



Associated General Contractors, Nebraska Chapter

Bills	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Position
LB 52	Lathrop	Provide for immunity for injury or death resulting from COVID-19 exposure LB 52 would provide that no person shall be liable in a civil action for any injury or death resulting from an alleged exposure to COVID-19 is such exposure occurred after the date of the effective date of the bill. (See other COVID-19 liability bills: LB139)	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support
LB 82	Hilkemann	Change motor vehicle tax schedules Lowers the motor vehicle tax for all cars but requires cars 14 years and older to pay a small amount. As introduced the bill is estimated to generate \$60M less annually to schools, cities, and counties.	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 133	Erdman	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes Establishes a taxpayer bill of rights and enacts a 10.64 cent tax on the consumption of new goods and services. Property, income, inheritance and sales taxes would be repealed. The consumption tax would not be imposed on fuel, purchases of property or services by businesses, purchases of property or services for investment, property or services used for educational purposes. Sunsets the Imagine Nebraska program, and terminates TIF, TEEOSA, and Community College Aid.	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 168	Hansen, M.	Terminate authorization for creation of sanitary and improvement districts Terminates the ability to form a new SID beginning July 1, 2021.	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 171	Hansen, M.	Change provisions of the Employment Security Law relating to weekly benefit amounts and maximum annual amounts LB 171 would increase an individual's unemployment benefits by 5% for each dependent up to a maximum of 15%.	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 172	Hansen, M.	Change provisions relating to benefit payments under the Employment Security Law LB 172 would increase the allowable wages from one-fourth to one-half that can be earned before those wages are subtracted from an individual's weekly benefits.	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support
LB 175	Friesen	Change the distribution of sales tax revenue and authorize the use of funds for certain infrastructure projects LB 175 would earmark sales tax revenue collected on the sale of aircraft to be used for infrastructure improvements at Nebraska airports. (NAAO Legislation)	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support
LB 178	Lindstrom	Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue Returns part of the state sales tax imposed on sewer and potable water fees back to the political subdivision or utility that collected them for reinvestment back into infrastructure replacement or improvement.	Unicameral - Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support

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LB 207	McDonnell	<p>Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act</p> <p>LB 170 would provide that compensation in workers' compensation shall be allowed for the first three calendar days of disability, but that if the disability extends beyond the period of three calendar days, compensation shall begin on the fourth calendar day, except that if it lasts two weeks or longer, it shall be computed from the date disability began.</p> <p>(Same bill as LB170)</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 242	Brandt	<p>Provide for county bridges under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act</p> <p>As amended the bill authorizes political subdivisions to use design-build contracts and construction management at-risk contracts to "repair, retrofit, reconstruct, or replace any bridge."</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 249	Pansing Brooks	<p>Prohibit employers from inquiring about wage rate history under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act</p> <p>LB 249 makes it an unlawful employment practice for employers to inquire about, or require disclosure of, an employee's wage history. Also prevents an employer from using wage history when determining wages.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 258	Vargas	<p>Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act</p> <p>LB 258 requires employers to provide paid sick and safe leave to all their employees. Requires accrual of one hour of sick leave for every thirty hours worked up to forty hours each year. Allows the department of labor to issue citations for violations of the act and provides a civil remedy for employees if their rights are violated under the act. A pending amendment applies the bill to employers with more than 50 employees.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 290	Cavanaugh, M.	<p>Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act</p> <p>Creates the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. Requires employers to either provide at least 12 weeks of paid FMLA leave or participate in the state administered insurance program. Employers with more than \$100,000 annual payroll who doesn't otherwise offer paid FLMA will be required to pay into the state insurance administered by the department of labor with fees determined by the department.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 329	Wayne	<p>Change provisions relating to taxes imposed on the average wholesale price of gasoline</p> <p>Imposes a minimum average wholesale price of gasoline of \$2.44 to calculate the tax. Requires DOT to use at least 35% of its proceeds from such tax on surface transportation projects of the highest priority as determined by the DOT.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support
LB 339	Bostelman	<p>Require a utility coordination plan for certain highway and bridge contracts</p> <p>Requires road, street, highway, and bridge projects over \$50,000 to have a utility coordination plan if the owner is a city over 5,000, county over 25,000, or the DOT. Requires reimbursement to the contractor if the plan is not followed.</p> <p>(AGC Legislation)</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support

