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**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

NINETEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lonowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Colonel Tom Brewer.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Hardin, Hughes, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighteenth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 823. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 827. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Chad W Buckendahl - Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide
Assessment
Paul J Von Behren - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Joshua Fields - Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment
William Wilson - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
LB855
LB1201

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 29, 2026

Mr. President, Speaker Arch
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Horatio J Wheelock, 1701 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68183
J Todd Wiltgen, 7240 Lincolnshire Road, Lincoln, NE 68506

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB956:

AM1943

1 1. On page 2, after line 20 insert the following new subdivisions:
2 "(4) Employment classification means the category of employment
3 under which an employee is engaged by a postsecondary institution,
4 including:
5 (a) Full-time or part-time status;
6 (b) Permanent, probationary, temporary, or contract status;
7 (c) Tenured, tenure-track, nontenure-track, or nontenured status,
8 when applicable; and
9 (d) Any other classification used by the institution to distinguish
10 categories of employment for compensation, workload, or benefit
11 purposes;"; in line 21 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)"; in line 22 strike
12 "academic instruction" and insert "public service"; in line 26 strike

13 "(5)" and insert "(6)"; in line 27 strike "and"; after line 27 insert the
 14 following new subdivisions:
 15 "(7) Rank or position within each employee group means the title,
 16 level, or designation assigned by a postsecondary institution to
 17 differentiate employees within an employee group based on responsibility,
 18 experience, academic standing, or administrative authority, including:
 19 (a) For instructional faculty, academic rank such as professor,
 20 associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, lecturer, or
 21 comparable titles; and
 22 (b) For adjunct faculty, instructional designation or course-based
 23 title used by the institution; and"; and in line 28 strike "(6)" and
 24 insert "(8)".
 25 2. On page 3, line 2, after "shall" insert "electronically"; strike
 26 beginning with "public" in line 14 through line 15 and insert "two-year
 27 institutions and four-year institutions;"; and in line 25 strike "and
 1 verify".

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 328, 330, 331, and 332 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 328, 330, 331, and 332.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 669. Senator Spivey renewed [MO389](#), found and considered on page 588, to reconsider the vote taken on MO171.

Senator Kauth moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a point of order indicating that full and fair debate had not occurred before the motion to cease debate.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 9 nays, and 13 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Meyer, G.	Storm
Brandt	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	von Gillern
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Strommen
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 5:

Arch	Bostar	Prokop	Riepe	Spivey
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The motion to cease debate prevailed with 30 ayes, 14 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Raybould	
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 32:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Storm
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Prokop	Quick	Riepe
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The Spivey motion to reconsider failed with 13 ayes, 32 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

The Hunt motion, [MO173](#), found on page 1101, First Session, 2025, to bracket until June 9, 2025, was ruled out of order.

Senator Hunt offered [MO172](#), found on page 1101, First Session, 2025, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 15 ayes, 8 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 29 ayes, 12 nays, and 8 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Rountree
Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
DeBoer	Guereca	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 30:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer, G.	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Strommen
Brandt	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.	Juarez	Prokop	Quick	Riepe
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Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz	Bostar	Dover
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The Hunt motion to recommit failed with 11 ayes, 30 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Juarez offered the following motion:

[MO391](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO172.

Senator Murman moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 14 ayes, 7 nays, and 28 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 14 nays, and 7 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Raybould	
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 29:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Present and not voting, 3:

Prokop	Quick	Riepe
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Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz	Bostar	Dover	Jacobson
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The Juarez motion to reconsider failed with 13 ayes, 29 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hunt offered the following motion:

