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**Children's Hospital & Medical Center  
Legislative Tracker**

**Children's Priority Legislation**

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Bill no.	Position	Subject Matter	Introducer	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Summary
<a href="#">LB15</a> , <a href="#">amended to LB752</a>	S	To adopt the Occupational Therapy Proactive Interstate Compact	Sen. Blood	HHS	1/28/2021	<i>Carry Over Legislation- Amended to LB752- Select File</i>	NE is one of six states to introduce legislation, need 10 to activate. Supports telehealth. <b>Support offered through the NHA in 2021.</b>
<a href="#">LB491</a> , <a href="#">amended to LB1173</a>	M	Change and eliminate provisions relating to lead agencies, pilot projects, and service areas for certain social services	Sen. Cavanaugh, M.	HHS	2/18/2021	<i>Carry Over Legislation- Amended to LB1173- Final Reading</i>	Removes the statutory language that authorizes the department to contract with a lead agency for a case management lead agency model pilot project in the department's eastern service area as designated. The current pilot project would end by Oct. 1, 2021.
<a href="#">LB554</a> , <a href="#">amended to LB752</a>	M	Adopt the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact	Sen. Blood	HHS	2/17/2021	<i>Carry Over Legislation- Amended to LB752- Select File</i>	Adopts the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact in order to create better access for patients, offer telehealth alternatives and remove hurdles for employment for professionals including military spouses and family members
<a href="#">LB541</a> , <a href="#">amended to LB1173</a>	M	Provide for reimbursement for certain foster care services	Sen. Walz	HHS	1/29/2021	<i>Carry Over Legislation- Amended to LB1173- Final Reading</i>	Adopt the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee's Treatment Family Care and Specialized level of care recommendations. Directs the Division of Children and Family Services and the Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services to implement Treatment Family Care services Requires DHHS to adopt a specialized level of caregiving for foster parents and foster care agencies, as prescribed in the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report dated June 22, 2020. The changes in LB541 will expand and standardize caregiving levels and treatment options for Nebraska's highest needs youth in out of home care.
<a href="#">LB694</a>	M	Provide a statute of limitations for exposure to certain chemicals, prescription drugs, or medical devices	Sen. Blood	Judiciary	1/21/2022	AM1591 Filed	An action to recover damages based on injury or death that is caused by exposure to a hazardous or toxic chemical, prescription drug or device or shall be commenced within ten years

<a href="#">LB697</a>	M	Provide for licensure of rural emergency hospital services	Sen. Kolterman	HHS	1/20/2022	Select File	An opportunity for CAH and small rural hospitals to create a rural emergency hospital and require insurance providers to contract with such facilities. No inpatient beds and must have a contract/plan with a comprehensive or advanced level trauma center
<a href="#">LB698</a>	S	Require coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. Kolterman <a href="#">Speaker Priority Bill</a>	HHS	2/10/2022	Select File	No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall provide coverage for continuous glucose monitors under the medical assistance program
<a href="#">LB702</a>	M	School Readiness Tax Credit Act	Sen. Williams	Revenue	1/28/2022		Extending the current School Readiness Tax Credit Act for eligible child care and education providers from 2022 to 2027.
<a href="#">LB710</a>	S	Change Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility	Sen. McCollister	HHS	2/23/2022		Strikes existing limitations to qualify for SNAP including, liquid assets, cash on hand, funds in checking or savings accounts or money markets that exceed \$25,000.
<a href="#">LB716</a>	M	Allow qualified practitioners to perform abortions	Sen. Hunt	HHS	2/24/2022		Proposes to update "physician" to "qualified practitioner" in existing statute.
<a href="#">LB718</a>	M	Provide requirements for cost-sharing and coverage relating to health care benefits and pharmacy benefit managers	Sen. Morfeld	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/28/2022		Beginning Jan. 2023, an enrollee's defined cost-sharing for each prescription drug shall be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that is reduced by an amount equal to at least 80% of all rebates received. When calculating an enrollee's contribution to any applicable cost-sharing requirement, a health carrier shall include any cost-sharing amounts paid by the enrollee. If then ineligible, the requirement shall apply to an HSA high deductible health plan
<a href="#">LB719</a>	O	Change provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act relating to physicians, compensation, and benefits and require cost-of-living adjustments and payment for interpreter services	Sen. Morfeld	Business and Labor	1/31/2022		Updates workers' compensation weekly benefit rates by increasing the compensation rate for total injuries to 80% of the workers' average weekly wage and all other compensation rates by an additional 9%. Provides for a cost of living adjustment; allows 500 weeks of whole body permanent partial disability; requires inclusion of the overtime premium in the calculation of wages; and, permits a \$25,000 lump sum payment to the personal representatives of estates with no surviving dependents. Weekly benefit maximums are increased to 200% of the state average weekly wage, death benefits are increased to 200% of the workers' average weekly wage in some instances, and the minimum benefit is set at 50% of the state average weekly wage. The bill also provides workers without a documented pre-existing relationship with a physician an opportunity to choose one and provides for interpreters in all medical exams.
<a href="#">LB721</a>	S	Appropriate funds UNMC Rural Health Complex	Sen. Hilkemann	Appropriations	2/17/2022		\$60 million to UNMC Rural Health Complex in Kearney to develop talent and workforce infrastructure.

<a href="#">LB722</a>	M	Transfer funds for lead-based paint hazard control	Sen. Hilkemann	Appropriations	2/10/2022		Transfer \$400,000 from Affordable Housing Trust Fund to Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund by Aug. 1, 2022.
<a href="#">LB732</a>	M	Prohibit the use of deception by peace officers in questioning juveniles	Sen. J. Cavanaugh	Judiciary	1/19/2022		A peace officer interviewing, questioning or interrogating a juvenile in connection with an investigation that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime, shall not use deception.
<a href="#">LB737, amended into LB863</a>	S	Adopt the Primary Care Investment Act	Sen. Bostar	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1/31/2022	Select File	Creates a Primary Care Investment Council, comprised of providers and insurers, to investigate opportunities to expand access to primary care, discover costs, alternative payment model opportunities, and recommend strategies to the legislature. No funding is currently tied to the group. The bill was brought forward by Bryan Hospital.
<a href="#">LB741</a>	S	Provide for a review of stillbirths under the Child and Maternal Death Review Act	Sen. DeBoer <a href="#">Sen. Vargas</a> <a href="#">Priority</a>	HHS	1/19/2022	Select File	Beginning Jan. 2023, the bill proposes to add stillbirth reviews along with child and maternal death. <a href="#">Dr. Anderson-Berry to testify.</a>
<a href="#">LB752</a>	S	Redefine respiratory therapy under the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act	Sen. Arch	<a href="#">HHS Committee</a> <a href="#">Priority</a>	2/2/2022	Select File	Scope of practice legislation for RTs, making it clear RTs are able to perform ECMO responsibilities with adequate certification and training. Process was initiated by Children's and has undergone a 407 Credentialing Review at the DHHS. <a href="#">Rachel Shirk to testify.</a> • <a href="#">Committee Priority Package includes-</a> LB753, new language to the Uniform Credentialing Act to require practitioners providing stem cell therapies to receive informed written consent explaining the treatment has not been approved by the FDA-LB554, adopts the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact and -LB15, to create the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact license.
<a href="#">LB753, amended to LB752</a>	M	Require health care practitioners to provide notification regarding stem cell therapy	Sen. Arch	HHS	1/21/2022	Select File	Any health care practitioner who performs stem-cell-based therapy shall, by informed written consent, communicate to any patient seeking stem-cell-based therapy that it is not approved by the FDA. This does not apply when the practitioner obtained approval for an investigational new drug or device from the FDA for use of human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products.
<a href="#">LB754</a>	S	Extend the commercial air filter pilot program of the State Department of Education	Sen. Bostar	Education	1/18/2022	<b>Approved by Governor on March 3, 2022</b>	The pilot program was set to expire in 2022; the bill extends the discovery program to 2024.
<a href="#">LB758</a>	S	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act	Sen. Brandt	Education	1/18/2022	<b>Approved by Governor on March 3, 2022</b>	Expands the program to also include early childhood education programs, as well as the elementary and secondary public and private schools in the state.

<a href="#">LB760</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to DHHS for grants to licensed EMS programs	Sen. Dorn	Appropriations	2/23/2022		\$5 million to DHHS to provide grants to licensed EMS programs for one-time purchase of equipment, including ambulances, defibrillators, power cots, etc. Priority given to rural, volunteer-based groups.
<a href="#">LB762</a>	S	State intent regarding appropriations to DHHS for behavioral health services	Sen. Dorn	Appropriations	1/31/2021	Included in Appropriations Budget	10% rate increase for behavioral health services. <b>Letter sent to committee.</b>
<a href="#">LB767</a>	S	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act	<a href="#">Sen. Kolterman</a>	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1/24/2022	Final Reading	The bill establishes the standards and criteria for the licensure and regulation of pharmacy benefit managers providing a claims processing service or other prescription drug or device service for a health benefit plan. A PBM shall not prohibit a pharmacy or pharmacist from discussing information regarding the total cost for a pharmacist service for a prescription drug or from selling a more affordable alternative. <b>Letter sent to committee.</b>
<a href="#">LB768</a>	M	Change provisions relating to establishment of academic content standards for school districts	Sen. Albrecht	Education	2/15/2022		The State Board of Education shall not develop, approve, distribute, adopt, or promulgate any academic content standards in a new content area that is not explicitly authorized. In response to the comprehensive sex education standards proposed in 2021
<a href="#">LB772</a>	M	Prohibit certain providers of health care and medical services from taking certain debt collection actions against victims of sexual assault, domestic assault, and child abuse	Sen. Day	Judiciary	2/25/2022		A health care provider, EMS provider, laboratory, or pharmacy providing medical services, transportation, medications, or other services related to the examination or treatment of injuries arising out of sexual assault, domestic assault, or child abuse shall not refer a bill to a collection agency or attorney for collection against the victim or the victim's guardian or family nor distribute information regarding such services and status of payment in any way that would affect the credit rating of the victim or the victim's guardian or family
<a href="#">LB774</a>	M	Adopt the First Freedom Act	Sen. Brewer	Government, Military & VA	1/19/2022	General File via a Pull Motion	State action shall not restrict a religious organization from operating or engaging in religious services during a state of emergency to a greater extent than non-religious organizations. The bill shall not prohibit state action from requiring religious organizations to comply with neutral and generally applicable health safety, or occupancy requirements issued by a local government, the state, or the federal government that are applicable to all organizations and businesses.
<a href="#">LB781</a>	M	Adopt the Heartbeat Act	Sen. Slama	Judiciary	2/24/2022		It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly perform an abortion when it has been determined that the unborn child has a detectable fetal heartbeat.
<a href="#">LB782</a>	S	Change appropriations to DHHS- NPIQ	Sen. Vargas	Appropriations	1/28/2022		Increasing funds to UNMC for the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative from \$100,000 annually to \$200,000. <b>Letter sent to committee.</b>

<a href="#">LB784</a>	O	Change provisions relating to property tax exemption for hospitals	Sen. Groene	Revenue	Hearing cancelled, bill removed	Inactive	Beginning in 2023, in order for property of a hospital to qualify for property tax exemption, the hospital must permit licensed medical practitioners in the community to use the hospital's facilities regardless of whether the practitioner is employed by the hospital, except that a hospital may prohibit a practitioner from using its facilities if good cause is shown. If a hospital meets such requirement, the property of such hospital shall be exempt in proportion to the percentage of the hospital's services that are provided gratuitously. A hospital shall establish such percentage by providing documentation to the applicable county assessor showing the hospital's gross revenue for the most recently completed fiscal year and an estimate of the value of the services that the hospital provided gratuitously during such year.
<a href="#">LB792</a>	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS for the YTRC Kearney	Sen. Lowe	Appropriations <a href="#">Legislature's Planning Committee Priority Bill</a>	1/28/2022	General File	\$15 million for YTRC Kearney renovation, construction of two new housing units and needed equipment.
<a href="#">LB808</a>	M	Change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules	Sen. Morfeld	Judiciary	1/28/2022	General File	Amends the Schedule I substances listed under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act with the addition of some fentanyl derivatives, amphetamine derivatives, and psychostimulants
<a href="#">LB810</a>	M	Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports	Sen. Cavanaugh, J.	Judiciary	1/19/2022	General File	Increases documentation and reporting of room confinement of juveniles including approval in writing by a supervisor in the juvenile facility; documentation of hours and minutes of confinement; electronic submission of a quarterly report to the Legislature; and starting September 15, 2022, an annual electronic submission of a detailed report of room confinement and facility practices to the Legislature
<a href="#">LB812</a>	N	Provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians	Sen. Hilkemann	HHS	2/2/2022		Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act to allow certified pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines under the following conditions: the vaccines are verified by a pharmacist who is supervising on-site, they are given intramuscularly in the deltoid or subcutaneously in the arm to a person 3 years of age or older, and the technician has completed certificate training in vaccine administration and basic life support
<a href="#">LB814</a>	M	Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills	Sen. McKinney	Executive Board	1/26/2022		Requires a racial impact statement summarizing the expected impact a legislative bill may have on identifiable racial minority groups. This is intended to reduce racial disparities related to the criminal justice system, juvenile justice system, prisons, jails, probation, or parole.
<a href="#">LB815</a>	M	Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act	Sen. McKinney	Business and Labor	2/28/2022	General File	Ensures safe, sanitary, convenient, and publicly accessible baby diaper changing stations are widely available throughout the state for use by both men and women

<a href="#">LB830</a>	M	Change provisions relating to cash medical support for child support	Sen. DeBoer	Judiciary	2/16/2022	General File	Modifies existing statute to be under the guidelines put forward by the Supreme Court instead of a 3% of gross income cap.
<a href="#">LB831</a>	M	Provide for caregiver diversion programs and conditional release of pregnant and postpartum inmates	Sen. Cavanaugh, M	Judiciary	1/27/2022		Conditional release for postpartum (12 months) and pregnant mothers who commit eligible misdemeanors and/or felonies (excluding Class I or II) punishable of imprisonment. Conditional release includes mental health evaluation, parenting classes, and other counseling/education and job training activities.
<a href="#">LB833</a>	M	Change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child	Sen. Pahls <a href="#">Priority Bill</a>	Judiciary	1/21/2022		Remove statute of limitations for sexual assault on a child on third party entities, i.e. daycare, church
<a href="#">LB838</a>	M	Require the State Department of Education to create an aid program relating to the early childhood workforce	Sen. Kolterman	Education	2/22/2022		\$15M from General Fund each fiscal year to State Dept. of Education to provide aid to individuals who provide child care or educational programs for children to support workforce and retention or to individuals who provide care.
<a href="#">LB852</a>	S	Require behavioral health points of contacts for school districts	Sen. Day <a href="#">Sen. Walz Priority Bill</a>	Education	2/22/2022	General File	By Aug. 2023, every school district has a point of contact for behavioral (and physical) health for providers to maximize communication between educators and providers. The registry shall be published on the State Dept. of Education. <a href="#">Liz to testify.</a>
<a href="#">LB854, amended to LB1173</a>	M	Require notice to DHHS of alleged out-home child abuse or neglect	Sen. Day	HHS	1/28/2022	Amended to LB1173- Final Reading	In situations of alleged out-of-home child abuse or neglect, if subject of the report of child abuse or neglect is a child care provider or staff member, the Division of Children and Family Services shall immediately notify the Division of Public Health of the report and whether an investigation is underway
<a href="#">LB855</a>	M	Change requirements for coverage under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. Day	HHS	1/20/2022	General File	Adds rural health clinic services and FQHCs to the Medical Assistance Act
<a href="#">LB857</a>	S	Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and CHIP	Sen. Day	HHS	2/10/2022		By Oct. 2022, department shall submit a SPA to CMS to implement express lane eligibility using data from SNAP for determinations. <a href="#">Letter sent.</a>
<a href="#">LB859</a>	M	Require city-council departments to obtain approval for directed health measures	Sen. Clements	HHS	3/2/2022		City-council departments would be required to obtain approval by DHHS before applying a directed health measure. The Board of Health must offer a public hearing with notice published in the newspaper ten days prior.
<a href="#">LB862</a>	M	Require coverage under the Medical Assistance Act for treatments for end-stage renal disease	Sen. McCollister	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1/26/2022		By Oct. 2022, the department shall consider all treatments for end stage renal disease, including but not limited to hemodialysis, living donor kidney transplants, outpatient and home dialysis, etc.

<a href="#">LB863</a>	M	Adopt the Travel Insurance Act and the Primary Care Investment Act and change provisions relating to premium rebates, insurance coverage, the Insurance Holding Company System Act, and the Insurers Investment Act	Sen. Williams	<a href="#">Banking, Commerce and Insurance Priority Bill</a>	1/18/2022	Select File	Introduced on behalf of the Director of Insurance. The legislation proposes to adopt the latest National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) amendments to the NAIC Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act, codified in Nebraska as the Insurance Holding Company Systems. LB737, Adopt the Primary Care Act, amended into the priority bill along with LB739 (Bostar) Change provisions relating to insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings.LB955 (Murman) Prohibit certain insurance practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor
<a href="#">LB865</a>	M	Change provisions relating to reimbursement for child care and state intent to appropriate federal funds	Sen. DeBoer	HHS	2/11/2022		Appropriate XX ARPA funds for FY 22-23 to DHHS child care subsidy program to increase rate to no less than the 75th percentile.
<a href="#">LB867</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to DHHS for Health Aid	Sen. Morfeld	Appropriations	2/25/2022		Appropriate \$500,000 from ARPA funds to HHS for HIV education and Health Aid in FY21-22
<a href="#">LB869</a>	M	Change provisions relating to leave of absence for an adoptive parent	Sen. Hansen, M.	Business and Labor	1/24/2022		Proposes to allow a child who is over eight years of age and not special needs for adoptive families seeking a leave of absence. *currently only allows employees upon the birth of a child for biological and adoptive.
<a href="#">LB883</a>	M	Require confidentiality of prosecution of minors tried as adults and change requirements regarding custody and interrogation of a juvenile	Sen. McKinney	Judiciary	1/19/2022		All stages of proceedings shall maintain confidentiality of juveniles tried as adults. Additionally, upon the arrival of a parent or guardian, the juvenile shall without unnecessary delay have access to a private room at the place of custody.
<a href="#">LB885</a>	M	Require implicit bias training for certain applicants under the Uniform Credentialing Act	Sen. Cavanaugh, M.	HHS	2/25/2022		Beginning Oct. 2023, every person engaged in practice of medicine, surgery, advanced practice nursing, counseling, athletic training, audiology, speech-language pathology, chiropractic, dentistry, EMS, massage therapy, mental health, pharmacy, optometry, OT, podiatry, RT, PT, perfusion, etc. need to have implicit bias training designed to expose unconscious prejudices and tools to adjust ways of thinking
<a href="#">LB886</a>	M	Requirements relating to pregnant prisoners and detainees	Sen. Cavanaugh, M.	Judiciary	1/27/2022		No restraints on the abdomen, waist or chest of pregnant prisoners. Allow them one support person during L&D with flexibilities on the support person's own past and criminal record.

<a href="#">LB890</a>	M	Change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	Sen. Walz	Education	1/25/2022	Failed Cloture Vote	School funding and property tax recalculation
<a href="#">LB893</a>	M	Appropriate funds for provider rate increases for developmental disability services	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	1/31/2022		\$26.5 million from the General Fund for FY-22-23 to DHHS Program 424 Developmental Disability Aid. \$41.3 million from federal funds to DHHS Program 348 for Medical Assistance.
<a href="#">LB895</a>	S	Provide restrictions on prior authorizations by MCOs under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. Walz	HHS	2/10/2022		An MCO that implements an automated prior authorization system shall use evidence-based clinical guidelines and make algorithms available for download on their website. An MCO shall not require prior authorizations for the initial 12 sessions of care with a chiro, PT, OT, or speech therapist. An MCO shall issue payment for all clean claims within 15 business days of receipt. Standard authorizations may not exceed 48 hours but should expedite the process when medically necessary.
<a href="#">LB897</a>	M	Change provisions relating to the offices of the Inspector General of Child Welfare and Nebraska Correctional System	Sen. Lathrop	<u>Executive Board</u> <u>Priority Bill</u>	2/1/2022		Adds definitions of obstruction, record, private agency, etc. and adds that the office may conduct investigations, audits, inspections and reviews as necessary to fulfill their duties and role.
<a href="#">LB901</a>	S	Provide for cytomegalovirus public education and prevention	Sen. Pansing Brooks	HHS	1/19/2022	General File with AM1748	DHHS shall develop and publish informational materials on their website for women who may become pregnant, expectant mothers and parents of infants regarding CMV. If a newborn fails a hearing screen, the birthing facility shall provide to the parents of the newborn infant the potential birth defects, testing opportunities, and early-intervention and additional clarifying information shall be provided to the parents at the follow up audiology appointment within 21 days after newborn's birth. <b>Dr. Mel St. Germain to testify.</b>
<a href="#">LB905</a>	S	Provide for perinatal mental health screenings	Sen. Walz	HHS	1/19/2022	General File with AM1609	The Board of Medicine and Surgery may work with accredited hospitals and licensed providers to create a referral network in Nebraska to develop policies, procedures, educational materials to meet the requirements concerning perinatal mental health disorders: 1.Licensed providers providing prenatal care may provide education to pregnant patients and families (with permission) about perinatal mental health disorders; 2.Licensed providers providing prenatal care may offer a mental health questionnaire to screen for mental health; 3. Licensed providers providing postnatal care may offer same questionnaire; 4.Licensed providers offering pediatric care to an infant may invite infant's mother to complete a questionnaire at any well-child visit for up to one year. <b>Dr. Mel St. Germain to testify.</b>



<a href="#">LB906</a>	N	Require employers to provide vaccine exemptions and provide duties to DHHS	<b>Sen. Hansen, B. Priority Bill</b>	HHS	1/27/2022	<b>Approved by Governor on Feb. 29, 2022</b>	Any employer with 20 or more employees shall allow for an exemption to a vaccine requirement based on applicant's strong moral, ethical or philosophical belief or conviction. The DHHS shall develop a vaccine exemption form and make available on website. Under the amendment, the vaccine exemption form provided by the DHHS would be limited for the use of COVID-19 vaccine requirements only and would allow for religious and medical exemptions.
<a href="#">LB909</a>	M	Authorize mental health professionals to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide training/certification process	Sen. McDonnell	Judiciary	2/25/2022		DHHS shall create a certification process for licensed mental health practitioners to exercise authority in situations when the person is in emergency protective custody.
<a href="#">LB912</a>	S	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change use of lottery funds	Sen. Morfeld	Education	2/28/2022	General File with AM2214	State Department shall establish a mental health first aid training program with nationally certified trainers for teachers and other school personnel. Skills should include how to assist a student in crisis by connecting them to resources, action plans, deescalate children, recognize early signs of mental health, timely referral, to name a few. <b>Letter sent.</b>
<a href="#">LB914</a>	M	Require Public Service Commission to create and maintain a broadband map and repository	Sen. Bostelman	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/8/2022		On or before July 1, 2024 the Public Service Commission shall develop a map showing broadband availability and quality of service for all serviceable locations in Nebraska. Also to identify areas that are deemed underserved.
<a href="#">LB920</a>	M	Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, restitution, pretrial diversion, and parole; provide for benefits under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force	Sen. Lathrop	<b><u>Judiciary Committee Priority Bill</u></b>	1/26/2022		A requirement for tele behavioral health services to be provided to Nebraskans involved in the criminal justice system. \$XX funds appropriated to implement the pilot program. Sentencing reform metrics and student loan forgiveness for mental health providers dedicated to underserved/shortage areas.

<a href="#">LB925</a>	S	Adopt the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act and state intent regarding appropriations	<a href="#">Sen. Gragert</a>	Natural Resources	1/26/2022	Final Reading	The purposes of the Act are to: accelerate the use of best management practices for healthy soil; protect and improve soil and water quality; protect the public's health and enhance agricultural production and profitability; address soil health economics, resource stewardship, and environmental issues; increase awareness, education and promotion of best management practices for healthy soils through producer-to-producer, peer-to-peer, and mentoring relationships; and provide proof of healthy soil benefits through demonstration and research farms. Under LB 925, the Department of Natural Resources would provide technical and legal assistance in the formation of a producer learning community (PLC). The producer learning community is an agricultural producer-led nonprofit voluntary organization dedicated to fostering the learning and sharing of knowledge in order to carry out the purposes of the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act.
<a href="#">LB929</a>	S	Require submission of a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage	Sen. Wishart	HHS	1/26/2022		By Oct. 1, 2022, the DHHS shall seek federal approval for federal funds through a CMS State Plan Amendment to extend postpartum coverage in Medicaid from 60 days to one year.
<a href="#">LB932</a>	M	Authorize the DHHS to screen children for social security benefit eligibility	Sen. Hunt	HHS	1/28/2022	General File with AM2241	DHHS shall screen all children under its charge for eligibility of receipt of social security benefits within 60 days after the child enters the department's custody. If eligible for receipt of one or more types of social security benefits, DHHS shall complete and submit an application for such benefits on behalf of the child and maintain and respond to correspondence regarding the application and eligibility determinations with the Social Security Administration in a timely manner
<a href="#">LB933</a>	M	Adopt the Nebraska Human Life Protection Act	Sen. Albrecht <a href="#">Speaker Hilgers' Priority Bill</a>	Judiciary	2/24/2022	Sen. Hunt Filed Motion to Indefinitely Postpone	It shall be unlawful for any person to administer, prescribe, sell, or otherwise provide any medicine, drug, or other substance with the specific intent of causing or abetting the termination of the life of an unborn child.
<a href="#">LB935</a>	M	Adopt the County Minimum Wage Option Act	Sen. Bostar	Business and Labor	2/14/2022		A county may by ordinance enact a county minimum wage pursuant to the County Minimum Wage Option Act that is higher than the minimum wage provided for in the Wage and Hour Act, including different rates for persons compensated by way of gratuities and student-learner employees
<a href="#">LB938</a>	M	Change corporate income tax rates	Sen. Linehan	Revenue	1/27/2022		Changes corporate income tax rate from 7% on first \$100,000 of taxable income to 5.58% by 2026.
<a href="#">LB939</a>	M	Change individual income tax rates	Sen. Linehan	<a href="#">Revenue Priority Bill</a>	1/27/2022	Select File	6.84% to 5.84% by 2025

<a href="#">LB940</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds for housing	Sen. Hansen, M.	Appropriations	2/15/2022		\$50M of ARPA funds to Rural Workforce Housing Fund; \$50M to Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund; \$50M to Nebraska Investment Authority Act; \$50M to Affordable Housing Trust Fund
<a href="#">LB943</a>	S	Prohibit certain provisions in health plan in relation to clinician-administered drugs	Sen. Bostar	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/15/2022	General File	White bagging legislation intended to prevent plans from refusing to authorize, approve or pay for clinician-administered drugs, impose coverage limitations or require higher fees, interfere with where the drug is dispensed. <b>Letter sent.</b>
<a href="#">LB946</a>	O	Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to certain juveniles	Sen. Wayne	Judiciary	1/19/2022		Juveniles in the custody of the state or the court shall not be prescribed off-label medications. <b>Dr. Suzanne Haney to testify.</b>
<a href="#">LB950</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for academic medical research and development	Sen. DeBoer	Appropriations	2/17/2022		\$10M to the University of Nebraska for the intended purpose of academic medical research and development at the Global Center for Health Security at UNMC
<a href="#">LB954</a>	M	Preempt certain county and municipality resolutions or ordinances relating to electronic smoking devices under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act	Sen. Wayne	HHS	2/17/2022		No county or municipality shall adopt an ordinance or resolution more restrictive than the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act as it applies to electronic smoking devices, including the banning of certain electronic smoking device methods or flavors
<a href="#">LB956</a>	M	Change provisions relating to confidential public health information	Sen. Murman	HHS	2/17/2022		Any information that meets the de-identification standards applied under HIPPA shall be deemed not to be individually identifiable health information. Director of Public Health or the CEO of the DHHS may authorize the disclosure of individually identifiable health information reported to the department under a covered statute if they determine that: Disclosure of specific information is necessary to address the occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition caused by bioterrorism, epidemic, or pandemic disease, that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities long term disability, other harm to the affected population, or health care needs that exceed available resources.
<a href="#">LB959</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to DHHS for the statewide designated health information exchange	Sen. McCollister	Appropriations	2/25/2022		Nearly \$6M for the statewide designated health information exchange- CyncHealth. NHA will oppose.

<a href="#">LB962</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to University of NE to construct a STEM Research, Teaching and Inquiry Based Learning Center	Sen. Vargas	Appropriations	2/17/2022		\$5M to University of Nebraska to renovate and construct a facility to house the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Teaching, Research, and Inquiry-based Learning Center at UNO.
<a href="#">LB963</a>	M	Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act	Sen. Murman	HHS	3/2/2022		It is the purpose of the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act to protect medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payers from discrimination, punishment, or retaliation as a result of any instance of conscientious medical objection.
<a href="#">LB968</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to Department of Economic Development for affordable housing and job training	Sen. Dorn	Appropriations	2/15/2022		\$8M to Dept of Economic Development to create a program for the purpose of awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that develop affordable housing, including housing for refugees and other immigrants. Housing developed under grant shall be directed to disproportionately impacted populations \$2M to job training programs within the Department.
<a href="#">LB971</a>	M	Change the name of the Brain Injury Trust Fund and change provisions	Sen. McDonnell	Appropriations	1/28/2022	Select File	Change the name of the Brain Injury Trust Fund to the Brain Injury Assistance Act. States that administrative costs shall not be more than 10% of total expenditures of the program.
<a href="#">LB976</a>	M	Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act	Sen. Wishart	HHS	1/20/2022		Certified community behavioral health clinic means a mental health substance use treatment center with community partnership with law enforcement, schools, hospitals to improve care, reduce recidivism and address health disparities. Increased access to medications and treatment. Integrated physical and behavioral health.
<a href="#">LB989</a>	M	Appropriate funds for Medicaid nursing facility rates	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	1/31/2022		\$26M from General Fund to DHHS to raise the base nursing facility rate
<a href="#">LB997</a>	S	Change school entrance requirements	Sen. Day	Education	2/8/2022		Beginning in Fall 2023, a screening for autism spectrum disorder by a physician, PA, APRN, school nurse, school psychiatrist, or other trained professional is required using an evidence-based screening tool appropriate to the age of the child. <b>Letter sent.</b>
<a href="#">LB1000</a>	M	Change provisions relating to child abuse and neglect	Sen. Hansen, B.	Judiciary	3/3/2022		Adds "under circumstances such that the danger is sufficiently obvious that no reasonable person would cause or permit the minor child to be placed in such situation to the Child Protection and Family Safety Act. It also adds "Permitting a minor child, who is of sufficient maturity, physical condition, and mental abilities to avoid a substantial risk of physical harm, to engage in independent activities, either alone or with other children, shall not be considered child abuse under section 7 28-707 or child abuse or neglect"

<a href="#">LB1002</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to DHHS for low-income home energy assistance	Sen. McDonnell	Appropriations	3/2/2022		\$2M for to provide financial assistance for the cost of heating and cooling the households of individuals eligible for assistance from the low-income home energy assistance program
<a href="#">LB1004</a>	M	Require DHHS to provide an evaluation of the developmental disability system	HHS Committee	HHS	1/26/2022	General File	DHHS engage a nationally recognized consultant to provide an evaluation of the state's developmental disabilities system in order to examine how the State can better serve all Nebraskans with a variety of developmental disabilities
<a href="#">LB1007</a>	M	Change provisions relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act	Sen. Murman	HHS	2/11/2022	General File with AM2099	In the event that federal law does not require a match by the local entity for the repayment of qualified educational debts such match shall not be required by the local entity.
<a href="#">LB1011</a>	M	Provide, change and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	Speaker Hilgers at request of the Governor	Appropriations	1/24/2022		Governor shell General Fund budget bill
<a href="#">LB1012</a>	M	Provide for funds transfers, create funds	Speaker Hilgers at request of the Governor	Appropriations	1/24/2022		Governor budget bill for- Community College funds, Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water funds-STAR WARS
<a href="#">LB1014</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds allocated to State of Nebraska pursuant the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	Speaker Hilgers at request of the Governor	<a href="#">Appropriations</a> <a href="#">Priority Bill</a>	1/25/2022		The Governor's recommendations for ARPA funds to state agencies with funds to be obligated by June 30, 2024. Includes, but not limited to: <b>Children's \$10M mental health proposal for pediatric mental health urgent care locations in Omaha and Western Nebraska.</b> .30M to family-directed education recovery accounts for low-income children affected by COVID. \$20M for public health response measures related to COVID. \$25M for loan repayment for behavioral health and nursing professionals. \$25M for child welfare temp rate increase and case count increase. \$35M for state aid for rural ambulance replacement. \$15M for improvements to YRTC Kearney. \$10M for UNK-UNMC Rural Health Complex project. \$25M workforce housing grants. \$30M for drinking water projects. <b>Chanda Chacon to testify.</b>
<a href="#">LB1019</a>	M	Require DHHS to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program	Sen. McKinney	HHS	1/28/2022		The goals of the pilot program are to provide resources to at-risk youth to prevent incarceration and minimize individual and community harm by keeping youths from becoming more involved in the juvenile justice system, social services, family services, and the adult criminal justice system. Family resource and juvenile assessment centers shall: House multiple community providers under one roof and provide assessments and services to youth and families to address their immediate and ongoing needs and provide assessments to youth at no charge to families.

<a href="#">LB1024</a>	M	Adopt the North Omaha Recovery Act	Sen. Wayne	<a href="#">Urban Affairs Priority Bill</a>	2/1/2022	General File with AM1920	The fund shall be used by the North Omaha Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature to provide grant funding to public and private entities utilizing funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impact within North Omaha
<a href="#">LB1025</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for the North Omaha Recovery Grant Program	Sen. Wayne	Appropriations	2/14/2022		\$450 Million to the Department of Economic Development shall create the North Omaha Recovery Grant Program to provide funding to public and private entities to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
<a href="#">LB1033</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for the Economic Opportunity Program and to the Department of Economic Development for various programs	Sen. Arch	Appropriations	2/15/2022		\$10 million from Federal Funds for 14 FY2021-22 to the Department of Transportation for purposes of the 15 Economic Opportunity Program. \$15M from Federal Funds for FY2021-22 to the Department of Economic Development to carry out the workforce training and infrastructure development revolving loan program pursuant to the Imagine Nebraska Act. Among other appropriations.
<a href="#">LB1037</a>	S	Require the Department of Administrative Services to contract for an evaluation of the state's procurement practices	<a href="#">Sen. Arch Priority Bill</a>	Government, Military & VA	2/10/2022	Final Reading	Likely in response to the St. Francis Ministries contract, the bill would require the Department of Administrative Services to contract for the completion of an evaluation of the state's procurement practices, analyzing past procurement challenges and addressing potential areas for improvement, including, but not limited to: due diligence, evaluation of cost, accountability for decisionmaking, and protest procedures.
<a href="#">LB1041</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for loans for development of affordable housing units	Sen. McDonnell	Appropriations	2/15/2022		\$21 million ARPA funds to providing grants or forgivable loans for development of affordable housing units across Nebraska
<a href="#">LB1044</a>	S	Adopt the Care Team Innovation Grant Pilot Project Act and state intent regarding federal funds	Sen. Hilkemann	HHS	2/11/2022		\$2 million for hospitals and other health care facilities are exploring new inpatient care delivery team models that utilize each health care professional to practice at the top of the individual's credential. The department shall establish a timeline and competitive application process for grants for innovation in delivery of health care by hospitals. <b>NHA BILL</b>
<a href="#">LB1052</a>	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program	Sen. Cavanaugh, J.	Appropriations	3/2/2022		\$40 million to DHHS to award to 501©3 orgnaizations that assist with the operational capacity of organizations providing emergency housing support services or legal organizations providing services for persons facing homelessness, including staffing capacity.

<a href="#">LB1054</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to modernize academic research laboratories and equipment for the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha	Sen. McDonnell	Appropriations	2/17/2022		\$16 million to the University of Nebraska provide the funds appropriated in this section to the University of Nebraska at Omaha to modernize academic research laboratories and equipment for the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences to support work in the Department of Biomechanics and for the Health and Kinesiology Research, Engagement, and Community Hub initiative.
<a href="#">LB1055</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the DHHS for premium pay to front-line nurses	Sen. McDonnell	Appropriations	2/22/2022		\$50 million to DHHS to create a program to provide grants to any hospital that employs a front-line nurse. The grants shall be used to provide a premium-pay bonus to front-line nurses (no travelers qualify). Grants awarded shall be based on the number of full-time-equivalent front-line nurses employed by the hospital or FQHC and not be for more than \$5,000 per front-line nurse. <b>NHA BILL . Virginia Wolking will testify.</b>
<a href="#">LB1066</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the DHHS and the University of Nebraska for behavioral health care services	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	2/22/2022		\$5 million to DHHS to provide grants of up to \$250,000 for capital costs of expanding access to behavioral health acute care beds in rural areas where beds are not currently available or a shortage exists. Support through NHA and NE Chamber.
<a href="#">LB1067</a>	M	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for the Behavioral Health Education Center	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	1/31/2022		\$10 million from the General Fund for FY2021-22 and \$10 million in FY2022-23 to the University of Nebraska for expenditure and distribution to behavioral health aid. BHCEN bill.
<a href="#">LB1068</a>	M	Change provisions regarding the Behavioral Health Education Center administered by the University of Nebraska Medical Center	<a href="#">Sen. Stinner Priority Bill</a>	HHS	2/3/2022	General File	95% of counties in Nebraska are classified as behavioral health profession shortage areas by HRSA and NE DHHS. The Behavioral Health Education Center shall provide funds for up to 10 (originally 2) additional medical residents, and now also physician assistants, or psychiatric nurse practitioners in a Nebraska based psychiatry program each year. Also, the Center must provide funds for up to 12 (originally 5) e one-year doctoral-level psychology internships in Nebraska. New-Provide funds for up to 10 one-year mental health therapist 4 internships or practicums in Nebraska. The trainees shall be placed in rural and underserved communities in order to increase access to behavioral health services. BHCEN bill.

<a href="#">LB1073</a>	M	Create the Department of Housing and Urban Development	Sen. Wayne <a href="#">Sen. M. Hansen Priority Bill</a>	Urban Affairs	2/15/2022	Select File	Efforts to address issues related to housing in the state are fragmented between multiple state agencies, this bill proposes a consolidated single state agency which oversees all state housing programs, thus the Department of Housing and Urban Development is created to administer programs that provide for the housing needs with a focus on affordable housing, workforce housing, and missing middle income housing; Contribute to the preservation, development, and redevelopment of neighborhoods and communities in the state; to name a few.
<a href="#">LB1075</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the DHHS for technology that will support statewide pediatric mental health services	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	2/25/2022		<b>Children's Priority Legislation</b> to implement a statewide access to integrated behavioral health care through telehealth. \$1.8 million appropriation. <a href="#">Dr. Jen McWilliams to testify.</a>
<a href="#">LB1076</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the DHHS to develop software to streamline coordination of care for children with medically complex conditions	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	2/25/2022		<b>Children's Priority Legislation-</b> \$600,000 appropriation of ARPA funds to Project Austin for the creation of a mobile app to benefit our most medically complex families and first responders. <a href="#">Tiffany Simon or Natalie McCawley to testify.</a>
<a href="#">LB1085</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for career and technical educational student organizations	Sen. Pansing Brooks	Appropriations	2/28/2022		\$5 million of ARPA funds to the Department of Education for the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act and for health-science career and technical educational student organizations. Also, the legislature will appropriate \$1.5 million each year dedicated to building a strong healthcare workforce. (HOSA and NHA Bill). <a href="#">Letter sent.</a>
<a href="#">LB1091</a>	S	Adopt the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds	Sen. Dorn	HHS	2/11/2022	General File with AM1875	\$5 million training nursing workforce. To qualify for a scholarship under the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act, a student shall be a resident of Nebraska, intend to enroll in an approved nursing program, intend to practice as a licensed practical nurse or nurse aide upon completion of the approved nursing program, and agree in writing to work for two years in this state as a licensed practical nurse or nurse aid upon completion of the approved nursing program
<a href="#">LB1105</a>	M	Provide for Autism Awareness Plates	Sen. Day	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/22/2022		Fees for such license plate would go toward the The State Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Cash Fund (new). The fund shall consist of money credited to the fund under section 8 of this act and any other gifts, bequests, grants, fees, or other contributions or donations from public or private entities. The fund shall be used to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that specialize in direct services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.



<a href="#">LB1106</a>	M	Change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act	Sen. Day	HHS	2/25/2022		Adds that a person shall be qualified to be a licensed mental health practitioner if Has a master's degree, an educational specialist degree, a doctoral degree, or the equivalent of a master's degree, as determined by the board, that consists of course work and training which was primarily therapeutic mental health in content and included a practicum or internship and was from an educational program approved or accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists. Allow school psychologists to bill for Medicaid in schools.
<a href="#">LB1113</a>	M	Provide for a pilot program to transfer funds under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds	Sen. McKinney	HHS	2/9/2022		Beginning January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2026, the department shall administer the Nebraska targeted transfer for transition-age youth pilot project. The goals of such pilot project are to: (a) Improve employment and financial stability and reduce the cliff effect for individuals who have aged out of the bridge to independence program; and (b) provide assistance to such individuals to address the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on transition-age youth. Allocates \$1,000 a month for youth aging out (21 years of age) non taxable and cannot be counted against their determination for SNAP, Medicaid and other entitlement programs. The report shall determine if this \$\$ supported the young adult in achieving a home.
<a href="#">LB1128</a>	M	Adopt the Student Loan Repayment Assistance for Teachers Act	Sen. DeBoer	Education	2/1/2022		\$5 million to support student loan forgiveness for full time teachers in Nebraska.
<a href="#">LB1129</a>	M	Provide free contraceptives for women as prescribed	Sen. Morfeld	HHS	2/24/2022		The State of Nebraska shall provide free contraceptives that are approved by the FDA to any woman who requests and needs such contraceptives. Such contraceptives shall be distributed through distribution points, including, but not limited to, Title X clinics, family planning clinics, public health clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies.
<a href="#">LB1131</a>	M	State intent to appropriate federal funds for bonus payments for teachers, child care workers, and health care worker	Sen. Morfeld	Appropriations	3/1/2022		Provides legislative intent to appropriate ARPA funding (amount unspecified) to provide bonus payments of \$1,000 each for every teacher, child care worker, and health care worker.

<a href="#">LB1133</a>	O	Include health care workers within provisions concerning compensability of mental injuries and mental illness under the NE Workers' Compensation Act	Sen. Morfeld	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	1/31/2022		The act, which includes mental illness and mental injury under the definition of personal injury for certain professions, would now cover health care workers, which means a physician, physician assistant, nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse. Also states that DHHS shall reimburse a first responder for the cost of annual resilience training not reimbursed by the first responder's employer. NHA will oppose.
<a href="#">LB1138</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for local public health departments	Sen. Vargas	Appropriations	3/1/2022		Appropriates \$16 million from ARPA to DHHS to distribute to local public health departments in the following manner: \$10 million distributed evenly to local public health departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs, including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive measures, to combat the COVID-19 virus and any of its mutations; and \$6 million distributed proportionately to local public health departments based on the number of individuals employed at each local public health department for premium pay to such individuals.
<a href="#">LB1158</a>	M	Change provisions relating to parental involvement in and access to learning materials in schools and provide for withholding of funding from school districts	<a href="#">Sen. Sanders Priority Bill</a>	Education	2/15/2022	General File AM2143	By Jan. 2023, each public school district shall make a reasonable effort to make any learning materials, including original materials, available for public inspection upon request.
<a href="#">LB1159</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a model system of care	Sen. Wishart	Appropriations	3/2/2022		Appropriates \$5 million from ARPA in FY 2022-23 to DHHS with intent to appropriate an additional \$2.5 million from ARPA each year for FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to establish a grant program for a model system of care for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 with persistent symptoms, to be awarded to a rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to provide interdisciplinary research. The model system of care shall be a comprehensive program to address persistent COVID-19 symptoms and include post-COVID-19 research; post-COVID-19 clinics; mental health services expanded to address cognitive and psychiatric needs of post-COVID-19 patients; and educational materials for health care providers and the public.
<a href="#">LB1160</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for reverse osmosis systems	Sen. Wishart	Appropriations	3/3/2022		\$10 million in federal stimulus funds for the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to provide grants for reverse osmosis systems to small and rural communities with high nitrate levels in drinking water.

<a href="#">LB1164</a>	M	State intent regarding an increase in reimbursement rates for Child Welfare Aid	Sen. Wishart	Appropriations	1/31/2022		Beginning July 2022, DHHS shall implement a 15% increase to reimbursement rates for all child welfare service providers under Agency 25, DHHS, Child Welfare Aid
<a href="#">LB1167</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for internships and expanding and retaining Nebraska's workforce	Sen. Flood	Appropriations	2/24/2022		Appropriates \$30 million from ARPA to DED for enhancing and retaining Nebraska's workforce through an internship grant program. \$20 million from ARPA to the Department of Labor for enhancing and retaining Nebraska's workforce through grant program to Nebraska businesses, economic development or workforce organizations, political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and education partners to support training, upskilling, apprenticeship, and apprenticeship program development proposals.
<a href="#">LB1168</a>	M	Provide an income tax deduction for the costs of medical care	Sen. Linehan	Revenue	2/23/2022		For tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2023, an individual's federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced by the amount paid during the taxable year for medical care (as defined in Section 213 of IRC) of the taxpayer, their spouse, and dependents if expenses were not already deducted from AGI or reimbursed by insurance.
<a href="#">LB1172</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds for rate increases for certain providers of developmental disabilities services	Sen. Hilkemann	Appropriations	2/22/2022		\$37 million for provider rates
<a href="#">LB1173</a>	S	Create a work group and strategic leadership group for child welfare system reform	HHS Committee	<u>HHS Committee</u> <u>Priority</u>	2/9/2022	Final Reading	It is the intent of the Legislature to establish an intersectoral child welfare practice model work group, establish appropriate strategic leadership and guidance for practice and finance model development from across the three branches of government; and appropriate funds for contractual support to build the practice and finance model for Nebraska. <b>Dr. Haney to testify. Committee priority with amendment to add:</b> •LB491, removes statutory language that authorizes DHHS to contract with a lead agency for a case management lead agency model pilot in eastern service area •LB541, expand and standardize caregiving levels and treatment options for Nebraska's highest needs youth in out of home care. •LB854, in situations of an allegation of abuse and neglect in a child care facility, the DHHS Division of Children and Family Services would be required to notify the Division of Public Health of the allegation, and whether an investigation has been undertaken.

<a href="#">LB1175</a>	S	Prohibit a health insurer from removing a provider as an in-network provider under certain circumstances	Sen. Wayne	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/15/2022		Allows providers negatively affected by the removal from a network to bring a civil action against the insurer for damages.
<a href="#">LB1177</a>	S	Appropriate funds to DHHS for a pilot program for frontline first responders	Sen. Bostar	Appropriations	1/31/2022		Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2022-23 and \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY2023-24 to DHHS to conduct a comprehensive health and resiliency screening pilot program for frontline first responders. On or before Sept. 1, 2022, DHHS shall contract with a Nebraska-based hospital that has both a clinical affiliation with a public postsecondary educational institution and a partnership with a Nebraska-based accountable care organization to conduct the pilot program. DHHS shall submit a report on the preliminary outcomes of the pilot program to the Appropriations Committee by Dec. 31, 2023.
<a href="#">LB1179</a>	O	Adopt the Classroom Safety Intervention and Behavioral Awareness Training Act	Sen. Groene	Education	2/28/2022	Withdrawn	Provisions of the previously attempted Student Discipline Act along with requirements for behavioral health training and school plans for intervention for all school personnel. Funding from the Behavioral Health Training Cash Fund.
<a href="#">LB1183</a>	M	State intent to appropriate federal funds for federally qualified health centers	Sen. Aguilar	Appropriations	2/22/2022		\$25 million to all 7 FQHCs for grants for capital project requests
<a href="#">LB1191</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the Commission on Indian Affairs to improve tribal-owned community drinking water	Sen. Brewer	Appropriations	3/3/2022		\$XXXX from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Commission on Indian Affairs for the purpose of improving tribal-owned community drinking water and sewer systems
<a href="#">LB1200</a>	M	Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Child Sexual Abuse Liability Act and exempt actions from the State Tort Claims Act and Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	Sen. Halloran	Judiciary	2/9/2022		The Legislature hereby declares that the state and its political subdivisions shall be liable in the same manner and to the same extent as a private individual or entity under like circumstances for all claims arising out of child sexual abuse

<a href="#">LB1201</a>	S	Appropriate funds to DHHS for grants to nonprofit organizations providing food assistance	Sen. DeBoer	Appropriations	3/2/2022		\$20,000,000 shall be awarded to nonprofit organizations that focus on food distribution in ten or more counties in the state and qualifies for The Emergency Food Assistance Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture\$20,000,000 shall be awarded for regional or local capacity and food security innovation grants to decrease Nebraska's reliance on national supply chains, support local businesses, create local and regional economic resilience, encourage healthy eating habits, reduce food deserts, and support partnerships between local businesses and producers meeting the greatest needs statewide in the most efficient and sustainable manner
<a href="#">LB1221</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19	Sen. Morfeld	Appropriations	2/25/2022		Appropriates \$XX from ARPA to DHHS for the purpose of purchasing remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19.
<a href="#">LB1230</a>	M	Provide for a statewide education program regarding cancer and state intent to appropriate funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	Sen. Hilkemann	HHS	2/3/2022		Provides DHHS will contract with Nebraska organization which provides comprehensive cancer support and education to provide a statewide education program regarding cancer, its causes, and the resources available to support cancer patients. Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$500,000 annually for such contract and that the contracts be awarded pursuant from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.
<a href="#">LB1240</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education to provide family-directed education recovery accounts for low-income children and families	Sen. Albrecht	Appropriations	2/28/2022		The State Department of Education shall contract with an organization, or other capable vendor, by July 1, 2022, to administer a three-year pilot program, for school years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, to provide family-directed education recovery accounts. The amount of funding available for any school year shall be no more than \$20 million. Each qualifying child shall receive no more than \$2,000 each year. Qualifies based on free-and-reduced lunch schedule
<a href="#">LB1243</a>	M	Change priorities relating to funding the medicaid home and community-based services waivers for persons with developmental disabilities	Sen. Murman	HHS	2/16/2022		Changes age of eligibility from 21 to 13.

<a href="#">LB1249</a>	M	Change provisions of the Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Act	Sen. Hansen, B.	HHS	2/2/2022	Updates the scope of practice for medical nutrition therapy in accordance with the 407 credential review performed by DHHS last year. Changes the credential from Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist to either Licensed Nutritionist or Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist depending on the educational pathway of the applicant. *NAND legislation
<a href="#">LB1254</a>	S	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for services relating to youth who have aged out of the foster care system	Sen. Hansen, B.	HHS	2/25/2022	\$2 million for facility upgrades, building maintenance, transportation, and construction training for youth who have aged out of the foster care system and prepare youth who have aged out of the foster care system to enter the workforce in Nebraska
<a href="#">LB1260</a>	M	Change provisions relating to the Public Guardianship Act	Sen. DeBoer	Judiciary	2/23/2022	Adds a representative of a hospital licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act to the council on Public Guardianship. Creates an application and process to determine and prioritize individuals seeking guardianship or conservatorship services from the Public Guardian.
<a href="#">LB1264</a>	O	Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes	Sen. McDonnell	Revenue	2/23/2022	Blueprint Nebraska. Lowers the individual income tax brackets and rates for the years 2022-25, has a separate rate for 2025- 28, and for 2028 and beyond. Reduces the top rate for corporate income taxes (paid on taxable income in excess of \$100,000) from 7.25% to 5.6% for before 2025, to 5.30% for 2025-28, and 4.99% for 2028 and beyond. Changes the tax assessed on the clear market value of a decedent's property in excess of \$40,000 received by each person to 0%. Exempts 60% of the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of durable medical equipment. Gives the intent of the legislature to eliminate tax incentive programs and create a program to provide student loan relief. Adds sales tax to a number of services including the first 20% of medical services receipts and legal services; and animal specialty services including veterinary services
<a href="#">LB1267</a>	M	Appropriate federal funds for health equity liaisons for various state commissions	Sen. Vargas	Appropriations	2/22/2022	Appropriates \$500,000 from ARPA to the Commission of Indian Affairs, \$500,000 to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, \$500,000 to the Commission on African American Affairs, \$500,000 to the Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and \$500,000 to the Commission on Latino-Americans to employ a health equity liaison and to outline health inequities in the population served by the commission.



