

# SARPY/CASS

## Health Department

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### Board of Health Meeting Minutes February 23, 2026

President, Dr. Brandon Grimm, called the meeting to order at 5:35pm, at the Sarpy/Cass Health Department office, located at 701 Olson Dr., Papillion, NE 68046.

**Roll Call:** Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

**Roll Call States as Follows:** Autumn Sky Burns – excused; Terry Dasher – absent; Dr. Brandon Grimm – present; Angela Ling – present; Dr. Sharon Medcalf – excused; Dr. Matt Neumann – present; Gary Mixan – present; Kathy Roehrig – present; Dr. James Watson – not present (arrived at 5:45pm).

**Staff Present:** Sarah Schram, Health Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder; Emily MacNabb, Ph.D., Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

**Guest(s) Present:** Jason Galazin CPA Eide Bailly

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

**Per the Open Meetings Act the agenda may not be altered 24 hours prior to the meeting unless an emergency arises.**

Dr. Neumann moved, seconded by Ling, to approve the February 23, 2026, agenda as presented. Roll call states as follows: Burns – excused; Dasher – absent; Dr. Grimm – aye; Ling – aye; Dr. Medcalf – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Roehrig – aye; Dr. Watson – not present.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Roehrig moved, seconded by Dr. Neumann, to approve the December 15, 2025, minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Burns – excused; Dasher – absent; Dr. Grimm – aye; Ling – aye; Dr. Medcalf – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Roehrig – aye; Dr. Watson – not present.

#### **Approval of Action Items:**

##### **March 2026 renewal of Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance premium**

Dr. Neumann moved, seconded by Ling to approve the March 2026 renewal of the D&O policy insurance premium (\$5,047) through Old Republic Insurance Company. Roll call states as follows: Burns – excused; Dasher – absent; Dr. Grimm – aye; Ling – aye; Dr. Medcalf – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Roehrig – aye; Dr. Watson – aye.

#### **Closure of Cornerstone CD**

Mixan moved, seconded by Dr. Neumann to allow the CD to mature (3/2/26) and then close the CD at Cornerstone bank, have them draft a cashier's check to deposit into the Pinnacle Bank account for NPAIT to pull funds to the new account. Roll call states as follows: Burns – excused; Dasher – absent; Dr. Grimm – aye; Ling – aye; Dr. Medcalf – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Roehrig – aye; Dr. Watson – aye.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dr. Neumann moved moved, seconded by Mixan, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call states as follows: Burns – excused; Dasher – absent; Dr. Grimm – aye; Ling – aye; Dr. Medcalf – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Roehrig – aye; Dr. Watson – aye.

**President's Report:** Nothing to report

**Director's Report:** SEE ATTACHED

**Other Business:** None

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Nominating Committee: Nothing to report
- b. Finance Committee: Nothing to report
- c. Policy Committee: Nothing to report
- d. Personnel Committee: Nothing to report
- e. Program Committee: Nothing to report
- f. Medical Consultant's Report: Nothing to report

**Executive Session:** None

**Next Meeting:** March 23, 2026

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Neumann moved, seconded by Ling to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Roll call states as follows: Burns – excused; Dasher – absent; Dr. Grimm – aye; Ling – aye; Dr. Medcalf – aye; Dr. Neumann – aye; Roehrig – aye; Dr. Watson – aye.

**ATTEST:**

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Dr. Brandon Grimm, President  
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

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Dr. Sharon Medcalf, Secretary  
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health

**1. Legislative Updates – Nebraska:**

- a. American Communication Group Update
- b. Prioritized NALHD is Tracking
  - i. LB1124 (Sorrentino) Increase the cigarette tax and state intent and change provisions relating to the distribution of cigarette tax proceeds. \*Raises the per-package tax to \$1.64 from \$0.64. Redirects \$0.97 of the per-package tax to the Health Care Cash Fund explicitly dedicated to Medicaid. July 1, 2026 operative date. Support - Letter
  - ii. LB720 (Quick) Create a temporary event license for body artists under the Uniform Credentialing Act - Monitoring
  - iii. LB912 (Hardin) Adopt the Community Health Worker Training Endorsement Act. \*Sets up a process for recognizing community health worker training programs that meet minimum standards. Defines community health workers and their services, and tasks DHHS with identifying core competencies and approving training programs. Our bill
  - iv. LB867 (Health and Human Services) Change and eliminate provisions relating to programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. \*Removes all references to spousal asset and income designations for Medicaid eligibility and recovery, eliminates the \$10,000 cap on child care grants and allows the Department to award grants in excess of appropriations by utilizing available federal funds, updates regulations for special needs trusts, expands eligibility for the bridge to independence program for young adults and streamlines criminal background check requirements for professional licensure. Monitoring
  - v. LB866 (Ballard) Change distribution of the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund, create a fund, and provide for drug detection activates. \*Allows appropriation of opioid dollars to a new Drug Detection and Prevention Cash Fund. Funds distributed to law enforcement and controlled by the Attorney General. Monitoring
  - vi. LB203 (Kauth) Change powers and duties of health directors in certain local public health departments and provide requirements relating to community-wide directed health measures – Signed by Governor on February 17, 2026

**2. Department/Grant Updates:**

- a. Rural Health Transformation Grant

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<a href="#">LB720</a>	(Quick) Create a temporary event license for body artists under the Uniform Credentialing Act	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/21/2026	Select 02/18/2026 Quick Priority Bill  Placed on Select File Health and Human Services AM1899 adopted Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial Quick priority bill Health and Human Services AM1899 filed Placed on General File with AM1899 Notice of hearing for January 21, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA349 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB723</a>	(Quick) Provide for implementation of community engagement requirements under the Medical Assistance Act  <i>Requires DHHS to revise community engagement requirements for the medical assistance program to clarify exemptions for medically frail and implement no earlier than required by federal law slowing down the implementation of work requirements in the Medicaid system so that when they are implemented, recipients understand what they are required to do – currently Nebraska has rushed to be the first state to implement the federal requirement.</i>	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/11/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for February 11, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA352 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB746</a>	(Hardin) Eliminate obsolete provisions of the Population Health Information Act  <i>LB746 amends section 81-6,125 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, modifying the Population Health Information Act. The bill removes dates related to mandatory participation in the designated health information exchange for healthcare facilities and health insurance plans. It replaces specific deadlines with a general requirement for 'each' entity to participate, thus eliminating references to past compliance dates.</i>	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/26/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for February 26, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA375 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB760</a>	(Brandt) Change and eliminate provisions of the Environmental Safety Act	Neutral	Natural Resources	01/21/2026	Committee 01/09/2026

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	<i>Amends the Environmental Safety Act to shift regulatory authority over swimming pools, recreation camps, and mobile home parks from the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment to local governments (counties, cities, and villages). It empowers local governments to adopt and enforce minimum sanitary and safety requirements for these facilities.</i>				Notice of hearing for January 21, 2026 Referred to Natural Resources Committee Kauth FA389 filed Date of introduction
	<i>Provisions incorporated into LB759 with AM1839</i>				
LB772	(Cavanaugh, M.) Eliminate provisions allowing certain transfers of funds <i>Restricts cash fund transfers as has been done in recent Governor budgets.</i>	Monitor	Appropriations	02/02/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for February 02, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA401 filed Date of introduction
LB773	(Dungan) Eliminate a sunset date and change provisions of the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program <i>Removes the sunset date on the Prenatal Plus program, extends the program to cover 60 days postpartum and ensures that reporting on the efficacy of Prenatal Plus continues until 2034.</i>	Support	Health and Human Services	02/05/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for February 05, 2026 Cavanaugh, J. name added Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Conrad name added Kauth FA402 filed Date of introduction
LB774	(Cavanaugh, M.) Create the Rural Health Transformation Program Fund to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services <i>Establishes the Rural Health Transformation Program Fund, to be administered by DHHS with \$218M received annually. Directs the state investment officer to invest any available money in the fund. DHHS is required to electronically report to the Legislature annually on the fund's use and outcomes on December 15th.</i>	Monitor	Appropriations		Withdrawn 01/26/2026  Kauth FA403 not considered Bill withdrawn Cavanaugh, M. MO363 prevailed Cavanaugh, M. MO363 Withdraw LB774 filed Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA403 filed Date of introduction
LB775	(Cavanaugh, M.) Create the Rural Health Transformation Program within the Department of Health and Human Services	Monitor	Health and Human Services		Withdrawn 01/26/2026

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	<i>Establishes the Rural Health Transformation Program in DHHS. Administration in Rural Health Grant narrative also includes development of program.</i>				Kauth FA404 not considered Cavanaugh, M. MO364 prevailed Bill withdrawn Cavanaugh, M. MO364 Withdraw LB775 filed Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA404 filed Date of introduction
LB776	(Cavanaugh, M.) Provide a duty for each state agency to examine fees charged <i>Requires that each state agency in Nebraska must annually examine every fee it charges, starting January 1, 2027 to determine if the fee is sufficient to cover its intended costs, while ensuring that the fee does not exceed the necessary amount.</i>	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/18/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for February 18, 2026 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Kauth FA405 filed Date of introduction
LB792	(Raybould) Eliminate an applicability provision of the Family Home Visitation Act <i>LB792 repeals Section 68-2306 of the Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, pertaining to the Family Home Visitation Act. This outright repeal eliminates the existing statutory provisions outlined in that section.</i>	Support	Health and Human Services	01/21/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for January 21, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA421 filed Date of introduction
LB812	(Bostar) Provide requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to medicaid eligibility redeterminations and community engagement <i>Requires that DHHS redetermine eligibility no more frequently than required by federal law.</i>	Monitor	Health and Human Services	02/04/2026	Committee 01/09/2026  Notice of hearing for February 04, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA441 filed Date of introduction
LB845	(Health and Human Services) Eliminate, rename, and change provisions relating to committees and councils administered by the Department of Health and Human Services	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/23/2026	Committee 01/12/2026

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	<i>Consolidates and reduces boards/commissions in DHHS. Renames the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council, modifies its membership and responsibilities, and establishes a dedicated fund for its activities. Also renames the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services to include substance use and eliminates both the Nebraska Children's Commission advisory committee and the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee on Aging.</i>				Notice of hearing for January 23, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA485 filed Date of introduction
LB855	(McKinney) Adopt the Youth Early Intervention and Support Act <i>Establishes in all Nebraska public school districts early support systems to identify students exhibiting early warning signs of trauma, neglect, or instability through indicators like attendance changes, academic decline, and hygiene concerns. School districts will form youth support coordination teams and include community health workers. School districts will submit annual implementation reports to DOE.</i>	Support	Education	02/10/2026	Committee 01/12/2026  McKinney AM2047 filed Notice of hearing for February 10, 2026 Cavanaugh, J. name added Referred to Education Committee Kauth FA495 filed Date of introduction
LB858	(Fredrickson) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for federally qualified community health centers <i>LB858 adjusts appropriations to the DHHS for public health aid. It increases the cash fund allocation for FY2026-27 from \$9,730,000 to \$10,230,000. This results in an increase to the total program funding for FY2026-27 from \$16,813,060 to \$17,313,060. The bill also allocates an additional \$500,000 in cash funds for FY2026-27 to the seven community health centers, to be distributed proportionally based on the number of uninsured clients served. The bill expresses legislative intent to increase the transfer from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund by \$500,000 annually for increased aid to federally qualified health centers.</i>	Monitor	Appropriations	02/10/2026	Committee 01/12/2026  Notice of hearing for February 10, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA498 filed Date of introduction

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<a href="#">LB866</a>	(Ballard) Change distribution of the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund, create a fund, and provide for drug detection activates <i>Allows appropriation of opioid dollars to a new Drug Detection and Prevention Cash Fund. Funds distributed to law enforcement and controlled by the Attorney General.</i>	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/30/2026	Committee 01/12/2026  Notice of hearing for January 30, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA506 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB867</a>	(Health and Human Services) Change and eliminate provisions relating to programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services <i>Removes all references to spousal asset and income designations for Medicaid eligibility and recovery, eliminates the \$10,000 cap on child care grants and allows the Department to award grants in excess of appropriations by utilizing available federal funds, updates regulations for special needs trusts, expands eligibility for the bridge to independence program for young adults and streamlines criminal background check requirements for professional licensure.</i>	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/23/2026	Committee 01/12/2026 Health and Human Services Priority Bill  Health and Human Services priority bill Notice of hearing for January 23, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA507 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB898</a>	(Lonowski) Change which political subdivisions may use virtual conferencing for meetings under the Open Meetings Act and change related requirements <i>Removes the prior detailed list of specific entities permitted to use virtual conferencing for meetings, instead allowing any public body to do so if requirements are met. Establishes new, standardized requirements for virtual conferencing meetings, including advance public notice with dial-in/link access, physical site accommodation, document availability, and public participation at a physical site. Requires that meeting agendas, documents under consideration, and the Open Meetings Act be made electronically available in addition to physical copies at public sites.</i>		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/05/2026	Committee 01/12/2026  Notice of hearing for February 05, 2026 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Kauth FA538 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB903</a>	(Storer) Provide for a referral for home visitation services	Support	Health and Human Services	01/28/2026	General 02/06/2026

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	<p><b>LB903 amends section 68-1212 of Nebraska statutes to allow DHHS case managers to refer families with children two years of age or younger for evidence-based home visitation services as provided in the Family Home Visitation Act when appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>AM1869 expands existing referral authority by permitting a case manager, when appropriate, to refer families with a child age three or younger to early intervention services, in addition to home visitation services. The amendment also outright repeals section 68-2306 which provides that the Family Home Visitation Act does not apply to a program that provides a single home visit or infrequent visits.</b></p>				<p>Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial Health and Human Services AM1869 adopted Placed on General File with AM1869 Health and Human Services AM1869 filed Notice of hearing for January 28, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA543 filed Date of introduction</p>
LB912	<p>(Hardin) Adopt the Community Health Worker Training Endorsement Act</p> <p><i>Sets up a process for recognizing community health worker training programs that meet minimum standards. Defines community health workers and their services, and tasks DHHS with identifying core competencies and approving training programs.</i></p>	Testify In Person - Support	Health and Human Services	01/30/2026	<p>Committee 01/13/2026 Health and Human Services Priority Bill</p> <p>Health and Human Services priority bill Notice of hearing for January 30, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA572 filed Date of introduction</p>
LB992	(Dover) State intent regarding appropriations	Monitor	Appropriations	02/02/2026	<p>Committee 01/15/2026</p> <p>Notice of hearing for February 20, 2026 on AM2159 Armendariz AM2159 filed Notice of hearing for February 02, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA648 filed Date of introduction</p>

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<a href="#">LB1037</a>	(Raybould) Change provisions relating to negotiations and agreements between the Governor and federally recognized Indian Tribes relating to the collection and dissemination of any cigarette tax or certain other tobacco products tax collected on sales of such products made or sold on a federal recognized Indian tribe's Indian country  <i>Requires the Governor to enter into good-faith negotiations with federally recognized Indian tribes upon written request regarding cigarette and tobacco product taxes collected on tribal lands. Establishes a 60-day deadline for negotiations to commence after a tribe's request. Amends the refund process for state cigarette taxes on exempt transactions.</i>	Monitor	Revenue	02/25/2026	Committee 01/16/2026  Notice of hearing for February 25, 2026 Referred to Revenue Committee Kauth FA696 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB1071</a>	(Arch) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027  <i>Mainline Budget Bill - 2nd Year of the Biennium</i>	Monitor	Appropriations	02/02/2026	Committee 01/20/2026  Conrad FA945 filed Notice of hearing for February 02, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA730 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB1072</a>	(Arch) Provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to fees, funds, fund transfers, agency powers and duties, and various statutory programs  <i>Budget Transfer Bill</i>	Monitor	Appropriations	02/02/2026	Committee 01/20/2026  Notice of hearing for February 02, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA731 filed Date of introduction
<a href="#">LB1106</a>	(Prokop) Provide for transfers of funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Patient Safety Cash Fund  <i>Provides for a \$300K annual distribution from the HCCF. Patient Safety Coalition allows for private reporting of patient safety concerns by physicians and PAs.</i>	Monitor	Appropriations	02/10/2026	Committee 01/21/2026  Notice of hearing for February 10, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA765 filed Date of introduction

