

BILL SUMMARY

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2018 Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Nebraska Fire Chief's Association Bill Analysis & Disposition Form

Bill Introducer Committee Hearing Date		Position	Status
LB 27 Murante Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 1/19/2017	AUDITOR LATE FEE ASSESSMENTS Would authorize late fee of \$20 per day, maximum of \$2,000 per delinquency, for every political subdivision failing to file interlocal agreements with state auditor (would apply to fire protection districts). Would also change filing date from December 31 to September 20. State auditor must request each governing body to provide interlocal agreements. If political subdivision fails to provide information by September 20, auditor may audit at expense of political subdivision.	Neutral	In Committee
LB 36 Harr Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 1/20/2017	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT/AGENCY REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIALS Would require state agencies to review rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of occupational credentials and to complete and release a critical assessment document (a statement developed by an agency which lacks the force of law but provides a critical analysis of the significance and necessity of the agency's rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of all occupational credentials). Would require reviews beginning January 1, 2018 and every year thereafter. Would require a critical assessment document to state and explain a) the health, well-being or consumer protection purpose of the rule or regulation with respect to the issuance of occupational credentials; b) the protection provided by the rule or regulation with respect to the issuance of occupational credentials; c) a review and determination that the rule or regulation has achieved the purpose in a cost-effective manner without unduly inhibiting entrepreneurship and commerce; and d) a description, including an estimated quantification, of the fiscal impact on state agencies, political subdivisions, and regulated persons of the rule or regulation.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 41 Hilkemann Transportation Hearing 2/27/2017	MAKE CHILD SAFETY SEAT VIOLATION PRIMARY OFFENSE Would make violation of child safety seat enforcement from a secondary offense to a primary offense and increase fine for the infraction from twenty-five dollars to fifty dollars.	Watch	In Committee
LB 42 Hilkemann Transportation Hearing 2/27/2017	INCREASE AGE FOR USE OF CHILD SAFETY SEAT AND ADOPT CERTAIN FEDERAL SAFETY PROVISIONS Would move age from six years to eight years of age for all children required to use child safety seat in vehicle and occupy the rear seat of the vehicle if available. Would also require children up to two years of age to use a rear-facing child safety seat until child outgrows the manufacture's height or weight requirements.	Watch	In Committee
LB 43 Hilkemann Transportation Hearing 2/21/2017	CHANGE DOUGLAS COUNTY 911 SERVICE SURCHARGES Would remove exception of excluding Douglas County from ability to increase uniform service surcharge for 911 service an additional fifty cents per month and also limit that monthly uniform service charge shall not exceed one dollar per month. Would also remove limitations for Douglas County capping wireless surcharge at fifty cents and allow seventy cents, like other counties.	Watch	In Committee
LB 83 Blood Transportation Hearing 2/6/2017	ALLOW PHYSICIAN MEDICAL DIRECTORS EMERGENCY LIGHTS Would allow physician medical director use of red lights or blue lights on motor vehicle while in route to fire or other emergency, upon authorization in writing by county sheriff.	Watch	General File
LB 104 Bolz Judiciary Hearing 2/9/2017	AUTHORIZE SURROGATE TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS Would authorize a surrogate, as defined in bill, to make health care decisions for patient if patient lacks capacity and no agent or guardian has been appointed. Adult or emancipated minor may personally designate any individual to act as a surrogate by personally informing supervising health care provider. In absence of designation or unavailability of designee, person listed in bill may act as surrogate. Provides default mechanisms authorizing surrogate to be an adult who had exhibited special care and concern for patient, familiar with patient's personal values, and who is reasonably available to act as a surrogate.	Neutral	General File

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LB 127 Groene Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 2/2/2017	REQUIRE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING Would require notice of each public body meeting to be published in newspaper and may also be provided by other appropriate method designated by public body. Public body must record methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.	Neutral	General File
LB 130 Urban Affairs Urban Affairs Hearing 1/24/2017	SEPARATE ANNEXATION LAWS INTO SEPARATE SECTIONS Would separate into different sections of law in the event of annexation of sanitary and improvement district, fire protection district, and road improvement district.	Support	Final Reading
LB 156 Friesen Transportation Hearing 2/21/2017	REPEAL 911 SERVICE SYSTEM ACT TERMINATION DATE Would outright repeal section of statute which calls for termination of the 911 Service System Act on June 30, 2018.	Support	In Committee
LB 157 Friesen Transportation Hearing 2/13/2017	CHANGE PREPAID WIRELESS SURCHARGE Would add an additional factor in determining prepaid wireless surcharge, presently there are only two factors.	Watch	Select File

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LB 212 Hansen Business & Labor Hearing 1/23/2017	ADOPT IN THE LINE OF DUTY COMPENSATION ACT Would create In the Line of Duty Compensation Act for firefighters and members of law enforcement. Firefighter includes paid or volunteer fire department member in Nebraska including a member of a rescue squad associated with a paid or volunteer fire department, and a member of an emergency medical services ambulance squad. For deaths occurring during 2018, compensation of \$50,000 and in 2019, and each year thereafter, equal to amount of compensation from previous year increased by percentage increase, if any in Consumer Price Index. Persons entitled to receive compensation shall be those designated by person killed in line of duty. If no person designated, then paid in accordance with a will left by the law enforcement officer or firefighter, if no person designated or no will left, compensation paid as follows: surviving spouse, if no surviving spouse then to surviving descendant of the decedent per stripes. If neither surviving spouse nor surviving descendants, then paid to parents of decedent or parent and then paid to others as stated in bill. To receive compensation, application filed with compensation administrator within one year after date of death and include information as set forth in bill.	Support	In Committee
LB 279 Hilkemann Transportation Hearing 2/27/2017	REQUIRE LAP-SHOULDER BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES Would require each school bus manufactured after the effective date to be equipped with lap-shoulder belts. Would also clarify that nothing required in the act would be construed to increase or decrease liability of school district for failure of or misuse of seatbelt by injured passenger or other, nor increase or decrease liability of school district in continued operation of a school bus without lap-shoulder belts.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 299 Ebke Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 2/24/2017	ADOPT OCCUPATIONAL BOARD REFORM ACT Would create the Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards with purpose to increase economic opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation. Would identify broad categories of individuals obtaining occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, or government certification or state recognition of individual's personal qualifications. Would authorize Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards to review and approve or reject any proposed rule, regulation, policy, enforcement action, or other regulatory action prior to adoption, promulgation, or implementation. Would require scheduled and regular review of rules and regulations.	Watch	General File
LB 365 Blood Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 2/2/2017	PUBLIC RECORDS FEES FOR NONRESIDENTS Would allow additional fees to be charged for non-residents of Nebraska for public records.	Watch	General File
LB 368 Lowe Transportation Hearing 2/6/2017	REPEAL MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW Would a) prohibit a person from operating a motorcycle or moped on any highway in Nebraska unless wearing eye protection; b) prohibit any person under the age of 6 years from being a passenger on a motorcycle or moped; and c) would exempt individuals at least 21 years of age from the motorcycle helmet requirement. LOWE PRIORITY BILL 2017 and KRIST PRIORITY BILL 2018	Oppose	General File
LB 402 Hilkemann Health & Human Services Hearing 2/15/2017	NEBRASKA REGULATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT Would change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act, (scope of practice).	Watch	In Committee

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LB 438 Howard Revenue Hearing 3/17/2017	CIGARETTE TAX Would provide for increase of cigarette tax and distribution of funds. Would direct distribution of funds from the Nebraska Healthcare Cash Fund as designated in the bill, including, among others, \$1,500,000 for ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) and stroke cardiac monitors in training; \$1 million to the Simulation In Motion-Nebraska Program of UNMC; \$750,000 for Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Workforce Development; and \$500,000 for Nebraska Local Firefighters Training. Would increase cigarette tax from 64 cents per package to \$2.14. Would also increase amount placed in General Fund from the cigarette tax from 49 cents to \$1.24. Would increase the amount placed in the Nebraska Healthcare Cash Fund from \$1,250,000 annually to \$61,250,000.	Support	In Committee
LB 440 Wishart Judiciary Hearing 3/2/2017	RESCUE TRAPPED ANIMAL IN MOTOR VEHICLE Would provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for damage to motor vehicle for a person who causes damage to a motor vehicle in order to remove and rescue an animal locked or trapped in such vehicle. Would limit conditions in which immunity would flow, including requirement that the responding person has contacted either local law enforcement, the fire department, an animal control agency, or an emergency 911 service operator prior to forcible entry of the vehicle.	Watch	In Committee
LB 450 Chambers Judiciary Hearing 3/15/2017	PATIENT CHOICE AND END OF LIFE ACT Would adopt the Patient Choice at End of Life Act.	Neutral	In Committee
LB 471 Kolowski Transportation Hearing 2/27/2017	USE OF CELL PHONE-PRIMARY ACTION Would repeal language making enforcement of use of cell phone while driving as a secondary action.	Support	In Committee

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LB 479 Groene Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 1/26/2017	ADD SPECIFIC JOINT ENTITY TO BUDGET ACT Would require a joint entity created pursuant to Interlocal Cooperation Act that receives funds generated under section 2-3226.05 (river-flow enhancement funds) to be included in definitions of governing body subject to the Nebraska Budget Act. Would require budget hearing to be held on separate day from regularly scheduled meeting and would require 30-day delay from time of budget hearing to adoption of budget statement.	Watch	General File
LB 510 Ebke Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 3/8/2017	RESTRICT INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS Would prohibit political subdivision with statutory authority to enter into instalment contracts for purchase of real or personal property to have total outstanding obligations for instalment	Watch	In Committee
LB 569 Friesen Education Hearing 2/27/2017	ESTABLISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TASK FORCE AND SUNSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVY AUTHORITY Would establish nine member Community College Task Force to evaluate duplication of educational services and funding sources for community colleges. Would require Task Force to report on its findings and recommendations for alternative funding for community colleges. The Task Force would terminate January 1, 2020. Would also terminate levying authority of community colleges effective January 1, 2020.	Watch	In Committee
LB 577 Hilgers Judiciary Hearing 3/3/2017	ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER, OR OUT OF HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDER BY AMBUSH Would create new criminal offense of assault on peace officer, firefighter, or out of hospital emergency care provider by ambush while such defined person is engaged in performance of official duties. Would define ambush as attack without warning from a concealed position or approach unsuspecting victim and attack unexpectedly and intentionally or knowingly cause serious bodily injury. Would establish penalty as Class IB felony with a minimum term of 40 years imprisonment and fined up to \$100,000.	Support	In Committee

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LB 612 Wayne Transportation Hearing 2/21/2017	REQUIRE 911 ACCESS FOR INTERNET PROTOCOL-ENABLED SERVICES Would require internet protocol-enabled service to have direct access to 911 call without additional code, digit, prefix, postfix, or trunk-access code. Would authorize public service commission to grant a one year waiver of the requirements if conditions met. Would require telecommunications company that does not comply with requirements of bill to place instructional sticker next to telephone that it is unable to directly dial 911 and provide instructions for accessing 911.	Support	In Committee
LB 623 Wishart Judiciary Hearing 3/3/2017	CHANGE PROVISIONS REGARDING ASSAULT ON PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER Would clarify definition of public safety officer (includes firefighter or out of hospital emergency care provider, among others), for purposes of assault on public safety officer.	Support	In Committee
LB 627 Larson Transportation Hearing 2/28/2017	OPERATION OF AUTONOMOUS MOTOR VEHICLES Would authorize the operation of autonomous motor vehicle by person with valid operator's license.	Watch	In Committee
LB 631 Larson General Affairs Hearing 2/6/2017	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FOR GAMING ACTIVITIES Would allow payment of gaming activities thorough use of credit card. Would also require pickle card operator to purchase, lease or rent dispensing device at not less than cost plus 10 percent, plus maintenance costs. Would also permit payouts from gross proceeds to be in range of 65 percent to 85 percent, current highest amount is 80 percent. Would also increase the amount available to be retained by licensed pickle card operator from 30 percent to 35 percent.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 638 Bostelman Judiciary Hearing 3/3/2017	ENHANCEMENT OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES BASED UPON VICTIM'S EMPLOYMENT Would increase penalty to next higher classification prescribed for the offense for crimes against person, person's property, or person's association with person employed as peace officer, probation officer, firefighter, emergency responder, out of hospital emergency care provider, local correctional employee, employee of Department of Correctional Services, employee of Department of HHS if the person committing the offense is a dangerous sex offender under the Sex Offender Commitment Act, or a healthcare professional.	Support	In Committee
LB 646 Pansing Brooks Executive Board Hearing 2/6/2017	EXTREME WEATHER PREPAREDNESS TASK FORCE AND STRATEGIC PLAN Would create task force, consisting of legislators to develop strategic action plan related to pests, drought, floods, high winds, impacts of extreme weather events or climate change. Task force to submit strategic action plan on or before December 15, 2017, to Governor and Legislature.	Watch	In Committee
LB 671 Krist Transportation Hearing 1/23/2018	PRIMARY OFFENSES FOR TEXTING AND SEAT BELTS Would make it primary violation, not secondary, for certain violations of provisional operator's permit (times of operation, limit passengers, and use of cell phone); would make holder of LPD-Learner's permit, LPE-Learners permit or operators license using interactive wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle a primary offense; would make texting while driving a primary offense; would also make violations of seat belt and car seat use and use of seat belts by young drivers, as defined in the bill, a primary violation; require all occupants in a motor vehicle to wear seat belts; and would prohibit the use of cell phone by any operator of a school bus. Outright repeals section 60-6,271 which makes enforcement of no cell phone use by school bus operator only a secondary violation.	Watch	In Committee
LB 672 Krist Judiciary Hearing 1/17/2018	PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL RELEASE FOR COMMITTED OFFENDERS Would authorize the Department of Corrections to place a prisoner on medical release to allow for placement of the prisoner at a hospital, hospice, or other location for treatment of medical condition.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 690 Blood Judiciary Hearing 2/27/2018	ADOPT THE COUNTERFEIT AIRBAG PREVENTION ACT Would define counterfit airbags used in motor vehicle; increase the penalty from the current Class I misdemeanor to at a minimum, a Class IV felony, with increased penalties dependent upon degree of bodily injury or death suffered by an individual.	Watch	In Committee
LB 693 Blood Judiciary Hearing 2/23/2018	REGULATE USE OF DRONES Among other items, would grant immunity from civil liability to an emergency responder for damage to an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system (drone) if emergency responder engaged in emergency services and emergency responder believes drone was interfering with the provision of such emergency services. Would also define emergency responder to include among others, volunteer firefighter, ambulance driver, and emergency medical personnel. Would also establish criminal elements for use of drones, unrelated to emergency responder immunity. At section 9, would exempt a restriction of a drone flying at less than 300 feet above a critical infrastructure facility; at section 10 over a school if drone used by law enforcement agency, fire department, or emergency medical service, among others; and at section 12, would prohibit person operating drone crossing a police cordon unless authorized to do so. Would define cordon to mean impediment or structure erected or established by a peace officer for purposes of crowd or traffic control, but does not include cordon established by fire or ems personnel. Would also exempt from prohibition of flight of drone over penal institution, law enforcement agency, fire department or emergency medical service. At section 15, would prohibit any person, except authorized by US military to operate a drone that is carrying or to which is attached, a firearm, knife, or deadly weapon.	Support & Seek Amendments	In Committee
LB 711 Baker Transportation Hearing 1/23/2018	CHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF OCCUPANT PROTECTION SYSTEMS Would require all occupants in motor vehicle wear seat belt, now only front seat occupants and driver are required to do so.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 737 Lindstrom Education Hearing 1/16/2018	ADOPT THE FIRST RESPONDER EDUCATION ACT Would authorize 30 percent resident tuition waiver for up to five years to first responder at state university or college, or community college provided conditions are met by first responder. Among conditions are that the degree relates to a career in fire protection or emergency management from an associate or baccalaureate degree program. Would include volunteer or paid firefighter or emergency medical service provider, including others.	Support	In Committee
LB 760 Hughes Revenue Hearing 1/17/2018	AMEND THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS INCENTIVE ACT Would authorize county volunteer department members to authorize in the tax credit act. Would permit retroactive application for volunteers serving a county to 2016 and 2017. Emergency clause attached.	Support	In Committee
LB 767 Quick Urban Affairs Hearing 2/13/2018	ADOPT 2018 BUILDING CODES Would adopt 2018 International Building Code, retain chapter 13 of the 2009 edition; adopt 2018 International Residential Code and retain chapter 11 of the 2009 edition except Section R313, and adopt 2018 International Existing Building Code.	Support & Seek Amendments	In Committee
LB 788 Riepe Health & Human Services Hearing 1/18/2018	UNIFORM CREDENTIALING ACT Would require, with the first license renewal period beginning on or after October 1, 2018, the continuing competency requirements for a nurse, midwife, nurse anesthetist, dentist, physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, and veterinarian to include at least five hours of continuing education biennially regarding prescribing opiates, with at least two of the five hours of continuing education to cover the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 797 McDonnell Judiciary Hearing 2/21/2018	CHANGE PENALITES FOR SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE ARSON Would increase penalties for arson: second degree from Class III felony to IIA; third degree for damages \$1,000 or more from Class IV felony to IIIA; third degree damages \$500 but less than \$1,500 from Class I misdemeanor to IV felony; and third degree if damages are less than \$500 from Class II misdemeanor to Class I misdemeanor.	Support	In Committee
LB 834 Howard Health & Human Services Hearing 1/24/2018	UNIFORM CREDENTIALLING ACT Would authorize the waiver of first year occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements for low-income individuals, military families, and young workers (18-25).	Watch	In Committee
LB 837 Howard Executive Board Hearing 1/25/2018	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT Would require submission of waiver applications to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature prior to submitting the application to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Would require the Health and Human Services Committee to hold a public hearing within 90 days after submission of the application to the Committee and either approve or disapprove submission of the application to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	Watch	In Committee
LB 850 Linehan Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 1/31/2018	DISCLOSURE OF PAYOFF OF BONDS Would require political subdivision that issue bonds on or after August 1, 2018, to disclose anticipated costs to the political subdivision of paying off the bonds according to their terms.	Watch	In Committee
LB 884 Harr Revenue Hearing 1/18/2018	SALES TAXATION-SALES TAX Would authorize use of the county local option sales tax to be used for economic development or for manufacturing or industrial site development, and would remove limitation of county sales tax in areas subject to municipal sales tax.	Support	In Committee

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LB 889 Wayne Urban Affairs Hearing 2/13/2018	PROVIDE AND ELIMINATE DUTIES RELATING TO FIRE CODES Would require the fire marshal to develop a state fire code as described in the legislation. Would require the rules and regulations developed by the fire marshal not later than July 1, 2019, to conform generally to NFPA, Pamphlet 1, known as Fire Code 2012 Edition, NFPA, Pamphlet 101, known as the Life Safety Code, 2012 Edition, but not when doing so would impose unduly severe or costly burden. Would outright repeal statute regarding high-rise building fire code found at 81-541.01.	Support	In Committee
LB 890 Wayne Urban Affairs Hearing 2/13/2018	PROVIDE FOR FEE EXAMINATION AND REPORT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL Would require fire marshal to prepare report to be filed with the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature no later than December 15, 2018, with an analysis of fees charged by the fire marshal's office.	Watch	In Committee
LB 894 Crawford Health & Human Services Hearing 1/24/2018	ADOPT THE EMS PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT Would authorize Nebraska to become participant in EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). Would require new applicant for advanced EMT, EMT, or paramedic to be subject to criminal background check. Would authorize temporary licensure of out of hospital emergency care provider relocating to Nebraska if such person is lawfully authorized in another state that has adopted licensing standards of the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.	Support	In Committee
LB 913 McDonnell Judiciary Hearing 1/31/2018	ASSAULT OF HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS Would extend provisions relating to assault with a bodily fluid against a public safety officer to include health care practitioners, including pharmacists practicing in a hospital or health clinic setting.	Watch	General File
LB 923 Morfeld Judiciary Hearing 1/31/2018	ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE Would provide immunity for certain law enforcement employees administering naloxone and change provisions relating to immunity for persons reporting or experiencing alcohol overdoses.	Watch	General File

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LB 924 Riepe Health & Human Services Hearing 1/24/2018	UNIFORM CREDENTIALING ACT Would change provisions relating to criminal background checks for designated providers (not including pharmacists); revise licensure and continuing competency requirements under the Occupational Therapy Practice Act; and change provisions relating to the Emergency Medical Services Practices Act. (makes multiple references to the term “pharmacological interventions,” without providing a definition for the term). Would replace the term “out of hospital emergency care provider,” with “emergency care provider”; adds a new term and defines it which is “advanced emergency medical technician”; and defines titles of the following emergency medical service providers: emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate (which would terminate December 31, 2025), and paramedic.	Support & Seek Amendments	In Committee
LB 931 Howard Judiciary Hearing 1/26/2018	OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS FOR MINORS Would limit prescriptions of opiates for a patient younger than 19 years of age for outpatient use for an acute condition to no more than a seven-day supply, subject to certain specific exceptions and require the prescribing practitioner to discuss with a parent or guardian of the patient the risks associated with use of opiates and the reason why the prescription is necessary if the practitioner has not previously prescribed an opiate for the patient. Would require the practitioner, if a longer supply of opiates is required to treat the patient’s medical condition to document the medical condition triggering the prescription in the patients record and to indicate that a non-opiate alternative was not appropriate to address the medical condition.	Watch	In Committee
LB 932 Howard Judiciary Hearing 2/1/2018	OPIOID TREATMENT Would require the medical director of the Department of Correctional Services to include in discharge planning the establishment of a protocol to determine whether or not an inmate soon to be released should be prescribed and dispensed a medication-assisted treatment that could assist in reducing or eliminating the inmate’s use of opiates.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 933 Lindstrom Judiciary Hearing 1/26/2018	OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS Would require a practitioner prescribing a controlled substance listed in Schedule II of section 28-405 or any other opiate not listed in Schedule II, prior to issuing the initial prescription for a course of treatment for acute or chronic pain and again prior to the third prescription for such course of treatment, to discuss with the patient, or the patient's parent or guardian if the patient is younger than 18 years of age and is not emancipated. (a) The risks of addiction and overdose associated with the controlled substance or opiate being prescribed, including, but not limited to: (i) Controlled substances and opiates are highly addictive even when taken as prescribed; (ii) There is a risk of developing a physical or psychological dependence on the controlled substance or opiate; and (iii) Taking more controlled substances or opiates than prescribed, or mixing sedatives, benzodiazepines, or alcohol with controlled substances or opiates, can result in fatal respiratory depression; (b) The reasons why the prescription is necessary; and (c) Alternative treatments that may be available.	Watch	In Committee
LB 934 Kuehn Judiciary Hearing 1/26/2018	OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS Would require a customer, in order to take receipt of dispensed opiates listed in Schedule II, III or IV of section 28-405 to display a valid driver's or operator's license, a Nebraska state identification card, a military identification card, an alien registration card, or a passport as proof of identification	Watch	In Committee
LB 943 Wishart Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 1/31/2018	REDEFINE A TERM RELATING TO BUDGET LIMITATIONS Would eliminate from the definition of allowable growth for budget purposes the percentage increase in taxable valuation in excess of the base limitation established under section 77-3446. (Sections 77-3446 is that part of the budget law that sets the base limitation at 2 ½ %).	Watch	In Committee

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LB 944 Speaker Scheer Appropriations Hearing 2/5/2018	REDUCE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS Section 40. Agency No. 12. State Treasurer: Program No. 117. Mutual Finance Assistance Act. MFO funding for FY 2017-18 remains at \$4 million, as was stated in LB 327 from 2017. However, for FY 2018-19, the amount is reduced to \$3.6 million. Section 86. Agency No. 21. State Fire Marshall Program No. 340 – Training DIV. FY 2017-18 is reduced from General Fund of \$867,553 to \$850,202 and in FY 2018-19, General Fund is reduced from \$878,531 to \$843,390. Section 173. Agency No. 51 – University of Nebraska: Program No. 781 – University Administration. The dollar amounts remain unchanged from LB 327 in 2017, which state FY 2017-18 an estimated \$2,804,862 General Funds and in FY 2018-19 the same amount, for the Nebraska Forrest Service Program.	Neutral	In Committee
LB 993 Friesen Transportation Hearing 2/5/2018	Create the 911 Service System Advisory Committee and change the 911 Service System Act and eliminate the act's termination date Would create the 911 Service System Advisory Committee which would advise the Public Service Commission concerning several aspects of the 911 service system. The Advisory Committee would include representatives from several public safety agencies, including emergency manager, law enforcement agency, member of a fire department, and member of an emergency medical service, along with representatives from counties, municipalities, telecommunications industry, and public safety answering points. Would provide for immunity for group of persons involved within next-generation 911 service, except failure to use reasonable care or for intentional acts.	Support	In Committee
LB 1009 Murante Transportation Hearing 2/6/2018	CREATE SUPER-TWO RURAL HIGHWAY AND INCREASE SPEED LIMITS Would increase many of the state highway systems and interstate speed limits by five miles per hour, but on the interstate only after engineering and traffic investigation.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 1025 Wayne Urban Affairs Hearing 2/13/2018	CREATE THE BUILDING CODES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CHANGE BUILDING CODE PROVISIONS Would require state building code to be adopted by county, city or village that adopts building code and the same for each county, city or village which has not adopted local building or construction code. Would also create the Building Codes Advisory Committee charged with reviewing each new edition of any component of state building code and report to Governor and Legislature.	Watch	In Committee
LB 1035 Riepe Health & Human Services Hearing 2/2/2018	AMEND THE STROKE SYSTEM OF CARE ACT Would add another specific type of hospital to the Stroke Act to include endovascular therapy capable stroke center.	Watch	In Committee
LB 1106 Linehan Revenue Hearing 2/14/2018	CHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR OVERRIDING PROPERTY TAX LIMITS Would establish two different voting requirements for ballot question to override property tax limits. If statewide Primary or General Election, majority of votes cast would be sufficient. However, if at a special Election, and majority of votes cast in favor, the number of favorable votes must be at least equal to one-half of the number of registered voters voting at the immediately preceding statewide Primary Election in the political subdivision plus one.	Oppose	In Committee
LB 1111 Stinner Gov't-Military & Veterans Affairs Hearing 2/7/2018	ADOPT THE FISCAL STRESS MANAGEMENT ACT Would provide state auditor ability to declare taxing authority being under status of fiscal watch because one or more financial indicators have been met. Cash balances decreased over past three years; bonded indebtedness has reached ratio equal to or more than 20 percent of revenue; liabilities in a comprehensive annual financial report have reached a ratio equal to or more than 20 percent of revenue; village, city, or county is at maximum levy rate over the past three years; or unused restricted funds authority has decreased over past three years.	Watch	In Committee

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LB 1117 Crawford Revenue Hearing 2/15/2018	CIGARETTE TAX Would increase the tax on a pack of cigarettes from 64 cents to 2.14 cents, and increase tax on other tobacco products. Would increase amount of funds placed in Health Care Cash Fund.	Watch	In Committee
LB 1122 Larson Transportation Hearing 2/13/2018	AUTHORIZE TESTING OF AUTOMATED MOTOR VEHICLES AS PRESCRIBED Would authorize use of on-demand automated motor vehicle network which allows passengers to connect to automated motor vehicles between points chosen by passengers. Would also require manufacturer of automated driving system that before beginning research in Nebraska of an automated motor vehicle, required to submit proof to director of insurance and director of motor vehicles that the motor vehicle is insured as required under Nebraska law. Would require manufacturer ensure following circumstances exist when researching or testing: vehicle operated only by employee, contractor, or other person designated by manufacturer; individual in the vehicle has ability to monitor vehicle's performance and, if necessary, take control of vehicle's movements; and individual must be licensed to operate motor vehicle in the United States. Would authorize a motor vehicle manufacturer to participate in a SAVE project. SAVE project authorizes eligible motor vehicle manufacturers to make available to the public on-demand automated motor vehicle networks. The SAVE project would have geographical boundaries.	Watch	In Committee