# One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

## LB1001

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**Chairperson: Senator Rick Holdcroft**

**Committee: General Affairs**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1001 modernizes and clarifies Nebraska statutes governing racetrack operations, wagering distributions, horse registration, simulcasting, and problem-gaming oversight. The bill allows racetracks to petition the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission for waivers or modifications of minimum racing requirements under specific circumstances, ensures proper allocation of wagering proceeds to purses and breed-specific awards, and mandates timely registration of Nebraska-bred thoroughbreds and quarterhorses. It updates racetrack licensing and simulcasting regulations, including aligning quarterhorse and thoroughbred simulcasting rights and requiring consultation with breed organizations to protect horse breeding and racing in Nebraska. The bill also transfers oversight and funding of the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gaming from the Department of Revenue to the Racing and Gaming Commission, authorizing gaming tax proceeds to support programs for individuals with problem gambling disorders, and permits individuals 19 years of age or older to participate in keno at licensed racetrack enclosures in areas separate from casino gaming floors. Overall, LB 1001 is intended to streamline racetrack and gaming operations, promote Nebraska horse racing, enhance problem-gaming oversight, and provide clear statutory authority for modern gaming practices

**Principal Introducer:** _____

**Senator Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson**
**General Affairs Committee**