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May 2022

Dear Health Care Champions,

The Nebraska Hospital Association Advocacy Team wrapped up a productive 2022 legislative session, which adjourned on April 20, 2022. We are pleased to report on our legislative priorities and bills of interest. The NHA collaborated with many policymakers, stakeholders and other health care members in advocating for our top priorities to enhance the health care industry.

We would like to thank our Board of Directors, Policy Development Committee, PAC Steering Committee and anyone else that took time out of their busy schedules to develop the legislative agenda for the NHA. We especially would like to thank the individuals who visited the Capitol to testify at committee hearings in support of several legislative bills. We know that senators find testimony from our members to be extremely useful as they prefer to hear from “boots on the ground” experiences (or firsthand knowledge) when considering policy changes. It is much more impactful on a senator when they hear direct answers to their questions from professionals practicing in health care on a daily basis.

As we transition into the fall, the NHA Advocacy Team will be reaching out to our members to find out what public policy issues are impacting the health care industry. Let us know if you have ideas for legislation or would like us to help put you in contact with your senator. We serve as a liaison to our members between state and federal agencies and legislatures. If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding what services the NHA can provide, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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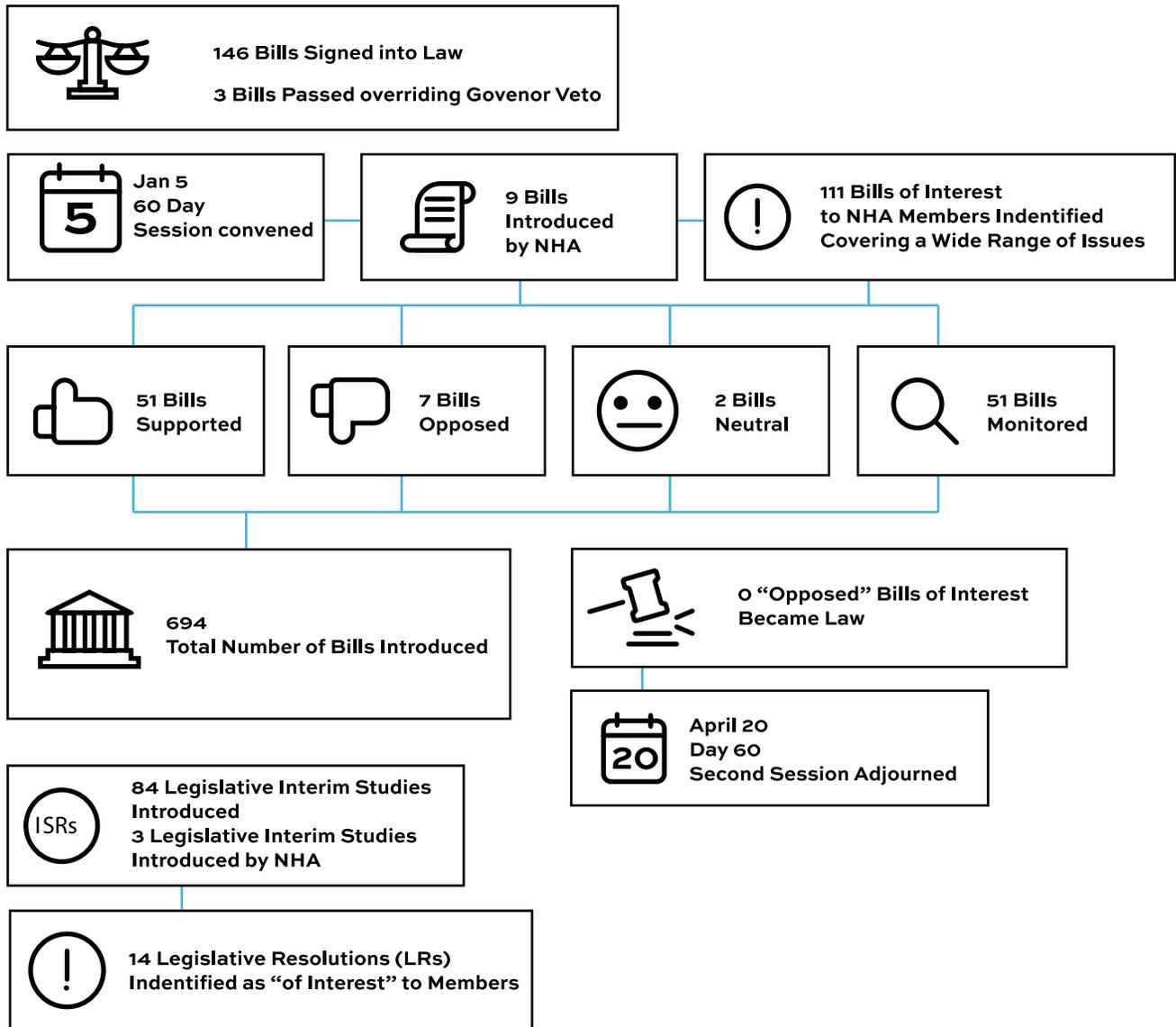
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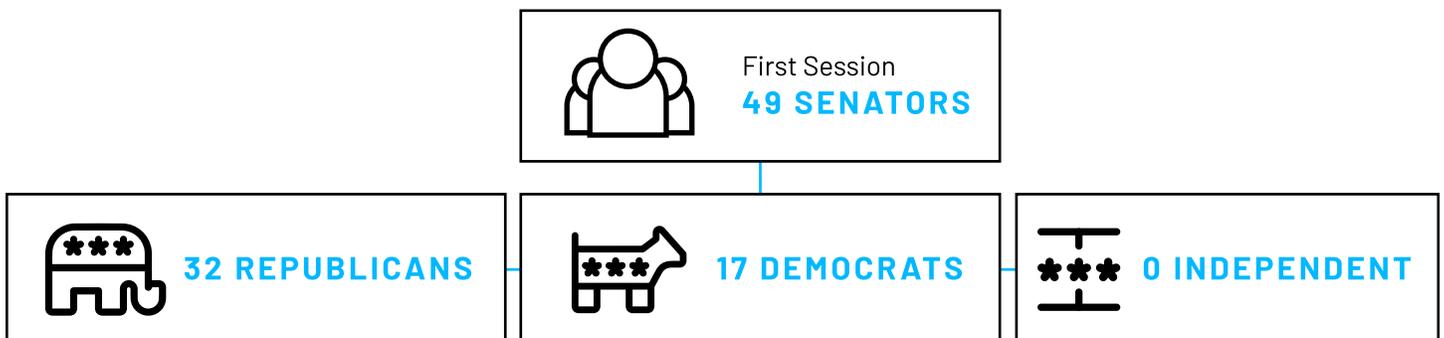
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2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BY THE NUMBERS

