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LB697	Kolterman	Support	Health and Human Services	01/20/2022	General File 02/01/2022	Provide for licensure of rural emergency hospital services <i>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. Requires health insurance to provide benefits for services of a rural emergency hospital as for a general hospital.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i> <i>Proposed AM1613 (Health and Human Services): Allows rural emergency hospitals to have transfer agreements with facilities other than a level one or level two trauma center.</i>
LB698	Kolterman	Support	Health and Human Services	02/10/2022	General File 02/17/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Require coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices under the Medical Assistance Act <i>Requires DHHS to provide medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitors no later than Jan. 1, 2023.</i> <i>*DEXCOM Legislation</i>
LB699	Kolterman	Monitor	Appropriations	02/16/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for grants to improve technology infrastructure <i>Appropriates \$100 million from ARPA to DED to award grants to for-profit businesses for projects to improve their technology infrastructure in Nebraska. Nebraska Chamber Legislation.</i>
LB715	Hunt	Monitor	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	03/01/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Eliminate the prohibition regarding publicly funded insurance coverage for abortion and repeal the Mandate Opt-Out and Insurance Coverage Clarification Act <i>Repeals statutes limiting coverage for abortion including the prohibition on group insurance contracts or health maintenance agreements providing hospitalization, medical, surgical, accident, sickness, or other health coverage paid for in whole or part with public funds. Repeals statutes disallowing participation in health insurance exchanges in the State of Nebraska for qualified health insurance plans that cover abortions and provisions limiting the coverage of abortion to elective coverage in all health insurance plans, contracts, or policies delivered or issued for delivery in the State of Nebraska.</i>
LB716	Hunt	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Allow qualified practitioners to perform abortions <i>Changes language relating to abortion from "physician" to "qualified practitioner" which is defined to be a physician, including an osteopathic physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, a certified nurse midwife, or a physician assistant.</i>
LB718	Morfeld	Monitor	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/28/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide requirements for cost-sharing and coverage relating to health care benefits and pharmacy benefit managers <i>When calculating an enrollee's contribution to any applicable cost-sharing requirement, a health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager shall include any cost-sharing amounts paid by the enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by another person.</i>
LB719	Morfeld	Oppose	Business and Labor	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	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 <i>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.</i>



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LB721	Hilkemann	Support	Appropriations	02/17/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Appropriate funds for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex <i>-Appropriates \$60 million from ARPA to the University of Nebraska for the establishment of a facility for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Requires the University to provide \$25 million in matching funds from private or other sources for the facility. -Appropriates \$X from the General Fund to the University of Nebraska for the academic programs and operating budget of the UNMC Rural Health Complex at UNK.</i>
LB734	Cavanaugh, J.	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	01/20/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide a contribution limit for candidate committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act <i>Limits the amount a person can contribute to a candidate to \$5,000 during the calendar year of an election, except that a candidate may exceed the limit when contributing personal funds to their own candidate committee.</i>
LB737	Bostar	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the Primary Care Investment Act <i>Creates the Primary Care Investment Council whose purpose is to develop an appropriate definition for primary care investment; measure the current level of primary care investment, as a part of overall health care spending, by public and private payors in Nebraska; conduct a comparison of spending on primary care services and health outcomes in Nebraska with surrounding states and nationally; develop an appropriate target level of primary care investment by public and private payors in Nebraska; recommend strategies to achieve the target level of primary care investment through alternative payment models; identify the public health benefits and estimated cost savings that would result from meeting the target level of primary care investment through alternative payment models; and identify solutions to barriers for Nebraska residents from accessing primary care and for health payors and medical providers from investing in primary care.</i>
LB739	Bostar	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	01/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings <i>Reduces the age from 50 to 45 for required insurance coverage for screening coverage for a colorectal cancer exam and lab tests for any nonsymptomatic person.</i>
LB741	DeBoer	Support	Health and Human Services	01/19/2022	General File 02/01/2022 Vargas Priority Bill	Provide for review of stillbirths under the Child and Maternal Death Review Act <i>Includes stillbirths in the cases reviewed by the Child and Maternal Death Review teams. Sets forth new criteria regarding the study of stillbirths in Nebraska.</i> <i>Proposed AM1683 (Health and Human Services): Incorporates the provision of LB626, as amended, to separate the State Child and Maternal Death Review Teams into (1) the State Child Death Review Team and (2) the State Maternal Death Review Team. Provides for the membership of each team (including an allowance for a county attorney, FBI agent, social worker, hospital representatives, and physicians) and requires DHHS to provide a team data abstractor for the teams. Each team would submit an annual report to the Legislature. Amends the definition of stillbirth to mean a spontaneous fetal death which (a) occurs at or after the twentieth week of gestation and before birth and (b) resulted in a fetal death certificate pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-606. Provides that the Act shall not be interpreted to require review of any stillbirth death.</i>
LB751	Arch	Monitor	Appropriations	01/27/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change a funding limitation for the Economic Opportunity Program <i>Eliminates the \$20 million cap on the program.</i>
LB752	Arch	Support	Health and Human Services	02/02/2022	General File 02/17/2022 Health and Human Services Priority Bill	Redefine respiratory care under the Respiratory Care Practice Act <i>Changes the scope of practice for respiratory therapists, who are currently in the midst of their 407 credential review with DHHS. Likely a placeholder bill that could be amended.</i>