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LB 344	Friesen	<p>Change provisions relating to the State Fire Marshal and the One-Call Notification System Act</p> <p>Creates a complaint review committee composed of the State Fire Marshal, two representatives of operators, and two representatives of excavators. It will submit its findings and recommendations to the AG as to whether a One Call violation occurred and what the appropriate penalty is. Requires a unanimous vote in the case of a civil penalty recommendation.</p> <p>The committee amendment adds two representatives of locators to the Underground Excavation Safety Committee. It states that the State Fire Marshal can investigate violations and must give notice to anyone under investigation. Additionally, allows people other than the State Fire Marshal to give submit information on violations that the State Fire Marshal can determine whether to investigate. Requires the State Fire Marshal to issue a written determination on the findings of an investigation, and allows the State Fire Marshall to issue a civil penalty. Allows the State Fire Marshal to order a violator to complete a continuing education regarding the One-Call Notification System Act as a form of alternative punishment.</p>	Unicameral • Apr 07, 2022: Cavanaugh, J. AM2740 filed	Support
LB 346	Wishart	<p>Adopt the Fueling Station Tax Credit Act</p> <p>Provides a tax credit for 75% of the cost to place a qualified alternative-fuel fueling stations in service. Caps the program at \$25M.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Support
LB 422	Briese	<p>Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services</p> <p>Lowers the state sales tax to 5% and provides for adjustment of the rate in the future. Applies the state sales tax to all services unless a specific exemption exists. Does exempt services that will become an ingredient or component part of a product or service that will ultimately be sold at retail.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 441	Hansen, M.	<p>Change provisions relating to compensation for individuals affected by COVID-19 under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act</p> <p>Creates a rebuttable presumption under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act that if an essential worker either has a positive COVID test, is quarantined for COVID exposure, or dies of COVID that it shall be presumed to be an accident arising out of the course of their employment. Exempts these claims from the waiting period for total temporary disability benefits. Creates a fund for retroactive payments from March 12, 2020 to the effective date of the act where claims are made to the Department of Insurance. Creates a new fund to pay these retroactive claims. Prohibits workers' compensation insurers from changing or modifying plans or premiums based on these claims. Defines an extensive list of who qualifies as an essential worker.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 480	McKinney	<p>Change the minimum wage as prescribed</p> <p>Increases the minimum wage annually until it is \$20 in 2032. Thereafter it will be increased by CPI.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 542	Walz	<p>Authorize the issuance of highway bonds under the Nebraska Highway Bond Act</p> <p>Authorizes the Highway Commission to issue \$400M in bonds "in order to accelerate completion of the highway construction projects identified and to be identified for funding under the Build Nebraska Act." The bill requires at least 25% of the bond proceeds to be used for construction of the expressway system and federally designated high priority corridors.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 575	Bostar	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 619	Sanders	<p>Change excavation requirements under the One-Call Notification System Act</p> <p>Exempts from One Call the activity of fine grading of lots used for single-family residential property construction. Requires underground facilities to be installed at various minimum depths.</p> <p>(ENDC Legislation)</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor

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LB 652	Wayne	<p>Adopt the Historically Underutilized Business Program Act</p> <p>Requires state agencies to set goals in awarding contracts or subcontracts for government work to historically underutilized businesses and requires agencies to make a good faith effort to utilize HUBs in contracts for construction, services, including professional and consulting services, and commodities purchaess.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 653	Wayne	<p>Require goals for using historically underutilized businesses under the Community Development Law</p> <p>A redevelopment contract for a redevelopment plan or redevelopment project that includes the division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147 may include any additional requirements deemed reasonably necessary by the city to meet goals for the utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses established by the city under section of this act.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Oppose
LB 659	McDonnell	Create the Workforce Development Committee of the Legislature	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor
LB 670	Murman	Authorize design and placement of highway memorial signs	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Attorney General Opinion 21-015 to Murman	Monitor
LB 680	Linehan	<p>Change the corporate income tax rate</p> <p>Lowers the top corporate income tax bracket from 7.81% to 6.84%.</p> <p>Provisions of LB680 have been amended into LB432.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 05, 2022: Title printed. Carryover bill	Monitor

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LB 719	Morfeld	<p>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</p> <p>Ensures that employers pay for interpreters related to medical, surgical, or hospital services. Additionally, the interpreter is selected by the employee from a registry of interpreters. If the employee is not selecting a physician who previously held their medical records, the employee may select a physician within a timeframe established by the compensation court. If need be, an employer must use an interpreter to communicate the right of selection to an employee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the total amount of compensation during total disability to 80% of wages received at the time of injury, previously was 66.66%. Increases the amount of compensation for partial disability to 75% of the difference between the wages received at the time of the injury. Additionally, increases the maximum amount of time for compensation to be paid for partial disability to 500 weeks. Previously it was 300 weeks. Increases the amount of disability received resulting from permanent injury to 75% of wages lost. <p>Add a cost-of-living adjustment to benefits that are scheduled to last longer than twelve months. The cost-of-living adjustment shall not result in a weekly-income benefit that is more than the maximum weekly income benefit that will be specified in within the statute.</p> <p>Starting on January 1, 2023, the maximum weekly income benefit will be 200% of the state average weekly wage. Additionally, the Governor has the ability to conduct a hearing in which they can suspend the effectiveness of the change in the maximum weekly income benefit. The minimum weekly benefit shall be 50% of the state average weekly wage, except that if at the time of injury, the employee received wages of less than the 50%, then their minimum is the full amount of wages they were making weekly. Generally, increases all maximum and minimum payouts for various groups (i.e., widow with no children, widow with children, children with no parent alive, etc.) as outlined by statute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A widow that does not have children with the deceased will receive 75% of the average weekly wage of the deceased. A widow that does have children with the deceased will receive 69% of the average wage of the deceased or 60% if the child is not living with the widow. Additionally, a widow will receive 24% for each child. If there are children but no widow, they will receive 75% of such wage for one child and an additional 24% for two or more children that can be divided among the children to share If there is no spouse, child, or other dependent then \$25,000 to the personal representative of the estate of the deceased. Increases the apportionment for a widow with one or more child, and no children living separately to 160% and 40% divided among the children. Increases the apportionment for a widow that has one or more child that they do not live with to 146% to the widow and 54% divided among the children. 	Unicameral • Jan 26, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 31, 2022	Oppose
LB 730	Lindstrom	<p>Adopt the Growing Our Workforce Investment Now Act and provide tax credits</p> <p>Adoption of the Growing Our Workforce Investment Now Act. This Act gives a nonrefundable tax credit to employers who employ a qualified apprentice or qualified trainee for at least 7 months of the taxable year. Credit equals \$1K per qualified employee.</p> <p>LB730 is a package containing: LB701 - Change certain deadlines under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act LB702 - Change provisions relating to the availability of tax credits under the School Readiness Tax Credit Act LB1103 - Change provisions of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act LB1117 - Change provisions relating to tax credits under the Community Development Assistance Act LB1237 - Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and the Nebraska Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act</p>	Unicameral • Mar 31, 2022: Correction	Monitor
LB 734	Cavanaugh, J.	<p>Provide a contribution limit for candidate committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act</p> <p>Other than the candidate himself or herself, no person shall make one or more contributions to a candidate committee totaling more than \$5,000 during an election period.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 10, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 20, 2022	Monitor

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LB 750	Friesen	<p>Change provisions relating to transportation</p> <p>Appears to be a DMV clean-up bill that strikes multiple references to effective dates and reworks sections of statute for readability. Allows for the mailing of historical license plates, truck license plates, and choose life license plates. Provides for the registration of a former military vehicle. Provides a definition for and the recognition of a mobile operator's license.</p> <p>LB750 is a package containing: LB720 Adopt changes to federal law regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers LB913 Changes provisions relating to construction of highways and roads LB1022 Change provisions relating to fees under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act LB1145 Change provisions relating to public information on motor vehicle accident reports LB1259 Change provisions relating to issuance of new license plates and license plate fees LB1266 Change provisions relating to operations of common carriers</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Monitor
LB 751	Arch	<p>Change a funding limitation for the Economic Opportunity Program</p> <p>Repeals the \$20M cap on the Economic Opportunity Program within the Department of Transportation's Infrastructure Bank.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 19, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 27, 2022	Monitor
LB 778	Brewer	<p>Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act</p> <p>Unless otherwise required by federal law, a governmental unit shall ensure that any requests for proposals or bid specifications for a public contract or the procurement procedures for a public contract do not contain: (1) A term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders, public contractors, or subcontractors from entering into or adhering to a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction; (2) A term that discriminates against bidders, public contractors, or subcontractors based on status as a party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into, a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under the public contract; or (3) Contract award pass or fail scoring criteria regarding a bidder's hiring requirements, labor assignments, local headquarters, political affiliation, political activity, or demographic makeup.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 18, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 27, 2022	Support
LB 791	Lowe	<p>Change a population requirement relating to county surveyors, engineers, and highway superintendents</p> <p>Would change the population threshold dealing with county surveyor population requirements from sixty thousand to one hundred thousand.</p>	executive • Mar 14, 2022: Approved by Governor on March 14, 2022	Monitor
LB 809	Moser	<p>Change provisions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the Game Law, the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act, and the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act</p> <p>Amends the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act and the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act to better align the funds with existing federal regulation, and new provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Proposes the following changes: Allows the Drinking Water (DW) State Revolving Fund Act to buy or refinance the debt obligation of a municipality or public water supply system. Increases the allowable amount of grant and loan forgiveness assistance to up to seventy-five percent of eligible project costs for entities serving ten thousand persons or less, the level typically allowed by other federal infrastructure grant programs. Adds additional authority for grant and forgiveness assistance for community public water systems to carry out lead and service line removal projects. All grant and forgiveness assistance will be provided concurrent with State Revolving Fund loans.</p> <p>LB809 is a package containing: LB924 Include cities of the first class as grant recipients under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act LB978 Provide powers and duties relating to the treatment of dredged and fill material under the Environmental Protection Act LB803 Redefine immediate family for purposes of obtaining limited permits for deer, antelope, wild turkey, or elk.</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Support

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LB 821	Hansen, M.	<p>Adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act</p> <p>Creates a \$15M grant fund for cities to apply for grants to use for infrastructure. Infrastructure has a broad definition but specifically excludes roads and bridges.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 08, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 22, 2022	Monitor
LB 827	Lindstrom	<p>Provide income tax deductions for the cost of certain property and for certain research or experimental expenditures</p> <p>For taxable years beginning after January 1, 2022, the cost of business assets that are qualified property or qualified improvement property are eligible for full expensing and may be deducted as an expense incurred by the taxpayer. Such deductions are allowed only to the extent that such costs are not already deducted in determining federal adjusted gross income or for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income. Additionally, if the taxpayer does not fully expense the costs, they can elect to depreciate the costs over a fiscal-year irrevocable term. Also, taxpayers may treat research or experimental expenditures as expenses that can be deducted. These deductions can be up to the extent that such expenditures have not already been deducted in determining federal adjusted gross income for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income. If a taxpayer does not fully deduct these expenditures, they can elect to amortize the expenditures over a five-year irrevocable term.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 16, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 23, 2022	Monitor
LB 845	Slama	<p>Adopt the Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act</p> <p>Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the company will not boycott Israel.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 28, 2022: Murman name added	Monitor
LB 847	Wishart	<p>Redefine political subdivision under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act</p> <p>Adds a metropolitan utilities district, public power district, and public power and irrigation district to the list of entities that can utilize construction management at risk contracts and design-build contracts.</p>	executive • Mar 14, 2022: Approved by Governor on March 14, 2022	Support
LB 875	Friesen	<p>Rename the Director-State Engineer for the Department of Transportation as the Director of Transportation for the Department of Transportation</p> <p>Renames the Director State Engineer as the Director of Transportation.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 24, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 31, 2022	Monitor
LB 884	Cavanaugh, M.	<p>Provide notice to private residential owners under the One-Call Notification System Act</p> <p>Requires a person to give notice to a private residential owner before commencing excavation if the private residential owner is responsible for maintenance and repair of underground sewer lines on the property.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 13, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 25, 2022	Monitor
LB 902	Aguilar	<p>Adopt the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act</p> <p>The bill formalizes a career scholarship program in the Department of Economic Development that provides scholarships to students attending the University System, the state college system, and participating private colleges.</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Monitor
LB 906	Hansen, B.	<p>Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>As amended the bill requires employers who require employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to offer religious and medical exemptions from such mandate. Allows employers to require exempted employees to be tested or wear protective gear. Allows a medicare-certified or medicaid-certified provider or supplier or a federal contractor to require additional processes, documentation, or accommodations as necessary to be in compliance with federal law and regulation.</p>	executive • Feb 28, 2022: Approved by Governor on February 28, 2022	Monitor

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LB 913	Bostelman	<p>Changes provisions relating to construction of highways and roads</p> <p>Provides that the construction, reconstruction, relocation, improvement, or maintenance of a highway approach damaged or destroyed due to (a) an extreme weather event or (b) faulty engineering, shall be under the authority and responsibility of the DOT.</p> <p>As amended, LB 913 provides that the construction, reconstruction, relocation, improvement, and maintenance of high way approaches are deemed to be a state highway purpose. States that the construction and maintenance of a high way approach damaged due to an extreme weather event or faulty engineering shall be the responsibility of the Department of Transportation. Additionally defines the terms "extreme weather event" and "faulty engineering." Lastly provides the Department of Transportation authority to seek reimbursement from the responsible party in the case of faulty engineering.</p> <p>LB913 was included in a package of bills included in LB750.</p>	Unicameral • Mar 31, 2022: Indefinitely postponed	Monitor
LB 931	Hunt	<p>Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits under the Employment Security Law</p> <p>Modifies benefits under the Employment Security Law so that paid vacation would not include pay received upon separation from employment. Also removes vacation leave paid in a lump sum or upon separation from employment as a basis for disqualification for unemployment benefits.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 13, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 24, 2022	Monitor
LB 935	Bostar	<p>Adopt the County Minimum Wage Option Act</p> <p>Allow counties to implement a minimum wage that is higher than provided by the Minimum Wage and Hour Act. The county minimum wage would apply throughout the county, including within the boundaries of any city or village regardless of any home rule charter. The County Attorney shall have the authority to oversee enforcement and collection of records.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 17, 2022: Hansen, M. name added	Monitor
LB 936	Bostar	<p>Change provisions relating to the taxation of nonresident income</p> <p>Starting January 1, 2023, compensation paid by a business, trade, or profession shall constitute income derived from sources within Nebraska if the individual, i) is present, ii) is performing services for more than twelve (12) days and, iii) directly earns or derives more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in gross income during the year from all sources. Certain personal services are given twenty-four (24) days before the general twelve (12) day count starts. So, for certain personal services thirty-six (36) days are allowed before a nonresident's income can constitute income.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 16, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 23, 2022	Monitor
LB 978	Hughes	<p>Provide powers and duties relating to the treatment of dredged and fill material under the Environmental Protection Act</p> <p>Allows DEE to collect fees and administer the permitting program under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Allows DEE to issue an order prohibiting or abating the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.</p> <p>LB978 was included in a package of bills included in LB809.</p>	Unicameral • Apr 12, 2022: Indefinitely postponed	Support
LB 991	Morfeld	<p>Appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for high-speed commuter rail</p> <p>Appropriates \$500,000 to conduct a feasibility study for high-speed rail between Lincoln and Omaha.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 11, 2022: Placed on General File	Monitor
LB 999	Wayne	<p>Require the Department of Transportation to apply for federal infrastructure funding and construct a bridge</p> <p>Requires that DOT apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant and use the funds to build a new bridge over a navigable river in Omaha.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 28, 2022: Wayne AM1680 filed	Monitor

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LB 1014	Speaker Hilgers	<p>Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021</p> <p>LB 1014 appropriates the state's \$1 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funding. The original version of LB 1014 reflected the Governor's recommendations. The Appropriations Committee then held over 120 hours of public hearing and amended the bill, largely matching the original recommendations but with some changes. Floor amendments added additional appropriations for nursing scholarships, rural physician loan repayments, HIV prevention, and mental health projects.</p> <p>2022 List of ARPA Items LB 1014.xlsx</p>	executive • Apr 13, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 13, 2022	Monitor
LB 1015	Speaker Hilgers	<p>Adopt the Perkins County Canal Project Act</p> <p>Outlines the development, construction, and management of the Perkins County Canal. Provides the Department of Natural Resources with the power needed to contract, and generally handle the logistics (i.e., gathering permits, acquiring property, etc.) of the construction of the Canal.</p> <p>Provisions of LB1015 have been amended into LB1011 the State Budget Bill.</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Monitor
LB 1016	Walz	<p>Provide for public-private partnerships and progressive design-build under the Transportation Innovation Act</p> <p>Authorizes DOT to use P3 projects under the Transportation Innovation Act and sets conditions for their use. Authorizes the use of Progressive Design Build. Public-private partnership means a project delivery method for construction or financing of capital projects or procurement of services under a written public-private partnership agreement between at least one private partner and the State of Nebraska or any agency of the state. Requires Legislature to further authorize any P3 project exceeding \$100M. Progressive design-build means a project-delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity that is selected through a qualification-based selection process at the earliest feasible stage of the project.</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Monitor
LB 1023	Hilgers	<p>Adopt the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Act and the Water Recreation Enhancement Act and change provisions relating to the Statewide Tourism And Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Special Committee of the Legislature</p> <p>Grants DNR authority to begin the process to build a lake along the Platte River near Ashland. As amended the bill clarifies the lake project will not be built by damming the Platte River. The bill also provides authority for projects at Lake McConaughy, the Niobrara River, and Lewis and Clark Lake.</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Support
LB 1029	Hunt	<p>Prohibit harassment by certain employers and provide an unlawful employment practice for a covered entity under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act</p> <p>Establishes Class 1 and Class 2 employers. Class 1 employers are employers with 15 or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year. Class 2 employers are employers who have one or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks. Defines harass in relation to race, color, religion, disability, marital status, or national origin. Makes it unlawful for Class 1 employers to discriminate against an employee because they have refused to carry out any action unlawful under federal law or the laws of this state, or because the employee has discussed or disclosed information regarding employee wages, benefits, or compensation. Makes it unlawful for a Class 1 to discriminate due to a known disability.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 26, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 28, 2022	Monitor
LB 1030	Friesen	<p>Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax</p> <p>Beginning January 1, 2023, all tangible personal property shall be exempt from property tax.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 03, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 11, 2022	Monitor

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LB 1033	Arch	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for the Economic Opportunity Program and to the Department of Economic Development for various programs</p> <p>According to the State Chamber of Commerce:</p> <p>ARPA appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •\$10 million to Site and Building Development Fund and \$10 million to the Economic Opportunity Program. Two successful and flexible initiatives with a record of supporting industry ready sites, buildings, and infrastructure in communities. •\$150 million to Site and Building Development Fund to support large scale, shovel ready industrial sites across Nebraska. The number one limiting factor for Nebraska in attracting transformational economic development projects has been acres under control with suitable development. •\$10 million to the Rural Projects Act to expand the funding available to support manufacturing, processing, distribution or transloading businesses. •\$15 million to fully fund the ImagiNE Revolving Loan Fund to facilitate workforce and infrastructure development. 	Unicameral • Jan 31, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 15, 2022	Monitor
LB 1062	Albrecht	<p>Change provisions relating to compensation for total disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act</p> <p>For injuries occurring after the effective date of this act, compensation for total disability shall cease at age 72, except that if an employee is injured after age 67, compensation for total disability shall cease after 5 years of such compensation having been paid. This should not be applied to a list of brain related injuries, or blindness as listed out in subdivision (1)(c).</p>	Unicameral • Jan 26, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 31, 2022	Monitor
LB 1063	Morfeld	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Labor to increase the number of apprentices and provide premium pay</p> <p>Appropriates \$5M of ARPA funds to the Department of Labor for the purpose of increasing the number of apprentices and increasing the premium pay to existing apprentices.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 31, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 24, 2022	Monitor
LB 1085	Pansing Brooks	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for career and technical educational student organizations</p> <p>Appropriates \$5M from ARPA Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the SDE for the purpose of carrying out the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act and for career and technical educational student organizations. Then to appropriate \$1.3M from the General Fund each fiscal year beginning in FY2022-23 for administration of the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act and those expenditures may be made from such future appropriations for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 11, 2022: Slama name added	Monitor
LB 1093	Flood	<p>Adopt the Enhancement Project Financing Assistance Act and provide for the use of certain sales tax revenue</p> <p>Establishes the Enhancement Project Financing Assistance Act, which provides financial assistance to villages in Nebraska located within five miles of a state park. Establishes the procedure a village must go through to be approved for assistance, and how the application process works. If an application is approved, money from the Enhancement Project Support Fund can be distributed to village that has had an application approved.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 02, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 09, 2022	Monitor
LB 1099	Bostelman	<p>Create the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group</p> <p>Establishes the Nebraska Hydrogen Industry Work Group within the Dept. of Econ Development to develop a proposal to the US Dept. of Energy to establish Nebraska as one of four regional clean hydrogen hubs authorized under the federal infrastructure bill.</p> <p>Amendment as of Feb 9, 2022: Changes who appoints the working group from the Director of DOE to the Governor to comply with the Constitution. Additionally the General Fund Appropriation is stricken.</p>	executive • Mar 16, 2022: Approved by Governor on March 16, 2022	Monitor

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LB 1102	Bostelman	<p>Adopt the Nebraska Environmental Response Act and change provisions relating to enforcement of environmental protection requirements</p> <p>Creates the Nebraska Environmental Response Cash Fund. The fund shall be used for the control and reasonable costs related to any pollutant that is released (i.e., leaked, spilled, dumped, etc.) into the environment. Allows the Director of the Department of Environment and Energy to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary for purposes of an environmental response. States that no person shall refuse entry to an authorized representative of the department to the property for the purpose of responding to a release of a pollutant or cleanup of a release if the representative presents the appropriate credentials. Generally, outlines the procedure for who cleans up a release of pollutants, and who is liable for the costs.</p>	executive • Apr 20, 2022: Approved by Governor on April 18, 2022	Monitor
LB 1149	Friesen	<p>Change registration fees for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel</p> <p>Increases registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles in a step up fashion from \$75 to \$93 in 2023, \$111 in 2024, \$130 in 2025, \$245 in 2026, and \$250 in 2027.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 16, 2022: Friesen AM1903 filed	Support
LB 1166	Sanders	<p>Change provisions of the One-Call Notification System Act</p> <p>Removes from the current strict liability rule damage by excavators on residential property when the excavator hits a line at least 12 inches from the building and less than 10 inches from the surface.</p> <p>(ENDC Legislation)</p>	Unicameral • Jan 28, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 14, 2022	Monitor
LB 1167	Flood	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for internships and expanding and retaining Nebraska's workforce</p> <p>As amended into LB 1012 the bill provides for operation amendments to the intern program and a cash reserve transfer of \$20M to the program.</p> <p>LB 1167 was amended into LB 1014.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 10, 2022: Slama name added	Monitor
LB 1196	McDonnell	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for lead service line replacements for a utilities district</p> <p>Appropriates \$45M to the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of providing funds to a utilities district for lead service line replacements</p>	Unicameral • Jan 31, 2022: Notice of hearing for March 03, 2022	Monitor
LB 1257	Bostar	<p>Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Transportation for grants for electric vehicle direct-current fast charging stations</p> <p>Appropriates \$10M of ARPA funds to provide matching grants to entities willing to build out a statewide network of electric vehicle charging stations.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 31, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 23, 2022	Monitor
LB 1262	Murman	<p>Adopt the Recreation Area Assistance Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds</p> <p>Allows Game and Parks to establish districts around lakes between 3,000 and 20,000 acres to provide for improved access roads and related infrastructure for the recreation area and to provide for other tourism related improvements. Appropriates \$8M to carry out the Act.</p>	Unicameral • Mar 17, 2022: Natural Resources AM2411 filed	Monitor

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LB 1264	McDonnell	<p>Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes</p> <p>The bill is Blueprint Nebraska's tax plan. It eliminates the standard and itemized deductions and the creates two individual income tax brackets: (1) up to \$49,999 at 0%; (2) \$50,000 and over at 5.6%. Provides for a 4% corporate income tax rate on the first \$100,000 of income and a 4.99% rate on amounts above that. Eliminates refundable and nonrefundable tax credits for the corporate income tax.</p> <p>Imposes the sales tax on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance, painting, and repair services to real property • Storage and moving services • Cleaning of tangible personal property • Investment counseling services • Taxi, limousine, and other transportation service • Weight loss service • Burial related services • Accounting services • Twenty percent of Physician, dental, optometry, chiropractor bills, • Forty percent of durable medical equipment sales • Real estate agent and appraisal services • Legal services • Motor vehicle fuel • School bake sales • Zoo memberships and admissions. <p>Eliminates Nebraska Imagine and other unspecified "tax incentive programs" other than the Research and Development Act. Provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to provide \$12,000 in annual loan relief to science, technology, engineering, or technology graduates and \$1200 annual loan relief for graduates of a qualified trade programs.</p>	Unicameral • Feb 16, 2022: Notice of hearing for February 23, 2022	Monitor
LB 1274	Flood	<p>Require the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and purchase rights-of-way for U.S. Highway 81 and Nebraska Highway 20</p> <p>Requires DOT to plan, design, and purchase rights-of-way for the: (a) North-south meridian four-lane divided highway system located along U.S. Highway 81; and (b) Nebraska Highway 20 between U.S. Highway 81 and the Iowa border. Provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds for the planning, design, and purchase of rights-of-way for the following: (i) U.S. Highway 81 between Norfolk and the South Dakota border into a four-lane divided highway; (ii) U.S. Highway 81 between Columbus and York into a four-lane divided highway; and (iii) Nebraska Highway 20 between U.S. Highway 81 and the Iowa border into a four-lane divided highway.</p>	Unicameral • Jan 24, 2022: Notice of hearing for January 31, 2022	Monitor
LR 264CA	Erdman	<p>Constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes</p> <p>On and after January 1st, 2024, no taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes shall be imposed upon the people of Nebraska.</p>	Unicameral • Apr 05, 2022: Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial	Oppose
LR 362	McDonnell	Interim study to determine the water quality and quantity benefits and costs of permeable surfacing	Unicameral • Apr 05, 2022: Referred to Natural Resources Committee	


Appropriations Committee (ARPA) Proposal Highlights




The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided \$1.04 billion in federal funds to the State of Nebraska. \$520 million has already been received and another \$520 million is anticipated to be received no later than May 2022. These funds have requirements and parameters in statute and U.S. Treasury guidance that direct how they can be spent.






Half of the proposals recommended for funding came to the committee via [LB1014](#) at the request of the Governor. The other half from bills introduced by senators. Several modifications were made to the proposal during floor debate. The largest being an allocation of \$250 million of the funds through [LB1024](#), now known as the Economic Recovery Act. Approximately, \$2 million of the \$1.04 billion has been left unappropriated.

The final bill includes \$15 million to support state agencies with operational support, software licensing, vendor and contractor support in administering these programs; as well as covering IT costs associated with higher utilization of programs within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Public Health Emergency Response	
<u>Healthcare Facility Expansion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million to build pediatric mental health care capacity. \$5 million to build mental health care capacity. \$5 million to build adolescent mental health development day school. 	<u>Greater Nebraska Healthcare Infrastructure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5 million for equipment purchases to volunteer emergency medical services in programs in communities of less than 100,000 people. \$20 million to assist rural communities to replace aging ambulances.
<u>Rural Health Initiatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$60 million for a joint UNK/UNMC Rural Health Complex on the UNK campus. 	<u>Child Welfare Case Counts & Provider Rates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25 million to provide temporary provider rate increases and assist in managing increased costs in the child welfare aid program due to rising case counts.
<u>Pediatric Mental Health Services Technology</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.8 million for telehealth technology related to pediatric mental health services. 	<u>Local Public Health Departments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million distributed proportionately based on employees.
<u>Research Studies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1 million to assess existing electric generation facilities and compatibility to be converted into advanced nuclear reactor. \$1 million to the University of Nebraska to study environmental and health effects from the production of ethanol made from treated grain or seed. 	<u>Model System of Care</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5 million for grants to institutions who have developed a model system of care to treat individuals with persistent symptoms of COVID (Long-COVID).
<u>Healthcare Workforce Incentives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5 million for student loan repayment for rural healthcare professionals. \$5 million for scholarships for nursing students 	<u>HIV Prevention Programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1 million for HIV prevention programs and preexposure prophylaxis medication.

Premium Pay	
<u>Salary Increase 24-Hour Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$36.7 million to provide premium pay increases for front-line workers in 24-hour facilities at Dept. of Health and Human Services, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, and Dept. of Correctional Services. 	<u>Payments to Assisted Living Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5.4 million for recruitment and retention incentives for staff, as well as for the purchase of supplies, PPE and testing supplies.
<u>Licensed / Medicaid-Certified Nursing Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$47.5 million for incentive payments for direct care staff. 	<u>Developmental Disability Providers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$47.5 million for provider rate increases.

Negative Economic Impacts

<p><u>Job Training and Apprenticeships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 million for apprenticeship and customized workforce training programs. • \$1 million for youth who have aged out of the foster care system. 		<p><u>Community College Workforce Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60 million to be divided equally among the 6 community college areas for capital or programs that support workforce development. • \$15 million for to cover tuition costs of dual-credit courses for high school students. 	
<p><u>Workforce Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$39.5 million for workforce housing grants and to address labor shortages and attract workers 		<p><u>Shovel Ready Capital Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 million for capital projects under the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act. Such projects include: arts, culture, humanities and sports complexes. 	
<p><u>Programs and Services for Deaf or Hard of Hearing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1 million for programs and interpreters that provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. • \$500,000 for supporting in-person interpreting in rural areas and legal communication access by the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 		<p><u>Meat Processing Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20 million to support the proposed meat packing plant in North Platte. • \$10 million to upgrade equipment and facilities at small to medium meat processors and conduct a dairy industry study. 	
<p><u>Behavioral Health Care Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$28 million for access to behavioral health acute care beds in rural Nebraska and training and educational opportunities for the behavioral health workforce. 		<p><u>International Competitions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500,000 for the purpose of awarding major sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska. 	
<p><u>Law Enforcement Training Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$47.7 million to support the purchase of new land and expand the current facility to train additional law enforcement officers. 		<p><u>Climate Change Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150,000 to the University of Nebraska for updating the <i>Assessing Climate Change</i> report. 	
<p><u>Nonprofit Food Assistance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20 million for grants to nonprofits providing food assistance. 		<p><u>Childcare Capacity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4 million to support grants to expand or start childcare programs in areas of need. 	

Water, Sewer, Broadband

<p><u>State Colleges Facility & Equipment Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8 million to purchase equipment to assist healthcare professionals and upgrade campus drinking water and wastewater projects. 	<p><u>State Fair Sewer Upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20 million to assist the State Fair to improve their sewage system for storm drainage and assist in creating a new wastewater system.
<p><u>Wastewater System Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8.1 million to address wastewater and sewage issues at Nebraska state parks. 	<p><u>Wyuka Cemetery Stormwater Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.8 million for a stormwater project at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln.
<p><u>Reverse Osmosis Systems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4 million for grants to small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems in community water systems where nitrates exceed 10 parts per million. 	<p><u>Water Transport Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20 million for grants for the design, construction, and implementation of water transport infrastructure for the Department of Natural Resources.
<p><u>Ft. Laramie-Gering Irrigation Canal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$23.1 million to repair collapsed irrigation tunnels. 	<p><u>Drinking Water Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7 million for grants for rural drinking water infrastructure and distribution.
<p><u>Noxious Weed Controls</u> - \$2 million for grants to reduce or prevent populations of designated noxious weeds or invasive plant species.</p>	