

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY OF 2024 LEGISLATION

One Hundred Eighth Legislature Second Session

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LB 908 (Aguilar) Eliminate provisions relating to a legislative policy on telephone and telefax machines

LB 908 outright repeals Nebraska Revised Statute §50-401.05, which authorizes the Executive Board of the Legislature to adopt policies for the installation of private phone lines and fax machines by members of the Legislature.

Legislative policies based on §50-401.05 were repealed by the Executive Board in 2022.

LR 909 (Aguilar) Change state agency notice requirements regarding occupational regulation

LB 909 clarifies state agency reporting requirements for reports filed with the Executive Board of the Legislature under the Occupational Board Reform Act (OBRA).

On Select File, LB 909 was amended with AM 2413, which added the Emergency Clause.

LR 1104 (Aguilar) Change fees for lobbyist registration and change distribution of such fees

LB 1104 increases lobbyist registration fees collected by the Clerk of the Legislature from \$200 to \$300. The lobbyist registration fee was last increased in 2005, when it was increased from \$100 to \$200.

Previously, lobbyist registration fees were split between the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NADC) and the Clerk's Office, with three-fourths of the fee credited to the NADC Cash Fund and one-fourth of the fee credited to the Clerk of the Legislature Cash Fund. Under LB 1104, lobbyist registration fees collected by the Clerk's Office would be split evenly between the NADC Cash Fund and the Clerk of the Legislature Cash Fund.

LB 1104 contains the Emergency Clause.

BILL SUMMARIES: 2024 RESOLUTIONS ENACTED

LR 298 (Arch) Provide for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to appoint a committee of the Legislature to be known as the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee of the Legislature

LR 298 creates the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee as a special committee of the Legislature. The special committee is tasked with studying the structure and organization of legislative oversight functions among the various legislative divisions and offices and the structure and organization of legislative oversight functions in other state legislatures. The committee may also study whether current oversight conducted by any statutorily-created board or commission would be more appropriately conducted within the legislative branch.

Under the resolution, the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee consists of the following members: 1) the Speaker of the Legislature; 2) the Chairperson of the Executive Board; 3) the Chairperson of the Health & Human Services Committee; 4) the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee; 5) two at-large members of the Executive Board; and 6) three at-large members of the Legislature

The committee amendment, AM 2637, provided that all members of the Executive Board (both voting and non-voting) are members of the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee, in addition to the Chairperson of the Health & Human Services Committee, the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee, and three at-large members of the Legislature.

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LB 566 (Bostelman) Require a study and report by the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature regarding intermittent renewable energy generation

LB 566 requires that the Natural Resources Committee conduct a study to examine the economic impacts of increased reliance on renewable energy generation for the generation of electricity in Nebraska.

Under the bill, the committee may contract with an outside consultant to assist in the study, subject to the approval of the Executive Board and not to exceed a cost of \$30,000.

LB 566 contains the Emergency Clause.

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LB 1285 (Walz) Create the Task Force on Supported Employment

LB 1285 creates the Task Force on Supported Employment. The task force would be tasked with studying the barriers to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in attaining and maintaining employment.

Under the bill, the Task Force on Supported Employment would consist of the following thirteen voting members, who must be appointed no later than September 1, 2024: 1) the Chairperson of the Health & Human Services Committee (or his or her designee); 2) a member of the Appropriations Committee appointed by the Executive Board; 3) a member of the Business & Labor Committee appointed by the Executive Board; 4) a representative of the Governor's Office appointed by the Governor; 5) the chief executive officer of the Department of Health & Human Services (or his or her designee); 6) the executive director of the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities; 7) two service providers with eight or more years of experience and a high success rate in delivering supported employment to individuals with a broad range of disabilities appointed by the Governor; 8) a representative of a chamber of commerce appointed by the Governor; 9) two self-advocates with at least five years of experience in employment appointed by the Governor; 10) a certified community work incentives coordinator or community partner work incentives counselor appointed by the Governor; and 11) a special education transition coordinator appointed by the Governor.

In addition to the voting members, the following would serve as non-voting members of the task force: 1) a representative of a Nebraska organization that advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities appointed by the Governor; 2) a representative from the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Education, Research, and Service of the Monroe-Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center appointed by the Governor; 3) an employee of the State Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Department appointed by the Commissioner of Education; 4) an employee of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health & Human Services appointed by the Governor; 5) an employee of the Department of Labor appointed by the Governor; and 6) a supported employment expert who has assisted in other states appointed by the Governor.

Under LB 1285, the task force is required to review various existing reports and recommendations related to employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and submit a report with an action plan to the Legislature and the Governor no later than December 1, 2025.

The committee amendment, AM 2850, makes a number of changes to the membership of the task force, including: 1) removing a member of the Appropriations Committee from the task force; 2) making remaining legislative members of the task force non-voting members; 3) changing the representative of a Nebraska organization that advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities from a non-voting member to a voting member; 4) adding a representative of a statewide disability organization with recorded members in at least ten counties appointed by the Governor as a voting member; 5) adding an employee of the State Treasurer carrying out the achieving a better life experience program appointed by the State Treasurer as a non-voting member; 6) clarifying language regarding several members of the task force; and 7) providing that the members of the task force should elect a chairperson and that seven voting members of the task force shall constitute a quorum.

Additionally, AM 2850 requires that the task force study employment opportunities available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, clarifies the requirements of the task force report, changes the task force report submission deadline to July 1, 2026, and terminates the task force on December 31, 2026.

BILL SUMMARIES: 2023 CARRYOVER RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL FILE

LR 21 (Brewer) Provide for a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee

LR 21 creates the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee as a special committee of the Legislature. The special committee would be tasked with studying the feasibility of constructing and operating small modular nuclear reactors to generate electric power in Nebraska.

The committee amendment, AM 478, specifies that in addition to the Chairpersons of the Natural Resources; Government, Military, & Veterans Affairs; Transportation & Telecommunications; and Appropriations Committees, the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee shall have three additional members of the Legislature appointed by the Chairperson of the Executive Board.

LR 22CA (Dover) Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms

LR 22CA proposes an amendment to Article III, Section 12 of the Nebraska State Constitution to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2024.

BILL SUMMARIES: 2023 CARRYOVER BILLS HELD IN COMMITTEE

LB 39 (Blood) Require disability impact statements for certain legislation

LB 39 requires the preparation of disability impact statements by the Legislative Research Office for certain legislative bills as designated by the Executive Board, beginning with the 108th Legislature, Second Session. The Legislative Research Office may request the cooperation of any state agency, political subdivision, accredited academic institution, or subject-matter expert in the preparation of a disability impact statement.

Under the bill, the Director of Research shall develop a process and procedures by which to request, compile, prepare, and update demographic data and other information used in disability impact statements and submit a report on such process and procedures to the Executive Board no later than December 15, 2023. The Director of Research may seek and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private entity for the purpose of training staff or purchasing technology to carry out the provisions of the bill, with the approval of the Executive Board.

LB 54 (McKinney) Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills

LB 54 requires the preparation of racial impact statements by the Legislative Research Office for certain legislative bills as designated by the Executive Board, beginning with the 108th Legislature, Second Session. The Legislative Research Office may request the cooperation of any state agency, political subdivision, accredited academic institution, or subject-matter expert in the preparation of a racial impact statement or the collection of any data or information necessary to prepare a racial impact statement.

LB 215 (Briese) Provide, change, eliminate, and transfer provisions regarding the offices of Inspector General of Child Welfare and Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System

LB 215 amends both the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of the Inspector General of the Nebraska

Correctional System Act in order to make procedural and technical clarifications identified by the Inspectors General and the Public Counsel/Ombudsman.

Technical changes in LB 215 include: 1) clarifying the duties of the Offices of Inspectors General; 2) clarifying redundant or confusing language; 3) clarifying and changing the timeframe for responses to Inspector General reports; 4) requiring that both Inspectors General refer any actions warranting criminal or disciplinary proceedings to the appropriate authorities; 5) aligning notice requirements with the duties of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare; 6) clarifying that the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System may review medical records of deceased inmates; and 7) reordering and harmonizing sections for clarity.

LB 696 (Conrad) Provide for legislative oversight of the settlement funds administered by the Attorney General

LB 696 provides that funds in the State Settlement Cash Fund shall be subject to legislative review and shall be appropriated and expended for allowable legal purposes as determined by the Legislature. Under the bill, the State Settlement Cash Fund shall only be appropriated to a separate and distinct budget program and such appropriations shall only be expended from a separate and distinct budget subprogram and shall not be commingled with any other funds.

LB 696 also clarifies provisions related to the State Settlement Trust Fund.

LB 713 (Cavanaugh, J.) Provide a correctional forecasting tool for the Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight

LB 713 requires that the Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight contract with an academic institution in Nebraska to develop a forecasting tool to analyze the impacts of proposed changes to sentencing, programming, community supervision, and other aspects of the state's criminal justice system.

LB 713 contains the Emergency Clause.

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LB 994 (Wayne) Provide for the Legislature to administer the Department of Correctional Services and appoint the Director of Correctional Services

LB 994 transfers control and administration of the Department of Correctional Services to the Legislature beginning on July 1, 2025.

Under the bill, the Director of Correctional Services would be appointed by the Legislature by a majority vote of its members.

LB 1020 (Cavanaugh, M.) Require public contractors to provide records to members of the Legislature

LB 1020 requires that public contractors provide members of the Legislature with copies of any records relevant to a public contract. Under the bill, a public contract is defined as a contract with a state agency to provide goods or services in exchange for state funds.

Under LB 1020, the requested copies must be provided within a reasonable timeframe, and shall be provided at no cost to the Legislature. Records which are subject to any statutory or common-law privilege, including but not limited to work-product or attorney-client privilege, would not be subject to full disclosure, but must be provided with redactions when possible.

LB 1235 (Wayne) Provide for life insurance for certain members of the Legislature as provided

LB 1235 requires that the Department of Administrative Services enter into a contract to purchase basic life insurance for individuals who were a member of the Legislature for six years or more. Currently, members of the Legislature are eligible to buy-in to the state's basic life insurance policy, but former members are ineligible to buy-in to the policy.

LB 1240 (Wayne) Provide a requirement for state officials and state employees testifying before the Legislature

LB 1240 provides that a state official or state employee, except for an employee of the Legislative Council, is prohibited from testifying at a public hearing before the Legislature on any issue in any capacity other than neutral, unless such state official or state employee is on unpaid or vacation leave from state employment for the duration of the public hearing.

LB 1286 (Walz) Provide for an assessment of economic impact by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

LB 1286 provides a statutory requirement that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst provide the projected economic impact, if any, including added costs and expenses, expected to be incurred by political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska for bills introduced in the Legislature.

Currently, procedures for projecting the economic impact of legislative bills, commonly known as a Fiscal Note, are governed by Rule 5, Section 7 of the *Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature*. Effectively, LB 1286 codifies a portion of Rule 5, Section 7 in the statutes governing the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

LB 1293 (Conrad) Change appointment provisions and powers and duties of the Public Counsel, the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System

LB 1293 amends statutes related to the Office of Public Counsel (Ombudsman's Office), the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare (OIG for Child Welfare), and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System (OIG for Corrections) to address issues raised in the August 16, 2023 Attorney General's Opinion regarding the OIG for Child Welfare and the OIG for Corrections.

Changes in the bill include: 1) adopting legislative findings regarding: the Legislature's inherent power to manage, control, and participate in the general management of state institutions, investigate state institutional activity, and ensure that state expenditures are consistent with state and public policy; the Legislature's constitutional authority to vest general

control and management of all state charitable, mental, reformatory, and penal institutions; the Legislature's inherent power to secure needed information in order to legislate, hold hearings, and conduct investigations relating to the operation of state government; and the Legislature's constitutional authority to require that state agencies provide information to the Legislature; 2) providing that the Executive Board appoints the Public Counsel, the IG for Child Welfare, and the IG for Corrections; 3) eliminating terms of office for the Public Counsel, the IG for Child Welfare, and the IG for Corrections; 4) providing that the Public Counsel serves at the pleasure of the Executive Board; and 5) updating subpoena language regarding subpoenas issued by the Ombudsman's Office, providing that such subpoenas are issued by the Executive Board.

LB 1321 (Arch) Change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System

LB 1321 amends statutes related to the Office of Public Counsel (Ombudsman's Office), the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare (OIG for Child Welfare), and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System (OIG for Corrections) to address issues raised in the August 16, 2023 Attorney General's Opinion regarding the OIG for Child Welfare and the OIG for Corrections.

