



Bill Chart for Nebraska Hospital Association

LB5 In Committee

(Blood)

Provide for compensability under Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for mental injuries resulting from workplace violence

You are: Monitoring

Expands workers' compensation coverage. Defines personal injury to include mental injuries and mental illness unaccompanied by physical injury for an employee whose mental injuries or mental illness were caused by workplace violence if such employee establishes by medical evidence, through a mental health professional, causation between the mental injury or mental illness and the workplace violence.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

03-14-23 - Blood AM476 filed

Replaces the bill. Amends the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act to include mental injuries and illness unaccompanied by physical injury for first responders, frontline state employees, or county correctional officers.

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1930 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1931 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB12 In Committee

(Blood)

Create the Nebraska Human Breast Milk Bank

You are: Monitoring

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish standards for transporting, processing, and distributing commercial human breast milk. DHHS may convene a committee of subject matter experts to assist in the development of the standards and develop programs to encourage the creation of breast milk depositories and banks. The Bank shall accept and provide breast milk to assist mothers and guardians in providing breast milk to their infants; screen all breast milk collected before distribution; and comply with all standards established.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-24-23 - Notice of hearing for February 01, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1525, 9:30am

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB13 In Committee

(Blood)

Require coverage of human breast milk under Medical Assistance Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires Medicaid coverage for pasteurized donated human breast milk, which may include human milk fortifiers if indicated by a licensed medical practitioner, if prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner and certain conditions are met. The conditions vary based on the age of the infant.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction
 01-9-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee
 01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 08, 2023
 Health and Human Services - Room 1525, 9:30 AM
 01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB15 **General File**

(Briese)

Change provisions of the Wage and Hour Act

You are: Monitoring

Allows an employer to pay an employee who is at least 14 but no more than 17 years old a youth minimum wage of: \$9/hour through 2023; \$9.25/hour in 2024; \$9.50/hour in 2025; and \$10 in 2026 and beyond.

Allows an employer to pay a new employee who is at least 18 but under 20 years old and who is not a seasonal or migrant worker a training wage rate of: \$9.25/hour through 2023; \$9.50/hour in 2024; \$9.75/hour in 2025; \$10/hour in 2026; and 75% of the minimum wage that would otherwise be applicable under section 48-1203 in 2027 and beyond.

01-5-23 - Conrad MO1 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Section 3(f) filed

Motion to kill

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

01-20-23 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 9:00am

02-8-23 - Briese AM11 filed

Sets the youth minimum wage at \$10.50/hour. Sets the training wage rate at \$10.50 through 2026 and then sets it at 75% of the regular minimum wage.

03-9-23 - Placed on General File with AM772

03-9-23 - Business and Labor AM772 filed

Sets the youth minimum wage at \$10.50 an hour indefinitely. Sets the training wage rate at \$10.50 an hour until Dec. 31, 2026. Starting Jan. 1, 2027, the training wage rate would be 75% of the state minimum wage rate.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB16 **Select File**

(Conrad)

Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction and make a determination regarding an applicant with a criminal conviction, provide for jurisprudential examinations and appeals from denial of a license, and change requirements for membership of the State Electrical Board

Priority for: Conrad

You are: Monitoring

Provides an additional method of obtaining an occupational license or government certificate, requiring that the Occupational Board issue a license or certification to applicants if certain requirements are met: the applicant holds a credential in another state or a military occupational specialty for an occupation with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the occupational board; the applicant has held the credential for at least one year; the applicant was required to pass an exam or meet standards; and the applicant is not disqualified based on criminal history, other misconduct, or pending complaints. If the applicant has work experience for an occupation in a state or in the military that does not use a credential similar to what Nebraska requires, the occupational board shall issue a license based on work experience if the applicant worked at least 3 years in the occupation (or 2 years, if the applicant holds a relevant private certification) and the applicant is not disqualified based on criminal history, other misconduct, or pending

complaints. Allows the occupational board to require a jurisprudential exam of specific state laws and rules. Allows an individual to submit an application regarding criminal history and requires the applicable board to make a determination whether the conviction disqualifies the individual, only if the conviction directly and specifically relates to the duties of the occupation, public safety would be risked, and beginning in 2025, the disqualifying offense is specifically in statutes governing the occupation. Does not apply to certain occupations, including those regulated by the Supreme Court, Department of Banking and Finance, Board of Engineers and Architects, Electrical Board, Real Estate Commission, Crime Commission, or public accountants.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

01-31-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs - Room 1507, 9:30 AM

03-13-23 - Placed on General File with AM748

03-13-23 - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs AM748 filed

Makes the work experience and private certification automatic licensure provisions inapplicable to any occupation under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Under the AM, occupational boards shall still issue a license if the applicant held a license in another state or in the military for an occupation with a similar scope of practice.

04-18-23 - Briese FA58 filed

Placeholder amendment.

04-18-23 - Briese FA59 filed

Placeholder amendment.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

01-3-24 - Conrad priority bill

01-18-24 - Conrad AM2102 to AM748 filed

Changes the items the board may require, including a jurisprudential exam if the license requires a person to pass such an exam. Further excludes the Board of Geologists, Professional Landscape Architects, and a physician or osteopathic physician. Limits the documentation required to be shown by an applicant to a board.

01-22-24 - Conrad AM2102 adopted

01-22-24 - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs AM748 adopted

01-22-24 - Briese FA59 not considered

01-22-24 - Briese FA58 not considered

01-22-24 - Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial (Advancing to Select File)

01-26-24 - Enrollment and Review ER43 filed

LB25 General File

(Wayne)

Authorize punitive damages as prescribed and provide for distribution

You are: Monitoring

Authorizes courts to award punitive damages against a party in a civil action when they have displayed actual intent to cause harm or causes an injury through action taken in reckless disregard for the lives or safety of others. Awards of punitive damages will be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution to respective counties to be used for its public schools in accordance with Article VII section 5 of the Nebraska Constitution.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

01-18-23 - Notice of hearing for January 25, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

02-28-23 - Judiciary AM440 filed

Includes a burden of proof on the party seeking punitive damages. The party seeking punitive damages must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the other party acted in a willfully reckless manner.

02-28-23 - Placed on General File with AM440

03-2-23 - Slama FA26 filed

Dilatory amendment to extend debate.

05-31-23 - Attorney General's Opinion

Concluding that punitive damages authorized under LB25 are a penalty and violative of due process, and the proposed statute does not include "protecting the interests of the common schools" as a duty of the County Attorneys, although the Legislature may provide them with authority to enforce or collect a punitive damages judgment.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB32 In Committee

(Jacobson)

Change requirements for issuers of medicare supplement insurance policies or certificates relating to coverage of individuals under sixty-five years of age who are eligible for medicare by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease

You are: Supporting

Allows Medicare recipients under the age of 65 to enroll in supplemental Medicare insurance within the first 6 months of becoming eligible for Medicare or during the 63-day period following termination of group coverage. Such policies would be issued on a guaranteed renewable basis. The rate for such policies could not exceed the rate charged to an individual who qualifies for Medicare by reason of age.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for February 07, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 9:00 AM

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1858 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1859 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB57 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires paid family medical leave benefits to be offered to an employee of an employer covered by Nebraska's Employment Security Law to care for a new child, family member, or covered servicemember; for a qualifying exigency leave; or for pregnancy. 12 weeks of leave allowed at 90% if average weekly wage is at or below 50% of the state average weekly wage, or at 50% if the average weekly wage is above 50% of the state average weekly wage, and benefits shall not exceed 66% of the state average weekly wage. Requires covered employers to remit contributions to the Commissioner of Labor. Intermittent leave is allowed under certain conditions and if the employer approves. At the end of the leave, employees must be restored to the position held when leave commenced, with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and terms. Protects employees' right to request or use such leave. Allows disqualification from leave for false statements to obtain benefits and allows the commission to bring a civil action, offset against future benefits, or place a levy on salary, wages, or payments, for erroneously paid benefits. Employers may submit a private employer plan for approval by the Commissioner to then be exempt from the conditions under the Act.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

01-20-23 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 9:00am

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1932 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1933 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB62 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Provide for coverage of translation and interpretation services under the medical assistance program

You are: Supporting

Requires Medicaid coverage for translation and interpretation services.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-21-23 - Notice of hearing for March 01, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB79 In Committee

(Erdman)

Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act

Priority for: Erdman

You are: Opposing

Establishes the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act, where EPIC stands for the elimination of property, income, and corporate taxes. Repeals such taxes on Dec. 31, 2025. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, imposes a flat tax on the use or consumption in Nebraska of taxable property or services (including health care) at the rate of 7.5% (down from 10.64% in the 2022 proposal). No consumption tax shall be imposed on the purchase of fuel or for property or service purchased for a business purpose in a trade or business.

01-5-23 - Conrad MO2 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

Motion to kill

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Revenue Committee

02-13-23 - Erdman AM314 filed

02-15-23 - Erdman priority bill

02-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 03, 2023

Revenue - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

03-30-23 - Hunt MO258 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

Motion to kill on General File.

03-30-23 - Hunt MO259 Recommit to Revenue Committee filed

General File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO261 Indefinitely postpone filed

Motion to kill on Select File.

03-30-23 - Hunt MO262 Recommit to Revenue Committee filed

Select File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO264 Recommit to Revenue Committee filed

Final Reading

03-30-23 - Hunt MO260 Bracket until June 1, 2023 filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO263 Bracket until June 2, 2023 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB85 In Committee

(Day)

Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and the Children's Health Insurance Program

You are: Supporting

Requires DHHS submit a state plan amendment to implement express lane eligibility using eligibility determinations from SNAP. Program shall begin by Jan. 1, 2024.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

03-8-23 - Notice of hearing for March 15, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:00 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB87 In Committee

(Hunt)

Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care

You are: Monitoring

Adds new exemptions to the law making 19 the age of majority in Nebraska to state: A person 18 or older may make health care decisions for himself or herself without the consent of his or her parent or guardian; and a person less than 19 years old who is committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care may consent to and make decisions regarding medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the department without the consent of such person's parent or guardian.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-15-23 - Notice of hearing for February 22, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB108 In Committee

(McDonnell)

State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for community health centers

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$1.4 million from the Healthcare Cash Fund for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. \$200,000 to be given to each of the seven community health centers (Charles Drew Health Center, One World Community Health Center, East Central District Health Department - Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Health Center, Midtown Community Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center). This to be used for expanding behavioral health services. Appropriates \$1.1 million to DHHS from Nebraska Healthcare Cash fund from the same fiscal years above to the same health centers, to be distributed proportionately based on the previous fiscal years number of uninsured clients. Appropriates \$15 million to the DHHS from the General Fund for FY 2023-24 to award innovation grants to the same health centers. Grants may be used for: capital improvements, hiring/training/maintaining/enhancing health center workforce, or career development programs. Grants intended to be disbursed by June 30, 2026.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 24, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB114 In Committee

(Vargas)**State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs**

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund for FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 514, for evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 24, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB115 In Committee**(Raybould)****Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act**

You are: Monitoring

Provides that DHHS shall only fund a home visitation program that includes periodic home visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood and health professionals or trained a supervised lay workers to improve the health and self-sufficiency of parents and children and that accomplishes certain goals and meets certain criteria. Requires DHHS to create a website for home visitation and to report to the Legislature annually.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-24-23 - Notice of hearing for February 02, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30pm

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB128 In Committee**(Dorn)****State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services**

You are: Supporting

Implements a 9.6% increase for fiscal year 2023-24 and a 7.7% increase for fiscal year 2024-25 to reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided under a Medicaid prospective payment system. *NHA Legislation

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB129 In Committee**(Dorn)****State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid nursing facilities**

You are: Monitoring

Adds an inflation factor to the appropriation to medicaid nursing facility rates.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB130 General File**(Dorn)****Create the medicaid nursing facilities program****You are:** Monitoring

Creates a separate and distinct budgetary program within the Department of Health and Human Services to be identified as the medicaid nursing facility services program.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

04-11-23 - Appropriations AM899 filed

Replaces the bill with legislative intent to earmark funding for Medicaid nursing facilities. For this year's appropriation, includes the calculation of an annual inflation factor and amounts for rate enhancement and services, to be used as the base for funding for the following fiscal year. Requires DHHS report to the Legislature each year on the calculation of inflation factors and the amount of any remaining unobligated appropriation from the prior appropriations earmarked for medicaid nursing facility payments including an identification of encumbrances and retroactive payments.

04-11-23 - Placed on General File with AM899

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB131 In Committee**(Dorn)****State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid assisted-living facilities****You are:** Monitoring

Increases the current medicaid assisted-living facility rates included in Program No. 348 and paid as a service included in Nebraska's aged and disabled home and community-based medicaid 1915(c) waiver program to \$XXX.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

04-26-23 - Riepe AM1511 filed

Provides that all money paid by a self-insurer under 48-145 shall be credited to the Compensation Court Cash Fund rather than the General Fund.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB142 In Committee**(Briese)****Limit the amount an insured pays for prescription insulin drugs****You are:** Supporting

Caps the amount an insured patient would pay for a 30-day supply of any type of insulin to \$100.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for February 07, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 9:00 AM

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1866 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1867 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB145 In Committee

(Bostar)**Change provisions relating to coverage for screening mammography and breast examinations****You are:** Supporting

Changes the frequency of required private insurance coverage for mammograms from every two years for patients over age 50, to at the discretion of the health care provider for women under age 40 who have a family history of breast cancer, and every year for women age 40 or older.

01-6-23 - Date of introduction

01-10-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for February 07, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 9:00 AM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB149 In Committee**(Jacobson)****State intent regarding appropriations and rebasing rates under the medical assistance program****You are:** Supporting

Increases funding for rebasing medicaid inpatient per diem rates for psychiatric facilities, hospital-based psychiatric units, psychiatric residential facilities, rehab facilities and hospital-based rehab units. Intends rates to be rebased annually using the most recent audited medicare cost report. Contains an emergency clause. *NHA legislation.

01-9-23 - Date of introduction

01-11-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB156 In Committee**(DeBoer)****Change the caseload ratio for the Public Guardian****You are:** Supporting

Increases the case-load of the public guardian from 20 to 22 public wards or public protected persons to each member of the multidisciplinary team.

01-9-23 - Date of introduction

01-11-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-24-23 - Notice of hearing for March 03, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB200 In Committee**(Briese)****Adopt the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Act****You are:** Monitoring

Creates a Canadian wholesale prescription drug importation program. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by Dec. 1, 2024, to select vendors to draft a wholesale prescription drug importation list that identifies the prescription drugs that have the highest potential for cost savings, and verify and contract with eligible Canadian prescription drug suppliers. Requires DHHS to request federal approval for such program. Requires an annual report to the Legislature.

01-9-23 - Date of introduction

01-11-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-23 - Notice of hearing for January 25, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB202 In Committee

(Walz)

Provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians

You are: Supporting

Allows a pharmacy technician to administer vaccines to the arm of persons 3 and older, and such administration shall not require the professional judgment of a pharmacist, when certain conditions are met, including training, life support certification, and on-site supervision. *Amended into LB227 by AM1332.

01-9-23 - Date of introduction

01-11-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-23 - Notice of hearing for January 26, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB203 In Committee

(Riepe)

Provide for a release of employee medical records as prescribed under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires an employee filing a claim for workers' compensation benefits to provide a waiver to the compensation insurer or employer upon request, allowing them to obtain all previous hospital and medical records concerning the employee's previous treatment with any physician, psychologist, or other medical provider. The waiver shall not provide entitlement to an employee's hospital or medical records that pertain to previous treatment for sexual abuse, HIV, reproductive health conditions, mental health conditions unless seeking benefits for mental health injuries, or alcohol or controlled or substance abuse. Failure to provide a patient's waiver shall toll the commencement of the 30-day period for purposes of liability under section 48-125. Any physician, psychologist, hospital, institution, or other person releasing such information shall not be liable criminally or for civil damages by reason of the release of the information pursuant to the waiver.

01-9-23 - Date of introduction

01-11-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for March 06, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1936 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1937 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB204 General File

(Riepe)

Provide for reimbursement for pharmacy dispensing fees under the medical assistance program

You are: Monitoring

For medicaid managed care contracts, requires DHHS to establish a fee-for-service pharmacy dispensing fee reimbursement of \$10.38 per prescription until a cost of dispensing survey is completed and an actual dispensing fee determined by surveying all medicaid participating pharmacies every 2 years.

01-9-23 - Date of introduction

01-11-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-21-23 - Notice of hearing for March 01, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

04-26-23 - Health and Human Services AM1418 filed

Narrows the pharmacies impacted to independent pharmacies owning 6 or fewer pharmacies.

04-26-23 - Placed on General File with AM1418

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB210 In Committee

(Bostar)

Adopt the Prior Authorization Reform Act

You are: Supporting

By Jan. 1, 2025, requires each health carrier (including MCOs) to adopt a program, developed in consultation with participating health care providers, that promotes the modification of prior authorization requirements based on: the performance of health care providers with respect to adherence to evidence-based medical guidelines and quality criteria; involvement of providers with a health carrier to participate in a financial risk-sharing payment plan, that includes downside risk; and the specialty or factors relating to specific health care providers. Any program adopted shall offer any provider that has at least a 90% approval rate of prior authorization requests over the immediately preceding 6 months at least one alternative to prior authorization, including an exemption from prior authorization requirements. At least annually, a health carrier or utilization review entity shall reexamine the prescribing or ordering patterns of each participating provider and reevaluate the provider's status regarding prior authorization requirements. Each health carrier shall annually report to the Department of Insurance aggregated trend data related to the health carrier's prior authorization practices and experience.

01-10-23 - Date of introduction

01-12-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 13, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 1:30 PM

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1868 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1869 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB219 In Committee

(Ibach)

Require the Department of Health and Human Services to rebase rates for critical access hospitals

You are: Supporting

The department shall provide for rebasing inpatient interim per diem rates for critical access hospitals. The department shall rebase the rates on an annual basis, and the most recent audited medicare cost report shall be used as the basis for the rebasing process within 90 days after receiving the cost report.

*Amended into LB227 by AM1332 *NHA legislation.

01-10-23 - Date of introduction

01-12-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 9:30 AM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB271 In Committee

(McKinney)

Change reporting requirements for child abuse and neglect

You are: Monitoring

Changes the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect from "any person" to any medical professional (including PAs, emergency medical technicians, and others), mental health professional, school employee, social worker, child care provider, member of law enforcement, clergy member, or Inspector General, in such person's professional capacity or in the scope of employment. Removes "medical institutions" from mandatory reporting. Those not listed as mandatory reporters "may" report

under this section. Changes the standard for reporting from having "reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect" and reporting an "incident" to having "knowledge of or observation of a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result from or in child abuse or neglect" and reporting such "knowledge or observation." Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, each person required to report suspected child abuse or neglect shall complete training within the first 90 days of beginning employment or service in the person's official capacity as a mandatory reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect and at least every two years thereafter.

01-10-23 - Date of introduction

01-12-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-15-23 - Notice of hearing for February 22, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB272 In Committee

(Vargas)

Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

You are: Monitoring

Amends both of the waiting periods under workers' compensation law to receive wage benefits for days away from work due to a workplace injury. Reduces the number of days to begin receiving benefits after a workplace injury or illness from 7 days to 3 days. Reduces the number of days to start receiving retroactive benefits for those initial days away from work from 6 weeks to 2 weeks.

01-10-23 - Date of introduction

01-12-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for March 06, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1938 filed

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1939 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB291 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Require implicit bias or diversity, equity, and inclusion training for certain applicants and credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires every license holder under the Uniform Credentialing Act (unless specifically excepted) to annually complete implicit bias or diversity, equity, inclusion training, defined as a program approved by the Department of Health and Human Services that is designed to expose unconscious prejudices or partialities, to provide tools to facilitate positive interactions, reduce prejudice and discrimination, and afford all people the opportunity to interact fully and effectively in medical settings to reduce inequitable health treatments and outcomes. Several credentialed practices are exempt, including veterinary medicine and surgery.

01-11-23 - Date of introduction

01-13-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-28-23 - Notice of hearing for March 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:00 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB307 Select File

(Hunt)

Provide an exception to the penalty relating to drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

Priority for: Hunt

You are: Monitoring

Creates an exception for the staff or participants of a public or behavioral health program, authorized by a local jurisdiction, who distribute hypodermic needles for the purpose of prevention of the spread of infectious diseases.

01-11-23 - Date of introduction

01-13-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

02-28-23 - Judiciary AM381 filed

Changes Section 28-441 to exempt the staff/participants of an authorized public health program who distribute hypodermic needles from prosecution for possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to use.

02-28-23 - Placed on General File with AM381

03-14-23 - Hunt priority bill

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO480 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

Motion to kill on General File

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO481 Recommit to Judiciary Committee filed

General File

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO483 Indefinitely postpone filed

Motion to kill on Select File

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO484 Recommit to Judiciary Committee filed

Select File

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO486 Recommit to Judiciary Committee filed

Final Reading

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO485 Bracket until June 2, 2023 filed

03-30-23 - Cavanaugh, M. MO482 Bracket until June 1, 2023 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

01-3-24 - Hunt priority bill

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO480 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO481 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO482 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO483 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO484 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO485 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Cavanaugh, M. MO486 withdrawn

01-26-24 - Judiciary AM381 adopted

01-26-24 - Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial (Advancing to Select File)

LB326 In Committee

(Raybould)

Provide for eligibility for certain children under the Medical Assistance Act

You are: Supporting

Requires DHHS to provide for a period of continuous eligibility for a child who is under 19 and who is determined to be eligible for Medicaid. The child remains eligible for Medicaid, without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income, until the earlier of: (a)

The anniversary of the date on which the child's eligibility was determined;(b) The child's 19th birthday; or
(c) The child moves out of Nebraska.

01-11-23 - Date of introduction

01-13-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB327 General File

(Raybould)

Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act

Priority for: Raybould

You are: Monitoring

Mandates that on each Jan. 1, beginning 2027, the minimum wage shall be increased from the previous year by the lesser of 1.5% rounded to the nearest cent, or the increase in the cost of living as measured by the consumer price index rounded to the nearest multiple of five cents.

01-11-23 - Date of introduction

01-12-23 - Conrad MO3 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Section 3(f) filed

Motion to kill.

01-13-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

03-9-23 - Placed on General File with AM713

03-9-23 - Business and Labor AM713 filed

Makes an exception in the youth minimum wage for an emancipated minor and provisions from LB15 (Briese) as amended by AM11.

03-14-23 - Briese AM764 filed

Includes a youth minimum wage of \$10.50 for employees aged 14-17 years old and not an emancipated minor. Includes a training wage of \$10.50 through 2026 and 75% of the minimum wage in 2027 and beyond.

03-14-23 - Raybould priority bill

03-30-23 - Hunt MO501 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

General File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO502 Recommit to Business and Labor Committee filed

General File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO504 Indefinitely postpone filed

Select File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO505 Recommit to Business and Labor Committee filed

Select File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO507 Recommit to Business and Labor Committee filed

Final Reading

03-30-23 - Hunt MO503 Bracket until June 1, 2023 filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO506 Bracket until June 2, 2023 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB333 In Committee

(Conrad)

Require a state plan amendment for coverage of family planning services under the Medical Assistance Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires DHHS to submit a state plan amendment by Oct. 1, 2023, to provide Medicaid coverage for family planning services for persons whose income makes them eligible for Medicaid coverage if they are pregnant. Family planning services include all FDA-approved family planning methods, screening and treatment for cervical and breast cancers including cancer prevention vaccines, interpersonal violence screening and prevention, follow-up family planning and counseling, treatment of medical conditions such as urinary tract infections or STIs, and insertion of long-acting reversible contraceptives immediately postdelivery as part of a family planning visit.

01-11-23 - Date of introduction

01-13-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-28-23 - Notice of hearing for March 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:00 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB335 General File

(Halloran)

Adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act

Priority for: Speaker Arch

You are: Supporting

Requires a health care staffing agency to register annually with the Department of Labor and provide information to the Department about the company, including insurance coverage, background checks of staff, and documentation that staff meets minimum licensing, certification, or training requirements. Requires a health care staffing agency that contracts with a health care facility or service participating in medicare or medicaid provide amounts charged to facilities for each category of staff member and the average amount paid to staff members in each category. Requires a schedule of fees for health care staffing agencies be filed with the Department, requires 30 day notice to the Department to change such fees. Bars noncompete clauses in employment contracts with health care staffing agencies. Bars health care staffing agencies from requiring the payment of liquidated damages or employment fees if staff is subsequently hired as a permanent employee of the facility. Makes employment contracts violating the act unenforceable in court. Sets up a system for the public to report complaints against health care staffing agencies. Allows the Commissioner of Labor to issue citations to health care staffing agencies when an investigation reveals the agency violated the act. Creates a publicly available database of registered health care staffing agencies.

01-11-23 - Date of introduction

01-13-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

03-9-23 - Placed on General File with AM737

03-9-23 - Business and Labor AM737 filed

Defines direct services, to exclude the practice of medicine, defines nursing services, to better define which staff workers would be covered under the Act to those who are providing direct services or nursing services to consumers of a health care entity. Removes reference to other services such as food service, janitorial services, or administrative services. Limits reporting to those staff workers who are providing services in Nebraska. Increases the registration fee from \$500 to \$1,000 to better cover the actual cost of operating the registration. Reduces the amount of information registrants must provide to the Department of Labor. Removes requirement for staffing agencies to file fee schedules with the Department of Labor and prohibition on prices changing without 30-days notice. Expands compliance authority by requiring the Labor Commissioner to conduct random audits. Grants the Department of Labor rulemaking authority to carry out the act.

03-15-23 - Speaker priority bill

03-30-23 - Hunt MO508 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

General File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO509 Recommit to Business and Labor Committee filed

General File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO511 Indefinitely postpone filed

Select File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO512 Recommit to Business and Labor Committee filed

Select File

03-30-23 - Hunt MO514 Recommit to Business and Labor Committee filed

Final Reading

03-30-23 - Hunt MO513 Bracket until June 2, 2023 filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO510 Bracket until June 1, 2023 filed

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB351 In Committee

(Wayne)

Increase and eliminate limits on medical malpractice liability and change provisions relating to proof of financial responsibility and the Excess Liability Fund

You are: Opposing

Increases required limits on medical malpractice to \$10 million, up from \$500,000 for health care professionals, and to \$20 million, up from \$1 million for physicians and CRNAs. In the case of hospitals and their employees, an aggregate liability amount of \$30 million (up from \$3 million). Removes limit on recoverable amount under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act from the Excess Liability Fund for any occurrence resulting in any catastrophic injury or death of a patient for any occurrence after Dec. 31, 2023. For patients covered by the act, increases limits to: \$500,000 for instances on or before Dec. 31, 2023 and \$10 million for instances after that date. Requires that if the Excess Liability Fund exceeds \$50 million (up from \$4.5 million) at the end of any calendar year after the payment of all claims and expenses and after adding all reversions to the fund, and if no reinsurance is involved, the surcharge must be reduced to maintain the fund at an approximate level of \$60 million (up from \$5 million). Limits the amount paid from the Excess Liability Fund to \$30 million per year.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-16-23 - Notice of hearing for February 24, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB353 In Committee

(Raybould)

Provide for grants for projects that increase long-term care facility capacity

You are: Supporting

Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$25 million dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 to DHHS to award grants, beginning in Sept. 2023, to nursing facilities or skilled nursing facilities to expand capacity. To qualify, a facility shall have a memorandum of understanding with at least one qualifying hospital to accept complex acute transition patients. A grant shall be used for any project that increases the facility capacity to support the transition of residents with specific service needs that are not readily available in the long-term care setting, including equipment or additions to allow for patient care, adaptive vehicles, computer services and software that aid in patient flow, and construction or modification of special additions and renovations that restructure beds within facilities. A grant shall be limited to a maximum of \$250,000 per facility. A facility shall agree to complete the project and utilize the

grant within 12 months after receipt with one 6-month extension allowed, or grant must be returned.

