

Miscellaneous Issues

Bill Number	Topic	NSVFA Position	Status
LB 5	WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MENTAL INJURIES AND MENTAL ILLNESS	Watch	In Committee
Blood Business & Labor 02/13/2023	Would allow recovery of benefits for mental injuries and mental illness unaccompanied by physical injury for an employee whose mental injuries or mental illness were caused by workplace violence (shooting, hostage situation, act of terrorism, or similar act of violence occurring in the workplace) if the employee establishes, through a mental health professional, the medical causation between the mental injury or mental illness, and the workplace violence by medical evidence.		
LB 16	CREDENTIALS FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION	Support	Final Reading
Briese Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs 02/09/2023	Would require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction and make a determination regarding an applicant with a criminal conviction, provide for jurisprudential examinations and appeals from denial of a license, and change requirements for membership of the State Electrical Board.		
LB 31	REQUIRE TWO INDIVIDUAL TRAIN CREWS	Support	In Committee
Jacobson Transportation 03/06/2023	Would prohibit train or light engine used in moving freight to operate unless it has two-person crew. Would establish fine or first offense within a three-year period not that less than \$200 and not more than \$1,000 and for a second offense within a three-year period that less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000; and for 1/3 or subsequent offense committed within a three year period not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000. Public Service Commission charged with enforcement and fines distributed pursuant to Nebraska Constitution Article VII, Section 5.		
LB 47	CHANGE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR FIRE DISTRICTS	Support	General File
Dorn Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs 01/26/2023	Would authorize rural or suburban Fire Protection District to publish notice by publication in a newspaper or posting written notice in three conspicuous places in fire district.		
LB 79	TAXATION - ADOPT THE NEBRASKA EPIC CONSUMPTION TAX ACT	Oppose	In Committee
Erdman Revenue 03/03/2023	Would eliminate all property, income, and corporate taxes and replace it with a tax on the use or consumption in the state of Nebraska of taxable property or services (excludes intangible property and services) at a rate of 7.5%. The legislation would impose the consumption tax on financial intermediation services, including explicitly and implicitly charged fees for financial intermediation services to be collected with the same frequency that statements are rendered by the financial institution, but not less frequently than quarterly.		
LB 87	AUTHORIZE 18 YEAR OLD TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS	Watch	In Committee
Hunt Judiciary 02/22/2023	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care		

Bill Introducer Committee Hearing Date	NSVFA Position	Status
LB 111	NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMMISSION ACT	Support General File
McDonnell Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/16/2023	Would restructure the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission to a statutorily created independent agency. Would establish structure of governing body of commission, voting members of the commission and restrict limitation to no fewer than 15 nor more than 25 voting members. Would recommend to Governor three year comprehensive national and community service plan, ensuring outreach to diverse community-based agencies that serve underrepresented populations (and continues with responsibilities mostly geared toward educational programs, as in 42 U.S.C. 12525 and healthcare and childcare under 42 U.S.C. 12594). Does include reference to "developing mechanisms for recruitment and placement of people interested in participating in service programs."	
LB 164	UPDATE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, AND ENERGY CODE	Watch In Committee
McKinney Urban Affairs 01/24/2023	Would adopt 2021 edition of only energy efficiency chapters of international building code and international residential code, chapters 13 and 11 respectively, retaining all of the references to 2018 editions now, as written in current law. URBAN AFFAIRS PRIORITY BILL	
LB 172	ADOPT 2023 ADDITION OF NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE	Support General File
Bostar Urban Affairs 01/24/2023	Would update the National Electric Code to 2023 edition. Among other items, would provide for emergency disconnects on residential single-family dwellings.	
LB 205	ADOPT THE GOVERNMENT NEUTRALITY IN CONTRACTING ACT	Watch General File
von Gillern Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/10/2023	Would prohibit governmental unit (state of Nebraska or agency or political subdivision of the state; including a reference to political subdivisions, but excludes fire protection districts), unless otherwise required by federal law, from containing language in a public contract which: 1) requires, prohibits, encourages or discourages from entering into or adhering to a collective-bargaining agreement; 2) contains a term that discriminates against bidders, public contractors, and subcontractors based on willingness or refusal to enter into collective-bargaining agreement; 3) award contract pass or fail scoring criteria regarding bidder's hiring requirements, labor assignments, local headquarters, political affiliation, political activity, or demographic makeup. Would prohibit governmental unit from placing terms as prohibited in any public contract.	
LB 228	MAKE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION DAYS, STATE HOLIDAYS AND CHANGE VOTING LAWS	Watch In Committee
Erdman Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 03/01/2023	Would require all public persons voting in primary and general elections to do so in person and present photographic ID card. Would restrict only military personnel and nursing home or assisted living residents to vote by mail.	
LB 234	REQUIRE REPORT OF BLOCKED RAILROAD CROSSING COMPLAINTS	Support General File
Walz Transportation 03/06/2023	Would require railroad companies, beginning November 1, 2024 to report to the Public Service Commission and State Patrol: 1) how many public complaints railroad received about blocked railroad crossings; 2) dates of such complaints; 3) Location of blocked crossings; 4) duration of time each crossing blocked; and 5) action taken by railroad to resolve complaints. Would establish reporting period from September 30 through October 1. Would require PSC to submit report annually by December 1.	

