



### **Sine Die and Farewell, So Long**

The Legislature bid farewell to a sizable group of departing senators. **Thirteen members** are exiting the body, including: Speaker John Arch, Senator Christy Armendariz, Senator Tom Brandt (Natural Resources Committee Chair), Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, Senator Robert Clements (Appropriations Committee Chair), Senator Wendy DeBoer, Senator Myron Dorn, Senator Ben Hansen (Executive Board Chair), Senator Megan Hunt, Senator Fred Meyer, Senator Mike Moser (Transportation and Telecommunications Committee Chair), Senator Dave Murman (Education Committee Chair), and Senator Jane Raybould.

### **Final 2026 Number of Bills Introduced (excluding A Bills), 109th Legislature: 1262**

1st Session: 715 2nd Session: 547

### **Number of Carryover Bills and Resolutions: 514**

Number of "A" Bills Introduced, 109th Legislature: 114 1st Session: 41 2nd Session: 42

Number of Carryover "A" Bills: 10

Number of Resolutions Introduced, 109th Legislature: 511 1st Session: 281 2nd Session: 230

Number of CA Resolutions Introduced, 109th Legislature: 30 1st Session: 18 2nd Session: 12

Number of Carryover Resolutions: 20

Number of Constitutional Amendments Delivered to the Secretary of State, 109th Legislature: 0

1st Session: 0 2nd Session: 0

### **Number of Bills to Become Law, 109th Legislature: 361 1st Session: 202 2nd Session: 159**

### **Bills of Interest advancing this session:**

*\*\*Christmas tree bills*

### **Signed by the Governor**

**LB397** (Moser) As the safety committees are no longer required, employers would no longer be required to have one to be considered in good faith and entitled to be covered by workers' compensation insurance pursuant to the Act. Additionally, the Fund would no longer have a purpose and is being terminated. The remaining funds would then be transferred to the General Fund.

**LB441** (Spivey) Allows virtual inspections for certain **residential** building permits under specific conditions, including live video inspections and the use of video or photo documentation for nonstructural re-inspections. It also mandates that inspection records for structures still standing be made publicly accessible, ensuring transparency and efficiency in the permitting process.

**LB768\*\*** (Dover) Provide powers for the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act, and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act

**LB819** (Hallstrom) Change provisions of the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act

**LB1246** (Dover) Provide duties for the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act

**LB778** (Dungan) Change grant eligibility provisions under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act

**LB783** (Hallstrom) The bill is based on a uniform law from the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) and is designed to replace inconsistent common-law practices with a structured statutory framework. By clarifying the duties of the assignee, the rights of creditors, and the oversight role of the court, aims to maximize the value of the debtor's estate while reducing the administrative and legal costs often associated with federal bankruptcy proceedings. Additionally, the bill includes a specific exemption to the documentary stamp tax for transfers made under this act.

**LB803\*\*** (Revenue) Change provisions relating to the listing of taxable tangible personal property. The bill has become the second of two Revenue Committee packages and now includes:

**LB938** (Hallstrom) Adopt the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act and provide for income tax adjustments

**LB1116** (Ibach) Change provisions relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act

**LB847\*\*** (Kauth) Adopt the Nebraska Registered Apprenticeship Act, change provisions relating to funds, child labor, the Business Innovation Act, the Contractor Registration Act, the Employee Classification Act, the Employment Security Law, and the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act, and transfer administration of student internships to the Department of Labor

**LB864** (Prokop) Transfer administration of student internships from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Labor

**LB1015** (Ibach) Redefine a term and change provisions relating to the combined tax and the state unemployment insurance tax rate under the Employment Security Law and change provisions relating to the Business Innovation Act

**LB1044** (Prokop) Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act

**LB877** (Hallstrom) Update the Nebraska Uniform Controlled Substances Act to conform the state Controlled Substances Schedule to the federal Controlled Substances Schedule.

**LB883** (Andersen) Change provisions relating to the Civic and Community Center Financing Act and the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program

**LB901\*\*** (Revenue) Adopt the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Service Providers Tax Credit Act, change provisions related to the confidentiality of shared information, the distribution of certain tax revenue, contracts between the Tax Commissioner and collection agencies, the collection and enforcement of delinquent income tax claims, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act, and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act, provide for fees, provide an excise tax on kratom, eliminate certain personal property and sales and use tax exemptions and a tax credit, and terminate the Department of Revenue Miscellaneous Receipts Fund

**LB1109** (von Gillern) Eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and a renewable energy tax credit and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act and the ImagiNE Nebraska Act

**LB967\*\*** (Jacobson) Change provisions relating to insurance fees, licensing, and trade practices, pharmacy benefit managers, mutual insurance holding companies, the Population Health Information Act, the Health Information Technology Board, and the Site and Building Development Act and adopt the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act

**LB953** (von Gillern) Change provisions related to eligible activities for and requirements for assistance from the Site and Building Development Fund

**LB1205** (Clouse) Require the Department of Economic Development to award grants under the Business Innovation Act

**LB1067** (Hallstrom) Change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund, and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund

**LB1071 and 1072 aka the ‘budget bills’ –**

**LB1071\*\*** (Arch) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027

**LB1070** (Dover) Change appropriations to the Department of Economic Development

**LB1190** (Conrad) Change authorized use of funds appropriated to the Department of Economic Development

**LB1072\*\*** (Arch) Provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to fees, funds, fund transfers, agency powers and duties, and various statutory programs

**LB844** (Rountree) Provide for additional grants under the Site and Building Development Fund

**LB1114\*\*** (Urban Affairs Committee) Change provisions related to eligibility of redevelopment plans for expedited review under the Community Development Law

**LB850** (J. Cavanaugh) Authorize the use of economic development programs for certain construction or rehabilitation of housing in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

**LB915** (Lippincott) Change the number of authorized inland port districts under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act

**LB1129** (Dover) Change provisions of the Community Development Law

**LB1130** (Jacobson) Adopt the Community Improvement District Act

**LB1152** (Ballard) Adopt the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act

**LB1135\*\*** (Urban Affairs Committee) Adopt the Service Contract Reporting Act, authorize municipalities to contract regarding parking facilities, change provisions of the Community Development Law, the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act, and the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, and provide for the sale of certain waterworks, sewer systems, and water systems to Indian tribes

**LB811** (Dover) Change provisions relating to the municipalities that are authorized to form their own land banks under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act

**LB1168** (Wordekemper) Authorize the issuance of conduit revenue bonds under the Community Development Law

**LB1165** (von Gillern) Adopt the Grow the Good Life Act, provide an income tax credit, change provisions relating to the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Advantage Act, and the Site and Building Development Act, and create grant programs to help employers retain or attract employees and to assist cities of the first class impacted by private entity closure or downsizing

**Other Bills of Interest:**

**Opposed LB765** (Holdcroft) Change provisions relating to elections for school district bonds and bonds issued by a joint entity that includes a Nebraska school district or educational service unit. Did not make it out of committee.

**Supported LB1079** (vonGillern) Change provisions relating to the habitual criminal enhancement for theft offenses. Did not make it out of committee

## Top 10 Bill introducers by Senators and Committees

Senate Sponsors	# Bills
<a href="#">Sen. Terrell McKinney</a>	72
<a href="#">Sen. Ashlei Spivey</a>	61
<a href="#">Sen. Eliot Bostar</a>	61
<a href="#">Sen. Robert Hallstrom</a>	58
<a href="#">Sen. Barry DeKay</a>	54
<a href="#">Sen. Robert Dover</a>	51
<a href="#">Sen. Dave Murman</a>	50
<a href="#">Sen. Beau Ballard</a>	47
<a href="#">Sen. Tom Brandt</a>	47
<a href="#">Sen. Wendy DeBoer</a>	46

Legislature Committees	# Bills
<a href="#">Judiciary</a>	82
<a href="#">Health and Human Services</a>	71
<a href="#">Revenue</a>	52
<a href="#">Education</a>	43
<a href="#">Government, Military and Veterans Affairs</a>	43
<a href="#">Urban Affairs</a>	42
<a href="#">Banking, Commerce and Insurance</a>	34
<a href="#">Appropriations</a>	33
<a href="#">Transportation and Telecommunications</a>	25
<a href="#">Natural Resources</a>	22

- The Nebraska Legislature conducts **interim studies** to evaluate various issues and propose legislative changes. These studies are essential for examining specific topics in depth and informing future legislation.
  - Purpose of Interim Studies  
Interim studies allow legislators to gather information, assess the impact of existing laws, and explore potential reforms. For example, one recent study focuses on changes related to hemp and controlled substances.
  - The Nebraska Legislature has a list of ongoing interim studies on various topics. These studies cover a wide range of issues, including health information exchanges and retirement systems.

- Process and Outcomes

Each interim study typically results in recommendations that may lead to new legislation or amendments to existing laws. The findings are crucial for informed decision-making in future legislative sessions.

- The first session of the 110th Legislature is scheduled to convene Jan. 6, 2027.

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