#### TWENTY-FIFTH DAY - FEBRUARY 12, 2025

# LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

# ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

# TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Wednesday, February 12, 2025

# **PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

# PRESENTATION OF COLORS

In recognition of the 216th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809, the Colors are being posted by the Nebraska Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Quick.

#### 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 Senator Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Jacobson, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

### CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-fourth day was approved.

# **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Placed on Select File with amendment.

<u>ER9</u>

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 26. Section 44-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 44-708 (1) Insurers authorized to deliver or issue for delivery life

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- 5 insurance policies in this state may deliver or issue for delivery one or 6 more funding agreements, but the delivery or issuance for delivery of
- 7 funding agreements shall not be deemed the business of insurance, life
- 8 insurance or an annuity or other line of business as set forth in section 9 44-201, a security as defined in subdivision (14)(15) of section 8-1101,
- 10 or receipt of gross premiums as set forth in section 77-908. The delivery
- 11 or issuance for delivery of a funding agreement by an admitted life
- 12 insurer in this state shall constitute a lawful activity of that insurer 13 that is reasonably related to and incidental to its insurance activities
- 14 as provided in this section. However, this section shall not authorize 15 any insurer to transact, under the guise of funding agreements, any line
- 16 of insurance not authorized by its certificate of authority.
- 17 (2) No amounts shall be guaranteed or credited under any funding
- 18 agreement except upon reasonable assumptions as to investment income and
- 19 expenses and on a basis equitable to all holders of funding agreements of 20 a given class.
- 21 (3) Amounts paid to the insurer, and proceeds applied under optional
- 22 modes of settlement, under funding agreements may be allocated by the
- 23 insurer to one or more separate accounts.
- 24 (4) The Director of Insurance may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 25 regulations to implement this section, including rules and regulations
- 26 setting forth the terms and conditions under which an insurer may issue 27 funding agreements.
- 1 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director shall
- 2 have sole authority to regulate the issuance and sale of funding
- 3 agreements, including the persons selling funding agreements on behalf of 4 insurers.
- 5 (6) Nothing in this section is intended to affect the order in which
- 6 allowed claims shall be given preference under section 44-4842. Holders
- 7 of funding agreements shall retain the priority in allowance of claims
- 8 described in subdivision (2) of section 44-4842.
- 9 (7) For purposes of this section, funding agreement means an
- 10 agreement that authorizes an admitted life insurer to accept funds and
- 11 that provides for an accumulation of those funds for the purpose of
- 12 making one or more payments at future dates in amounts that are not based
- 13 on mortality or morbidity contingencies. Funding agreement does not
- 14 include any agreement in connection with the funding of one or more
- 15 payments that are excludable from the gross income of the recipient under
- 16 section 104(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 17 Sec. 27. Section 45-101.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 18 amended to read:
- 19 45-101.04 The limitation on the rate of interest provided in section
- 20 45-101.03 shall not apply to:
- 21 (1) Other rates of interest authorized for loans made by any
- 22 licensee or permittee operating under a license or permit duly issued by
- 23 the Department of Banking and Finance pursuant to the Credit Union Act,
- 24 the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, subsection (4) of section 8-319, or
- 25 sections 8-815 to 8-829;
- 26 (2) Loans made to any corporation, partnership, limited liability
- 27 company, or trust;
- 28 (3) The guarantor or surety of any loan to a corporation,
- 29 partnership, limited liability company, or trust;
- 30 (4) Loans made when the aggregate principal amount of the
- 31 indebtedness is twenty-five thousand dollars or more of the borrower to
- 1 any one financial institution, licensee, or permittee;
- 2 (5) Loans insured, guaranteed, sponsored, or participated in, either
- 3 in whole or part, by any agency, department, or program of the United
- 4 States or state government;
- 5 (6) Loans or advances of money, repayable on demand, which are made
- 6 solely upon securities, as defined in subdivision (14)(15) of section