Bill Introducer Committee Hearing Date		NSVFA Position	Status
LB 271	CHANGE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT	Neutral	In Committee
McKinney Judiciary 02/22/2023	Would include those in medical profession with definition including several categories including emergency medical technician, when acting in such person's professional capacity or within the scope of such person's employment observing a child subjected to conditions or circumstances reasonably would result from or in child abuse or neglect, then such person shall report knowledge or observation or cause report of child abuse or neglect to be made to the proper law enforcement agency or Department of Health and Human Services on toll-free number. Would permit any other person with knowledge of or observed such as such conditions as described, to report as described above. Would not require reporting certain conditions present. Would authorize person required to report if while employed, may notify the individual in charge of the institution or the individual's designated agent, and such person or designated agent is then required to report. Would require each person required to report to complete training within first 90 days of beginning employment or service as mandatory reporter of abuse or neglect, and at least every two years thereafter. Would require training as defined in legislation.		
LB 287	PROHIBIT CREATION OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY	Watch	In Committee
Brewer Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 03/24/2023	Would prohibit the creation of a joint public agency after October 1, 2023.		
LB 291	UNIFORM CREDENTIALING ACT-IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING	Oppose	In Committee
Cavanaugh, M. Health & Human Services 03/09/2023	Would require any individual to be issued a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act to have completed implicit bias training (a program designed to expose unconscious prejudices or partialities; to provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking; to eliminate discriminatory behaviors; and to create awareness of implicit bias). Would require healthcare professionals to annually complete implicit bias training.		
LB 297	ADOPT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT	Watch	General File
Sanders Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/16/2023	Would prohibit all public agencies, including rural fire districts from requiring or releasing personal information, except as authorized under the Act. LOWE PRIORITY BILL		
LB 302	CHANGE PROVISIONS CONCERNING ELECTED OFFICIALS REQUIRED TO FILE CONFLICT OF INTEREST	Watch	General File
Linehan Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/15/2023	Would amend conflict of interest statute within Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act to require all elected officials (fire protection districts) who would be required to take action or decision in discharge of official duties that may cause financial benefit or detriment to self, member of the immediate family or business in which individual is associated to disclose potential conflict by: 1) prepare written statement; 2) deliver a copy of statement to person in charge of keeping records for the political subdivision; and 3) except as permitted by law, abstain from participating or voting on matter.		
LB 304	REQUIRE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO DISCLOSE MEMBERSHIP DUES AND LOBBYING FEES	Watch	General File
Linehan Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/09/2023	Would require political subdivisions, those listed and "any other unit of local government" to disclose on its website dues paid annually to association or organization; identifying each associational or organization; dues amounts paid and fees paid to any individual; or lobbying firm other than any fees paid for lobbying services that may be included in the membership dues. Would require any political subdivision not having a website to make the information available upon request to any member of the public at the office of such political subdivision.		

Bill Introducer Committee Hearing Date		NSVFA Position	Status
LB 306	ADOPT NEBRASKA YOUTH AND CARE BILL OF RIGHTS	Watch	In Committee
Hunt Judiciary 02/16/2023	Would require, for child placed in foster home; child care institution through court proceeding under juvenile law; or youth rehabilitation and treatment center, be provided rights, including education on child's right to refuse or consent to medical treatment balanced with countervailing rights of biological parents, unless contrary to best interests of child or otherwise ordered by court and any right of child to refuse or consent to treatment, unless contrary to best interests of child or otherwise ordered by court.		
LB 312	AUTHORIZE STATE TREASURER TO WITHHOLD FUNDS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	Watch	General File
Lowe Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/09/2023	Would authorize the withholding of funds by State Treasurer if Auditor of Public Accounts determines governmental unit has not complied with budget limit laws. Would establish governmental unit continues to forfeit state aid until budget compliance is reached.		
LB 322	PROHIBIT NEW JOINT PUBLIC AGENCIES FROM TAXING	Watch	In Committee
Linehan Revenue 03/09/2023	Would prohibit any joint public agency created on or after October 1, 2023 from exercising any power or authority relating to tax.		
LB 325	AMEND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TORT CLAIMS ACT	Watch	In Committee
Dungan Judiciary 02/24/2023	Would amend PSTCA to authorize cause of action for harm caused by intentional tort for failure of political subdivision or employee of political subdivision to exercise reasonable care to either: 1) control person over whom it has taken charge; or 2) protect a person who is in the political subdivision's care, custody, or control from harm caused by a non-employee actor.		
LB 341	ADOPT STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE LIABILITY ACT	Watch	In Committee
Halloran Judiciary 02/24/2023	Would create State and Political Subdivisions Child Sexual Abuse Liability Act creating liability for tort actions arising out of child sexual abuse by employees of state or political subdivisions. Would use same definition of employee of political subdivision as found in current statute, which includes volunteer fire and rescue personnel, among all other employees defined. Would prohibit use of writ of execution against state, state agency, or political subdivision for tort committed under Act to be created. JUDICIARY PRIORITY BILL		
LB 501	WORKERS' COMPENSATION - FIREFIGHTER CANCER	Neutral	In Committee
Cavanaugh, M. Business & Labor 03/13/2023	Would deem cancer that results in either temporary or permanent disability or death to be an occupational disease and compensable under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act if a) the cancer develops or manifests itself out of and in the course of the employment of a firefighter; and b) it is demonstrated that 1) the firefighter (professional and volunteer fighters who have acted in that capacity for five or more years) was exposed, while in the course of employment, to a known carcinogen or substance reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen; and 2) such carcinogen is reasonably associated with such cancer. The bill designates a series of substances deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with specific types of cancer and would create a rebuttable presumption that cancer experienced by a firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment if the cancer is diagnosed during the course of the firefighter's employment, including retired firefighters for cancers diagnosed within a period, not to exceed 60 months, from the date of retirement extended for a period equal to three months for each full year of employment.		

Bill	Introducer	Committee	Hearing Date	NSVFA Position	Status
LB 511				WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT RADIOS	Support In Committee
Brewer				Would provide \$25 million from the general fund for FY, 2023 - 24 to Department of administrative services for portable and mobile radios, programming, and installation of radios and equipment to volunteer departments, defined to include both fire and rescue. Would provide training for interoperability with Statewide radio system to connect volunteer departments and agencies, through a grant program with eligibility based on number and type of radios required for each department. Based upon such department's needs and size. Would direct chief information officer to not charge any such subscription, programming or training fees for volunteer department after receiving a grant from the program. Priority given to volunteer departments along National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The definition of volunteer department same as in section 35 - 901. (Portion of LB 511 amended into LB 814 by ComAM915)	
Appropriations					
03/16/2023					
LB 513				CHANGE OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	Watch General File
Brewer				Would authorize publication requirements under several parts of the law, including open meetings act, to be made on statewide website established and maintain as a repository of public notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. However, for Open Meetings Act, until January 1, 2024, in case of refusal, neglect, or inability of newspaper to time published the notice, public body shall (a) post notice on its website, if available, and (b) post such notice in conspicuous public place in such public body, jurisdiction. Public body required to keep a written record of such posting. The record of posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication. Beginning January 1, 2024, advanced reasonable publicized notice shall be given by (a)(i) publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body jurisdiction, that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of meeting; (ii) posting on such newspaper website if available, and (iii) posting on statewide website established and maintained by a repository for such notices by majority of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on websites by the newspaper; or (b)(i) posting to newspapers website if available, and (ii) a statewide website to establish and maintain a repository for such notices by majority of Nebraska newspapers. As new edition of the newspaper of general circulation within the body's jurisdiction is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. In the case of the governing body of the city of the second class or village, such notice shall be given by (a)(i) publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body, jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (ii) posting on such newspaper's website if available, and (iii) posting a statewide website established as described above; (b)(i) posting on newspapers website if available, and (ii) on a statewide website establish and maintain, as described above; or (c)(i) posting written notice and three conspicuous public places in such city or village and such notices shall be posted by the public body in the same three places for each meeting.	
Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs					
02/10/2023					
LB 546				BED AND BREAKFAST REQUIREMENTS	Watch In Committee
Conrad				Provide requirements for bed and breakfast establishments regarding food, beverages, and fire safety.	
Urban Affairs					
03/14/2023					
LB 576				PROVIDE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR LAND-MANAGEMENT BURNING	Neutral In Committee
Cavanaugh, J.				Would provide an affirmative defense in any negligence action or nuisance action arising out of or related to land-management burning conducted in accordance with the issuance of a burn permit provided there has been compliance with all terms of approved permit and plan.	
Judiciary					
03/03/2023					

