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<u>Unicameral Bill / Constitutional Amendment</u>	<u>Status</u>	
<p>LB19 - Allow withholding from public of reports of injury under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act as prescribed and provide duties for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. LB 19 would require that workers compensation first reports of injury to be withheld from the public with certain designated exceptions.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Mar 01, 2019 Mar 01, 2019 Feb 08, 2019 Jan 14, 2019 Jan 10, 2019</p>	<p>Title printed. Carryover bill Notice of hearing for March 25, 2019 Notice of hearing cancel for 03/18/19 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB39 - Change provisions relating to occupant protection system enforcement and change certain violations from secondary to primary enforcement. LB 39 would change passenger restraint system enforcement from a secondary offense to a primary offense and require the use of occupant protection systems for each vehicle occupant.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Jan 30, 2019 Jan 25, 2019 Jan 14, 2019 Jan 10, 2019</p>	<p>Title printed. Carryover bill Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 McDonnell name added Referred to Trans & Telecom Comm Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB40 - Change provisions related to provisional operator's permits, LPD and LPE learner's permits, and interactive wireless communication devices. LB 40 would change the enforcement of certain use of interactive wireless communication devices from secondary offenses to primary offenses.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Jan 30, 2019 Jan 25, 2019 Jan 14, 2019 Jan 10, 2019</p>	<p>Title printed. Carryover bill Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 McDonnell name added Referred to Trans & Telecom Comm Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB65 - Authorize a licensing exception under the State Electrical Act. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2108(1) provides that no person shall “wire for or install electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment” unless licensed as an electrician in the State of Nebraska.</p> <p>The need for this bill arose due to a situation where electricians did not have the proper equipment to vertically bore underground in order to install electrical conduit. Due to the great expense of this equipment, electricians instead hired a boring company to install conduit when needed. The directional boring contractors worked under the direction of the electricians; however, the state determined the necessary boring equipment had to be operated by a licensed electrician. Electricians rely heavily on directional boring contractors.</p> <p>LB 65 provides that directional boring contractors may install underground conduit when under the supervision of a Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician, journeyman electrician, or Class B journeyman electrician employed by an electrical contractor.</p>	<p><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>	
<p>LB81 - Change provisions relating to special stops at railroad grade crossings under the Nebraska Rules of the Road. LB 81 would define on-track equipment for purposes of Nebraska Rules of the Road. The requirement that drivers stop at railroad crossings for the equipment should make it safer for railroad workers.</p>	<p><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>	

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<p>LB95 - Change applicability provisions for building codes. LB 95 would require that for the construction or repair of state-owned buildings beginning on or after January 1, 2020, state agencies comply with local building and construction codes to the extent that such codes meet or exceed the standards of the state building code. Currently, state agencies are only required to comply with the state building code. AM2399 clarifies that for state-owned buildings that are built in phases, the building shall be deemed constructed or repaired on the date the first phase of construction or repair begins. The amendment also changes the required date for state agencies to comply with local building and construction codes to January 1, 2022.</p>	<p>Feb 18, 2020 Urban Affairs AM2399 filed Feb 18, 2020 Placed on General File with AM2399 Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Jan 25, 2019 Notice of hearing for Feb 12, 2019 Jan 14, 2019 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee Jan 10, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB96 - Change local building code provisions. LB 96 would make the state building code a "default" code, so that the state building code would be applicable in any county, city, or village that does not adopt a local building or construction code within two years after an update to the state building code.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>
<p>LB130 - Adopt radon resistant new construction requirements. LB 130 would adopt minimum standards for radon resistant new construction and incorporate such standards as part of the state building code. The bill would codify the recommendations made to the Legislature by the Radon Resistant New Construction Task Force in 2018. LB 130 would also repeal provisions related to the Radon Resistant New Construction Task Force, which terminated on May 1, 2018. AM 298 strikes language relating to local building or construction codes with minimum standards that exceed the standards adopted under the bill and corrects statutory references to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>
