Section 4.

[FA1118](#)

To AM2846, Strike Section 6.

[FA1119](#)

To AM2846, Strike Section 7.

Senator Clements filed the following amendments to [LB1071](#):
[AM2941](#) is available in the Bill Room.

[AM2944](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. In AM2941, on page 33, line 4, strike "5,412,255" and insert
- 2 "5,562,255"; and in line 10 strike "22,013,136" and insert "22,163,136".

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to [LB1072](#):
[AM2898](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Strike sections 156, 158, and 238 and insert the following new
- 2 section:
- 3 Sec. 236. Sections 122, 123, 124, 125, 134, 135, 136, 157, 159, 184,
- 4 194, 206, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 239, and 242 of
- 5 this act become operative on July 1, 2026. Sections 142, 143, 144, 185,
- 6 186, 187, 188, 189, 240, and 243 of this act become operative on December
- 7 31, 2026. The other sections of this act become operative on their
- 8 effective date.
- 9 2. On page 1, line 13; and page 175, line 2, strike "68-1206,
- 10 68-1724,".
- 11 3. On page 2, strike beginning with "the" in line 15 through the
- 12 comma in line 16.
- 13 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

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

[FA1120](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to [LB935](#):

[FA1121](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB935](#):

[FA1122](#)

Strike Section 36.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 24, 2026

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Racing and Gaming Commission:

Antonio Gomez, 1392 West Hwy 20, Jackson, NE 68743,
District 3/Democrat/At-Large

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304A. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 304, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of the University of Nebraska-Kearney wrestling team.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature