



# Reporting Item

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 15, 2022

### ITEM

Legislative and Regulatory Update

### PURPOSE

To provide an update on 2022 state and federal legislative matters and regulatory matters

### FACTS

- a. Nebraska's 107th Legislature 2<sup>nd</sup> session began on January 5, 2022 and ends on April 20, 2022.
- b. The 117<sup>th</sup> Congress began on January 3, 2021 and is expected to end January 3, 2023.

### ACTION

Reporting item

#### RECOMMENDED:

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Attachment: State and Federal Legislative Update

# Legislative Update

## 3/15/2022

Tim O'Brien, Director – Economic Development & External Relations

# State Legislative Update



# 2022 Nebraska Legislative Calendar

Nebraska's 107<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Second Session

- 60 day session
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – Legislature convened at 10 am
- January 10<sup>th</sup> - Debate begins for carry-over legislation
- January 14<sup>th</sup> - Final day to submit bill requests to Revisor of Statutes Office
- January 18<sup>th</sup> – Committee hearings begin
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of bill introduction
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – Final day to request speaker priority bills
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Final day to designate committee and senator priority bills
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Speaker to announce 2022 speaker priority bills
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Final day of committee hearings
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Full day of floor debate begins
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – Sine die

# 2022 OPPD priority bills

LB & Current Status	Summary
LB 742 Erdman	Provide for minutes to be kept in an electronic record under the Open Meetings Act.
<i>Neutral</i>	<i>1/10/22 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, 2/9/22 Hearing held, 2/15/22 Placed on General file</i>
LB 804 Hughes	Change compensation of certain members of the Nebraska Power Review Board.
<i>Support</i>	<i>1/10/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 1/19/22 Hearing held, 2/3/22 Placed on General file, 2/23/22 <b>Speaker priority bill</b>, 3/2/22 Advanced to Select file, 3/10/22 Advanced to Final reading</i>
LB 847 Wishart	Redefine political subdivision under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act.
<i>Support</i>	<i>1/10/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee, 1/28/22 Hearing held, 2/3/22 Placed on General file, 2/16/22 Advanced to Select file, 3/2/22 Advanced to Final reading, 3/8/22 Passed on Final reading 44-0-5</i>
LB 908 McDonnell	Provide additional requirements for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act.
<i>Oppose, will move to neutral when amendment accepted</i>	<i>1/11/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee, 2/22/22 Placed on General file with AM1950</i>
LB 969 Dorn	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy to improve reliability and resiliency of the electric grid.
<i>Support</i>	<i>1/12/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 2/16/22 Hearing held</i>

# 2022 OPPD priority bills

LB & Current Status	Summary
LB 977 Slama	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for expanding electrical system capabilities.
Support	1/12/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 2/16/22 Hearing held, 2/22/22 Slama priority bill
LB 1002 McDonnell	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for low-income home energy assistance.
Support	1/13/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 3/2/22 Hearing held
LB 1045 Bostelman	Change qualifications of certain public power district board members.
Oppose	1/20/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/2/2022 Hearing held, 2/22/22 Natural Resources priority bill, 3/1/22 Placed on General file with AM2081
LB 1047 Bostelman	Change filing requirements with the Nebraska Power Review Board.
Oppose	1/20/2022 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 1/27/22 Hearing held, 3/1/22 Amended into LB 1045 with AM2081
LB 1058 Brewer	Provide requirements for public power suppliers relating to baseload units.
Oppose	1/20/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 1/28/22 Hearing held, 3/1/22 Amended into LB 1045 with AM2081
LB 1099 Bostelman	Create the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group.
Support	1/21/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/9/22 Hearing held, 2/14/22 Bostelman priority bill, 2/15/22 Placed on General file with AM1895, 3/2/22 Placed on Select file, 3/8/22 Advanced to Final reading

# 2022 OPPD priority bills

LB & Current Status	Summary
LB 1100 Bostelman	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a feasibility study relating to nuclear reactors.
<i>Support</i>	<i>1/21/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 2/16/22 Hearing held</i>
LB 1102 Bostelman	Adopt the Nebraska Environment Response Act and change provisions relating to enforcement of environmental protection.
<i>Monitor</i>	<i>1/21/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/3/22 Hearing held, 2/23/22 Placed on General file with AM1893, 2/23/22 Speaker priority bill</i>
LB 1144 Friesen	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act and the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act.
<i>Under Review</i>	<i>1/21/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee, 2/8/22 Hearing held, 2/22/22 Trans and Telecom Committee priority bill, 3/8/22 Placed on General file with AM2107</i>
LB 1255 Bostar	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an updated climate change report.
<i>Support</i>	<i>1/24/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 3/3/22 Hearing held</i>
LB 1257 Bostar	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for grants for electric vehicle direct-current fast charging station.
<i>Neutral</i>	<i>1/24/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 2/23/22 Hearing held</i>

# 2021 Carry over bills

LB & Current Status	Summary
LB 344 Friesen	Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act and create the Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Oppose	<i>1/15/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/1/21 Hearing held, 2/24/21 Placed on General file with AM83, 2/17/22 Friesen AM1880 filed, 2/23/22 Speaker priority bill</i>
LB 460 Brandt	Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission
Support	<i>1/20/21 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunication Committee, 2/9/21 Hearing held</i>
LB 512 Brewer	Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act
Support	<i>1/22/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee, 3/1/21 Hearing held, 2/15/22 Placed on General file with AM1620, 2/22/22 Business and Labor priority bill</i>



# Federal Legislative Update



# Federal Update

- Budget reconciliation package.
  - House passed the Build Back Better bill (reconciliation package) on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - This has been put aside in the Senate so they can address other priorities. They are planning on addressing it at some point.
  - Related to this are the energy tax provisions, the wind PTC has expired and will likely be address later this year in an extenders package or if the reconciliation package is revived.
- OPPD tracking potential funding opportunities available to public power utilities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
  - Funds have not been allocated yet because of the ongoing Continuing Resolutions Congress keeps passing. A broader agreement is needed to allocate these funds.
- 10,632 bills introduced in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Omaha Public Power District**

**107th Second Session of the Nebraska State Legislature - March 11, 2022**

Bill No	One Liner and Summary	Proposed Position	Status	Strategic Directive(s)	Rationale & Actions
<b>OPPD Priority bills</b>					
<b>Speaker, Senator and Committee Priority bills highlighted in gray</b>					
<a href="#">LB 344 Friesen</a>	<b>Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act and create the Underground Excavation Safety Committee.</b> <i>Members of committee are; State Fire Marshall, two representatives of operators, two representatives of excavators. Governor shall appoint the representative members. Only by a unanimous vote of the committee shall the recommendation include a civil penalty.</i>	Oppose	1/15/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/1/21 Hearing held. 2/24/21 Placed on General File with AM83. 2/17/22 Friesen AM1880 filed. 2/23/22 Speaker priority bill.	SD -6	OPPD submitting testimony in opposition.  Creates an unnecessary committee adding time and cost to the process.
<a href="#">LB 512 Brewer</a>	<b>Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act.</b>	Support NPA Support	1/22/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 3/1/21 Hearing held. 2/2/22 Brewer AM1620 filed. 2/15/22 Placed on General File with AM1620. 2/22/22 Business and Labor priority bill.	SD-6	OPPD bill. Javier testified in support.

<a href="#">LB 804</a> <a href="#">Hughes</a>	<p><b>Change compensation of certain members of the Nebraska Power Review Board.</b> <i>Increases the pay for the board member or proxy engaged in the SPP Regional State Committee. Increase from \$20,000 to \$35,000 for board member and not to exceed an aggregate total of \$40,000.</i></p>	<p>Support NPA Supports</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 1/19/22 Hearing held. 2/3/22 Placed on General file. 2/23/22 Speaker priority bill. 3/2/22 Placed on Select file. <b>3/10/22 Advanced to Final reading.</b></p>		
<a href="#">LB 977</a> <a href="#">Slama</a>	<p><b>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for expanding electrical system capabilities.</b> <i>Appropriates \$29 million from ARPA to DED for a grant to any city of the second class which partners with public power utilities for the purpose of expanding electrical system capacities and enhancing redundancy and resilience.</i></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>1/12/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/16/22 Hearing held. 2/22/22 Slama priority bill.</p>		<p>OPPD testified in support.</p>
<a href="#">LB 1045</a> <a href="#">Bostelman</a>	<p><b>Change qualifications of certain public power district board members.</b> <i>Would remove the language prohibiting high level managers of a PPD from serving as a board of director for any district.</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>1/20/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 2/2/22 Hearing held. 2/22/22 Natural Resources priority bill. 3/1/22 Placed on General file with Committee amendment AM2081.</p>		

<a href="#">LB 1099</a> <a href="#">Bostelman</a>	<p><b>Create the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group.</b> <i>Would direct the DED to create the Working Group. Director shall appoint members to the work group from the following industries; manufacturing or industry, agriculture, transportation, energy and a clean hydrogen manufacturer. Purpose of the group is to develop and draft a competitive proposal for submission to the US DOE to be selected as one of the four regional clean hydrogen hubs.</i></p>	Support	1/21/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 2/9/2022 Hearing held. 2/14/22 Bostelman priority bill. 2/15/22 Placed on General file with Committee amendment AM1895. 3/1/22 AM1895 adopted. 3/2/22 Advanced to Select file. <b>3/8/22 Advanced to Final reading.</b>		
<a href="#">LB 1144</a> <a href="#">Friesen</a>	<p><b>Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act and the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act.</b></p>	Under Review	1/21/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/8/22 Hearing held. 2/22/22 Trans and Telecom priority bill. <b>3/8/22 Placed on General file with AM2107.</b>		
<a href="#">LB 460</a> <a href="#">Brandt</a>	<p><b>Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission.</b></p>	Support NPA Support	1/20/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/9/21 Hearing held.	SD-9	OPPD bill. Javier testified in support.

<a href="#">LB 742</a> <a href="#">Erdman</a>	<b>Provide for minutes to be kept in an electronic record under the Open Meetings Act.</b> <i>Clean up bill that would clarify that all public bodies may store their meeting minutes electronically. Current statute 84-1411 suggests that only school boards and educational service units may store their meeting minutes electronically. Bill removes ambiguity and provides that all public bodies can go paperless.</i>	Neutral	1/10/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 2/9/22 Hearing held. 2/15/22 Placed on General file.	SD-12	
<a href="#">LB 743</a> <a href="#">Erdman</a>	<b>Change provisions relating to when closed sessions may be held under the Open Meetings Act.</b> <i>Adds board subcommittee meetings to the criteria of when closed session may be held.</i>	Oppose NPA Opposed	1/10/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 2/9/22 Hearing held.	SD-12	NPA testified in opposition.
<a href="#">LB 847</a> <a href="#">Wishart</a>	<b>Redefine political subdivision under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act.</b> <i>Includes metropolitan utilities districts, public power districts and irrigation districts in the political subdivisions permitted to use design-build contracts for construction projects.</i>	Support	1/10/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 1/28/22 Hearing held. 2/3/22 Placed on General file. 2/16/22 Placed on Select file with ER104. 3/2/22 Advanced to Final reading. <b>3/8/22 Passed on Final Reading 44-0-5.</b>		OPPD submitted a letter of support.
<a href="#">LB 884</a> <a href="#">M. Cavanaugh</a>	<b>Provide notice to private residential owners under the One-Call Notification System Act.</b> <i>Requires a private residential owner to be notified prior to excavating. Adds sewer line language to underground facilities.</i>	Oppose	1/10/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 1/25/22 Hearing held.		

<a href="#">LB 903</a> <a href="#">Bostar</a>	<p><b>Change provisions relating to criminal privacy violations and prohibit spying by unmanned aircraft.</b>  <i>Creates a Class I misdemeanor for persons intentionally cause an electronic device (drone) to enter into, upon or above the property of another in order to secretly or furtively peer or spy into or through a window, door, or other aperture of any dwelling of any other person. Includes any dwelling owned by such person and leased or rented to another.</i></p>	Under Review	1/10/22 Referred to Judiciary Committee. 3/2/22 Hearing held.		Review is still underway. More information to come.
<a href="#">LB 908</a> <a href="#">McDonnell</a>	<p><b>Provide additional requirements for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act.</b> <i>A public body may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if a) the purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body; b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; c) public body complies to current requirements for holding a virtual meeting. (adequate notice, reasonable arrangements for the public's right to attend, etc.)</i></p>	Oppose Will move to neutral when amendment accepted	1/11/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 2/16/22 Hearing held. 2/22/22 Placed on General file with Committee amendment AM1950.		
<a href="#">LB 914</a> <a href="#">Bostelman</a>	<p><b>Require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a broadband map and data repository.</b>  <i>Would require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain an official Nebraska map locating broadband access, showing broadband availability and quality of service in Nebraska and create and maintain a repository for broadband data and information.</i></p>	Support	1/11/22 Referred to Trans and Tele Committee. 2/8/22 Hearing held.		OPPD sent a letter in support.

<a href="#">LB 944</a> <a href="#">McCollister</a>	<b>Change the sales tax rate imposed on the furnishing of electricity.</b> <i>Would impose a tax on the statewide carbon intensity factor determined annually by the Tax Commissioner. Tax rate will begin at 5 1/2 percent and fluctuate depending on the calculations received from the providers of electricity.</i>	Neutral	1/11/22 Referred to Revenue Committee. 2/25/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 969</a> <a href="#">Dorn</a>	<b>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy to improve reliability and resiliency of the electric grid.</b> <i>Would establish a 10 million dollar electric infrastructure grant program for eligible electric infrastructure projects. No more than 2 million dollars awarded per project.</i>	Support	1/12/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/16/22 Hearing held.		OPPD testified in support.
<a href="#">LB 1002</a> <a href="#">McDonnell</a>	<b>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for low-income home energy assistance.</b> <i>Appropriates 2 million dollars from ARPA for energy costs to MUD (1 million) and OPPD (1 million).</i>	Support	1/13/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 3/2/22 Hearing held.		OPPD will testify in support.
<a href="#">LB 1008</a> <a href="#">Albrecht</a>	<b>Prohibit a county, city, or village from restricting energy utility service.</b> <i>No county, city, or village shall enact or implement any ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, or policy that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, the connection or reconnection of electric, natural gas, propane, or other energy utility service provided by a municipal corporation, a public power district, a public power and irrigation district, an electric cooperative, an electric membership corporation or association, a natural public gas utility, or any other public entity.</i>	Neutral	1/13/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 1/19/22 Brewer name added. 2/11/22 Hearing held.		



<a href="#">LB 1046</a> <a href="#">Bostelman</a>	<b>Change provisions relating to selection of the board of directors and chief executive officer of certain public power districts.</b> <i>Would change the number of OPPD and NPPD board of directors to 9 members, 4 election subdivisions and 5 members at large appointed by the Governor. Governor would appoint the CEO of public power districts and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.</i>	Oppose	1/20/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 1/27/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1047</a> <a href="#">Bostelman</a>	<b>Change filing requirements with the Nebraska Power Review Board.</b> <i>Reliability bill. Requires electricity to be dispatched in the state continuously for 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Requires a 20 year look ahead forecast for both summer and winter peak loads. Requires utilities to store a 45 day supply of fuel</i>	Oppose	1/20/2022 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 1/27/22 Hearing held. 3/1/22 Amended into LB 1045.		
<a href="#">LB 1056</a> <a href="#">Brewer</a>	<b>Provide for local regulation of industrial wind turbines.</b>	Neutral	1/20/22 Referred to Govt, Military and VA Committee. 2/2/22 bill withdrawn.		
<a href="#">LB 1058</a> <a href="#">Brewer</a>	<b>Provide requirements for public power suppliers relating to baseload units.</b> <i>Requires PPD to pay severance pay to employees when shutting down, substantially alters or reduces base load capacity before the end of its contract life for a period of 5 years. Also requires payments in lieu of taxes to continue if selling, converting or disposing of the base load unit property for a period of ten years or \$50 million dollars, whichever is greater.</i>	Oppose	1/20/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 1/28/22 Hearing held. 3/1/22 Amended into LB 1045.		

<a href="#">LB 1100 Bostelman</a>	<b>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a feasibility study relating to nuclear reactors.</b> <i>Appropriates \$1 million from ARPA fund to DED to be used to conduct a feasibility study for new advanced nuclear reactors. Funds can only be used by a political subdivision that currently owns or operates a nuclear plant in Nebraska.</i>	Support	1/21/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/16/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1101 Bostelman</a>	<b>Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund and the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act.</b>	Under Review	1/21/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/8/22 Hearing held.		Review is still underway. More information to come.
<a href="#">LB 1120 Wayne</a>	<b>Disqualify entities receiving federal funds from a high-population county or city of the metropolitan class from receiving such funds from the state.</b> <i>Would disqualify any business or nonprofit entity within a county or city of the metropolitan classes who received federal ARPA funds is disqualified from receiving ARPA funds from the State of Nebraska.</i>	Oppose	1/21/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/14/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1166 Sanders</a>	<b>Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act.</b> <i>Changes language liability for telecommunication lines that are buried improperly.</i>	Neutral	1/21/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/14/22 Hearing held.		

<a href="#">LB 1188 Flood</a>	<b>Adopt the Uniform Personal Data Protection Act.</b>	Neutral	1/24/22 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. 2/28/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1208 Friesen</a>	<b>Adopt the Broadband Pole Replacement Fund Act and appropriate federal funds.</b>	Under Review	1/24/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/15/22 Hearing held.		Review is still underway. More information to come.
<a href="#">LB 1214 Geist</a>	<b>Change provisions of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act.</b>	Under Review	1/24/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/8/22 Hearing held.		Review is still underway. More information to come.
<a href="#">LB 1255 Bostar</a>	<b>Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an updated climate change report.</b> <i>Appropriates \$150,000 of ARPA funds allocated to the state to the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a third party science based organization to develop an independent report that identifies and recommends specific prescriptive measures to be taken by the State of Nebraska relating to updated Assessing Climate Change report. Prescriptive measures include 1) a conservation and management plan under section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act and 2) plans for green infrastructure investments and projects to improve resilience to climate change.</i>	Support	1/24/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 3/3/22 Hearing held.		

<a href="#">LB 1257</a> <a href="#">Bostar</a>	<b>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for grants for electric vehicle direct-current fast charging station.</b> <i>Would appropriate \$10 million of ARPA funds to the Department of Transportation for grants for electric vehicle direct-current fast charging stations. Direct current fast charging station means metered-for-fee public-access recharging system for EV's or hybrid. Charging station does not include a station operated exclusively for motor vehicles of a specific manufacturer, or a building or its structural components.</i>	Neutral	1/24/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/23/22 Hearing held.		Move to support if Public Power is amended into the bill.
Bill No	One Liner and Summary	Proposed Position	Status	Strategic Directive(s)	Rationale & Actions
Bills of General Interest (MONITOR)					
<a href="#">LB 409</a> <a href="#">Brewer</a>	<b>Provide a moratorium on construction of electric transmission lines and create the Electric Transmission Line Study Committee of the Legislature.</b> <i>Moratorium would be in effect until 1/1/23 for transmission lines 200 miles or more in length.</i>	Oppose NPA Oppose	1/20/21 Referred to Executive Board. 1/22/21 Brewer priority bill. 2/3/21 Hearing held.	SD-9	OPPD sending opposition letter. <b>Speaker passing over in 2022 session.</b>

<a href="#">LB 474</a> <a href="#">Wishart</a>	<b>Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act.</b> <i>Nothing in the bill affects the ability of an employer to restrict the use of marijuana, cannabis, or cannabis products.</i>	Neutral	1/20/21 Referred to Judiciary Committee. 3/10/21 Hearing held. 3/12/21 Wishart priority bill. 3/31/21 Placed on General File with AM824. 5/12/21 Failed to advance.	SD-8	<b>Speaker passing over in 2022 session.</b>
<a href="#">LB 557</a> <a href="#">M. Hansen</a>	<b>Change provisions relating to public records and include body-worn camera recordings in certain circumstances.</b>	NPA Oppose	1/22/21 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 2/25/21 Hearing held. 4/20/21 Placed on General File with AM1021. 4/20/21 Placed on General File with AM1021.		

<a href="#">LB 906</a> <a href="#">B. Hansen</a>	<p><b>Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services.</b> <i>Requires employers to allow vaccine exemptions based on employee's strong moral, ethical or philosophical belief or conviction. Employer may require employee to be periodically tested, at the employer's expense, for infection or illness and wear or use personal protective equipment provided by employer.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee. 1/10/22 Hansen priority bill. 1/27/22 Hearing held. 2/1/22 Placed on General File with AM1729. 2/11/22 Advanced to Select file. 2/23/22 Advanced to Final Reading. 2/25/22 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 37-5-7. 2/28/22 Signed by Governor.</p>		
<a href="#">LB 998</a> <a href="#">Wayne</a>	<p><b>Change provisions of the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act.</b> <i>Would define nonprofit economic development corporations to include chambers of commerce or other mutual benefit or public benefit corporations that engage in ED. Provides for creation of an inland port authority upon application by a nonprofit ED corporation if the city, county, or other entity has not proposed to create an inland port authority. Bill provided other specifics in land requirements, locations, and grants to businesses located within the inland port with funds from the Site and Building Development Act as a power of an inland port authority.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/13/22 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. 2/15/22 Hearing held. 2/16/22 Placed on General file with AM1939. 2/23/22 Speaker priority bill. 3/3/22 Placed on Select file with ER124. <b>3/10/2022 Advanced to Final reading.</b></p>		

<a href="#">LB 1102</a> <a href="#">Bostelman</a>	<b>Adopt the Nebraska Environment Response Act and change provisions relating to enforcement of environmental protection.</b> <i>Establishes a fund to clean up contaminated sites where the responsible party fails or refuses to act. Gives additional authority to the director to issue orders to undertake a cleanup of a release. When state steps in to remediate, the director is authorized to assess the costs of cleanup, pursue cost recovery and assess administrative penalties. Establishes an environmental lien on the property owned by responsible party. Gives the director cease and desist authority.</i>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 2/3/22 Hearing held. 2/23/22 Placed on General file with AM1893. 2/23/22 Speaker priority bill.		
LB 54 Lathrop	<b>Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act.</b>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Judiciary Committee. 2/18/21 Hearing held. 3/12/21 Lathrop priority bill. 5/10/21 Placed on General file with AM1268. 5/18/21 Advanced to Select File with ER94.		Lathrop priority bill.
LB 161 Urban Affairs Committee	<b>Provide for the applicability of state and local construction codes</b>	Monitor	1/12/21 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. 2/9/21 Hearing held. 2/18/21 Placed on General File. 5/27/21 Indefinitely postponed. Provisions/portions amended into LB131 by AM751.		

LB 194 Vargas	<b>Change the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act.</b> <i>Narrows definition of historically significant real property to mean a structure at-grade or above-ground .</i>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Revenue Committee. 2/4/21 Hearing held. 4/14/21 Placed on General File with AM972.		3/22/21 Lindstrom name added.
LB 228 Morfeld	<b>Change the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.</b> <i>Would allow retroactivity eligibility for PACE financing up to 36 months after completion.</i>	Monitor	1/13/21 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. 2/2/21 Hearing held. 5/10/21 Attorney General Opinion 21-009 to Morfeld.		
LB 258 Vargas	<b>Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act</b>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 2/8/21 Hearing held. 3/11/21 M. Hansen priority bill. 3/17/21 Placed on General File. 5/10/21 Failed to advance.		M. Hansen priority bill. <b>Speaker passing over in the 2022 session.</b>
LB 290 M. Cavanaugh	<b>Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act.</b>	Monitor	1/14/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 2/8/21 Hearing held. 4/13/21 Placed on General File.		



LB 298 McDonnell	<b>Change provisions of the Employment Security Law relating to the disqualification of certain aliens.</b>	Monitor	1/14/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 1/25/21 Hearing held. 3/12/21 McDonnell priority bill. 3/29/21 Placed on General File with AM251. 5/18/21 Advanced to Select File.		McDonnell priority bill.
LB 332 Wayne	<b>Change provisions relating to the city council of a city of the metropolitan class.</b> <i>Would divide the city council districts into 9 districts starting in 2025.</i>	Monitor	1/15/21 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. 2/2/21 Hearing held. 2/18/21 Placed on General file with AM118.		
LB 391 Bostar	<b>Transfer funds to the Customized Job Training Cash Fund.</b> <i>Provides that the State Treasurer will transfer \$10 million from the General Fund to the Customized Job Training Cash fund by Oct. 1, 2021.</i>	Monitor	1/20/21 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/26/21 Hearing held. 5/27/21 Provisions/portions of LB391 amended into LB 380 by AM393.		
LB 398 Bostelman	<b>Change provisions relating to broadband speeds and services.</b> <i>Speed 100 up 100 down.</i>	Monitor NPA Support	1/20/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/9/21 Hearing held. 5/27/21 Provisions/portions amended into LB 338 by AM845.		

LB 399 Bostelman	<b>Change provisions relating to rural water districts</b>	Monitor	1/20/21 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 1/28/21 Hearing held. 3/12/21 Natural Resources priority bill.		Natural Resources priority bill. <b>Speaker passing over in the 2022 session.</b>
LB 408 Briese	<b>Adopt the Property Tax Request Act</b>	Monitor	1/20/21 Referred to Revenue Committee. 1/27/21 Hearing held. 3/2/21 Placed on General File with AM371. 3/9/21 Geist priority bill.		Geist priority bill. <b>Speaker passing over in the 2022 session.</b>
LB 440 M. Hansen	<b>Change provisions of the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act</b>	Monitor	1/20/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 2/8/21 Hearing held. 3/12/21 Placed on General File.		
LB 456 Friesen	<b>Adopt the Nebraska Enhancing Broadband act</b>	Monitor	1/20/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/8/21 Hearing held. 5/27/21 Provisions/portions amended into LB388 by AM530.		

LB 467 Bostar	<b>Adopt the updated electrical standards.</b> <i>Updates codes from 2017 to 2020.</i>	Monitor NPA Support	1/20/21 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee. 2/9/21 Hearing held. 3/3/21 Placed on General File with AM136.		
LB 498 DeBoer	<b>Require the Public Service Commission to implement a broadband service testing and mapping program.</b>	Monitor NPA Support	1/22/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/9/21 Hearing held. 3/17/21 Placed on General File with AM363.		
LB 502 Flood	<b>Change sales tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act</b>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Judiciary Committee. 2/18/21 Hearing held. 5/18/21 Placed on General File with AM1366.		

LB 567 Bus and Labor	<b>Change provisions relating to the maximum annual amount of benefits under the Employment Security Law</b>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 2/1/21 Hearing held. 3/29/21 Placed on General File with AM301. 2/16/21 Placed on Select file with ER107. 3/2/22 Advanced to Final reading. <b>3/8/22 Passed on Final reading 42-0-7.</b>		
LB 600 Brandt	<b>Provide and change powers and duties of public power districts and electric cooperatives regarding broadband facilities and infrastructure</b>	Monitor NPA Support	1/22/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/9/21 Hearing held. 2/8/21 Brandt AM148 filed.		
LB 604 Geist	<b>Adopt the Nebraska Accelerated Broadband Deployment Grant Program Act and change telecommunications provisions</b>	Monitor	1/22/21 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/8/21 Hearing held. 5/27/21 Provisions/portions amended into LB388 by AM530.		

<a href="#">LB 731</a> <a href="#">J. Cavanaugh</a>	<p><b>Provide requirements under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment.</b> <i>Requires wireless providers provide reasonable notification to adjacent property owners or residents prior to installing a wireless facility. Requires a certification prior to installation or modifications of utility poles a) complies with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, b) does not obstruct or hinder usual travel or public safety in the right of way or c) does not obstruct the legal use of the right of way or impede the safe operation of the utility system.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 1/24/22 Hearing held.</p>		
<a href="#">LB 775</a> <a href="#">Brewer</a>	<p><b>Prohibit land disposal of wind turbine blades and their component parts.</b></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 1/19/22 Hearing held.</p>		
<a href="#">LB 778</a> <a href="#">Brewer</a>	<p><b>Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act.</b> <i>Would add new language to the existing law that ensures no statement in a contract with the State of Nebraska can show a preference for or discriminate against bidders on a state contract that are represented by a collective bargaining agreement or those bidders who are not.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 1/27/22 Hearing held.</p>		
<a href="#">LB 801</a> <a href="#">Hughes</a>	<p><b>Redefine qualified location under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act.</b> <i>Adds the capture, transport, or geological storage of carbon dioxide from anthropogenic sources as a qualified business under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Revenue Committee. 2/2/22 Hearing held.</p>		

<a href="#">LB 837</a> <a href="#">Hunt</a>	<p><b>Require the Director of Environment and Energy to provide certain Nebraska Energy Code information to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature.</b>  <i>Requires the Director of Environment and Energy to transmit a copy of the certification to the Urban Affairs Committee when it is deemed appropriate for the state to revise the Nebraska Energy Code to meet or exceed and updated edition of the IECC as required by the federal Energy Conservation and Production Act.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee.  2/15/22 Hearing held.</p>		
<a href="#">LB 841</a> <a href="#">Brewer</a>	<p><b>Provide for applications to register to vote and obtain ballots for Nebraska National Guard members and certain emergency response providers.</b> <i>Would provide for early mail-in voting for members of the Nebraska National Guard who are ordered to active duty in response to a disaster declared by either the Governor or the President.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 2/2/22 Hearing held.</p>		
<a href="#">LB 866</a> <a href="#">Brandt</a>	<p><b>Change inspection fees under the State Electrical Act.</b>  <i>Removes the fifty cent supervisory fee and increases the delinquent fee for filing a late request for inspection from \$50 to \$250.</i></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>1/10/22 Referred to General Affairs Committee. 2/14/22 Hearing held. 2/17/22 Placed on General file.</p>		

<a href="#">LB 916</a> <a href="#">Wayne</a>	<b>Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act.</b> <i>Allows cities of the first and second class and villages to provide broadband services or Internet services on a retail or wholesale basis within their jurisdictions to develop a municipal broadband network. Defines underserved and unserved areas. Allows municipalities to initiate the development of a broadband network by conducting a feasibility study and to order a resolution by majority vote of the governing body.</i>	Monitor	1/11/22 Referred to Trans and Tele Committee. 1/13/22 Wayne motion to Rerefer failed. 2/15/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1062</a> <a href="#">Albrecht</a>	<b>Change provisions relating to compensation for total disability under the Nebraska Worker's Compensation Act.</b>	Monitor	1/20/22 Referred to Business and Labor Committee. 1/31/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1104</a> <a href="#">Day</a>	<b>Change provisions of the Emergency Management Act.</b>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Govt, Military and VA Committee. 2/17/22 Hearing held. 3/3/22 Placed on General file.		
<a href="#">LB 1134</a> <a href="#">Morfeld</a>	<b>Prohibit use of public resources by a board member or employee of an electric cooperative corporation under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.</b>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Govt, Military and VA Committee. 2/25/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1139</a> <a href="#">M. Hansen</a>	<b>Prohibit certain corporations from making contributions or expenditures or providing personal services under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.</b>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Govt, Military and VA Committee. 2/25/22 Hearing held.		

<a href="#">LB 1149 Friesen</a>	<b>Change registration fees for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel.</b>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/16/22 Friesen AM1903 filed. 2/22/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1153 McCollister</a>	<b>Change the number of members and qualifications for certain members of the State Electrical Board.</b>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Govt, Military and VA Committee. 2/3/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1185 Morfeld</a>	<b>Change provisions relating to the powers of an electric cooperative corporation.</b>	Monitor	1/21/22 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 2/10/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1232 McDonnell</a>	<b>Appropriate funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Department of Economic Development for a capital construction grant for the US Strategic command Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications public-private partnership facility.</b>	Monitor	1/24/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/10/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1233 Sanders</a>	<b>Rename and change provisions relating to the US Space Command Headquarters Assistance Fund, change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund, and state legislative intent relating to development at Offutt Air Force Base.</b>	Monitor	1/24/22 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 2/10/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LB 1234 Friesen</a>	<b>Provide for an expedited method of authorizing telecommunications wires to cross railroad rights-of-way.</b>	Monitor	1/24/22 Referred to Trans and Telecom Committee. 2/15/22 Hearing held.		



<a href="#">LB 1275</a> <a href="#">Groene</a>	<b>Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act.</b>	Monitor	1/24/22 Referred to Judiciary Committee. 2/23/22 Hearing held.		
<a href="#">LR 102</a> <a href="#">Wishart</a>	<b>Provide the Legislature take steps to combat the climate and ecological crisis.</b>		4/21/21 Introduced. 4/22/21 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. <b>3/16/22 Hearing scheduled.</b>		4/23/21 Bostar name added.
LR 1 Blood	<b>Express support for the United States Air Force to reestablish the United States Space Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base</b>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Govt., Military and VA Committee. 1/27/21 Hearing held. 2/1/21 Speaker signed.		
LR11CA Erdman	<b>Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation.</b>	Monitor	1/11/21 Referred to Revenue Committee. 2/3/21 Hearing held. 3/10/21 Erdman priority resolution. 3/31/31 Placed on General File. 5/5/21 Failed to Advance to Enrollment and Review Initial.		
LR18CA Wayne	<b>Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms</b>	Monitor	1/15/21 Referred to Executive Board. 2/17/21 Hearing held. 3/12/21 Executive Board priority resolution.		

LR 48 Bostelman	<b>Recognize the need for the Legislature to understand the circumstances and practices surrounding the interruptions in electricity to residents in the state.</b>	Monitor	1/19/21 Introduced. 2/19/21 Referred to Natural Resources Committee. 3/3/21		
LR 49 Wayne	<b>Provide the need for the Legislature to understand the reasons for and circumstances surrounding the natural gas shortages.</b>	Monitor	2/25/2021 Introduced. 2/26/21 Referred to Urban Affairs. 3/9/21 Hearing held.		