<p>LB139 - Change provisions relating to a data base of contractors under the Contractor Registration Act. LB139 adds to the existing Department of Labor's website for the Contractor Registration Act to include clear information that a registered contractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carries Workers Compensation Insurance; or • is self insured; or • "Does not carry Workers Compensation Insurance" <p>If a subcontractor elects they do not carry Workers Compensation Insurance, LB 139 creates a new legal presumption of no coverage in the event of a claim by that subcontractor. LB 139 allows general contractors to make an informed decision before hiring subcontractors and will clarify Workers Compensation coverage in the event of a claim.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>
<p>LB301 - Transfer duties under the Boiler Inspection Act, the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act, and the Conveyance Safety Act from the Department of Labor to the State Fire Marshal. LB 301 moves three safety inspection programs from the Nebraska Department of Labor to Nebraska's State Fire Marshal. The three programs covered are the Boiler Inspection Act, the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act, and the Conveyance Safety Act. The bill also changes the definition of boiler to comply with the federal definition, fixes inconsistent language, and removes language regarding a statutory opinion.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>

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<p>LB305 - Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act. LB305 requires employers with four or more employees to provide employees with access to paid sick and safe leave. Employees shall accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe time for every thirty hours worked. Employers must allow employees to accrue up to forty hours in a calendar year based on hours worked. Nothing in the bill prohibits employers from providing additional paid leave. Safe leave can be used for reasons relating to domestic violence, stalking, or domestic abuse. Any employer with a paid leave policy who makes available an amount of paid leave which is sufficient to meet the accrual requirements for paid sick and safe time and which may be used for the same purposes as paid sick and safe time under the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act is not required to provide additional paid sick and safe time. AM 592: Removes the term domestic partner.</p>	<p>Jan 21, 2020 Hansen, B. FA91 pending Jan 21, 2020 Hansen, B. FA91 filed Jan 21, 2020 Business and Labor AM592 pending Jan 16, 2020 Chair ruled there had not been full and fair debate on AM592 Jan 16, 2020 Business and Labor AM592 pending Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Mar 07, 2019 Business and Labor AM592 filed Mar 07, 2019 Placed on General File with AM592 Jan 28, 2019 Notice of hearing for Feb 04, 2019 Jan 17, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 15, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB320 - Change various provisions of the Pesticide Act and update federal references. LB 320 amends the Pesticide Act, by updating the federal regulations adopted by reference relating to changes in the applicator certification program as set out in 40 CFR Part 171. The changes primarily include certification categories for private applicators; requirements related to training and supervision for restricted use pesticide (RUP) applications by uncertified applicators; and setting eighteen as the minimum age for licensed RUP applicators. LB 320 also amends the Pesticide Act by clarifying product registration requirements, jurisdictional issues for out-of-state registrants and licensed applicators, and other clean up provisions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>
<p>LB343 - Adopt the School Safety Rapid Response Option Act and authorize schools to allow employees to carry concealed handguns. LB343 would provide school governing bodies the authority to create a concealed carry program for employees on school grounds and school sanctioned events and activities.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Feb 27, 2019 Brewer name added Feb 11, 2019 Notice of hearing for Febr 28, 2019 Jan 30, 2019 Erdman name added Jan 24, 2019 Briese name added Jan 18, 2019 Referred to Judiciary Committee Jan 16, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB348 - Adopt changes to the state building code. LB348 provides for updating the state building code. Currently, the International Building Code, the International Residential Code and the International Existing Building Code operate under the 2012 edition as published by the International Code Council. LB348 maintains the current exemptions in state law, and the 2018 editions of the International Building Code, the International Residential Code, and the International Existing Building Code becomes the new state building code.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>

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<p>LB364 - Change provisions relating to a limit on fees under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB364 would give the Workers' Compensation Court the authority to establish a fee schedule for any opinion or report addressing the medical condition, causation, or disability of an employee in a workers compensation claim.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Feb 28, 2019 Quick AM475 filed Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 Jan 18, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 16, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB378 - Change helmet provisions for autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds. LB378 provides that all operators of an autocycle, motorcycle, or moped must wear eye protection and that any person under the age of 21 is required to wear a helmet when operating such vehicles. AM1662 requires passenger to be at least 16 years old. AM1663 removes the exemption for people 21 and over from wearing a helmet. AM1664 increases registration fees for motorcycles. AM1659 adds hearing protection to the requirements. AM1665 requires a motorcycle licensee to become an organ donor.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill May 10, 2019 Hilkekmann AM1665 filed May 10, 2019 Hilkekmann AM1659 filed May 10, 2019 Hilkekmann AM1664 filed May 10, 2019 Hilkekmann AM1662 filed May 10, 2019 Hilkekmann AM1663 filed May 01, 2019 Placed on General File Jan 30, 2019 Morfeld name added Jan 30, 2019 Notice of hearing for Feb 12, 2019 Jan 29, 2019 Linehan name added Jan 22, 2019 Referred to Trans & Telecom Comm Jan 17, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB408 - Change provisions relating to compensation paid upon the death on an employee under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB 408 would provide that, if an employee is killed in a compensable accident and that employee has no dependents, the personal representative of the employee's estate would receive \$25,000.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 Jan 23, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 18, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB418 - Change provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and change provisions relating to tort claims against the state, the State Self-Insured Liability Fund, and state vehicles. LB418 would prevent collection agencies from attempting to collect a debt related to certain medical, hospital, or surgical services while a case is pending in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court.</p>	<p>May 31, 2019 Provisions/portions of LB178 amended into LB418 by AM1266</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Approved by the Governor</i></p>

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<p>LB421 - Adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act. LB 421 establishes the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act. The Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act seeks to ensure fairness and transparency for all parties involved in civil litigation related to damages or injuries suffered as a result of a plaintiff’s exposure to asbestos or to products containing asbestos.</p> <p>In the wake of numerous court cases and judgments against several manufacturers of asbestos and products containing asbestos, a number of manufacturers were forced to declare bankruptcy. To protect parties injured by these bankrupt companies, trusts were established to provide compensation to injured parties. As a result, individuals who have suffered injuries from products made by these now-bankrupt companies may file for and receive money from these asbestos trusts. This trust compensation is based on a fee schedule.</p> <p>The Act ensures transparency of all potential exposures to asbestos resulting in a plaintiff’s injury by requiring plaintiffs in asbestos-related injury cases to file for and disclose any trust claims for which they may be eligible prior to advancing their civil claim. This ensures that all parties to a case are made fully aware of all alleged exposures suffered by a plaintiff. The bill further puts in place certain deadlines for these filings and disclosures to ensure that there is adequate time for the parties to review all information related to the potential causes prior to trial.</p> <p>Finally, the Act protects the public’s interest in ensuring the effectiveness of the asbestos trust system by ensuring that all exposures are disclosed at trial. The result is the prevention of the possibility of being compensated twice for the same injury.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill</p> <p>Feb 05, 2019 Notice of hearing for Febr 21, 2019</p> <p>Jan 23, 2019 Referred to Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Jan 18, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
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<p>LB448 - Change provisions relating to compensation for burial expenses under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB 448 relates to burial expenses upon the death of an employee due to a work-related injury or illness. The bill proposes to change the burial expense from \$10,000 (maximum) to an amount not to exceed fourteen times the state average weekly wage for the year of death.</p> <p>The maximum weekly income benefit for 2019 is \$855, thus increasing the maximum benefit to \$11,970. The proposed adjustment in LB 448 would align cost of burial expenses with cost of living increases. Committee AM935 changed the amount from 14xSAWW to 12xSAWW. AM2648 tries to change to 11xSAWW and also requires the WCC to annually adjust the dollar limitation [using methodology which is rather wonky, if you ask me; muddies the water – just keep at #xSAWW]</p>	<p>Feb 26, 2020 McDonnell AM2648 filec Feb 18, 2020 Enrollment and Review ER167 filed Feb 18, 2020 Placed on Select File with ER167 Feb 12, 2020 Advanced to E & R Initia Feb 12, 2020 Business and Labor AM935 adopted Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill May 13, 2019 Business and Labor AM935 filed May 13, 2019 Placed on General File with AM935 Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 Jan 23, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 18, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB487 - Require the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary. The purpose of LB487 is to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for prescription drugs. The formulary would apply to those Schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs prescribed and dispensed for workers' compensation claims with a date of injury on or after January 1, 2020. A prescription drug listed and recommended in the formulary is presumed to be reasonable and may be prescribed without obtaining prior authorization from the insurer. A prescription drug that is not included in the formulary or one that is included within the formulary, but not recommended, requires prior authorization from the insurer before it is presumed to be reasonable. If an insurer denies payment or denies prior authorization based on the formulary, a party may request a finding by an independent medical examiner. The legislation also directs the Workers' Compensation Court, in the course of adopting a drub formulary, to consult with stakeholders representing employers, insurers, private and public employees, medical providers, and attorneys.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>

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<p>LB520 - Provide requirements for safety standards and operating procedures for road construction and maintenance in cities of the metropolitan class. LB520 would require that beginning January 1, 2020, cities of the metropolitan class must update their safety standards and operating procedures for road construction and maintenance on an annual basis. Under the bill, the safety standards and operating procedures shall include, but not be limited to, provisions governing the number of vehicles and employees needed at a given time to safely complete a project.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Mar 07, 2019 Placed on General File Jan 29, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 05, 2019 Jan 29, 2019 Notice of hearing cancel for 02/26/19 Jan 25, 2019 Notice of hearing for Feb 26, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB521 - Change and eliminate provisions relating to automated vehicles. 1. Ensure individual human beings need to be responsible for the vehicle no matter how it is propelled.</p> <p>2. Under the recently enacted legislation only railroad crossings are identified as areas that need to be anticipated in the regulation of this new technology, LB 521 adds ‘school zone crossings’ to that list.</p> <p>3. Under current Nebraska law, State and political subdivisions have no authority to tax these new entities to compensate for the changes in infrastructure necessary to integrate them into the existing transportation system. Throughout Nebraska law, local law enforcement is not part of the requirements for consultation. Under current law, any local modifications to performance standards for the operations of robot-controlled passenger and commercial vehicles on local roads is prohibited. LB 521 would remove this prohibition</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Jan 30, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 05, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Trans & Telecom Comm Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB526 - Change provisions relating to compensation for temporary disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. Legislative Bill 526 proposes to fill a gap in coverage for employees receiving certain workers' compensation benefit payments. Currently, there is a window where no benefits are paid to the employee between the termination of their temporary disability benefit payments and the commencement of their permanent disability benefit payments.</p> <p>LB 526 seeks to resolve this issue by outlining three dates when temporary disability benefit payments may cease as the later of: a determination of permanent disability, a determination of loss of earning capacity, or thirty days after notice has been given that temporary disability benefit payments will cease.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>

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<p>LB577 - Provide additional powers to the Commissioner of Labor related to investigations under and violations of the Employee Classification Act. LB577 amends the Employee Classification Act to allow the Commissioner of the Department of Labor to cease the performance of services on a site where a violation involving public health and safety is being investigated and to expedite the investigation.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill May 24, 2019 Placed on General File Mar 01, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Mar 01, 2019 Notice of hearing cancel for 03/18/19 Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB620 - Provide for enforcement of violations relating to use of handheld wireless communication devices as a primary action. LB 620 changes the violation of texting while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill Jan 30, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 04, 2019 Jan 25, 2019 Referred to Trans & Telecom Comm Jan 23, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB634 - Require three-point safety belt systems for school vehicles as prescribed. LB 634 would require any vehicle used by or on behalf of a school district or educational service unit for the transportation of students to be equipped with 3-point safety belt systems. Vehicles are exempt from this requirement if: purchased prior to the effective date of the act by the school district or educational service unit using the vehicle for the transportation of students; if such vehicle used by or on behalf of a school district or an educational service unit for the transportation of students pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the effective date of the act; or if prior to the purchase of or contract for the use of such vehicle, a determination is agreed upon by a majority vote in an open public session of the school board or the board of the educational service unit that there is not capacity in the school district or educational service unit budget for such budget year to accommodate the additional cost.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill May 24, 2019 Placed on General File Mar 01, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Mar 01, 2019 Notice of hearing cancel for 03/18/19 Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB743 - Adopt updated electrical standards. LB743 updates the minimum standards as set forth in the National Electrical Code issued and adopted by the National Fire Protection Association which governs the State Electrical Board</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Transp & Telecom AM2101 filed Jan 30, 2020 Placed on General File with AM2101 Jan 13, 2020 Notice of hearing for Jan 21, 2020 Jan 10, 2020 Referred to Transp & Telecom Comm Jan 08, 2020 Date of introduction</p>