Nebraska Unicameral - 107th Legislature, Second Session



Composition of 107th Legislature



ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2022

- ✓ New nursing scholarships
- ✓ Rural provider loan forgiveness
- ✓ UNMC/UNK Rural Health Complex
- ✓ Expanded health programs at community colleges
- ✓ Rural workforce housing funding
- ✓ 15% nursing home Medicaid rate increase
- ✓ 15% behavioral health provider rate increase
- ✓ Additional behavioral health residency training positions
- ✓ Rural Emergency Hospital licensure
- ✓ Behavioral health internship funding
- ✓ Construction funding for behavioral health beds
- ✓ Telebehavioral health grants
- ✓ Stop increase in medical malpractice caps
- ✓ Behavioral health points of contact in schools
- ✓ Pharmacy Benefit Manager regulations
- ✓ Stop discrimination by PBMs against 340B hospitals
- ✓ Expanded state guardianship capacity
- ✓ Replace aging rural ambulances



NHA IS LEADING EFFORTS TO GROW OUR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

\$60 Million

Community College/Workforce Development

The funding will go to various projects to strengthen and grow a post-pandemic skilled workforce and substantially increase their ability to train the next workforce of Nebraska. This funding will provide for the acquisition, construction, and upgrades of several educational institutions across the state to upskill and reskill the population, especially in low income, underserved, and disproportionately impacted communities.

\$20 Million

Intern Nebraska

The funding will go to the Department of Labor to create a program to administer grants to Nebraska businesses to support training, upskilling, apprenticeship, and apprenticeship program development proposals.