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LB 615	PROVIDE FUNDING TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL FROM NEBRASKA OPIOID FUND RECOVERY FUND	Support	In Committee
McDonnell	Would appropriate in FY 23-24 and FY 24-25 \$1,125,000 to State Fire Marshal from the Nebraska Opioid Fund Recovery Fund to connect all first responders at high risk of opioid exposure and dependency to behavioral health services, supports, and training for statewide wellness learning plan including anonymous assessments, education, and awareness to promote resiliency development. E-clause attached. (Amended into LB 814 by ComAM 915)		
Appropriations			
03/01/2023			
LB 619	PROHIBIT ASSAULT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DRIVER AND TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER, EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDER, AND OTHERS	Support	In Committee
McDonnell	Would establish singular term of "public safety officer" instead of listing of different categories of those receiving special designations for assaults committed against them under the criminal code of Nebraska. Would establish different levels of criminal offenses for assaults committed against public safety officers and adds another category of public transportation drivers.		
Judiciary			
03/23/2023			
LB 625	REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES	Watch	In Committee
McDonnell	Would prohibit person from operating an autonomous vehicle unless person has valid operator driver's license and is physically present in the autonomous vehicle and has the ability to monitor the performance of the vehicle and operate the vehicle.		
Transportation			
02/14/2023			
LB 637	AMEND OPEN MEETINGS ACT	Watch	General File
Albrecht	Would require public body, except in in closed sessions, to allow members of public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.		
Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs			
02/24/2023			
LB 646	WOULD CHANGE SURCHARGE PURSUANT TO ENHANCE WIRELESS 911 SERVICES ACT	Support	In Committee
McDonnell	Would require each wireless carrier to collect surcharge of up to \$1, instead of maximum amount of \$0.70 for all counties except Douglas County, which is presently a maximum of \$0.50.		
Transportation			
03/03/2023			
LB 649	CHANGE PROVISIONS AND PENALTIES RELATING TO ARSON, TRESPASS, AND GRAFFITI	Support	In Committee
McDonnell	Would define, for portions of relevant criminal code, public safety official to include several categories, including firefighter or member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew. Would modify definition of arson in the first degree.		
Judiciary	Would increase penalties for different degrees of arson and if public safety official, injured, and the severity of the injury also impacts level of felony, if convicted.		
03/23/2023			

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LB 655				PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STATEWIDE WILDFIRE FIREFIGHTING CREWS	Support In Committee
McDonnell				Would appropriate \$1,125,000 in FY 2023-24 and same amount in 2024-25 to State Fire Marshal, Program #193 to partner with Nebraska Forrest Service by providing a state match on Community Wildfire Defense Grant to United States and establish two statewide firefighting crews with technical expertise to support rural communities, to provide extra resources for wildfire, and to assist local fire departments in the prescribed burning to control the spread of Eastern Red Cedar trees. E-Clause attached. (See LR 156 Interim study to examine the impact and increased frequency and intensity of wildfires in Nebraska and the sufficiency of the firefighting response to such wildfires)	
Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs			02/16/2023		
LB 657				APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER FOR CANCER PROGRAM	Support In Committee
McDonnell				Would appropriate \$500,000 in FY 2023-24 to Board of Regents for use by the University of Nebraska Medical Center to contract with organization in Nebraska, which provides comprehensive cancer support and education to provide statewide education program regarding cancer, it's causes, and resources available to support cancer patients. States intent to appropriate \$500,000 annually from Nebraska Healthcare Cash Fund. E-clause attached.	
Health & Human Services			02/23/2023		
LB 673				AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CREATE UNIFORM MAPPING DATA FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND CREATE GRANT	Support In Committee
Hansen, B.				Would authorize school districts to create uniform mapping data to be distributed to First Responders for use in emergency responses to school properties. Would create grant opportunities for school districts choosing to participate in creation of uniform mapping data.	
Education			01/31/2023		
LB 792				CREATE PILOT PROGRAM IN OMAHA FOR ASSESSING AND TREATING PTSD DESCRIPTION	Watch General File
Wayne				Would direct Department of Health and Human Services to create a pilot program in Omaha for assessing and treating PTSD, with intent that Legislature appropriate \$25 million to carry out program. E-clause attached. WAYNE PRIORITY BILL (Portions of LB 792 included in AM 1596 to LB 814)	
Health & Human Services			02/22/2023		
LB 810				MEDICAL ETHICS AND DIVERSITY ACT	Watch In Committee
Murman				Would provide immunity for a medical practitioner from civil, criminal, or administrative liability for exercising the person's right of conscience not to participate in a health care service and prohibit discrimination against a medical practitioner for such decision. Would exempt emergency medical treatment from the provisions of the Act. MURMAN PRIORITY BILL	
Health & Human Services			02/10/2023		
LB 847				REPLACE INTERSTATE CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER COMPACT WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT	Watch General File
Brewer				Would name Nebraska as a member of the more modern Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and withdraw from the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact.	
Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs			01/24/2024		

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LB 859	CONFLICT OF INTEREST	Watch In Committee
Linehan Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/14/2024	Would require any person holding an elective office of any political subdivision to conform and comply with the requirements of conflict of interest laws. This would include fire protection districts, whereas now they are not included, only a select number of public entities are included.	
LB 876	ADOPT THE NEWBORN SAFE HAVEN ACT	Support In Committee
Holdcroft Judiciary 02/07/2024	Would create the Newborn Safe Haven Act by establishing locations, procedures and authorized personnel to receive from parent or authorized person surrender of physical custody of the newborn infant who is or appears to be 90 days old or younger for the voluntary release custody of the newborn infant. Custody can be surrendered to medical staff at the hospital or healthcare facility displaying a decal or placard as described in the ac and TO A FIRE STATION OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER LOCATION WHICH IS STAFFED 24 HOURS PER DAY, SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK and there is a receptacle located in an area conspicuous and visible to staff or the receptacles located in an area that is not visible to staff but is equipped with a motion sensor and dual alarm system which is programmed to sound first when the receptacle is opened, immediately placing a telephone call to a 911 service and dispatching emergency medical care provider or firefighter to the location of the receptacle and, sound a second time, immediately placing a telephone call to a 911 service after movement is detected inside the receptacle. WOULD ALSO ALLOW SURRENDER PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF NEWBORN INFANT BY TELEPHONING 911 SERVICE AND SURRENDER PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN INFANT TO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER RESPONDING TO SUCH 911 TELEPHONE CALL. Would establish a rebuttable presumption that the person surrendering physical custody is the newborn infant's parent or has surrendered custody with the parent's authorization. The person taking physical custody of the individual on duty of an approved drop-off location shall make a reasonable attempt to obtain information from the parent as outlined in the bill. The receiving person at a drop off location other than a hospital or emergency medical services provider shall contact 911 service to have an emergency medical service provider transport the newborn infant nurse hospital. Requirement to contact the Department of Health and Human Services as soon as possible after receipt of newborn infant. Provisions for training and funding for training Person taking custody immune from criminal or civil liability for any acts or omissions made in good faith to comply with requirements of the act.	
LB 910	AUTHORIZED EMS TO PROVIDE CARE AND TRANSPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES	Support In Committee
Riepe Health & Human Services 02/01/2024	Would authorize emergency care provider licensed for transport discretion to transport a law enforcement canine, as defined in the bill, injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic or similar facility, if there is no person requiring medical attention or transport at that time, and further authorizes such person to provide emergency medical care to the law enforcement canine injured in the line of duty at the scene or during transport. Such provider who acts in good faith to provide medical care as provided would be immune from criminal or civil liability. Authorizes Department to adopt rules and regulations. Would also amend that veterinary statute authorizing such activities by someone other than a licensed veterinarian.	
LB 929	COORDINATE 911 SERVICE SYSTEM AND 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE	Support In Committee
Fredrickson Transportation 01/22/2024	Would ensure that 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and 911 system are capable to interconnect individuals with these emergency lines and receive communications from one another. Would help ensure that individuals contacting 911 are connected to trained mental health professionals. Would require Public Service Commission to adopt statewide standards.	

Bill Introducer Committee Hearing Date		NSVFA Position	Status
LB 1004	CHANGE MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW	Watch	In Committee
Hansen Transportation 01/22/2024	Would amend the motorcycle helmet repeal bill passed in 2023 to remove the requirement that an operator or passenger on a motorcycle wear a helmet, provided certain training was undertaken. Would make it easier for the passenger NOT to wear a helmet.		
LB 1032	AMEND FIRST RESPONDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT (2023).	Watch	In Committee
Bostelman Revenue	Would amend the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act, adopted in 2023, by adding conservation officers of the Game and Parks Commission for purposes of tuition waiver for postsecondary education, as described in the 2023 legislation, but not tax credit for health insurance.		
LB 1033	MAKE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PRIMARY OFFENSE	Support	In Committee
Lippincott Transportation 01/23/2024	Would make use of a handheld wireless communication device (cell phone) to read written communication, manually type of written communication, or send a written communication while operating a motor vehicle as a primary action and not as a secondary action, as is the law currently. Would continue to exempt persons performing official duties as a firefighter, ambulance driver, emergency medical technician, or law enforcement officer.		
LB 1054	ADOPT THE CHILDCARE SAFTY AND SECURITY ACT	Watch	In Committee
Walz Health & Human Services 02/08/2024	Would create emergency response notification system which would deliver alerts or other notifications during an emergency to a targeted group of subscribers. Would target child care and early education programs. Would provide funding administered by Department of Education to award grants to educational service units on behalf of designees desiring to participate in emergency response notification system, training and materials. Would also require report to legislature concerning operation of program.		
LB 1069	AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC BURN PERMITS	Support	In Committee
Halloran Business & Labor 01/22/2024	Would, among other issues, amend section 81-520.01 concerning burn permits issued by fire departments by requiring certain minimum information to be included in the permit, that the permit contain a written or electronic signature of the chief or designee, and for the Fire Marshal to provide a sample form with minimum requirements on its website.		
LB 1086	ADOPT THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ACT CREATING THREE DEPARTMENTS REPLACING HHS	Watch	In Committee
Walz Health & Human Services	Would eliminate Department of Health and Human Services and create the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Health Care		
LB 1090	FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT RADIOS	Support	In Committee
Ballard Appropriations 02/05/2024	Would appropriate \$5 million for radios for grants available to volunteer departments defined in 35-901. Would require a one-to-one match for local funds for the radios. Would limit each applicant receiving a grant to not more than \$3.5 million.		

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LB 1093	AMEND FIRST RESPONDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT (2023)			Watch	In Committee
Bostar	Would, among other items, include new category of limited law enforcement officer to those entitled to benefits under the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act.				
Revenue					
LB 1100	AMEND GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT ACT			Support	In Committee
McDonnell	Would amend the supplemental reimbursement rate for payment on ground emergency medical transport services from a "per transport" basis to "actual and allowable costs that are federally permissible."				
Health & Human Services					
LB 1104	LOBBY REGISTRATION FEES			Watch	In Committee
Aguilar	Would increase lobby registration fees from \$200 each year to \$300. Would also change distribution to one half credited to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Cash Fund and one half to the Clerk of Legislature Cash Fund. Operative date is July 1, 2024.				
Executive Board					
01/31/2024					
LB 1137	CHANGE TAX RATE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN MUNICIPALITIES			Watch	In Committee
McKinney	Would amend 18-1201 and 18-1202, which now authorizes a special tax levy of not more than five cents for each \$100 upon taxable property in a city or village for special purposes of purchasing and maintaining public safety equipment, including vehicles or rescue or emergency first aid equipment for fire or police department, purchasing real estate for a fire or police station or erecting a, building, altering, or repairing fire or police stations, for purchasing, installing, and equipping an emergency alarm system or paying off bond pursuant to 18-1202 to an undetermined amount not stated in the bill but included as xxx.				
Revenue					
LB 1188	STATES CLAIMS BILL			Watch	In Committee
Riepe	Would pay claims against the state (As bill introduction, there are no LODD claims).				
Business & Labor					
02/12/2024					
LB 1212	ADOPT RAILROAD SAFETY ACT			Support	In Committee
Walz	Would place limitations on railroad trains carrying hazardous substances, require mainline train to have operational and properly maintained wayside detector system. Require railroad operating a mainline, before January 1 2026 to submit to the Public Service Commission a report concerning installation and operational information regarding wayside detector systems, and place requirements on a train and having received a defective message from a wayside detector system. Would authorize crewmembers to report to designated union representatives any violations or injuries which occur. Would require on or before January 1, 2026 and every three years thereafter, each railroad to offer training to each fire department having jurisdiction along track which the railroad operates. Describe certain training requirements. Would require beginning January 1, 2026, insurance coverage by railroad transporting hazardous material to contain certain coverages and submit certification of insurance to the state.				
Transportation					
02/13/2024					

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LB 1216	REMOVE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES FROM BUDGET LIMITATIONS	Support	In Committee
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Bostar Would remove public safety services, including fire fighting and EMS, from calculations of base limitations.

Revenue

02/08/2024

LB 1219	AMENDMENTS TO 2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE	Watch	In Committee
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Cavanaugh, J. Would incorporate Chapter 13 of the 2021 international building code, as well as including chapter 11 of the 2021 edition of the international residential code, and keep all other provisions of existing law the same.