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<i>Proposed AM1918 (Health and Human Services): Amends in LB554 (Blood) adopting the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact; LB753 (Arch) Require health care practitioners to provide notification regarding stem cell therapy; and LB15 (Blood) Adopt the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact.</i>						
LB753	Arch	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/21/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require health care practitioners to provide notification regarding stem cell therapy <i>Requires any health care practitioner who performs stem-cell-based therapy to communicate, by informed written consent, to any patient seeking such therapy that it is not FDA-approved. Does not apply to a health care practitioner using stem-cell-based therapy for which approval is obtained from FDA for an investigational new drug or device for use of human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products. Requires DHHS to provide enforcement.</i>
LB760	Dorn	Support	Appropriations	02/23/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to licensed emergency medical services programs <i>Appropriates \$5 million from ARPA to DHHS for Program 33 (EMS) to provide grants to licensed EMS programs for the one-time purchase of equipment, including, but not limited to, ambulances, power cots, defibrillators, and other similar lifesaving equipment. Provides intent that priority in awarding grants be given to volunteer, rural-based, high-needs EMS programs and that DHHS consult with a statewide organization dedicated to supporting providers of prehospital emergency medical care in Nebraska (NEMSA).</i> <i>*NEMSA Legislation</i>
LB762	Dorn	Support	Appropriations	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for behavioral health services <i>Increases the medicaid provider rates for behavioral health services by 10%.</i>
LB766	Kolterman	Support	Appropriations	02/17/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for pancreatic cancer research <i>Appropriates \$15 million from ARPA to the University of Nebraska for pancreatic cancer research. Requires the University to provide \$15 million in matching funds from private or other sources for the research.</i>
LB767	Kolterman	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	01/24/2022	Final Reading 02/17/2022 Kolterman Priority Bill	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act <i>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. 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. 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. Bars PBMs from charging more than the cash price of a drug. Sets limits and parameters for auditing entities conducting pharmacy audits. Sets requirements for a PBM's cost price lists. Bars PBM's from discriminating against 340B entities. Requires PBMs to include a specialty pharmacy that meets accreditation and contract terms.</i> <i>Proposed AM1643 (Banking, Commerce and Insurance): Provides that section 9 applies to "340B contract pharmacies" as well as to 340B entities. The amendments would define "340B contract pharmacy" as a pharmacy under contract with a 340B entity to dispense drugs on behalf of such 340B entity. Redefines "340B entity" as an entity participating in the federal 340B drug discount program, as described in 42 U.S.C. 256b. (Contains drafting area: 304B.) -ADOPTED 2-1-22</i> <i>Proposed AM1753 (Kolterman): Makes a technical correction to name the correct Act. -ADOPTED 2-14-22</i>



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LB772	Day	Monitor	Judiciary	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	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 <i>A health care provider, emergency medical services 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 for such services to a collection agency or attorney for collection against the victim or the victim's guardian or family. This shall not be construed to prevent an entity from otherwise seeking payment for such services from the victim or any other source.</i>
<i>*WFO Legislation</i>						
LB781	Slama	Monitor	Judiciary	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the Heartbeat Act <i>Requires physicians to perform an ultrasound prior to an abortion. Makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly perform an abortion if there is a detectable fetal heartbeat. Violation is a Class IIA felony. Recognizes an affirmative defense that a medical emergency existed. Shields woman upon whom an abortion is attempted, induced, or performed from prosecution under the Act.</i> <i>Proposed AM1534 (Hunt): Creates an exception to the Heartbeat Act for pregnancy due to sexual assault or perpetration of incest.</i> <i>Proposed AM1535 (Hunt): Creates an exception to the Heartbeat Act for pregnancy determined by a physician to have a likelihood of fetal anomaly.</i> <i>Proposed AM1528 (Hunt): Includes a new definition of "qualified practitioner" from "physician" to include an osteopath, APRN, certified nurse midwife, or a physician assistant.</i>
LB782	Vargas	Support	Appropriations	01/28/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change appropriations for Health Aid to the Department of Health and Human Services <i>Increases by \$100,000 the budgeted appropriation to DHHS in fiscal year 2022-23 for the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.</i>
LB784	Groene	Oppose	Revenue	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption for hospitals <i>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.</i>
LB812	Hilkemann	Support	Health and Human Services	02/02/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians <i>A pharmacy technician may administer vaccines to the arm of persons 3 and older, and such administration shall not be considered to be performing a task requiring the professional judgment of a pharmacist, when certain conditions are met, including training, life support certification, and on-site supervision.</i>
LB815	McKinney	Monitor	Business and Labor	02/28/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act <i>Requires every public accommodation constructed or substantially renovated after Jan. 1, 2023, to provide at least one baby diaper changing station in a restroom designated for use by women and one diaper changing station in a restroom designated for use by men or one diaper changing station in a gender-neutral or family restroom.</i>



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LB824	Hansen, B.	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/21/2022	General File 02/01/2022	Include bathing as an activity of daily living for health care credentialing provisions <i>Takes bathing out of the definition of personal care, and moves it in to the definition of "activities of daily living" under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, in home services statutes, and home health agency statutes.</i> <i>Proposed AM1604 (B. Hansen): Removes changes to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. The bill would now only apply to home health agencies and personal care health aides.</i>
LB852	Day	Support	Education	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022 Walz Priority Bill	Require behavioral health points of contact for school districts <i>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.</i>
LB855	Day	Support	Health and Human Services	01/20/2022	General File 02/01/2022	Change requirements for coverage under the Medical Assistance Act <i>Requires medicaid cover rural health clinic services and FQHC services.</i>
LB857	Day	Support	Health and Human Services	02/10/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and the Children's Health Insurance Program <i>Requires DHHS submit a state plan amendment to implement express lane eligibility using eligibility determinations from SNAP. Funded by ARPA funds.</i>
LB859	Clements	Monitor	Health and Human Services	03/02/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures <i>Requires public health department plans or measures to prevent or investigate contagious or infectious diseases be first approved by DHHS. Allows the Board of Health to enact such measures only after public hearing.</i>
LB862	McCollister	Support	Health and Human Services	01/26/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require coverage under the Medical Assistance Act for treatments for end-stage renal disease <i>No later than Oct. 1, 2022, the department shall, in compliance with federal law as of Jan. 1, 2021, consider all treatments for end stage renal disease, including but not limited to, outpatient and home dialysis, hemodialysis, and directed living donor kidney transplants as eligible treatments under the emergency medical services assistance program.</i>
LB867	Morfeld	Monitor	Appropriations	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for Health Aid <i>Appropriates \$500,000 from ARPA to DHHS for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Surveillance and Prevention Programs for FY 2021-22.</i>
LB869	Hansen, M.	Monitor	Business and Labor	01/24/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Change provisions relating to a leave of absence for an adoptive parent <i>Eliminates provision stating employer is not required to provide adoptive parent leave of absence if the child being adopted is over 8 years and is not a special needs child.</i>
LB885	Cavanaugh, M.	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Require implicit bias training for certain applicants and credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act <i>Anyone engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, advanced practice nursing, alcohol and drug counseling, athletic training, audiology, speech-language pathology, chiropractic, dentistry, dental hygiene, emergency medical services, genetic counseling, hearing instrument dispensing and fitting, massage therapy, medical nutrition therapy, medical radiography, mental health practice, nurse midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, perfusion, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, psychology, respiratory care, or surgical assisting must annually complete implicit bias training which means a program approved by the department that is designed to expose unconscious prejudices or partialities, to provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking, to eliminate discriminatory behaviors, and to create awareness of implicit bias.</i>



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<i>Proposed AM1596 (M. Cavanaugh): Makes the implicit bias training requirement apply to any credential holder under the Uniform Credentialing Act except those in asbestos abatement, athletic training, body art, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, funeral directing and embalming, hearing instrument dispensing and fitting, lead based paint abatement, nail technology, radon detection, veterinary medicine, or a registered environmental health specialist.</i>						
LB886	Cavanaugh, M.	Monitor	Judiciary	01/27/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide requirements relating to pregnant prisoners and detainees <i>Prohibits the use of restraints on the abdomen, waist, or chest on any pregnant prisoner or detainee. Allows pregnant prisoner or detainee one support person of her choice in the delivery room during labor and recovery.</i>
LB893	Stinner	Monitor	Appropriations	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Appropriate funds for provider rate increases for developmental disability services <i>Appropriates \$26 million from the General Fund and \$41 million from federal funds for DD provider rate increases in FY 2022-23.</i>
LB895	Walz	Support	Health and Human Services	02/10/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022	Provide restrictions on prior authorizations by managed care organizations under the Medical Assistance Act <i>An MCO that implements an automated prior auth system shall use evidence-based clinical guidelines consistent with professional association standards to program that system and shall ensure that a health care professional of the same discipline or specialty makes the decision to deny or modify requests for authorization based on medical necessity. An MCO shall not require prior auth for the initial 12 treatment sessions of new episodes of care for chiropractic, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services.</i>
LB901	Pansing Brooks	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/19/2022	General File 02/17/2022	Provide for cytomegalovirus public education and prevention <i>Requires the DHHS to develop and publish information on its website and make materials available to child care facilities, school nurses, hospitals, birthing facilities regarding cytomegalovirus incidence, transmission, and defects, as well as methods of diagnosing, preventative measures, and services available to children diagnosed. Requires health care providers to give this information to each pregnant woman in their care during the first trimester. Requires the birthing facility in which a newborn infant fails an audiology test to provide such information to the parents.</i> <i>Proposed AM1748 (Health and Human Services): Makes the provision of materials by the Department of Health and Human Services mandatory, not "upon request." Allows but does not require health care providers to provide materials. Strikes the requirement for newborns to have a follow-up audiology appointment within 21 days of birth.</i>
LB902	Aguilar	Monitor	Education	02/14/2022	In Committee 01/10/2022 Speaker Priority Bill	Adopt the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act <i>States legislative intent to appropriate \$3 million to Board of Trustees and \$6 million to Board of Regents, and \$4 million to DED for both fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Nebraska State Colleges shall award a maximum of \$15,000 to student who receives ACT score of 18 or higher, enrolls at state college in one of following programs of study: rangeland management, industrial technology, criminal justice, business administration, education, communication, or computer information systems. This scholarship automatically renews on annual basis, up to 4 years, if student remains enrolled and in good standing. Student must register and obtain NE-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position or employment in major-related field prior to completing program. University of Nebraska shall award NE career scholarship to any eligible university student. Eligible programs of study include math, engineering, health care, computer information system, business or education. \$10,000 to any transfer student or student scoring in range of 20-27 on ACT, and \$25,000 to any student who received ACT score of 28 or higher. This scholarship automatically renews on annual basis, up to 4 years, if student remains enrolled/good standing. Student must register and obtain NE-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position or employment in major-related field prior to completing program. DED to award funds to use at a 50-50 split between community college and private postsecondary institutions in selected skilled trades.</i>
LB905	Walz	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/19/2022	General File 02/01/2022	Provide for perinatal mental health screenings <i>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.</i>



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						<i>Proposed AM1609 (Health and Human Services): Copies the substance of the bill into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act, in addition to the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.</i>
LB906	Hansen, B.	Neutral	Health and Human Services	01/27/2022	Final Reading 02/23/2022 Hansen, B. Priority Bill	Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services
						<i>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.</i>
						<i>AM1729 (Health and Human Services): Same as AM1687. -ADOPTED 2/9/22</i>
						<i>AM1805 (Williams): Includes a definition of "Medicare-certified or medicaid-certified provider or supplier" subject to federal law and CMS vaccination requirements. Adopted 33-1. -ADOPTED 2/9/22</i>
						<i>AM1902 (Friesen): Would require the University to refund student's tuition and transfer the student's hours to another postsecondary institution, for enforcing a COVID vaccine requirement. -WITHDRAWN 2/15/22</i>
						<i>FA72 (Groene): Strikes the allowance of an employer granting an exemption to require periodic testing or PPE provided by the employer, strikes "federal contractor" from the Medicare/Medicaid certified provider definition from AM1805. -LOST 2/15/22</i>
						<i>AM1923 (Hunt): Would increase the number of employees from 1 to 15 for an employer to be required to provide the exemptions. -LOST 2/16/22</i>
						<i>Proposed AM1925 (Hunt): Would require employers granting an exemption to require employees granted an exemption be tested and masked.</i>
						<i>Proposed AM1926 (Hunt): Creates an exception for employers that would experience an undue hardship for granting an exemption to their vaccine mandate.</i>
						<i>Proposed AM1927 (Hunt): Requires employers to pay hazard pay to vaccinated employees if they grant a vaccine exemption to another employee.</i>
LB909	McDonnell	Monitor	Judiciary	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Authorize mental health professionals and practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody and provide for a training and certification process
						<i>Requires DHHS to create a certification process for licensed independent mental health practitioners to take persons into emergency protective custody when the practitioner has probable cause to believe a person is mentally ill and dangerous and harm is likely to occur before mental health board proceedings could be initiated. Clarifies notice provisions to the county attorney include such professionals.</i>
LB912	Morfeld	Support	Education	02/28/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds
LB920	Lathrop	Monitor	Judiciary	01/26/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022 Judiciary Priority Bill	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
						<i>NAPA/NHA Summary: -Criminal justice reform package making many changes to sentencing and parole.</i>



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						-Adds eligibility to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act, for further financial assistance for psychiatrists and mental health practitioners practicing in the treatment of members of the community supervision population (persons on probation, post-release supervision, and pretrial release).
						For NECAA: https://tinyurl.com/mr3crtap
LB929	Wishart	Support	Health and Human Services	01/26/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Require submission of a medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage <i>Would require DHHS to seek federal funds to extend postpartum care for medicaid beneficiaries from sixty days to twelve months.</i>
LB933	Albrecht	Monitor	Judiciary	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022 Hilgers Priority Bill	Adopt the Nebraska Human Life Protection Act <i>Makes it a Class IIA felony to intentionally and knowingly 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; or to use or employ any instrument or procedure upon a pregnant woman with the specific intent of causing or abetting the termination of the life of an unborn child. Excepts the administration, prescription, or sale of contraceptives not intended to cause or abet termination of an unborn child. Provides an affirmative defense to physicians in emergency procedures to protect the life or vital organs of the pregnant woman. No woman upon whom an abortion is performed is liable. Requires a precursor of action from the Supreme Court, an amendment of the Constitution, or a law passed by Congress that would give Nebraska the authority to regulate under this act for the provisions to become operative.</i> <i>Proposed AM1577 (Hunt): Excludes pregnancies resulting from incest or sexual assault, regardless of whether such sexual assault was reported, investigated, or prosecuted.</i>
LB943	Bostar	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/15/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Prohibit certain provisions in a health plan in relation to clinician-administered drugs <i>An insurance policy shall not: (a) Refuse to authorize or pay a provider for providing covered clinician-administered drugs and related services; (b) Impose limitations or require an enrollee to pay an additional fee when obtaining clinician-administered drugs from a health care provider or a pharmacy; (c) Interfere with the right of a patient to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from such patient's provider or pharmacy of choice; (d) Require clinician-administered drugs to be dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the insurer; (e) Limit or exclude coverage for a clinician-administered drug when such drug is not dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the health plan if such drug would otherwise be covered; (f) Reimburse at a lesser amount a clinician-administered drug dispensed by a pharmacy not selected by the insurer; (g) Condition or refuse to authorize, or reduce payment to a participating provider for providing covered clinician-administered drugs and related services when the participating provider obtains clinician-administered drugs from a pharmacy that is not a participating provider in the insurer's network, if all criteria for medical necessity are met; (h) Require an enrollee to pay an additional fee, for clinician-administered drugs when not dispensed by a pharmacy selected by the insurer; or (i) Require a specialty pharmacy to dispense a clinician-administered medication directly to a patient with the intention that the patient will transport the medication to a health care provider for administration. An insurance policy may offer, but shall not require: (i) The use of a home infusion pharmacy to dispense clinician-administered drugs to patients in their homes; or (ii) The use of an infusion site external to a patient's provider office or clinic.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i>
LB946	Wayne	Oppose	Judiciary	01/19/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Prohibit the prescription of off-label medications to certain juveniles <i>Prohibits the prescription of off-label medications for juveniles in the custody of the state.</i>
LB950	DeBoer	Monitor	Appropriations	02/17/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for academic medical research and development <i>Appropriates \$10 million from ARPA to the University of Nebraska for academic medical research and development at the Global Center for Health Security at UNMC for FY2022-23.</i>



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LB952	Cavanaugh, J.	Monitor	Judiciary	01/26/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Provide medicaid enrollment assistance to inmates prior to release from incarceration <i>Requires DHHS to provide onsite Medicaid enrollment assistance to each inmate at least 60 days before release and to submit all inmates' Medicaid applications at least 45 days prior to release unless the inmate elects not to apply in writing or the inmate is currently enrolled with suspended coverage.</i>
LB955	Murman	Monitor	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/01/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Prohibit certain insurance practices relating to a person's status as a living organ donor <i>Prohibits declining or limiting an individual's coverage under any life insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care insurance policy due to the status of such person as a living organ donor.</i>
LB956	Murman	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/17/2022	In Committee 01/11/2022	Change provisions relating to confidential public health information <i>The Director of Public Health or the chief executive officer of DHHS may authorize the disclosure of individually identifiable health information reported to the department if the disclosure of specific information is necessary to address the occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition caused by bioterrorism, epidemic, or a pandemic disease, or an infection agent or biological toxin that poses a substantial risk of significant human fatalities, permanent or long-term disability, or health care needs that exceed available resources.</i>
LB959	McCollister	Neutral	Appropriations	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/12/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the statewide designated health information exchange <i>Appropriates \$5.922 million from ARPA to DHHS for infrastructure development related to patient access to medical records and maintenance for applications that facilitate patient access to medical records for FY 2022-23. Appropriates \$3 million from ARPA to DHHS for infrastructure development and operations of a research database in health care delivery and quality improvement for FY 2022-23.</i>
LB963	Murman	Monitor	Health and Human Services	03/02/2022	In Committee 01/12/2022	Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act <i>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.</i>
LB967	Lathrop	Monitor	Business and Labor	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/12/2022	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act <i>Allows all hearings and trials (not just non-evidentiary hearings and those hearings agreed to by parties) to be held telephonically or by videoconferencing. Decreases from 30 days to 14 days' notice of a public hearing in front of the Workers Compensation Court and changes notice via newspaper to online notice. Extends return of service from 7 to 14 days.</i>
LB971	McDonnell	Monitor	Appropriations	01/28/2022	General File 02/10/2022	Change the name of the Brain Injury Trust Fund Act to the Brain Injury Assistance Act and change certain provisions in the act <i>Changes from a Fund to a Program administered by DHHS, still through a contract with UNMC.</i>
LB976	Wishart	Support	Health and Human Services	01/20/2022	In Committee 01/12/2022	Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act <i>Provides legislative intent to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment and expand capacity to address increased need, including the opioid overdose crisis, and establish innovative community partnerships with law enforcement, schools, and hospitals to improve care, reduce recidivism, and address health disparities. Requires DHHS to develop a prospective payment system under Medicaid for funding certified community behavioral health clinics. Such system shall permit either daily or monthly payment rates. DHHS shall submit to CMS any approval request necessary for a Medicaid state plan amendment to implement.</i>



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LB980	McKinney	Monitor	Judiciary	01/26/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Provide for release for medical treatment, change provisions relating to medical parole, and provide for parole eligibility for persons serving sentences of life imprisonment <i>Provides when person committed to Department of Corrections requires medical treatment, the Director of Correctional Services may place such person in an institution, facility, or community placement. Adds physical health to list of conditions for which the Director of Correctional Services may authorize a person to visit a place/facility or work/participate in a training program. Provides a committed offender serving a life sentence will be eligible for parole upon serving 25 years of such sentence. Provides a committed offender serving a life sentence serving a consecutive term of years, in addition to a sentence of imprisonment, whether received at the same time or at any time during the original sentence, will be eligible for parole when the offender has served the greater of (a) 25 years or (b) a total of ½ the minimum term for any and all sentences for a term of years. Requires board to conduct parole review no later than 60 days prior to the date a committed offender becomes eligible for parole. Applies changes to all committed offenders under sentence or on parole on or after the effective date of this act and all persons sentenced on and after such date.</i>
LB988	Stinner	Monitor	Appropriations	01/31/2022	General File 02/11/2022	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a medicaid rate study for assisted-living services <i>Appropriates \$100,000 in general funds and directs DHHS to claim up to \$100,000 of federal medicaid administrative matching funds to contract for a cost study on reasonable rates for assisted-living care and assisted-living memory care in the aged and disabled medicaid waiver.</i>
LB989	Stinner	Support	Appropriations	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Appropriate funds for medicaid nursing facility rates <i>Appropriates \$26 million in general funds and \$34 million in federal funds to increase the base for funding appropriations for medicaid nursing facility services in FY2022-23 by \$60 million, in addition to the 2% rate enhancement, 1.5% utilization adjustment, and inflation.</i>
LB996	Dorn	Monitor	Appropriations	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for assisted-living facilities <i>Appropriates \$5.4628 million from ARPA to DHHS for assisted-living facilities to be used to enhance employee recruitment and retention and costs for supplies and equipment. Provides distribution to licensed assisted-living facilities will equal \$400 per licensed bed in such facility.</i>
LB1007	Murman	Support	Health and Human Services	02/11/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022	Change provisions relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act <i>Current law states that in consideration of the agreement by the recipient, the State of Nebraska and a local entity within the designated health profession shortage area will provide equal funding for the repayment of the recipient's qualified educational debts, this bill adds that such equal funding shall not be required by the local entity in the event that federal law does not require a match by the local entity for the repayment of qualified education debts.</i>
LB1014	Hilgers	Support	Appropriations	01/25/2022	In Committee 01/13/2022 Appropriations Priority Bill	Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 <i>Governor's ARPA Requests. Includes \$40 million to expand mental health care capacity; \$40 million for public health response measures; \$10 million for the UNK-UNMC Rural Health Complex; \$35 to replace aging rural ambulances; \$25 million for child welfare aid to provide for increased caseloads and a temporary provider rate increase; \$15.5 million for YRTC-Kearney; \$100 million for non-profit shovel-ready arts, culture, humanities, and sports projects; \$90 million to community colleges for workforce training; \$50 million for Rural Workforce Housing; \$25 million for urban Middle-Income Workforce Housing; \$60 million for Site and Building Development; \$60 million a three-year pilot program for family-directed education recovery accounts for low income families; \$10 million to DHHS for increased IT utilization; \$47.7 million to expand the Grand Island law enforcement training center facility; \$25 million for loan repayment for behavioral health and nursing professionals; \$15 million for meat processing site development; \$12 million to support development of North Omaha's 24th Street; \$10 million for commercial real estate leasing assistance; \$10 million to assist small and medium meat processors and to conduct a dairy industry study; \$36.7 million to provide premium pay increases for front-line workers in 24-hour state facilities; \$60 million for drinking water projects; \$50 million for STARWARS projects; \$100 million for the Perkins County canal; \$23.1 million for the Ft. Laramie-Gering Irrigation Canal repair; \$10 million to enhance water data collection; \$25 million for State Fair sewer upgrades; \$8.1 million for state park wastewater system projects; \$8 million for state college water and wastewater projects; and \$15 million to support administer ARPA funding. For more info: https://das.nebraska.gov/budget/publications/docs/2021-2023/pdf/Mid-BienniumBook/Governor's_Budget_Recommendations_Mid-Biennium_Budget_Adjustments_2021-2023_Biennium.pdf.</i>



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LB1044	Hilkemann	Support	Health and Human Services	02/11/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Adopt the Care Team Innovation Grant Pilot Project Act and state intent regarding federal funds <i>Expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$2 million from ARPA to DHHS to provide grants to hospitals pursuant to the Care Team Innovation Grant Pilot Project Act. Provides grants to fund innovative delivery of health care by hospitals, prioritized and awarded by the ability to improve the health care workforce in Nebraska. Grants are to be used for exploring new inpatient care delivery team models that utilize each health care professional to practice at the top of the individual's credential. Any grant recipient shall report the results of the expenditure of the grant to DHHS by Dec. 31, 2024. DHHS shall share the results with other health care facilities.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i>
LB1049	Kolterman	Support	Appropriations	02/03/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for the Office of Public Guardian <i>Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY 2022-23 and \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY 2023-24 to the Supreme Court, for Program 434, Office of Public Guardian, to hire additional staff. Expresses intent to build in the costs of the additional staff in future budgets.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i>
LB1054	McDonnell	Monitor	Appropriations	02/17/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	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 <i>Appropriates \$16 million from APRA 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.</i>
LB1055	McDonnell	Support	Appropriations	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for premium-pay to front-line nurses <i>Appropriations \$50 million from ARPA to DHHS to create a program to provide grants to any hospital that employs a front-line nurse. Such grants shall be used to provide a premium-pay bonus to such front-line nurse. A hospital or FQHC is eligible for a grant if it employs a front-line nurse in Nebraska; identifies the front-line nurse who will receive the premium-pay bonus and such front-line nurse is not a professional traveling nurse on contract. Grants 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 \$5000 per front-line nurse. Front-line nurse means a nurse with direct patient-care responsibilities.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i>
LB1062	Albrecht	Monitor	Business and Labor	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Change provisions relating to compensation for total disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act <i>Ends worker compensation for injuries to employees at the age of 72, unless the injury occurred after the employee was age 67, then the compensation for total disability ends after 5 years. Excepts spinal cord injuries, severe brain injuries, and total or industrial blindness from the age limitation.</i>
LB1063	Morfeld	Monitor	Appropriations	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Labor to increase the number of apprentices and provide premium pay <i>Appropriates \$5 million from ARPA to the Department of Labor to increase the number of apprentices through the registered apprenticeship system administered by the Department with focus on individuals who became unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and to provide premium pay to existing apprentices who are registered with the registered apprenticeship system and eligible for premium pay pursuant to ARPA, including workers in health care and infrastructure projects.</i>
LB1066	Stinner	Support	Appropriations	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services and the University of Nebraska for behavioral health care services <i>-Appropriates \$5 million from ARPA to DHHS for purposes of providing 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.</i>



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<i>-Appropriates \$28 million from ARPA to the University of Nebraska to be distributed to the Behavioral Health Education Center to be spent in the following manner: \$13 million for graduate and postgraduate training opportunities such as internships, practicums, and fellowships; \$10 million for the expansion of telebehavioral health services in rural areas; \$3 million for education and training opportunities for students and behavioral health professionals related to behavioral health issues caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and \$2 million for stipends for provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals employed in the field of behavioral health.</i>						
LB1067	Stinner	Support	Appropriations	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for the Behavioral Health Education Center <i>Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 and \$10 million from the General Fund for FY 2022-23 to the University of Nebraska for expenditure and distribution to aid in UNMC administering the Behavioral Health Education Center. States that is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$10 million from the General Fund for each year thereafter to the University of Nebraska for expenditure and distribution to aid in carrying out these duties.</i>
LB1068	Stinner	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/03/2022	General File 02/17/2022 Stinner Priority Bill	Change provisions regarding the Behavioral Health Education Center administered by the University of Nebraska Medical Center <i>Under current law Behavioral Health Education Center administered by UNMC shall provide funds for up to 9 medical residents in psychiatric residency training program The bill adds 2 positions and expands eligible programs to PAs or psychiatric nurse practitioners—in a NE-based psychiatry program each year. 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. Increases from 10 to 12 the spots for one-year doctoral-level psychology internships placed to increase access to behavioral health in underserved areas. Adds requirement to provide funds for up to 10 one-year mental health therapist internships or practicums with trainees placed in underserved areas. Adds 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.</i>
LB1070	Williams	Support	Appropriations	02/15/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for infrastructure related to rural workforce housing <i>Appropriates \$20 million from ARPA to DED to award grants for infrastructure related to rural workforce housing authorized pursuant to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act. DED may create a program to administer the grants compliant with ARPA.</i>
LB1071	Williams	Support	Appropriations	02/08/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate funds for the workforce housing grant program <i>Appropriates \$30 million from the General Fund for FY 2021-22 to DED, for Program 601 (Housing and Community Development/Operations), for purposes of the grant program described in section 81-1229 (workforce housing grant program).</i>
LB1072	McDonnell	Monitor	Appropriations	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a financial success program <i>Appropriates \$1 million from ARPA to DED to contract with a postsecondary institution that partners with a federally qualified health center in Omaha. Such contract shall require the postsecondary institution to contribute \$2 million in private funding for a financial success program for low-income populations to educate qualified participants in financial literacy, economic stability, chronic disease management, income and benefit enhancement, and housing security, and to provide services for food assistance, improved economic security, and chronic disease management.</i>
LB1075	Stinner	Support	Appropriations	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for technology that will support statewide pediatric mental health services <i>Appropriates \$1.8 million from ARPA to DHHS for Program 38 (behavioral health/aid). DHHS shall provide such funding for any pediatric trauma center in Nebraska to purchase technology that will support statewide pediatric mental health services through telehealth and telemonitoring.</i>
LB1076	Stinner	Support	Appropriations	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to develop software to streamline coordination of care for children with medically complex conditions <i>Appropriates \$600,000 from ARPA for FY 2022-23 to DHHS for Program 33 (central office/operations). DHHS shall contract with a Nebraska-based pediatric trauma center to develop software to streamline coordination of care for all children in Nebraska with medically complex conditions enrolled in Medicaid.</i>



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LB1079	Hansen, B.	Monitor	Appropriations	03/01/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	State intent to appropriate federal funds for disbursement to Nebraska residents as prepaid debit cards <i>Expresses legislative intent to appropriate for FY2022-23 one-half of the amount received from ARPA to the Department of Revenue for distribution directly to residents of Nebraska in the form of a prepaid debit card. The department shall design the card so that it may only be used at a business located in Nebraska, must be used within 12 months.</i>
LB1085	Pansing Brooks	Support	Appropriations	02/28/2022	In Committee 01/20/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for career and technical educational student organizations <i>Appropriates \$5 million from ARPA to the Department of Education to carry out the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act and for career and technical educational student organizations. Expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$1.3 million from the General Fund each fiscal year beginning in FY 2022-23 for administration of the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i>
LB1086	Geist	Monitor	Judiciary	02/24/2022	Introduced Lowe Priority Bill	Adopt the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act <i>Makes it a criminal act to provide any pregnant person with an abortion inducing drug unless it is provided by a physician before the 49th day of pregnancy. Makes it a misdemeanor if the physician intentionally and knowingly does not schedule a follow up appointment to determine if the pregnancy was terminated. Any physician who provides an abortion inducing drug must file a report with the including the physician's name, drug they gave their patient, if the patient returned for a follow-up, if the patient was referred, and if there were any complications.</i> <i>Proposed AM1630 (Hunt): Excludes any health care consultation or procedure under the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act for a person whose pregnancy resulted from incest or sexual assault, regardless of whether such incest or sexual assault was reported, investigated, or prosecuted.</i> <i>Proposed AM1633 (Hunt): Excludes any health care consultation or procedure under the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act for a person whose pregnancy resulted from labor or sex trafficking, regardless of whether such trafficking was reported, investigated, or prosecuted.</i>
LB1088	Stinner	Monitor	Appropriations	02/10/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund <i>Transfers \$300 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or before June 30, 2023, but keeps language stating no funds shall be expended from the fund unless Nebraska is selected for the project.</i>
LB1089	Stinner	Support	Appropriations	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for licensed and medicaid-certified nursing facilities <i>Appropriates \$60 million from ARPA to DHHS to provide money to licensed and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities in the following manner: \$45 million to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities divided proportionately by the Medicaid-certified beds at such facilities; and \$15 million divided equally among the Medicaid-certified nursing facilities that were in the top 25% of Medicaid-certified nursing facilities with the highest percentage of bed-days paid by Medicaid in fiscal year 2021-22. The funds shall be used to provide supplemental incentive payments for direct care staff members employed at licensed and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities to enhance employee recruitment and retention.</i>
LB1091	Dorn	Support	Health and Human Services	02/11/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Adopt the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds <i>Expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$5 million from ARPA to DHHS to carry out the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act scholarship program. To qualify for a scholarship, a student shall be a resident of NE, intend to enroll in an approved nursing program, intend to practice as an LPN or nurse aide, and agree in writing to work for two years in NE as an LPN or nurse aid upon completion of the program.</i> <i>*NHA Legislation</i>



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LB1106	Day	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act <i>Amends the Mental Health Practice Act's education requirements for licensing of both the mental health practitioner and provisional mental health practitioner. A practitioner, provisional or not, may now qualify with a masters, doctoral, or educational specialist degree, training in therapeutic mental health and a practicum or internship from an educational program approved or accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists. Specifies that the examination must come from the National Association of School Psychologists and adds that nationally certified school psychologists are eligible for certification.</i>
LB1129	Morfeld	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Provide free contraceptives for women as prescribed <i>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.</i> <i>Proposed AM1616 (Morfeld): Clarifies a gender neutral application of the law by changing "woman" to "person."</i>
LB1131	Morfeld	Support	Appropriations	03/01/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	State intent to appropriate federal funds for bonus payments for teachers, child care workers, and health care workers <i>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.</i>
LB1133	Morfeld	Oppose	Business and Labor	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Include health care workers within provisions concerning compensability of mental injuries and mental illness under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act <i>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.</i>
LB1136	Hunt	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/16/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Adopt the Senior Care LGBTQ Discrimination Prevention Act <i>Prohibits a facility (including a long-term hospital) or the staff of a facility from discriminating against an individual or a resident of such facility based on the individual's or resident's sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or human immunodeficiency virus status. Requires a facility to post certain non-discrimination notices and keep records for a resident at the time of admission that include the resident's gender identity and preferred name and pronouns; use doors or other visual barriers to provide privacy for residents whenever the resident is partially or fully unclothed. Facility staff who are not directly involved with providing direct care to a resident shall not be present during a physical examination or the provision of personal care to a resident if the resident is partially or fully unclothed without the permission of the resident or the resident's legally authorized representative. Allows DHHS to take disciplinary action against a facility license for violations.</i>
LB1138	Vargas	Support	Appropriations	03/01/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for local public health departments <i>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.</i>
LB1139	Hansen, M.		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Prohibit certain corporations from making contributions or expenditures or providing personal services under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act <i>Prohibits 501(c)(12) corporations, "benevolent life insurance associations of a purely local character and like organizations, mutual ditch or irrigation companies and like organizations [and] mutual or cooperative telephone companies and like organizations" from making political contributions, campaigning for or against a candidate, ballot question, or legislation.</i>



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LB1159	Wishart	Support	Appropriations	03/02/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a model system of care <i>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.</i>
LB1167	Flood	Support	Appropriations	02/24/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for internships and expanding and retaining Nebraska's workforce <i>-Appropriates \$30 million from ARPA to DED for enhancing and retaining Nebraska's workforce through an internship grant program. -Appropriates \$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.</i>
LB1168	Linehan	Monitor	Revenue	02/23/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Provide an income tax deduction for the costs of medical care <i>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.</i>
LB1175	Wayne	Monitor	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/15/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Prohibit a health insurer from removing a provider as an in-network provider under certain circumstances <i>Allows providers negatively affected by the removal from a network to bring a civil action against the insurer for damages.</i>
LB1177	Bostar	Support	Appropriations	01/31/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a pilot program for frontline first responders <i>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.</i>
LB1183	Aguilar	Monitor	Appropriations	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/21/2022	State intent to appropriate federal funds for federally qualified health centers <i>Provides legislative intent to appropriate \$25 million from ARPA to DHHS to be distributed as grants to federally qualified health centers for costs associated with capital projects that will expand health care access to Nebraskans most impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.</i>
LB1216	Cavanaugh, M.	Monitor	Judiciary	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians and conservators <i>Removes prohibition on owners, managers, administrators, employees, or their spouses of any nursing home, room and board home, assisted living facility, or institution engaged in the care, treatment, or housing of any person physically or mentally handicapped, infirm, or aged being appointed guardian of a person residing, receiving treatment or care, of being house in such home, facility, or institution.</i> <i>Proposed AM1949 (M. Cavanaugh): Replaces the bill to create an exception to the prohibition on owners, managers, administrators, employees, or their spouses from being appointed as guardian or conservator of a resident. The exception applies to employees or independent providers who are guardians/conservators or who have a power of attorney for a person alleged to be incapacitated and residing or receiving treatment at such facility and who are also the spouse, adult child, parent, or other relative of the allegedly incapacitated person.</i>



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LB1221	Morfeld	Support	Appropriations	02/25/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19 <i>Appropriates \$XX from ARPA to DHHS for the purpose of purchasing remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19.</i>
LB1223	Hansen, M.	Support	Judiciary	03/03/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Require reimbursement for lodging certain defendants in county jails and require state hospitals to maintain beds for certain patients <i>-If a judge orders a defendant to be committed to DHHS to receive treatment to restore competency and such defendant remains lodged in the county jail, DHHS shall reimburse the county for lodging the defendant. -Requires state hospitals for the mentally ill to provide a set minimum number of beds: 30 beds for patients whose care in the state hospital is necessary to protect the public health and safety; 30 beds for defendants determined by a court to be incompetent to stand trial and who remain lodged in the county jail; 90 beds for patients committed by a mental health board under the Mental Health Commitment Act or Sex Offender Commitment Act of by a district court; 30 beds for patients who are most likely to be benefited by treatment in state hospitals regardless of whether such patients are committed or seek voluntary admission; and 20 beds for indigent patients.</i>
LB1230	Hilkemann	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/03/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Provide for a statewide education program regarding cancer and state intent to appropriate funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund <i>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.</i>
LB1249	Hansen, B.	Support	Health and Human Services	02/02/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Change provisions of the Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Act <i>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.</i> <i>*NAND Legislation</i>
LB1260	DeBoer	Support	Judiciary	02/23/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Change provisions relating to the Public Guardianship Act <i>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.</i>
LB1264	McDonnell	Oppose	Revenue	02/23/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes <i>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.</i>
LB1267	Vargas	Support	Appropriations	02/23/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds for health equity liaisons for various state commissions <i>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.</i>
LB1269	Murman	Support	Appropriations	02/22/2022	In Committee 01/24/2022	Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for repayment of qualified educational debts owed by certain health professionals <i>Appropriates \$10 million from ARPA to the Department of Health and Human Services for the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by eligible health professionals.</i>



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Document	Senator	Position	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Description
LR264CA	Erdman	Oppose	Revenue	02/03/2022	General File 02/24/2022 Erdman Priority Bill	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes

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.