\$5 Million

Nursing Scholarships

The funding will go to Nebraska residents who enroll in an approved nursing program, defined as a postsecondary program which consists of courses leading to an associate degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing and intend to practice as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or nurse aide upon completion of the program for two years in the state. The scholarship will be capped at \$2,500 per semester per student.

\$60 Million

Rural Health Complex

The funding will go towards a joint University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) Rural Health Complex to be located on the UNK campus.

\$5 Million

Rural Student Loan Repayment Program

The funding would go for the repayment of qualified educational debts to eligible health professionals under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

\$91 Million

Workforce Housing

The funding will address unprecedented labor shortages and attract workers to Nebraska.

- \$39.5 million for workforce housing grants and to address labor shortages and attract workers.
- \$30 million to address housing and workforce shortages in rural areas of Nebraska.
- \$20 million to address housing and workforce shortages in urban communities in Nebraska.

NHA IS HELPING ADDRESS CHALLENGES WITH DIFFICULT TO PLACE PATIENTS

The inability of acute care hospitals to discharge patients to skilled nursing facilities or similar long-term care facilities can cause capacity issues for hospitals and have an impact on their care.

Patients must be placed in the appropriate level of care.

Expanded Guardianship Capacity

\$500,000

This funding will go to the Office of Public Guardian to hire additional staff.

Payments to Assisted Living Facilities

\$5.4 Million

This fund will be used for recruitment and retention incentives for staff, as well as for the purchase of supplies, including for testing and PPE.

Medicaid-Certified Nursing Facilities

\$55 Million

- \$41,250,000 to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities divided proportionately by the Medicaid-certified beds at such facilities.
- \$13,750,000 divided proportionately by the Medicaid certified beds at the facilities that are in the top twenty-five percent of Medicaid certified nursing facilities with the highest percentage of Medicaid days.

Medicaid Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rates Increase

\$26 Million

This funding will allow for a provider rate increase of approximately 15%.

Legislative Resolution (LR)417

LR 417 will review the current Medicaid reimbursement rates and processes for difficult to place patients in Nebraska's acute care hospitals.

NHA IS STRENGTHENING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE AND CAPACITY IN NEBRASKA

Behavioral health disorders are a major public health issue and hospitals provide essential behavioral health care services to thousands of Nebraskans every day. Nearly 1 in 5 Nebraskans have a mental illness. Compounding the problem is the high percentage of the behavioral health workforce that is able or expected to retire in the coming years.

Behavioral Health Care Services \$28 Million

This funding will allow for access to behavioral health acute care beds in rural Nebraska and training and educational opportunities for the behavioral health workforce. The University of Nebraska, for the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska, will develop a comprehensive behavioral health internship program, a telebehavioral health support program, COVID-19-specific behavioral health education and training, and support of provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals.

Behavioral Health Providers Increase in Medicaid Provider Rates \$13.5 Million

This funding will increase service provider rates by 15% to attract Medicaid behavioral health providers.

Telehealth Technology Related to Pediatric Mental Health Services \$1.8 Million

This funding will go to the Department of Health and Human Services for telehealth technology related to pediatric mental health services. The funding will be provided to any pediatric trauma center to support statewide pediatric mental health services.

Behavioral Health Region Increase in Medicaid Provider Rates

\$16.5 Million

This funding will increase service provider rates by 15% to attract and retain staff.

Mental Health Capacity

\$20 Million

- \$10 million is provided to build capacity for mental health care.
- \$5 million is allocated to build capacity for mental health care specifically designated to acute care beds in rural areas where a shortage exists; and
- \$5 million is allocated to build capacity for adolescent mental health development day schools to serve those impacted by the pandemic.

Budget and ARPA Funding Update

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress on March 11, 2021. The entire ARPA Act is providing an estimated \$6 billion of funding to Nebraska. The Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund portion of ARPA accounts of \$1.04 billion of the \$6 billion. All ARPA funds must be allocated to the beneficiaries by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. With strong revenue collections, budget adjustments were made to the state's approximately \$10 billion biennial budget, with \$1.3 billion being left in the state's rainy-day fund.

Budget Update

The committee amendment includes all, or a portion of, the provisions of the following bills:

- LB762 State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for behavioral health services
- LB766 Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for pancreatic cancer research
- LB782 Change appropriations for Health Aid to the Department of Health and Human Services
- LB788 Change appropriations intent language and matching fund provisions under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act
- LB792 Appropriate \$15,580,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney

The Appropriations Committee recommendation includes the following transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund:

- \$50,000,000 to the Nebraska Rural Projects Fund (LB788)
- \$20,000,000 to the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund (LB1167)

ARPA Update

LB1014 (Hilgers) Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Includes funding for (not a complete list):

- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Shovel-Ready Capital Projects - \$100 million
- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Workforce Housing - \$91 million
- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Community College: Workforce Development - \$60 million
- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Rural Health Complex - \$60 million
- LB1089 (Stinner) Licensed and medicaid-certified nursing facilities - \$55 million
- LB1172 (Hilkemann) Rate increases developmental disabilities providers - \$55 million
- LB1066 (Stinner) DHHS & University, behavioral health care services - \$33 million
- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Salary Increases 24-Hour Facilities - \$36.7 million
- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Healthcare Facility Capacity Expansion - \$20 million
- LB1014 (Hilgers/Gov) Replace Aging Rural Ambulances - \$20 million
- LB760 (Dorn) Grants to emergency medical services programs - \$5 million

AM2508 (Arch): Appropriates an additional \$20 million funding for capital construction to build mental health care and education capacity. Reduces funding in various developmental disability aid programs

AM2544 (Murman): Adds in reduced amount for LB1269 (Murman) Repayment of qualified educational debts owed by certain health professionals, adding \$5 million (\$10 million was requested in original bill) for the repayment of qualified educational debts to eligible health professionals under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. Adds in LB1091 (Dorn) Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act, providing \$5 million for nursing scholarships. Reduces funding for ARPA Administration from \$20 million to \$10 million. LB1203 (AM2580) amended into LB1014.

2022 Statute Changes That Impact Nebraska Hospitals

LB697 (Kolterman)

Provide for licensure of rural emergency hospital services Passed Signed by Governor April 18, 2022

NHA Position: Supported

Effective July 21, 2022

LB697 allows a rural hospital licensed as a critical access hospital or as a general hospital with not more than 50 beds to become licensed as a rural emergency hospital to be eligible for federal reimbursement.

A rural emergency hospital must be maintained 24 hours per day and 7 days per week with a physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant, and must have a transfer agreement in effect. Requires DHHS to establish minimum standards for a rural emergency hospital. It requires health insurance to provide benefits for services of a rural emergency hospital as for a general hospital.

LB698 (Kolterman)

Require coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices under the Medical Assistance Act

NHA Position: Supported

Effective: January 1, 2023

The bill requires DHHS to provide medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitors no later than Jan. 1, 2023.

LB767 (Kolterman)

Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act (Passed) Signed by Governor on March 16, 2022

NHA Position: Supported

Effective: January 1, 2023

LB767 requires pharmacy benefit managers to be licensed by the Department of Insurance, pay an application fee not to exceed \$500 and an annual renewal fee not to exceed \$250.

It allows the director to refuse a license if the applicant is not competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, or of good personal and business reputation or has violated insurance laws or had an insurance authority or license denied or revoked in any jurisdiction.

LB767 bars PBMs from a contract with a pharmacy that prohibits or penalizes a pharmacist from disclosing to patients information about treatment, risks, alternatives, the decision of a utilization review to deny a service, financial incentives used by the health carrier, costs of the drug or if more affordable alternatives are available, or limit disclosures to the state.

It also bars PBMs from charging more than the cash price of a drug. It sets limits and parameters for auditing entities conducting pharmacy audits. LB767 Sets requirements for a PBM's cost price lists.

LB767 bars PBM's from discriminating against 340B entities. It requires PBMs to include a specialty pharmacy that meets accreditation and contract terms.

LB852 (Day)

Require behavioral health points of contact for school districts

NHA Position: Supported

Effective: July 21, 2022

LB852 requires each school district to designate an administrator, a school nurse, a school psychologist, or another school employee with knowledge of community behavioral health resources as a point of contact to coordinate access to community behavioral health services during the school day at the child's school. Requires DHHS to provide each school district with a registry of state and local behavioral health resources.

2022 Statute Changes That Impact Nebraska Hospitals

LB905 (Walz)

Provide for perinatal mental health screenings

NHA Position: Monitor

Effective: July 21, 2022

LB905 allows that licensed health care professionals, including any MD, DO, APRN, or PA providing prenatal, post-natal, or pediatric care, may invite the mother to complete a questionnaire in order to complete a perinatal screening for perinatal health disorders, and if completed, shall review the questionnaire in accordance with the formal recommendations of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. It also copies the substance of the bill into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act, in addition to the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.

LB906 (Hansen, B.)

Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services

NHA Position: Neutral

Effective: February 28, 2022

LB906 provides that an employer that requires applicants or employees to be vaccinated shall allow for an exemption to such requirement based on an applicant's or employee's strong moral, ethical, or philosophical belief or conviction.

An employer may require an employee granted this exemption to be periodically tested, at the employer's expense, for infection or illness; or to wear or use personal protective equipment provided by the employer.

LB921 (Lathrop)

Provide for reimbursement for lodging of certain defendants, require medicaid enrollment assistance for inmates, change priority for admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill and require minimum numbers of beds at the Lincoln Regional Center, and create the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee

NHA Position: Supported (LB1223 amended in LB921)

Effective: July 1, 2023

Adds amended provisions of LB1223 (M. Hansen) to require reimbursement for lodging certain defendants in county jails and require state hospitals to maintain beds for certain patients and LB952 (J. Cavanaugh) to provide medicaid enrollment assistance to inmates prior to release from incarceration. Requires DHHS to reimburse a county jail if a person is ordered to be committed to DHHS to restore competency but remains housed in the county jail. The rate of reimbursement is \$100/day and will be adjusted for inflation annually. Requires DHHS to provide Medicaid enrollment assistance for people prior to leaving incarceration. Adds people who have been found incompetent to stand trial and who remain in county jail as a priority group for admission to state hospitals. Requires a minimum percentage of available capacity for the priority groups identified. 15% of capacity would be reserved for people that have been found incompetent to stand trial and remain in county jail. Creates the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee, which would be required to contract with an independent consultant to determining the necessary capacity of inpatient mental health care in Nebraska.

AM2826 (Arch): Reduces the percent of available beds required to be kept open at the Lincoln Regional Center for patients posing a public health and safety threat from 15% to 10%, for mental health commitments from 45% to 30%, and for reducing the waiting lists for mental health beds, 30% of the beds shall remain open for DHHS to allocate.

2022 Statute Changes That Impact Nebraska Hospitals

LB1068 (Stinner)

Change provisions of the Behavioral Health Workforce Act

NHA Position: Support

Effective: April 18, 2022

Under current law, Behavioral Health Education Center administered by UNMC shall provide funds for up to nine medical residents in the psychiatric residency training program. LB1068 adds two positions and expands eligible programs to PAs or psychiatric nurse practitioners—in a NE-based psychiatry program each year.

LB1068 reduces rural training requirement from one year to three months for each participant, but at least 3 of the 10 participants shall be active in the rural training each year.

It increases from 10 to 12, the spots for one-year doctoral-level psychology internships placed, to increase access to behavioral health in underserved areas. It also adds the requirement to provide funds for up to 10 one-year mental health therapist internships or practicums with trainees placed in underserved areas.

LB1068 adds the requirement to educate behavioral health providers and facilities to integrate behavioral health care into primary care practice and licensed health care facilities in order to place well-trained behavioral health providers into primary care practices, behavioral health practices, and rural hospitals for the purpose of increasing access to behavioral health services.

Bills Opposed by the NHA

LB719 (Morfeld)

NHA Position: Opposed

Failed to advance from the Business and Labor Committee

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.

LB719 increases the percentage of wages and benefits payable under the Act. For wages paid for longer than 12 months, benefits shall be increased at the end of each 12-month period multiplied by COLA. Adds provisions related to interpreters.

LB784 (Groene)

NHA Position: Opposed

Bill was indefinitely postponed due to the resignation of Senator Groene

Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption for hospitals

The bill would enable that for tax year 2023 and each tax year thereafter, in order for property of a hospital to qualify for the 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 from property taxes in proportion to the percentage of the hospital's services that are provided gratuitously.

LB946 (Wayne) Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to juveniles in the custody of the state.

NHA Position: Opposed

Failed to advance out of the Judiciary Committee

LB 946 would prohibit state agencies from prescribing medications for uses and individuals that have not been approved by the FDA.

LR264CA (Erdman) Constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes

NHA Position: Opposed

Failed to advance from General File to Select File on April 5, 2022

Under this proposed constitutional amendment, effective Jan. 1, 2024 (if approved by voters in the Nov. 2022 election), notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, no taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes shall be imposed upon the people of Nebraska.

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LB963 (Murman) Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act

NHA Position: Opposed

Failed to advance from the Health and Human Services Committee

LB963 provides that no medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer should be compelled to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or prescribe or pay for any medication which such person or entity objects on the basis of conscience. A religious medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer that holds itself out to the public as religious shall have the right to make employment, staffing, contracting, and admitting privilege decisions consistent with its religious beliefs.

LB1133 (Morfeld) Include health care workers within provisions concerning compensability of mental injuries and mental illness under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

NHA Position: Opposed

Failed to advance from the Business and Labor Committee

LB1133 provides that 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.

LB1264 (McDonnell) Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes

NHA Position: Opposed

Bill was indefinitely postponed by the Revenue Committee on March 31, 2022

LB1264 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.

It 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%. It 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.

Interim Studies

Each year at the close of the legislative session, senators introduce interim study resolutions authorizing a legislative committee to study a specific issue while the Legislature is in recess. The interim study resolutions often indicate a senator's special interest in an issue that he or she intends to address through a legislative proposal the following year. The NHA often participates providing research assistance, proposal development and testimony in support or opposition.

LR364 (Wishart) Interim study to explore the establishment of an insurtech regulatory sandbox

LR366 (Wishart) Interim study to examine at least three of the current certified community behavioral health clinics established through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's demonstration program

LR367 (DeBoer) Interim study to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska

LR368 (Cavanaugh, M.) Interim study to identify deficiencies and inefficiencies in Nebraska public policy surrounding disability related service provision

LR379 (Day) Interim study to examine fentanyl distribution in Nebraska

LR383 (Erdman) Interim study to explore best practices for the implementation of a consumption tax in Nebraska

LR384 (Cavanaugh, M.) Interim study to investigate laws and procedures pertaining to the use of emergency protective custody

LR389 (Day) Interim study to examine how information on all Parkinson's disease cases can best be collected and reported to the Parkinson's Disease Registry

LR390 (Murman) Interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement model and processes for Nebraska's critical access hospitals

Introduced on behalf of the NHA

LR397 (McDonnell) Interim study to examine the needs, workforce, and funding streams for mental health care across Nebraska

LR408 (McKinney) Interim study to examine ways to grow and diversify Nebraska's health care workforce

Introduced on behalf of the NHA

LR409 (Arch) Interim study to examine the Department of Health and Human Services' capacity and resources to treat individuals who have been committed to the department for treatment to restore competency to stand trial