Urban Affairs

02/13/2024

LB 1241	POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TAX LEVIES	Oppose	In Committee
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von Gillern Would impose a new type of levy limit on schools, counties and other local governments, requiring them to reduce their property tax levy by the same percentage that property valuations increase.

Revenue

01/31/2024

LB 1255	PLACE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	Support	In Committee
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Fredrickson Would place within jurisdiction of PSC 911 Service System Act. Would place responsibilities with State 911 Director to provide written notification to originating service providers who provide the capability for customers to originate 911 calls and set deadlines for originating service provider to transmit all 911 calls allowing them to be answered and other responsibilities outlined under the act.

Transportation

02/20/2024

LB 1256	REPORT 911 OUTAGES TO PSC	Support	In Committee
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DeBoer Would require communications service provider to file with FCC reports concerning outage to also file copies with the PSC. This new addition would apply only to 911 service outages. Would also require PSC to a public hearing no later than 90 days after first report by a communication service provider is filed. Good cause may allow PSC to conduct hearing later.

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LB 1257	ADD RESPONSIBILITIES TO PSC	Support	In Committee
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DeBoer Would add additional requirements for the PSC in distributing 911 service system fund by adding the word "integration" to responsibilities in establishing standards and criteria for disbursements.

Transportation

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LB 1275	FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT RADIOS	Support	In Committee
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Brewer Would appropriate \$23 million for the 2024-25 fiscal year for radios to be distributed to volunteer departments. There will be no charge for subscription, programming, or training fees for any volunteer department connected to the statewide radio system after receiving a grant from the program. Intent is that all funds be distributed by June 30, 2026. Volunteer department includes volunteer fire and volunteer rescue.

Appropriations

Bill Introducer Committee Hearing Date		NSVFA Position	Status
LB 1277	AMEND GOVERNOR DISASTER DECLARATION LAW	Watch	In Committee
Wayne Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs	Would authorize governor ability to declare emergency proclamation for multiple counties when requested by the political subdivision of state that supplies electricity, natural gas, water, or sewer service. With authorized request to be made by such political subdivisions directly to the Governor without first requesting an emergency proclamation from a County or any other governmental entity.		
LB 1300	PACIFIC CONFLICT STRESS TEST ACT AND THE FOREIGN ADVERSARY CONTRACTING PROHIBITION ACT	Watch	In Committee
Bostar Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 02/08/2024	Would promote state readiness to address the disruptive impact of a potential conflict involving foreign adversaries in the Pacific theater. Would also prohibit the state and other public entities from entering into contracts with foreign adversaries.		
LB 1317	DECLARATION REGARDING PROPERTY TAXES	Watch	In Committee
Linehan Revenue 02/01/2024	Would provide placeholder for property tax legislation yet to be introduced.		
LB 1320	REQUIRE EMS TO REPORT PATIENT OVERDOSE	Neutral	In Committee
Ballard Health & Human Services 02/08/2024	Would require every emergency medical service that treats and releases, or transports to a medical facility, an individual experiencing a suspected or an actual overdose to report the incident to the Department of Health and Human Services. An EMS service that reports overdose shall make best efforts to submit report within 72 hours of responding. Would require HHS report the received information using Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Overdose, Mapping and Application Program or similar secure access information technology platform. Overdose information reported, as described, shall not be used for criminal investigation or prosecution or obtained by law enforcement as part of criminal investigation or prosecution. Emergency medical service making a good faith report shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for making the report.		
LB 1339	SCHOOLS, FIREARMS, AND MAPPING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL	Support	In Committee
Brewer Education 02/06/2024	Would authorize possession of firearms by school employee in conformance with school's written policy. It also authorizes school districts to adopt maps relating to school building or property for an efficient emergency response to the school building or property. Would place map data minimum requirements in the law and, if adopted, provide to public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies. SUPPORT ONLY MAPPING; NO POSITION ON FIREARMS ISSUE.		
LB 1340	MAKE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PRIMARY OFFENSE FOR CERTAIN DRIVERS	Support	In Committee
Kauth Transportation 02/27/2024	Would make use of a handheld wireless communication device (cell phone) while operating a motor vehicle for operators with LPD learner's permit, school permit, or LPE- learner's permit a primary action and not as a secondary action, as is the law currently. Would also make as primary offense all other drivers texting while driving. Would also make violation of texting while driving as proximate cause of death of another a class IIIA felony.		

Bill Number	Topic	NSVFA Position	Status
LB 1355	OPIOID PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT	Support	In Committee
Vargas Health & Human Services 02/07/2024	Would appropriate \$4 million annually from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 for grants under the Opioid Prevention And Treatment Act and would expand the permissible use of such funds to include opioid remediation (care, treatment, and other programs including first responder training and expenditures designed to a) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products; b) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders; or c) mitigate other alleged effects of the opioid epidemic, including on those injured as a result of the opioid epidemic)		
LB 1378	FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT RADIOS	Support	In Committee
Dover Appropriations 02/05/2024	Would appropriate. \$ XXX from the Nebraska Public Safety Communications System Revolving Fund to the Department of DAS, program 245 to be used in establishing interoperable communications between state agencies and volunteer departments located in county that the does not have cities of the metropolitan class, primary class, or first class by providing radios and installation of radio equipment. Would provide training for interoperability with statewide radio system for volunteer departments, meeting the county classification requirements previously stated. Would provide free of charge to the volunteer departments receiving a grant from the program. Would require State Treasurer to transfer \$XXX from 911 Service System Fund to Nebraska Public Safety Communications System Revolving Fund as soon as administratively possible.		
LB 1391	REQUIRE HIGH SCHOOLS TO INSTALL AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR	Support	In Committee
Ballard Education 02/06/2024	Would provide every high school, beginning with 24-25 school year, to ensure that automated external defibrillator is available in close proximity to each school athletic venue, meeting location, allowing AED to be placed on individual within three minutes of cardiac arrest. Ensure: AED is tested and maintained according to manufacturer's positive guidelines; notification is provided to appropriate EMS providers regarding the type and location of AED; coaches and other appropriate school personnel trained in AED use. Would further require before the 2024 - 25 school year, each high school establishes, in consultation with local EMS providers, written athletics emergency action plan for responding to serious or life-threatening injuries for students participating in sports or other athletic activities and contain information specific to each activity site at such school. Would require, at a minimum, athletic emergency action plan to include: identification of athletic activity address or venue; identification of school personnel responsible for carrying out plan and designated chain of command; identification of any known healthcare professional providing medical care during athletic events or activities; identification of equipment and supplies available and location of such items; description of procedures to be followed after serious or life-threatening injury occurs at an athletic event, including, but not limited to responding to the injured individual, summoning emergency medical care, and documenting actions taken during athletics emergency and contact information for local EMS providers and instructions for the providing directions to access the venue. Would require such plan be distributed to all coaches and other athletic staff at schools, all individuals responsible for executing the plan, any healthcare professional that provides medical services during athletic events or activities, and other appropriate school personnel determined by school. Would require plan to be reviewed at least annually, and updated and rehearsed at least annually in each school by individuals responsible for executing the plan. State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations.		
LB 1412	BIENNIUM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS	Support	In Committee
Speaker Arch Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs 01/30/2024	Would provide for adjustments to the state's biennium budget.		

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LB 1414	PROPERTY TAX GROWTH LIMITATION ACT	Oppose	In Committee
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Revenue

Would prohibit a political subdivision's property tax request for any year from exceeding its property tax request from the prior year, subject to limited exceptions. Would apply to any county, city, village, learning community, sanitary and improvement district, natural resources district, and educational service unit.

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LB 1415	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	Oppose	In Committee
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Revenue

Would provide state funding directly to school districts, counties, cities, and villages in exchange for direct property tax relief.

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LB 1417	CONSOLIDATION/ELIMINATION OF COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS	Watch	In Committee
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Would provide for the elimination and consolidation of a series of state commissions and boards.

Gov't, Military &
Veterans Affairs

Constitutional Amendments

LR 1 CA	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REGARDING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	Watch	General File
Blood	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed. BLOOD PRIORITY RESOLUTION.		
Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs			
02/24/2023			
LR 6 CA	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/CONSUMPTION TAX	Watch	In Committee
Erdman	Would prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes.		
Revenue			
03/03/2023			
LR 7 CA	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/CONSUMPTION TAX	Watch	In Committee
Erdman	Would 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.		
Revenue			
03/03/2023			
LR 22 CA	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT/TERM LIMITS	Watch	General File
Dover	Would change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms.		
Executive Board			
03/03/2023			
LR 287 CA	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING LEGISLATURE TO COMPENSATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR ANY LOCALLY IMPOSED REVENUE SOURCES REDUCED OR ELIMINATED BY LEGISLATURE	Watch	General File
Cavanaugh, J.	Would require the legislature to appropriate funds to compensate any political subdivisions of the state if the legislature reduces or eliminates a locally imposed resource revenue previously available to any political subdivision. The appropriated funds to compensate political subdivision based on average of receipts of reduced or eliminated revenue for five years immediately preceding legislative action that reduced or eliminated revenue source. Such appropriation adjusted annually by changing consumer prices.		
Gov't, Military & Veterans Affairs			
02/15/2024			