



# Legislative Update

Board of Directors Committee Meeting

April 16, 2024



# Agenda

- State legislative update
  - Short session
  - Updates on key bills
- Federal legislative update
  - Two main issues

# State legislative calendar 2024

- **January 17** – Final day of bill introduction – 596 bills were introduced this session
- **January 22** - Public hearings begin
- **February 14** – Last day to submit letter for speaker priority bills
- **February 15** – Deadline for designation of committee and senator priority bills
- **February 20** – Announcement of 2024 speaker priority bills
- **February 29** – Final day of public hearings
- **March 4** – Full day floor debate begins
- **March 7** - Appropriations Committee's mid-biennium budget bills placed on general file
- **March 12-26** - Planned for debate and passage of the mid-biennium budget bills
- **March 18-April 9** - Possibility for extended floor debate in the evenings
- **April 18** - Day 60 of the legislative session

# State legislative – key updates

- 3 interrelated bills
  - **LB1370 – Passed on Final Reading with AM2863 dispatchable for dispatchable energy (neutral)**
    - LB120 – no foreign components within 10 miles around military installations
    - LB956 – provide requirements for light-mitigating technology on certain wind turbines
    - LB969 – Change provisions relating to contracts and sealed bids for public power districts
    - LB1260 – Central bill
  - **LB867 – Passed on Final Reading 47-0-2 - amended with AM2767 and AM3054– Natural Resource Committee Priority (neutral)**
    - LB866 – Change provisions relating to service on the Nebraska Power Review Board
    - LB868 – Extend the sunset date for reimbursement for remedial action under the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund
    - LB971 – Provide for a free hunting permit for veterans to hunt on Veterans Day
    - LB1406 – Provide for an active-duty military permit for state park entry
  - **LB399 – Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3 wind for export changes (neutral)**

# State legislative session for 2024

- LB 43 – Open Meetings Act (neutral)
- LB61 – Broadband/Dark Fiber (support)
- LB 304 – Membership dues and lobbying fees disclosure (neutral)
- LB255, LB394, & LB1366 – Eminent domain (oppose)
- LB1234 – Weatherization funding (support)
- LB1218 – EVs (oppose) amended into LB1317
- LB1277 – Potential NEMA changes (support)
- LB1358 – Board salary increases (support with amendment)
- LB1300 – Adopt the Pacific Conflict Stress Test Act and Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act (oppose)
- Deceptive practices for door-to-door solar installers
- Economic development and incentives
- Rail issues
- Open meetings
- Digital currency
- Retirement issues
- Energy codes
- Cybersecurity

# Federal issues for 2024 and beyond

- Microgrid for Offutt
- WRDA language to address ice jams on the Missouri River