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<a href="#">LB1124</a>	<p>(Sorrentino) Increase the cigarette tax and state intent and change provisions relating to the distribution of cigarette tax proceeds</p> <p><i>Raises the per-package tax to \$1.64 from \$0.64. Redirects \$0.97 of the per-package tax to the Health Care Cash Fund explicitly dedicated to Medicaid. July 1, 2026 operative date.</i></p>	Letter - Support	Revenue	02/04/2026	<p>Committee 01/22/2026 Hughes Priority Bill</p> <p>Hughes priority bill Cavanaugh, M. name added Notice of hearing for February 04, 2026 Referred to Revenue Committee Kauth FA784 filed Date of introduction</p>
<a href="#">LB1145</a>	<p>(Lonowski) Change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act</p> <p><i>Requires that each public body designate and record its chosen notice method in its minutes, with new requirements for publishing meeting schedules and notice in legal newspapers for certain bodies.</i></p>		Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/05/2026	<p>Committee 01/22/2026</p> <p>Notice of hearing for February 05, 2026 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Kauth FA805 filed Date of introduction</p>
<a href="#">LB1194</a>	<p>(Storer) Adopt the Real Food Act</p> <p><i>Sets specific state dietary guidelines prioritizing nutrient-dense proteins (animal and plant), whole-food fats, vegetables, fruits, full-fat dairy, and fiber-rich whole grains while discouraging refined carbohydrates and added sugars.</i></p>		Health and Human Services	02/11/2026	<p>Committee 01/23/2026</p> <p>Notice of hearing for February 11, 2026 Referred to Health and Human Services Committee Kauth FA854 filed Date of introduction</p>
<a href="#">LB1214</a>	<p>(McKinney) Create a pilot program for neighborhood data collaboratives</p> <p><i>Establishes a pilot program, funded by DHHS, to support up to five neighborhood data collaboratives across Nebraska. Collaboratives must include at least one regional planning organization, one local nonprofit, and three neighborhood associations. Funds are to be used for technology, community engagement, training, staffing, and evaluation.</i></p>	Monitor	Urban Affairs	02/10/2026	<p>Committee 01/23/2026</p> <p>Notice of hearing for February 10, 2026 Notice of hearing for February 10, 2026 Referred to Urban Affairs Committee Kauth FA874 filed Date of introduction</p>
<a href="#">LB1215</a>	<p>(McKinney) Adopt the Political Subdivision Contracting Transparency Act</p>	Monitor	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	02/26/2026	<p>Committee 01/23/2026</p>

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	<i>Requires political subdivisions to pay prime contractors within 30 days of receiving an accepted invoice; prime contractors must pay subcontractors within 7 days of payment receipt. Unpaid contract amounts accrue interest at the statutory rate; clauses delaying subcontractor payment beyond these timelines are void.</i>				Notice of hearing for February 26, 2026 Cavanaugh, J. name added Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Kauth FA875 filed Date of introduction
LB1229	(Strommen) Create the Rural Health Transformation Fund <i>Creates fund to receive and manage federal funds from the CMS Rural Transformation Program and prohibits transfers to other state funds or uses. Requires DHHS to post on its website all awards and grants. Requires annual reporting to the Legislature.</i>	Monitor	Appropriations	02/09/2026	Committee 01/23/2026  Notice of hearing for February 09, 2026 Referred to Appropriations Committee Kauth FA889 filed Date of introduction
LB1238	(Hughes) Change the cigarette tax and distribution of such tax and change taxes imposed under the Tobacco Products Tax Act <i>Replaces fixed per-package cigarette tax of \$0.64 with a tax of 30% of the purchase price paid by the retail dealer. Updates tax rates on tobacco products, snuff, electronic nicotine delivery systems, and alternative nicotine products to 30% of the purchase price. Changes the distribution of cigarette tax revenue: 50% to General Fund, 2% to Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, 10% to Health and Human Services Cash Fund, 26% to Building Renewal Allocation Fund, 5% to Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund, 6% to Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, and 1% to Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.</i>	Support	Revenue	02/04/2026	Committee 01/23/2026  Notice of hearing for February 04, 2026 Referred to Revenue Committee Kauth FA898 filed Date of introduction
LB1254	(Bostar) Prohibit sale of electronic smoking devices without a child safety feature <i>Applies only to devices manufactured after the effective date.</i>		Judiciary	02/26/2026	Committee 01/23/2026  Notice of hearing for February 26, 2026 Referred to Judiciary Committee Kauth FA914 filed Date of introduction