[MO390](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

Pending.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

LB/LR **Committee**
LB1262 Education

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
 Executive Board

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
 Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 202. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 320. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER111](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
 2 insert the following new sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 81-1430, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 81-1430 (1) A task force is hereby established within the Nebraska
 6 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the purposes of
 7 investigating and studying human trafficking, the methods for advertising
 8 human trafficking services, and the victimization of individuals coerced
 9 to participate in human trafficking. The task force terminates July 1,
 10 2026.
 11 (2) The task force shall examine the extent to which human
 12 trafficking is prevalent in this state, the scope of efforts being taken
 13 to prevent human trafficking from occurring, and the services available
 14 to victims of human trafficking in this state. The task force shall
 15 utilize information and research available from the Innocence Lost
 16 National Initiative. The task force shall research and recommend a model
 17 of rehabilitative services for victims of human trafficking that includes
 18 input from the areas of law enforcement, social services, the legal
 19 profession, the judiciary, mental health, and immigration. The task force
 20 shall also investigate the limitations upon victims who wish to come
 21 forward and seek medical attention; investigate the potential to stop
 22 human trafficking; and investigate the potential to promote recovery, to
 23 protect families and children who may be profoundly impacted by such
 24 abuse, and to save lives.
 25 (3)(a) The Department of Labor shall develop or select informational
 26 posters for placement around the state. The posters shall be in English,
 27 Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the department. The
 1 posters shall include a toll-free telephone number a person may call for
 2 assistance, preferably the National Human Trafficking Resource Center
 3 Hotline (888)373-7888.
 4 (b) Posters shall be placed in rest stops, strip clubs, ~~and~~ casinos,
 5 ~~and hotels and similar public lodging establishments.~~ The department
 6 shall work with local businesses and nonprofit entities associated with
 7 the prevention of human trafficking to voluntarily place additional signs
 8 in high schools, postsecondary educational institutions, gas stations,
 9 ~~hotels,~~ hospitals, health care clinics, urgent care centers, airports,
 10 train stations, bus stations, and other locations around the state deemed
 11 appropriate by the department.
 12 (c) Prior to July 1, 2026, the department shall work with the task
 13 force to carry out this subsection.
 14 (4) The task force shall consist of the following members:
 15 (a) The Attorney General or his or her designee;

- 16 (b) The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law
17 Enforcement and Criminal Justice;
- 18 (c) The Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety or his
19 or her designee;
- 20 (d) The Director of Correctional Services or his or her designee;
- 21 (e) The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of
22 two hundred thousand inhabitants or more as determined by the most recent
23 federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by
24 the United States Bureau of the Census;
- 25 (f) The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of
26 less than two hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most
27 recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
28 count by the United States Bureau of the Census;
- 29 (g) A county sheriff;
- 30 (h) A county attorney;
- 31 (i) A county commissioner;
- 1 (j) A mayor or city manager;
- 2 (k) A person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile
3 delinquency;
- 4 (l) A person involved with the control or prevention of child abuse;
- 5 (m) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;
- 6 (n) The director of the Commission on Latino-Americans or his or her
7 designee; and
- 8 (o) Six members, at least three of whom shall be women, from the
9 public at large.
- 10 (5) The Governor shall appoint the members of the task force listed
11 in subdivisions (4)(e) through (l) and (o) of this section for terms as
12 provided in subsection (6) of this section. The membership of the task
13 force shall represent varying geographic areas and large and small
14 political subdivisions. One member from the public at large shall be a
15 professional representing child welfare, and one member of the public at
16 large shall represent juvenile pretrial diversion programs.
- 17 (6) The members of the task force appointed by the Governor shall
18 serve six-year terms, except that of the members first appointed, four
19 shall serve initial two-year terms, four shall serve initial four-year
20 terms, and six shall serve initial six-year terms from January 1 next
21 succeeding their appointments. Thereafter, all members shall serve six-
22 year terms. A member may be reappointed at the expiration of his or her
23 term. Any vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall
24 be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the
25 original appointment.
- 26 (7) No member shall serve beyond the time when he or she holds the
27 office, employment, or status by reason of which he or she was initially
28 eligible for appointment. Any member of the task force appointed by the
29 Governor may be removed from the task force for cause upon notice and an
30 opportunity to be heard at a public hearing. One of the causes for
31 removal shall be absence from three regularly scheduled meetings of the
1 task force during any six-month period when the member has failed to
2 advise the task force in advance of such meeting that he or she will be
3 absent and stating a reason therefor.
- 4 (8) The chairperson of the task force shall be designated by the
5 Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson shall
6 be the chief executive officer of the task force but may delegate such of
7 his or her duties to other members of the task force as may be authorized
8 by the task force.
- 9 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of law, ordinance, or charter
10 provision to the contrary, membership on the task force shall not
11 disqualify any member from holding any other public office or employment
12 or cause the forfeiture thereof.
- 13 (10) The members of the task force shall serve on the task force

14 without compensation, but they shall be entitled to receive reimbursement
 15 for expenses incurred incident to such service as provided in sections
 16 81-1174 to 81-1177.

17 (11) Eleven members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for
 18 the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the task
 19 force. The task force shall have the power to act by a majority of the
 20 members present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance.

21 (12) Every July 1 and December 1 until July 1, 2026, the task force
 22 shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature the results
 23 of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together
 24 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into
 25 effect by filing the report with the clerk.

26 Sec. 2. Section 81-1431, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 27 amended to read:

28 81-1431 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that law enforcement
 29 agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, judges, juvenile detention
 30 center staff, and others involved in the juvenile justice system and the
 31 criminal justice system and other relevant officials be provided
 1 mandatory training regarding issues in human trafficking. Prior to July
 2 1, 2026, the task force established in section 81-1430 shall work with
 3 such agencies, persons, and staff to develop a proper curriculum for the
 4 training and to determine how the training should be provided. ~~The~~
 5 ~~determination and accompanying legislative recommendations shall be made~~
 6 ~~by December 1, 2012.~~ Such training shall focus on:

- 7 (a) State and federal law regarding human trafficking;
- 8 (b) Methods used in identifying victims of human trafficking who are
 9 United States citizens and foreign nationals, including preliminary
 10 interview techniques and appropriate questioning methods;
- 11 (c) Methods for prosecuting human traffickers;
- 12 (d) Methods of increasing effective collaboration with
 13 nongovernmental organizations and other relevant social service
 14 organizations in the course of investigating and prosecuting a human
 15 trafficking case;
- 16 (e) Methods for protecting the rights of victims of human
 17 trafficking, taking into account the need to consider human rights and
 18 the special needs of women and minor victims;
- 19 (f) The necessity of treating victims of human trafficking as crime
 20 victims rather than as criminals; and
- 21 (g) Methods for promoting the safety and well-being of all victims
 22 of human trafficking.

23 (2) Employees of hotels and similar public lodging establishments
 24 may be provided training regarding issues in human trafficking. The
 25 Attorney General, the Department of Labor, and hotels and similar public
 26 lodging establishments may work together to approve such training and
 27 determine how such training should be provided. Such training may
 28 include:

- 29 (a) The definition of human trafficking and the commercial
 30 exploitation of children;
- 31 (b) Guidance on how to identify individuals at risk for human
 1 trafficking;
- 2 (c) Guidance on how to identify the signs of human trafficking and
 3 any individual potentially engaged in human trafficking;
- 4 (d) Differences between labor trafficking and sex trafficking,
 5 specific to the hotel and public lodging sector;
- 6 (e) Guidance on the role of hospitality employees in reporting and
 7 responding to potential or suspected human trafficking; and
- 8 (f) The contact information for the Nebraska Human Trafficking
 9 Hotline toll-free telephone number and text line and contact information
 10 for local law enforcement.

11 (3)(2) Prior to July 1, 2026, the task force shall also seek the

12 input and participation of appropriate nongovernmental organizations and
 13 other relevant organizations regarding the provision, preparation, and
 14 presentation of the training called for in this section.

