## SIXTH DAY - JANUARY 11, 2023

# LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

# ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

## SIXTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Wednesday, January 11, 2023

## **PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Dr. Connie Dawson, Radiant Church, Lincoln.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

# **ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dorn who was excused; and Senators B. Hansen, Slama, and Wayne who were excused until they arrive.

# CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifth day was approved.

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## REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

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LB149	Appropriations
LB150	General Affairs
LB151	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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Albin, John - Commissioner, Department of Labor - Business and Labor

Bagley, Kevin - Director, Medicaid & Long-Term Care - Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services

Bolduc, John Andrew - Superintendent, Nebraska State Patrol - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Botsford, Brian - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs

Dunning, Eric - Director, Department of Insurance - Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Goins, Anthony L. - Director, Department of Economic Development - Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Green, Anthony (Tony) R. - Director, Developmental Disabilities - Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services

Hilgert, John - Director, Department of Veterans Affairs - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Hunter, Michael Shane - State Fire Marshal - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Jackson, Jason - Director, Department of Administrative Services - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Lahm, Rhona - Director, Department of Motor Vehicles - Transportation and Telecommunications

Lammers, Kelly J. - Director, Department of Banking and Finance - Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Menefee, Charity Merritt - Director, Division of Public Health - Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services

Reuss, Andrew N. - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Riley, Thomas E. - Director, Department of Natural Resources - Natural Resources

Rocha, Miguel - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired - Health and Human Services

Smith, Dannette R. - Chief Executive Officer, Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services

Steinkruger, Daniel (Dan) L. - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission - Natural Resources

Vinton, Sherry - Director, Department of Agriculture - Agriculture

(Signed) Tom Briese, Chairperson Executive Board

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Agriculture Committee elected Senator Ibach as Vice Chairperson.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 279.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend section 8-143.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate provisions relating to the report of loans, indebtedness, and credit of executive officers of banks; to adopt federal updates to law relating to extension of credit; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 280.** Introduced by Blood, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 38-1705, 38-1709, and 38-1710, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1707.01 and 38-1720, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Interstate Massage Compact; to change provisions relating to licensure and examination under the Massage Therapy Practice Act; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 281.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate money to the Department of Economic Development to provide grants for youth outdoor education camp facilities; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 282.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 283.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to disapprove certain claims.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 284. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 29-411, 29-3517, and 81-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 81-1414, 81-1414.15, and 81-1414.19, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act; to require city and county attorneys and the Attorney General to maintain public Brady and Giglio lists; to change and provide requirements for execution of no-knock search and arrest warrants; to define terms; to provide for exclusion of evidence; to prohibit criminal justice agencies from collecting, assembling, or preserving data relating to individuals' purported gang status; to require deletion of such records and notification of the subjects of such records; to provide a duty for the Nebraska Commission on

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; to require a bachelor's degree to gain admission to a law enforcement training academy; to require current law enforcement officers to obtain or begin obtaining a bachelor's degree by 2033; to change provisions relating to law enforcement officer records; to eliminate the offense of unlawful membership recruitment into an organization or association; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-1351, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 285.** Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-10,137, 79-10,138, and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the School Community Eligibility Provision Maximization Act; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act; to amend sections 38-101 and 38-1,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for participation in a physician wellness program; to provide an exception from reporting certain acts as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Introduced by Brewer, 43; Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Joint Public Agency Act; to amend section 13-2508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit new joint public agencies as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

#### RESOLUTION

#### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13. Read. Considered.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 7 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator Wayne requested a point of order on whether Legislative Resolutions should have a hearing before being voted on on the floor.

Senator Wayne withdrew his point of order.

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Briese	Erdman	Jacobson	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Sanders
Cavanaugh,M.	Geist	Linehan	Vargas
Clements	Halloran	Lippincott	von Gillern
Conrad	Hansen	Lowe	Walz
Day	Hardin	McDonnell	Wayne
DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Wishart
DeKay	Hughes	Moser	
Dover	Hunt	Murman	
Dungan	Ibach	Raybould	
	Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M. Clements Conrad Day DeBoer DeKay Dover	Cavanaugh, J. Fredrickson Cavanaugh, M. Geist Clements Halloran Conrad Hansen Day Hardin DeBoer Holdcroft DeKay Hughes Dover Hunt	Cavanaugh, J. Fredrickson Kauth Cavanaugh, M. Geist Linehan Clements Halloran Lippincott Conrad Hansen Lowe Day Hardin McDonnell DeBoer Holdcroft McKinney DeKay Hughes Moser Dover Hunt Murman

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Slama

The Resolution was adopted with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-301 and 60-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish and maintain an online verification system for accessing certain private passenger motor vehicle insurance and financial responsibility information; to authorize a disclosure under the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; to amend section 18-2441, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the powers of an agency; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the aid to dependent children program; to amend section 43-513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements related to the standard of need; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 291. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act; to amend sections 38-101 and 38-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to require implicit bias or diversity, equity, and inclusion training for certain applicants and credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 292.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Act; to amend section 61-404, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to prohibit the use of eminent domain as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 73-504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide formal protest procedures for certain contracts for services; to provide duties for the Department of Administrative Services; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 25-1553, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Child Tax Credit Act; to exempt certain tax credit refunds from claims of creditors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to income taxes; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to increase the earned income tax credit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to adopt the Pet Insurance Act; and to provide an operative date.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Introduced by Sanders, 45; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-920, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Personal Privacy Protection Act; to harmonize provisions; to

provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 298.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to require collection and reporting of information regarding dyslexia in schools as prescribed; and to require the State Department of Education to make a report to the Legislature.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 299.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Interlocal Cooperation Act; to amend section 13-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require approval by the voters for the issuance of certain bonds; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 300.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to sales and use tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 301.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-160.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a tax on ready-to-drink cocktails; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1499.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for certain persons holding elective offices and to provide requirements for public employees relating to potential conflicts of interest; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 303.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school funding; to amend section 79-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to an annual estimate for necessary funding under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 304.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to provide for disclosure of certain membership dues and lobbying fees paid as prescribed.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 305.** Introduced by Halloran, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grain warehouses; to amend section 88-541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to storage rates and charges; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 306.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to infants and juveniles; to define terms; to state intent; to create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights; and to provide powers and duties.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 307.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to authorize pharmacies and local public health programs to provide hypodermic syringes or needles to prevent the spread of infectious disease; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 308.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Genetic Information Privacy Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 309.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1736.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change an interest rate relating to property tax refunds; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 310.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 43-512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the maximum payment level for monthly assistance; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 311.** Introduced by Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to amend section 9-1106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change dates related to required market analysis and socioeconomic-impact studies; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Introduced by Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 313.** Introduced by Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-564 and 32-565, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 314.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to amend sections 69-2426 and 69-2432, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require dissemination of information regarding suicide prevention and require suicide prevention training; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 315.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; Day, 49; Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to public health and welfare; to prohibit providers of services relating to examination or treatment of injuries arising from sexual assault, domestic assault, and child abuse from taking actions relating to victims' debts for such services.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to marriage; to amend sections 42-102, 42-103, 42-104, 42-106, 42-109, and 42-110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change terminology; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county assessors; to amend section 77-1311.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the inspection of real property; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 318.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-3605 and 77-3606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections

71-1962, 77-2715.07, 77-2717, 77-2734.03, and 77-3604, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Child Care Tax Credit Act; to reauthorize tax credits under and change provisions relating to the School Readiness Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care funding; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to create funds; to provide duties for the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services; to provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 320.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1001, 79-1016, and 79-1022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to state aid value and the amount of state aid; to create a fund; to provide for transfers to and distributions from the fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 321.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Aguilar, 35; Ballard, 21; Blood, 3; Hansen, B., 16; Ibach, 44; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to amend sections 81-2,245.01 and 81-2,280, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to redefine a term; to change and provide provisions relating to certain food sales directly to consumers; to construe intent; to provide for injunctive relief and a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Joint Public Agency Act; to amend section 13-2508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit new joint public agencies forming for tax purposes as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Introduced by Linehan, 39; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for a salary increase for legislative employees; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 324.** Introduced by Wishart, 27; Brandt, 32; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Linehan, 39; Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Special Education Act; to amend sections 79-1142 and 79-1145, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to reimbursements; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tort claims; to amend section 13-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-8,219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to claims for certain intentional torts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-949, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for eligibility for certain children; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 327.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, as amended by section 1, Initiative Law 2022, No. 433; to change provisions relating to the minimum wage; and to repeal the original section.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 328.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; to create the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 329.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Building Construction Act; to amend section 71-6401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit application of the state building code in a manner that would prohibit or limit the use of certain refrigerant as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 330.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-24,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for the endorsement or negotiation of any instrument evidencing a debt by a claiming successor; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 331.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to adoptions; to amend sections 43-104.15 and 43-107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-101, 43-101.01, 43-102, 43-104, 43-104.08, and 43-104.13, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for adoption by two persons jointly; to define a term; to change provisions relating to consent to adoption, home studies, and terminology; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Joint Public Agency Act; to amend section 13-2508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit new joint public agencies forming for education purposes as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 333.** Introduced by Conrad, 46; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to require a state plan amendment for coverage of family planning services; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 334. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend section 83-1,100.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Reentry Housing Network Act; to provide a duty for the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Introduced by Halloran, 33; Erdman, 47; Ibach, 44; McDonnell, 5; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 336.** Introduced by Halloran, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-501, 2-509, 2-517, 2-518, and 2-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-2,162.27, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act; to terminate the Nebraska Hemp Commission; to create the Nebraska Hemp Advisory Board; to change the use of a fund; to eliminate a fee, a penalty, and obsolete fund provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original

sections; to outright repeal section 2-519, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 337.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to mental health practitioners; to amend section 38-2136, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for a confidentiality exception; and to repeal the original section.

#### RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

The following resolutions were read for the first time by title:

## **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17CA.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article I, section 9:

- I-9 (1) All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for treason, sexual offenses involving penetration by force or against the will of the victim, and murder, where the proof is evident or the presumption great. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.
- (2) The death penalty shall not be imposed for any offense. Any sentence of death is commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment.
- Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty and commute sentences of death to life imprisonment.

For

Against.

# LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article I, section 1:

I-1 All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty, <u>reproductive freedom</u>, the pursuit of happiness, and the right to keep and bear arms for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes, and such

rights shall not be denied or infringed by the state or any subdivision thereof. To secure these rights, and the protection of property, governments are instituted among people, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to protect the right to reproductive freedom.

For

Against.

# LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 31 to Article I:

- I-31 (1) Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including, but not limited to, prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care.
- (2) The state shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on the individual's actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including, but not limited to, miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion, nor shall the state penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any person for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising such individual's right to reproductive freedom with such individual's voluntary consent.
  - (3) This section shall be self-executing.
- Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to protect individuals' right to reproductive freedom and protect persons aiding and assisting pregnant individuals in exercising such right.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Introduced by Conrad, 46; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 31 to Article I:

- I-31 The right of individual privacy is essential to the well-being of a free society and shall not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest.
- Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to prohibit infringement of the right of individual privacy without a compelling state interest.

For

Against.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Natural Resources Committee elected Senator Moser as Vice Chairperson.

#### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers**

Unanimous consent to add Senators as cointroducers. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Blood name added to LB20.

Senator Briese name added to LB91.

Senator Briese name added to LB106.

Senator Briese name added to LB107.

Senator Lippincott name added to LB254.

#### **VISITORS**

Visitor to the Chamber was Terry Jessen, Oshkosh.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dale Michels of Walton.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:31 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hardin, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature