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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

SIXTY-SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, April 15, 2021

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McDonnell.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Hughes presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Halloran who was excused; and Senators Hunt and Pansing Brooks who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-first day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 14, 2021, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

Dunning, Eric
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (Withdrawn 04/09/2021)
Lyons, Courtney
Nebraska Housing Developers Association

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kolterman filed the following amendment to [LB17](#):
[AM978](#)

(Amendments to AM929)

1 1. On page 11, lines 11 and 14, strike "[criminal](#)".

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 664A. Senator M. Hansen offered the following amendment:

[FA26](#)

Strike "4,060,000" on page 2, line 1 and insert "4,060,001"

SPEAKER HILGERS PRESIDING

Senator M. Hansen offered the following motion:

[MO37](#)

Bracket until April 16, 2021.

SENATOR WILLIAMS PRESIDING

Senator M. Hansen withdrew his motion to bracket.

Senator M. Hansen withdrew his amendment.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Kolterman moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 924:

Public Employees Retirement Board
Pamela E. Lancaster

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hilgers	McDonnell	Slama
Arch	Dorn	Hilkemann	McKinney	Vargas
Blood	Erdman	Hughes	Morfeld	Williams
Bostelman	Flood	Kolterman	Moser	Wishart
Brandt	Geist	Lathrop	Murman	
Brewer	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pahls	
Briese	Groene	Linehan	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	Wayne
Cavanaugh, M.	Friesen	Walz	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Day	Halloran	Hunt	Low	Stinner
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The appointment was confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Kolterman moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 924:

Public Employees Retirement Board
Thomas E. Zimmerman

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Aguilar	Clements	Hilkemann	McKinney	Vargas
Albrecht	Dorn	Hughes	Morfeld	Walz
Arch	Erdman	Kolterman	Moser	Williams
Bostelman	Geist	Lathrop	Murman	Wishart
Brandt	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pahls	
Brewer	Groene	Linehan	Pansing Brooks	
Briese	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Sanders	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hilgers	McDonnell	Slama	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Bostar	DeBoer	Friesen	Wayne
Cavanaugh, M.	Flood	Hansen, M.	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

The appointment was confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB83 with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 83. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public meetings; to amend sections 24-1204, 31-727.02, 38-170, 39-1108, 58-230, 79-1218, 84-1409, and 84-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-4108, 58-817, 79-2204, 82-803, 84-1411, and 84-1413, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide for virtual conferencing; to change certain notice of meeting provisions for sanitary and improvement districts; to change provisions of the Open Meetings Act; to prohibit invalidation of public meetings held pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order as prescribed; to provide an exception for certain meetings; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 92.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 85-502, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change residency and admission provisions with regard to students who are educated in a school that elects not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; to prohibit discrimination as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 101. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-994, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change the limitation on addition of long-term care services and supports to the

medicaid managed care program; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-502, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change residency requirements for award recipients from the National Service Trust as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state, district, and county fairs; to amend section 2-219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an exception for the conduct of games of chance pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act where a state fair or district or county agricultural fair is being held; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen, B.	Linehan	Pahls
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McCollister	Pansing Brooks
Bostar	Dorn	Hilkemann	McDonnell	Vargas
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	McKinney	Walz
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Morfeld	Wayne
Briese	Gragert	Lathrop	Moser	Williams
Cavanaugh, J.	Groene	Lindstrom	Murman	Wishart

Voting in the negative, 7:

Albrecht	Erdman	Hilgers	Slama
Clements	Geist	Sanders	

Present and not voting, 1:

Bostelman

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act; to amend sections 38-101 and 38-129.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide for additional credentials; to change requirements for credentials; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Linehan	Pansing Brooks
Albrecht	Clements	Groene	McCollister	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, B.	McDonnell	Slama
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Vargas
Bostelman	Erdman	Hughes	Morfeld	Walz
Brandt	Flood	Kolterman	Moser	Wayne
Brewer	Friesen	Lathrop	Murman	Williams
Briese	Geist	Lindstrom	Pahls	Wishart

Voting in the negative, 1:

Hansen, M.

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Hilkemann

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 400.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telehealth; to amend sections 71-8503 and 71-8505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 44-312 and 44-7,107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine a term; to change requirements for insurers and telehealth consultations under the medical assistance program; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 487.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-793, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change mental health condition and serious mental illness coverage provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood	Halloran	Lowe
Day	Hunt	Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 503.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act; to amend sections 76-1011 and 76-1018, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require payment of attorney's fees by an objecting party as prescribed; to change trustee's sale provisions relating to the priority and distribution of proceeds; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Groene	Linehan	Sanders
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, B.	McCollister	Slama
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Vargas
Bostar	Dorn	Hilgers	McKinney	Walz
Bostelman	Erdman	Hilkemann	Morfeld	Wayne
Brandt	Flood	Hughes	Moser	Williams
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murman	Wishart
Briese	Geist	Lathrop	Pahls	
Cavanaugh, J.	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 6:

Blood Halloran Lowe
Day Hunt Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 83, 92, 101, 197, 371, 390, 400, 487, and 503.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM566](#), found on page 658, was offered.

Senator Arch offered his amendment, [AM810](#), found on page 847, to the committee amendment.

The Arch amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

Senator Arch offered his amendment, [AM943](#), found on page 953, to the committee amendment.

Senator Arch withdrew his amendment.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 152. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 500. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 583. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 15, 2021, at 11:10 a.m. were the following: LBs 83e, 92, 101e, 197, 371, 390, 400, 487, and 503.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB156:
AM985

(Amendments to AM737)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 14. Sections 14 to 22 of this act shall be known and may be
3 cited as the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act.

4 Sec. 15. The Legislature finds and declares that:

5 (1) Job creation through rapid technology commercialization is a
6 vital part of the state's economic well-being;

7 (2) Innovation and technology-driven entrepreneurial activity
8 coupled with venture investment creates small business startups and
9 expansions at an accelerated rate, which leads to significant employment
10 opportunities that contribute to the state's financial health and
11 economic competitiveness;

12 (3) In order to maintain a healthy state economy and to aid
13 communities, entrepreneurship and technology-based small businesses must
14 be stimulated and supported; and

15 (4) Innovation hubs could serve as a vital resource for stimulating
16 and supporting entrepreneurship and technology-based small businesses in
17 this state.

18 Sec. 16. For purposes of the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act:

19 (1) Applicant means one or more entities that submit an application
20 to the director to become designated as an iHub. Eligible applicants
21 shall be one or more of the following:

22 (a) A fully accredited institution of higher education;

23 (b) A private nonprofit corporation engaged in economic development
24 activities;

25 (c) A county, city, or village in this state that has a preexisting
26 economic development department or program; or
1 (d) A public economic development institution such as a workforce
2 investment board or an economic development corporation;

3 (2) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

4 (3) Director means the Director of Economic Development;

5 (4) Economic redevelopment area means an area in the State of
6 Nebraska in which:

7 (a) The average rate of unemployment in the area during the period
8 covered by the most recent federal decennial census or American Community
9 Survey 5-Year Estimate by the United States Bureau of the Census is at
10 least one hundred fifty percent of the average rate of unemployment in
11 the state during the same period; and

12 (b) The average poverty rate in the area is twenty percent or more
13 for the federal census tract in the area;

14 (5) iHub area means the geographical area in this state in which an
15 iHub will operate. An iHub area may include:

16 (a) An economic redevelopment area; and

17 (b) An enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone
18 Act;

19 (6) iHub coordinator means the individual or entity agreed to by the

20 iHub partners who is responsible for all of the following:
21 (a) Implementing the objectives of the iHub;
22 (b) Serving as the primary agent responsible for coordinating
23 services and resources and maintaining the iHub partnership; and
24 (c) Serving as the primary liaison to the state and to the
25 department;
26 (7) iHub partner means any one of the firms, local governments,
27 economic development organizations, educational entities, or other
28 entities that make up the iHub; and
29 (8) Innovation hub or iHub means a partnership between interrelated
30 firms, local governments, economic development organizations, educational
31 entities, and other entities that collectively drive economic growth
1 within an iHub area.
2 Sec. 17. The department shall designate innovation hubs within iHub
3 areas to stimulate partnerships, economic development, and job creation
4 by leveraging assets to provide an innovation platform for startup
5 businesses, economic development organizations, business groups, and
6 venture capitalists. The assets may include, but are not limited to,
7 research parks, technology incubators, universities, and federal
8 laboratories.
9 Sec. 18. (1) Applicants may apply to the director to become
10 designated as an iHub. Applications shall be submitted on or after
11 November 1, 2021, and before June 1, 2022. The application shall include,
12 but not be limited to, the following:
13 (a) A statement of purpose;
14 (b) A signed statement of cooperation and a description of the roles
15 and relationships of each iHub partner;
16 (c) A designated iHub coordinator;
17 (d) A clear explanation and map conveying the iHub area;
18 (e) A clearly identified central location for the iHub;
19 (f) Clearly identified benchmarks or milestones with approximate
20 dates as to when they will be achieved;
21 (g) A complete budget, including a description of secured funds,
22 pending funds, and potential future funding sources;
23 (h) A list and brief description of local and regional incentives
24 and support programs;
25 (i) A clearly articulated commercial market focus and plan;
26 (j) A clearly articulated iHub management structure and plan, which
27 may include a description of the capabilities, qualifications, and
28 experience of the proposed management team, team leaders, or key
29 personnel who are critical to achieving the proposed objectives;
30 (k) A list of iHub assets and resources;
31 (l) A clearly articulated focus area of the iHub, including industry
1 sectors or other targeted areas for development and growth;
2 (m) A list of specific resources available to support and guide
3 startup companies;
4 (n) A clearly articulated list of goals to be achieved with the
5 designation of the iHub;
6 (o) Expectations for job development and business creation;
7 (p) Defined performance standards agreed upon by the entities
8 involved in the development of the iHub;
9 (q) Evaluation procedures that will be used to measure the level of
10 achievement for each stated goal;
11 (r) A plan for sustainability;
12 (s) Organizational experience, including capabilities, related
13 experience, facilities, techniques, or unusual resources that are
14 integral factors for achieving the proposed objectives;
15 (t) Demonstrated experience with innovation programs, such as
16 involvement with technology commercialization;
17 (u) Demonstrated experience with technology transfer or licensing;

18 (v) Demonstrated experience with intellectual property management;
19 and

20 (w) Evidence of community engagement and support.

21 (2) The director may waive any of the requirements listed in
22 subsection (1) of this section.

23 (3) The director shall determine whether or not to approve the
24 requested iHub designation by no later than July 1, 2022. Each iHub
25 designation shall be for a term of not more than five years. An iHub may
26 apply for redesignation without limitation as to the number of times.

27 (4) The iHub designation shall not be official until a memorandum of
28 understanding is entered into by the applicant and the director. The
29 memorandum of understanding shall include the goals and performance
30 standards identified in the application and other related requirements as
31 determined by the director.

1 (5) More than one iHub may be designated in the same iHub area to
2 the extent that there is a clear distinction between the focus areas of
3 the iHubs.

4 (6) The department shall set guidelines for approval, designation,
5 operation, reporting, and redesignation of iHubs.

6 (7) An iHub shall annually report to the director on its progress in
7 meeting the goals and performance standards as described in the iHub
8 application and the implementing memorandum of understanding with the
9 director. The report shall also include information regarding the number
10 of businesses served, the number of jobs created, and the amount of funds
11 raised by the iHub. The director shall annually post the information from
12 these reports on the department's web site and provide notice to the
13 Governor and the Legislature that the information is available on the web
14 site.

15 Sec. 19. A designated iHub shall include:

16 (1) At least one major university or research center or institute;

17 (2) At least one economic development organization; and

18 (3) At least four additional members. Each such member shall fall
19 within one of the following categories:

20 (a) A business support organization, including a workforce
21 development or training organization, an incubator or a business
22 accelerator, a business technical assistance provider, a chamber of
23 commerce, or a networking organization that supports innovation;

24 (b) An educational consortium, including technology transfer
25 representatives;

26 (c) A venture capital network, including angel investors;

27 (d) A business foundation, innovation foundation, science
28 foundation, laboratory research institution, federal laboratory, or
29 research and development facility;

30 (e) A municipal economic development division or department;

31 (f) A federal government partner, such as a national laboratory;

1 (g) A bank or other financial institution; or

2 (h) A labor union or similar employee organization.

3 Sec. 20. Before an official designation as an iHub, the applicant
4 shall self-certify that the iHub and its iHub partners are current in
5 payment of all state and local taxes owed.

6 Sec. 21. (1) An iHub may do all of, but shall not be limited to,
7 the following:

8 (a) Provide counseling and technical assistance to entrepreneurs,
9 either by direct or indirect services, in the following areas:

10 (i) Entrepreneurial business planning and management;

11 (ii) Financing and the use of credit;

12 (iii) Marketing for small businesses;

13 (iv) Tax education;

14 (v) Financial account management, bookkeeping, and budgeting;

15 (vi) Leadership development;

16 (vii) Insurance needs and requirements;
 17 (viii) Sources for grant funding and how to apply for such grants;
 18 (ix) Financial literacy education;
 19 (x) Permit and licensing requirements; and
 20 (xi) Government procurement processes;
 21 (b) Provide expert advice to entrepreneurs on starting a business,
 22 including legal requirements for starting a business and access to
 23 financing opportunities;
 24 (c) Conduct business workshops, seminars, and conferences with local
 25 partners including, but not limited to, universities, community colleges,
 26 local governments, state and federal service providers, private industry,
 27 workforce investment boards and agencies, small business development
 28 centers, microenterprise development organizations, small business
 29 service agencies, economic development organizations, and chambers of
 30 commerce; and
 31 (d) Facilitate partnerships between innovative startup businesses,
 1 research institutions, and venture capitalists or financial institutions.
 2 (2) An iHub shall, to the extent feasible, do all of the following:
 3 (a) Work in close collaboration with the activities of the
 4 department as its primary statewide partner; and
 5 (b) Coordinate activities with community colleges, universities, and
 6 other state economic and workforce development programs.
 7 Sec. 22. The director may adopt and promulgate rules and
 8 regulations to carry out the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act.
 9 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Wayne name added to LB147.
 Senator Aguilar name added to LB236.
 Senator Gragert name added to LB236.
 Senator Gragert name added to LB406.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Marlon Weiss of Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on a motion by Senator Morfeld, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
 Clerk of the Legislature