15 Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of this section:

16 (a) Hotel means a facility in which the public may, for a
 17 consideration, obtain sleeping accommodations. Hotel includes hotels,
 18 motels, tourist homes, campgrounds, courts, lodging houses, inns, state-
 19 operated hotels, and nonprofit hotels but does not include hospitals,
 20 sanitariums, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, or dormitories or
 21 facilities operated by an educational institution and regularly used to
 22 house students; and

23 (b) Human trafficking means labor trafficking, labor trafficking of
 24 a minor, sex trafficking, or sex trafficking of a minor as those terms
 25 are defined in section 28-830.

26 (2) Any person, firm, or corporation that owns or operates a hotel
 27 or similar public lodging establishment may:

28 (a) Provide to all employees of such hotel or public lodging
 29 establishment within the State of Nebraska training on human trafficking
 30 that has been approved pursuant to subsection (2) of section 81-1431;

31 (b) Implement procedures for the reporting of suspected human
 1 trafficking to the Nebraska Human Trafficking Hotline or to a local
 2 enforcement agency; and

3 (c) Implement a human trafficking prevention policy for employees of
 4 the hotel or establishment within the State of Nebraska.

5 (3) An owner, operator, or employee of a hotel or similar public
 6 lodging establishment who implements the training and policies as
 7 prescribed in subsection (2) of this section shall not be liable for any
 8 act or omission arising out of or related to human trafficking committed
 9 by a third party occurring at such hotel or establishment unless the
 10 owner, operator, or employee of the hotel or establishment knowingly
 11 assists the commission of human trafficking, or has failed to act in a
 12 reasonable manner.

13 (4) The Department of Labor may adopt and promulgate rules and
 14 regulations to carry out this section.

15 Sec. 4. Original sections 81-1430 and 81-1431, Revised Statutes
 16 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

17 2. On page 1, strike beginning with the "Reissue" in line 2 through
 18 line 11 and insert "Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to require hotels
 19 and similar public lodging establishments to place posters relating to
 20 human trafficking in such hotels and establishments; to provide for
 21 training about human trafficking to employees of such hotels and
 22 establishments; to provide powers to the Department of Labor and the
 23 Attorney General; to limit the liability of owners, operators, and
 24 employees of such hotels or establishments relating to human trafficking
 25 committed by a third party; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
 26 original sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 663. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER109](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 6 and insert "Reissue Revised
 2 Statutes of Nebraska; to require education for county attorneys, members
 3 of county planning commissions, and members of county boards as provided;
 4 to change provisions relating to conditional use and special exception
 5 zoning determinations and determination appeals; and to repeal the
 6 original section."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 103. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER110](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 6

2 and insert "evidence; to amend sections 27-412 and 29-1917, Revised
3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to
4 admissibility of evidence of past sexual assaults and the procedure for
5 taking depositions of certain witnesses; and to repeal the original
6 sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 821. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 548. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER108](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 2, strike "municipalities" and insert "political
2 subdivisions".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 979. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1877](#)

1 1. On page 16, line 30, strike "(1)".
2 2. On page 17, line 3, after the period insert "Any person violating
3 this section shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor."; and strike lines
4 4 through 11.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 722. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 720. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1899](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 38-1001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 38-1001 Sections 38-1001 to 38-10,172 and section 2 of this act
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Cosmetology, Electrology,
7 Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act.
8 Sec. 2. (1) The department shall create and issue a temporary
9 nonrenewable event license for an individual who is attending a body art
10 event which shall allow the individual to practice for no more than seven
11 consecutive days in any twelve-month period. No more than two temporary
12 event licenses shall be issued to the same individual in any twelve-month
13 period. An individual holding an event license under this section shall
14 practice within a licensed body art facility that has been inspected
15 pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.
16 (2) An individual applying for an event license described in
17 subsection (1) of this section shall hold a valid, unrestricted license
18 or permit showing the individual is active in another state and shall
19 submit the following documents to the department:
20 (a) A completed application form;
21 (b) A copy of a government-issued photographic identification
22 showing the individual's proof of age;
23 (c) A copy of the individual's body art license; and

24 (d) A sponsorship letter from the owner or operator of a licensed
 25 body art facility at which the individual will practice under the event
 26 license.

27 (3) The event license shall include the (a) individual's name, (b)
 1 approved location or event, (c) expiration date, (d) state of issuance,
 2 and (e) number of the individual's license or permit.

3 (4) The department shall charge a fifty-dollar fee for issuance of
 4 the event license. The department shall remit the fee to the State
 5 Treasurer for credit to the Professional and Occupational Credentialing
 6 Cash Fund.

7 (5) The department may conduct an in-person inspection of the body
 8 art facility where body art practice will occur for a body art event to
 9 assess compliance with the department's rules and regulations. Such
 10 inspection may be conducted by a health specialist with body art
 11 training, including, but not limited to, a registered environmental
 12 health specialist.

13 (6) A violation of this section is subject to the same penalties as
 14 an individual or a facility holding a permanent license to practice body
 15 art under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

16 Sec. 3. Original section 38-1001, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 17 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

18 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 19 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Urban Affairs
 Room 1200 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

LB811
 LB1135
 LB799
 LB1114
 LB1214

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Judiciary
 Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

LB897
 LB859
 LB1169
 LB784
 LB785
 LB874

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 12, 2026

LB957
LB1079
LB1097
LR299CA
LB1032

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
LR305CA
LB765
LB884
LB1075

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 12, 2026
LR293
LB754
LB899

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Strommen - LB258

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Lonowski filed the following amendment to LB824:

[AM1942](#)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 6. This act becomes operative on May 1, 2026.
- 3 Sec. 8. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
- 4 and approved according to law.
- 5 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 338. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award is an award from the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals that recognizes administrators who have demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service to

the association and who have contributed significantly to quality education; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Moore served the town of Blue Hill as the junior high and high school principal at Blue Hill Community Schools since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Moore served in numerous roles in community organizations focused on furthering Nebraska education; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Moore has been named as the 2025 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Patrick Moore for earning the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Distinguished Service Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Patrick Moore.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 339. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Brandt, 32; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the Blue River Cattle Trail follows the Blue River spanning from Abilene, Kansas, to Schuyler, Nebraska, and was used by Texas cattlemen with an overabundance of cattle answering the demand for beef in Nebraska and other northern states; and

WHEREAS, the cattlemen traveled north, but brought a fatal cattle disease with them that destroyed most of the local cattle populations. The cattlemen were then faced with retribution from Kansas and Nebraska including border patrols, quarantine zones, hefty fines, and angry and armed citizens; and

WHEREAS, to create a safer route, Joseph G. McCoy founded the small town of Abilene to create a convenient rail road terminal and established the Blue River Cattle Trail's start; and

WHEREAS, Abilene prospered, but the cattlemen faced new economic and financial problems and sought relief in rail prices and fewer delays on the route from a local judge William N. Font. Font negotiated with the Union Pacific Railroad and chose Schuyler, Nebraska, to become the Bull Head for cattle drives; and

WHEREAS, business boomed in Schuyler and the cattlemen received relief and safety along the Blue River Cattle Trail; and

WHEREAS, some cattlemen later stayed in Nebraska growing Schuyler, but due to such growth, a new law allowed stray cattle to be confiscated and fines were imposed on trail bosses for such strays; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler became unsafe and the Texas cattle business ceased, forcing the cattlemen to either return home or stay in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Blue River Cattle Trail allowed Texas cattlemen safe passage to seek fortune in Nebraska and the cattlemen who stayed in the

state passed down skills for generations to cattle farmers today to help Nebraska become the Beef State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature celebrates the history of the Blue River Cattle Trail and the historians who make such remembrance and celebration possible.

2. That the Legislature encourages citizens to celebrate and share the history of the Blue River Cattle Trail.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Hardin name added to LB669.

Senator Murman name added to LB938.

Senator Lippincott name added to LB938.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association and students from Creighton University, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of St. Mary's, Clarkson College, Southeast Community College, and Nebraska Methodist College; Mark Kirby, David City.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. James Watson, Gretna.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Riepe, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

