

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY - APRIL 7, 2026**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****FIFTY-SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 7, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Johnny Walker, West First Chapel, Trenton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-fifth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER181](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 6 and insert "sections 68-901
2 and 68-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide
3 duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to
4 1915(c) waivers, retroactive coverage, and community engagement reporting
5 requirements; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections;
6 and to declare an emergency."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 762. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER178](#)

1 1. On page 1 strike beginning with "insurance" in line 1 through
2 line 3 and insert "insurance; to define terms; and to require coverage
3 for treatment of certain pediatric autoimmune disorders."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER180](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1187. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER184](#)

1 1. In the Jacobson amendment, AM3037:

2 a. Strike section 5 and insert the following new section:

3 Sec. 5. (1) Brand committee district one means the following

4 counties: Banner, Box Butte, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Kimball, Morrill,

5 Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux.

6 (2) Brand committee district two means the following counties:

7 Arthur, Chase, Deuel, Dundy, Frontier, Garden, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock,

8 Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, and Thomas.

9 (3) Brand committee district three means the following counties:

10 Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Custer, Garfield, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Loup, Rock,

11 and Wheeler.

12 (4) Brand committee district four means the following counties:

13 Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Furnas, Gosper, Greeley, Harlan, Howard,

14 Kearney, Phelps, Red Willow, Sherman, and Valley.

15 (5) Brand committee district five means the following counties:

16 Adams, Antelope, Boone, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Clay, Colfax, Cumming,

17 Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Gage, Hall, Hamilton, Jefferson,

18 Johnson, Lancaster, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe,

19 Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders,

20 Seward, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Washington, Wayne, Webster, and York.

21 b. On page 8, line 20, strike the comma and show as stricken;

22 c. On page 11, line 23, strike "are" and insert "is";

23 d. On page 18, line 5, strike "licensing" and insert "registration";

24 and

25 e. On page 20, line 14, strike "mileage charge" and insert

26 "surcharge".

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

1 and insert "the Livestock Brand Act; to amend sections 54-170, 54-171,

2 54-189, 54-191, 54-192, 54-1,102, 54-1,108, 54-1,111, 54-1,116, 54-1,120,

3 and 54-1,122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and

4 redefine terms; to mandate the interpretation of the term satisfactory

5 evidence of ownership by the Nebraska Brand Committee; to change

6 provisions relating to the membership of the Nebraska Brand Committee; to

7 change provisions relating to the executive director of the Nebraska

8 Brand Committee; to change fees and charges for brand renewals, physical

9 inspections, electronic inspections, mileage, and registered feedlots; to

10 exempt certain cattle from brand inspection requirements; to change

11 requirements for proof of ownership when cattle are sold or otherwise

12 disposed of; to change and provide provisions relating to registered
 13 feedlots and backgrounding lots; to change audit and brand inspection
 14 requirements for registered feedlots; to provide for registered dairy
 15 heifer development facilities; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to
 16 harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the
 17 original sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 966. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 929. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER182](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 2 through
 2 "prescribed" in line 5 and insert "to allow managed care organizations to
 3 pay deductibles, cost sharing, or similar charges on behalf of medicaid
 4 enrollees".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 962. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER183](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
 2 insert the following new sections:
 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be
 4 cited as the Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act.
 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Youth Reentry and Transitional Support
 6 Act:
 7 (1) Community-based provider means a nonprofit or local governmental
 8 entity contracting with the Department of Health and Human Services, the
 9 Office of Juvenile Services, or the Office of Probation Administration to
 10 deliver services for youth transitioning from congregate care placements
 11 or probation supervision, including mentoring and employment support;
 12 (2) Credible messenger means an individual who has lived experience
 13 in the justice or foster care system and who is trained in mentorship and
 14 restorative justice practices;
 15 (3) Facility means a juvenile detention facility, group home,
 16 residential treatment facility, or a youth rehabilitation and treatment
 17 center;
 18 (4) Individualized employment plan means an age-appropriate,
 19 customized career plan that:
 20 (a) Is developed collaboratively by a counselor employed by the
 21 Division of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department of Education,
 22 the youth, and a representative of a facility or the Office of Probation
 23 Administration, as appropriate; and
 24 (b) Identifies employment, credentialing, and job placement steps
 25 for the youth;
 26 (5) Transition plan means a written, individualized plan developed
 27 as described in section 5 of this act; and
 1 (6) Youth means any individual under nineteen years of age who is
 2 exiting or transitioning from a congregate care placement, including at a
 3 facility or residential treatment program, or who is transitioning from
 4 probation supervision.
 5 Sec. 3. (1) The purpose of the Youth Reentry and Transitional
 6 Support Act is to ensure youth in congregate care placements receive
 7 essential support for successful transition back into their homes and
 8 communities.
 9 (2) The Legislature finds that:
 10 (a) Youth and families require intensive support to assist in
 11 planning, supervision, and support during the transition phase; and
 12 (b) Planning for discharge upon entry to a facility is the best
 13 practice to ensure a successful re-entry.

14 Sec. 4. (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, the
15 Office of Juvenile Services, the Office of Probation Administration, and
16 the Division of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department of
17 Education shall collaboratively establish the Youth Reentry and
18 Transitional Support Program.

19 (b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible
20 for supervision and programming for youth placed in the care, custody,
21 and control of the department by court order pursuant to the Nebraska
22 Juvenile Code. The Office of Probation Administration shall be
23 responsible for supervision and programming for youth placed under
24 probation supervision by court order pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile
25 Code.

26 (2) The Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Program shall provide
27 for the following for each youth:

28 (a) Completion of a transition plan;

29 (b) Regular reviews of each youth's transition plan. These reviews
30 shall be accomplished by a representative of the facility or the Office
31 of Probation Administration, as appropriate, and shall occur weekly for
1 detention or other short-term placements and monthly for all other
2 placements, including placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment
3 center; and

4 (c) Supervision following re-entry by the Department of Health and
5 Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Services, or the Office of
6 Probation Administration, as appropriate, to ensure a successful
7 transition.

8 Sec. 5. (1) A transition plan shall be developed for each youth
9 upon admission to a facility or admission to another congregate care
10 placement or probation supervision.

11 (2) The transition plan shall be developed using validated
12 assessment instruments, screenings, and evaluations. The transition plan
13 shall be developed collaboratively with involvement from the youth, the
14 youth's family or guardian, and facility representatives and the
15 Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Services,
16 or the Office of Probation Administration, as appropriate. When possible,
17 development of the plan should include coordinating with local family
18 resource centers, community-based providers, or other community resources
19 in order to support the youth and the youth's family and identify long-
20 term supports.

21 (3) A transition plan shall include provisions regarding:

22 (a) Treatment services, including continuity of behavioral health,
23 medical, and medicaid services;

24 (b) Enrolling eligible youth in programs and services offered by the
25 Division of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department of Education;

26 (c) Developing an individualized employment plan identifying career
27 and training pathways for youth obtaining employment upon reentry;

28 (d) Services from community-based providers, including credible
29 messenger mentoring or in-home supportive or behavioral health services;

30 (e) Coordinating with family resource centers to align family and
31 community support;

1 (f) A housing stabilization strategy and safe placement;

2 (g) A school reentry or educational advancement plan;

3 (h) Assisting youth in applying for medicaid benefits and
4 maintaining eligibility;

5 (i) Plans and processes to obtain identification documents and
6 public benefits; and

7 (j) Family engagement and restorative justice objectives consistent
8 with reforms enacted in Laws 2025, LB50.

9 (4) During the first ninety days following a youth's re-entry, a
10 family team meeting shall be held at least once every thirty days. Such
11 meeting shall include the youth and the youth's family or guardian and

12 the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Juvenile
 13 Services, or the Office of Probation Administration, as appropriate.
 14 (5) Youth who are eligible for participation in the bridge to
 15 independence program as provided in the Young Adult Bridge to
 16 Independence Act shall be referred to that program. Services under the
 17 Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act shall not duplicate services
 18 available under the bridge to independence program.
 19 Sec. 6. (1) Each participating agency shall implement the Youth
 20 Reentry and Transitional Support Act within its existing duties, staff,
 21 and appropriations.
 22 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services and Office of
 23 Juvenile Services shall integrate transition planning into its existing
 24 case management, child welfare, and medicaid resources to support
 25 services under the act.
 26 (3) The Office of Probation Administration shall integrate
 27 transition planning into probation supervision and existing community-
 28 based programs.
 29 (4) The Division of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department
 30 of Education shall deliver vocational rehabilitation and employment
 31 services through existing federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
 1 Act and pre-employment transition services funding.
 2 (5) The Department of Labor may assist with workforce placement and
 3 apprenticeships using existing programs.
 4 (6) Community-based organizations may partner with participating
 5 agencies through existing grants, contracts, or volunteer programs
 6 without additional state appropriations.
 7 (7) No new General Fund appropriation is authorized under the Youth
 8 Reentry and Transitional Support Act. All participating agencies shall
 9 absorb any costs incurred using current appropriations or available
 10 federal, philanthropic, or reallocated funds.
 11 Sec. 7. Nothing in the Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act
 12 shall be construed to require:
 13 (1) The Office of Probation Administration to provide services to a
 14 youth after a term of probation has ended; or
 15 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services or Office of
 16 Juvenile Services to provide services to a youth after the youth has left
 17 the care, custody, and control of the department.
 18 Sec. 8. The Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of
 19 Juvenile Services, the Office of Probation Administration, the Division
 20 of Rehabilitation Services of the State Department of Education, and the
 21 Department of Labor may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that
 22 provide for:
 23 (1) Defining joint responsibilities in implementing the Youth
 24 Reentry and Transitional Support Act; and
 25 (2) Setting minimum training standards for credible messengers and
 26 staff responsible for implementing the Youth Reentry and Transitional
 27 Support Act.
 28 Sec. 9. This act becomes operative on December 1, 2026.
 29 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "public" in line 1 through line
 30 3 and insert "public health and welfare; to adopt the Youth Reentry and
 31 Transitional Support Act; and to provide an operative date."

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR485 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR485.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 838A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972A. Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment:

AM3100

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$72,400 from the
 4 General Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$69,400 from the General Fund for
 5 FY2027-28 to the Department of Revenue, for Program 102, to aid in
 6 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 972, One Hundred Ninth
 7 Legislature, Second Session, 2026.
 8 Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per
 9 diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed \$50,700
 10 for FY2026-27 or \$52,200 for FY2027-28.
 11 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$521,520 from the License
 12 Plate Cash Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$530,540 from the License Plate
 13 Cash Fund for FY2027-28 to the Department of Motor Vehicles, for Program
 14 90, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 972, One
 15 Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.
 16 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems
 17 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this
 18 section.
 19 Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$900,000 from the
 20 Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance
 21 Cash Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$1,800,000 from the Developmental
 22 Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund for
 23 FY2027-28 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program
 24 424, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 972, One
 25 Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.
 26 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27
 27 \$900,000 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
 1 purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for
 2 FY2027-28 \$1,800,000 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used
 3 for such purpose.
 4 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems
 5 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this
 6 section.
 7 Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$13,500 from the Military
 8 Department Aid Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$30,000 from the Military
 9 Department Aid Fund for FY2027-28 to the Military Department, for Program
 10 544, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 972, One

11 Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

12 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27

13 \$13,500 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such

14 purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for

15 FY2027-28 \$30,000 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for

16 such purpose.

17 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems

18 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this

19 section.

20 Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$500 from the Back the

21 Blue Cash Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$1,000 from the Back the Blue Cash

22 Fund for FY2027-28 to the Nebraska State Patrol, for Program 100, to aid

23 in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 972, One Hundred Ninth

24 Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

25 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27

26 \$500 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.

27 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2027-28

28 \$1,000 Cash Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such

29 purpose.

30 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems

31 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this

1 section.

The Fredrickson amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126A. Senator Moser offered the following amendment:

[AM3074](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 1, strike "\$1" and insert "\$675,000"; and in line

2 2 strike "\$1" and insert "\$1,350,000".

The Moser amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 7 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 962A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1114. [ER160](#), found on page 1356, was offered.

ER160 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA773](#), found on page 388.

Senator McKinney offered [AM2838](#), found on page 1419.

Senator Hallstrom offered [FA1142](#), found on page 1478, to the McKinney amendment.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment to the McKinney amendment:

[AM3082](#)

(Amendments to AM2838)

- 1 1. Strike amendment 3.
- 2 2. Strike section 95.
- 3 3. Renumber section 96 as section 95.
- 4 4. Renumber section 97 as section 96.
- 5 5. Renumber the remaining amendments accordingly.

Senator Hallstrom moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 1 nay, and 19 not voting.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 1 nay, and 23 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 21:

Ballard	Conrad	Hallstrom	Meyer, F.	Spivey
Bostar	DeBoer	Hughes	Prokop	
Brandt	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 18:

Andersen	Clouse	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Armendariz	Dover	Lonowski	Riepe	von Gillern
Bosn	Hardin	Meyer, G.	Storer	
Clements	Jacobson	Moser	Storm	

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
DeKay	Hansen	Ibach	Sanders	Wordekemper

The McKinney amendment lost with 21 ayes, 18 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKinney offered the following motion:

[MO565](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM2838.

The McKinney motion to reconsider prevailed with 41 ayes, 2 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

The McKinney amendment, [AM2838](#), found on page 1419 and considered in this day's Journal, as amended, was reconsidered.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA1178](#)

Strike Section 74.

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The McKinney amendment, [AM2838](#), as amended, was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

Senator Ballard offered [AM2913](#), found on page 1476.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered [FA1145](#), found on page 1478.

The McKinney amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. [ER164](#), found on page 1358, was offered.

ER164 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA580](#), found on page 246.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [FA1144](#), found on page 1476.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Sorrentino offered [AM3061](#), found on page 1481.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment to the Sorrentino amendment:

[FA1184](#)

In AM3061, on page 11, line 31 after "class;" insert the following: "Nothing in this section shall apply to an individual classified under Sec. (7) of this Act."

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 455. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 596. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST79](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the E&R amendments, ER140, on page 38, line 15, "72-728," has been inserted after "33-110,;" and in line 17 "section" has been struck and "sections 69-1311 and" inserted.

2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "legal" in line 1 through line 4 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "government; to amend sections 23-346.01, 23-1303, 23-1309, 23-1517.01, 23-1527, 25-523, 33-110, 72-728, 84-1208, and 84-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 25-21,271, 25-2228, 33-141, and 77-3903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 69-1311 and 84-1411, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to county inventories, warrants, and discharge records; to provide for storing records on an accessible durable medium; to define terms; to change provisions relating to the publication of legal newspapers, legal notices, petitions to change names, marriage license and record fees, reports of abandoned property, and virtual conferencing and notice requirements for meetings of public bodies under the Open Meetings Act; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Hall of Fame; to eliminate a penalty for certain public officials; to eliminate provisions relating to the registration of farm, ranch, or home names; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 19-1104 and 23-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 737. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 764. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 781. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 826. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST78](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4 has been struck and "housing; to amend section 19-5504, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change reporting requirements under the

Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act; to provide requirements for multifamily rental unit projects under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

2. On page 3, line 26, "is" has been struck and "and section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 852. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST83](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 888. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 905. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST89](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 50, line 6, "(1)(a)" has been struck and "(1)" inserted; and in line 12, "(b)" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "(2)" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST81](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST86](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. Changes have been made as necessary to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 952. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST80](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 986. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 998. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1010. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1029. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1048. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST87](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the E&R amendments, ER179:
- On page 52, line 14, "73-815," has been inserted after "sections";
 - On page 52, line 30, "73-815," has been inserted after "sections"; and
 - On page 53, line 11, "to require certain copies of contracts to be provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts;" has been inserted after "prescribed;".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1057. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST88](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

- On page 2, line 14, the first occurrence of "the" has been struck and "this" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1087. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1091. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1108. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST82](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

- Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1135. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST84](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

- Changes have been made to incorporate all adopted amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1212. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST85](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

- On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "occupational licensing; to amend sections 81-3437.01 and 81-3451, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 38-2001 and 38-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 81-3449, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to define terms and provide for licensure of internationally trained physicians under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1256. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 701. Placed on General File with amendment.AM3067

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-9,111 and section 2 of this act shall
6 be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.
7 Sec. 2. (1) The Legislature finds that: (a) Doula services have
8 been proven to reduce the cost of birthing and improve outcomes for
9 mothers and infants; (b) one of the most effective services to improve
10 labor and delivery outcomes is the continuous presence of support
11 personnel such as a doula; and (c) support from a doula is associated
12 with lower cesarean rates, as well as fewer obstetric interventions,
13 fewer complications, less pain medication, shorter labor hours, and
14 higher Apgar scores for infants.
15 (2) No later than January 1, 2029, the department shall reimburse a
16 provider for doula services. Such reimbursement shall be paid by state
17 funds at rates determined by the department. The department shall submit
18 a state plan amendment, if necessary, to provide for reimbursement of
19 doula services.
20 (3)(a) The department shall establish a work group of stakeholders
21 and experts to develop an implementation plan, including appropriate
22 reimbursement rates and appropriate training, certification, or
23 experience requirements for doula services. The work group shall submit
24 the implementation plan to the department no later than January 1, 2027.
25 (b) The work group shall be comprised of the following: (i) Thirty
26 percent of the members shall represent the doula profession; (ii) thirty
27 percent of the members shall represent communities of color
1 disproportionately impacted by poor birth outcomes; (iii) ten percent of
2 the members shall represent rural Nebraska; and (iv) ten percent of the
3 members shall have utilized doula services.
4 (c) Additional members of the work group shall include, but not be
5 limited to: (i) Medical providers; (ii) public health professionals;
6 (iii) representatives of tribal organizations; and (iv) community
7 advocates.
8 (4)(a) For purposes of this section, doula means a trained
9 professional who provides emotional, physical, and informational support
10 for individuals before, during, and after labor and birth. This includes,
11 but is not limited to, attending prenatal visits, support during
12 delivery, and providing resources during the postpartum period.
13 (b) A doula shall have appropriate training, certification, or
14 experience, as determined by the implementation plan developed by the
15 work group described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section.
16 (c) A doula shall not perform clinical or medical tasks and shall
17 not diagnose or treat in any modality.
18 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to fund the state portion of
19 reimbursement for doula services from the vital statistics subfund of the
20 Health and Human Services Cash Fund.
21 Sec. 3. Original section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative
22 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB965:

[FA1175](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB1050A:

[AM3092](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$800,000 from the
4 General Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$800,000 from the General Fund for
5 FY2027-28 to the State Department of Education, for Program 25, to aid in
6 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1050, One Hundred Ninth
7 Legislature, Second Session, 2026.
8 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems
9 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this
10 section.
11 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
12 passed and approved according to law.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB1075:

[FA1181](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA1182](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA1183](#)

Strike Section 3.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following motion to LB1075:

[MO567](#)

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 495. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

WHEREAS, Nancy Kratky, after serving on the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education for twenty-five years, will be retiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Nancy earned her bachelor's degree and her master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and served as a teacher in Omaha Public Schools for more than thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Nancy served on the Salvation Army Omaha Women's Auxiliary Board, as the two-time president of the Metro Area Boards of Education, on the Nebraska Mental Health Planning Evaluation Council, on the Discipline Task Force, and on the State Department of Education's High Mobility Learners Committee and Safe School Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Discipline Task Force, Nancy helped introduce Positive Action Center rooms that are still used in Omaha Public Schools today; and

WHEREAS, Nancy earned the Nebraska Association of School Boards Level X award and the Parent Teacher Association's Life Membership Award, and was named to the Omaha South High Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Nancy's dedication to a working classroom, her years of service, and her experience with teachers and students in and out of the classroom will be missed.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Nancy Kratky on twenty-five years of service to the Omaha Public School Board and for her service as a teacher for more than thirty-three years.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Nancy Kratky.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 496. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the first YMCA in Nebraska opened in Omaha during 1866 to serve young Christian men working on the transcontinental railroad; and

WHEREAS, fifteen years earlier, in 1851, the first YMCA in the United States was formed in Boston; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA has served communities across the country regardless of age, income, ability, or background for one hundred and seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, thirteen chartered YMCAs with thirty-three locations serve Nebraska communities through the collective impact of more than four thousand eight hundred staff members and nearly twenty thousand volunteers providing essential programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA is the largest provider of childcare in the state and is a leader in providing swim lessons, camping, youth sports, meal programs, health and fitness classes, and well-being programs; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA creates spaces where all people feel welcome, are treated with respect, and find opportunities to connect with their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, YMCA branches across the nation are working to build stronger, more connected communities through intentional experiences that help people achieve their goals, foster connection, and promote well-being in order to build relationships and thrive; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, YMCAs nationwide will host special events that celebrate the people, the programs, and the collective impact that is the YMCA shared history; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA's role in responding to the needs of working families and communities by connecting people, building relationships, and

instilling a sense of belonging for one hundred and seventy-five years deserves recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the YMCA for one hundred and seventy-five years of service to the nation and one hundred sixty years of service to Nebraska communities.

2. That the Legislature recognizes the staff and volunteers throughout Nebraska and the country who create connected communities and advance the YMCA's mission to build healthy spirits, minds, and bodies for all.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 497. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Lippincott, 34; Meyer, F., 41; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska FFA Association is a vital organization dedicated to developing the next generation of leaders in agriculture, providing students with premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-26 Nebraska State FFA Officers have served with distinction over the past year, representing thousands of members across the State of Nebraska and acting as tireless ambassadors for the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished team of student leaders is composed of Jake Rezac, State President, Bishop Neumann FFA Chapter; Leah Christen, State Secretary, Lewiston FFA Chapter; Jady Tidyman, State Vice President, Chadron FFA Chapter; Kash Majerus, State Vice President, Aurora FFA Chapter; Meredith Ruda, State Vice President, Logan View FFA Chapter; Josh Pierce, State Vice President, Pleasanton FFA Chapter; and Alexis Davis, State Vice President, York FFA Chapter; and

WHEREAS, these seven student leaders have traveled thousands of miles across the state to facilitate leadership workshops, visit local chapters, and engage with stakeholders to ensure the continued vibrance of Nebraska's rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment shown by the state officers has inspired countless students to pursue excellence in their Supervised Agricultural Experience and Career Development Events; and

WHEREAS, the successful completion of each state officer's term of service marks a significant milestone in their personal and professional lives as they transition into new roles as advocates for Nebraska's top industry.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the 2025-26 Nebraska FFA Association State Officers for their leadership, dedication, and service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the 2025-26 Nebraska FFA Association State Officers.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 498. Introduced by McKinney, 11; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Girls Basketball State Championship was held on March 7, 2026, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha North High Magnet School earned the runner-up championship title against Lincoln North Star High School; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha North High Magnet School girls varsity basketball team achieved an outstanding athletic accomplishment by winning twenty-two out of twenty-six games in its regular season; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Michaela Dailey and additional coaching staff, the Omaha North Lady Vikings demonstrated exceptional teamwork, discipline, and perseverance throughout their season; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Omaha North High Magnet School girls basketball team on earning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Girls Basketball State Championship runner-up title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Omaha North High Magnet School girls basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 499. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

WHEREAS, asthma and allergies of all kinds affect millions in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, nearly twenty million people in the United States currently have asthma, and of those people over one hundred thousand adults and children reside in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, skin allergies, seasonal allergies, and food allergies affect over one hundred million people, of which more than eighty-two million are diagnosed with seasonal allergies; and

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children and is the leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children; and

WHEREAS, one million individuals visit emergency departments because of asthma's effects each year; and

WHEREAS, the total annual economic cost for asthma in the United States is close to one hundred fifteen billion dollars, for nasal allergies it is more than three million dollars, and for food allergies it is nearly four hundred billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, individuals from minority communities in the United States face the highest burden of asthma; and

WHEREAS, children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases; and

WHEREAS, people with asthma and food allergies need access to affordable health insurance and to the medications and devices they need at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America designates each May as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month to educate the public about asthma and allergic diseases, risk factors, symptoms, and treatment.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the month of May 2026 as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature encourages citizens to celebrate individuals in their communities who suffer from asthma and allergies.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. Senator Sorrentino renewed [AM3061](#), found on page 1481 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Bostar renewed [FA1184](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the Sorrentino amendment.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 1 nay, and 19 present and not voting.

The Sorrentino amendment, as amended, was adopted with 30 ayes, 8 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 34 ayes, 9 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937. [ER155](#), found on page 1333, was offered.

ER155 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered [MO438](#), found on page 760, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO439](#), found on page 760, to recommit to the Education Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA554](#), found on page 236.

Senator Murman asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA556](#), found on page 236, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM3084](#). No objections. So ordered.

[AM3084](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2454)

1 1. Strike sections 2 and 21 and insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 2. (1) For any report of child abuse or neglect resulting in an
 3 active investigation by the department where the subject of the report is
 4 a parent or legal guardian of a student or an educational decisionmaker
 5 for a student, the department shall notify the superintendent of such
 6 student's resident school district and the Commissioner of Education that
 7 such student shall not be transferred or otherwise disenrolled from the
 8 student's current school by a parent, legal guardian, or educational
 9 decisionmaker for fourteen days after receipt of the notice or until
 10 further notice from the department, whichever occurs first.
 11 (2) The subject of the report for whom a notice has been provided in
 12 accordance with this section shall not transfer or otherwise disenroll
 13 such student from the student's current school for fourteen days after
 14 receipt of the notice or until further notice from the department,
 15 whichever occurs first. Any new election filed under section 79-1601 for
 16 such student to attend an exempt school shall be invalid during such time
 17 period.
 18 (3) If an election is filed under section 79-1601 in violation of
 19 this section or if such student's resident school district receives a
 20 request to transfer or disenroll such student or a notification of a
 21 request to transfer or disenroll from a school that is not operated by
 22 the resident school district, the Commissioner of Education or the school
 23 district shall immediately notify the department of the filing or the
 24 request and that such notice is being given pursuant to this section.
 25 (4) Notices pursuant to this section are confidential investigation
 26 records and shall not contain any information other than the name of the
 1 student and whether or not to allow such student to transfer or otherwise
 2 disenroll from the school pursuant to this section.
 3 (5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
 4 carry out this section.
 5 Sec. 21. (1) On or before December 31, 2028, and on or before
 6 December 31 of each even-numbered year thereafter, each Nebraska public
 7 postsecondary institution shall submit data to the commission including:
 8 (a) The number of students awarded academic credit based on prior
 9 learning examinations during the two preceding academic years; and

10 (b) The total number of academic credits awarded based on prior
 11 learning examinations during the two preceding academic years.
 12 (2) The commission shall post the data reported pursuant to
 13 subsection (1) of this section on the commission's website.
 14 (3) On or before December 31, 2029, the commission shall analyze the
 15 prior learning examination cut score policies and procedures of each
 16 Nebraska public postsecondary institution and the research used by each
 17 Nebraska public postsecondary institution in determining the level of
 18 credit and the number of credits provided for each prior learning
 19 examination qualifying score and file a report that includes findings and
 20 recommendations to the Education Committee of the Legislature.
 21 (4) Each Nebraska public postsecondary institution shall provide the
 22 commission with the data necessary to conduct the analysis required
 23 pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.
 24 (5) Data shall be provided, analyzed, and posted pursuant to this
 25 section in a manner that complies with the federal Family Educational
 26 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as such act existed on January 1, 2026.
 27 (6) The commission may request the assistance of the Nebraska
 28 Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System for analysis and
 29 reporting under this section.
 30 2. On page 7, strike the new matter beginning with "The following"
 31 in line 16 through line 31 and insert "Each school district shall
 1 determine definitions of excused and unexcused absences that accommodate
 2 chronic medical conditions. Each school district shall develop a policy
 3 to make a record of communication and decisionmaking efforts involving
 4 the parents or guardians and the building administrators with regard to
 5 absences caused by chronic medical issues and to document such chronic
 6 medical issues.".
 7 3. On page 8, strike lines 1 through 5.
 8 4. On page 11, strike lines 18 through 22 and insert the following
 9 new subdivision:
 10 "(c) May require any student desiring to participate in an
 11 extracurricular activity that is not governed by a national or state
 12 organization or an athletics or activities association to be enrolled in
 13 up to five credit hours offered by the school district in any semester in
 14 order to participate in such extracurricular activity, but may not
 15 prohibit a student from enrolling in more than such required number of
 16 credit hours.".
 17 5. On page 14, line 29, strike "No" and insert "Beginning with the
 18 2027-28 school year, no"; and in line 31 strike "employ or contract for
 19 the paid services of" and insert "hire".
 20 6. On page 15, line 14, strike "subdivision (2)(a)(i)" and insert
 21 "subdivisions (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b)"; in line 15 strike "such"; and in
 22 line 16 after "subdivision" insert "(2)(a)(i) of this section".
 23 7. On page 17, line 27, strike "board of education" and insert
 24 "governing authority".
 25 8. On page 30, line 21, strike beginning with "With" through "a" and
 26 insert "A"; and strike beginning with "Such" in line 26 through the
 27 period in line 28.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 present and not voting.

Senator Lonowski offered the following amendment:

[FA1177](#)

In AM3084, on page 3, line 25, strike "8. On page 30," through "insert "A";".

The Lonowski amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 present and not voting.

Senator Kauth offered the following amendment:

[FA1180](#)

In AM3084, on page 2, strike lines 30-31, and on page 3 strike lines 1-6 and insert the following:

"Absences excused by a parent, guardian, or educational decision maker, as defined in Section 79-530, of the child for physical or mental illness and as documented by a credentialed health professional, provided that supports such absence, and in the instance of chronic illness documentation shall be reviewed each semester.

The Kauth amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 2 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Pending.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Robert Turek, Lincoln; Carol Langevin, Minnesota; former Senator Tom Brewer, Gordon; Lorie Meyer, Pender; Linda Prinz, West Point; students from High Plains Community School, Clarks.

RECESS

At 12:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Spivey, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Brandt, Guereca, Hansen, and Spivey, who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937. Senator Murman withdrew [FA558](#), found on page 237.

Senator Conrad offered [FA1003](#), found on page 760.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1004](#), found on page 760.

Senator DeBoer offered [AM2767](#), found on page 1177.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO440](#), found on page 760, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered [AM2668](#), found on page 1182.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hunt offered [AM2606](#), found on page 1276.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 2 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator Hunt requested a roll call vote on her amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 21:

Bostar	Conrad	Hughes	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Meyer, G.	Rountree	
Clouse	Guereca	Murman	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Andersen	Hallstrom	Ibach	Meyer, F.	von Gillern
Armendariz	Hansen	Jacobson	Moser	
Ballard	Hardin	Kauth	Sorrentino	
Clements	Holderoft	Lippincott	Storm	

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	DeKay	Juarez	Riepe	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Lonowski	Spivey	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 1:

Dover

The Hunt amendment lost with 21 ayes, 17 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Kauth withdrew [AM2798](#), found on page 1358.

Senator Murman withdrew [AM2916](#), found on page 1379.

Senator Rountree offered [AM2965](#), found on page 1434.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

General Affairs

The General Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Antonio Gomez - State Racing and Gaming Commission

Dennis P Lee - State Racing and Gaming Commission

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 962A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 838A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 500. Introduced by Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, western Nebraska experienced a significant wildfire emergency in the spring of 2026, requiring the sustained deployment of firefighters and emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, Hot Meals, a volunteer-driven disaster response organization, mobilized swiftly and began delivering food to firefighters in Oshkosh on March 13, 2026, with meals prepared in Kearney and transported by dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Hot Meals established its mobile disaster response kitchen at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in North Platte on March 17, 2026, and served its first hot dinner that very evening under an open-air pavilion; and

WHEREAS, Hot Meals served two hot meals and a sack lunch daily at the North Platte fire camp for two full weeks, simultaneously making twice-daily meal deliveries to firefighters in Ogallala during that same period; and

WHEREAS, Hot Meals subsequently relocated its kitchen to the Keith County Fairgrounds in Ogallala to integrate directly with the Incident Command Post and continue uninterrupted food service to emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, the communities of North Platte and Ogallala responded with extraordinary generosity, with more than four hundred individual volunteers stepping forward to serve across three daily shifts, logging over six hundred total volunteer shifts, with each shift averaging approximately four hours; and

WHEREAS, countless volunteers demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment by returning to serve multiple days and multiple shifts, exemplifying the spirit of Nebraska neighborliness and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the nourishment and care provided by Hot Meals and its volunteers directly supported the health, morale, and operational capacity of the brave firefighters and emergency responders protecting Nebraska lives and property.

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

1. That the Legislature of the State of Nebraska hereby recognizes and commends Hot Meals for its rapid and sustained volunteer disaster response during the 2026 Nebraska wildfire emergency.

2. That the Legislature expresses its profound gratitude to the more than four hundred volunteers who contributed over six hundred shifts of service in North Platte, Ogallala, and the surrounding region, ensuring that Nebraska's firefighters were fed, cared for, and supported throughout the crisis.

3. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the leadership of Hot Meals and to the mayors of North Platte and Ogallala in recognition of the extraordinary civic response of their communities.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 501. Introduced by Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dr. Neal H. Schnoor was formally installed as the tenth Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) on March 27, 2026, during a public investiture ceremony held at the UNK Health and

Sports Center, marking a milestone in the one hundred and twenty-one year history of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor began his tenure as Chancellor in July 2025, returning to the campus where he previously spent more than two decades as a faculty member, director of bands, program coordinator, and senior advisor to the chancellor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor is a Nebraska native, born in Norfolk and raised in Pierce, and is a first-generation college graduate who earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State College and both a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, before returning to UNK, Dr. Schnoor held leadership roles at Wayne State College, California State University-Long Beach, and Northern State University where he served as president from 2021 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, University of Nebraska System President Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold has praised Dr. Schnoor as a strategic, collaborative, and deeply empathetic leader who listens, brings people together, and cares genuinely and deeply about UNK, its students, and the communities across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor has used his tenure to emphasize the university's enduring purpose and growing impact, visiting with thousands of constituents and alumni across the community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor's deep Nebraska roots, personal experience as a first-generation college student, and lifelong commitment to public higher education make him uniquely suited to expand access to affordable, high-quality education for all Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates and honors Dr. Neal H. Schnoor on his investiture as the tenth Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and commends his lifelong dedication to the students, faculty, and communities of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Neal H. Schnoor.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 502. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Rural Water Assocation awarded the City of Clay Center the 2026 Best Tasting Drinking Water award for having the best tasting drinking water in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, access to clean and high-quality drinking water is essential to the health, safety, and well-being of Nebraska communities; and

WHEREAS, such recognition brings pride to the residents of Clay Center and highlights the excellence of small communities across the state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the City of Clay Center for earning Nebraska Rural Water Association's 2026 Best Tasting Drinking Water award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Clay Center.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 503. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Russ Ninemire announced his retirement after fifty years of coaching; and

WHEREAS, Russ Ninemire coached high school girls basketball teams at Sandy Creek High School and Douglas County West High School; and

WHEREAS, while at Sandy Creek, Coach Ninemire's teams won ninety-five games straight and earned ten state championship titles; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ninemire is the winningest high school girls basketball coach in Nebraska history with six hundred sixty-six wins; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ninemire was recognized by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association in 2018 as the National Coach of the Year and again in 2022 with his induction into the NHSACA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ninemire's dedication to coaching will be missed.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Coach Russ Ninemire's fifty years of dedication to Nebraska students and support for girls' athletics.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Coach Russ Ninemire.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 504. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Pryce Sandfort and Braden Frager are current members of the University of Nebraska men's basketball team and both athletes come from families with deep roots in Nebraska high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sandfort, father of Pryce Sandfort, was a standout basketball player at Holdrege High School, and Rick Frager, father of Braden Frager, was a standout basketball player at Sandy Creek High School, both in District 38; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of this basketball legacy reflects the strong tradition of high school athletics in Nebraska communities; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of family legacy, community pride, and athletic achievement in shaping Nebraska's student-athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors Pryce Sandfort and Braden Frager and their families for their contributions to Nebraska basketball and the continuation of a proud District 38 legacy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Pryce Sandfort, Braden Frager, and their families.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937. Senator Rountree renewed [AM2965](#), found on page 1434 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Rountree moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 5 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator Rountree requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

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

Voting in the negative, 28:

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

Present and not voting, 4:

Ballard	Brandt	Juarez	Quick
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Absent and not voting, 1:

Armendariz

Excused and not voting, 2:

DeKay	Prokop
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The Rountree amendment lost with 14 ayes, 28 nays, 4 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Kauth offered the following amendment:

[AM3123](#)

(Amendments to AM3084)

- 1 1. Strike FA1177 and FA1180.
- 2 2. On page 2, line 31, strike beginning with the quote mark through
- 3 the end of the line and insert "Absences shall be excused by a parent,
- 4 guardian, or educational decision maker, as defined in section 79-530, of
- 5 the child for physical or mental illness and as documented by a
- 6 credentialed health professional, provided the documentation supports
- 7 such absence. In the instance of chronic illness, documentation shall be
- 8 reviewed each semester."
- 9 3. On page 3, strike lines 1 through 6; and strike beginning with
- 10 "line" in line 25 through "and" in line 26.

The Kauth amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment:

[AM3118](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2454)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 4. Section 79-215, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 79-215 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student
- 5 is a resident of the school district where he or she resides and shall be
- 6 admitted to any such school district upon request without charge.
- 7 (2) A school board shall admit a student upon request without charge
- 8 if at least one of the student's parents resides in the school district.
- 9 (3) A school board shall admit any homeless student upon request
- 10 without charge if the district is the district in which the student (a)
- 11 is currently located, (b) attended when permanently housed, or (c) was
- 12 last enrolled.
- 13 (4) A school board may allow a student whose residency in the
- 14 district ceases during a school year to continue attending school in such
- 15 district for the remainder of that school year.
- 16 (5) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school
- 17 district pursuant to a contract with the district where the student is a
- 18 resident and shall collect tuition pursuant to the contract.
- 19 (6) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school
- 20 district pursuant to the enrollment option program as authorized by
- 21 sections 79-232 to 79-246, and such admission shall be without charge.
- 22 (7) In order to carry out the provisions of section 79-2201, a
- 23 school board shall permit children of military families to enroll
- 24 preliminarily in a school district if a parent presents evidence of
- 25 military orders that the military family will be stationed in this state
- 26 during the current or following school year. Such preliminary enrollment
- 1 and any advanced enrollment policies related to a child of a military
- 2 family shall also apply if such child has an individualized family
- 3 service plan, has an individualized education program under the federal
- 4 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.,
- 5 receives special accommodations or services under section 504 of the
- 6 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or receives special
- 7 education as defined in section 79-1125. A student of a military family
- 8 shall be admitted to the school district without charge upon arrival in
- 9 Nebraska if the requirements of this section are met.
- 10 (8) A school board may admit a student who is a resident of another
- 11 state to the school district and collect tuition in advance at a rate
- 12 determined by the school board.
- 13 (9) When a student as a ward of the state or as a ward of any court

14 (a) has been placed in a school district other than the district in which
 15 he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward and such ward does
 16 not reside in a foster family home licensed or approved by the Department
 17 of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or used pursuant
 18 to section 83-108.04 or (b) has been placed in any institution which
 19 maintains a special education program which has been approved by the
 20 State Department of Education and such institution is not owned or
 21 operated by the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she
 22 became a ward, the cost of his or her education and the required
 23 transportation costs associated with the student's education shall be
 24 paid by the state, but not in advance, to the receiving school district
 25 or approved institution under rules and regulations prescribed by the
 26 Department of Health and Human Services and the student shall remain a
 27 resident of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she
 28 became a ward. Any student who is a ward of the state or a ward of any
 29 court who resides in a foster family home licensed or approved by the
 30 Department of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or
 31 used pursuant to section 83-108.04 shall be deemed a resident of the
 1 district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a foster
 2 child, unless it is determined under section 43-1311 or 43-1312 that he
 3 or she will not attend such district in which case he or she shall be
 4 deemed a resident of the district in which the foster family home or
 5 foster home is located.

6 (10)(a) When a student is not a ward of the state or a ward of any
 7 court and is residing in a residential setting located in Nebraska for
 8 reasons other than to receive an education and the residential setting is
 9 operated by a service provider which is certified or licensed by the
 10 Department of Health and Human Services or is enrolled in the medical
 11 assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act and
 12 Title XIX or XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, the
 13 student shall remain a resident of the district in which he or she
 14 resided immediately prior to residing in such residential setting. The
 15 resident district for a student who is not a ward of the state or a ward
 16 of any court does not change when the student moves from one residential
 17 setting to another.

18 (b)(i)(b) If a student is residing in a residential setting as
 19 described in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential
 20 setting does not maintain an interim-program school as defined in section
 21 79-1119.01 or an approved or accredited school;

22 (A) For a student who is a resident of a Class V school district
 23 attending a school within the learning community, such Class V school
 24 district shall provide for transportation, in an appropriate vehicle,
 25 from the residential setting to and from school and between schools, and
 26 all educational services, including all special education services and
 27 support services as defined in section 79-1125.01, unless the parent or
 28 guardian of such student requests that the Class V school district
 29 contract with the school district in which the residential setting is
 30 located for all such services; or

31 (B) For a student who is a resident of a Class V school district
 1 attending a school outside of the learning community or for a student who
 2 is not a resident of a Class V school district, the resident school
 3 district shall contract with the school district in which such
 4 residential setting is located for the provision of all educational
 5 services, including all special education services and support services
 6 as defined in section 79-1125.01, unless a parent or guardian and the
 7 resident school district agree that an appropriate education will be
 8 provided by the resident school district while the student is residing in
 9 such residential setting.

10 (ii) If the resident school district is required to contract, the
 11 school district in which such residential setting is located shall

12 contract with the resident school district and provide all educational
13 services, including all special education services, to the student. If
14 the two school districts cannot agree on the amount of the contract, the
15 State Department of Education shall determine the amount to be paid by
16 the resident school district to the school district in which such
17 residential setting is located based on the needs of the student,
18 approved special education rates, the department's general experience
19 with special education budgets, and the cost per student in the school
20 district in which such residential setting is located. Once the contract
21 has been entered into, all legal responsibility for special education and
22 related services shall be transferred to the school district in which the
23 residential setting is located.

24 (c) If a student is residing in a residential setting as described
25 in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential setting
26 maintains an interim-program school as defined in section 79-1119.01 or
27 an approved or accredited school, the department shall reimburse such
28 residential setting for the provision of all educational services,
29 including all special education services and support services, with the
30 amount of payment for all educational services determined pursuant to the
31 average per pupil cost of the service agency as defined in section
1 79-1116. The resident school district shall retain responsibility for
2 such student's individualized education program plan, if any. The
3 educational services may be provided through (i) such interim-program
4 school or approved or accredited school, (ii) a contract between the
5 residential setting and the school district in which such residential
6 setting is located, (iii) a contract between the residential setting and
7 another service agency as defined in section 79-1124, or (iv) a
8 combination of such educational service providers.

9 (d) If a school district pays a school district in which a
10 residential setting is located for educational services provided pursuant
11 to subdivision (10)(b) of this section and it is later determined that a
12 different school district was the resident school district for such
13 student at the time such educational services were provided, the school
14 district that was later determined to be the resident school district
15 shall reimburse the school district that initially paid for the
16 educational services one hundred ten percent of the amount paid.

17 (e) A student residing in a residential setting described in this
18 subsection shall be defined as a student with a handicap pursuant to
19 Article VII, section 11, of the Constitution of Nebraska, and as such the
20 state and any political subdivision may contract with institutions not
21 wholly owned or controlled by the state or any political subdivision to
22 provide the educational services to the student if such educational
23 services are nonsectarian in nature.

24 (11) A school board shall admit a student upon request without
25 charge for part-time enrollment for purposes of participating in
26 extracurricular activities in accordance with section 79-2,136 if (a) the
27 student is also enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial
28 school or in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to
29 meet accreditation or approval requirements and (b) either (i) the school
30 district where such student or such student's parent resides does not
31 offer the extracurricular activity in which the student desires to
1 participate and the school district which the student is requesting to
2 attend is the closest school district to the residence of such student or
3 such student's parent that offers such extracurricular activity or (ii)
4 the school district where such student or such student's parent resides
5 does offer the extracurricular activity in which the student desires to
6 participate but the school district the student is requesting to attend
7 includes the closest school to the residence of such student or such
8 student's parent that offers such extracurricular activity.

9 (12) A school board shall ensure that any preliminary or advanced

10 enrollment policies of a school district that apply to a student
11 enrolling in such school also apply to a student enrolling in such school
12 that has an individualized family service plan, has an individualized
13 education program under the federal Individuals with Disabilities
14 Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., receives special accommodations or
15 services under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
16 U.S.C. 794, or receives special education as defined in section 79-1125.
17 (13) In the case of any individual eighteen years of age or younger
18 who is a ward of the state or any court and who is placed in a county
19 detention home established under section 43-2,110, the cost of his or her
20 education shall be paid by the state, regardless of the district in which
21 he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward, to the agency or
22 institution which: (a) Is selected by the county board with jurisdiction
23 over such detention home; (b) has agreed or contracted with such county
24 board to provide educational services; and (c) has been approved by the
25 State Department of Education pursuant to rules and regulations
26 prescribed by the State Board of Education.
27 (14) No tuition shall be charged for students who may be by law
28 allowed to attend the school without charge.
29 (15) The State Department of Education shall establish procedures
30 and criteria for collecting enrollment, admission, and related
31 information needed for any student to attend a school district in this
1 state which shall include, but not be limited to, having an adult with
2 legal or actual charge or control of a student provide through electronic
3 means or other means specified by the department the name of the student,
4 the name of the adult with legal or actual charge or control of the
5 student, the address where the student is or will be residing, and
6 information on how and where the adult may generally be reached during
7 the school day.
8 (16) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
9 to carry out the provisions of this section.
10 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
11 correct the repealer accordingly.

The Hunt amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803. [ER174](#), found on page 1462, was offered.

ER174 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA432](#), found on page 194.

Senator Dorn offered [AM2990](#), found on page 1408.

Senator Conrad requested a point of order on whether the Dorn amendment is germane to the bill.

Senator Conrad withdrew her point of order.

The Dorn amendment was withdrawn.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment:
[AM3083](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER174)

- 1 1. On page 8, line 16; and page 9, lines 7, 10, and 11, strike
- 2 "thirty" and insert "sixty".
- 3 2. On page 15, line 17, after the underscored period insert "The
- 4 notice shall state that the tax amounts do not include any homestead
- 5 exemptions or property tax credits."; and in line 30 before the quotation
- 6 mark insert "The valuation for your parcel will not be certified to the
- 7 listed political subdivisions by the county until August 20.".
- 8 3. On page 43, strike lines 24 and 25 and insert "77-1630 and
- 9 77-1634, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, section 77-1631,
- 10 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, and section 77-1633, Revised Statutes
- 11 Supplement, 2025, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 384, One
- 12 Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026."

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:

[AM3062](#)

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER174)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 24. Section 2, Legislative Bill 901, One Hundred Ninth
- 3 Legislature, Second Session, 2026, is amended to read:
- 4 Sec. 2. (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or
- 5 after January 1, 2027, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 6 amended, there shall be allowed refundable credits against the income tax
- 7 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as follows:
- 8 (a) Two hundred forty thousand dollars of tax credits to be
- 9 distributed equally among qualifying domestic violence and sexual assault
- 10 programs run by tribal governments;
- 11 (b) One hundred fifty thousand dollars of tax credits to be
- 12 distributed to a statewide coalition representing nonprofit organizations
- 13 that have an affiliation agreement with the Department of Health and
- 14 Human Services to provide services to victims of domestic abuse under the
- 15 Protection from Domestic Abuse Act;
- 16 (c) One million forty-four thousand dollars of tax credits to be
- 17 distributed equally to ~~the nonprofit organizations~~ entities described in
- 18 ~~subdivisions~~ subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection and any other
- 19 nonprofit organizations that operate a shelter for victims of domestic
- 20 violence or human trafficking; and
- 21 (d) One million five hundred sixty-six thousand dollars of tax
- 22 credits to be distributed to ~~the nonprofit organizations~~ entities
- 23 described in ~~subdivisions~~ subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection and
- 24 any other nonprofit organizations that operate a shelter for victims of
- 25 domestic violence or human trafficking as follows:
- 26 (i) One million two hundred fifty-two thousand eight hundred dollars
- 1 of tax credits to be distributed based on the population of the program
- 2 or service area as shown by the latest federal decennial census or as
- 3 determined by the department if such census data is not available; and
- 4 (ii) Three hundred thirteen thousand two hundred dollars of tax
- 5 credits to be distributed based on the square miles of the program or
- 6 service area.
- 7 (2) The department shall distribute all of the credits allowed under
- 8 the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Service Providers Tax Credit
- 9 Act each calendar year.
- 10 (3) For purposes of this section:
- 11 (a) Department means the Department of Revenue;
- 12 (b) Nonprofit organization means an organization organized under
- 13 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

14 (c) Tribal has the same meaning as in section 71-914.02.
15 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
16 accordingly.
17 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
18 section added by this amendment becomes operative on January 1, 2027.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 3 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 7, 2026

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 759e, 816e, 824e, 847e, 901e, 967e, 1071e, 1072e, 1101e, 1133e, and 1235e were received in my office on April 1, 2026, and signed on April 7, 2026.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 7, 2026.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

April 7, 2026

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 829e, 904, and 1253e were received in my office on April 2, 2026, and signed on April 7, 2026.

These bills and delivered to the Secretary of State on April 7, 2026.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 803A. Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment:

[AM3091](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$1,110,157 from the
4 General Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$986,400 from the General Fund for
5 FY2027-28 to the Department of Revenue, for Program 102, to aid in
6 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 803, One Hundred Ninth
7 Legislature, Second Session, 2026.
8 Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per
9 diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed \$81,300
10 for FY2026-27 or \$83,800 for FY2027-28.
11 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$177,711 from the General
12 Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) \$17,383 from the General Fund for FY2027-28 to
13 the Department of Revenue, for Program 112, to aid in carrying out the
14 provisions of Legislative Bill 803, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second
15 Session, 2026.
16 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems
17 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this
18 section.
19 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
20 passed and approved according to law.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA691](#), found on page 338.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032A. Senator DeBoer offered the following motion:

[MO566](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

The DeBoer motion prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075. [ER171](#), found on page 1374, was offered.

ER171 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA734](#), found on page 367.

Senator Sanders offered [AM2955](#), found on page 1362.

Senator Dungan requested a division of the question on the Sanders amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first Sanders amendment is as follows:

[AM3109](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

- 1 1. Strike sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 13-501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 13-501 Sections 13-501 to 13-513 and section 2 of this act shall be
- 6 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Budget Act.
- 7 Sec. 2. The Department of Administrative Services shall develop,
- 8 maintain, and make available for public inspection on its website a
- 9 database of financial information about all counties, cities, and
- 10 villages in the state. The information shall include information provided
- 11 to the auditor pursuant to sections 13-506 and 23-1608. The information
- 12 may also include revenue sources, expenditures, and a balance sheet that
- 13 contains all assets and liabilities for each city's or village's most
- 14 recent municipal audit or audit report filed with the auditor pursuant to
- 15 section 19-2905, if available. The department shall designate an
- 16 implementation date for such database which date shall be on or before
- 17 January 1, 2027.
- 18 6. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 19 accordingly.
- 20 7. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
- 21 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
- 22 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

The second Sanders amendment is as follows:

[AM3110](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

- 1 2. On page 53, line 9, after "period" insert ", except that a
- 2 committee named as a contributor shall be reported with the committee's
- 3 street address and not with a post office box number".
- 4 3. On page 54, line 16, after "address" insert "or post office box
- 5 number"; and in line 18 after "receipt" insert ", except that a committee
- 6 named as a contributor shall be reported with the committee's street
- 7 address and not with a post office box number".
- 8 4. On page 55, line 27, after "that" insert ", to the best of the
- 9 treasurer's knowledge".

The third Sanders amendment is as follows:

[AM3111](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

- 1 5. On page 63, after line 18 insert the following new subsection:
- 2 "(10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a
- 3 foreign national from volunteering or engaging in nonmonetary advocacy,
- 4 including, but not limited to, the sending of electronic communications
- 5 that advocate for a ballot committee or ballot measure, unless such
- 6 activities constitute a contribution or expenditure."; and in line 19,
- 7 strike "(10)" and insert "(11)".

The third Sanders amendment, [AM3111](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the third Sanders amendment:

[FA1167](#)

In AM2955, on page 2, line 2 strike "shall" and insert "may".

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered [MO556](#), found on page 1481, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Senator Hallstrom moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 8 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, and 20 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 2:

Conrad Hunt

Voting in the negative, 44:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hardin	McKinney	Rountree
Arch	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Sanders
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Armendariz

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 2 ayes, 44 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO569](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO556.

Senator Ballard moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 7 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 2 nays, and 10 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider failed with 5 ayes, 38 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Dungan motion, [MO558](#), found on page 1481, to bracket until April 17, 2026, was not considered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered [MO557](#), found on page 1481, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Pending.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:27 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075. The third Senator Sanders amendment, [AM3111](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [FA1167](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the third Sanders amendment.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [MO557](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator J. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Dungan asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO559](#), found on page 1481, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Ballard withdrew [AM3024](#), found on page 1479.

The third Sanders amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The second Senator Sanders amendment, [AM3110](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The second Sanders amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The first Senator Sanders amendment, [AM3109](#), found in this day's Journal, offered.

The first Senator Sanders amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould withdrew [AM2985](#), found on page 1478.

Senator Raybould offered [AM3054](#), found on page 1479.

The Raybould amendment lost with 8 ayes, 24 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 889. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA529](#), found on page 225.

Senator Quick offered [AM3058](#), found on page 1473.

The Quick amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 878. [ER154](#), found on page 1334, was offered.

ER154 was adopted.

Senator Kauth offered [FA518](#), found on page 224.

Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA518](#), found on page 224, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM2751](#). No objections. So ordered.

[AM2751](#)

(Amendments to AM2715)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 3 (a) Boy means an adolescent human male;
- 4 (b) Designate means to post signage or otherwise provide indication
- 5 at or near the entrance to the restroom or locker room that is readily
- 6 visible and states that the restroom or locker room is designated as one
- 7 of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy,
- 8 or for use by families;
- 9 (c) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
- 10 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
- 11 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
- 12 transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman
- 13 and a girl;
- 14 (d) Girl means an adolescent human female;
- 15 (e) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
- 16 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
- 17 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
- 18 transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and
- 19 a boy;
- 20 (f) Man means an adult human male;
- 21 (g) Public school means any public school offering instruction in
- 22 elementary or high school grades;
- 23 (h) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female; and
- 24 (i) Woman means an adult human female.
- 25 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(b) of this section, the
- 26 governing body of a public school shall designate each group restroom
- 1 within each school building as one of the following: For use by females,
- 2 for use by males, single occupancy, or for use by families.
- 3 (b) Subdivision (2)(a) of this section shall not apply to any
- 4 restroom that is accessible to the public during the time the public
- 5 school is open to the public for an event.
- 6 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of this section, the
- 7 governing body of a public school shall not:
- 8 (i) Allow a male to use a restroom designated pursuant to subsection
- 9 (2) of this section for use by females; or
- 10 (ii) Allow a female to use a restroom designated pursuant to
- 11 subsection (2) of this section for use by males.
- 12 (b) This subsection shall not apply to:
- 13 (i) An individual entering a restroom under the following
- 14 circumstances:
- 15 (A) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so
- 16 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no
- 17 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering
- 18 the restroom; or
- 19 (B) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or
- 20 (ii) A parent or caregiver bringing a minor child or an individual
- 21 with a disability that is of the opposite sex of such parent or caregiver
- 22 into a restroom designated for such parent's or caregiver's sex.
- 23 (4) The governing body of a public school shall designate each

24 locker room within each school building as one of the following: For use
25 by females, for use by males, or single occupancy.
26 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (5)(b) of this section, the
27 governing body of a public school shall not:
28 (i) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and
29 being used at such time by one or more females; or
30 (ii) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and
31 being used at such time by one or more males.
1 (b) This subsection shall not apply to an individual entering a
2 locker room under the following circumstances:
3 (i) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so
4 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no
5 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering
6 the locker room;
7 (ii) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or
8 (iii) Entrance by a coach, athletic trainer, or other authorized
9 official or school employee so long as such individual takes reasonable
10 steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of
11 undress prior to entering the locker room.
12 (6) An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference
13 in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections and
14 accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act
15 of 1990, as amended.
16 (7)(a) The governing body of each public school shall adopt a policy
17 implementing this section. Such policy shall include provisions regarding
18 the conduct of visitors and the public.
19 (b) The governing body of a public school or any official or
20 employee of a public school shall not retaliate against any individual
21 for reporting in good faith a violation of this section or related rules,
22 regulations, or policies.
23 Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of this section:
24 (a) Boy means an adolescent human male;
25 (b) Designate means to post signage or otherwise provide indication
26 at or near the entrance to the restroom or locker room that is readily
27 visible and states that the restroom or locker room is designated as one
28 of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy,
29 or for use by families;
30 (c) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
31 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
1 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
2 transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman
3 and a girl;
4 (d) Girl means an adolescent human female;
5 (e) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
6 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
7 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
8 transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and
9 a boy;
10 (f) Man means an adult human male;
11 (g) Postsecondary educational institution means a university,
12 college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member
13 institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States
14 Department of Education;
15 (h) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female; and
16 (i) Woman means an adult human female.
17 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(b) of this section, the
18 governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall
19 designate each group restroom within each school building as one of the
20 following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy, or for
21 use by families.

22 (b) Subdivision (2)(a) of this section shall not apply to any
23 restroom that is accessible to the public during the time the public
24 postsecondary educational institution is open to the public for an event.
25 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of this section, the
26 governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall
27 not:
28 (i) Allow a male to use a restroom designated pursuant to subsection
29 (2) of this section for use by females; or
30 (ii) Allow a female to use a restroom designated pursuant to
31 subsection (2) of this section for use by males.
1 (b) This subsection shall not apply to:
2 (i) An individual entering a restroom under the following
3 circumstances:
4 (A) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so
5 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no
6 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering
7 the restroom; or
8 (B) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or
9 (ii) A parent or caregiver bringing a minor child or an individual
10 with a disability that is of the opposite sex of such parent or caregiver
11 into a restroom designated for such parent's or caregiver's sex.
12 (4) The governing body of a public postsecondary educational
13 institution shall designate each locker room within each school building
14 as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, or single
15 occupancy.
16 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (5)(b) of this section, the
17 governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall
18 not:
19 (i) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and
20 being used at such time by one or more females; or
21 (ii) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and
22 being used at such time by one or more males.
23 (b) This subsection shall not apply to an individual entering a
24 locker room under the following circumstances:
25 (i) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so
26 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no
27 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering
28 the locker room;
29 (ii) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or
30 (iii) Entrance by a coach, athletic trainer, or other authorized
31 official or school employee so long as such individual takes reasonable
1 steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of
2 undress prior to entering the locker room.
3 (6) An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference
4 in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections and
5 accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act
6 of 1990, as amended.
7 (7)(a) The governing body of each public postsecondary educational
8 institution shall adopt a policy implementing this section. Such policy
9 shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the
10 public.
11 (b) The governing body of a public postsecondary educational
12 institution or any official or employee of a public postsecondary
13 educational institution shall not retaliate against any individual for
14 reporting in good faith a violation of this section or related rules,
15 regulations, or policies.
16 Sec. 4. (1) For purposes of this section:
17 (a) Boy means an adolescent human male;
18 (b) Designate means to post signage or otherwise provide indication
19 at or near the entrance to the restroom or locker room that is readily

20 visible and states that the restroom or locker room is designated as one
21 of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy,
22 or for use by families;
23 (c) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
24 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
25 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
26 transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman
27 and a girl;
28 (d) Girl means an adolescent human female;
29 (e) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
30 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
31 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
1 transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and
2 a boy;
3 (f) Man means an adult human male;
4 (g) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female;
5 (h) State agency means any department, agency, board, bureau, or
6 commission of the state or any other entity whose primary function is to
7 act as an instrumentality or agency of the state; and
8 (i) Woman means an adult human female.
9 (2) A state agency shall designate each group restroom that is not
10 accessible to the public within any facility owned by the state as one of
11 the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy, or
12 for use by families.
13 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of this section, a
14 state agency shall not:
15 (i) Allow a male to use a restroom designated pursuant to subsection
16 (2) of this section for use by females; or
17 (ii) Allow a female to use a restroom designated pursuant to
18 subsection (2) of this section for use by males.
19 (b) This subsection shall not apply to:
20 (i) An individual entering a restroom under the following
21 circumstances:
22 (A) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so
23 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no
24 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering
25 the restroom; or
26 (B) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or
27 (ii) A parent or caregiver bringing a minor child or an individual
28 with a disability that is of the opposite sex of such parent or caregiver
29 into a restroom designated for such parent's or caregiver's sex.
30 (4) A state agency shall designate each locker room within each
31 facility owned by the state as one of the following: For use by females,
1 for use by males, or single occupancy.
2 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (5)(b) of this section, a
3 state agency shall not:
4 (i) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and
5 being used at such time by one or more females; or
6 (ii) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and
7 being used at such time by one or more males.
8 (b) This subsection shall not apply to an individual entering a
9 locker room under the following circumstances:
10 (i) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so
11 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no
12 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering
13 the locker room;
14 (ii) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or
15 (iii) Entrance by an authorized individual so long as such
16 individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the
17 opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the locker room.

18 (6) An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference
 19 in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections and
 20 accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act
 21 of 1990, as amended.
 22 Sec. 5. Each state agency in the adoption and promulgation of
 23 administrative rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative
 24 decisions, and the adjudication of disputes by administrative agencies
 25 shall only define an individual's sex as either a male or female.

Senator Guereca requested a point of order on whether the Kauth amendment is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Kauth amendment is not germane.

Senator Guereca offered [FA1057](#), found on page 1105.

The Guereca amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Guereca withdrew [FA1106](#), found on page 1198.

Senator Guereca withdrew [FA1107](#), found on page 1198.

Senator Guereca offered the following amendment:
[AM2980](#)

1 Strike the original section and all amendments thereto and insert
 2 the following new sections:
 3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
 4 (a) Agency head means the administrative head of a state agency,
 5 such as an agency director, executive director, commissioner, or
 6 executive secretary, who reports directly to the Governor, a commission,
 7 or a board;
 8 (b) Maternity leave means leave hours that the state provides to a
 9 maternity leave eligible employee to bond with a child;
 10 (c) Maternity leave eligible employee means an individual who:
 11 (i) Is a permanent state employee;
 12 (ii) Has been employed by the State of Nebraska for at least twelve
 13 months and has worked for the State of Nebraska for at least one thousand
 14 two hundred fifty hours in the last twelve months or has had such
 15 requirements waived by the agency head;
 16 (iii) Gives birth to or adopts a child; and
 17 (iv) Is assuming a parental role with respect to the child;
 18 (d) Permanent state employee means any state employee in a position
 19 worked on an ongoing and continuous basis;
 20 (e) Retaliatory action means to do any of the following to an
 21 employee:
 22 (i) Dismiss the employee;
 23 (ii) Reduce the employee's compensation;
 24 (iii) Fail to increase the employee's compensation by an amount that
 25 the employee is otherwise entitled to or was promised;
 26 (iv) Fail to promote the employee if the employee would have
 27 otherwise been promoted; or
 1 (v) Threaten to take any of the actions described in subdivisions
 2 (1)(e)(i) to (iv) of this section; and
 3 (f) State employee means any individual who is a full-time employee
 4 or a part-time employee of the State of Nebraska.
 5 (2) A maternity leave eligible employee who is a full-time employee
 6 shall be entitled to two hundred forty hours of paid maternity leave for

7 the birth or adoption of such employee's child. A maternity leave
8 eligible employee who is a part-time employee shall be entitled to paid
9 maternity leave proportionate to the employee's regular workweek.
10 (3) Maternity leave:
11 (a) Shall not be used before the day on which the maternity leave
12 eligible employee's child is born or adopted;
13 (b) Shall not be used more than six months after the day on which
14 the maternity leave eligible employee's child is born or adopted;
15 (c) Shall not be used intermittently, unless:
16 (i) By mutual written agreement between the state and the maternity
17 leave eligible employee; or
18 (ii) A health care provider certifies that intermittent leave is
19 medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the child; and
20 (d) Runs concurrently with any leave authorized under the Family and
21 Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.
22 (4) A maternity leave eligible employee shall not use more than two
23 hundred forty hours of paid maternity leave within a single twelve-month
24 period.
25 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (5)(b) of this section, a
26 maternity leave eligible employee shall give the state notice at least
27 thirty days before the day on which the employee plans to begin using
28 maternity leave under this section.
29 (b) If circumstances beyond the maternity leave eligible employee's
30 control prevent the employee from giving notice in accordance with
31 subdivision (5)(a) of this section, the employee shall give such notice
1 as soon as reasonably practicable.
2 (6) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(d) of this section, the
3 state shall not charge maternity leave under this section against sick,
4 vacation, compensatory, or other leave a maternity leave eligible
5 employee is entitled to.
6 (7) The state shall not compensate a maternity leave eligible
7 employee for any unused maternity leave upon termination of employment.
8 (8) Following the expiration of maternity leave under this section,
9 the state shall ensure that the maternity leave eligible employee may
10 return to:
11 (a) The position that the employee held before using maternity
12 leave; or
13 (b) A position with the state that is equivalent in seniority,
14 status, benefits, and pay to the position that the employee held before
15 using maternity leave.
16 (9) During the time a maternity leave eligible employee uses
17 maternity leave under this section, the employee shall continue to
18 receive all employment related benefits and payments at the same level
19 that the employee received immediately before beginning the maternity
20 leave, provided that the employee pays any required employee
21 contributions.
22 (10) The state shall not:
23 (a) Interfere with or otherwise restrain a maternity leave eligible
24 employee from using maternity leave in accordance with this section; or
25 (b) Take retaliatory action against a maternity leave eligible
26 employee for using maternity leave in accordance with this section.
27 (11) The Department of Administrative Services shall administer this
28 section.
29 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.
30 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
31 and approved according to law.

Senator Kauth offered the following amendment to the Guereca amendment:

[FA1185](#)

In AM2980, Strike Section 1.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 1 nay, and 17 not voting.

The Kauth amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 16 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO570](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on FA1185.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The Kauth amendment, [FA1185](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The Kauth amendment was withdrawn.

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB878.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 933. [ER156](#), found on page 1334, was offered.

ER156 was adopted.

Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA592](#), found on page 247, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM2855](#). No objections. So ordered.

[AM2855](#)

(Amendments to AM2602)

1 1. On page 1, line 14, after "judgment" insert "and based upon a
2 preponderance of the current scientific evidence".

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, [FA1075](#), found on page 1152, was not considered.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to the Kauth amendment:

[FA1187](#)

In AM2855, insert the following:

"a) Sec. 2, line 8 after "practitioner" insert the following: "licensed in the state of Nebraska and who complies with the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, and all applicable rules and regulations"

b) Sec. 2, line 13 after "written recommendation" insert the following: "in compliance with the rules and regulations established pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act".

Senator Hardin moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 35 ayes, 1 nay, and 13 not voting.

Senator Hardin requested the roll call vote, in reverse order, on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Meyer, G.	Storer
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Moser	Storm
Clouse	Hardin	Lippincott	Murman	Strommen

Voting in the negative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick
Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Raybould
DeBoer	Hunt	Prokop	Rountree

Present and not voting, 11:

Bosn	Cavanaugh, M.	Hughes	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Spivey	

Excused and not voting, 1:

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The Hardin amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 12 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the Kauth amendment:

[AM3136](#)

(Amendments to AM2855)

- 1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:
- 2 2. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 3 insert the following new sections:
- 4 Section 1. Section 71-24,103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 71-24,103 Sections 71-24,103 to 71-24,105 and sections 2 and 3 of
- 7 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis
- 8 Patient Protection Act.
- 9 Sec. 2. (1) Subject to the requirements in subsection (2) of this
- 10 section, a health care practitioner may issue a written recommendation
- 11 for medical cannabis. Such recommendation shall not be the basis of any
- 12 civil or criminal penalty or disciplinary action, except in the case of
- 13 malpractice or professional negligence as defined in section 44-2810.
- 14 (2)(a) Prior to issuing a written recommendation, a health care
- 15 practitioner shall: (i) Consider the medical condition of the qualified
- 16 patient, including potential risk factors for treatment and any
- 17 prescription drugs the qualified patient is currently taking; (ii)
- 18 determine whether, in the health care practitioner's professional
- 19 judgment, the potential benefits of cannabis outweigh the potential harms

20 for the alleviation of a qualified patient's medical condition, its
 21 symptoms, or the side effects from treatment of such condition; and (iii)
 22 discuss with the qualified patient or caregiver the risks associated with
 23 treatment and obtain the qualified patient's or caregiver's consent.
 24 (b) A health care practitioner who issues a written recommendation
 25 to a qualified patient shall not: (i) Offer a discount or another thing
 26 of value to the qualified patient or the qualified patient's parent,
 1 guardian, or registered agent that is contingent upon, or encourages, the
 2 qualified patient's decision to use a particular registered cannabis
 3 establishment; (ii) issue a written recommendation to the health care
 4 practitioner or the health care practitioner's family members, employees,
 5 or coworkers; (iii) provide product samples containing cannabis; or (iv)
 6 accept compensation from a registered cannabis establishment.
 7 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a health
 8 care practitioner from exercising professional judgment in declining to
 9 issue a written recommendation for medical cannabis.
 10 Sec. 3. (1) A health care practitioner shall not be subject to
 11 arrest, prosecution, or penalty, in any manner, or denied any right or
 12 privilege, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty or disciplinary
 13 action by the Department of Health and Human Services or by any other
 14 occupational or professional licensing board, solely for providing a
 15 written recommendation or for stating that, in the health care
 16 practitioner's professional judgment, the potential benefits of cannabis
 17 outweigh the potential harms for the alleviation of a patient's medical
 18 condition, its symptoms, or the side effects from the treatment of such
 19 condition.
 20 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health care
 21 practitioner from being subject to civil penalty or disciplinary action
 22 for malpractice or professional negligence as defined in section 44-2810.
 23 Sec. 4. Original section 71-24,103, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 24 2025, is repealed.

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 8 nays, and 14 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the J. Cavanaugh amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 20:

Bosn	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Riepe
Brandt	DeBoer	Hansen	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 20:

Andersen	Hardin	Kauth	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Clements	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Moser	Storer
Clouse	Ibach	Lonowski	Murman	Storm
DeKay	Jacobson	Meyer, F.	Sanders	Strommen

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch Dorn Hallstrom von Gillern
Ballard Dover Hughes Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

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The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 20 ayes, 20 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Kauth amendment, as amended, was adopted with 26 ayes, 16 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Kauth offered [FA1073](#), found on page 1150.

Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA1073](#), found on page 1150, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM2840](#). No objections. So ordered.

[AM2840](#)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 3. Section 71-7301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

3 2024, is amended to read:

4 71-7301 Sections 71-7301 to 71-7307 and section 8 of this act shall

5 be known and may be cited as the Let Them Grow Act.

6 Sec. 4. Section 71-7303, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

7 2024, is amended to read:

8 71-7303 For purposes of the Let Them Grow Act:

9 (1) Biological sex means the biological indication of male and

10 female in the context of reproductive potential or capacity, such as sex

11 chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads, and nonambiguous

12 internal and external genitalia present at birth, without regard to an

13 individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender;

14 (2) Congenital defect means a physical or chemical abnormality

15 present in an individual younger than nineteen years of age that is

16 inconsistent with the normal development of a human being of such

17 individual's biological sex, including abnormalities caused by a

18 medically verifiable disorder of sex development. Congenital defect does

19 not include gender dysphoria, gender identity disorder, or any mental

20 condition;

21 ~~(3)~~(2) Cross-sex hormones means testosterone or other androgens

22 given to biological females in amounts that are larger or more potent

23 than would normally occur naturally in healthy biological sex females and

24 estrogen given to biological males in amounts that are larger or more

25 potent than would normally occur naturally in healthy biological sex

26 males;

27 ~~(4)~~(3) Gender means the psychological, behavioral, social, and

1 cultural aspects of being male or female;

2 ~~(5)~~(4) Gender-altering surgery means any medical or surgical service

3 that seeks to surgically alter or remove healthy physical or anatomical

4 characteristics or features that are typical for the individual's

5 biological sex in order to instill or create physiological or anatomical

6 characteristics that resemble a sex different from the individual's
7 biological sex, including without limitation, genital or nongenital
8 gender-altering surgery performed for the purpose of assisting an
9 individual with a gender alteration;
10 ~~(6)~~(5) Gender alteration means the process in which a person goes
11 from identifying with and living as a gender that corresponds to his or
12 her biological sex to identifying with and living as a gender different
13 from his or her biological sex and may involve social, legal, or physical
14 changes;
15 ~~(7)(a)(6)(a)~~ Gender-altering procedures includes any medical or
16 surgical service, including without limitation physician's services,
17 inpatient and outpatient hospital services, or prescribed drugs related
18 to gender alteration, that seeks to:
19 (i) Alter or remove physical or anatomical characteristics or
20 features that are typical for the individual's biological sex; or
21 (ii) Instill or create physiological or anatomical characteristics
22 that resemble a sex different from the individual's biological sex,
23 including without limitation medical services that provide puberty-
24 blocking drugs, cross-sex hormones, or other mechanisms to promote the
25 development of feminizing or masculinizing features in the opposite
26 biological sex, or genital or nongenital gender-altering surgery
27 performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender
28 alteration;
29 (b) Gender-altering procedures does not include:
30 (i) Services to persons born with a medically verifiable disorder of
31 sex development, including a person with external biological sex
1 characteristics that are irresolvably ambiguous, such as those born with
2 46 XX chromosomes with virilization, 46 XY chromosomes with
3 undervirilization, or having both ovarian and testicular tissue;
4 (ii) Services provided when a health care practitioner has otherwise
5 diagnosed a disorder of sexual development that the health care
6 practitioner has determined, through genetic or biochemical testing, that
7 the person does not have normal sex-chromosome structure, sex-steroid
8 production, or sex-steroid hormone action;
9 (iii) The acute and chronic treatment of any infection, injury,
10 disease, or disorder that has been caused by or exacerbated by the
11 performance of a gender-altering procedure, whether or not the gender-
12 altering procedure was performed in accordance with state and federal
13 law; or
14 (iv) Any procedure undertaken because the individual suffers from a
15 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as
16 certified by the health care practitioner, place the individual in
17 imminent danger of death or impairment of major bodily function unless
18 surgery is performed;
19 ~~(8)~~(7) Genital gender-altering surgery means a medical procedure
20 performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender
21 alteration, including without limitation:
22 (a) Surgical procedures such as penectomy, orchiectomy,
23 vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty, or vulvoplasty for biologically male
24 patients or hysterectomy or ovariectomy for biologically female patients;
25 (b) Reconstruction of the fixed part of the urethra with or without
26 a metoidioplasty; or
27 (c) Phalloplasty, vaginectomy, scrotoplasty, or implantation of
28 erection or testicular prostheses for biologically female patients;
29 ~~(9)~~(8) Health care practitioner means a person licensed or certified
30 under the Uniform Credentialing Act;
31 ~~(10)~~(9) Puberty-blocking drugs means gonadotropin-releasing hormone
1 analogues or other synthetic drugs used in biological males to stop
2 luteinizing hormone secretion and therefore testosterone secretion, or
3 synthetic drugs used in biological females which stop the production of

4 estrogens and progesterone, when used to delay or suppress pubertal
5 development in children for the purpose of assisting an individual with a
6 gender alteration; ~~and~~

7 ~~(11)(10)~~ Nongenital gender-altering surgery means medical procedures
8 performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender
9 alteration, including without limitation:

10 (a) Surgical procedures for biologically male patients, such as
11 voice surgery or thyroid cartilage reduction; or

12 (b) Surgical procedures for biologically female patients, such as
13 subcutaneous mastectomy or voice surgery; ~~and~~.

14 (12) Telehealth has the same meaning as in section 38-120.01.

15 Sec. 5. Section 71-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2024, is amended to read:

17 71-7304 (1) Except as provided in the Let Them Grow Act and the
18 rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act, a
19 health care practitioner shall not perform gender-altering procedures in
20 this state, including via telehealth to an individual located in this
21 state, for an individual younger than nineteen years of age.

22 (2) The intentional and knowing performance of gender-altering
23 procedures by a health care practitioner for an individual younger than
24 nineteen years of age in violation of subsection (1) of this section
25 shall be considered unprofessional conduct as defined in section 38-179.

26 (3) This section does not apply to the continuation of treatment
27 using puberty-blocking drugs, cross-sex hormones, or both when the course
28 of treatment began before October 1, 2023, and concluded on or before
29 January 1, 2027.

30 (4) This section does not apply to nonsurgical gender-altering
31 procedures when such procedures are provided;

1 (a) Prior to the effective date of this act in compliance with the
2 rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to subsection (1)
3 of section 71-7305; or.

4 (b) On and after the effective date of this act in compliance with
5 subsection (2) of section 71-7305.

6 Sec. 6. Section 71-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
7 2024, is amended to read:

8 71-7305 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
9 ~~the~~The chief medical officer as designated in section 81-3115 shall adopt
10 and promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to provide for
11 nonsurgical gender-altering procedures for individuals younger than
12 nineteen years of age, such as puberty-blocking drugs, cross-sex
13 hormones, or both. Such rules and regulations shall be consistent with
14 the Let Them Grow Act and, at a minimum, include the following:

15 (a) Specify that a health care practitioner may prescribe approved
16 puberty-blocking drugs, cross-sex hormones, or both to an individual
17 younger than nineteen years of age if such individual has a long-lasting
18 and intense pattern of gender nonconformity or gender dysphoria which
19 began or worsened at the start of puberty;

20 (b) Specific criteria, obligations, or conditions regulating the
21 administration, prescribing, delivery, sale, or use of puberty-blocking
22 drugs, cross-sex hormones, or both involving an individual younger than
23 nineteen years of age in accordance with subdivision (1)(a) of this
24 section, which shall, at a minimum, set forth the following:

25 (i) The minimum number of gender-identity-focused therapeutic hours
26 required prior to an individual receiving puberty-blocking drugs, cross-
27 sex hormones, or both;

28 (ii) Patient advisory requirements necessary for a health care
29 practitioner to obtain informed patient consent;

30 (iii) Patient medical record documentation requirements to ensure
31 compliance with the act; and

1 (iv) A minimum waiting period between the time the health care

2 practitioner obtains informed patient consent and the administration,
3 prescribing, or delivery of puberty-blocking drugs, cross-sex hormones,
4 or both to such patient; and

5 (c) Specify that section 71-7304 does not apply to nonsurgical
6 gender-altering procedures when such procedures are provided in
7 compliance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated
8 pursuant to this section.

9 (2)(a) Beginning on and after the effective date of this act, a
10 health care practitioner shall not knowingly prescribe for or provide to
11 an individual in this state younger than nineteen years of age cross-sex
12 hormones or puberty-blocking drugs for the purpose of assisting the
13 individual with a gender alteration.

14 (b) A health care practitioner does not violate this subsection if:

15 (i) The cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs were prescribed
16 for or provided to an individual in this state younger than nineteen
17 years of age to treat the individual's congenital defect, precocious
18 puberty, disease, or physical injury; or

19 (ii) The cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs were
20 prescribed for or provided to an individual in this state younger than
21 nineteen years of age in compliance with the Let Them Grow Act and the
22 rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to subsection (1)
23 of this section and such treatment concluded on or before January 1,
24 2027.

25 (c) For purposes of subdivision (2)(b) of this section, disease does
26 not include any gender nonconformity, gender dysphoria, gender identity
27 disorder, or mental condition.

28 (d) The chief medical officer as designated in section 81-3115 shall
29 adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as necessary to carry out
30 this subsection.

31 (3)(2) The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt and
1 promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent with the rules and
2 regulations adopted and promulgated by the chief medical officer that are
3 necessary to carry out the Let Them Grow Act.

4 Sec. 7. Section 71-7307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2024, is amended to read:

6 71-7307 (1) An individual that received a gender-altering procedure
7 in violation of section 71-7304 after October 1, 2023, and while such
8 individual was younger than nineteen years of age, or the parent or
9 guardian of such an individual, may bring a civil action for appropriate
10 relief against the health care practitioner who performed the gender-
11 altering procedure. Appropriate relief in an action under this section
12 includes actual damages and reasonable attorney's fees. An action under
13 this section shall be brought within two years after discovery of
14 damages.

15 (2) If a court in any civil action brought pursuant to this section
16 finds that a health care practitioner knowingly violated section 71-7304,
17 the court shall notify the Attorney General and the Department of Health
18 and Human Services by mailing a certified copy of the court's order to
19 the Attorney General and the department. Notification pursuant to this
20 subsection shall be made upon the judgment of the court being made final.

21 Sec. 8. (1) The Attorney General may bring an action against a
22 health care practitioner that knowingly violates the Let Them Grow Act,
23 within twenty years of the violation, to (a) enjoin further violations
24 and (b) recover a civil penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars per
25 violation.

26 (2) Each time a health care practitioner performs a gender-altering
27 procedure, including each instance of prescribing or providing cross-sex
28 hormones and puberty-blocking drugs in violation of the Let Them Grow
29 Act, constitutes a separate violation.

30 (3) Any civil penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be

31 remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with

1 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

2 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer

3 accordingly.

Senator Dungan requested a point of order on whether the Kauth amendment is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Kauth amendment is germane.

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB933.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. [ER176](#), found on page 1462, was offered.

ER176 was adopted.

Senator DeBoer asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO535](#), found on page 1190, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO536](#), found on page 1190, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO537](#), found on page 1190, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator DeBoer withdrew the following amendments:

[FA460](#), found on page 196.

[FA1090](#), found on page 1191.

[FA1091](#), found on page 1191.

[FA1092](#), found on page 1191.

[FA1093](#), found on page 1191.

Senator DeBoer asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO538](#), found on page 1190, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1100](#), found on page 1195.

[FA1101](#), found on page 1195.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096. [ER177](#), found on page 1472, was offered.

ER177 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA755](#), found on page 369.

Senator Bostar withdrew [AM3030](#), found on page 1462.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:
[AM3101](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096A. Senator Bostar offered the following motion:

[MO571](#)

Indefinitely postpone LB1096A.

The Bostar motion prevailed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165. [ER170](#), found on page 1375, was offered.

ER170 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered [MO382](#), found on page 557, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO381](#), found on page 557, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO383](#), found on page 557, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Kauth offered [FA825](#), found on page 414.

Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA825](#), found on page 414, and replace it with the von Gillern substitute amendment, [AM3035](#). No objections. So ordered.

[AM3035](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2504)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 18. Section 77-6801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 77-6801 Sections 77-6801 to 77-6846 and section 22 of this act shall
5 be known and may be cited as the ImagiNE Nebraska Act.

6 Sec. 19. Section 77-6815, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
7 2024, is amended to read:

8 77-6815 (1) Number of new employees, for purposes of subdivisions
9 (1)(b), (4)(d), (5)(c), and (8)(b)(iii) of section 77-6831, means the
10 lesser of:

11 (a) The number of equivalent employees that are employed at the
12 qualified location or locations during a year that are in excess of the
13 number of equivalent employees during the base year; or

14 (b) The sum of:

15 (i) The number of equivalent employees employed full-time at the
16 qualified location or locations during a year who are not base-year
17 employees, who meet the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~
18 of this section, and who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at
19 least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly
20 wage for the year of application; and

21 (ii) The number of equivalent employees who were not employed full-
22 time at the qualified location during the base year and became employed
23 full-time at the qualified location after the base year, after
24 subtracting the hours worked by such employees in the base year, who meet
25 the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~ of this section, and
26 who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at least one hundred fifty
1 percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for the year of
2 application.

3 (2) Number of new employees, for purposes of subdivisions (4)(a)(i)
4 and (5)(a)(i) of section 77-6831, means the lesser of:

5 (a) The number of equivalent employees that are employed at the
6 qualified location or locations during a year that are in excess of the
7 number of equivalent employees during the base year; or

8 (b) The sum of:

9 (i) The number of equivalent employees employed full-time at the
10 qualified location or locations during a year who are not base-year
11 employees, who meet the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~
12 of this section, and who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at
13 least ninety percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for
14 the year of application; and

15 (ii) The number of equivalent employees who were not employed full-
16 time at the qualified location during the base year and became employed
17 full-time at the qualified location after the base year, after
18 subtracting the hours worked by such employees in the base year, who meet
19 the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~ of this section, and
20 who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at least ninety percent of
21 the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for the year of application.

22 (3) Number of new employees, for purposes of subdivisions (4)(a)(ii)
23 and (5)(a)(ii) of section 77-6831, means the lesser of:

24 (a) The number of equivalent employees that are employed at the
25 qualified location or locations during a year that are in excess of the
26 number of equivalent employees during the base year; or

27 (b) The sum of:

28 (i) The number of equivalent employees employed full-time at the
29 qualified location or locations during a year who are not base-year
30 employees, who meet the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~
31 of this section, and who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at
1 least seventy-five percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage
2 for the year of application; and

3 (ii) The number of equivalent employees who were not employed full-
 4 time at the qualified location during the base year and became employed
 5 full-time at the qualified location after the base year, after
 6 subtracting the hours worked by such employees in the base year, who meet
 7 the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~ of this section, and
 8 who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at least seventy-five
 9 percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for the year of
 10 application.

11 (4) Number of new employees, for purposes of subdivisions (4)(a)
 12 (iii), (4)(e), (5)(a)(iii), and (5)(d) of section 77-6831, means the
 13 lesser of:

14 (a) The number of equivalent employees that are employed at the
 15 qualified location or locations during a year that are in excess of the
 16 number of equivalent employees during the base year; or

17 (b) The sum of:

18 (i) The number of equivalent employees employed full-time at the
 19 qualified location or locations during a year who are not base-year
 20 employees, who meet the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~
 21 of this section, and who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at
 22 least seventy percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for
 23 the year of application; and

24 (ii) The number of equivalent employees who were not employed full-
 25 time at the qualified location during the base year and became employed
 26 full-time at the qualified location after the base year, after
 27 subtracting the hours worked by such employees in the base year, who meet
 28 the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~ of this section, and
 29 who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at least seventy percent of
 30 the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for the year of application.

31 (5) Number of new employees, for purposes of subdivision (6)(b) of
section 77-6831, means the number of equivalent employees employed full-
time at the qualified location or locations during a year that are in
excess of the number of equivalent employees during the year prior to the
year when a change in ownership and control as defined in subdivision (3)
of section 3 of this act occurred who meet the health coverage
requirement of subsection (8) of this section and for whom the average
annual wage is one hundred thousand dollars or more;

8 ~~(6)(5)~~ Number of new employees, for all other purposes, except as
 9 otherwise provided in the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, means the lesser of:

10 (a) The number of equivalent employees that are employed at the
 11 qualified location or locations during a year that are in excess of the
 12 number of equivalent employees during the base year; or

13 (b) The sum of:

14 (i) The number of equivalent employees employed full-time at the
 15 qualified location or locations during a year who are not base-year
 16 employees, who meet the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~
 17 of this section, and who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at
 18 least the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for the year of
 19 application; and

20 (ii) The number of equivalent employees who were not employed full-
 21 time at the qualified location during the base year and became employed
 22 full-time at the qualified location after the base year, after
 23 subtracting the hours worked by such employees in the base year, who meet
 24 the health coverage requirement of subsection ~~(8)(7)~~ of this section, and
 25 who are paid compensation at a rate equal to at least the Nebraska
 26 statewide average hourly wage for the year of application.

27 ~~(7)(6)~~ For employees who work both at a qualified location and also
 28 perform services for the taxpayer at other nonqualified locations, they
 29 will be included in determining the number of new employees if more than
 30 fifty percent of the time for which they are compensated is spent at the
 31 qualified location. For any year other than the base year, employees who

1 work at the qualified location fifty percent or less of the time for
 2 which they are compensated are not considered employed at the qualified
 3 location. For employees who work both at a qualified location and also
 4 perform services for the taxpayer at the employee's Nebraska residence,
 5 the time for which an employee is compensated for services performed at
 6 the employee's Nebraska residence will be considered spent at the
 7 qualified location.

8 ~~(8)(7)~~ An employee meets the health coverage requirement if the
 9 taxpayer offers to that employee, for that year, the opportunity to
 10 enroll in minimum essential coverage under an eligible employer-sponsored
 11 plan, as those terms are defined and described in section 5000A of the
 12 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations for such
 13 section.

14 ~~(9)(8)~~ For purposes of this section, employed full-time means that
 15 the employee is a full-time employee as defined and described in section
 16 4980H of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the
 17 regulations for such section.

18 Sec. 22. The changes made in sections 77-6815 and 77-6831 by this
 19 legislative bill apply to all applications filed on and after the
 20 operative date of this section. For all applications filed prior to such
 21 date, the provisions of such sections as they existed immediately prior
 22 to such date apply. The changes made in section 77-6832 by this
 23 legislative bill apply to all applications filed before, on, or after the
 24 operative date of this section.

25 2. On page 31, line 14, after "full-time" insert "equivalent"; in
 26 line 22 strike "an additional" and strike "full-time" and insert "new";
 27 strike beginning with "as" in line 22 through "section" in line 24; and
 28 strike beginning with "The" in line 24 through line 31 and insert "Upon
 29 reaching the five hundred or more new employees threshold, the increased
 30 tax credit percentages shall apply to all years within the performance
 31 period".

1 3. On page 32, strike lines 1 through 3 and show the old matter as
 2 stricken.

3 4. On page 38, line 19, before "child" insert "dependent" and strike
 4 "for" and insert "costs incurred by"; and in line 21 after "of" insert
 5 "dependent" and strike "for" and insert "incurred by".

6 5. On page 45, line 2, strike "2026-27 and" and after "2027-28"
 7 insert "and 2028-29"; in line 10 after the period insert "Grants awarded
 8 under this subdivision may be used for capital improvements made during
 9 the twenty-four months prior to the change in ownership and control as
 10 defined in subdivision (3) of section 3 of this act through the end of
 11 the fiscal year in which the grant was received."; and in line 14 after
 12 "improvements" insert "in this state".

13 6. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 14 accordingly.

15 7. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 16 sections added by this amendment become operative on their effective date
 17 with the emergency clause.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:

[FA940](#), found on page 556.

[FA941](#), found on page 556.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO384](#), found on page 557, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM3117](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2504)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under

6 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars.

7 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be

8 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature

9 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008

10 using available revenue. For tax year 2017, the amount of relief granted

11 under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars. For tax

12 year 2020 through tax year 2022, the minimum amount of relief granted

13 under the act shall be two hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax

14 year 2023, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be

15 three hundred sixty million dollars. For tax year 2024, the minimum

16 amount of relief granted under the act shall be three hundred ninety-five

17 million dollars. For tax year 2025, the minimum amount of relief granted

18 under the act shall be four hundred thirty million dollars. For tax year

19 2026, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be four

20 hundred forty-five million dollars. For tax year 2027, the minimum amount

21 of relief granted under the act shall be ~~five hundred ten~~ ~~four hundred~~

22 ~~sixty~~ million dollars. For tax year 2028, the minimum amount of relief

23 granted under the act shall be ~~five hundred twenty-five~~ ~~four hundred~~

24 ~~seventy-five~~ million dollars. For tax year 2029, the minimum amount of

25 relief granted under the act shall be the minimum amount from the prior

26 tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if

1 any, in the total assessed value of all real property in the state from

2 the prior year to the current year, as determined by the Department of

3 Revenue, plus an additional ~~one hundred twenty-five~~ ~~seventy-five~~ million

4 dollars. For tax year 2030 and each tax year thereafter, the minimum

5 amount of relief granted under the act shall be the minimum amount from

6 the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the percentage

7 increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real property in the

8 state from the prior year to the current year, as determined by the

9 Department of Revenue. If money is transferred or credited to the

10 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund pursuant to any other state law, such

11 amount shall be added to the minimum amount required under this

12 subsection when determining the total amount of relief granted under the

13 act. The relief shall be in the form of a property tax credit which

14 appears on the property tax statement.

15 (2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount

16 of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the

17 amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section

18 by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total

19 real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the

20 property tax credit for the property.

21 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the

22 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount

23 disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the

24 ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total

25 credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be

26 the property tax credit for the property.

27 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption
 28 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, the owner shall also be qualified for
 29 the relief provided in the act to the extent of any remaining liability
 30 after calculation of the relief provided by the homestead exemption. If
 31 the credit results in a property tax liability on the homestead that is
 1 less than zero, the amount of the credit which cannot be used by the
 2 taxpayer shall be returned to the Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of
 3 the year the amount disbursed to the county was disbursed. The Property
 4 Tax Administrator shall immediately credit any funds returned under this
 5 subsection to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Upon the return of any
 6 funds under this subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically
 7 file a report with the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed
 8 by the Tax Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to
 9 each taxing unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any
 10 collection fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of
 11 unused credits returned.

12 (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to
 13 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement
 14 determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio
 15 of the real property valuation in the county to the real property
 16 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator
 17 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each
 18 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each
 19 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal
 20 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before
 21 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the
 22 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing
 23 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the
 24 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such
 25 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing
 26 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.

27 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each
 28 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined
 29 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the
 30 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation
 31 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator
 1 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each
 2 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each
 3 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal
 4 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before
 5 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the
 6 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing
 7 unit based on its share of the credits granted to all taxpayers in the
 8 taxing unit.

9 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means
 10 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and
 11 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for
 12 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special
 13 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for
 14 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special
 15 valuation.

16 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the
 17 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August
 18 1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.

19 (7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from the
 20 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.

21 Sec. 2. Original section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 22 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

The Conrad amendment lost with 13 ayes, 19 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to [LB1209](#):
[AM3133](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB933](#):

[FA1173](#)

In AM2840, on page 1, line 19 strike the second comma after "disorder".

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to [LB958](#):

[AM2977](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2766)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-9,111 and section 2 of this act shall
- 6 be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.
- 7 Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 8 (a) Assessment tool means any standardized instrument, including the
- 9 InterRai assessment system or successor tools, used by the department to
- 10 evaluate functional eligibility, service needs, or service tier
- 11 assignments for medicaid or home and community-based services waiver
- 12 participants;
- 13 (b) Clinical interviewing means a type of directed conversation
- 14 applied in a variety of contexts, including assessment and treatment
- 15 planning for persons applying for, or receiving, services under the
- 16 medical assistance program or a home and community-based services waiver
- 17 authorized under section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act, as
- 18 amended. Clinical interviewing may include the use of standard assessment
- 19 materials but allows the interviewer, based on training and patient
- 20 responses, to determine the questions to ask, clarify ambiguities, and
- 21 adapt the questions to the patient's comprehension in order to enhance
- 22 understanding; and
- 23 (c) Waiver participant means an individual applying for, or
- 24 receiving, services under a home and community-based services waiver
- 25 authorized under section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act, as
- 26 amended.
- 1 (2) The department shall ensure that all employees and contractors
- 2 who administer or utilize assessment tools for waiver participants
- 3 receive training in clinical interviewing techniques. Such training shall
- 4 include, but not be limited to:
- 5 (a) Proper administration of assessment tools;
- 6 (b) Techniques for adapting questions to the comprehension and
- 7 communication needs of the individual being assessed;
- 8 (c) Methods for clarifying ambiguous or incomplete responses; and
- 9 (d) Procedures that ensure accurate and complete assessment results.
- 10 (3) The department shall communicate eligibility determinations,
- 11 service tier assignments, and service hour determinations to a waiver
- 12 participant, or a parent or legal guardian of a waiver participant, in a

13 timely, clear, and specific manner. Such communication shall include:

14 (a) A complete explanation of the assigned service tier and

15 eligibility determination;

16 (b) A clear and precise explanation of the assessment tool results;

17 and

18 (c) Information regarding the right to appeal the determination.

19 (4)(a) Services authorized under a waiver shall be based upon

20 individualized assessments of medical necessity, functional need, and

21 health and safety requirements, as determined through the person-centered

22 planning process in accordance with federal home and community-based

23 services waiver regulations.

24 (b) The department shall ensure that services are sufficient in

25 amount, duration, and scope to reasonably serve the needs of participants

26 and prevent unnecessary institutionalization, hospitalization, or risk of

27 serious harm.

28 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the state's

29 obligation to comply with federal medicaid requirements governing

30 comparability, reasonable standards, and protection of the health and

31 welfare of waiver participants.

1 (5) If a determination results in a reduction of a waiver

2 participant's service tier, authorized service hours, or service

3 provision, the department shall conduct an immediate supervisory review

4 of the assessment and determination prior to final implementation of the

5 reduction.

6 (6) No later than August 1, 2026, and August 1, 2027, the department

7 shall submit a report electronically to the Legislative Oversight

8 Committee of the Legislature, the Health and Human Services Committee of

9 the Legislature, and the office of the Public Counsel regarding the

10 implementation and use of assessment tools for waiver participants. The

11 report shall only apply to the developmental disability waiver using

12 intermediate level of care criteria and shall include, but not be limited

13 to:

14 (a) The metrics used in the assessment tools;

15 (b) An explanation of nonproprietary algorithms, case-mix

16 methodologies, or scoring matrices used to determine eligibility or

17 service tiers;

18 (c) The number and percentage of waiver participants whose service

19 tiers remained the same, increased, or decreased, and the reasons for

20 such changes;

21 (d) Aggregate assessment results compared to previous years'

22 assessments and service tier determinations;

23 (e) Any identified disparities, trends, or implementation

24 challenges;

25 (f) Any other information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness,

26 accuracy, and fairness of the assessment tools;

27 (g) The ways in which the department is complying with the federal

28 Ensuring Access to Medicaid Final Rule, including requirements related to

29 grievance procedures, critical incident reporting, and appeal processes

30 for waiver participants; and

31 (h) The procedures implemented by medicaid managed care contractors

1 relating to grievances, critical incidents, and appeals for waiver

2 participants.

3 Sec. 3. Section 68-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 68-908 (1) The department shall administer the medical assistance

6 program.

7 (2) The department may (a) enter into contracts and interagency

8 agreements, (b) adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, (c) adopt fee

9 schedules, (d) apply for and implement waivers and managed care plans for

10 services for eligible recipients, including services under the Nebraska

11 Behavioral Health Services Act, and (e) perform such other activities as
 12 necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties under the Medical
 13 Assistance Act. A covered item or service as described in section 68-911
 14 that is furnished through a school-based health center, furnished by a
 15 provider, and furnished under a managed care plan pursuant to a waiver
 16 does not require prior consultation or referral by a patient's primary
 17 care physician to be covered. Any federally qualified health center
 18 providing services as a sponsoring facility of a school-based health
 19 center shall be reimbursed for such services provided at a school-based
 20 health center at the federally qualified health center reimbursement
 21 rate.

22 (3) The department shall maintain the confidentiality of information
 23 regarding applicants for or recipients of medical assistance and such
 24 information shall only be used for purposes related to administration of
 25 the medical assistance program and the provision of such assistance or as
 26 otherwise permitted by federal law.

27 (4) The department shall provide the maximum amount of retroactive
 28 coverage for each medical assistance eligibility category as permitted by
 29 section 71112 of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law
 30 119-21, as such section existed on January 1, 2026.

31 ~~(5)~~(4) The department shall prepare an annual summary and analysis
 1 of the medical assistance program for legislative and public review. The
 2 department shall submit a report of such summary and analysis to the
 3 Governor and the Legislature electronically no later than December 1 of
 4 each year. The annual summary shall include, but not be limited to:
 5 (a) The number and percentage of applications approved and denied;
 6 (b) The number of eligibility determinations, including the number
 7 and percentage of those individuals remaining enrolled, terminations, and
 8 other determinations;

9 (c) The number of case closures in the medical assistance program
 10 and the Children's Health Insurance Program and the specific reason for
 11 the closure broken down by (i) eligibility category, including program
 12 type, (ii) local public health district or other geographic area, and
 13 (iii) race or ethnicity, if available;

14 (d) The number of medical assistance program and Children's Health
 15 Insurance Program enrollees broken down by (i) eligibility category,
 16 including program type, (ii) local public health district or other
 17 geographic area, and (iii) race or ethnicity, if available;

18 (e) The number and percentage of redeterminations or renewals
 19 processed ex parte, broken down by (i) eligibility category, including
 20 program type and (ii) race or ethnicity, if available;

21 (f) The average number of days required to process applications for
 22 the medical assistance program and Children's Health Insurance Program,
 23 separating the data by applicants with modified adjusted gross income and
 24 nonmodified adjusted gross income eligibility;

25 (g) The rate of re-enrollment within ninety days of termination and
 26 within twelve months of termination, broken down by (i) eligibility
 27 category, including program type, (ii) local public health district or
 28 other geographic area, and (iii) race or ethnicity, if available;

29 (h) The average client call duration;

30 (i) The client call abandonment rate;

31 (j) The number of requests for a fair hearing separated by (i)
 1 eligibility category and program type, (ii) outcome, and (iii) amount of
 2 time until final disposition; ~~and~~

3 (k) A link to the medical assistance program fair hearing decisions
 4 that have been redacted to protect private and health information, which
 5 shall be posted on the department's website;

6 (l) The status of community engagement requirements, including:
 7 (i) A description of the plans to implement community engagement
 8 requirements for medicaid recipients, including the authority and

9 effective date for the requirements and the recipients subject to the
10 requirements;
11 (ii) The number of denied applications and renewals for failure to
12 meet community engagement requirements;
13 (iii) The number of applications and renewals denied because the
14 community engagement requirement verification could not be completed;
15 (iv) The number of applications and renewals which required the
16 recipient to submit additional information relating to compliance with
17 community engagement requirements;
18 (v) The number of applications and renewals approved because the
19 applications and renewals received an exemption, the type of exemption,
20 whether or not the exemption was applied automatically, and whether or
21 not the recipient was required to take action to receive the exemption;
22 (vi) The number of applications and renewals approved because the
23 applications and renewals complied with the community engagement
24 requirement, disaggregated by the compliance activity type, whether or
25 not compliance was determined automatically, and whether or not the
26 recipient was required to take further action in order to be approved;
27 (vii) The number of applications and renewals denied or terminated
28 due to a failure to meet community engagement requirements in which the
29 recipient was re-enrolled within ninety days and the number of such
30 applications and renewals in which the recipient was re-enrolled within
31 twelve months;
1 (viii) A list of data sources the department uses to verify
2 compliance or exemption status; and
3 (ix) A list of external vendors contracted by the state to assess
4 compliance with, or exemption from, community engagement requirements,
5 including a link to each vendor's current contract;
6 (m) The number of identified cases of concurrent enrollment and
7 external vendors contracted by the state to identify concurrent
8 enrollees, including a link to each vendor's contract. For cases
9 terminated for concurrent enrollment, the rate of re-enrollment within
10 ninety days after the date of termination and the rate of re-enrollment
11 within twelve months after the date of termination; and
12 (n) A description of cost sharing, premiums, copays, and deductibles
13 for goods and services provided under the medical assistance program,
14 including (i) the amounts of the cost sharing, premiums, copays, and
15 deductibles and (ii) the payment source for collected cost sharing.
16 Sec. 4. Section 68-9,106, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
17 2024, is amended to read:
18 68-9,106 The Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program is created within the
19 Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the Nebraska
20 Prenatal Plus Program is to reduce the incidence of low birth weight,
21 pre-term birth, and adverse birth outcomes while also addressing other
22 lifestyle, behavioral, and nonmedical aspects of an at-risk mother's life
23 that may affect the health and well-being of the mother or the child.
24 ~~This program shall terminate on June 30, 2028.~~
25 Sec. 5. Section 68-9,107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
26 2024, is amended to read:
27 68-9,107 Services eligible for reimbursement for at-risk mothers
28 under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program include, but are not limited to:
29 (1) Six or fewer sessions of nutrition counseling; (2) psychosocial
30 counseling and support; (3) general client education and health
31 promotion; (4) a minimum of two breastfeeding support sessions; and (5)
1 targeted case management.
2 Sec. 6. Section 68-9,109, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
3 amended to read:
4 68-9,109 The Department of Health and Human Services shall
5 electronically submit a report to the Legislature on or before December
6 15 of each year beginning December 15, 2024, through December 15,

7 ~~20342029~~, on the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program which includes (1) the
 8 number of mothers served, (2) the services offered, and (3) the birth
 9 outcomes for each mother served.
 10 Sec. 7. Sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of this act become operative three
 11 calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The
 12 other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
 13 Sec. 8. Original sections 68-9,106 and 68-9,107, Revised Statutes
 14 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 68-9,109, Revised Statutes
 15 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
 16 Sec. 9. Original sections 68-901 and 68-908, Revised Statutes
 17 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
 18 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 19 passed and approved according to law.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendments to LB958:

AM3119

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2766)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 4. Section 68-1215, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 3 2024, is amended to read:
 4 68-1215 (1) For purposes of determining eligibility of a household
 5 for the low-income home energy assistance program pursuant to section
 6 68-1201 as administered by the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal
 7 Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 8621 to 8630, the Department of
 8 Health and Human Services shall apply a household total annual income
 9 level of one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level published
 10 annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or
 11 such successor agency which publishes the federal poverty level.
 12 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall make crisis
 13 assistance payments as necessary of no more than eight hundred dollars
 14 per program year and may authorize crisis assistance payments for more
 15 than eight hundred dollars per program year based on extenuating
 16 circumstances.
 17 Sec. 5. Sections 4 and 6 of this act become operative three calendar
 18 months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other
 19 sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
 20 Sec. 6. Original section 68-1215, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 21 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.
 22 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

AM3128

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2766)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 4. (1) The Legislature finds that: (a) Doula services have
 3 been proven to reduce the cost of birthing and improve outcomes for
 4 mothers and infants; (b) one of the most effective services to improve
 5 labor and delivery outcomes is the continuous presence of support
 6 personnel such as a doula; and (c) support from a doula is associated
 7 with lower cesarean rates, as well as fewer obstetric interventions,
 8 fewer complications, less pain medication, shorter labor hours, and
 9 higher Apgar scores for infants.
 10 (2) No later than January 1, 2029, the department shall reimburse a
 11 provider for doula services. Such reimbursement shall be paid by state
 12 funds at rates determined by the department. The department shall submit
 13 a state plan amendment, if necessary, to provide for reimbursement of
 14 doula services.
 15 (3)(a) The department shall establish a work group of stakeholders
 16 and experts to develop an implementation plan, including appropriate
 17 reimbursement rates and appropriate training, certification, or

18 experience requirements for doula services. The work group shall submit
 19 the implementation plan to the department no later than January 1, 2027.
 20 (b) The work group shall be comprised of the following: (i) Thirty
 21 percent of the members shall represent the doula profession; (ii) thirty
 22 percent of the members shall represent communities of color
 23 disproportionately impacted by poor birth outcomes; (iii) ten percent of
 24 the members shall represent rural Nebraska; and (iv) ten percent of the
 25 members shall have utilized doula services.
 26 (c) Additional members of the work group shall include, but not be
 1 limited to: (i) Medical providers; (ii) public health professionals;
 2 (iii) representatives of tribal organizations; and (iv) community
 3 advocates.
 4 (4)(a) For purposes of this section, doula means a trained
 5 professional who provides emotional, physical, and informational support
 6 for individuals before, during, and after labor and birth. This includes,
 7 but is not limited to, attending prenatal visits, support during
 8 delivery, and providing resources during the postpartum period.
 9 (b) A doula shall have appropriate training, certification, or
 10 experience, as determined by the implementation plan developed by the
 11 work group described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section.
 12 (c) A doula shall not perform clinical or medical tasks and shall
 13 not diagnose or treat in any modality.
 14 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to fund the state portion of
 15 reimbursement for doula services from the vital statistics subfund of the
 16 Health and Human Services Cash Fund.
 17 Sec. 5. Section 4 of this act becomes operative three calendar
 18 months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other
 19 sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
 20 2. On page 1, line 5, strike "section 2" and insert "sections 2 and
 21 4".
 22 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB1187](#):
[AM3068](#)

(Amendments to AM3037)

1 1. Strike section 19 and insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 19. (1) The operator of a registered dairy heifer development
 3 facility shall:
 4 (a) Keep the following for all cattle in such registered dairy
 5 heifer development facility: Cattle inventory records, purchase records,
 6 certificates of inspection, and any other satisfactory evidence of
 7 ownership; and
 8 (b) Make such records and satisfactory evidence of ownership
 9 available to the brand committee or its employees for purposes of:
 10 Performing audits under this section, investigating lost or stolen
 11 livestock, or investigating violations of the Livestock Brand Act.
 12 (2)(a) This subdivision (a) applies unless otherwise provided in
 13 subdivision (b) of this subsection. The brand committee or its employees
 14 may audit each registered dairy heifer development facility twice during
 15 a calendar year. When performing an audit under this subsection, the
 16 brand committee or its employees shall audit a selection of up to ten
 17 percent of the lot files for the cattle in the registered dairy heifer
 18 development facility as of the commencement date of the audit.
 19 (b) The brand committee or its employees may audit a registered
 20 dairy heifer development facility under subdivision (a) of this
 21 subsection more than twice during a calendar year if:
 22 (i) The audit is approved by a majority vote of all of the members
 23 of the brand committee;
 24 (ii) The brand committee finds the existence of reasonable cause of
 25 a violation by the registered dairy heifer development facility of the

26 Livestock Brand Act or any rules and regulations that are adopted and
 1 promulgated under the act; and
 2 (iii) The reasonable cause for the audit is specifically stated by
 3 the brand committee in a resolution authorizing the audit. The brand
 4 committee may adopt a resolution for purposes of this subdivision (iii).
 5 (c) During an audit that is conducted under this subsection, the
 6 operator of the registered dairy heifer development facility shall show:
 7 (i) The lot files selected for the audit; and
 8 (ii) Cattle purchase records and other satisfactory evidence of
 9 ownership for cattle included in the lot files selected for the audit.
 10 2. On page 18, line 16, strike "fifty cents" and insert "twenty-five
 11 percent".

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB966:
AM3120

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be
 4 cited as the Hunger-Free Schools Act.
 5 Sec. 2. Section 79-10,137, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 6 amended to read:
 7 ~~79-10,137~~ The Legislature finds that, for Nebraska to compete
 8 effectively in the world, it must have an educated and productive work
 9 force. In order to have an educated and productive work force, it must
 10 prepare its children to learn, and in order to do so the children must be
 11 well-nourished. The Legislature further finds that school breakfast and
 12 lunch programs are integral parts of Nebraska's educational system and
 13 that every student deserves access to healthy food during the school day.
 14 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Hunger-Free Schools Act:
 15 (1) Department means the State Department of Education;
 16 (2) Eligible meal means a school breakfast or school lunch that is
 17 served (a) by a participating school (b) to a student who qualifies for
 18 reduced-price school meals under United States Department of Agriculture
 19 child nutrition programs, and (c) at no cost to such student;
 20 (3) Federal reimbursement rate means the payment a school receives
 21 for a school meal and is dependent on whether the school meal was a
 22 breakfast or a lunch, whether or not the student qualifies for free or
 23 reduced-price school meals, and the school year in which the school meal
 24 is served, as published by the United States Department of Agriculture
 25 pursuant to the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et
 26 seq., and the federal Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42
 27 U.S.C. 1751 et seq., and regulations promulgated under such acts, as such
 1 acts and regulations existed on January 1, 2026;
 2 (4) Participating school means a qualified school that is selected
 3 to participate in the Hunger-Free Schools Pilot Program; and
 4 (5) Qualified school means a public school which is participating in
 5 the school breakfast program or the national school lunch program under
 6 the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq., or the
 7 federal Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et
 8 seq., as such acts existed on January 1, 2026, and which does not serve
 9 free meals to all students under the community eligibility provision.
 10 Sec. 4. (1) The Hunger-Free Schools Pilot Program is created. The
 11 pilot program shall include school years 2026-27 through 2031-32.
 12 (2) Any qualified school may apply to participate in the pilot
 13 program in the manner prescribed by the department.
 14 (3) The department shall annually select schools to participate in
 15 the pilot program from applicant qualified schools.
 16 (4) To receive funding under the pilot program, a participating
 17 school shall:
 18 (a) Serve eligible meals through any school breakfast program or

19 school lunch program operated by such school during the school day; and
 20 (b) Submit information regarding the number of eligible meals served
 21 in a manner prescribed by the department.

22 Sec. 5. The department shall annually reimburse each participating
 23 school a portion of the cost of each eligible meal served by such school
 24 during the second preceding school fiscal year in an amount equal to the
 25 difference between the federal reimbursement rate for a free meal and the
 26 federal reimbursement rate for a reduced-price meal for each eligible
 27 meal. The calculation of the reimbursement for each eligible meal shall
 28 be based on the federal reimbursement rates for a school breakfast or a
 29 school lunch as applicable to the eligible meal.

30 Sec. 6. (1) The department shall study the efficacy of the Hunger-
 31 Free Schools Pilot Program and the impact on academic and behavioral
 1 performance of students involved in the program. The study shall:

2 (a) Examine the performance of students attending participating
 3 schools;

4 (b) Include data beginning with school year 2026-27 and ending with
 5 school year 2031-32; and

6 (c) Be conducted in a manner that protects the identity of students
 7 and complies with state and federal privacy laws.

8 (2) On or before December 1, 2032, the department shall
 9 electronically report the results to the Clerk of the Legislature and to
 10 the Education Committee of the Legislature.

11 Sec. 7. The Hunger-Free Schools Cash Fund is created. The fund
 12 shall be administered by the State Department of Education. The fund
 13 shall consist of money transferred to the fund by the Legislature and
 14 money donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions from public or
 15 private entities. The department shall use the proceeds of the fund to
 16 carry out the Hunger-Free Schools Act. Any money in the fund available
 17 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
 18 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
 19 Investment Act.

20 Sec. 8. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules
 21 and regulations to carry out the Hunger-Free Schools Act.

22 Sec. 9. Original section 79-10,137, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 23 Nebraska, is repealed.

24 Sec. 10. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
 25 79-10,138 and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendments to LB962:
AM3094

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER183)

- 1 1. On page 4, line 8, strike "2025" and insert "2023".
- 2 2. On page 5, strike beginning with "Division" in line 19 through
- 3 "Department" in line 20 and insert "State Board".

AM3130

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER183)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 21; page 2, line 16; page 3, line 25; and page 4,
- 2 line 29, strike "Division of Rehabilitation Services of the".
- 3 2. On page 4, line 8, strike "2025" and insert "2023".
- 4 3. On page 5, line 1, after "funding" insert "or other existing
- 5 federal funds"; and strike beginning with "Division" in line 19 through
- 6 "Department" in line 20 and insert "State Board".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to [LB958A](#):
[MO568](#)
Indefinitely postpone.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB744.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Reid Murdoch, New York; Russell Behrends, Wymore; Janna Rector and Annabelle Rector, Columbus; Jim Groene and Wendy Groene, Schuyler.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Joe Miller, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