Requires reporting to Legislature on the use of the grants.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB358 General File

(Walz)

State intent to increase dental services reimbursement under the Medical Assistance Act

You are: Monitoring

Provides legislative intent to increase reimbursement rates by 25% for dental services provided under Medicaid.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-8-23 - Notice of hearing for February 16, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

04-3-23 - Placed on General File

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB362 In Committee

(Dorn)

State intent regarding appropriations for a rate increase for behavioral health services

You are: Monitoring

Provides legislative intent to provide a rate increase for behavioral health services of 5% for FY2023-24 to both DHHS-Medicaid and Supreme Court-Juvenile Justice.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 22, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB367 In Committee

(Conrad)

Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act

You are: Monitoring

Prohibits an employer (defined as having 15 or more employees) or employment agency from asking a job applicant to disclose information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history, including any inquiry on any employment application, until it is determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications. Prior to determining whether an applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications, an employer or employment agency may ask the applicant to disclose information concerning the applicant's criminal record or history if the applicant is applying for a position for which a criminal history record information check is required by federal or state law, or federal or state law specifically disqualifies an applicant with a criminal background even if such law allows for a waiver that would allow such applicant to be employed; and the inquiry is limited to the types of criminal offenses related to the required check. This does not prohibit a criminal history check after it is determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications, but the applicant must be afforded an opportunity to explain the information and circumstances regarding any convictions.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for March 13, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

05-24-23 - Hunt AM1961 filed

Placeholder amendment

05-24-23 - Hunt AM1962 filed

Placeholder amendment

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB374 In Committee

(Murman)

Adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act

You are: Monitoring

States that every parent of a child in Nebraska has a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and mental health of the parent's child. Specifically reserves the rights of parents for their child, to direct the education and care, upbringing and moral or religious training, educational material, request access to all records from a school, be informed of curriculum, attend public meetings, make healthcare and medical decisions including regarding vaccinations and immunizations, expect schools won't teach critical race theory or require children or teachers to affirm, adopt, or adhere to CRT ideas, and others. Requires each public school district to develop policies of how this will be implemented and requires each school district create a parent transparency portal listing educational items. Requires school districts to designate books as Parental Review Recommended with ability of parents to intervene. Bars schools from administering attitude or belief examinations. Allow teachers to refuse to teach certain material against their sincerely held religious beliefs. Allows parents to bring civil action for relief and attorney's fees.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Education Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2023

Education - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

02-1-23 - Hunt MO27 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

Motion to kill.

02-1-23 - Hunt MO28 Bracket filed

02-2-23 - Hunt AM196 filed

Would provide funding for school districts to carry out the Act.

02-2-23 - Hunt AM198 filed

Renames the "Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act" to the "Teacher Surveillance Act."

02-2-23 - Hunt AM191 filed

Requires schools keep a list of the personal religious beliefs of teachers.

02-2-23 - Hunt AM197 filed

Replaces "parental transparency portal" with "school's website."

02-2-23 - Hunt AM200 filed

Replaces the parental notice exemption with an exemption for students whose parent exacerbates their suicidal ideation.

02-2-23 - Hunt AM199 filed

Dilatory amendment to extend debate.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB380 In Committee

(Conrad)

Changes to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act to provide for jury trials and prohibit discrimination for exercise of rights under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

You are: Monitoring

It shall be an unlawful employment practice for a covered entity to discriminate or retaliate against an individual because such individual has reported a work-related injury, brought a claim, or sought remedies under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. In any civil action brought under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, there shall be a right to a jury trial, including in cases brought against state and governmental agencies.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for March 06, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

05-24-23 - Hunt AM1964 filed

Placeholder amendment

05-24-23 - Hunt AM1963 filed

Placeholder amendment

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB381 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Adopt the Mental Health Wellness Act and authorize county sales and use taxes

You are: Monitoring

Allows a county to impose a sales tax of 1.5% to provide for mental health services if approved by a majority of voters.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Revenue Committee

03-15-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Revenue - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB383 In Committee

(Bostar)

Change provisions relating to insurance coverage for screenings for colorectal cancer

You are: Supporting

After Dec. 31, 2023, no insurance policy or any self-funded employee benefit plan shall impose a deductible, coinsurance, or any other cost sharing requirements for screening colonoscopies, including those performed as a result of a positive noncolonoscopy stool-based preventive screen test as approved by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for February 07, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB407 In Committee

(Linehan)

Extend an application deadline under the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act

You are: Monitoring

Extends the sunset for applications under the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act from Dec. 31, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2025. *Amended into LB727

01-12-23 - Date of introduction

01-17-23 - Referred to Revenue Committee

02-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 02, 2023

Revenue - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB421 In Committee

(Kauth)

Provide procedures for directed health measures

You are: Monitoring

Shifts authority for adopting directed health measures to the city council or county board with advice from the health director. Clarifies the health director advises the board of health who advises the city council or county board who adopts directed health measures. Clarifies that directed health measures adopted by the city council or county board shall be issued and enforced by the health director.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-8-23 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB422 In Committee

(Kauth)

Exempt certain activities from disciplinary action under the Uniform Credentialing Act

You are: Monitoring

A license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery shall not be subject to any disciplinary measures as a result of the applicant or licensee expressing an opinion or providing medical advice that disagrees with the medical consensus on an issue of health or disease unless the opinion or advice is disseminated with malicious intent or an intent to deceive.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-8-23 - Notice of hearing for February 16, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

02-23-23 - Hunt AM489 filed

Replaces "disseminated with malicious intent or an intent to deceive" with "interferes with a patient's ability to receive care in a timely manner."

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB430 General File

(Walz)

Prohibit a multiple procedure payment reduction policy from being applied to physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services as prescribed under the Uniform Credentialing Act

You are: Supporting

Amends the Uniform Credentialing Act to provide that physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services shall not be subject to a multiple procedure payment reduction policy under Medicaid or by a private insurer.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-24-23 - Notice of hearing for February 03, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30pm

04-12-23 - Placed on General File

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB433 In Committee

(Jacobson)

Provide requirements for distribution of funding for behavioral health regions

You are: Monitoring

Any appropriation to the department for behavioral health aid and designated as funding to be allocated to a behavioral health region shall be utilized to provide activities pursuant to the approved annual budget of the behavioral health region or additional activities identified through need demonstrated by the region throughout the year. The director shall allow for reassignment of funds between service categories of no more than 20% to accommodate emerging needs identified by the behavioral health region to maximize the ability of the region to implement new behavioral health services and supports or expand capacity in existing services.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 9:30 AM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB434 In Committee

(Jacobson)

Require the Department of Health and Human Services to enroll long-term care hospitals as providers under the medical assistance program and submission of a state plan amendment or waiver

You are: Supporting

Requires DHHS to enroll long-term acute care hospitals as providers eligible to receive Medicaid funding. No later than July 1, 2023, DHHS shall submit a state plan amendment or waiver to CMS to provide Medicaid coverage for long-term acute care hospitals. *Amended into LB227 by AM1332 *NHA Legislation.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 10, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB443 In Committee

(Albrecht)

Change provisions relating to compensation for total disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

You are: Monitoring

Compensation for total disability shall cease at 72, except that if an employee is injured after age 67, compensation for total disability shall cease after five years of such compensation having been paid. This does not apply to: Spinal cord injury involving severe paralysis of an arm, a leg, or the trunk; Severe brain or closed-head injury as evidenced by: Severe sensory or motor disturbances or severe communication disturbances; Severe complex integrated disturbances of cerebral function; Severe episodic neurological disorders; or other severe brain and closed-head injury conditions at least as severe in nature as any condition listed above; or blindness.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for March 06, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

05-24-23 - Hunt AM1970 filed

Placeholder amendment

05-24-23 - Hunt AM1969 filed

Placeholder amendment

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB444 In Committee

(Linehan)**Provide for a one-time grant for a health sciences education center, infrastructure costs, and a community athletics complex****You are:** Monitoring

Provides for a \$60 million grant from the Postsecondary Workforce Development Fund through the Department of Economic Development for furnishings and equipment for a health sciences education/workforce development center and construction of a community athletics complex to host regional and national championships.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 07, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB448 In Committee**(Bostar)****Prohibit certain provisions in a health plan in relation to clinician-administered drugs****You are:** Supporting

Prohibit the practice known as "White Bagging." An insurance policy shall not: (a) Refuse to authorize or pay a provider for providing covered clinician-administered drugs and related services; (b) Impose limitations or require an enrollee to pay an additional fee when obtaining clinician-administered drugs from a health care provider or a pharmacy; (c) Interfere with the right of a patient to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from such patient's provider; (d) Require clinician-administered drugs to be dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the insurer; (e) Limit or exclude coverage for a clinician-administered drug when such drug is not dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the health plan if such drug would otherwise be covered; (f) Reimburse at a lesser amount a clinician-administered drug dispensed by a pharmacy not selected by the insurer; (g) Condition or refuse to authorize, or reduce payment to a participating provider for providing covered clinician-administered drugs and related services when the participating provider obtains clinician-administered drugs from a pharmacy that is not a participating provider in the insurer's network, if all criteria for medical necessity are met; (h) Require an enrollee to pay an additional fee, for clinician-administered drugs when not dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the insurer; or (i) Require a specialty pharmacy to dispense a clinician-administered medication directly to a patient with the intention that the patient will transport the medication to a health care provider for administration. An insurance policy may offer, but shall not require: (i) The use of a home infusion pharmacy to dispense clinician-administered drugs to patients in their homes; or (ii) The use of an infusion site external to a patient's provider office or clinic. *NHA Legislation

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 21, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 1:30 PM

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1878 filed

Filibuster amendment.

05-23-23 - Hunt AM1879 filed

Would bar an insurance company from conditioning provider payments on a religious basis.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB451 General File**(Brewer)****Provide for the Department of Health and Human Services to award a grant to assist a rehabilitation hospital**

You are: Monitoring

Requires DHHS to award a grant to a rehabilitation hospital in Nebraska providing post-acute long-term care to medicaid patients. Allows \$30 million for infrastructure and facility upgrades. Requires the grant be used by the end of 2026.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 9:30 AM

03-2-23 - Brewer AM659 filed

Redirects the granting authority from DHHS to the Department of Economic Development.

03-14-23 - Health and Human Services AM854 filed

Strikes DHHS and replaces with Department of Economic Development.

03-14-23 - Placed on General File with AM854

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB458 In Committee**(Ballard)****Allow certain central fill pharmacies to deliver to a patient under the Prescription Drug Safety Act****You are:** Monitoring

Clarifies caregiver as being defined as "any person acting as an agent on behalf of a patient or any person aiding and assisting a patient." Allows a central fill pharmacy to deliver a drug, device, or biological to a patient or care giver, on behalf of the dispensing pharmacy, if the central fill and dispensing pharmacy are under common ownership. If the central fill pharmacy is used to deliver a legend drug, it must have the central fill pharmacy's name and address on the label, along with other current label requirements. *LB458 amended into LB227 (AM1497).

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 9:30 AM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB463 In Committee**(Health and Human Services)****Change provisions relating to application for licensure under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act****You are:** Supporting

Requires an application for licensure under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act to be signed by only one member (down from two) if the applicant is an LLC.

01-13-23 - Date of introduction

01-18-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-14-23 - Notice of hearing for February 24, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB488 In Committee**(Hunt)****Adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act****You are:** Monitoring

Requires a hospital that provides emergency care for a sexual assault survivor to (a) Provide the sexual assault survivor with medically and factually accurate and objective written and oral information about emergency contraception; (b) Provide the sexual assault survivor with written and oral information in a language the sexual assault survivor understands about the option to receive emergency contraception at

the hospital; and (c) Dispense a complete course of emergency contraception, in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards of care and established protocols for sexual assault forensic medical examinations, to the sexual assault survivor, unless refused by the survivor. Requires a hospital that provides emergency care for a sexual assault survivor to provide training for all personnel involved in such care regarding the provision of medically and factually accurate and objective information about emergency contraception. Requires a hospital to develop policies and procedures, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the act in the case of moral or religious objections by individual health care providers. Establishes penalties for hospitals--for the second and subsequent substantiated complaints, a fine of \$1000 on the hospital: (i) Per sexual assault survivor whose care was not in compliance; or (ii) Per month from the date of the complaint alleging noncompliance until the hospital provides training in compliance with this Act.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-21-23 - Notice of hearing for March 01, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB490 In Committee

(von Gillern)

Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for health aid

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$5,000,000 Federal Funds in each of the next 2 fiscal years for a grant program for a model system of care for long-haul COVID. Requires DHHS to award the grant to a rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to provide interdisciplinary research. The model system of care shall be a comprehensive program to address persistent COVID-19 symptoms and include the following activities: (1) Post-COVID-19 research; (2) Post-COVID-19 clinics; (3) Mental health services expanded to address cognitive and psychiatric needs of post-COVID-19 patients; and (4) Educational materials for health care providers and the public.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 24, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB503 In Committee

(Aguilar)

Adopt the Rural Nebraska Nursing Workforce Act

You are: Monitoring

Creates a \$3 million scholarship program at a public or private institution for nursing students who agree to work for 3 years in Nebraska as a licensed registered nurse. Approved nursing program is one that is offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in Nebraska which consists of a twelve month accelerated nursing program where priority admission is offered to partnering dual-degree programs with public or private postsecondary institutions offering a three-plus-one degree completion opportunity.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-14-23 - Notice of hearing for February 24, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB517 In Committee

(Walz)

Require the Department of Health and Human Services to pay discharge incentives to post-acute placement facilities

You are: Monitoring

Requires hospitals to notify the Department of Health and Human Services when the hospital reaches 90% capacity. After receiving the notice, DHHS pays discharge incentives to a referral facility that accepts patients from the hospital. To incentivize these facilities to accept these patients, DHHS would pay \$6,000 per patient with Medicaid, \$3,000 per patient with referrals made within less than 60 days after DHHS received the hospital's capacity notice, and \$6,000 per patient with a referral made 60 days after the hospital's capacity notice to DHHS.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 10, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

02-3-23 - Walz AM170 filed

Replaces the bill. Requires DHHS pay a transfer incentive to skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, or swing-bed hospitals to accept a patient with complex health needs from an acute care hospital (not a critical access hospital) that has reached 85% capacity for adult ICU beds and acute care inpatient medical-surgical beds. The rate would be paid at \$6,000 per patient to a nursing facility and \$3,000 per patient in a skilled nursing facility or swing-bed hospital. Requires DHHS work with acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities to determine criteria and processes to transfer patients. Bars transfer incentives between facilities under common ownership.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB525 In Committee

(Fredrickson)

State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for rate increases for psychiatric diagnostic evaluation

You are: Monitoring

Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$XXX to the Department of Health and Human Services for a 15% increase in psychiatric diagnostic evaluations and follow-up visit rates.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB539 In Committee

(Vargas)

State intent regarding use of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

You are: Monitoring

Expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$1,082,146.23 to the Department of Health and Human Services for each of FY2023-24 and 2024-25 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for Program No. 30 for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-20-23 - Rereferred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 24, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB549 In Committee**(Ballard)****Change restrictions based on age for certain health care, power of attorney, and financial documents****You are:** Monitoring

Defines adult as someone who is 18 (down from 19) years of age or older, or who is otherwise not a minor (changed from 'or who is married'), for purposes of the decision-making process which allows a competent adult to designate another person to make health care and medical treatment decisions if the adult becomes incapable of making such decisions. Requires a settlor of a trust to be either 18+ or otherwise not a minor in order to create a valid trust. Defines principal, for purposes of the Nebraska Uniform Power of Attorney Act, as an individual who is 18 years or older or is not a minor who grants authority to an agent (age requirement added).

