

Bill	Intent	Committee	Calendar	Status	Comments
121	Sen. Hunt—Eliminates restrictions on accessing the SNAP program for individuals with drug related convictions who are transitioning back into the community	Health & Human Services	Carryover Bill Hearing February 17, 2022	Advanced to General File Priority Bill	People convicted of a felony drug offense have a lifetime ban on receiving SNAP. The bill would allow eligibility for people with drug felonies after they complete their sentence or parole.
413	Sen. Wishart – to require coverage of medications for substance use disorder treatment and addiction medicine services as prescribed	Health & Human Services	Pending for review by committee – no date set		Availability of medication for treatment of Substance Dependence, principally for Opiate dependence is increased significantly, with the pre-auth- reasonable prices and available with prescription in pharmacies. No time limit. Blocks craving in the neuro reward pathways of the brain. Individuals need this for life or risk further use. Please let your senator or committee know if you support this bill that brings Nebraska more in line with Federal regulations despite not much chance of passage this year.
446	Sen. Hansen--Adopts the Nebraska Housing Index and Financing Investment Systems Act, which creates a comprehensive, sustainable, and collaborative data system that would include the statewide status of housing stock as well as the types and amounts of state and federal funding available to housing developers. To accomplish this, the bill creates the position of the Nebraska Housing Index and Financing Investment System coordinator within the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA).	Urban Affairs	Carryover Bill AM1737 Filed February 1, 2022 Hearing	February 11, 2022 Replaced by AM36 Pending	As a result of LR434 (2020), an Urban Affairs Committee interim study to analyze housing throughout Nebraska, the research showed that Nebraska does not currently have a clear coordinator or singular department for housing policy at the state level. This was commonly cited as a barrier to the development of needed housing. LB446 is an attempt to rectify this issue. *The amendment makes several changes, including: - Striking the requirement that NIFA create the position of Nebraska Housing Index and Financing System coordinator - Placing the new requirements in the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act instead of adopting a new act - Providing additional flexibility to NIFA in the establishment of a system to index and track housing capacity and resource he amendment makes several changes, including: - Striking the requirement that NIFA create the position of Nebraska Housing Index and Financing System coordinator - Placing the new requirements in the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act instead of adopting a new act - Providing additional flexibility to NIFA in the establishment of a system to index and track housing capacity and resource allocation.
636	Sen. J. Cavanaugh--Eliminates cash bail, appearance bonds, and related provisions	Judiciary	Hearing March 4, 2021		People who are poor and people of color are the primary ones who cannot make bail to get out of jail while awaiting trial. It would eliminate cash bail so that people could continue to work and support themselves and their families while awaiting trial.
710	Sen. McCollister—Eliminate the asset test for the SNAP program	Health & Human Services	Hearing February 23, 2022		Some folks don't qualify because they have too much money in their bank accounts—possibly saving for a car or home down payment. Current policy de-incentivizes savings. 36 other states do not have an asset test.

872	Sen. Brewer--Would provide those native and indigenous students have the ability to wear or display tribal regalia while at school or school functions.	Education	Hearing January 24, 2022.		Wearing of regalia and eagle feathers are celebratory customs for marking important accomplishments for Native Americans. These traditions should be honored and allowed. Some schools already do this.
920	Sen. Lathrop--Reform Nebraska's criminal justice system based on recommendations from the Nebraska Criminal Justice Reinvestment Working Group to reduce inmate populations and lower recidivism while improving public safety.	Judiciary	Hearing January 26, 2022	Committee Priority Bill On February 22	Enact evidence based strategies. The recommendations--aimed at reducing prison overcrowding and recidivism
925	Sen. Gragert—Create Resilience Soils and Water Quality Act, accelerate the use of best management practices for healthy soil; protect and improve soil and water quality; protect the public's health and enhance agricultural production and profitability; address soil health economics, resource stewardship, and environmental issues; increase awareness, education and promotion of best management practices for healthy soils through producer-to-producer, peer-to-peer, and mentoring relationships; and provide proof of healthy soil benefits through demonstration and research farms.	Natural Resources	Hearing January 26, 2022	General File February 2 Priority Bill Advanced to Enrollment & Review Initial February 24	Department of Natural Resources would provide technical and legal assistance in the formation of a producer learning community (PLC). The producer learning community is an agricultural producer-led nonprofit voluntary organization dedicated to fostering the learning and sharing of knowledge in order to carry out the purposes of the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act.
1027	Sen. Hunt--Incentivize public schools in Nebraska to discontinue use of American Indian mascots. Grants to cover costs of changing	Education	Hearing February 22, 2022		
1077	Sen. Hansen--Prohibit public school, public post-secondary institutions and governmental entities from training or reaching certain concepts relating to race & sex.	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	Hearing February 24, 2022		Unclear what this bill will do. Unlikely to move out of committee. Language seems ambiguous and redundant. It might prevent important issues in regard to race and sex from being taught or it will allow it.

1085	Sen. Pansing-Brooks--Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for career and technical educational student organizations	Appropriations	February 28, 2022		The mission of the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning is to provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate leadership skills to become college and career ready.
1086	Sen. Geist--The Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act establishes legal means for medical professionals to provide for a legal chemical abortion to an eligible patient, and describes the penalty for violation of the Act as a Class II misdemeanor	Judiciary	February 24, 2022	Priority February 22 Indefinitely Postponed	Also LB781 & LB933 Passage of these bills would reduce access to abortion in Nebraska. LB 781 would ban abortion if heartbeat can detected—usually about 6 weeks LB 933 would ban abortion if Roe vs Wade is overturned LB1086 would ban access to Chemical Abortion (pills) Hearings lasted past 5 p.m. with many proponents and opponents. Women should have a choice!
	Sen. Groene--Change provisions relating to required identification documents for registering to vote and voting and procedures for early voting	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	March 2, 2022		
1255	Sen. Bostar--University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to update Climate Change Report	Appropriations	March 3, 2022		UNL would contract with third-party, science-based organization to develop independent report that identifies and recommends specific prescriptive measures to be taken by the State of Nebraska