

**Nebraska State Dairy Association
106th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session**

Document	Senator	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Description
Administrative / General					
LB749	Blood	Judiciary	02/26/2020	Committee	Adopt the Nebraska Anti-Terrorism Act <i>Enacts the Nebraska Anti-Terrorism Act, which creates several new felony offenses for engaging in terrorist activity in Nebraska. Creates new felony offense prohibiting "person who has received military-type training from a designated foreign terrorist organization" from using training to disrupt or attempt to disrupt operations of a critical infrastructure facility. Creates new felony for "spread[ing] any poison, bacterium, radioactive material, virus, or harmful chemical compound to farm plants or animals" with a terroristic intent. Creates new felony offense for introducing poisons or harmful chemicals into waters of the state or any food, drink or medicine.</i>
LB899	Hughes	Natural Resources	01/23/2020	Committee	Provide certain powers to public power districts relating to biofuels and biofuel byproducts <i>Specifically authories public power districts to develop, manufacture, use purchase or sell biofuels or biofuel by products to reduce greenhouse emissions.</i>
LB1015	Briese	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs		Committee	Provide for year-round daylight saving time <i>Provides for year-round daylight savings time.</i>
LB1034	Friesen	Revenue		Committee	Extend the application deadline and change certain credits under the Nebraska Advantage Act <i>Extends the sunset date of the Nebraska Advantage Act to Dec. 31, 2021.</i>
LB1040	Vargas	Agriculture	02/11/2020	Committee	Provide for a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program <i>Appropriates \$150,000 to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for grants under the federal food insecurity nutrition incentive program.</i>
LB1045	Brandt	Revenue		Committee	Require the posting and reporting of tax incentive information under the Taxpayer Transparency Act <i>Requires the publication of various information from entities that receive tax incentive refunds, exemptions or credits on the website of the Department of Revenue.</i>
LB1057	Lowe	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/05/2020	Committee	Change provisions regarding appeals of certain zoning decisions by county planning commissions and county boards <i>Allows for appeals to district court for county board or county planning commission determinations on conditional use permits or other special exceptions.</i>
LB1067	Erdman	Transportation and Telecommunicatio ns	02/04/2020	Committee	Provide for the crossing of a controlled-access highway by an all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle <i>Allows for all-terrain wheels or utility type vehicles to cross controlled access highways.</i>
LB1159	Stinner	Agriculture	02/11/2020	Committee	Change certain use restrictions and provide for unlimited license examination attempts under the Pesticide Act <i>Changes the time period to obtain a license for pesticide spraying from 60 days to 120 days, and allows for unlimited number of attempts to pass test.</i>
LB1165	Stinner	Agriculture		Committee	Eliminate the Nebraska Brand Committee and provide powers and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Livestock Brand Act <i>Eliminates the Nebraska Brand Committee. Transfers duties of the Nebraska Brand Committee to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Eliminates mandatory brand inspection and the brand inspection area. Retains and protects branding (including registration and renewal); moves administration of registration and renewal to the Department of Agriculture; eliminates the Nebraska Brand Committee, including all mandatory brand inspection.</i>

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LB1174	Briese	General Affairs	02/03/2020	Committee	Change licensure provisions under the State Electrical Act <i>Would amend licensure provisions under the State Electrical Act to allow a fire alarm installer licensee to supervise up to three apprentices. The bill also provides for specialty electrical licenses for irrigation system, sign installer, solar, type s journeyman to hang electrical conduit and pull electrical wire. Finally, the bill allows the State Electrical Board to consider relevant education, certification or experience acceptable for such specialty licenses.</i>
LB1200	Brewer	Agriculture		Committee	Rename the Livestock Brand Act and the Nebraska Brand Committee and change provisions relating to livestock <i>Rename the Nebraska Brand Committee. Update references in the act, especially related to electronic identifiers. Allows for electronic inspections still at \$1.10 per head. Adds a research fee when a person records a brand of not more than \$50. Increases copy and research fees. Increases renewal fees to \$200 from \$50. Requires 48 hour notice of need for brand inspection. Creates an additional surcharge for not giving 48 hour notice.</i>
LB1214	Friesen	Revenue		Committee	Adopt the Rural Economic Development Grant Act <i>Would adopt the Rural Economic Development Grant Act. The bill would provide grants for projects that do not qualify for incentives under Nebraska's major incentive program. Incentives are available for start-up businesses in micropolitan statistical areas (urban core of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 surrounding) and to nonprofit that assist with startups in these areas. The bill requires taxpayers utilizing the state's mainline program to remit 5% of tax credits utilized each year to be pooled and dispersed as grants through the rural economic development grant act</i>
LB1216	Vargas	Business and Labor	02/10/2020	Committee	Adopt the H3 Rural Renewal Award Act <i>Would adopt the H3 Rural Renewal Award Act and establish funding for a grant program to disburse awards to Nebraskans who live in a rural county and are employed in an H3 job. Eligible applicants would receive an award amount based on their hourly wage each month for up to 24 months. Applicants would be required to live in a rural county for at least 24 months after the award ends, for a total of four years of residency. Funded through a general fund appropriation of \$2 million to an endowment fund. Each year, the state would refund the program with up to \$1 million of one-to-one matching funds. The program would sunset after 10 years, in 2031, unless it is renewed.</i>
LB1220	Wayne	Revenue		Committee	Authorize High-Wage Jobs and Capital Investment Creation Fund entities <i>Would authorize High-Wage Jobs and Capital Investment Creation Fund entities. The proposal would incent the formation of private capital to be invested through flexible financing assistance through both venture investment and growth capital lending to accelerate the expansion of existing and new small businesses. Federal licensed and regulate Rural Business Investment Companies and Small Business Investment Companies or Nebraska-based entities with significant public-private partnership investment experience apply to the state to become a High-Wage and Capital Investment Creation Fund entity. Qualified applicants are authorized to raise private capital into a state High-Wage Jobs and capital Investment Creation Fund that would be eligible for a delayed tax credit taken in percentage increments over a three-year period. More private capital must be raised and invested into the state fund to match the value of the credit. There are both urban and rural components to the bill with a minimum of 25% of investment authority to be invested in counties with less than 200,000 inhabitants. There are claw back provisions for failure to maintain growth investments at the levels required for six years after closing the investment. There is a \$30 million annual allocation limitation. Application for entities is \$10,000.</i>

Broadband

LB992	Friesen	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/03/2020	Committee	Adopt the Broadband Internet Service Infrastructure Act and provide for certain broadband and Internet-related services <i>Proposes the Broadband Internet Service Infrastructure Act to allow for public-private partnership to underserved and unserved areas. Provides procedures for electric utility easements to be accessed by broadband carriers outside normal eminent domain process.</i>
LB996	Brandt	Transportation and Telecommunications	02/03/2020	Committee	Create the Broadband Data Improvement Program <i>Proposes the Broadband Data Improvement Program, which requires the PSC to improve broadband mapping coverage on the Nebraska broadband map.</i>

Employment Law

LB750	Blood	Judiciary	02/27/2020	Committee	Prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status <i>Prohibits discrimination based upon a person's military or veteran status in a broad range of circumstances including: municipal ordinances, Nebraska Fair Housing Act, County Civil Service Act, jury service, Nebraska Fair Employment Practices Act, government contracting, and the provision of health care services.</i>
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LB805	Wayne	Revenue	01/29/2020	Committee	Provide an income tax deduction for certain wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony <i>For wages paid by an employer to an individual who has been convicted of a felony, reduces the employer's federal AGI (for purposes of calculating Nebraska state income taxes) by an amount equal to 65% of such wages paid for the first 12 months of employment. Total deduction and may not exceed \$20,000 with respect "to any one individual."</i>
LB1016	Hansen, M.	Business and Labor	02/03/2020	Committee	Change the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act <i>An employer shall not retaliate or discriminate against an employee because the employee files a suit or complaint under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act; or testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation, proceeding, or action concerning a violation of the act. Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until the citation is paid. The Department of Labor shall post information on its web site regarding compliance with and enforcement of the Act, including the number and names of employers with more than two citations in the previous five years, and the number and names of employers with at least one unpaid citation from the previous five years.</i>
Taxes					
LB930	Briese	Revenue		Committee	Require a minimum amount of tax relief under the Property Tax Credit Act <i>Requires that for tax year 2020 and every year thereafter the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund have a minimum balance of \$250 million.</i>
LB946	Briese	Revenue		Committee	Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services <i>Makes sales tax applicable to all services (services shall be presumed taxable unless a specific sales tax exemption applies). Service includes all activities that are engaged in for other persons for a consideration and that involve predominantly the performance of a service as distinguished from selling or leasing tangible personal property. The term does not include services rendered by an employee to his or her employer. Provides that beginning Oct. 1, 2021, the sales tax rate be lowered from 5.5% to 4% and that it then be adjusted to provide approximately the same amount of sales tax revenue as would have been generated had the changes to the sales tax base made by this bill not gone into effect.</i>
LB974		Revenue	01/22/2020	Committee	Change taxation and school funding provisions <i>Excess revenues rather than tax increases are pegged as the payment mechanism. The Property Tax Credit Fund would remain untouched still doling out an additional \$275 million in property tax relief annually to property owners. Phases in per student foundation aid equal to a percentage of Nebraska's sales and income tax collections, 5% in year 1, 10% in year 2 and 15% in year. This would generate approximately \$742 per student in year 1, \$1,539 per student in year 1 and \$2,416 per student in year 3. From year 3 onward the proposal would target providing 15% of a school's basic funding moving forward. Reduces agricultural land valuation inside the school funding formula only from 75% to 65% in year 1 and then down to 57% in year 2. Reduces residential and commercial property valuations inside the school funding formula only from 100% to 95% in year 1, down to 90% in year 2 and finally down to 87% in year 3. Eliminates the averaging adjustment and the allocated income tax provisions of the school funding formula. Modifies Net Option Student Funding to Gross Per Pupil Property Taxes Funding. Provides transition aid for four years to schools with more than 1% of resources lost compared to Budget Disbursements and Transfers. This aid is provided at 100% in year 1 and phased down to 0% by year 4. Maintains a max levy limit of \$1.05. Schools retain the ability to override their maximum levy with a public vote. School spending is capped at inflation plus and construction; however, there is an escape clause to let schools recapture and levy more property taxes, up to 75% of their property levy if the state does not provide the level of support under LB974 as the formula dictates with a supermajority vote of the school board.</i>
LB990	Wayne	General Affairs	02/10/2020	Committee	Adopt the Games of Skill Act and use proceeds to reduce school district property tax levies <i>Authorizes sports betting, fantasy sports betting and poker with proceeds to reduce the \$1.05 LER in the state aid formula.</i>
LB1070	Murman	Revenue	01/31/2020	Committee	Change a sales tax exemption relating to agricultural machinery and equipment <i>Clarifies the sales tax exemption for ag machinery and equipment to include header trailers, header haulers and head transports.</i>
LB1073	Deboer	Education		Committee	Create the School Financing Review Commission, add basic funding aid, and change adjusted valuations, the local effort rate, and certification dates <i>Basic Funding Aid: All school districts will receive 7.5% of the basic funding calculated by the TEEOSA formula. Basic funding is calculated based on average expenditures of similarly sized school districts from the previous year's annual financial report. Basic funding aid received will be considered a resource within the TEEOSA formula, resulting in additional state aid to non-equalized school districts without reducing state aid to equalized school districts. 55% Agriculture land value: Within the TEEOSA formula only, reduce the adjusted ag-land valuations by 17% from 72% to 55%. This will lower the resources calculation within the TEEOSA formula, resulting in increased equalization aid to districts with ag-land and bringing some non-equalized school districts into equalization aid. 99 Cent LER: Within the TEEOSA formula, the local effort rate will be calculated at 99 cents, or six cents below the maximum levy, a one cent reduction from the current calculation. This will increase state aid to all equalized school districts. School Finance Review Commission: Provide for a School Finance Review Commission that will include representatives from stakeholders on property tax and school finance, and experts in the area of school finance. The Commission will review and make recommendations to the Legislature on future changes as land value, demographics, and enrollment numbers continue to change.</i>

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LB1075	Linehan	Revenue		Committee	Change tax provisions relating to net book value <i>Would change tax provisions relating to net book value in year 19 from 6.69 to 6.68.</i>
LR300CA	Erdman	Revenue		Committee	Constitutional amendment to prohibit all forms of taxation other than a consumption tax <i>Proposes a constitutional amendment, effective January 1, 2022, prohibiting "the State of Nebraska and all political subdivisions of the state" from imposing "any form of taxation other than a single-rate consumption tax" that applies to all new goods and services. Prohibits the Legislature from granting any exemptions from such consumption tax.</i>
Watch / Monitor					
LB742	Blood	Judiciary	02/26/2020	Committee	Change penalty, sentencing, and hearing application provisions relating to offenses against animals <i>Adds to the penalty structure for animal cruelty/neglect/abandonment by expanding list of offenses that are subject to the mandatory restriction on ownership of animals for not less than 5 years and not more than 15. Also changes deadline for County Attorney to file application determining disposition and cost of care of animals seized under statutory scheme.</i>
LB747	Blood	Revenue	01/23/2020	Committee	Change the definition of microbusiness under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act <i>Includes investment advisor representative within definition of "microbusiness" eligible under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act. Impacts certain agricultural operations, who are eligible as a "microbusiness" under the Act if net worth is less than \$500,000.</i>
LB791	Slama	Agriculture	01/21/2020	Committee	Change provisions of the Livestock Animal Welfare Act relating to ownership, possession, or seizure of animals <i>Amends the Livestock Animal Welfare Act to include animal defined in 29-1008. Animal in 28-1008 is refunded as "any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom. Animal does not include an uncaptured wild creature or livestock animal as defined in Section 54-902"</i>
LB859	Hughes	Natural Resources	02/06/2020	Committee	Change provisions relating to qualifications and terms of office for certain Game and Parks Commission members <i>Changes qualifications for members of the Game and Parks Commission. Specifically requires 3 members to be engaged in "farming or livestock production" rather than "agricultural pursuits."</i>
LB879	Geist	Revenue	01/23/2020	Committee	Eliminate funding for the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act and change the termination date for applications <i>Provides that the \$2 million that is saved from the elimination of the Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act is to be shifted to increase funding to the Business Innovation Act.</i>
LB919	Wayne	Agriculture	02/04/2020	Committee	Change requirements for approval or denial of licenses or licensing agreements under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act <i>Provides that a permit to grow hemp can be denied for "nonpayment of required application and registration fee."</i>
LB947	Erdman	Transportation and Telecommunications		Withdrawn	Change provisions relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles <i>Allows for the crossing of a controlled-access highway by an all terrain vehicle if for agricultural purposes. (pg 5)</i>
LB1008	Scheer	Appropriations	01/29/2020	Committee	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations
LB1009	Scheer	Appropriations	01/29/2020	Committee	Provide for transfers of funds, repeal a fund, and change use of a fund
LB1010	Scheer	Appropriations	01/29/2020	Committee	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions
LB1035	Friesen	Executive Board		Committee	Change the number of legislative districts <i>Beginning in 2023, expands the number of legislative districts from 49 to 50. This action is presently permitted under the Nebraska Constitution and would not require amendment of the Nebraska Constitution.</i>

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LB1152	Halloran	Agriculture	02/04/2020	Committee	Change licensing, cultivation, testing, transportation, violation and penalty, and powers and duties provisions relating to hemp <i>Makes numerous revisions to the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act.</i>
LR279CA	Scheer	Executive Board	01/22/2020	General File Executive Board Priority Bill	Constitutional amendment to authorize an increase in the number of members of the Legislature <i>Proposes constitutional amendment to increase the number of legislative districts from 49 to 55</i>
LR280CA	Wayne	Executive Board		Committee	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms

Water / Natural Resource

LB1026	Bolz	Appropriations	02/12/2020	Committee	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska <i>Appropriates \$5 million over FY20-21 and FY21-22 to the University of Nebraska for the Daughtery Water for Food Institute "to support water and agricultural research and existing collaborative initiatives to implement best practices in water conservation."</i>
LB1071	Hughes	Natural Resources		Committee	Adopt the Wildlife Damage Recovery Act <i>Proposes the Wildlife Damage Recovery Act. Would require the Game and Parks Commission to create a council and establish a program to provide financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who lose crops to antelope, deer and elk. Establishes an annual transfer from the State Game Fund of "up to" \$3 million each fiscal year to fund program.</i>
LB1072	Hughes	Natural Resources	02/05/2020	Committee	Authorize certain natural resources districts to issue flood protection bonds and use bond proceeds as prescribed <i>Permits a natural resources district to issue flood protection bonds for flood protection projects and practices, including low-impact development best management measures, conveyance channels, dams, reservoir basins, and levees. Issuance of such bonds requires approval of 2/3 of board members. Not applicable to natural resources districts encompassing a city of the metropolitan class (authority already exists).</i>
LB1201	Bostelman	Natural Resources	02/05/2020	Committee	Create the Flood Mitigation and Planning Task Force <i>Creates Flood Mitigation and Planning Task Force, the duties of which would include examining and coordinating flood planning and mitigation efforts in Nebraska and developing strategies related to the same. Requires reporting to Executive Board of Legislature on findings in two annual reports due November 1, 2020 and November 1, 2021. Task force members include: Directors of DNR, DEE, DOT, NEMA, Ag (or designees); natural resources district representative; Chair of Legislature's Natural Resources Committee; at-large member of Legislature appointed by Executive Board.</i>