Major changes in the bill include: 1) incorporating legislative findings in the OIG statutes regarding the Legislature's inherent power to investigate, the Legislature's constitutional authority to require that state agencies provide information to the Legislature, the Legislature's constitutional authority to vest general control and management of state reformatory and penal institutions, and the role of OIGs in providing full-time legislative oversight and assisting in the development of legislation; 2) providing that the Executive Board appoints the Public Counsel and that the Public Counsel serves at the pleasure of the Executive Board; 3) eliminating terms of office for the IG for Child Welfare and the IG for Corrections; 4) updating subpoena language regarding subpoenas issued by the Ombudsman's Office and the OIGs, providing that such subpoenas are issued by either the Executive Board or the relevant standing committee; 5) creating a process by which agencies may object to production or disclosure of legally privileged information to the OIGs and negotiate terms of production or disclosure of such information; 6) providing that law enforcement agencies may provide relevant information to the OIGs and that the OIGs shall suspend an investigation

upon request by a law enforcement agency; 7) providing that OIG annual reports are provided to the full Legislature; 8) requiring that the Executive Board Chair and relevant standing committee chairs must be notified prior to release of OIG investigation reports; 9) providing that the OIGs may disclose confidential information to the Executive Board Chair in addition to the relevant standing committee chair; 10) eliminating oversight of juvenile probation from the OIG for Child Welfare statutes; 11) removing mandatory direct computerized access to agency records by the OIGs; 12) clarifying that information shall be provided to the OIGs in the most efficient and timely way, in a manner that is least burdensome to the department or agency, and in a manner which maintains confidentiality of information; 13) transferring the statutes governing the Ombudsman's Office, the OIG for Child Welfare, and the OIG for Corrections to Chapter 50 of Nebraska Revised Statutes, which contains other statutes governing legislative divisions; 14) Naming the Ombudsman's Office statutes the Office of Public Counsel Act; 15) modernizing statutory language on general access to agency information by the Legislature; and 16) making various clean-up changes to the OIG statutes.

LB 1321 contains the Emergency Clause.

LB 1343 (Wayne) Change provisions relating to the appointment of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System

LB 1343 provides that the Executive Board appoints the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare (OIG for Child Welfare) and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System (OIG for Corrections).

LB 1343 also eliminates the terms of office for the IG for Child Welfare and the IG for Corrections.

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LR 2CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendments to change from a unicameral legislature to a bicameral legislature, provide for election of members of the Legislature on a partisan ballot, require election of legislative officers and committee chairpersons by a public vote, and require all meetings of the Legislature to be open to the public

LR 2CA proposes three separate amendments to the Nebraska State Constitution.

The first proposed amendment amends Article III, Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 22, 24, and 27; Article IV, Sections 1, 4, 7, 10, 12, 15, 16, and 27; Article V, Section 5; Article VII, Sections 10 and 14; Article XIII, Section 1; and Article XVI, Sections 1 and 2 of the Nebraska State Constitution to change the Nebraska Legislature from a unicameral legislature to a bicameral legislature.

The second proposed amendment amends Article III, Section 7 of the Nebraska State Constitution to change elections for members of the Legislature from a nonpartisan ballot to a partisan ballot.

The third proposed amendment amends Article III, Sections 10 and 11 of the Nebraska State Constitution to require election of legislature officers and committee chairpersons by public vote and require all meetings of the Legislature to be open to the public.

The proposed amendments would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2024.

LR 5 (Blood) Legislative Resolution to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the regulation of child labor

LR 5 ratifies a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution authorizing Congress to regulate child labor.

The proposed amendment was approved by both the House of Representatives and the United State Senate in 1924. Under the proposed amendment, Congress would have the explicit authority to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under the age of 18.

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LR 281CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to provide for biennial legislative sessions beginning in 2027.

LR 281CA proposes an amendment to Article III, Sections 6 and 10 of the Nebraska State Constitution to change sessions of the Nebraska Legislature from annual sessions to biennial sessions beginning in 2027.

Under LR 281CA, the Legislature would meet biennially in odd-numbered years beginning in 2027, commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2024.

LR 283CA (Cavanaugh, M.) Constitutional amendment to create the Legislative Salary Commission

LR 283CA proposes an amendment to Article III, Sections 7 and 19 of the Nebraska State Constitution and to add a new Section 31 to Article III of the Nebraska State Constitution to create the Legislative Salary Commission to establish salaries for members of the Legislature.

Under LR 283CA, the Legislative Salary Commission would consist of one member from each congressional district appointed by the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court and one member from each congressional district appointed by the Governor. If the state has an odd number of congressional districts, the Governor and the Chief Justice would each appoint an additional at-large member. No more than one-half of the members appointed by either Governor or the Chief Justice could be affiliated with the same political party.

Current or former members of the Legislature or their spouses, current and former registered lobbyists, current employees of the Legislature, current or former judges, current or former Governors, Lieutenant Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, Auditors of Public Accounts, or State Treasurers, and current state employees would be ineligible to serve on the Legislative Salary Commission. The Legislature would provide for the terms of office, compensation, and procedure for removal of members of the Legislative Salary Commission. Legislative

salaries would be established by the commission by March 31st of each odd-numbered year and take effect on July 1st of each odd-numbered year.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2024.

LR 284CA (DeBoer) Constitutional amendment to create the office of Public Counsel in the Legislature

LR 284CA adds a new Section 31 to Article III of the Nebraska State Constitution to create the Office of Public Counsel in the Legislature.

LR 284CA effectively enshrines the Office of Public Counsel in the Nebraska State Constitution.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2024.

LR 335 (Cavanaugh, M.) Censure and condemn Senator Steve Halloran for his conduct toward other members of the Legislature

LR 335 calls for the censure of Senator Steve Halloran for his conduct during floor debate on LB 441 during the evening of March 18, 2024.

Censure is generally defined as the expression of formal disapproval or an official reprimand.

LIST OF 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD INTERIM STUDIES

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- LR 356 (von Gillern) Interim study to examine changes to reimbursements for senators' expenditures, technology, and functional aspects of their positions
- LR 391 (von Gillern) Interim study to examine State Capitol building improvements, including lighting, workstations, updated plumbing in restrooms, and improved safety of building exits
- LR 393 (DeBoer) Interim study to examine safety and accessibility issues for the State Capitol Building

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LB 54	McKinney	Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills	1/27/23	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 215	Briese	Provide, change, eliminate, and transfer provisions regarding the offices of Inspector General of Child Welfare and Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System	2/3/23	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
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LB 908	Aguilar	Eliminate provisions relating to a legislative policy on telephone and telefax machines	1/24/24	Advanced	Approved by Governor on 3/11/24
LB 909	Aguilar	Change state agency notice requirements regarding occupational regulation	1/24/24	Advanced	Approved by Governor on 3/11/24
LB 994	Wayne	Provide for the Legislature to administer the Department of Correctional Services and appoint the Director of Correctional Services	2/21/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24

LB 1020	Cavanaugh, M.	Require public contractors to provide records to members of the Legislature	2/1/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1104 ¹	Aguilar	Change fees for lobbyist registration and change distribution of such fees	1/31/24	Advanced	Approved by Governor on 3/18/24
LB 1235	Wayne	Provide for life insurance for certain members of the Legislature as prescribed	2/7/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1240	Wayne	Provide a requirement for state officials and state employees testifying before the Legislature	2/1/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1285	Walz	Create the Task Force on Supported Employment	2/28/24	Advanced w/ AM 2850	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1286	Walz	Provide for an assessment of economic impact by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst	1/31/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1293	Conrad	Change appointment provisions and powers and duties of the Public Counsel, the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System	2/21/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1321 ²	Arch	Change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System	2/14/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LB 1343	Wayne	Change provisions relating to the appointment of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System	2/21/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24

¹ Executive Board priority bill

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LR 2CA	Erdman	Constitutional amendments to change from a unicameral legislature to a bicameral legislature, provide for election of members of the Legislature on a partisan ballot, require election of legislative officers and committee chairpersons by a public vote, and require all meetings of the Legislature to be open to the public	3/9/23	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 5	Blood	Legislative Resolution to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the regulation of child labor	3/3/23	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 21	Brewer	Provide for a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Study Committee	2/24/23	Advanced w/ AM 478	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 22CA	Dover	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms	3/3/23	Advanced	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 281CA	Erdman	Constitutional amendment to provide for biennial legislative sessions beginning in 2027	2/28/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 283CA	Cavanaugh, M.	Constitutional amendment to create the Legislative Salary Commission	2/7/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 284CA	DeBoer	Constitutional amendment to create the office of Public Counsel in the Legislature	2/21/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24
LR 298	Arch	Provide for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to appoint a committee of the Legislature to be known as the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee of the Legislature	2/14/24	Advanced w/ AM 2637	Adopted on 3/23/24
LR 335	Cavanaugh, M.	Censure and condemn Senator Steve Halloran for his conduct toward other members of the Legislature	3/28/24	Held	Indefinitely Postponed – Sine Die on 4/18/24