

Legislative Report - December 2025
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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas. It's time to focus on what the new year may bring for those of us in the Lincoln Diocese as it relates to our state and federal government action. So much information is buzzing around, senators are busy having the bill drafters put together legislation for the 2026 session and new issues seem to pop up daily. The state budget, addressing property taxes, prison reform, gender bathroom use legislation and K-12 and higher education funding issues are just a few of the state-wide issues facing the Legislature. What follows are brief notes that have appeared in prior articles and are reminders for you for the new session.

2026 Legislative Session set to convene January 7, 2026. The second session of the 190th Legislature will begin on January 7, 2026, with 240 carry-over bills still on the floor or in various committees. Senators have the first ten working days of the session to introduce new bills. This year's 60 working day session is scheduled to adjourn on April 17. Hearings will begin in mid January on newly introduced bills usually continuing on through mid-March. We will keep you posted on bills of interest to us.

The *UNICAMERAL UPDATE* is also a great, free (mailed to you) weekly publication from the Legislature during the session. It provides a listing of all bills introduced, hearing schedules, updates on legislation and recaps of the previous week's hearings and floor debate. You may contact the Unicameral Information Office at uiosubscribe@leg.ne.gov to subscribe or simply call and ask to be put on their mailing list at 402/471-2788.

How to find your Senator. When issues surface and you would like to contact your state senator, there's an easy way to find their contact information. Simply go to the Nebraska Legislature home page, click on "Senators" on the left side of the page, click on "Find your Senator," and enter your address (street, city, state and zip). Your senator's photo and name will pop up. Then click on the "landing page," and you will have their full information.

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