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

03-8-23 - Notice of hearing for March 15, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB551 In Committee**(Cavanaugh, J.)****State intent to appropriate funds to certain counties for long-term care facility operations and services****You are:** Monitoring

Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$10 million from the General Fund annually beginning in FY2022-23, to Douglas County for the provision of long-term care facility operations and services, including rehabilitation and transitional care, memory support care, and hospice services, in furtherance of preserving a vital safety net for county residents, especially those residents who are poor, indigent, or abandoned.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-3-23 - Notice of hearing for February 24, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1307, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB570 General File**(Vargas)****Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act****Priority for:** Vargas**You are:** Monitoring

Creates a framework for establishing county-level, multidisciplinary overdose fatality review teams. Provides overdose fatality review teams with duties and responsibilities to examine and understand the circumstances leading up to overdoses so that the teams can make recommendations on policy changes and resource allocation to prevent future overdoses. Allows overdose fatality review teams to obtain and review records and other documentation related to overdoses from relevant agencies, entities, and individuals while remaining compliant with local, state, and federal confidentiality laws and regulations.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-14-23 - Notice of hearing for February 23, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

03-14-23 - Vargas priority bill

03-30-23 - Hunt MO655 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO656 Recommit to Health and Human Services Committee filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO657 Bracket until June 1, 2023 filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO658 Indefinitely postpone filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO659 Recommit to Health and Human Services Committee filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO660 Bracket until June 2, 2023 filed

03-30-23 - Hunt MO661 Recommit to Health and Human Services Committee filed

04-3-23 - Health and Human Services AM1025 filed

Includes provisions of LB419 (Wishart) Requiring medicaid to extend postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months, and LB75 (Vargas) Provide for review of incidents of severe maternal morbidity.

04-3-23 - Placed on General File with AM1025

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB581 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Create pilot programs for doula services at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center and the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women

You are: Supporting

Requires the Office of Juvenile Services to create a pilot program for doula services at the YRTC-Geneva and permit a pregnant committed juvenile to access doula services of their choice throughout the pregnancy, through labor and delivery, and postpartum. Requires the Department of Correctional Services to provide a pilot program for doula services and permit a prisoner who is pregnant to have doula services of the prisoner's choice throughout the pregnancy, through labor and delivery, and postpartum.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

03-15-23 - Notice of hearing for March 22, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB595 General File

(Hardin)

Change supervision requirements under the Pharmacy Practice Act

You are: Monitoring

Allows a pharmacist to supervise any combination of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns at any time up to a total of 4 (up from 3) people.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-28-23 - Notice of hearing for March 08, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:00 PM

04-3-23 - Placed on General File

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB608 In Committee

(McDonnell)

State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development

You are: Monitoring

Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$90 million from the General Fund for FY2023-24 to the Department of Economic Development, Program 601 (Community and Rural Development), for the purpose of providing capital grants to nonprofit organizations. Money should be distributed equally by congressional district and any grant awarded shall be equal to the amount of funds supplied or expended by the nonprofit organization from other sources.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 09, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB610 In Committee

(Lippincott)

Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education

You are: Supporting

Appropriates \$10.432 million from the General Fund in both FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to the State Department of Education, for Program 158, for the purpose of funding career and technical education programs and career education student organizations in secondary and postsecondary schools. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2023-24 \$10.232 million General Funds to be distributed each year between secondary and postsecondary schools according to the formula used for federal Perkins funds. Up to \$306,960 of this amount may be used for administration purposes. Each school district shall receive no less than \$15,000. Appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund for both FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to the State Department of Education, to be evenly distributed between the career education student organizations. Up to \$50,000 of this amount may be used for administration purposes each year. *Amended into LB814. *NHA legislation.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 15, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB611 In Committee

(Riepe)

Provide requirements for certain health care facility-provided medications

You are: Monitoring

When a health care facility-provided medication is ordered at least 24 hours in advance for surgical procedures and is administered to a patient at the health care facility, any unused portion of the medication shall be offered to the patient upon discharge when it is required for continuing treatment. Such medication shall be labeled consistent with labeling requirements in 71-2479. Health care facility-provided medication means any topical antibiotic, anti-inflammatory, dilation, or glaucoma drop or ointment that a health care facility has on stand-by or is retrieved from a dispensing system for a specified patient for use during a procedure or visit. If the health care facility-provided medication is used in an operating room or emergency department setting, the prescriber is responsible for counseling the patient on its proper use and administration, and no other patient counseling is required under section 38-2869. *Amended into LB227 by AM1332.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 10, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 9:30 AM

02-15-23 - Riepe AM310 filed

Includes ambulatory surgical centers.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB619 In Committee

(McDonnell)

Prohibit assault on a public transportation driver and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals

You are: Monitoring

Expands 28-929 (assault on an officer, etc.) to include those on public transportation drivers, and streamlines the definition of existing prohibited assaults to include those on public safety officers and health care professionals; defines public transportation driver to include the driver or operator of a vehicle providing public transportation that is under the jurisdiction of or operated by a municipality, county, transit authority, regional metropolitan transit authority, or other political subdivision but not taxi drivers or others employed by a private entity.

01-17-23 - Date of introduction

01-19-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

03-16-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB634 In Committee

(McKinney)

Adopt the Cannabis Control Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act

You are: Monitoring

Decriminalizes possession of marijuana. Provides for "clean slate relief" to nullify the conviction, remove all civil disabilities and disqualifications imposed as a result of conviction, and notify the person to consult an attorney on their right to possess a firearm. Would seal the prior record (with exceptions) and notify the Crime Commission, the State Patrol, and any law enforcement, county attorneys, or city attorneys in the record. Automatic eligibility for clean slate relief for offenses on or after Jan. 1, 1994, if the sentence is complete and all fines paid, requires the State Court Administrator to identify those eligible and notify the court, with no involvement from the person. Requires the state pay attorney's fees for a successful appeal from a person wrongfully denied clean slate relief. Allows a county or city attorney to petition to vacate an order for clean slate relief if erroneous. Removes hashish or concentrated cannabis from Schedule I of the controlled substances list. Removes marijuana items from the drug paraphernalia statutes. Amends the juvenile code to clarify parental rights can not be terminated for use or possession of marijuana, with exceptions for creating an unreasonable danger to the safety of a child. Specifies parenting time, custody, and visitation shall not be denied for use or possession of marijuana, except when unreasonable danger to the safety of a child. Includes marijuana in alcoholic beverage open container statutes to bar consumption in motor vehicles with exceptions for limos and party buses. Includes marijuana in the Clean Indoor Air Act to ban use in public. Removes the marijuana tax and tax stamp.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for February 09, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB640 In Committee

(Kauth)

Require an off-campus location of a hospital to obtain and use a separate National Provider Identifier in billing for health care services

You are: Opposing

Requires an off-campus hospital to obtain and use a separate National Provider Identifier for all claims of payment the affiliated hospital uses. The statute defines an "off-campus hospital" as a hospital that another hospital owns, is 250 yards outside the main campus, integrated with the hospital's organization, and provides hospital services.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 07, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB657 In Committee

(McDonnell)

Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$500,000 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for FY2023-24 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center to contract with an organization located in Nebraska that provides comprehensive cancer support and education. Expresses legislative intent to transfer \$500,000 annually for such contract.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-14-23 - Notice of hearing for February 23, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB663 In Committee

(Riepe)

State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services

You are: Monitoring

Expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$5,331,423 from the General Fund for each FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Agency 25, for Program 33, for the purpose of funding the designated health information exchange.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 21, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB668 In Committee

(Aguilar)

Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process

You are: Monitoring

Requires DHHS to create a certification process for licensed independent mental health practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody when the practitioner has probable cause to believe a person is mentally ill and dangerous and harm is likely to occur before mental health board proceedings could be initiated. Clarifies notice provisions to the county attorney to include such professionals.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

03-2-23 - Notice of hearing for March 09, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB670 In Committee

(Hunt)

Prohibit discrimination under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation and prohibit discrimination by employers regardless of size

You are: Monitoring

Prohibits discrimination sexual orientation and gender identity under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act. Redefines 'employer' under the Act to include both class I (as previously defined) and class II

employers. Defines Class II employers as a person engaged in an industry who has one or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year and any agent of such a person. Also makes it unlawful for a Class I employer to discriminate against any of his or her employees or applicants for employment, for an employment agency to discriminate against any individual, or for a labor organization to discriminate against any member thereof or applicant for membership because he or she has opposed any practice or refused to carry out any action unlawful under federal law or the laws of this state, or because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed information regarding employee wages, benefits, or other compensation.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

02-2-23 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2023

Business and Labor - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB680 In Committee

(Day)

Change provisions of the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act

You are: Monitoring

Allows a physician who has care of, or has diagnosed, Parkinson's disease or a related movement disorder for a non-hospitalized patient not otherwise reported to use participation in the state-designated health information exchange to fulfill their requirement to report the diagnosis under the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act. Allows the DHHS to inspect, upon reasonable notice, a representative sample of the medical records of patients who have been diagnosed, treated, or admitted for Parkinson's disease to ensure compliance with the reporting requirement. Add's the patient's medical record number, race, and ethnicity to what is required in the report, and gives nonlimiting examples for other information that may be required by the department. Removes the requirement for pharmacists to report a list of persons who they have dispensed drugs prescribed for parkinson's. Beginning Jan. 1, 2024 requires department to report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature a program summary update on the incidents and prevalence of Parkinson's disease in the state, and create and maintain a webpage with the same information. Allows data from the registry to be made available to researchers that have the approval of an institutional review board.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-8-23 - Notice of hearing for February 16, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB681 In Committee

(Clements)

Change provisions relating to a fund and provide for transfers under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

You are: Monitoring

Introduced at the request of the Governor. Renames the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Fund to the Education Future Fund, which will consist of money transferred to the Fund (previously funded by income tax appropriations and other appropriations made by the Legislature). Requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$1 billion dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in FY2023-24 and \$250 million in FY2024-25. Expresses legislative intent to transfer \$250 million each year from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund beginning FY2025-26. Requires the Fund only be used for purposes listed in the Act. *Amended into LB818.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 15, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

02-8-23 - Clements AM193 filed

Creates priority for funding from the new Education Future Fund: 1. Fully funding equalization aid, 2. Special education aid, and 3. Foundation aid.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB745 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Increase the cigarette tax and provide for distribution of the proceeds

You are: Supporting

Increase the cigarette tax from 64 cents to \$2.14 per package and transfers proceeds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund (\$1) and the Medicaid Waiver Cash Fund (\$.50). Creates the Medicaid Waiver Cash Fund to pay the state portion of the costs of services for Medicaid waivers.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Revenue Committee

03-15-23 - Notice of hearing for March 23, 2023

Revenue - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB761 In Committee

(DeBoer)

Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for the Office of Public Guardian

You are: Supporting

Appropriates \$700,000 of General Funds to the Office of the Public Guardian for staffing.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-3-23 - Notice of hearing for February 23, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1307, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB778 In Committee

(Bostar)

Change the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act

You are: Supporting

Amends the definition of health benefit plan to mean a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement entered into, offered, or issued (a) by a health carrier or plan sponsor or (b) under Medicaid to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of a physical, mental, or behavioral health care service. Adds definitions for pharmacy acquisition cost, pharmacy benefit management services, pharmacy benefit manager affiliate, pharmacy benefit manager duty, and spread pricing. Provides that each contract between a PBM and a pharmacy shall include a process to appeal, investigate, and resolve disputes regarding any maximum allowable cost price and reimbursements made under a maximum allowable cost price for a specific drug or drugs as: (a) Not meeting the requirements of this section; or (b) Being below the pharmacy acquisition cost. Adds to the process to appeal, investigate, and resolve disputes: If the national drug code provided by the PBM is not available below the maximum allowable cost from the pharmaceutical wholesaler from whom the pharmacy purchases the majority of prescription drugs for resale, then the PBM shall adjust the maximum allowable cost price above the appealing pharmacy's pharmacy acquisition cost and permit the pharmacy to reverse and rebill each claim affected by the inability to procure the drug at a cost that is equal to or less than the previously appealed maximum allowable cost price. Adds to PBM duties if an appeal is determined valid. Prohibits a PBM shall from

reimbursing a pharmacy or pharmacist in this state an amount less than the amount that the PBM reimburses a PBM affiliate for providing the same pharmacist services. Specifies PBM duties owed to covered persons, health benefit plans, and providers. Allows the director to suspend or revoke the license of a PBM.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 21, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB779 In Committee

(Bostar)

Limit the amount an insured pays for prescription insulin drugs

You are: Supporting

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, requires any insurance policy which provides reimbursement for prescription insulin drugs to limit the total amount that a covered individual is required to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug to a maximum of \$35 per 30-day supply of insulin, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered individual's prescription. *Amended into LB92.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-23-23 - Notice of hearing for February 07, 2023

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507, 9:00 AM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB794 In Committee

(Wayne)

Adopt the Nursing Incentives Scholarship Act

You are: Monitoring

Allows an eligible nursing student (a person who does not live in Nebraska at the time of applying for a scholarship; intends to enroll or is enrolled in an accelerated nursing program; and agrees in writing to work for 3 years in Nebraska as a licensed registered nurse upon completion of the accelerated nursing program) to apply to DHHS for a scholarship of 40% of the costs of tuition at an accelerated nursing program; and a 20% tuition remission each year for the first 3 years after completion of an accelerated nursing program for service provided in Nebraska. Allows DHHS to award up to \$4 million for fiscal year 2023-24 and \$6 million dollars for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2023-24. Any recipient who violates the terms of the written agreement to work in Nebraska for the first 3 years after completing the accelerated nursing program shall pay back all amounts received to the department. Accelerated nursing program means a 12-month accelerated nursing program that is offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in Nebraska that has a partnership with a statewide clinical affiliate and consists of courses of instruction in regularly scheduled classes leading to an accelerated bachelor of science in nursing degree.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

02-14-23 - Notice of hearing for February 24, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB795 In Committee

(Wayne)

Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists

You are: Monitoring

Continues current immunity provisions but changes references from naloxone to opioid antagonists which is defined to mean naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist that is approved by the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

02-16-23 - Notice of hearing for February 24, 2023

Judiciary - Room 1113, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB802 In Committee

(Vargas)

State intent to appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska

You are: Monitoring

Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$5 million from the General Fund for FY2023-24, to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Program 781, for pediatric cancer research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

02-7-23 - Notice of hearing for March 03, 2023

Appropriations - Room 1525, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB810 In Committee

(Murman)

Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act

Priority for: Murman

You are: Opposing

No medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer should be compelled to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or prescribe or pay for any medication which such person or entity objects on the basis of conscience. A religious medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer that holds itself out to the public as religious shall have the right to make employment, staffing, contracting, and admitting privilege decisions consistent with its religious beliefs.