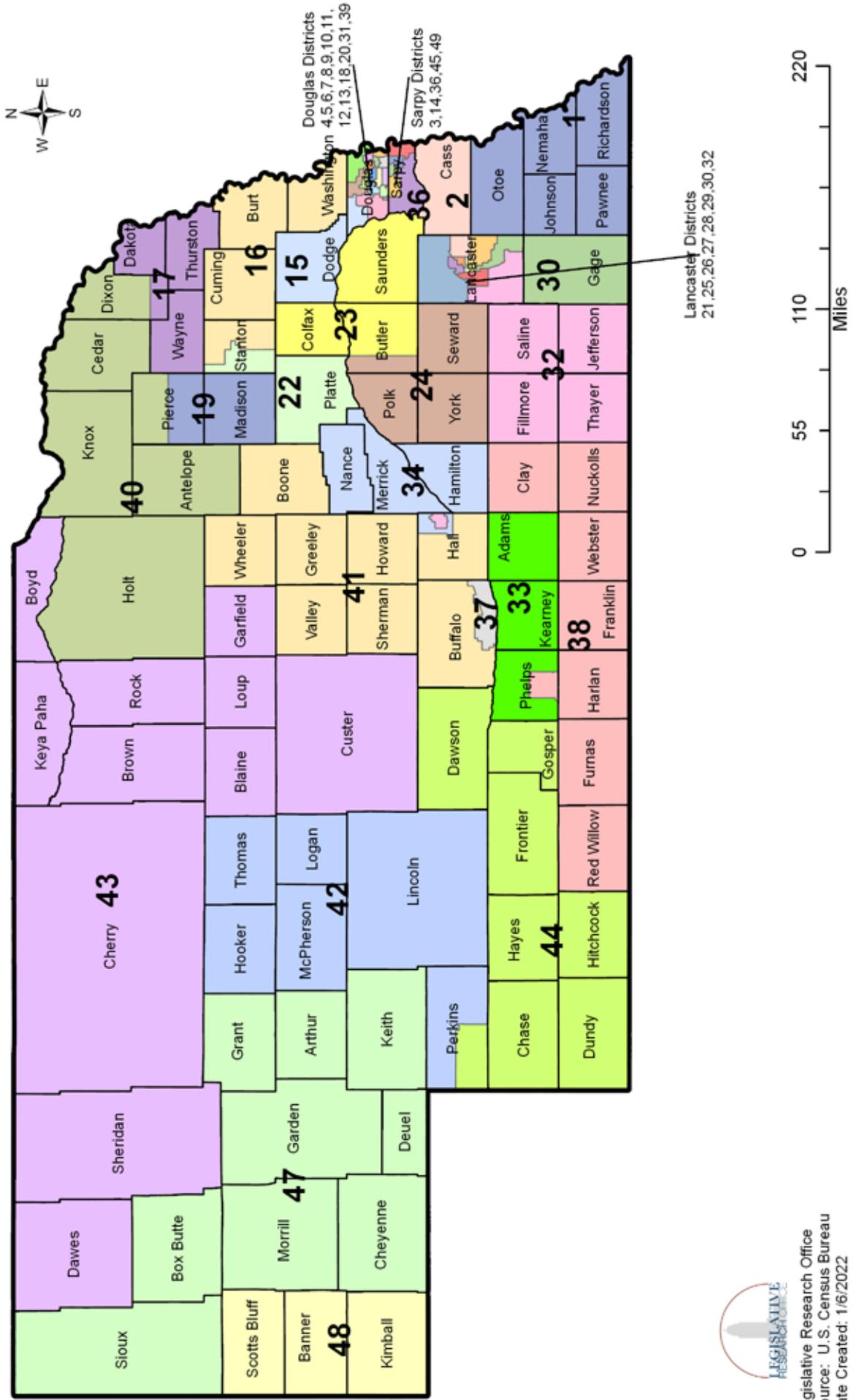
LR411 (Arch) Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee

LR417 (Hansen, B.) Interim study to review the current medicaid reimbursement rates and processes for difficult to place patients in Nebraska's acute care hospitals

Introduced on behalf of the NHA

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Senator Mike Groene (2/21/22)
Senator Mike Flood (7/11/22)

Deceased (1)

Senator Rich Pahls

Newly Appointed (3)

Senator Mike Jacobson
Senator Kathleen Kauth
Senator Rob Dover

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The NHA staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the development of public policy during the 2022 legislative session. Your efforts of attending NHA meetings, participating in conference calls and contacting policymakers on behalf of Nebraska's hospitals, are invaluable. The NHA's advocacy priorities are driven by our vision of providing high-quality, accessible affordable health care to the patients we serve.

Through the Board of Directors, the Policy Development Committee, the NHA PAC Steering Committee, membership and staff, the NHA strives to promote public policy issues to make positive changes in Nebraska's health care environment.

Throughout the upcoming years, hospitals will need champions in the Legislature to deal with the issues that impact the operations and success of hospitals. Hospital representatives must be ready to engage in discussions vital to the communities they serve and to the mission of hospitals across Nebraska. **Together, we are the influential voice of Nebraska's hospitals.**

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