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<p>LB768 - Adopt and update references to federal transportation laws. The bill represents the annual Legislative update which adopts the Federal Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Material Regulations current as of January 1, 2019. Original legislation was included in LB 301 in 1986. The adoption of these regulations is required on an annual basis to incorporate new or revised federal regulations into State Statute. The State Statutes must remain current with the federal regulations to avoid incompatibility and jeopardizing Nebraska’s Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), which is funded by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.</p>	<p>Jan 08, 2020 Title printed. Carryover bill May 24, 2019 Placed on General File Mar 01, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Mar 01, 2019 Notice of hearing cancel for 03/18/19 Feb 08, 2019 Notice of hearing for March 18, 2019 Jan 24, 2019 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2019 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB785 - Change vehicle size, weight, and load provisions, provide for stinger-steered automobile transporters and towaway trailer transporter combinations, and define emergency vehicle. LB 785 would amend Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to the weight, length, and load of certain vehicles and their operation on the Interstate highway system. The changes incorporate amendments to federal law for stinger-steered automobile transporters, towaway trailer transporter combinations, battery-powered vehicles, emergency vehicles, and certain heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicles.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Placed on General File Jan 13, 2020 Notice of hearing for Jan 21, 2020 Jan 10, 2020 Referred to Transp & Telecom Comm Jan 08, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB809 - Adopt 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code standards. LB 809 would update Nebraska's default plumbing code to the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). The current default plumbing code is the 2009 UPC. The default plumbing code applies in counties, cities, and villages that have not adopted their own local plumbing code.</p>	<p>Jan 29, 2020 Placed on General File Jan 21, 2020 Notice of hearing for Jan 28, 2020 Jan 10, 2020 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee Jan 08, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB846 - Change provisions relating to compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB 846 amends both of the waiting periods under workers’ compensation law to receive wage benefits for days away from work due to a workplace injury. It would reduce the number of days to begin receiving benefits after a workplace injury or illness from seven days to three days. It would also reduce the number of days to start receiving retroactive benefits for those initial days away from work from six weeks to two weeks. This is more in line with statutes from surrounding states.</p>	<p>Jan 15, 2020 Notice of hearing for Jan 27, 2020 Jan 10, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 08, 2020 Date of introduction</p>

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<p>LB931 - Change a harvested products maximum weight overload exception under the Nebraska Rules of the Road. LB 931 amends two sections of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to vehicle weights and lengths in the transporting of grain or other seasonally harvested products. Section 60-6,298 allows the Department of Transportation, the Nebraska State Patrol, or local authorities to issue permits authorizing applicants to move objects greater than the maximum weights or lengths. One of the currently-authorized permits allows grain transporters to exceed vehicle weight limits (by 15%) and length limits (by 10%) to transport grain from the field to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory when failure to move the grain in abundant quantities would cause economic loss to the applicant. LB 931 would expand the permit authority to allow transport from farm storage to market. The authority currently limits the miles that may be traveled pursuant to a permit. Section 60-6,301 is also amended. That section currently allows transport of seasonally harvested grain (without a permit) to exceed by 15 percent the maximum load permitted by Section 60-6,294 for any single axle truck or on any tandem axle, group of axles, or on the gross weight, if the transport is from the field to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory. The change in LB 931 would allow single axle trucks to exceed single axle and gross weight by up to 15 percent for transport from farm storage to market or factory up to 70 miles.</p>	<p>Mar 03, 2020 Advanced to E & R Initial Mar 03, 2020 Transp & Telecom AM2128 Feb 25, 2020 Transp & Telecom AM2128 filed Feb 25, 2020 Placed on General File with AM2128 Feb 21, 2020 Hughes priority bill Jan 15, 2020 Notice of hearing for Jan 27, 2020 Jan 13, 2020 Referred to Transp & Telecom Comm Jan 10, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB963 - Change provisions relating to workers' compensation for injuries to first responders and frontline state employees. LB 963 permits but does not require first responders to take resiliency training to help prevent or mitigate the mental injury from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and provides a means for establishing a prima facie case of PTSD due to cumulative injury or stress. The bill establishes who may diagnose PTSD. It also allows for reimbursement of training by the Critical Incident Stress Management Program and the Department of Health and Human Services.</p>	<p>Mar 03, 2020 Hansen, M. name added Mar 03, 2020 Enrollment and Review ER179 filed Mar 03, 2020 Placed on Select File with ER179 Feb 26, 2020 Advanced to E & R Initial Feb 26, 2020 Business and Labor AM2523 adopted Feb 21, 2020 McDonnell priority bill Feb 20, 2020 Business and Labor AM2523 filed Feb 20, 2020 Placed on General File with AM2523 Feb 10, 2020 Blood name added Jan 15, 2020 Notice of hearing for Jan 27, 2020 Jan 14, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 13, 2020 Date of introduction</p>

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<p>LB1101 - Change the schedule of compensation for certain injuries resulting in disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB 1101 would clarify existing law regarding the ability of an employee to receive benefits for loss or loss of use of more than one hand, arm, foot, leg, eye, or ear, or any combination thereof, based upon the employee's loss of earning capacity, if the loss or loss of use results in at least a 30 percent loss of earning capacity. Under the bill, loss or loss of use of multiple parts of the same hand, arm, foot, or leg would not be eligible for a determination of benefits based upon the employee's loss of earning capacity and loss of use means permanent loss of function.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 10, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 21, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB1103 - Change requirements for lump-sum settlement approval or release by the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. LB 1103 would clarify that a release of a lump-sum settlement for indemnity benefits only, need not contain allegations regarding eligibility for Medicare, if the employee's right to receive future medical, surgical, and hospital services is specifically excluded from the settlement.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 10, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 21, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB1126 - Change attorney's fees, penalties, and interest provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB1126 overrules two court cases, Dawes v. Wittrock Sandblasting & Painting, 266 Neb. 526, 667 N.W.2d 167 (2003) and Armstrong v. State, 290 Neb. 205, 859 N.W.2d 541 (2015), which held that benefits can be denied even if there isn't a basis in law or fact to deny a benefit without a risk of penalty or attorney fee.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 24, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB1127 - Change and provide contempt powers for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. LB1127 clarifies that compensation court judges have contempt power that is co-extensive with that of other courts of record in Nebraska.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 24, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB1128 - Provide an exception for a claim based on bad faith and a limitation of action under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB1128 overrules Ihm v. Crawford Company, 580 N.W.2d 115 (1998), which held that workers' compensation insurers are immune from liability in tort when they commit acts of bad faith in administering workers' compensation claims.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 24, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2020 Date of introduction</p>

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<p>LB1129 - Change evasion of law provisions and ensure certain coverage under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. LB1129 clarifies that entities that contract out a portion of their usual business to contractors remain liable to independent contractors unless the entity also requires the subcontractor(s) to carry their own workers' compensation coverage.</p>	<p>Jan 30, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 24, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Business & Labor Comm Jan 22, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB1159 - Change certain use restrictions and provide for unlimited license examination attempts under the Pesticide Act. LB1159 extends the initial training period for a noncertified pesticide applicator from 60 to 120 days prior to obtaining an initial commercial or noncommercial applicator license. The bill also authorizes unlimited exam attempts for the noncertified applicator during that training period.</p>	<p>Feb 24, 2020 Placed on General File Jan 27, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 11, 2020 Jan 24, 2020 Referred to Agriculture Committee Jan 22, 2020 Date of introduction</p>
<p>LB1174 - Change licensure provisions under the State Electrical Act. LB1174 updates portions of the State Electrical Act and authorizes certain specialty electrical licenses. [Specialties such as billboard signs, irrigation, solar electricians, a few more]</p>	<p>Jan 27, 2020 Notice of hearing for Febr 03, 2020 Jan 27, 2020 Referred to General Affairs Comm Jan 23, 2020 Date of introduction</p>