01-18-23 - Date of introduction

01-20-23 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-27-23 - Notice of hearing for February 10, 2023

Health and Human Services - Room 1510, 9:30 AM

02-7-23 - Murman AM247 filed

Placeholder amendment. (Strikes Section 1.)

02-7-23 - Murman AM248 filed

Placeholder amendment. (Strikes section 2.)

02-7-23 - Murman AM250 filed

Placeholder amendment. (Strikes Section 4.)

02-7-23 - Murman AM249 filed

Placeholder amendment. (Strikes Section 3.)

02-24-23 - Fredrickson AM518 filed

Requires a medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer to disclose notice of refusal prior to a patient's appointment. Requires such notice be listed on all forms, applications, and websites.

Allows a person harmed by failure to disclose to bring a civil action or injunction.

03-13-23 - Murman priority bill

03-31-23 - Conrad MO878 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6 Section 3(f) filed

General File

03-31-23 - Conrad MO879 Recommit to Health and Human Services Committee filed

General File

03-31-23 - Conrad MO881 Indefinitely postpone filed

Select File

03-31-23 - Conrad MO882 Recommit to Health and Human Services Committee filed

Select File

03-31-23 - Conrad MO884 Recommit to Health and Human Services Committee filed

Final Reading

03-31-23 - Conrad MO880 Bracket until June 1, 2023 filed

03-31-23 - Conrad MO883 Bracket until June 2, 2023 filed

05-16-23 - Hunt AM1763 filed

Includes churches and courts in the definition of a health care institution.

05-16-23 - Hunt AM1765 filed

Would require the practitioner to transfer the patient's care when a potential conflict of conscience arises, instead of when the patient requests such transfer.

05-16-23 - Hunt AM1766 filed

Requires practitioners that generally object on the basis of conscience to post a notice of the objection in every office, on the website, and on intake forms.

05-16-23 - Hunt AM1755 filed

Would require the State Board of Health to dictate by decree the medically ethical position on policy issues before the Legislature.

05-16-23 - Hunt AM1764 filed

Includes psychological harm to a patient.

01-3-24 - Bill carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LB823 In Committee**(Blood)****Adopt the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks**

You are: Supporting

The PA Compact is an interstate occupational licensure compact for physician assistants (PAs). Interstate compacts are a constitutionally authorized, legally binding, legislatively enacted contract among participating states. States joining the compact agree to recognize a valid, unencumbered license issued by another compact member state via a compact privilege. Licensed PAs utilizing the compact can obtain a privilege in each compact member state where they want to practice. PAs using a compact privilege to practice in another state must adhere to laws and regulations of practice in that state and are under the jurisdiction of the state's regulatory board in which they are practicing. The compact is only valid once 7 states enact it. So far, only 3 states have enacted the compact, with 8 more states considering the legislation this year (including Nebraska).

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-9-24 - Blood AM2073 filed

Clarifies that existing licenses are recognized and clarifies the Commission's authority.

LB829 In Committee**(Blood)****Change provisions relating to insurance coverage for screening for colorectal cancer**

Priority for: Blood

You are: Supporting

States that mandatory colorectal cancer insurance coverage shall include "the concurrent removal of polyps or biopsy, or both". Also states that "An insured shall not be subject to any additional charge for any service associated with a procedure or test for colorectal cancer screening, which may include one or more of the following: (i) removal of tissue or other matter; (ii) laboratory services; (iii) physician services; (iv) facility use; and (v) anesthesia."

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-8-24 - Blood priority bill

01-11-24 - Notice of hearing for January 22, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB833 In Committee

(Blood)

Adopt the Prescription Drug Affordability Act

You are: Monitoring

Creates a review board in the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) effective Jan. 1, 2025, with 5 members with health care economics or clinical medicine expertise appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Legislature. "To protect consumers from excessive prescription drug costs," the board shall collect and evaluate information concerning the cost of prescription drugs, perform affordability reviews, establish upper payment limits, and make policy recommendations to the legislature. Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, each carrier and pharmacy benefit management firm acting on behalf of a carrier shall report the certain information about the the most costly 15 prescription drugs, including information about rebate from manufacturers. The board may conduct affordability reviews and establish an upper payment limit for any prescription drug for which the board has conducted an affordability review and determined the prescription drug is unaffordable to Nebraska consumers, with some exceptions. Creates the Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council within the DHHS to provide stakeholder input. Beginning Mar. 15, 2026, and every Mar. 15 after that, each state entity and carrier that issues a health benefit plan shall submit a report describing the savings achieved for each prescription drug for which the board created an upper payment limit. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, it will be unlawful for any person to purchase or reimburse a payor for which the board has established an upper payment limit. Provides a 180-day notice for any carrier that intends to withdraw a prescription drug from sale or distribution for which the board has established an upper payment limit.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for February 27, 2024

Banking, Commerce, and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB840 In Committee

(McKinney)

Adopt the Poverty Elimination Action Plan Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires cities with a population of more than 50,000 to create comprehensive, poverty elimination action plans to address the specific poverty challenges faced in high-poverty areas, qualified census tracts, and economic redevelopment areas including provisions for health care access, affordable housing, transportation and infrastructure and economic development.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Urban Affairs Committee

01-16-24 - Notice of hearing for January 23, 2024

Urban Affairs - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB850 In Committee

(Jacobson)**Change the authorized use of certain Federal Funds for housing****You are:** Monitoring

Repurposes ARPA funds. Requires federal funds given as aid for grants to prepare land parcels pursuant to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act to be used for grants for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of vacant or abandoned property in disproportionately impacted rural communities. Defines “rehabilitation and adaptive reuse” as including land acquisition, predevelopment, and site work. Includes emergency clause.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 20, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB852 In Committee**(Jacobson)****Provide limitations for reimbursement for durable medical equipment****You are:** Monitoring

Prohibits a durable medical equipment (DME) supplier that is not participating in the Medicare program from charging a Nebraska Medicare beneficiary an amount greater than 15% of the Medicare approved amount for DMS, prosthetics, orthotics, and other supplies. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a supplier from charging a deductible or coinsurance amount as required by Medicare.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-11-24 - Notice of hearing for January 23, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB856 In Committee**(Fredrickson)****Change eligibility requirements for the federal child care subsidy program****Priority for:** Fredrickson**You are:** Monitoring

Makes childcare workers categorically eligible to receive childcare subsidies themselves. Ignores earned and unearned income for purposes of federal child care assistance programs for an applicant or a household member when such person is self-employed at a licensed child care program or employed at a licensed child care program, federal Head Start program, or Early Head Start program, for at least 20 hours per week.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-3-24 - Fredrickson priority bill

01-5-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 26, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

01-24-24 - Fredrickson AM2158 filed

Requires child care programs to make reasonable accommodations to ensure that if an eligible applicant is employed at a licensed child care program or Head Start, they are not a primary caregiver to such applicant's child. Requires an annual report to the Legislature.

LB857 In Committee**(Dungan)****Create the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program****Priority for:** Dungan**You are:** Supporting

Creates the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program at DHHS for women eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to reduce the incidence of low birth weight, pre-term birth, and adverse birth outcomes while also addressing other lifestyle, behavioral, and nonmedical aspects of an at-risk mother's life that may affect the health and well-being of the mother or the child. Services eligible for reimbursement for at-risk mothers include nutrition counseling, psychosocial counseling and support, general client education and health promotion, breastfeeding support, and targeted case management.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-3-24 - Dungan priority bill

01-5-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB874 In Committee

(Bostar)

Change requirements relating to child care licensing and child care facilities

You are: Monitoring

Exempts nonprofit organizations that own or operate a child care facility from property taxes. Allows a child care licensee to obtain a dual license for complying with attendance requirements. Clarifies that liability insurance coverage is for hours of operation as a child care facility only. Requires DHHS to provide documentation of background checks, accessible by the staff member for 180 days after employment, allows background checks to be portable between child care providers. Bars child care facilities from using blankets in cribs. Bars political subdivisions from having residency requirements for family child care homes. Requires DHHS to submit to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature all licensing, zoning, ordinances, and regulations relating to childcare for review once every five years. Requires the State Fire Marshal shall submit to the Government Committee of the Legislature all fire code enforcement and regulations relating to childcare facilities for review once every five years. Each municipality shall submit to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature all fire and building safety codes, fire and building safety permits, and health department and sanitation ordinances, zoning, and regulations relating to childcare facilities for review once every five years.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB876 In Committee

(Holdcroft)

Adopt the Newborn Safe Haven Act

You are: Monitoring

Prohibits prosecution for any crime based solely upon the act of surrendering a newborn infant pursuant to the Newborn Safe Haven Act. Expands locations (from only hospitals) and increases age (from 30 days to 90 days). Defines approved drop-off location as a hospital or other licensed health care facility, staffed fire station, or staffed law enforcement agency displaying a decal or placard. Provides procedures for voluntary release of custody, including calling 911 and surrendering physical custody to an emergency medical services provider responding to such 911 telephone call or via a "newborn safety device" meeting certain requirements. Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$15,000 to DHHS for grants for such devices and \$50,000 to DHHS for fiscal year 2024-25 and \$10,000 each year thereafter to develop, implement, and maintain a public information program to inform the general public of the Newborn Safe Haven Act, including training for emergency medical services providers, 911 operators, hospital staff, firefighters, law enforcement officers, or the public.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

LB879 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Repeal the Let Them Grow Act and the Preborn Child Protection Act

You are: Monitoring

Would repeal provisions of LB574 (2023) (Kauth) Adopt the Let Them Grow Act and the Preborn Child Protection Act and related provisions subjecting medical professionals to discipline for violations of such Acts.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB881 In Committee

(Ballard)

Redefine a term under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act

You are: Supporting

Expands definition of “urban community” to include all of Lancaster County.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Urban Affairs Committee

01-16-24 - Notice of hearing for January 23, 2024

Urban Affairs - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB885 In Committee

(Bostar)

Provide requirements for insurance coverage of lung cancer screening

You are: Supporting

Bars health insurers from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, or cost-share for lung cancer screening for 50-80 year olds.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-11-24 - Notice of hearing for January 22, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB896 In Committee

(Ballard)

Change provisions relating to telehealth consultations

You are: Supporting

Eliminates the requirement to collect a signed statement accepting telehealth services after verbal consent has been given. *NHA Legislation.

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 26, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB897 In Committee

(Lippincott)

Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development for a workforce housing grant program

You are: Supporting

Appropriates \$20 million in FY23-24 for workforce housing grant program. *Housing Coalition

01-3-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 14, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1003 at 1:30 PM

LB901 In Committee

(Linehan)

Provide a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by certain nonprofit organizations

You are: Monitoring

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for certain nonprofit organizations that acquire property to be transferred to an organization or enters into a contract of construction, improvement, or repair for property utilized for religious purposes, hospital, services exclusively to the blind, private educational institution, and any accredited, nonprofit, privately controlled college or university with its primary campus physically located in Nebraska.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 24, 2024

Revenue - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB904 In Committee

(DeBoer)

Change duties of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding child care reimbursement rates**You are:** Monitoring

Requires DHHS to assess market rates and costs for provision of services and use an approved methodology for rate of reimbursement for child care rates no less than the 75th percentile of the current market rate. Removes outdated language.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB905 In Committee

(Riepe)

Require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver or state plan amendment for medical respite care**You are:** Supporting

Requires DHHS to submit a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to designate two medical respite facilities to reimburse for services provided to an individual who is homeless and an adult in the expansion population no later than Jan. 1, 2025. When approved, the department must submit a report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature on or before November 30 each year including the number of homeless individuals served at each facility, cost of the program, and amount of reduction in health care costs due to the program's implementation.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 01, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB907 In Committee

(Riepe)

Require medicaid coverage for treatment of obesity**You are:** Supporting

Provides coverage for treatment of obesity for Medicaid recipients with an indication for chronic weight management to include intensive behavioral therapy and anti-obesity medication as approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. *NNI Legislation

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB910 In Committee

(Riepe)

Authorize emergency care providers to provide care to injured law enforcement canines**You are:** Monitoring

Allows emergency care providers to provide emergency medical care to law enforcement canines injured in the line of duty and to transport said canines to a veterinary clinic if there is no person requiring medical attention. The emergency care provider is immune from criminal or civil liability. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 01, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB913 In Committee

(Hunt)

Require a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program

You are: Monitoring

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to seek federal matching funds from Medicare and Medicaid (via state plan amendment) to provide postpartum coverage for a mother whose child is covered under the unborn child option for at least 6 months. The benefits are identical to those provided to pregnant women under Medicaid, and the DHHS can submit a plan for 12 months of postpartum coverage.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 02, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB917 In Committee

(Wayne)

Require the establishment of a standard prior authorization process for health benefit plans and the approval and use of prior authorization forms

You are: Opposing

Requires the Department of Insurance director to establish a standard prior authorization process. The process requires health carriers and pharmacy benefit managers to fulfill various requirements. Concerning the process itself, the director is required to (1) consider national standards relating to electronic prior authorization; (2) create a standardized form of no more than 2 pages to be submitted for approval by Jan. 1, 2025, and used by health carriers and pharmacy benefit managers beginning Jul. 1, 2025; and (3) provide requirements for a response by health carriers and pharmacy benefit managers for urgent claims (not to exceed 72 hours) and nonurgent claims (not to exceed 5 calendar days).

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-22-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB931 In Committee

(Fredrickson)

Change appropriations of Federal Funds for behavioral health purposes

You are: Monitoring

Reduces appropriation of funds to the DHHS for grants expanding access to behavioral health in rural areas by \$2.5 million for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Appropriates the \$2.5 million to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for the Behavioral Health Education Center. Provides the appropriation will be used for graduate and postgraduate training, the expansion of telebehavioral health services in rural areas, education and training opportunities for students and behavioral health professionals related to behavioral

health issues affected by COVID-19, or stipends for provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals. Includes emergency clause.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 20, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB933 In Committee

(Bosn)

Change medicaid coverage requirements for continuous glucose monitors

You are: Supporting

Eligible recipients of continuous glucose monitors shall include individuals who meet local coverage determinations and includes individuals with gestational diabetes. *DEXCOM Legislation

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB935 In Committee

(Ibach)

Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid dental services

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$6 million from the General Fund for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year to the DHHS to increase provider reimbursement rates for dental services under Medicaid.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB941 In Committee

(Dorn)

State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid assisted-living facility rates

You are: Monitoring

Provides approximately \$7 million for FY24-25 to increase the current Medicaid assisted-living facility rates to the daily rate of \$78.45 for all types of assisted-living waiver days.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB942 In Committee

(Dorn)

State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid nursing facility rates

You are: Supporting

Provides appropriations for Medicaid nursing facility rates totaling approximately \$449 million for FY23-24 and \$471 million for FY24-25. The amount for FY24-25 will be adjusted for inflation on Aug. 1, 2024.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB943 In Committee

(Dorn)

Change appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for behavioral health aid

You are: Supporting

Increases the appropriation to Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Behavioral Health Aid to distribute about \$3 million of General Funds to the six behavioral health regions to address the movement of individuals dealing with mental health crisis out emergency rooms within the regions, funding crisis stabilization, and funding youth and adult crisis services. Specifies distribution amount per region: Region 1- 6.24%; Region 2- 7.02%; Region 3- 15.47%; Region 4- 12.98%; Region 5- 24.16%, and Region 6- 34.13%.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB944 In Committee

(Dorn)

Provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund for behavioral health needs**You are:** Monitoring

Amends the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to direct funding to increase behavioral health service rates to increase access to care.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB954 In Committee

(Kauth)

Adopt the Biometric Autonomy Liberty Law**You are:** Opposing

Defines biometric data as information based on a retina or iris scan, fingerprint, voice print, scan of hand or face geometry, DNA biometrics, brain wave biometrics, heart biometrics, pulmonary biometrics, reproductive biometrics, or other biometrics regardless of how the information is obtained, converted stored, or shared. Excludes from biometric data any writing sample, written signature, photograph, human biological sample used for valid scientific testing or screening, demographic data, tattoo description, or physical description such as height, weight, hair color, or eye color, and any biometrics or information of anatomical gift, part, or tissue or blood or serum from a cadaveric transplant. Provides that individuals may sell the right to use their biometric data, that entities collecting biometric data must do so in a way that is secure and portable, an individual may give a written request for the possessing entity to transfer their biometric data to another entity, an individual cannot be coerced or required to wear or be subject to a biometric device or biometric data collection. Requires entities possessing biometric data to create and publicly promulgate a retention and permanent destruction schedule of the biometric data except when it is necessary to comply with a warrant or subpoena. Requires the collecting or possessing entity before obtaining an individual's biometric data: (1) to inform the individual or an authorized representative in writing that the biometric data will be collected or possessed and the specific purpose and duration for the collection or possession; and (2) to receive the individual or authorized representative's written consent to possess or collect the biometric data. Prohibits an entity collecting or possessing biometric data to sell, lease, trade, or directly profit from the biometric data. Prohibits disclosure of an individual's biometric data unless there is a valid written consent to the disclosure, the disclosure is required by law, the disclosure is pursuant to a warrant or subpoena, the disclosure is made pursuant to a criminal or civil action or proceeding. Requires an entity collecting or possessing biometric data to utilize a reasonable industry standard of care when storing, transmitting, and protecting the disclosure of confidential and sensitive data. Allows the Attorney General to issue subpoenas and seek direct economic damages or

injunctive relief for any violations against an injured Nebraska resident. This act shall not apply to a law enforcement agency, a law enforcement officer, or a prosecutor acting within the scope of authority of the agency, officer, or prosecutor.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-5-24 - Kauth MO1164 Indefinitely postpone filed

Motion to kill.

01-5-24 - Kauth MO1163 Bracket until April 15, 2024 filed

01-8-24 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

01-17-24 - Rereferred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for February 27, 2024

Banking, Commerce, and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB958 In Committee

(Wishart)

Provide for annual adjustments of provider rates under the Medical Assistance Act

You are: Monitoring

Requires DHHS to annually adjust the reimbursement rate paid to providers of services under the home and community-based services waiver for shared living services. The adjustment shall be based on the CPI percentage change.

01-4-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB975 In Committee

(Ibach)

Redefine qualified nonprofit organization under the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act

You are: Monitoring

Adds eligibility for Shovel-Ready grants to nonprofits operating a multi-function center providing facilities to the public for at least two of the following uses: an early childhood learning center, community event center, or sports training center.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 14, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1003 at 1:30 PM

LB982 In Committee

(Riepe)

Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disabilities facilities

You are: Monitoring

Allows for nurse aides to work for a service provider operating under the medicaid comprehensive developmental disabilities waiver.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB984 In Committee

(Hardin)

Prohibit certain actions relating to distribution of drugs by 340B entities

You are: Supporting

If a 340B entity has ordered a 340B drug from any manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor, such manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor shall not directly or indirectly deny, restrict, prohibit, refuse,

withhold, or otherwise interfere with the acquisition of a 340B drug by, or delivery of such drug to, any pharmacy that is under contract with the 340B entity to distribute 340B drugs. *NHA Legislation

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for February 27, 2024

Banking, Commerce, and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB990 In Committee

(Bostar)

Change provisions of the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act

You are: Supporting

Expands the PBM Licensure and Regulation Act to apply to medicaid. Prohibits discrimination against a retail community pharmacy and defines reasonable terms for participation in the network.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for February 27, 2024

Banking, Commerce, and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB997 In Committee

(Ibach)

Require the State Department of Education to establish criteria for salary supplements for child care and early education providers

You are: Monitoring

Establishes the Child Care Wages Fund administered by the Department of Education to provide salary supplements to child care and early education providers for use by Jun. 30, 2027. The State Treasurer will transfer \$2 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the new fund on Jul. 1, 2024.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Education Committee

LB1004 In Committee

(Hansen)

Change motorcycle, moped, and autocycle helmet provisions

You are: Monitoring

Allows motorcycle and moped passengers to ride without a helmet if the operator is at least 21 and either a non-resident or a Nebraska resident who has completed a basic motorcycle safety course.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

01-11-24 - Notice of hearing for January 22, 2024

Transportation and Telecommunications - Room 1113 at 1:30 PM

01-19-24 - Hansen AM2128 filed

Cleans up language, clarifies non-residents must have a license to operate a motorcycle issued by another state but does not require a class for non-residents.

LB1007 In Committee

(Walz)

Provide for medicaid coverage for certain aged, blind, and disabled individuals

You are: Monitoring

Requires a state plan amendment to include Medicaid eligibility for aged, blind, and disabled recipients eligible for the federal Supplemental Security Income Program.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1015 In Committee**(Walz)****Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act****You are:** Monitoring

Provides financial assistance for dentists who agree to provide dental services to Medicaid patients in Nebraska for at least 5 years through loan repayments. Includes up to \$60,000 per year of full-time practice and up to a maximum of \$300,000 per recipient.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-16-24 - Notice of hearing for January 24, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1017 In Committee**(Bosn)****Change the schedule of compensation for certain injuries resulting in disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act****You are:** Monitoring

Loss or loss of use of multiple parts of the same limb in the same accident or illness disqualifies an employee from compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

LB1024 In Committee**(Bostar)****Change provisions relating to documents and information provided to an independent review organization under the Health Carrier External Review Act****You are:** Monitoring

Amends the Act to exclude documents or information solely related to cost from the information a health carrier is required to provide the independent review organization after it receives notice that a covered person's request is eligible for external review.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-11-24 - Notice of hearing for January 23, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1028 Withdrawn**(Clements)****Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures****You are:** Monitoring

Requires city-county health districts to seek approval by DHHS for directed health measures, including communicable disease investigation, immunization, vaccination, testing, and prevention measures. Allows city-county health districts to enact rules and regulations for the protection of public health and prevention of communicable diseases, to investigate the existence of contagious or infectious diseases, and adopt measures to combat such diseases with the approval of DHHS.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-8-24 - Clements MO1166 Withdraw LB1028 filed

01-9-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-9-24 - Clements MO1166 prevailed

01-9-24 - Bill withdrawn

LB1035 In Committee

(Hughes)**Adopt the Prescription Drug Donation Act****You are:** Supporting

Requires DHHS to approve a prescription drug donation program where participation is voluntary and any individual or entity can donate prescription drugs, over the counter medicines and products, and supplies. Requires that the donated drug is in its original, unopened, sealed, and tamper-evident packaging; the drug is inspected by the program before it is dispensed by a licensed pharmacist and such drugs are only dispensed pursuant to a prescription; the drug has an expiration date more than 6 months after the date it was donated; and the drug is not misbranded, has not expired, and does not have restricted distribution by the FDA. Gives civil, criminal, and professional disciplinary immunity to an individual, entity, or drug manufacturer exercising reasonable care in participating in the program.

01-5-24 - Date of introduction

01-9-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1039 In Committee**(Vargas)****Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development****You are:** Supporting

Appropriates, from the General Fund in FY24-25, \$25 million to DED for Middle Income Workforce Housing and \$25 million to DED for Rural Workforce Housing.

01-8-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 14, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1003 at 1:30 PM

LB1060 In Committee**(Hansen)****Provide an exemption from newborn screening****You are:** Opposing

Provides an exemption from newborn screening--nothing in this section shall be construed to require an infant to submit to screening if the parent or guardian of such infant objects to such screening.

01-8-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1086 In Committee**(Walz)****Eliminate the Department of Health and Human Services and create three departments****You are:** Monitoring

Dissolves the Department of Health and Human Services and creates (1) the Department of Children and Family Services (from the Division of Children and Family Services), (2) the Department of Public Health (from the Division of Public Health), and (3) the Department of Healthcare (from the Divisions of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Medicaid and Long-Term Care) effective Jul. 1, 2025. The Governor shall appoint the directors with the approval of the Legislature. The Director of Public Health, if a licensed medical doctor in Nebraska, will also be the Chief Medical Officer; otherwise, the Chief Medical Officer will be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature.

01-9-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1087 In Committee**(Jacobson)****Adopt the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Act****You are:** Supporting

Requires DHHS to work with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and consult with a statewide hospital association to establish a hospital assessment and directed payment program, under which the department will impose an assessment on hospitals to increase Medicaid reimbursement and assure quality and access in the Medicaid program. Requires each hospital to pay a quarterly assessment based on net patient revenue that will be used to pay the state share of payments authorized by CMS plus an administrative fee. Establishes the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Fund to which such assessments will be paid, which shall be used to enhance Medicaid rates for hospital inpatient and outpatient services, to pay DHHS an administrative fee not to exceed 2%, and to pay for programs established by a statewide hospital association in partnership with DHHS to improve Medicaid quality measures (using 1% or less of the assessment funding). Prohibits a managed care organization from setting rates that take such enhanced payments into account. Prohibits hospitals from passing assessment costs to patients. Expresses legislative intent that Medicaid rates for hospitals and the General Fund appropriations for hospital Medicaid services shall not be reduced below FY23-24 amounts. The assessments and directed payments shall be retroactive to July 1, 2024, or the effective date approved by CMS. Discontinues program if CMS ends program or Assessment Funds are used for other than permitted purposes. Includes an emergency clause. *NHA Legislation

01-9-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 02, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1094 In Committee**(Bostar)****Provide restrictions on insurance coverage of epinephrine injectors and inhalers****You are:** Supporting

Starting Jan. 1, 2025, limits the amount that a covered individual is required to pay for a two-pack of medically necessary epinephrine injectors to \$60, regardless of the type of epinephrine injector. Requires specified insurance policies and benefit plans to provide coverage for generic and authorized generic versions of inhaled prescription corticosteroid medication used for the treatment of asthma.

01-9-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-22-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1099 In Committee**(McDonnell)****Change the use of appropriated Federal Funds for nursing scholarships****You are:** Supporting

Allows DHHS to use funds apportioned for the purpose of funding scholarships for nursing students in the amount of \$5,000 per semester or \$3,500 per quarter. (Scholarships currently not allowed for nursing students at Metro community college, which uses the quarter system.) *NHA Legislation

01-9-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 20, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1100 In Committee

(McDonnell)**Change provisions relating to capitation payments made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act as prescribed****You are:** Monitoring

Intended to amend the state plan as first outlined in LB 578 (2017), to provide for a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate (paid through enhanced federal reimbursement) for ground emergency medical transports to pay closer to the actual cost. Replaces any "capitation payment" with any "expenditures." Defines certified public expenditure as an expenditure in which there is a certification that public funds for services provided have been expended as necessary for federal financial participation pursuant to federal requirements of the federal Social Security Act. Removes the definition of a capitation payment. Replaces the "intergovernmental transfer program" with the "certified public expenditure program." Requires that providers, for Medicaid beneficiaries who require ground emergency medical transport services, to be supplementally reimbursed on the basis of actual and allowable costs that are federally permissible. Requires expenditures for Medicaid ground emergency transport services to be paid on a fee-for-service basis and cannot be paid under any Medicaid managed program.

01-9-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1101 In Committee**(Hardin)****Provide requirements for the Public Health Early Admission Student Track Program and the Rural Health Opportunities Program and provide for tuition waivers****You are:** Monitoring

Requires the Board of Trustees of Nebraska State Colleges and the Board of Regents of UNO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to administer the Public Health Early Admission Student Track (PHEAST) Program's eligibility requirements, application and selection processes, and participation requirements. Requires the eligibility requirements to include a visit to the UNMC campus, a successful completion of an online course on the foundations of public health, a successful completion of an entry level statistics course, successful completion of the GRE standardized test, and any additional admission and experience requirements specified by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents. Grants a student participating in the PHEAST program a waiver of 100% of the cost of tuition and fees for up to 72 undergraduate credit hours at any state college in NE for the purpose of completing the established public health coursework necessary for early admission to UNMC College of Public Health. Requires the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the Board of Regents of UNO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to administer and jointly interview students for the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) and be provisionally admitted to one of the eligible health care programs at UNMC. Requires eligible students: to attend, be a graduate, or receive an equivalent of a diploma from an approved or accredited high school in NE; and to have lived or been a resident of a rural area of NE. Grants students participating in RHOP a waiver of 100% of the cost of tuition and fees at a state college per academic year for up to 4 years for the purpose of completing the established health care program coursework at such state college that is required for early admission and transfer to an eligible health care program at UNMC. Appropriates general funds equal to or more than half of the cost of the tuition waivers granted.

01-9-24 - Date of introduction

01-10-24 - Referred to Education Committee

01-11-24 - Notice of hearing for January 23, 2024

Education - Room 1525 at 1:30 PM

LB1106 In Committee**(Day)****Provide for coverage of lactation consultations under the Medical Assistance Act**

You are: Monitoring

Requires Medicaid coverage for a minimum of 10 lactation consultation visits for mothers covered under Medicaid or for their children who are covered under Medicaid if the mother is not covered. Intends to appropriate an amount that will be a 145% increase over the current lactation consultation rate paid.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1107 In Committee**(Day)****Provide for coverage of breast pumps under the Medical Assistance Act****You are:** Monitoring

Requires coverage for an electric personal use breast pump for every pregnant woman covered under Medicaid or, if the mother is not covered, the child, beginning at 36 weeks gestation or the child's date of birth, whichever is earlier. Appropriates "\$XXX" for FY24-25.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1108 In Committee**(Dorn)****Change a fee under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act****You are:** Monitoring

Increases the motor vehicle registration fee by 50 cents to provide a full \$1 for each registration to the Nebraska Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2024

Transportation and Telecommunications - Room 1113 at 1:30 PM

LB1109 In Committee**(Riepe)****Provide an exception under the Preborn Child Protection Act to allow an abortion after twelve weeks in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and change and eliminate certain penalty provisions relating to abortions****You are:** Monitoring

Allows abortions performed under accepted medical procedures that would otherwise be a violation of the Preborn Child Protection Act, excepting such from class IV felony provision. Defines fatal fetal anomaly and includes it as an abortion exception. Amends written requirements for physicians if performing an abortion, requires certification by two physicians for abortions performed under the fatal fetal anomaly exception.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

LB1111 In Committee**(Clements)****Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures****You are:** Monitoring

Requires the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to seek approval from DHHS for certain pandemic related responses such as directed health measures, communicable disease investigation, immunization, vaccination, testing, and prevention measures. Allows LLCHD to enact rules and regulations for the protection of public health and prevention of communicable diseases, to investigate the existence of contagious or infectious diseases (subject to the approval of DHHS), and adopt measures to combat such diseases.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1114 In Committee

(Bostar)

Adopt the Endow Nebraska Act and provide tax credits

You are: Monitoring

Allows a taxpayer who provides an endowment gift to an endow Nebraska qualified community foundation or a community affiliate for a permanent endowment fund to be eligible for a tax credit. Tax credit equals 15% of a taxpayer's gift to a permanent endowment and is nonrefundable and non-transferable, but may be carried forward. Sets maximum of \$5 million in tax credits per year and \$50,000 per taxpayer per year. Awards credits on a first-applied-for basis with a wait list for following years if the annual allocation is exceeded. Requires annual reporting to Legislature and Governor. Sunsets application acceptance Dec. 31, 2030. Allows DED to adopt rules for Act.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

LB1117 In Committee

(Dungan)

Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from General Funds and Federal Funds to DHHS to implement an 11% increase to reimbursement rates paid to providers of developmental disability services for FY24-25.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1003 at 1:30 PM

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024 (cancel)

LB1124 In Committee

(Vargas)

State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$900,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and \$900,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to DHHS for evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs. Includes emergency clause.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1003 at 1:30 PM

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2024 (cancel)

LB1125 In Committee

(Wishart)

State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services

You are: Monitoring

Expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$500,000 from Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund in both FY23-34 and FY24-25 to DHHS for evidence-based early intervention nurse home visitation programs.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1003 at 1:30 PM

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2024 (cancel)

LB1128 In Committee

(Vargas)

Change provisions of the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act

You are: Monitoring

Creates the Opioid Cash Fund. Subject to the terms and conditions of such litigation or settlement, requires that money from the Opioid Recovery Trust Fund be transferred to the Opioid Cash Fund. Requires transfer of \$XXX by July 15 annually. Requires the state investment officer to advise on the amounts to be transferred to sustain transfers in perpetuity. Requires biannual reporting to the Legislature on sustainability of such transfers and limits appropriations from the Fund to the amounts transferred in any given year.

01-10-24 - Date of introduction

01-11-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 12, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1138 In Committee

(Riepe)

Provide an exemption from requirements for prescribers issuing prescriptions for controlled substances

You are: Monitoring

Provides an exemption from requirements when issuing controlled substances prescriptions to use e-prescription technology from the prescribing issuing the prescription to a pharmacy for prescribers issuing fewer than 50 prescriptions in a calendar year. (Veterinary prescriptions are presently exempted.)

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 25, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1139 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act

You are: Monitoring

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, allows a covered individual to take paid family and medical leave (or on an intermittent basis with some conditions) for the following reasons: (1) care for a new child, (2) care for a family member who has a serious health condition, (3) care for a covered servicemember, (4) qualifying exigency leave, and (5) serious health condition including pregnancy, for up to 10 weeks or 60 work days not including an initial week waiting period. The benefits will be paid at 90% of the average weekly wage at or below 50% of the state average, and 50% of the average weekly wage above 50% of the state average. The first payment must be in the first 3 weeks after the initial claim is filed. To receive benefits, a claim must be submitted on a form to the commissioner. The commissioner will inform the covered

individual a week before benefits expire. Employers can elect to participate by applying to the commissioner. Creates the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, covered individuals may begin contributing to the fund. Contributions will be due at intervals prescribed by the commissioner. Allows for donations to the fund. Allows full restoration of employment upon the covered individual's return, including accrued vacation/sick time. Requires employers' continued obligation with programs that provide more generous leave. Beginning Dec. 31, 2027, the commissioner is required to include an annual report to the Legislature. Exempts family and medical leave benefits from being considered as compensation. Exempts temporary employees from receiving family and medical leave benefits. Includes severability clause.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 05, 2024

Business and Labor - Room 2102 at 1:30 PM

LB1143 In Committee

(Health and Human Services)

Eliminate provisions relating to certain health districts

You are: Monitoring

Repeals obsolete statutes. Replaces "health district" with "county, district, or city-county health department" under the Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditure Act's definition of a governing body and a local government. Eliminates series of obsolete statutes relating to health districts.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 26, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1148 In Committee

(Hansen)

Change requirements relating to insurance coverage of step therapy for certain drugs

You are: Monitoring

Includes "biosimilar" in listed allowances for substitution in prescription drug insurance coverage for step therapy. References federal definitions to define "biosimilar" (highly similar notwithstanding minor differences in clinically inactive components/no clinically meaningful differences) and "interchangeable biological product" (can be substituted without healthcare provider approval).

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-22-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1155 In Committee

(McDonnell)

Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services and state intent relating to appropriations

You are: Monitoring

Appropriates \$5 million federal ARPA funds to DHHS for aid to community health centers for behavioral health treatment services based on the number of uninsured clients served. Directs \$15 million of funding from DHHS Program 502 (public health grants) in 2023-24 to innovation grants to FQHCs for capital improvements, workforce, career development and apprenticeship programs. Expresses legislative intent to award the funds by June 30, 2026.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 20, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1158 In Committee

(Bostar)

Adopt the Medical Debt Relief Act and provide certain income tax consequences

You are: Monitoring

Establishes the Medical Debt Relief Program administered by the State Treasurer for the purpose of discharging medical debt of eligible residents (with household income below 400% of poverty level or medical debt equal to 5% of their household income) by contracting with a medical debt relief coordinator. Requires the Treasurer to enter a contract with a coordinator to purchase and discharge medical debt owned by eligible residents with money allocated to the program. Requires coordinator to review the medical debt accounts of each health care provider (licensed facility or professional licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act) willing to donate or sell medical debt accounts. Allows coordinator to negotiate for and elect to buy the dischargeable medical debt as a bad debt expense who agrees to sell the debt for less than the original value. Requires coordinator to make best efforts to ensure parity and equity in the program. Requires annual reporting to the Legislature. Establishes the Medical Debt Relief Fund and specifies that contributions to the Fund are tax-deductible.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

LB1165 In Committee

(Lowe)

Provide requirements for zoning regulations and duplex housing

You are: Monitoring

Provides that in first class cities (5000-100,000), Lincoln, and Omaha, duplex housing shall be allowed as a permitted use on a lot where a single-family residence is a permitted use, and zoning regulations that apply to the development or use of duplex housing shall not be more restrictive than zoning regulations application to single-family residences. Provides zoning regulations and considerations for any municipality to be adopted in accordance with a growth policy and consider quality of light and air, motorized and nonmotorized transportation systems, promotion of urban growth, suitability for particular uses, and the value of buildings to promote appropriate use of land. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall govern if any other statute is more or local ordinance is more restrictive; the local ordinance shall govern if it is less restrictive. Sets operative date of Jan. 1, 2025.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Urban Affairs Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2024

Urban Affairs - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1166 In Committee

(Lowe)

Provide requirements for zoning regulations and accessory dwelling units

You are: Monitoring

Requires a municipality to adopt zoning regulations that allow a minimum of one accessory dwelling unit by right on a lot or parcel that contains a single family dwelling. Defines accessory dwelling unit to include a self-contained living unit on the same parcel as a single-family dwelling of greater square footage that has its own cooking, sleeping, and sanitation facilities and complies with or is exempt from any applicable codes and regulations adopted by the municipality. Defines "by right" to mean the ability to be approved without requiring a public hearing, a variance, conditional use permit, special permit, or special exception, or other discretionary zoning action other than a determination that a site plan conforms with applicable zoning regulations. Defines municipality to include an incorporated city or village that exercises zoning

powers. Restricts the accessory dwelling unit to be more than 75% of the gross floor area of the single-family dwelling or 1000 square feet, whichever is less. Prohibits other restrictions intended to allow more accessory dwelling units. Voids any municipal regulations in effect after Jan. 1, 2025, that do not comply with this section.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Urban Affairs Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2024

Urban Affairs - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1168 In Committee

(DeBoer)

Adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act

You are: Monitoring

Uniform Law Commission law. Enables individuals to appoint agents to make healthcare decisions if they cannot make those decisions for themselves, provides their healthcare professionals and surrogates with instructions about their values and priorities regarding healthcare, and indicates particular medical treatment they do or do not wish to receive. Authorizes certain people to make healthcare decisions for those incapable of making their own decisions who have not appointed an agent, without needing to appoint a guardian or involve a court in most situations. Provides related duties and powers of surrogates and healthcare professionals and provides immunity to both under specified circumstances. Provides a sample form healthcare providers can use. Invalidates any statute that conflicts with the creation, execution, implementation, or revocation of an advance healthcare directive (see Nebraska's Health Care Surrogacy Act). Applies to all advance healthcare directives created before, on, or after the effective date of the act, and includes a severability clause.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2024

Judiciary - Room 1113 at 1:30 PM

LB1171 In Committee

(Hardin)

Change verification requirements for pharmacy technicians

You are: Monitoring

Adds a new method of verification (confirmation by a supervising pharmacist of the accuracy and completeness of the functions undertaken by a pharmacy technician to assist the pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy) by a means of a real-time audiovisual communication system if: the verifying pharmacist is in Nebraska; the physical product verification occurs in person at the location where the prescription is prepared; and the pharmacy maintains records that identify, individually for each order processed, the name, initials, or ID code of each pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or pharmacy technician who took part in all acts, tasks, or functions undertaken to fill a prescription.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1172 In Committee

(von Gillern)

Change provisions relating to access to health data in certain registries and databases for research purposes

You are: Supporting

The department shall respond to all requests for data access for research purposes in writing within eight weeks after the date the request is received. The reason for any denial shall be included in the department's written response.

01-11-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 01, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1181 In Committee

(Ballard)

Change requirements relating to controlled substances, prescription drugs, pharmacists, and pharmacies as prescribed

You are: Monitoring

Changes pharmacy inventory requirements to comply with federal regulations from 1 year to 2 years.

Allows pharmacists, in consultation with prescribing practitioner, to make certain changes to an individual's prescription. Effective Jan. 1, 2025, requires pharmacies and hospital pharmacies to use a standardized form for self-inspection. The form must be authorized by the board Nov. 1, 2024, and will be reauthorized annually on Nov. 1. Requires pharmacist interns to be at least 17 years old. Requires certain language on medications that are not prescribed to a specific individual.

01-12-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-17-24 - Notice of hearing for January 25, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1194 In Committee

(Conrad)

Require legislative approval of medicaid state plan amendments and state plan amendments for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program

You are: Monitoring

Amends the Medical Assistance Act to require any Medicaid state plan, amendment, or waiver to be approved by the Legislature prior to implementation. Requires all state plan amendments for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families to be approved by the Legislature prior to its implementation.

01-12-24 - Date of introduction

01-16-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1196 In Committee

(Ballard)

Change provisions relating to registration of medication aides

You are: Supporting

Allows registered nursing students enrolled in an accredited nursing program temporary certification to work as a medication aide during the 30-day application processing period if they have completed the medication aide certification course or required coursework. Quickens the time frame allowing a nursing student that has completed medication aide coursework as part of their nursing program to practice if their competencies are regularly assessed and the dean of the program attests to the student's competencies.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1213 In Committee

(Walz)

Require employers to provide twenty hours of paid leave per year for school-related activities**You are:** Monitoring

Requires any employer with 15 or more employees, including the state and political subdivisions, to grant each employee a minimum of 20 hours of paid school activities leave in each calendar year, meaning leave taken by an employee for activities such as parent-teacher conferences, disciplinary meetings, extracurriculars, and volunteer activities.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Business and Labor Committee

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 05, 2024

Business and Labor - Room 2102 at 1:30 PM

LB1214 In Committee**(Health and Human Services)****Change provisions relating to a criminal background check for certain professions under the Uniform Credentialing Act****You are:** Monitoring

Specifically enumerates the professionals for whom a criminal background check is required for initial licensure, changing from those authorized to prescribe controlled substances to physicians, PAs, osteopaths, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, veterinarians, APRNs, nurse midwives, and APRN CRNAs.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 01, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1215 In Committee**(Hansen)****Change provisions relating to credentialing fees, communicable diseases, rehabilitation beds, and acute care beds****You are:** Opposing

Repeals provisions of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act relating to accute care beds and rehabilitation beds. Removes the requirement for a certificate of need for the initial establishment of rehabilitation beds. Strikes language regarding certificate of need language regarding increasing, converting, and transferring rehabilitation hospital beds. Requires LPNs, RNs, and APRNs applying for license renewals to provide evidence that their license was registered with an electronic database provided by DHHS for the purpose of providing the licensee with current license status and nursing workforce data collection. Removes the previous fee from applicants or licensees who request an informal conference with a representative peer review organization. Allows for TB treatment at other locations approved by the Governor and makes other minor changes to Tuberculosis Detection and Prevention Act.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2024

Health and Human Services - Room 1510 at 1:30 PM

LB1220 In Committee**(Bosn)****Change provisions relating to decedents' estates, transfers to minors, protected persons, powers of attorney for health care, trusts, and powers of attorney****You are:** Monitoring

Bar Association bill. Allows for an exception to the bond requirement for a personal representative if: a duly appointed guardian or conservator waives bond on behalf of a ward or protected persons or that a person 18 years or older waives bond on the person's own behalf. Increases the amount allowed to be paid or

delivered to a minor by a person under a duty to a minor to \$40,000 per year. Allows a protected person to retain an attorney for the sole purpose of challenging the appointment of a conservatorship, the terms of the conservatorship, or the actions of the conservator. Defines adult and principal to include any person who is 18 years of age or older or is not a minor. Allows any trustee, to a trust with more than one trustee and with its principal place of administration in NE, to register the trust in the county where the principal place of administration is located. Allows for a proceeding to be filed by any interested person to determine the principal place of administration if the principal place of administration is determined and the cotrustees cannot agree on the principal place of administration. Prohibits anyone but a trustee to register a trust, and registration for a trust is not required for a court to exercise jurisdiction over a trust, trustee, or the beneficiaries. Requires the settlor to have the capacity to create a trust and meets at least one of listed requirements including: the settlor is 18 or older or that the settlor is not a minor.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Judiciary Committee

01-18-24 - Notice of hearing for January 25, 2024

Judiciary - Room 1113 at 1:30 PM

LB1221 In Committee

(Day)

Provide staff training requirements for facilities offering care to persons with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related disorders

You are: Monitoring

Requires staff training and continuing education practices in facilities that provide care for individuals with Alzheimer's include an overview of Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related disorders, the ways in which such diseases impact the lives of caregivers, the fundamentals of person-centered care for individuals with dementia, person-centered assessment and care planning, progressive support for activities of daily living for persons with dementia, and dementia-related behaviors and communication.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1232 In Committee

(Wayne)

Prohibit certain actions under the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act

You are: Supporting

Prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from reimbursing a pharmacist or pharmacy for any drug at a lower rate than the cost required to dispense the drug.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for February 27, 2024

Banking, Commerce, and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1237 In Committee

(Cavanaugh, M.)

