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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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AGENDA

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Overview
- Carry over bills
- Introduced legislation

FEDERAL UPDATE

- JTIQ
- Ice Jams/WRDA
- NDAA
- Reconciliation
- FEMA Reform
- Tariffs

» **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

2026 SHORT LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Session began on January 7
- Sine Die – April 17
 - Budget issues
 - Term limits
 - Controversial measures
 - Election year



**60-day
session**

**Bills will
be introduced
until January
21**

**Hearings start
January 20**

**Session
could end
early**

Carry Over Bills - Support

LB 413 – Clouse – Change provisions relating to the setting of rates by certain power districts

LB 489 – Brandt – Prohibit certain entities from operating, maintaining, constructing or acquiring transmission lines and related facilities



LB 546 – Rountree – Change provisions relating to proclamations for disasters, emergencies and civil defense emergencies made by the Governor

Carry Over Bills - Oppose

LB 349 – Prokop - Change provisions relating to applications, notices, filings, exemptions, and violations regarding the construction or acquisition of certain electric energy storage resources by electric suppliers



LB 503 – Bosn - Authorize the designation of American energy friendly counties and change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and the nameplate capacity tax

LB 571 – J. Cavanaugh - Require cost-of-living adjustments for retirees for any public power district that operates a defined benefits program

Carry over bills will need a new priority designation to advance in 2026

2026 INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

The following bills have been introduced in the first 3 days of the session and are under review

- **LB719** Jacobson – Redefine a term under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act
- **LB844** Rountree – Provide for additional grants under the Site and Building Development Fund
- **LB770** DeKay – Authorize fees for the collection of certain taxes of reclamation districts and county agricultural societies and change the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax
- **LB798** Urban Affairs Committee – Change provisions relating to the planning commission of a city of the second class or village and allow a city of the second class to elect council members by ward
- **LB815** Brandt – Provide for a tax on diesel fuels, change provisions relating to refunds for motor fuel taxes and the petroleum release remedial action fee, change and eliminate provisions of the Ethanol Development Act and eliminate the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund

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- **LB898** Lonowski – Change which political subdivisions may use virtual conferencing for meetings under the Open Meetings Act and change related requirements
- **LB904** Arch – Change provisions relating to Chinese military companies under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
- **LB915** Lippincott – Change the number of authorized inland port districts under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act
- **LB916** Meyer– Provide requirements for the transport of carbon dioxide and change provisions relating to eminent domain and the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act
- **LB935** Bosn – Provide for the award of costs and attorney's fees in certain actions involving political subdivisions



FEDERAL UPDATE

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- JTIQ
 - Making progress
- Ice jams/WRDA
 - Making progress
- NDAA
 - Language in for advanced nuclear
- Reconciliation
 - Talking about second bill
- FEMA
 - Gaining momentum
- Tariffs
 - Working with APPA