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7 8-1101, pledged as collateral for such repayment and in which such loans
8 or advances are used by the borrower only for the purchase of securities
9 as so defined. It shall be lawful to contract for and receive any rate of
10 interest on such transaction as the parties thereto may expressly agree;
11 (7) Interest charges made on open credit accounts by a person who
12 sells goods or services on credit when the interest charges do not exceed
13 one and one-third percent per month for any charges which remain unpaid
14 for more than thirty days following rendition of the statement of
16 (8) A minimum charge of ten dollars per loan which may be charged by
17 the lender in lieu of all interest charges;
18 (9) Loans described in subsection (4) of section 8-319 made by a
19 state or federal savings and loan association at a rate not to exceed
20 nineteen percent per annum;
21 (10) Loans made primarily for business or agricultural purposes or
22 secured by real property when such loans are made (a) by a licensee,
23 registrant, or permittee operating under a license, registration, or
24 permit duly issued by the Department of Banking and Finance except for
25 licensees operating under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, (b) by any
26 financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance
27 Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration, or (c) by any
28 insurance company organized under the laws of this state and subject to
29 regulation by the Department of Insurance;
30 (11) Loans secured solely by real property when such loans are (a)
31 made by licensees operating under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act and
1 (b) made to finance or refinance the purchase of the property or
2 construction on or improvements to the property, if the Department of
3 Banking and Finance has the authority to examine such loans for
4 compliance with sections 45-101.02 and 45-101.03. A licensee making a
5 loan pursuant to this subdivision may obtain an interest in any fixtures
6 attached to such real property and any insurance proceeds payable in
7 connection with such real property or the loan;
8 (12) Loans secured by a reverse mortgage pursuant to section
9 45-702.01:
10 (13) Interest charges made on any goods or services sold under an
11 installment contract pursuant to the Nebraska Installment Sales Act.
12 Subject to section 45-338, it shall be lawful to contract for and receive
13 any rate of interest on such contract as the parties may expressly agree
14 to in writing; or
15 (14) Fees which may be charged by a licensee for services pursuant
16 to the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act.
17 Sec. 30. Section 59-1715, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:
19 59-1715 A seller-assisted marketing plan shall not include a
20 security as defined by subdivision (14)(15) of section 8-1101.
21 2. On page 1, line 2, after "21-1728," insert "44-708, 45-101.04,"; 22 in line 3 after "45-724," insert "59-1715,"; and in line 11 after the
23 first comma insert "securities,".
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# LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Placed on Select File with amendment.

#### <u>ER7</u>

11. On page 1, lines 2 and 3, strike "the composition" and insert 2 "qualifications".

25 4. On page 63, line 31, after "21-1728," insert "44-708, 45-101.04,"

24 3. On page 29, line 7, after "may" insert "use".

27 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

26 and after "45-724," insert "59-1715,".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

#### Business and Labor

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 11. On page 3, strike beginning with "as" in line 2 through "section" 2 in line 3 and show as stricken; in line 12 strike "promotion,"; and in 3 line 25 after the period insert "If two or more preference eligibles are
- 4 being considered for the position, the veterans preference shall be
- 5 applied equally to all such preference eligibles.
- 6 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "<u>as</u>" in line 27 through
- 7 "section" in line 28.

# (Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

#### General Affairs

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Placed on General File.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Placed on General File with amendment.

- <u>AM2</u>32
- 1 1. On page 2, lines 24 and 26; page 3, line 29; page 5, line 5; and
- 2 page 6, line 30, strike "ten" and insert "eight".
- 3 2. On page 5, line 28, strike "five", show as stricken, and insert 4 "three", after "thousand" insert "five", and reinstate the stricken
- 5 "hundred".

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Placed on General File with amendment. AM87 is available in the Bill Room.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 178.** Placed on General File with amendment. AM199

- 11. On page 3, line 8, strike "programs".
  2 2. On page 5, line 2, strike "Beginning" and insert "Except as
- 3 provided in subsection (4) or (5) of this section, beginning"; in lines 6
- 4 and 8 strike "a" and after "server" insert "alcohol"; in lines 7 and 9 5 strike "program"; and after line 17 insert the following new subsections:
- 6 "(4) A special designated license issued by the commission for an
- 7 event that is staffed primarily by volunteers shall only require the
- 8 manager on duty to have completed mandatory server alcohol training
- 9 approved by the commission and have received a certification as provided
- 10 in section 53-117.03.
- 11 (5) A peace officer as defined in section 60-646 is exempt from the
- 12 mandatory server alcohol training and certification requirements of this
- 13 section.".

