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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Rebecca Hjelle-Penner, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Papillion.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storer.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator DeBoer who was excused; and Senator Armendariz, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB815	Agriculture (rereferred)
LB899	Government, Military, Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB914	Health and Human Services (rereferred)
LB1028	Natural Resources (rereferred)
LB1071	Appropriations

LB1072	Appropriations
LB1073	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1074	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1075	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1076	Natural Resources
LB1077	Business and Labor
LB1078	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1079	Judiciary
LB1080	Judiciary
LB1081	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1082	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1083	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1084	Judiciary
LB1085	General Affairs
LB1086	Education
LB1087	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1088	Judiciary
LB1089	Business and Labor
LB1090	Judiciary
LB1091	Health and Human Services
LB1092	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1093	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1094	Revenue
LB1095	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB1096	Judiciary

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB636:

AM1728

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 33-117, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 33-117 (1) The several sheriffs shall charge and collect fees at the
6 rates specified in this section. The rates shall be as follows:
7 (a) Serving a writ of attachment or garnishment, ~~two~~ ^{twent} dollars;
8 ~~two~~ ^{twent} dollars; (b) serving a search warrant, ~~two~~ ^{twent} dollars; (c)
9 arresting under a search warrant, ~~two~~ ^{twent} dollars for each person so
10 arrested;
11 (b) Unless(d) unless otherwise specifically listed in subdivisions
12 (d)(f) through (o)(s) of this subsection, serving a summons, subpoena,
13 order of attachment, order of replevin, other order of the court, notice
14 of motion, other notice, other writ or document, or any combination
15 thereof, including any accompanying or attached documents, ~~twent~~^{twent} twelve
16 dollars for each person served, except that when more than one person is
17 served at the same time and location in the same case, the service fee
18 shall be ~~twent~~^{twent} twelve dollars for the first person served at that time
19 and location and ~~five~~^{three} dollars for each other person served at that
20 time and location;

21 (c) Making (e) making a return of each summons, subpoena, order of
22 attachment, order of replevin, other order of the court, notice of
23 motion, other notice, or other writ or document, whether served or not,
24 tensix dollars;
25 (d) Taking (f) taking and filing a replevin bond or other
26 indemnification to be furnished and approved by the sheriff, ten
27 dollarsone dollar;
1 (e) Making (g) making a copy of any process, bond, or other paper
2 not otherwise provided for in this section, seventy-fivetwenty five cents
3 per page;
4 (f) Traveling (h) traveling each mile actually and necessarily
5 traveled within or without their several counties in their official
6 duties, three cents more per mile than the rate provided in section
7 81-1176 for all trips exceeding one mile from the courthouse, plus a
8 minimum fee of two dollars for each trip, regardless of the miles
9 traveled; except that the minimum fee shall be fifty cents when the
10 service is made within one mile of the courthouse, and, as far as is
11 expedient, all papers in the hands of the sheriff at any one time shall
12 be served in one or more trips by the most direct route or routes and
13 only one mileage fee shall be charged for a single trip, the total
14 mileage cost to be computed as a unit for each trip and the combined
15 mileage cost of each trip to be prorated among the persons or parties
16 liable for the payment of same;
17 (g) Levying (i) levying a writ or a court order and return thereof,
18 thirtyeighteen dollars;
19 (h) Summoning (j) summoning a grand jury, petit jury, or special
20 jury, not including mileage to be paid by the county, eighty-fifteen
21 dollars; (k) summoning a petit jury, not including mileage to be paid by
22 the county, twelve dollars; (l) summoning a special jury, for each person
23 impaneled, fifty cents;
24 (i) Calling (m) calling a jury for a trial of a case or cause,
25 thirty dollarsfifty cents;
26 (j) Executing (n) executing a writ of restitution or a writ of
27 assistance and return, thirtyeighteen dollars, plus twenty-five dollars
28 per hour for the time spent on site in excess of one hour;
29 (k) Calling (o) calling an inquest to appraise lands and tenements
30 levied on by execution, thirty dollars, plus the hourly rate charged by
31 the person hired to appraise the property subject to executionone dollar;
1 (l) Calling (p) calling an inquest to appraise goods and chattels
2 taken by an order of attachment or replevin, thirty dollars, plus the
3 hourly rate charged by the person hired to appraise the property subject
4 to attachment or replevinone dollar;
5 (m) Advertising (q) advertising a sale in a newspaper in addition to
6 the price of printing, twenty dollarsone dollar;
7 (n) Advertising (r) advertising in writing for a sale of real or
8 personal property, twentyfive dollars; and
9 (o) Making (s) making deeds for land sold on execution or order of
10 sale, fifteenfive dollars.
11 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, the
12 commission due a sheriff on an execution or order of sale, an order of
13 attachment decree, or a sale of real or personal property shall be: For
14 each dollar not exceeding two thousandfour hundred dollars, six cents;
15 for every dollar above two thousandfour hundred dollars and not exceeding
16 fiveone thousand dollars, four cents; and for every dollar above fiveone
17 thousand dollars, two cents.
18 (b) In real estate foreclosure, when any party to the original
19 action purchases the property or when no money is received or disbursed
20 by the sheriff, the commission shall be computed pursuant to subdivision
21 (a) of this subsection but shall not exceed one thousandtwo hundred
22 dollars.

23 (3) The sheriff shall, on the first Tuesday in January, April, July, 24 and October of each year, make a report to the county board showing (a) 25 the different items of fees collected, from whom, at what time, and for 26 what service, (b) the total amount of the fees collected by the officer 27 since the last report, and (c) the amount collected for the current year. 28 All fees collected by the sheriff, except mileage fees when the sheriff 29 or his or her employee is using a personal vehicle, shall be paid to the 30 county treasurer who shall credit the fees to the general fund of the 31 county.

1 (4) Any future adjustment made to the reimbursement rate provided in 2 subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to apply to all provisions 3 of law which refer to this section for the computation of mileage.

4 (5) All fees collected pursuant to this section, except fees for 5 mileage accrued in a personal vehicle, by any constable who is a salaried 6 employee of the State of Nebraska shall be remitted to the clerk of the 7 county court. The clerk of the county court shall pay the same to the 8 General Fund.

9 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to examine the fees provided
10 in this section at least once every five years beginning in 2030 in order
11 to determine whether such fees should be adjusted.

12 Sec. 2. Original section 33-117, Revised Statutes Cumulative

13 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

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

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LR304:

AM1745

1 1. Strike the first Resolved paragraph and insert the following new
2 Resolved paragraph:
3 1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the
4 Legislative Council to create the Child Welfare Oversight Committee
5 comprised of members of the Legislative Oversight Committee to be
6 designated to review, investigate, and assess the effect of child welfare
7 efficiency practices on child safety, the quality of the services
8 provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, and the public
9 and private workforce stability.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Urban Affairs
Room 1200 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

LB797

LB839

LB840

LB842

LB850

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1097:

FA756

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1098](#):

[FA757](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1099](#):

[FA758](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1100](#):

[FA759](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1101](#):

[FA760](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1102](#):

[FA761](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1103](#):

[FA762](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1104](#):

[FA763](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1105](#):

[FA764](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1106](#):

[FA765](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1107](#):

[FA766](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1108](#):

[FA767](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1109](#):

[FA768](#)

On Page 2, Line 14, insert "(DHHS)" after "department".

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB1110](#):

[FA769](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1111:

FA770

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1112:

FA771

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1113:

FA772

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1114:

FA773

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1115:

FA774

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1116:

FA775

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1117:

FA776

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1118:

FA777

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1119:

FA778

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1120:

FA779

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1122:

FA780

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1123:

FA781

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1121:
FA782
Strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1124. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state intent relating to cigarette tax distributions; to increase the cigarette tax and distribute tax proceeds as prescribed; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1125. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the University of Nebraska; to amend section 85-422, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require legislative approval of certain contracts as prescribed; to restrict ownership of certain facilities as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation; to amend sections 60-507, 60-513, 60-695, and 60-6,299, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 39-1351, 39-2802, 39-2814, 39-2825, 60-699, and 60-6,123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 60-601, 60-605, and 60-6,298, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Infrastructure Development Investment Program Act; to change certain applicant qualification exemptions for transportation infrastructure construction contracts; to redefine a term, eliminate a requirement for progressive design-build contracts, change public-private partnership delivery method provisions, provide duties for the Department of Transportation, and provide for unsolicited proposals under the Transportation Innovation Act; to change provisions relating to the suspension of operator's licenses by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the security required by the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act; to define a term, change traffic accident reporting requirements, change requirements for date of birth information that is included in certain vehicle accident reports, provide for the control of bicycle traffic, and change and provide for certain permit fees under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-443, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438 and 37-440, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for hangtag permits; to change provisions relating to the display of certain permits and where such permits may be procured; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1128. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to entertainment district licenses and provide for a class of consumption-only licenses; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1129. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend sections 18-2108, 18-2123, and 18-2123.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 18-2155, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 18-2102, 18-2103, and 18-2147, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to legislative findings; to redefine terms; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the acquisition of real property, land outside the corporate limits of cities, the effective date for the division of taxes, and certain redevelopment plans receiving an expedited review; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1130. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to adopt the Community Improvement District Act; and to declare an emergency.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 384. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM703](#), found on page 852, First Session, 2025, was offered.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:

[FA783](#)

On page 2, line 28, after "hearing." insert "The County Assessor of the county hosting the hearing shall attend."

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 2 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.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB525:

AM1710

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 10 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Agricultural Data Privacy Act.
5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that agricultural data is a
6 proprietary business asset originating from the farm, land, devices, and
7 equipment of the producer. To protect the economic value of this data and
8 the autonomy of Nebraska producers, the sale of such data shall be
9 protected and the security of such data shall be maintained through
10 reasonable safeguards.
11 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Agricultural Data Privacy Act:
12 (1) Aggregated data means agricultural data that has been combined
13 with other data from various sources and summarized so that the resulting
14 data does not identify a specific agricultural producer or the farm,
15 land, device, or equipment of such agricultural producer;
16 (2) Agricultural data:
17 (a) Means any of the following that is collected, produced, or
18 generated in this state: Agronomic data, climate and weather data, farm
19 management data, land data, livestock data, machine data, and
20 sustainability data; and
21 (b) Does not include aggregated data or derived data;
22 (3) Agricultural producer means the individual who or entity that is
23 the owner of the agricultural data originating from the farm, land,
24 device, or equipment of such individual or entity;
25 (4) Agronomic data means information relating to soil management or
26 crop production, including any crop, field, planting activity, seed type,
27 yield, disease and pest management, fertilizer type and application, and
1 prescription;
2 (5) Climate and weather data means the conditions of the atmosphere
3 at a place and time and how such conditions generally prevail in such
4 place over a long period of time that is collected, produced, or
5 generated by the equipment of an agricultural producer or by devices
6 located on the land of an agricultural producer. Climate and weather
7 data;
8 (a) Includes the following information: Precipitation type and
9 amount, wind speed and direction, and temperature; and
10 (b) Does not include information that is made available to the
11 general public by a governmental entity or public source;
12 (6) Controller means a person who or entity that, alone or jointly
13 with others, determines the purpose and means of processing agricultural
14 data;
15 (7) Derived data means data that has been significantly modified,
16 processed, or analyzed. Derived data includes agronomic insights,
17 reports, and predictive models;
18 (8) Farm management data means information regarding the management
19 of an agricultural producer's farm, including the finances, taxes, and
20 employment of the agricultural producer, prices received or paid for any
21 commodity, compliance of the agricultural producer with any law, supply

22 chain for commodities produced or used by the agricultural producer, and
23 information regarding the tillage and conservation practices of the
24 agricultural producer;

25 (9) Land data means information regarding the physical attributes of
26 a parcel of land, including the types and fertility of soils, the
27 topography, elevation, watershed, and drainage of such parcel, and
28 geospatial information regarding such parcel;

29 (10) Livestock data means information regarding the production of
30 animals by an agricultural producer, including animal identification
31 practices, pedigree information, genetic information, and feed
1 consumption information;

2 (11) Machine data means information regarding telematics, fuel
3 consumption, load capabilities, machine use, and equipment health, and
4 any other machine-performance information;

5 (12) Processor means a person who or entity that processes
6 agricultural data on behalf of a controller;

7 (13) Sale of agricultural data means the exchange of agricultural
8 data for monetary or other valuable consideration by a controller or
9 processor to a third party; and

10 (14) Sustainability data means information regarding greenhouse-gas
11 emissions, carbon sequestration, and water-quality impact, and any other
12 environmental or conservation practice used to verify sustainability
13 claims.

14 Sec. 4. (1) The agricultural producer is the owner of agricultural
15 data that originates from the farm, land, device, or equipment of such
16 agricultural producer.

17 (2) A controller or processor may maintain and store agricultural
18 data as necessary to provide services to an agricultural producer, unless
19 a written contract between the parties expressly provides to the
20 contrary.

21 Sec. 5. (1) A controller or processor shall not engage in the sale
22 of agricultural data without the express written consent of the
23 agricultural producer.

24 (2) Written consent for the sale of agricultural data shall be
25 obtained through a clear and conspicuous disclosure that is separate from
26 the primary terms of service or data use agreement.

27 Sec. 6. (1) Beginning on January 1, 2027, every new contract or
28 agreement involving the collection or processing of agricultural data in
29 this state shall contain a specific provision stating that the controller
30 or processor is prohibited from selling the agricultural data without the
31 express written consent of the agricultural producer.

1 (2) Any contract provision that waives or limits the requirements of
2 this act is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable.

3 Sec. 7. (1) Any controller or processor in custody or possession of
4 agricultural data shall establish, implement, and maintain reasonable
5 administrative, technical, and physical data security practices to
6 protect the confidentiality, integrity, and accessibility of such
7 agricultural data.

8 (2) Such security practices shall be appropriate for the volume and
9 nature of the agricultural data and protect against unauthorized access,
10 use, disclosure, modification, or loss.

11 Sec. 8. (1) The Attorney General may bring an action in the district
12 court of Lancaster County against any controller or processor that
13 violates the Agricultural Data Privacy Act to:

14 (a) Seek injunctive relief; or

15 (b) Recover a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars
16 for each separate violation. Any such recovered civil penalty shall be
17 remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with
18 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

19 (2) The Agricultural Data Privacy Act shall not be construed to

20 create any new private cause of action. The enforcement authority granted
21 to the Attorney General under this section shall be the exclusive remedy
22 for violations of the Agricultural Data Privacy Act.
23 Sec. 9. (1) Prior to bringing an action to recover a civil penalty
24 for a violation of section 6 or 7 of this act, the Attorney General shall
25 provide a controller or processor with a written notice that identifies
26 the specific violations of section 6 or 7 of this act that the Attorney
27 General alleges have been or are being violated.
28 (2) No such action for a civil penalty shall be initiated if, within
29 thirty days after receiving the written notice, the controller or
30 processor:
31 (a) Cures each such alleged violation; and
1 (b) Provides the Attorney General with a written statement that
2 specifies that each such alleged violation has been cured and that such
3 controller or processor will refrain from further violations of the
4 Agricultural Data Privacy Act.
5 (3) This section shall not apply to any violation of section 5 of
6 this act.
7 Sec. 10. The Agricultural Data Privacy Act shall not be construed
8 to:
9 (1) Limit or supersede any duty or obligation that is imposed by any
10 federal law or any other law of the State of Nebraska;
11 (2) Relieve any person from any duty or obligation otherwise imposed
12 by law; or
13 (3) Impair, supersede, or otherwise affect the terms of any private
14 contract that is in existence prior to the effective date of this act.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1131. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2717, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 77-202, 77-2715.07, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Service Providers Tax Credit Act; to eliminate a personal property tax exemption and a sales and use tax exemption for data centers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-2701.54 and 77-2704.62, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1132. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for coverage of long-acting injectable and extended-release medications as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the

claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1134. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-1608, 81-1618, and 81-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 71-6403, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 71-6406, 72-804, 72-805, 81-1609, and 81-1611, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to state building codes, electrical codes, and energy codes; to change and provide limitations on local building and construction codes, energy codes, and electrical codes as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1135. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act; to amend sections 18-3405, 18-3407, 18-3408, 18-3410, and 18-3413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to boards of directors, land bank powers, acquisitions of property, and reports; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1136. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act; to amend section 13-905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require political subdivisions to identify authorized recipients of tort claims; to provide for tolling of certain deadlines; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1137. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Hallstrom, 1; Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 28-631, 44-6604, 44-8602, 44-8603, 44-8604, 44-8605, 44-9204, 44-9214, and 44-9217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and penalties relating to fraudulent insurance acts; to redefine terms, and change provisions relating to residential contracts, notice of cancellations, prohibited acts, and post-loss assignment of rights or benefits under the Insured Homeowners Protection Act; to change provisions relating to licenses, contracts, prohibited acts, and fees under the Public Adjusters Licensing Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1138. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to adopt the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1139. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child support; to amend section 42-371, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to liens arising from child support orders; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1140. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2025, LB261, section 54; to provide for distribution of appropriations to the State Department of Education for a pilot program in a city of the metropolitan class; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1141. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 81-407, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to create the Nebraska Youth Pre-Apprentice Conservation Program; to provide powers and duties to the Game and Parks Commission; to create a fund; to transfer funds from the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1142. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; to amend sections 53-501, 81-3701, 81-3702, 81-3703, 81-3706.01, 81-3710, 81-3711, 81-3711.01, 81-3712, 81-3713, 81-3714, 81-3721, 81-3726, 81-3728, 81-3729, and 81-3730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 77-3012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 81-3725, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to authorize the Department of Economic Development to administer the act; to provide for a Director of Tourism; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Tourism Commission; to define a term; to change the name of a fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1143. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-949, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for modification of the appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid nursing facility rates based on client service utilization as prescribed; to require the department to submit an application to establish a Money Follows the Person program; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1144. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-927 and 68-928, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to

redefine a term; to provide requirements for entities issuing health plans; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1145. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Open Meetings Act; to amend section 84-1411, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the act; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1146. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reports by a school district to a county attorney relating to absences of a child from school; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

LB1050

LB1053

LB893

LB1022

LB1024

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

LB891

LB808

LB903

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LB912

LB860

LB722

LB866

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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LB730

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, and 291
were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business,
the PRESIDENT signed the following: LRs 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290,
and 291.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 668. Title read. Considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA70](#), found on page 910, First Session,
2025.

Senator Storer offered [AM1723](#), found on page 327.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present
and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 518. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 365. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM816](#), found on page 1025, First Session, 2025, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 3 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Quick offered [AM1711](#), found on page 360.

The Quick amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 4 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 400. Senator Wordekemper offered [MO284](#), found on page 1646, First Session, 2025, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Wordekemper opened on LB400.

Senator Wordekemper opened on MO284.

Senator Wordekemper asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hallstrom objected.

Pending.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1147. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to require the Auditor of Public Accounts to investigate and submit a quarterly report to the Legislature relating to any impoundment of funds by the Governor or any

official or employee of the executive branch of state government as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1148. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to provide for recognition and enforcement of parentage of children born from assisted reproduction; to define terms; to provide for civil actions; and to provide for applicability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1149. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 73-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require disclosure of state agency contracts with private entities that have contracts with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1150. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to amend section 77-6827, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit application approval if a taxpayer has entered into a contract with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1151. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-116.02, 53-117.07, 53-123, 53-124.16, 53-131, 53-133, 53-134.03, 53-164.01, and 53-1,115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 53-103, 53-103.51, 53-124.11, 53-124.12, 53-132, 53-169, and 53-171, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 53-101, 53-123.01, 53-123.15, 53-123.17, 53-124, 53-124.01, 53-129, and 53-134, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to define a term; to provide for a regional craft brewery license; to change provisions relating to the issuance and revocation of licenses, fees, taxes, and operational requirements under the act; to provide powers and duties to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1152. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic incentives; to adopt the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1153. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Consumer Protection Act; to amend sections 59-1608.03 and 59-1608.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 59-1608.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to recovery under the act; to provide a termination date for the State Settlement Cash Fund and provide powers and duties to the State Treasurer regarding any money in such fund; to change

provisions relating to the State Settlement Trust Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1154. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act; to amend section 13-3403, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1155. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Arch, 14; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Jacobson, 42; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to legislative oversight; to amend sections 43-2,108, 50-1205, 50-1803, 50-1805, 50-1812, 50-1912, 50-1918, 77-2711, 77-27,119, and 83-4,134.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to access to records of juvenile probation officers and an annual report under the Legislative Performance Audit Act; to change provisions of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act; to change provisions relating to audits involving tax information and room confinement of a juvenile in a juvenile facility; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1156. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Disinvested Community Development Incentive Tax Credit Act; and to provide an operative date.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1157. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to provide payment method requirements for health insurers, health insurer vendors, and care management organizations as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1158. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor carriers; to amend section 75-304.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the interstate transportation for hire of employees of a railroad carrier; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1159. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; at the request of the Governor; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42;

Lippincott, 34; McKinney, 11; Meyer, F., 41; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Hall of Fame; to amend section 72-728, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the naming of a person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1160. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property; to amend sections 25-2701, 30-2301, 30-2302, 30-2322, 30-2323, 30-2325, 30-3803, 30-38,103, and 77-3503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 30-3801 and 77-2004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to civil procedure and decedents' estates; to redefine terms; to change and add requirements relating to contracts to make or not to revoke a trust, penalties for contesting a trust, and rules of construction for the interpretation of certain trust provisions; to allow a certification of trust to establish ownership of a homestead; to change provisions relating to the persons who are subject to a certain inheritance tax rate; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1161. Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to minors; to amend section 43-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the age of majority; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1162. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to amend section 75-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties of the Public Service Commission relating to railroad safety; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1163. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; to amend section 13-3206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to delinquent annual assessments and PACE liens; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1164. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Meyer, G., 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to adopt the Prior Learning Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 49-801.01, 81-12,144, 81-12,146, 81-12,147, 81-12,148, and 81-12,149, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-6502, 77-6507, 77-6509, and 77-6516, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 77-6831, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to change in control and ownership under the Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act; to change provisions relating to credit percentages under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to define a term and provide for capital improvement grants to certain employers under the Site and Building Development Act; to create a grant program managed by the Department of Labor to provide additional support to certain employers experiencing a change of ownership and control to retain or attract workforce in the state; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 307. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, January has been designated as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month to provide firefighters with necessary tools and guidance to develop life-saving protocols for cancer prevention and to support those with cancer diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, firefighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty death in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, firefighters are exposed to hundreds of different chemical substances in the form of gases, vapors, and particulates during firefighting operations, including known and suspected carcinogens such as benzene, formaldehyde, and asbestos; and

WHEREAS, firefighters come into contact with hazardous substances through inhalation, skin absorption, eye contact, or ingestion during fire response and training activities; and

WHEREAS, contaminated turnout gear and personal protective equipment can continue to expose firefighters to carcinogens at fire stations and in emergency vehicles even if properly cleaned and stored; and

WHEREAS, education and training on safe work practices, proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment, cancer screening, early detection, and healthy lifestyle choices are essential to reducing occupational cancer risk among firefighters; and

WHEREAS, with proper prevention strategies, early detection, and support systems, firefighters can reduce their cancer risk and maintain long and healthy careers; and

WHEREAS, the observation of Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month in January 2026 provides the opportunity to share experiences and information and raise public awareness about occupational cancer in the fire service.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the month of January 2026 as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month in Nebraska.
2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all firefighters diagnosed with occupational cancer and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.
3. That the Legislature honors the service and sacrifice of Nebraska's firefighters and encourages fire departments, emergency services organizations, and communities across Nebraska to promote awareness of firefighter cancer risks and prevention strategies.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 308. Introduced by Lonowski, 33.

WHEREAS, the Hastings St. Cecilia High School softball team won the 2025 Class C State Softball Championship on October 20, 2025, at Bowlin Field in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the St. Cecilia Hawkettes softball team defeated the Central City Bison in the championship game by a score of 5-4 on a walk-off in the seventh inning; and

WHEREAS, this is the St. Cecilia Hawkettes' first state championship title in softball; and

WHEREAS, the St. Cecilia softball team finished the 2025 season with a winning record of 29-6; and

WHEREAS, the hard work, commitment, passion, and care for fellow members of the St. Cecilia softball team is the root of their success; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2025 Class C State Championship softball team are the seniors Avery Kissinger, Paisley Mangers, Audrey Rossow, and Kyler Weidner; the juniors Tatum Hawkinson, Emerson Kissinger, Ava Konen, Faith Kucera, and Celia Mailander; the sophomores Maddison Bauer, Sydney Head, Trinity Hrnchir, Ella Musalek, and Callie Selvage; the freshmen Jordan Luther, Mariana Perez, and Johanna Selvage; the assistant coaches Natalie Kissinger, Josie Bamgardner, and Angie Lockhart; and the head coach Matt Rossow; 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 Hastings St. Cecilia High School softball team on winning the 2025 Class C State Softball Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hastings St. Cecilia High School softball team and Coach Matt Rossow.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 309. Introduced by Lonowski, 33.

WHEREAS, the Minden High School girls golf team won the 2025 NSAA Class C Girls State Golf Championship near North Platte, Nebraska, at Lake Maloney Golf Club on October 14; and

WHEREAS, the Minden Whippets defeated the Columbus Scotus Central Catholic Shamrocks golf team in the championship game by 63 shots for a two-day total of 649, which is the lowest score in Class C history; and

WHEREAS, the Whippets earned their twelfth championship golf title in school history and finished the 2025 season undefeated; and

WHEREAS, the hard work, commitment, and passion shared by the Whippets was the root of their success; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2025 NSAA Class C State Championship golf team are seniors Kaylynn Jorgensen, Isabelle Martin, Shelby Nelson, and Lauren Starkey; freshmen Macy Jorgensen; the assistant coach Callie Whitten; and the head coach Whitney Maulsby; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Minden High School girls golf team on winning the 2025 NSAA Class C Girls State Golf Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minden High School girls golf team and Head Coach Whitney Maulsby.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 310. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the organizational structure of the Nebraska Tourism Commission and the feasibility of consolidating its duties and powers within the Department of Economic Development to ensure the most robust promotion of interstate and intrastate commerce.

In 2012, the Legislature created the Nebraska Tourism Commission as a separate agency. Because tourism serves as a critical driver of commercial activity and is one of Nebraska's largest industries, it is essential to evaluate whether the current structure maximizes the state's commercial potential and competitive standing.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of the administrative costs of the commission to ensure that public funds are being used efficiently to stimulate private sector commerce;
- (2) An assessment of whether reintegrating tourism duties into the Department of Economic Development would create a more unified approach to statewide commerce, business recruitment, and brand identity;
- (3) An analysis of how the current independent commission model affects the commercial viability and economic development of small businesses and rural attractions compared to a consolidated department model;

(4) A review of the impact on hospitality-related commerce and whether a departmental structure provides better access to the financing and development tools managed by the Department of Economic Development;

(5) An examination of how other states utilize their departments of commerce or economic development to oversee tourism to create a more cohesive economic engine; and

(6) Recommendations for any necessary legislative changes to statutes to better facilitate commercial growth and economic development through the transition of these duties.

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.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB437:

AM732

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 43-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 43-1401 For purposes of sections 43-1401 to 43-1418:
6 (1) Except as provided in sections 43-1411 and 43-1414, child
7 meansChild shall mean a child under the age of eighteen years born out of
8 wedlock;
9 (2) Child born out of wedlock meansshall mean a child whose parents
10 were not married to each other at the time of its birth, except that a
11 child shall not be considered as born out of wedlock if theits parents
12 were married at the time of the child'sits conception but divorced at the
13 time of its birth. The definition of legitimacy or illegitimacy for other
14 purposes shall not be affected by the provisions of such sections 43-1401
15 to 43-1418; and
16 (3) Support includesshall include reasonable education.
17 Sec. 2. Section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:
19 43-1411 (1) A civil proceeding to establish the paternity of a child
20 may be instituted, in the court of the district where the child is
21 domiciled or found or, for cases under the Uniform Interstate Family
22 Support Act, where the alleged father is domiciled, by:
23 (a) The mother or the alleged father of such child, or by a person
24 who has reason to believe he is the biological father of the child,
25 either during pregnancy or within four years after the child's birth,
26 unless:
27 (i) A valid consent or relinquishment has been made pursuant to
1 sections 43-104.08 to 43-104.24 or section 43-105 for purposes of
2 adoption; or

3 (ii) A county court or separate juvenile court has jurisdiction over
4 the custody of the child or jurisdiction over an adoption matter with
5 respect to such child pursuant to sections 43-101 to 43-116; or
6 (b) The guardian or next friend of such child or the state, either
7 during pregnancy or within eighteen years after the child's birth.
8 (2) Summons shall issue and be served as in other civil proceedings,
9 except that such summons may be directed to the sheriff of any county in
10 the state and may be served in any county.

11 (3)(a)(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who
12 ~~has reason to believe he is~~ claiming to be the biological father of a
13 child over which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction may file a
14 complaint to intervene in such juvenile proceeding to institute an action
15 to establish the paternity of the child. The complaint to intervene shall
16 be accompanied by an affidavit under oath that the ~~complainant~~affiant
17 believes he is the biological father of the juvenile. No filing fee shall
18 be charged for filing the complaint and affidavit.
19 (b) Upon filing of the complaint and affidavit, the juvenile court
20 ~~may~~ shall enter an order pursuant to section 43-1414 to require genetic
21 testing and to require the juvenile to be made available for genetic
22 testing. The costs of genetic testing shall be paid by the
23 ~~complainant~~intervenor, the county, or the state at the discretion of the
24 juvenile court.

25 (c) This subsection does not authorize intervention by a person
26 whose parental rights to such child have been terminated by the order of
27 any court of competent jurisdiction.

28 (4) For purposes of this section, child means a person under the age
29 of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of
30 wedlock.

31 Sec. 3. Section 43-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
1 amended to read:

2 43-1414 (1)(a)(4) In any proceeding to establish paternity, the
3 court may, on its own motion, or shall, on a timely request of a party,
4 after notice and hearing, require the child, the mother, and the alleged
5 father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other
6 appropriate genetic testing material. Failure to comply with such
7 requirement for genetic testing shall constitute contempt and may be
8 dealt with in the same manner as other contempts. If genetic testing is
9 required, the court shall direct that inherited characteristics be
10 determined by appropriate testing procedures and shall appoint an expert
11 in genetic testing and qualified as an examiner of genetic markers to
12 analyze and interpret the results and to report to the court. The court
13 shall determine the number of experts required.

14 (b) For purposes of this subsection, child means a person under the
15 age of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of
16 wedlock.

17 (2) In any proceeding to establish paternity, the Department of
18 Health and Human Services, county attorneys, and authorized attorneys
19 have the authority to require the child, the mother, and the alleged
20 father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other
21 appropriate genetic testing material. All genetic testing shall be
22 performed by a laboratory accredited by the College of American
23 Pathologists or any other national accrediting body or public agency
24 which has requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more
25 comprehensive than those of the college.

26 (3) Except as authorized under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, a person
27 shall not disclose information obtained from genetic paternity testing
28 that is done pursuant to such sections.

29 (4) If an alleged father who is tested as part of an action under
30 such sections is found to be the child's father, the testing laboratory
31 shall retain the genetic testing material of the alleged father, mother,

1 and child for no longer than the period of years prescribed by the
2 national standards under which the laboratory is accredited. If a man is
3 found not to be the child's father, the testing laboratory shall destroy
4 the man's genetic testing material in the presence of a witness after
5 such material is used in the paternity action. The witness may be an
6 individual who is a party to the destruction of the genetic testing
7 material. After the man's genetic testing material is destroyed, the
8 testing laboratory shall make and keep a written record of the
9 destruction and have the individual who witnessed the destruction sign
10 the record. The testing laboratory shall also expunge its records
11 regarding the genetic paternity testing performed on the genetic testing
12 material in accordance with the national standards under which the
13 laboratory is accredited. The testing laboratory shall retain the genetic
14 testing material of the mother and child for no longer than the period of
15 years prescribed by the national standards under which the laboratory is
16 accredited. After a testing laboratory destroys an individual's genetic
17 testing material as provided in this subsection, it shall notify the
18 adult individual, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor individual,
19 by certified mail that the genetic testing material was destroyed.
20 (5) A testing laboratory is required to protect the confidentiality
21 of genetic testing material, except as required for a paternity
22 determination. The court and its officers shall not use or disclose
23 genetic testing material for a purpose other than the paternity
24 determination.
25 (6) A person shall not buy, sell, transfer, or offer genetic testing
26 material obtained under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418.
27 (7) A testing laboratory shall annually have an independent audit
28 verifying the contracting laboratory's compliance with this section. The
29 audit shall not disclose the names of, or otherwise identify, the test
30 subjects required to submit to testing during the previous year. The
31 testing laboratory shall forward the audit to the department.
1 (8) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty
2 of a Class IV misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class III
3 misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offense.
4 (9) For purposes of sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, an expert in
5 genetic testing means a person who has formal doctoral training or
6 postdoctoral training in human genetics.
7 Sec. 4. Original sections 43-1401 and 43-1414, Reissue Revised
8 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Kauth - LB730

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Juarez name added to LB304.
Senator Conrad name added to LB440.
Senator Spivey name added to LB518.
Senator Dover name added to LB938.

Senator von Gillern name added to LB1059.
Senator Spivey name added to LB1111.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Hunt name withdrawn from LB1066.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Mark Hjelle, Grand Island Professional Firefighters, Nebraska Volunteer Firefighters Association, Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association, Tri-Mutual Aid Firefighters Association and First Responders from across the state.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. James Watson, Gretna.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:03 p.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature