

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1048**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 06, 2026  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Arch  
**One Liner:** Change and eliminate reporting requirements for certain government agencies and preparation of the state executive budget and eliminate the Small Business Advisory Council, the Suggestion Award Board, and the state employee suggestion system

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Wordekemper  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator John Arch Dustin Antonello	<b>Representing:</b> Opening Presenter Governor Pillen
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill proposes the elimination or modification of requirements for a number of regular reports currently required from a variety of state agencies. It also proposes the elimination of the Suggestion Award Board.

Section 1 would change the required frequency of a Department of Insurance report from annual to biennial.

Section 2 would eliminate an annual report from the Department of Labor relating to short-term compensation program trends.

Section 7 would eliminate an annual report from the Department of Revenue relating to tax expenditures.

Section 8 would eliminate an annual report from the Department of Revenue relating to employers claiming tuition-assistance tax credits.



Section 10 would change the frequency from annual to biennial of a Department of Economic Development report detailing new and existing department agreements and the identity of the taxpayers party to each such agreement.

Section 12 would change the deadline for an annual report required from the Department of Revenue and would make the Department of Economic Development jointly responsible for the production of the report.

Section 13 would remove from the required contents of an annual Department of Revenue report the total amount of payments made under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act.

Section 14 would change the deadline for an annual report required from the Department of Economic Development and would make the Department of Revenue jointly responsible for the production of the report.

Section 16 would remove from the contents required in the DAS Budget Division executive budget “subprograms and activities.” It would also eliminate a requirement that the division develop a form and procedure to be used for each department or agency to certify whether certain programs or activities are “evidence-based.”

Section 17 would eliminate Department of Administrative Services duties relating to the Suggestion Award Board.

Section 20 would eliminate provisions relating to an annual report from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. These provisions are already self-terminating as of July 1, 2026.

Section 21 would provide for the electronic submission of reports from the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. This section also consolidates requirements for four other reports currently set out in other sections of statute.

Section 27 would eliminate an annual report requirement for the Department of Corrections relating to collection of restitution from wage funds.

Section 29 would change the due date for an annual report from the Department of Corrections.

Section 30 would change requirements for a report from the Department of Corrections from annually to annually in each year when the department is operating under an overcrowding emergency. It also would insert from another section of statute an existing annual report requirement for the Department of Corrections relating to inmates who “jam out” their sentences of confinement and are released with no supervision.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, and 31 would make harmonizing changes.

Section 32 contains the partial repealer.

Section 33 contains the outright repealer.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1957 eliminates changes relating to the Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel and reworks requirements for a consolidated report from the Department of Correctional Services.



