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TO: NARD Board, NRD Managers and Conservation Partners
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RE: March 1 NARD Update

Economic Forecast - The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board met on Thursday, February 29th, and added \$50 million to its projections of state tax revenues for the two-year budget period ending June 30, 2025.

The board forecast tax revenues of \$7.02 billion in the fiscal year ending June 30, up \$575 million from the board's projection issued in late October. However, for the following fiscal year they forecasted revenues of \$5.84 billion, down \$525 million from the previous projection. This resulted in the net \$50 million increase.

Floor Debate - The Legislature continued to utilize morning sessions for floor debate of priority bills this week before adjourning for the weekend on Thursday. Much of the allotted time for floor debate was spent on a filibuster of Sen. Clements LB 1067 which proposes to eliminate the inheritance tax and change the authorized uses of certain county funds. The agenda jumped to Final Reading and other items Thursday prior to senators reaching cloture on the measure.

Hearings - Committee hearings concluded this week, and the legislature is scheduled to begin full-day debate when senators reconvene on Monday, March 4th.

Final Reading

LB 147 - Change procedures for property tax refunds. Kauth.

The Legislature gave final approval to LB 147 on February 29th on a 41-0-8 vote. The bill now awaits action by Governor Pillen.

Previously, The Legislature advanced LB 147 to Final Reading on a voice vote on February 14th.

On February 6th, the Legislature advanced LB 147 to Select File on a 31-2-12 vote.

The Revenue Committee reported the bill to General File on February 7, 2023, following an 8-0 committee vote. The bill proposes to change notice requirements with political subdivisions when refunds are due to property taxpayers.

Current law allows the county to waive notice to political subdivisions if their share of the refund is less than \$200. Under the proposal, any political subdivision whose share of the refund is \$1,000 or less, the governing body of the political subdivision may waive this notice requirement by notifying the county treasurer.

The bill also allows electronic communication of such notices.

The Revenue Committee accepted testimony on the bill on February 1st, 2023.

Sen. Kauth opened outlining the bill that modernizes the notice process by allowing political subdivisions to waive notice of refunds of \$1,000 or less and allows county treasurers to provide notice electronically. Currently, when an entry of a non-appealable order, an unprotested determination of a county assessor, an un-appealed decision of a county board of equalization or other final action requires a political subdivision to refund taxes to a taxpayer, the county treasurer must give notice of the refund to the political subdivision of its respective share of the refund. If the refund is less than \$200, the county board can waive the notice.

Proponents

Proponents included representatives from the Nebraska Association of County Officials.

There was no opposition or neutral testimony. Sen. Kauth waived closing.

Committee Action

LB 880 - Change requirements relating to the Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund. Hughes.

The Natural Resources Committee reported LB 880 to General File on February 27th following an 8-0 Committee vote.

The bill eliminates provisions requiring the Director to consult with the Director of Public Health when developing an intended use plan or when conducting activities permitted under section 1425(k) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Natural Resources Committee held the hearing on LB 880 on January 25th.

Matthew Howe, legislative aid for Sen. Hughes, opened on the bill by noting it's a simple technical amendment that addresses obsolete references following the transition of drinking water act duties from DHHS to NDEE in 2021.

Proponents

Jim Macy, Director of NDEE, testified in support of the bill. His testimony echoed that of Mr. Howe.

Opponents – There was no opposition and no neutral testimony.

LB 1199 - Repeal provisions relating to certain administrative fees imposed by the Department of Natural Resources. Moser.

The Natural Resources Committee reported LB 1199 to General File on February 27th following an 8-0 Committee vote.

The bill repeals Section 33-105 relating to the following fees imposed by the Department of Natural Resources.

(1) For filing, recording, and examining each application for a storage reservoir, for the first 5,000 acre-feet or fraction thereof, \$25, and for each additional 5,000 acre-feet or fraction thereof, \$10;

- (2) For filing, recording, and examining each application for, or application for modification of permits to include, intentional or incidental underground water storage and recovery, \$500;
- (3) For filing, recording, and examining each application for water for irrigation from a natural stream, for the first 1,000 acres proposed for irrigation or fraction thereof, \$200, and for each additional 1,000 acres or fraction thereof, \$100;
- (4) For filing, recording, and examining each application for water for irrigation from a storage reservoir, for the first 1,000 acres proposed for irrigation or fraction thereof, \$50, and for each additional 1,000 acres or fraction thereof, \$25;
- (5) For filing, recording, and examining each application for water for power purposes, for each theoretical 50 horsepower or fraction thereof, \$5;
- (6) For filing, recording, and examining each application for withdrawal of ground water for industrial purposes, for the first 4,000 acre-feet or fraction thereof, \$1,500, and for each additional 1,000 acre-feet or fraction thereof, \$750;
- (7) For filing an application to amend a permit for withdrawal of ground water for industrial purposes, \$500;
- (8) For filing any petition, affidavit, other paper, or application for which no fee has been fixed, \$10;
- (9) For recording any deed or document pertaining to land covered in whole or in part by a water appropriation or any instrument other than an application, \$10; and
- (10) For certificate and seal, \$1.

These fees are currently remitted to the General Fund.

The Natural Resources Committee held the hearing on LB 1199 on February 2nd.

Sen. Moser opened on the bill noting that the bill removes fees within the Department of Natural Resources, which will speed-up and streamline administration accounting costs and lower citizen costs to conduct business with the department. He said the fees are insignificant and do not impact the department's budget or operating costs. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources requested Sen. Moser bring the bill.

Proponents

Tom Riley, NeDNR Director, testified in support noting the majority of the fees are \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$25 and the department must have a physical check. Riley said to process the check it costs three times what is collected with the fee. Eliminating these fees will also facilitate for electronic filing, which will be more efficient and reduce administrative accounting costs.

Opponents - There was no opponent and no neutral testimony.

One position comment in support was submitted for the record by NARD.

Committee Hearings

LB 1357 - Prohibit camping on certain property owned by political subdivisions. McDonnell.

The bill proposes that it shall be unlawful to knowingly camp on property owned or controlled by a political subdivision not designated as a campsite by the political subdivision when notice has been provided that the property has not been designated as a campsite.

Under the bill, camping means temporary lodging out of doors and presupposes the occupancy of a shelter designed or used for such purposes as a sleeping bag or tent or other structure.

The political subdivision would have to provide either:

- (a) Actual communication to the person; or
- (b) Post in a manner prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention of persons attempting to camp on such property.

The violation proposed would be a Class III misdemeanor. Also, the violator may be ordered to pay any amount as determined by the court which may be necessary to reimburse the political subdivision for the expense of repairing any damage to such property resulting from such violation.

The Judiciary Committee held the hearing on LB 1357 on February 29th.

Sen. McDonnell opened on the bill by noting the measure is a result of extensive consultation with multiple government entities, police offices, and stakeholders. Cities are experiencing an increase in homeless encampments exacerbating issues faced by the public. The bill is not intended to criminalize or penalize individuals experiencing homelessness, instead it seeks to ensure public lands are used appropriately and ensure adequate homeless services are provided.

Sen. McDonnell noted that addressing the homelessness challenge requires multiple initiatives with active engagement from many stakeholders and this is a critical step toward a compassionate framework to regulating unregulated encampments. Sen. McDonnell noted this law mirrors existing law that is already in place for state and county owned properties.

Proponents

NARD submitted position comments in support of the measure, outlining that we support the intent of LB 1357 to continue the discussion about public safety for all citizens on public property.

The testimony commended Senator McDonnell for bringing this issue before the Nebraska Legislature to continue this dialogue.

A few of our districts, specifically the Papio NRD and Lower Platte South NRD, have public trails, recreation areas and district-owned rights of way that have issues with homeless encampments. These districts field complaints from facility users and the public regarding various illegal activities like drug use and distribution, threats of violence, public intoxication, littering, sexual and physical assaults that appear to be associated with these areas.

The NRDs work with their partner municipalities, municipal and county law enforcement and other non-profit agencies who serve homeless populations to respond to complaints and to attempt to address the issues the best they can. The current situation is not healthy or safe for the public, facility users or especially for the homeless individuals residing in these encampments.

We need to bring attention to this issue and start a more robust conversation on the issue of homelessness in our communities. Homelessness is a complex life-threatening problem for many of our fellow citizens.

The homeless encampment issue and homelessness in general appears to be getting worse. The NARD and our district members understand that to appropriately and effectively address homelessness, any effort must take a holistic approach which includes mental health and substance abuse services, rapid and accessible affordable housing, homeless support services and all stakeholders working together as a team and not in silos with each focusing solely on just a part of the cause of homelessness.

Homelessness is one of our country's most urgent, tragic, and solvable crises. To end homelessness once and for all, federal, state, and local governments and the non-profit community must invest in proven solutions at the scale necessary to solve the problem.

Again, NARD reiterated our appreciation to Senator McDonnell for bringing this issue before the Legislature and pledge to work with all interested parties to address public safety for all citizens of Nebraska.

Kirt Trivedi, Omaha Business Owner, testified in support noting the homeless issue is something he has dealt with for over 20 years. Violent crime that has been experienced by him, his employees and customers is directly related to the encampments. In outlining the significant impact homelessness has had on his businesses he noted you can't compromise on ensuring individuals follow the law and on ensuring actions of homeless don't hurt others.

When questioned by Sen. McKinney about what he has done to address the issue and help the homeless – Trivedi responded that he had offered them assistance and offered them jobs.

Aaron Hanson, Douglas County Sheriff, testified in support noting it's a difficult topic, but these are conversations we must have. Tent encampments are not the equivalent of campouts, they are deplorable and dangerous situations. He stressed the need for a three-legged stool approach including intervention, prevention, and suppression. He reported a triple digit exponential increase in the number of encampments across the area.

Opponents

More than 20 people testified in opposition to the bill, arguing that it would, in effect, criminalize homelessness, and make it even harder for people to get housing. Common themes were:

- Homelessness is not a personal choice, rather it is a policy choice.
- We have not done enough to solve the underlining problems to justify this response.
- The type of homelessness to jail cycles created by these bills only makes the problem worse.

Neutral

There was no neutral testimony.

Position comments submitted for the record included five proponents and 58 opponents.

Senator McDonnell waived closing on the bill and no committee action was reported.

LB 1417 - Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, authorities, and departments and change and eliminate funds. Brewer, At the request of the Governor.

The bill eliminates various boards and commissions and creates a couple of new boards to assume multiple duties.

Effective July 1, 2025, the bill creates the Board of Abstracters and Appraisers to assume the duties of the following, which are terminated:

- (a) The Abstracters Board of Examiners;
- (b) The Real Property Appraiser Board; and
- (c) The duties of the board of appraisers

Effective July 1, 2025, the Capitol and Hall of Fame Commission is created to assume the duties of the following, which are terminated:

- (a) The Nebraska Capitol Commission;
- (b) The Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission;
- (c) The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission; and
- (d) The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission.

The Commission for K-12 Education is created to take over the duties of:

- (a) Assist the State Board of Education in teacher education and certification matters;
- (b) Take over the duties of the Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority;
- (c) Take over the duties of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; and
- (d) Take over the duties of the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

The following are eliminated effective July 1, 2025, and duties merged to the Environmental Quality Council include:

- (a) The Advisory Council on Public Water Supply; and
- (b) The Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee.

Some of the other boards /commissions eliminated effective July 1, 2025, include, but are not limited to:

- The Nebraska Hemp Commission
- The Nebraska Potato Development Committee
- The Climate Assessment Response Committee
- The Nebraska Aquaculture Board
- The Rural Broadband Task Force

The Government Committee held the hearing on LB 1417 on February 29th.

Opening on the bill, Sen. Brewer noted he brought the bill at the request of Gov. Pillen and it's a big bill over 100 pages changing dozens of boards and commissions. He said the bill has generated non-stop calls and emails and he has essentially kicked the hornet's nest. Sen. Brewer noted that Gov. Pillen is trying to be a good manager of taxpayer money and make government more efficient with these changes.

Proponents

Dave Lopez, Chief of Staff for Gov. Pillen, testified on behalf of Gov. Pillen in support. He noted the goal is to shrink and streamline government. The list of board and commissions requires governor appointment and then later approval by the legislature adding to the workload. Virtually none of these commissions and boards contain sunsets. There are 236 boards and commissions and 1,978 individual appointees that the governor's office could count and feels that is excessive. He noted they are seriously scrutinizing these and deciding which can be eliminated or combined into other parts of government. He noted they asked members of the cabinet to look at the boards and commissioners that are attached to their agencies and give the governor's office intentional feedback on which are still needed and which could be eliminated.

Lopez outlined AM 2739 which withdraws several boards that were initially included. The amendment is based on feedback received following the bill's introduction. What remains is powerful reduction in state government duplication. Current process prioritizes appointments for boards that are approaching quorum. Lopez noted the bill does not have a huge fiscal impact, but instead provides an efficiency improvement.

Jason Jackson, Director of the Department of Administrative Services, testified in support noting this is long overdue. There are 284 agency boards and commissions and this would eliminate 43 of those. He stated the bill follows organizational design principles being implemented by Nebraska state government to build on momentum of keeping the recent tradition of combining agencies with overlapping purposes.

Bo Botelho, Legal Counsel DHHS, testified in support noting the bill would aid in reducing government bureaucracy and size.

Opponents

Dozens of individuals representing various commissions and boards, provided testimonies expressing their opposition. The testimonies highlighted widespread concern and potential repercussions of the proposed changes.

Neutral

Additionally, several individuals representing various commissions and boards testified in a neutral capacity. Many of the neutral testifiers discussed how the amendment removed their board or commission from the measure and thanked introducers for the amendment.

Closing on the bill, Sen. Brewer noted that some commissions were removed from the bill with the amendment. He noted there were a lot of things in the initial bill that made people angry, so what they have done with the amendment is to look at committees and commissions that said they serve a purpose and want to continue to do what they're doing and exempted them.

Bill, LR or CA	Description	Sponsor(s)	Priority	NARD POSITION	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Amendments/Notes
LR 1CA	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed	Blood	Blood (2023)	Support	Government	2/24/2023	General File	MO 120 - 126, AM 591 - Pending
LR 6CA	Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes	Erdman		Oppose	Revenue	3/3/2023	Committee	
LR 7CA	Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items	Erdman		Oppose	Revenue	3/3/2023	Committee	
LB 7	Provide a statute of limitations for exposure to hazardous or toxic chemicals	Blood		Monitor	Judiciary	1/25/2023	Committee	
LB 40	Adopt the Riparian and Water Quality Practices Act	Blood		Oppose - as written.	Natural Resources	2/23/2023	Committee	AM 469 - Pending
LB 79	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act	Erdman	Erdman (2023)	Oppose	Revenue	3/3/2023	Committee	MO 258 - 264, AM 314 - Pending
LB 121	Repeal the Trail Development Assistance Act	Bostelman		Monitor	Natural Resources	2/16/2023	Committee	
LB 125	Change provisions relating to the Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund	Bostelman		Support	Appropriations	3/14/2023	Committee	Provisions incorporated into LB 818 via AM 1172 - Adopted & Passed
LB 147	Change procedures for property tax refunds	Kauth		Monitor	Revenue	2/1/2023	Passed 41-0-8	Presented to Gov. Pillen on February 29th.
LB 205	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act	von Gillern		Support	Government	2/10/2023	General File	AM 452 - 465 - Pending
LB 218	Change provisions relating to intent to appropriate money for management of vegetation within the banks or flood plain of a natural stream	Ibach		Support	Agriculture	2/7/2023	Final Reading	AM 2195 - Adopted
LB 241	Change provisions relating to transfers of water to another state	Briese		Monitor	Natural Resources	1/26/2023	Committee	
LB 281	Require the Department of Economic Development to provide grants for youth outdoor education camp facilities	Jacobson		Support	Natural Resources	2/15/2023	Committee	Provisions incorporated into LB 814 & LB 818 via AM 915 & AM 1172 - Adopted & Passed.
LB 287	Prohibit creation of joint public agencies under the Joint Public Agency Act	Brewer	Government (2024)	Monitor	Government	3/24/2023	Select File	AM 2060 - Adopted / AM 2343 - Withdrawn / MO 1182 - Prevailed
LB 292	Prohibit the use of eminent domain under the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Act	Cavanaugh, M.		Monitor	Natural Resources	2/8/2023	Committee	
LB 302	Change provisions relating to conflicts of interest by certain officeholders and public employees	Linehan		Monitor	Government	2/15/2023	General File	Provisions of bill ammended into LB 287 via AM 2060 - Adopted
LB 304	Require political subdivisions to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees	Linehan		Monitor	Government	2/9/2023	Select File	
LB 312	Change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions	Lowe		Monitor	Government	2/9/2023	General File	
LB 322	Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to tax	Linehan		Monitor	Revenue	3/9/2023	Committee	
LB 332	Prohibit creation of new joint public agencies with power or authority relating to education	Linehan		Monitor	Education	3/21/2023	Committee	
LB 361	State legislative intent to appropriate funds for the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program	Dorn		Support	Appropriations	3/1/2023	Committee	Provisions incorporated into LB 814 via AM 915 - Adopted & Passed
LB 394	Change provisions relating to the determination of damages as a result of eminent domain	Erdman		Oppose	Judiciary	2/23/2023	Committee	
LB 396	Provide for streamflow augmentation projects and retention of water rights	Erdman		Oppose	Natural Resources	3/1/2023	Committee	See Attorney General Opinion 23-006
LB 400	Adopt the Nebraska Pheasant Restoration Act	Brewer		Monitor	Natural Resources	2/8/2023	Committee	
LB 401	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Natural Resources	Dorn		Support	Appropriations	3/14/2023	Committee	

LB 506	State intent to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environment and Energy	Bostar		Support	Appropriations	3/14/2023	Committee	Provisions Ammended into LB 818 via AM 915 - Adopted & Passed.
LB 513	Change proof of publication requirements for legal notices and requirements for published notice and virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act	Brewer		Support	Government	2/10/2023	General File	Provisions of bill ammended into LB 287 via AM 2060 - Adopted
LB 534	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for community water systems	Slama		Support	Appropriations	3/13/2023	Committee	
LB 540	Change provisions relating to public lettings	Vargas		Monitor	Government	3/24/2023	Committee	
LB 560	State intent to seek federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022	Blood		Support	Appropriations	3/6/2023	Committee	
LB 571	Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy to carry out the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act	Lippincott		Support	Appropriations	3/13/2023	Committee	
LB 576	Provide limitations on liability and nuisance related to land-management burning	Cavanaugh, J.		Support	Judiciary	3/3/2023	Committee	
LB 614	Appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture	McDonnell		Support	Appropriations	2/22/2023	Committee	
LB 637	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act	Albrecht		Monitor	Government	2/24/2023	General File	AM 616, 617 - Pending
LB 651	Provide for appropriations relating to cybersecurity improvements for state agencies and political subdivisions	McDonnell		Support	Appropriations	3/16/2023	Committee	
LB 656	Change provisions relating to the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund	McDonnell		Support	Natural Resources	3/1/2023	Committee	
LB 672	Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy	Hansen		Support	Appropriations	3/13/2023	Committee	
LB 723	Adopt the Public Water and Natural Resources Project Contracting Act	Bostelman, At the request of the Governor		Support	Natural Resources	2/2/2023	Committee	Ammended into LB 565e via AM 1240 - Adopted & Passed
LB 729	Change provisions relating to the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund	McDonnell		Monitor	Natural Resources	2/23/2023	Committee	
LB 766	Appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for reverse osmosis systems	DeKay		Support	Appropriations	3/13/2023	Committee	AM 651 - Pending
LB 768	Transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund	DeKay	DeKay (2023)	Support	Appropriations	3/14/2023	Committee	Provisions incorporated into LB 814 via AM 915 - Adopted & Passed - Line-Item Vetoed by Gov. Pillen
LB 817	Appropriate funds for capital construction	Arch, At the request of the Governor		Support	Appropriations	2/13/2023	Committee	Provisions incorporated into LB 814 via AM 915 - Adopted & Passed
LB 819	Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund	Arch, At the request of the Governor		Support	Appropriations	2/13/2023	Committee	Provisions incorporated into LB 818 via AM 1172 - Adopted & Passed
LB 828	Change provisions of the Nebraska Apiary Act and provide for the Pollinator Task Force, the Nebraska Apiary Registry, and immunity for certain damages relating to bees	Blood		Monitor	Agriculture	1/30/2024	Committee	
LB 831	Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and provide for control of restricted plants	Blood		Oppose	Agriculture	1/30/2024	Committee	AM 2113 - Filed
LB 859	Change conflict of interest provisions for certain political subdivision officers	Linehan		Monitor	Government	2/14/2024	Committee	
LB 868	Extend the sunset date for reimbursement for remedial action under the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund	Bostelman		Support	Natural Resources	1/24/2024	Committee	
LB 872	Prohibit acceptance of central bank digital currency by state and local governments	Clements		Monitor	Banking	2/5/2024	Committee	
LB 880	Change requirements relating to the Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund	Hughes		Monitor	Natural Resources	1/24/2024	General File	
LB 925	Adopt the Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination Act	Aguilar		Monitor	Government	2/1/2024	General File	AM 2546 - Filed
LB 951	Adopt the Public Officials on Private Boards Open Meetings Act	Linehan		Monitor	Government	2/15/2024	Committee	
LB 1018	Provide that positions of public employment shall not require a postsecondary degree and require equal consideration for non-degree-holders' wages and benefits	Holdcroft		Monitor	Government	2/2/2024	Committee	AM 2255 - Filed

LB 1080	Appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Natural Resources	Holdcroft		Monitor	Appropriations	2/21/2024	Committee	
LB 1131	Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for grants for tribal-owned community drinking water and sewer systems	Raybould		Monitor	Appropriations	2/2/2024	Committee	
LB 1179	Appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources	Wishart		Support	Appropriations	2/2/2024	Committee	
LB 1184	Adopt the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act	Bostar		Monitor	Revenue	2/15/2024	Committee	
LB 1199	Repeal provisions relating to certain administrative fees imposed by the Department of Natural Resources	Moser		Support	Natural Resources	2/1/2024	General File	
LB 1205	Appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Natural Resources	Hughes		Monitor	Appropriations	2/21/2024	Committee	
LB 1241	Change provisions relating to property tax levy limits	von Gillern		Oppose ¹ - See Policy Statement	Revenue	1/31/2024	Committee	AM 2135 - Filed
LB 1242	State intent to appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska	McDonnell		Monitor	Appropriations	2/1/2024	Committee	
LB 1243	Adopt the Wildland Fire Response Act	McDonnell		Support	Government	2/22/2024	General File	AM 2620 - Filed
LB 1244	Appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Natural Resources	McDonnell		Support	Appropriations	2/21/2024	Committee	
LB 1258	Change requirements relating to certain permits and requirements relating to livestock waste control facilities and animal feeding operations	Cavanaugh, M.		Oppose	Natural Resources	2/15/2024	Committee	
LB 1260	Provide authority for public power and irrigation district directors to take action on certain agreements in which they have an interest	Jacobson		Support	Natural Resources	2/7/2024	Committee	
LB 1277	Change provisions relating to emergency proclamations for disasters, emergencies, and civil defense emergencies made by the Governor	Wayne		Support	Government	2/23/2024	Committee	
LB 1287	Appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for drinking water infrastructure	Ballard		Support	Appropriations	2/21/2024	Committee	
LB 1335	Change provisions of and provide duties and exemptions from the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act	Moser	Moser (2024)	Support	Natural Resources	2/21/2024	Committee	
LB 1357	Prohibit camping on certain property owned by political subdivisions	McDonnell		Support	Judiciary	2/29/2024	Committee	
LB 1358	Require approval of the registered voters to increase salaries of governing bodies of political subdivisions as prescribed	McDonnell		Monitor	Government	2/7/2024	Committee	
LB 1366	Change provisions relating to the use of eminent domain	Cavanaugh, J.		Monitor (Remove NRDs)	Judiciary	2/2/2024	Committee	
LB 1368	Adopt the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act	Ibach	Ibach (2024)	Support	Agriculture	2/13/2024	General File	
LB 1406	Provide for an active-duty military permit for state park entry	Sanders		Support	Natural Resources	1/31/2024	Committee	
LB 1412	Provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government, postsecondary education, state aid, capital construction, and federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	Speaker Arch, at the Request of the Governor		Monitor	Appropriations	1/30/2024	Committee	
LB 1413	Transfer and provide for the transfer of funds and create and change the use and distribution of funds	Speaker Arch, at the Request of the Governor		Monitor	Appropriations	1/30/2024	Committee	
LB 1414	Adopt the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and change provisions relating to budget limitations	Linehan, at the Request of the Governor		Oppose ¹ - See Policy Statement	Revenue	2/2/2024	Committee	
LB 1415	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act and change the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act	Dover, At the request of the Governor		Oppose ¹ - See Policy Statement	Revenue	2/2/2024	Committee	
LB 1417	Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, authorities, and departments and change and eliminate funds	Brewer, At the request of the Governor		Monitor	Government	2/29/2024	Committee	

¹ NARD Policy Statement - We will work with the Legislature and Governor Pillemer on reasonable property tax reform measures. We support reforms that reduce property tax reliance and provide adequate funding for both rural and urban areas. We oppose restrictions on local budgets that harm the ability of local governments: 1) To implement programs and projects to meet federal and state mandated programs; 2) Make local annual adjustments to meet the needs of the local citizens; 3) Adequately fund both rural and urban needs; and 4) Provide local funding for efficient natural resources programs that protect water quality, water quantity, soil, property and the economy.