Require a report regarding the medical assistance program

You are: Monitoring

Adds requirements to the annual summary and analysis of the Medicaid program, including: the number and percentage of applications approved and denied, eligibility determinations, case closures, enrollees broken down by specific categories, number and percentage of renewals, average days required to process applications, rate of re-enrollment, call statistics, number of requests for a hearing, and a link to hearing decisions.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1240 In Committee**(Wayne)****Provide a requirement for state officials and state employees testifying before the Legislature****You are:** Monitoring

Requires state officials or employees testifying at a public hearing in a non-neutral role to be on unpaid or vacation leave from employment during the attendance at the public hearing.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Executive Board

01-23-24 - Notice of hearing for February 01, 2024

Executive Board - Room 2102 at 12:00 PM

LB1274 In Committee**(Cavanaugh, J.)****Require insurance coverage of prosthetics and orthotics as prescribed****You are:** Supporting

Requires that any individual or group sickness and accident insurance policy to include coverage for prosthetic and orthotics that are at least equal to the coverage provided under federal Medicaid. Allows the coverage to be limited to the most appropriate prosthetic or orthotic that is deemed medically necessary by the covered individual's treating physician including repair or replacement if determined appropriate by the treating physician. Defines prosthetic to include artificial legs and arms and associated components, including replacements if required as a result of a patient's physical condition, and defines orthotic to include a custom-fitted or custom-fabricated medical device that is applied to a part of the human body to correct a deformity, improve function, or relieve symptoms of a disease.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-22-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1278 In Committee**(McKinney)****Provide for reimbursement of doula and full spectrum doula services under the Medical Assistance Act****You are:** Monitoring

Requires the NE DHHS to reimburse a recipient of medical assistance for doula or full spectrum doula services and that such reimbursement must be paid by state funds at rates set by the department. Requires NE DHHS to establish a work group of stakeholders and experts to develop an implementation plan including a reimbursement rate for reimbursement of doulas and their services. Defines doula as a trained companion supporting another individual through a significant health-related experience and can also provide support to an individual's partner, family, and friends. Defines a full spectrum doula as a trained companion who provides emotional, physical, and information support for individuals before, during, and after labor and birth including attending prenatal visits, support during delivery, and providing resources during the postpartum period. Requires a full spectrum doula to have appropriate training or certification.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1307 In Committee**(von Gillern)****Require the Director of Insurance to identify certain health benefits and provide for reimbursements for qualified health plan issuers as prescribed****You are:** Opposing

Requires the Director of Insurance to identify any required health benefits in excess of the essential health benefits required by federal law. Requires the Director to quantify the cost attributed to each additional benefit based on a calculation by the issuer of a qualified health plan. Creates the State Insurance Mandate Fund. Requires the Director to request necessary appropriations to the Fund make payments, based on the statewide average cost of the additional benefits for all issuers.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-22-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1309 In Committee

(Linehan)

Provide an income tax deduction for the costs of medical care

You are: Monitoring

Creates a federal income tax deduction for medical care costs incurred by a taxpayer, their spouse, or their dependent (if not otherwise reimbursed) for the taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2025.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

LB1313 In Committee

(Dover)

Provide for regulation of health benefit plans for nonprofit agricultural organizations

You are: Monitoring

Allows a nonprofit agricultural organization to provide health benefits under a self-funded plan. Requires the organization to file a certification with the Department of Insurance verifying it meets the requirements of the act before it can provide benefits under a self-funded plan. Allows the risk assumed by a plan under health care benefit coverage to be reinsured. Requires any application for coverage and any contract provided to a member state that the plan is not insurance, that it is not provided by an insurance company, that it is not subject to laws governing insurance, and that it is not subject to the Department of Insurance's jurisdiction.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Agriculture Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Agriculture - Room 2102 at 1:30 PM

LB1346 In Committee

(Vargas)

Provide a property tax exemption for qualified affordable housing developments

You are: Monitoring

Provides definitions for charitable organizations, qualified affordable housing, and area median income. Provides that the tax exemption amount for qualified property should be a percentage of the property taxes as follows: tenants earning no more than 80% of the area median income, the percentage of residential units that are eligible should be multiplied by 25; tenants earning no more than 60% of the area median income, the percentage of the residential units in the development that are eligible units shall be multiplied by 75; tenants earning no more than 50% of the area median income, the percentage of the residential units in the development that are eligible units should be multiplied by 100%. Requires the county assessor to also calculate the exemption amount for the property and should submit the calculation to the county board of equalization along with their recommendations.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

LB1353 In Committee

(Vargas)**Change provisions relating to insurance coverage for screening mammography and breast examinations****You are:** Monitoring

Provides definition for diagnostic breast examination. Requires any self-funded employee benefit plan not preempted by federal law to include coverage for contrast-enhanced mammography. Allows a woman who is 40 or older at least one mammogram every year and additional mammograms if necessary. Allows additional diagnostic magnetic resonance imaging for any woman who has an increased risk of breast cancer.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-22-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LB1355 In Committee**(Vargas)****Provide for disbursement of grants from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund****You are:** Monitoring

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to local public health departments, law enforcement agencies, and health care facilities, for aid programs to facilitate opioid overdose prevention efforts, education and training, recovery, problem-solving courts, and data tracking. Includes the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$4,000,000 annually from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund beginning in FY2024-25 for grants under the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act. Would provide \$500,000 each to a local public health department, a law enforcement agency applicant, and to a health care facility applicant.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB1376 In Committee**(Riepe)****Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for prescription reimbursements****You are:** Monitoring

Appropriates \$6 million from the General fund to DHHS only to be used for prescription reimbursement for pharmacies that own 6 or fewer pharmacies.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-24-24 - Notice of hearing for February 13, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1379 In Committee**(Dover)****Change the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax and provide for grants by the Department of Economic Development for its comprehensive housing affordability strategy****You are:** Monitoring

Creates the Housing Aid Fund for the DED to provide grants up to \$35,000 per individual household to finance downpayment assistance for homebuyers. 15% of the fund shall be distributed to Lincoln, 30% to Omaha, and 55% to Greater Nebraska. Increases the documentary stamp tax by 25 cents for credit to the Housing Aid Fund.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

LB1400 In Committee

(Ballard)**Adopt the Relocation Incentive Act and provide tax incentives****You are:** Monitoring

Beginning in 2025, allows an employer, who pays relocation expenses for a qualifying employee receiving a salary of \$70,000-\$250,000 who moves to Nebraska for the purpose of accepting a position of employment, to be eligible to receive a refundable income tax credit equal to 50% of relocation expenses paid, up to \$5000/employee. Requires recapture of credit if the employee moves out of state within two years after the credit is claimed. Allows the eligible employee to make a one-time election within two years of becoming a Nebraska resident to exclude all Nebraska-sourced wage income earned and received from the employer if the annual wage is \$70,000-\$250,000 and the employee was not a resident of Nebraska in the year prior to the year in which residency is being claimed for purposes of qualifying for such an exclusion. Requires recapture for employee who fails to maintain residency for two full calendar years following the year in which the exclusion was taken. *Introduced at the request of the Governor.

01-17-24 - Date of introduction

01-18-24 - Referred to Revenue Committee

01-25-24 - Notice of hearing for February 02, 2024

Revenue - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1412 In Committee**(Speaker Arch)****Provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government, postsecondary education, state aid, capital construction, and federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021****You are:** Monitoring

Contains mid-biennium budget changes. Reduces the \$11 million appropriation to the Water Sustainability Fund by \$8.5 Million. Sec. 19 recommendation includes the agency request to adjust the earmark language for the ARPA Nursing Scholarship Program to expand the allowable use, increase the scholarship amount, and add eligibility of a traditional Bachelor of Science nursing degree. Sec. 22 recommendation includes the agency request to adjust the earmark language for the ARPA Rural Ambulance Replacement Program to expand the allowable use to include Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment and services. This change will help to ensure the federal funds are able to be fully expended. Sec. 36 reappropriates money for grants to prepare land parcels under the Rural Workforce Housing Investment for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of vacant or abandoned property in disproportionately impacted rural communities. Disproportionately impacted rural communities means any city or village that is located in a county with a population of fewer than 100,000 inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census and that is determined by the Department of Economic Development to have experienced disproportionately negative impacts on public health or the economy, or on both public health and the economy, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sec. 94 appropriates \$2.5 million to DED to enter into a contract with an entity to assist the state, for a period of one year ending no later than June 30, 2025, with growing the state's bioeconomy industry. Reappropriates \$87.3 million for surface transportation projects, including \$15 million swept from developmental disability funding and other ARPA projects that could not fully use their ARPA money. Appropriates \$3 million for DED to partner with Community Colleges for workforce development. Appropriates \$5 million for state marketing to attract families to the good life. The recommendation includes a cash fund appropriation increase of \$200,000 in FY 2023-24 and \$338,000 in FY 2024-25 for a human trafficking database system software license agreement. *Introduced at the Request of the Governor.

01-18-24 - Date of introduction

01-19-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1413 In Committee

(Speaker Arch)

Transfer and provide for the transfer of funds and create and change the use and distribution of funds

You are: Monitoring

Contains many of the Governor's proposed \$275 million in cash fund grabs. Sec. 16. Moves \$25 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to Rural Workforce Housing. Sec. 17. Sweeps \$5 million from the Civic and Community Financing Fund. Sec. 18. Sweeps money from the Job Training Cash Fund. Sec. 19. Takes \$9 million from the Site and Building Fund. Sec. 20. Takes \$13.25 million from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Sec. 30. Takes \$7 million from the State Game Fund. Sec. 31. and 32. Take \$2.5 million each from the Nebraska Habitat Fund and the State Park Cash Fund. Sec. 38 and 39. Sweeps \$4 million from the Financial Institution Assessment Fund. Sec. 41. Takes \$15 million from the Behavioral Health Services Fund. Sec. 43. Takes \$60 million from the State Unemployment Fund. Moves \$50 million from the JEDI Fund to the Critical Infrastructure fund for Lincoln's second source of water. *Introduced at the request of the Governor

01-18-24 - Date of introduction

01-19-24 - Referred to Appropriations Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for January 30, 2024

Appropriations - Room 1524 at 1:30 PM

LB1416 In Committee

(Bostar)

Adopt the Child Care Capacity Building and Workforce Act

You are: Monitoring

Creates the Child Care Capacity Building and Workforce Grant Program for the Department of Economic Development to contract with a statewide organization that supports children and families to administer the grant program and provide technical assistance to grant recipients. Grants will be made available to applicants providing a one-to-one match, which may include in-kind donations or collateral. Allows funds to be used for operation of a licensed or license-exempt child care program, child care workforce, parents or guardians, a federal Head Start program, to start or expand a licensed child care program, to build or remodel a building, or for other purposes specified by the Department. *Introduced at the Request of the Governor.

01-18-24 - Date of introduction

01-19-24 - Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

01-19-24 - Notice of hearing for February 06, 2024

Banking, Commerce, and Insurance - Room 1507 at 1:30 PM

LR6CA In Committee

(Erdman)

Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes

You are: Opposing

Under this proposed constitutional amendment, effective Jan. 1, 2026 (if approved by voters in the Nov. 2024 election), notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska Constitution to the contrary, no taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes shall be imposed upon the people of Nebraska.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Revenue Committee

02-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 03, 2023

Revenue - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Resolution carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LR7CA In Committee**(Erdman)****Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items****You are:** Opposing

Under this proposed constitutional amendment, effective Jan. 1, 2026 (if approved by votes in the Nov. 2024 election), the State of Nebraska shall impose a consumption tax which shall apply to purchases of services and new goods, except for groceries. The Legislature may authorize political subdivisions to do the same.

01-5-23 - Date of introduction

01-9-23 - Referred to Revenue Committee

02-23-23 - Notice of hearing for March 03, 2023

Revenue - Room 1524, 1:30 PM

01-3-24 - Resolution carried over to 2nd Regular Session

LR279CA In Committee**(Holdcroft)****Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to enact laws providing for a minimum term of life imprisonment for certain offenses against first responders****You are:** Monitoring

For the November 2024 election, puts to the voters for approval a constitutional amendment to provide for a minimum sentence of 25 years for assault on a first responder resulting in serious physical injury, and a minimum life sentence for murder in the first or second degree of a first responder during the commission of another criminal offense. Defines first responder to include police, sheriffs, firefighters, emergency medical providers, DHHS employees, health care professionals, corrections officers, and Nebraska National Guard members deployed in Nebraska.

01-16-24 - Date of introduction

01-17-24 - Referred to Judiciary Committee