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TO: NARD Board, NRD Managers and Conservation Partners  
FROM: Dean E. Edson, NARD Executive Director  
RE: March 8 NARD Update

### **Budget Bills Advance to General File**

On March 7, 2024, the Appropriation Committee advanced the budget bills for General File.

The Appropriations Committee's final recommendation contains several changes from the preliminary budget, which have a net effect of increasing the amount of General Funds available above the minimum reserve for the biennium. The projected status went from a positive \$442.4 million per the Appropriations Committee preliminary budget to the current positive \$574.9 million per the Appropriations Committee recommendation.

Additionally, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Board met on February 29, 2024, and revised the estimate of net receipts for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, which resulted in a net gain of \$50 million over the biennium.

The largest Appropriations Committee adjustments from the preliminary recommendation, which increase General Funds available above the minimum reserve, include:

- Lapsing \$10 million in additional General Funds reappropriated from FY 2022-23;
- New transfers into the General Fund from Cash Funds of \$198 million in FY 2023-24 and \$46.8 million in FY 2024-25; and
- A transfer of \$3 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund.

The largest Appropriations Committee adjustments from the preliminary recommendation, which decrease General Funds available include:

- \$94.1 million increase in TEEOSA state aid in FY 2024-25 pursuant to the January recalculation; and
- \$14.7 million increase in appropriation in FY 2023-24 and \$15.4 million increase in appropriation in FY 2024-25 for the homestead exemption program.

A copy off the proposal can be found at:

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/fiscal/2024\\_Committee\\_Recommendation\\_Report.pdf](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/fiscal/2024_Committee_Recommendation_Report.pdf)

Related to natural resources, refer to the following:

**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.**

The bill proposes several changes to appropriations for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 that were adopted last year. A spreadsheet is on the last page of this update with a summary of LB 1412 and LB 1413.

Related to natural resources, the following changes are proposed:

***DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES***

Program No. 334 - Soil and Water Conservation – The bill proposes a General Fund decrease of \$127,396 in FY 2023-24 and a \$2,445 decrease in FY 2024-25.

Program No. 319 – Water Projects - The bill proposes to decrease JEDI Cash Funds by \$1,000,000 in FY 23-24 and \$20,000,000 in FY 24-25.

Water Sustainability Fund - The bill proposes to decrease the General Fund transfer by \$8,481,000 in FY 2024-2025. Additionally, the reappropriation of the unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, is decreased by \$8,481,000. The bill specifies that none of the Cash Funds appropriated to this program shall be used for a rural drinking water project that serves rural water connections and at least four communities in two contiguous counties in order to convert to ground water sources and to provide for water system infrastructure and distribution.

***DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY***

Program 513 – Environmental Quality - The bill proposes a General Fund decrease of \$804,136 in FY 23-24 and a \$1,590,254 decrease in FY 2024-25.

Program No. 528 - Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund - The unexpended reappropriation balance of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, existing on June 30, 2023, less \$7,000,000 is reappropriated.

A table summarizing proposed appropriation changes follows this summary.

***Nebraska Environmental Trust***

Added \$5 million for FY 2024-25 due to increase lottery sales.

***University of Nebraska***

Added provisions of LB 1242 to appropriate \$350,000 from the General Fund for FY 2024-25 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for a study on the viability of using roof collected rainwater as a safe and sustainable source of drinking water.

**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.**

The bill provides for transfers of funds for state operations and changes the uses of funds. The bill authorizes many of the provisions proposed in LB 1412. Related to Natural Resources the bill proposes the following changes.

The Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund language is changed allowing transfers from the fund to the Cash Reserve Fund or the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

## Governor Action

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

The Legislature gave final approval to LB 147 on February 29<sup>th</sup> on a 41-0-8 vote. The bill was approved by Governor Pillen on March 5, 2024.

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

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Select File

### LB 43 - Adopt the First Freedom Act and the Personal Privacy Protection Act, authorize tribal regalia to be worn by students, change provisions relating to withholding records from the public, provide requirements for interpretation of statutes, rules, and regulations, and prohibit state agencies from imposing certain requirements on charitable organizations. Sanders. Government Committee Priority.

Senators debated LB 43 on March 4<sup>th</sup> and added provisions of LB 637 that would require public bodies to allow members to speak at each public meeting.

During Select File debate, AM2812, offered by Senator Brewer added language that eliminated the language that gave public bodies discretion to allow for citizens to speak at public meeting and replaced it with language to “shall allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting”. The exception would be at closed sessions.

The amendment was adopted by a 41-0-8 vote and the bill was advanced to Final Reading by a voice vote.

Current law allows for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing.

The bill, as originally drafted, would offer the Legislature's guidance to hearing officers and judges about the use of deference in cases regarding statutory or regulatory language.

The bill became the Government Committee Priority Bill and included the following additional bills into the Committee Amendment (AM 2076):

- LB 41 - Prohibit state agencies from imposing annual filing and reporting requirements on charitable organizations. (Hansen)
- LB 277 - Adopt the First Freedom Act and authorize the wearing of tribal regalia by students. (Brewer)
- LB 297 - Adopt the Personal Privacy Protection Act (Sanders). The bill would prohibit state and local government agencies from requiring disclosure or disclosing information in their possession relating to supporters, volunteers or contributors to 501(c) nonprofit organizations.
- LB 366 - Change provisions relating to public records (Conrad). The provisions included apply to public records requests generally and remove references to "citizens" and replace them with "residents." This section of the bill would also create a bifurcated fee structure for obtaining public records, with residents receiving more favorable treatment than nonresidents, though all news media requesters would be considered as "residents" for this purpose.
- LB 650 - Allow certain cybersecurity records to be withheld from the public. This bill would amend the statute relating to public records that may be withheld from the public to include records relating to "the nature, location, or function of cybersecurity by the State of Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions."

**LB 304 - Require political subdivisions to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees. Linehan.**

The Legislature advanced the LB 304 to Final Reading on March 4, 2024, by a voice vote.

It was advanced to Select File on February 8, 2024, by a 35-0-9 vote. Previously, the Government Committee advanced LB 304 to General File on April 17, 2023, with no committee amendments.

The bill would require that political subdivisions or any other unit of local government to disclose on its website the following:

- (a) Membership dues paid annually to any association or organization, identifying each such association or organization and the dues amounts paid; and
- (b) Fees paid to any individual lobbyist or lobbying firm other than any fees paid for lobbying services that may be included in the membership dues.

For any political subdivision that does not have a website, the information shall be made available upon request to any member of the public at the office of such political subdivision.

The Government Committee accepted testimony on the bill on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

In her opening, Senator Linehan noted that she wants to know who pays the dues for the education lobbyists. She also raised concerns about the national education associations and the stances they take on issues. She feels it would be important to know what Nebraska schools are funding various national policy issues.

### Proponents

Laura Ebke, senior fellow at the Platte Institute, testified in support. All public entities need to be transparent about the dues they are paying, and to what entities, which instill confidence in the public on where local tax dollars are going. This information can be found with the Accountability and Disclosure Office, but you have to dig to find it and putting it on individual websites makes the information easier to find for the public.

### Opponents

There was no opposition testimony.

### Neutral

Frank Daley, executive director with the Accountability and Disclosure Office, testified in the neutral. He noted his office was unsure where this would land in statute – the Accountability and Disclosure Act or somewhere else in statute? The term “lobbying” in the Accountability and Disclosure Act only applies to lobbying in the legislature, so if the public wanted a broader sense of dues payments the language would need changed. The lobbyist registration is part of the Clerk of Legislature’s Office and not the Accountability and Disclosure Office. He recommended the committee may want to clarify what they want so it goes to the correct entity.

Three proponent letters were filed and no opponent letters.

Closing on the bill, Sen. Linehan noted she would work with the Accountability and Disclosure Office to clean up the language on the bill.

3/7/2024		LB 814 (as Passed w/ Vetos)		LB 1412		AM 2566		AM 2566 P Proposed Changes from LB 814	
		FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
<b>Agency 84 - Department Environmental &amp; Energy</b>									
	General Fund	\$ 7,906,337	\$ 7,448,556	\$ 7,102,201	\$ 5,858,302	\$ 7,102,201	\$ 5,858,302	\$ (804,136)	\$ (1,590,254)
	Cash Fund	\$ 49,470,230	\$ 40,095,891	\$ 49,470,230	\$ 40,092,126	\$ 49,470,230	\$ 40,092,126	\$ -	\$ (3,765)
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 20,395,650	\$ 20,856,132	\$ 20,395,650	\$ 20,767,658	\$ 20,395,650	\$ 20,767,658	\$ -	\$ (88,474)
	Program Total	\$ 77,772,217	\$ 68,400,579	\$ 76,968,081	\$ 66,718,086	\$ 76,968,081	\$ 66,718,086	\$ (804,136)	\$ (1,682,493)
	Salary Limit	\$ 18,618,830	\$ 19,649,335	\$ 18,232,982	\$ 18,838,772	\$ 18,232,982	\$ 18,838,772	\$ (385,848)	\$ (810,563)
<b>*Includes \$1,000,000 General Funds for a water quality study. Originally included \$7,000,000 General Funds to Cedar/Knox Rural Water that was line-item vetoed by Governor Pillen.</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,200,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 8,109,000	\$ 8,109,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 9,109,000	\$ 9,309,000					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*Grants to small communities shall not be commingled with funds deposited in the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 700,000	\$ 800,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 12,010,000	\$ 12,010,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 12,710,000	\$ 12,810,000					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*The unexpended reappropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, less \$7,000,000 is hereby reappropriated</b>									
<b>Agency 33 - Game &amp; Parks Commission</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 21,309,636	\$ 21,581,666				\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
	Program Total	\$ 21,309,636	\$ 21,581,666				\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
	Salary Limit	\$ 331,979	\$ 349,379					\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 8,380,097	\$ 8,488,682					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 3,900,673	\$ 3,900,673					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 12,280,770	\$ 12,389,355					\$ -	\$ -
	Salary Limit	\$ 1,960,708	\$ 2,048,234					\$ -	\$ -
	General Fund	\$ 1,988,073	\$ 2,072,461					\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 34,694,853	\$ 35,688,076					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 4,251,677	\$ 4,267,306					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 40,934,603	\$ 42,027,843					\$ -	\$ -
	Salary Limit	\$ 17,977,438	\$ 18,802,876					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*Includes \$5,000,000 Cash Funds each FY for wildlife damage reimbursement to landowners for damage caused by deer, antelope, or elk.</b>									
	General Fund	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500					\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 178,500	\$ 178,500					\$ -	\$ -
<b>The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, is reappropriated.</b>									
	General Fund	\$ 536,090	\$ 559,668					\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 1,364,781	\$ 1,410,921					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 111,172	\$ 111,172					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 2,012,043	\$ 2,081,761					\$ -	\$ -
	Salary Limit	\$ 1,134,918	\$ 1,188,450					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*Development &amp; maintenance of boundary fences along Cowboy Trail limited to \$64,000 CF each FY. Unexpended Cash Fund balance is reappropriated up to \$8.3 M to fund MOPCA trail.</b>									
<b>Agency 29 - Department of Natural Resources</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
	General Fund	\$ 1,806,112	\$ 1,806,112					\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 1,856,112	\$ 1,856,112					\$ -	\$ -
<b>The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, is reappropriated.</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000					\$ -	\$ -
<b>The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, is reappropriated.</b>									
<b>Program 307 - Nebraska Resources Development Fund - The unexpended General Fund &amp; Cash Fund appropriation balances existing on June 30, 2023, are reappropriated.</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,187,500					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,187,500					\$ -	\$ -
<b>The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, is reappropriated.</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 10,865,033	\$ 10,865,033					\$ -	\$ -
	General Fund Transfer	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000		\$ 2,519,000		\$ 2,519,000	\$ -	\$ (8,481,000)
<b>The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2023, less \$8,481,000 is reappropriated - See LB 1412 Summary.</b>									
	Cash Fund	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	General Fund Transfer	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 87,800,000	\$ 87,800,000	\$ 77,800,000	\$ 62,800,000	\$ 86,800,000	\$ 67,800,000	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (20,000,000)
	Federal Fund	\$ 179,200,000	\$ -	\$ 129,200,000	\$ -	\$ 179,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 267,000,000	\$ 87,800,000	\$ 207,000,000	\$ 62,800,000	\$ 266,000,000	\$ 67,800,000	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (20,000,000)
<b>*\$62.6 million CF Perkins County Canal Project Fund FY23-24 &amp; 24-25. \$24 million CF JEDI Fund FY 23-24 (includes \$6 million for feasibility and lake studies), \$5 million CF JEDI Fund in FY24-25. \$177.2 million FY 24-25 ARPA Funds Grant for Lincoln Water. \$2.0 million FY 23-24 ARPA Funds Grant for Norfolk.</b>									
	Cash Reserve Transfer	\$ 574,500,000	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -
	*LB 814 Fund Transfer	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000					\$ -	\$ -
<b>**Transfer from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to Water Resources Cash Fund</b>									
	General Fund	\$ 11,837,784	\$ 12,223,866	\$ 11,710,388	\$ 12,221,421	\$ 11,710,388	\$ 12,221,421	\$ (127,396)	\$ (2,445)
	Cash Fund	\$ 9,483,790	\$ 8,551,272					\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.*	\$ 2,114,582	\$ 2,144,722					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 22,436,156	\$ 22,919,860	\$ 22,308,766	\$ 22,917,415	\$ 22,308,766	\$ 22,917,415	\$ (127,396)	\$ (2,445)
	Salary Limit	\$ 8,126,131	\$ 8,503,142					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*\$1.2 Million in ARPA for enhanced data collection.</b>									
<b>Agency 51 - University of Nebraska</b>									
	General Fund	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Nebraska Forest Service	\$ 2,804,862	\$ 2,804,862					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*To support water and agricultural research and existing collaborative initiatives to implement best practices in water conservation.</b>									
<b>Agency 11 - Attorney General</b>									
	General Fund	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000					\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000					\$ -	\$ -
<b>*\$300,000 in General Funds for Program 496 in each FY was part of Line-item veto by Governor Pillen.</b>									

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 43	Adopt the First Freedom Act and the Personal Privacy Protection Act, authorize tribal regalia to be worn by students, change provisions relating to withholding records from the public, provide requirements for interpretation of statutes, rules, and regulations, and prohibit state agencies from imposing certain requirements on charitable organizations	Sanders	Government (2024)		Government	2/9/2023	Final Reading	AM 2076, 2812 (contains provisions of LB 637) - adopted; AM 2701 - Lost; AM 2081, 2649 - Withdrawn; AM 2740 - Not Considered.
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	Approved by Governor Pillen on March 5, 2024.
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 - Prevalled; AM 2792 - Pending
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	Final Reading	
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	Provisions ammended into LB 43 via AM 2812.
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 Vetoeed 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 <sup>1</sup> - 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	Provisions ammended into LB 1412 via AM 2566.
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	General File	AM 2566 - Pending
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	General File	AM 2698 - Pending
LB 1414	Adopt the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and change provisions relating to budget limitations	Linehan, at the Request of the Governor		Oppose <sup>1</sup> - 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 <sup>1</sup> - 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	

<sup>1</sup> 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.