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

# **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB43: AM215 is available in the Bill Room.

#### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 45.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Football Championship was held on November 26, 2024, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team competed for the Class C-1 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team competed against the Wahoo Warriors and earned the runner-up state title; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison ended their season with an outstanding 11-2 win-loss record; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state football championship appearance for the Bison in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team members are positive role models of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and discipline for young athletes in their community; 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, FIRST SESSION:

- 1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Central City Bison football team and its coach on earning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 State Football Runner-up Championship title.
- 2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Central City Bison football team and Coach Troy Huebert.

Laid over.

#### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR39 was adopted.

# PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR39.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Senator Conrad renewed <u>AM246</u>, found and considered on page 482.

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

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 9 nays, and 7 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

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

Voting in the negative, 30:

Andersen Clements Hardin Lippincott Sanders Arch DeKay Holdcroft Lonowski Sorrentino Armendariz Dorn Hughes McKeon Storer Ballard Dover Ibach Meyer Storm Bosn Hallstrom Jacobson Moser Strommen Brandt Hansen Kauth Murman Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar Riepe

Excused and not voting, 3:

Clouse Juarez von Gillern

The Conrad amendment lost with 14 ayes, 30 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 6 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen Clements Holdcroft McKeon Storer Hughes Arch DeKay Meyer Storm Armendariz Dorn Ibach Moser Strommen Jacobson Murman Ballard Dover von Gillern Kauth Wordekemper Bosn Hallstrom Riepe **Bostar** Hansen Lippincott Sanders Brandt Hardin Lonowski Sorrentino

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J. Conrad Dungan McKinney Spivey Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer Hunt Rountree

Present and not voting, 5:

Fredrickson Guereca Prokop Quick Raybould

Excused and not voting, 2:

Clouse Juarez

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 9 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

# COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM225

11. On page 2, lines 11 and 18, strike "distributor or".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

# **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 LB480 Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission LB548 LB471

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

# **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

# Senator Quick filed the following amendment to <u>LB565</u>:

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 84-901.03 (1) Upon the issuance of a guidance document, an agency
- 6 shall make such document available at one public location and on the
- 7 agency's website. The agency shall also publish on its website an index
- 8 summarizing the subject matter of all currently applicable rules and 9 regulations and guidance documents. Such agency shall provide the index
- 10 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by December 31 of each
- 12 (2) An agency shall ensure that the first page of each guidance
- 13 document includes the following notice: This guidance document is
- 14 advisory in nature but is binding on an agency until amended by such
- 15 agency. A guidance document does not include internal procedural
- 16 documents that only affect the internal operations of the agency and does
- 17 not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or
- 18 include confidential information or rules and regulations made in
- 19 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that
- 20 this guidance document imposes additional requirements or penalties on
- 21 regulated parties, you may request a review of the document.
- 22 (3) A person may request in writing that an agency revise or repeal
- 23 a guidance document or convert a guidance document into a rule or
- 24 regulation. No later than sixty calendar days after the agency receives
- 25 such a request, the agency shall advise the requestor in writing of its
- 26 decision to (a) revise or repeal the guidance document, (b) initiate a
- 27 proceeding to consider a revision or repeal of a guidance document, (c)
- 1 initiate the rulemaking or regulationmaking process to convert the
- 2 guidance document into a rule or regulation, or (d) deny the request and 3 state the reason for the denial.
- 4 (4) All decisions made by an agency under this section shall be made
- 5 available at one public location and on the agency's website.
- 6 (5) All guidance documents and provider bulletins issued by the
- 7 Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and
- 8 Human Services on or after July 1, 2022, and before July 1, 2025, are
- 9 revoked pending a formal rulemaking process as provided in the
- 10 Administrative Procedure Act unless explicitly required for federal
- 11 compliance. The Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department
- 12 of Health and Human Services shall not issue guidance documents on or
- 13 after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2027, unless specifically required
- 14 by amendments to existing federal rules or to become compliant with new
- 15 federal rules and regulations.
- 16 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
- 17 Sec. 3. Original section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 18 Nebraska, is repealed.
- 19 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 20 passed and approved according to law.

# Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB590: AM214

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 37-335 (1) Commencing January 1, 1977, whenever the commission

- 6 acquires title to private lands for wildlife management purposes, the 7 commission shall annually make payments in lieu of taxes to the county 8 treasurer of the county in which the land is located. Commencing January 9 1, 1997, the payments shall be the same as the real property taxes which 10 would have been paid on the land if it were owned by a private owner. The 11 value of the land shall be determined by the county assessor pursuant to 12 sections 77-201 and 77-1301 to 77-1371 as if it were being used for the 13 use it had immediately before acquisition by the commission excluding any 14 improvements on the land either before or after its acquisition. The 15 commission may protest the valuation of such land to the county board of 16 equalization pursuant to section 77-1502 if the commission believes the 17 land is not properly valued. The county board of equalization shall treat 18 such protest in the same manner as any other protest pursuant to sections 19 77-1502 to 77-1509. The action of the county board of equalization on 20 such protest may be appealed as provided in section 77-1510. The county 21 treasurer shall allocate such payments to each taxing unit levying taxes 22 on such property in the county in which the land has tax situs in the 23 same proportion that the levy on the property of such taxing unit bears 24 to the total levy on such real property of all the taxing units in which
- 25 the property is taxed. 26 (2) The Department of Transportation may adopt and promulgate rules 27 and regulations to establish, use, and operate a mitigation bank or an
- 1 in-lieu-fee program in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. 2 (3) The purpose of the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program is to
- 3 provide compensatory mitigation for the following when compensatory 4 mitigation is required for any transportation project administered by the 5 Department of Transportation:
- 6 (a) The taking of threatened or endangered species or such species' 7 habitat:
- 8 (b) The dredging or filling of wetlands; and
- 9 (c) Restoration, creation, enhancement, or preservation of, or any 10 combination thereof, of habitats, wetlands, or other resources.
- 11 (4) State regulatory agencies shall make a good faith effort to use
- 12 and give priority to the mitigation bank and in-lieu-fee program
- 13 established by the Department of Transportation when consulting on or
- 14 reviewing mitigation plans for the impacts of any transportation project
- 15 administered by the Department of Transportation.
- 16 (5) If the Department of Transportation establishes a mitigation
- 17 bank or an in-lieu-fee program pursuant to subsection (2) of this
- 18 section, the Department of Transportation may:
- 19 (a) Enter into one or more cooperative agreements with a state or
- 20 local public agency or private party, including for-profit and not-for-
- 21 profit entities, for the establishment, use, operation, and maintenance
- 22 of the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program;
- 23 (b) Acquire title to real property through purchase, bequest,
- 24 donation, or eminent domain for use with the mitigation bank or in-lieu-
- 25 fee program to mitigate the impacts of any transportation project
- 26 administered by the Department of Transportation;
- 27 (c) Establish or restore habitats, wetlands, and natural resources
- 28 for threatened and endangered species and impacts to the environment and
- 29 <u>natural resources across Nebraska;</u>
- 30 (d) Provide a consistent and simplified approach to address
- 31 mitigation requirements associated with permits or authorizations issued
- 1 by federal and state agencies;
- 2 (e) Streamline the permitting and consultation process, minimize
- 3 delays in permit decisions, and decrease the burden of permit applicants
- 4 of planning and performing compensatory mitigation for the following
- 5 relating to any transportation project administered by the Department of
- 6 Transportation:
- 7 (i) The taking of any threatened or endangered species;

- 8 (ii) The loss of any habitat of such species; and
- 9 (iii) Any adverse effect on any environmental or natural resources;
- 10 (f) Increase the ecological efficiency and effectiveness of
- 11 compensatory mitigation;
- 12 (g) Replace impacted acres of land by providing for the
- 13 establishment of a net increase in suitable acres, functions, and values
- 14 for threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other
- 15 natural resources by using a fair, reasonable, and practicable ratio of
- 16 compensatory mitigation acres to offset the impacts of any transportation
- 17 project administered by the Department of Transportation;
- 18 (h) Achieve a net increase in conservation land functions and values
- 19 for threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other
- 20 natural resources impacted by any transportation project administered by
- 21 the Department of Transportation; and
- 22 (i) Provide research and educational opportunities to advance the
- 23 understanding and conservation of threatened and endangered species,
- 24 habitats, wetlands, and other natural resources impacted by any
- 25 transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation.
- 26 (6) Any state agency, local agency, public party, or private party,
- 27 including any for-profit or not-for-profit entity, that owns the
- 28 mitigation bank acquired to restore, enhance, preserve, or create habitat
- 29 or wetlands shall also pay a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the
- 30 county. This subsection (6) only applies to property acquired after July
- 31 1, 2026.
- 1 Sec. 2. Original section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 2 Nebraska, is repealed.

# Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to <u>LB22</u>:

# AM258

- 1 1. On page 7, line 2, after "68-996" insert ", and not to use the
- 2 General Fund,".

#### **GENERAL FILE**

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 3 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Title read. Considered.

Pending.

# **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

# Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to <u>LB265</u>:

- 1 1. On page 23, after line 13 insert the following new subsection:
- 2 "(4)(a) The Workforce Development Grant Board is created. The board
- 3 shall consist of the following members:

- 4 (i) One person representing employers in Nebraska; 5 (ii) One person representing employees in Nebraska. Such person
- 6 shall have expertise in administering apprenticeship programs;
- 7 (iii) One person representing community colleges in Nebraska;
- 8 (iv) One representative of the Department of Economic Development;
- 9 (v) One representative of the State Department of Education; and
- 10 (vi) One representative of the public.

  11 (b) Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to
- 12 confirmation by the Legislature. Board members shall serve for a term of
- 13 four years and may be reappointed. Board members shall be reimbursed for
- 14 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as provided
- 15 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

- 16 (c) The board shall review grant applications submitted for a 17 workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section and 18 shall approve or deny such applications. The Department of Labor shall
- 19 not award any workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of
- 20 this section unless it has been approved by the board.
- 21 (d) The board shall electronically submit an annual report to the
- 22 Legislature which includes:
- 23 (i) The total number of workforce development grants awarded in the
- 24 most recently completed fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of
- 25 this section;
- 26 (ii) The total dollar amount of such workforce development grants
- 27 awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year;
- 1 (iii) A description of the demand for such workforce development
- 2 grants from all geographic regions in Nebraska; and
- 3 (iv) A description of the economic impact of such workforce
- 4 development grants.".

# Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:

- 1 1. On page 23, after line 13 insert the following new subsection:
- 2 "(4)(a) The Workforce Development Grant Advisory Board is created.
  3 The board shall consist of the following members:
- 4 (i) One person representing employers in Nebraska;
- 5 (ii) One person representing employees in Nebraska. Such person
- 6 shall have expertise in administering apprenticeship programs;
- 7 (iii) One person representing community colleges in Nebraska;
- 8 (iv) One representative of the Department of Economic Development;
- 9 (v) One representative of the State Department of Education; and
- 10 (vi) One representative of the public.
- 11 (b) Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to
- 12 confirmation by the Legislature. Board members shall serve for a term of
- 13 four years and may be reappointed. Board members shall be reimbursed for
- 14 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as provided 15 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 16 (c) The board shall review grant applications submitted for a
- 17 workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section and
- 18 shall advise the Department of Labor on which grant applications to
- 19 approve.
- 20 (d) The board shall electronically submit an annual report to the
- 21 Legislature which includes:
  22 (i) The total number of workforce development grants awarded in the
- 23 most recently completed fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of
- 24 this section;
- 25 (ii) The total dollar amount of such workforce development grants
- 26 awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year;
- 27 (iii) A description of the demand for such workforce development
- 1 grants from all geographic regions in Nebraska; and
- 2 (iv) A description of the economic impact of such workforce
- 3 development grants.".

# NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025 Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission LB562 LB409

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

# **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB653. Senator Hardin name added to LB657.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature