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Legislative Report	
Bill:	LB17
Title:	Change and eliminate provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act
Status:	Feb 28, 2018 - Placed on Final Reading Second with ST45
Summary:	NRPAB Bill.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=30898
Notes:	The bill is currently on Final Reading.
Bill:	LB27
Title:	Change requirements for state agency contracts and powers and duties of the Auditor of Public Accounts as prescribed
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	This bill requires that information requested of a public entity by the State Auditor must be received within a certain time frame. Also, this bill states that State agencies shall not enter into contracts for services with an unspecified or unlimited duration, and no contract for services shall be amended to extend the duration of the contract for a period of more 10 than fifty percent of the initial contract term.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=30717
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB36
Title:	Provide for review by state agencies of occupational credentials and provide for a critical assessment document.
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	This bill adds a required report for state agencies overseeing occupational licensing that provides a review of rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of occupational credentials.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31045
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB90
Title:	Require public entity to provide accommodations where Auditor of Public Accounts employee conducts audit or examination
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	When any employee of the Auditor of Public Accounts conducts an audit or examination of any public entity, the public entity shall provide suitable accommodations for such employee of the auditor at the location where the requested information and records are kept or stored. Such accommodations shall include desks or tables and chairs, electrical 6 outlets, and Internet access if such access is available. Provisions/portions of LB90 amended into LB151 (Approved by Governor) by AM334
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=30913
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB101
Title:	Change duration requirements for certain state agency contracts
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	State agencies shall not enter into contracts for services with an unspecified or unlimited duration, and no contract for services shall be amended to extend the duration of the contract for a period of more than fifty percent of the initial contract term. Following the adoption of any amendment to extend the contract for a period of fifty percent or less of the initial contract term, no further extensions of the original contract shall be permitted. Renewal options are not prohibited.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=30688
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB208
Title:	Change provisions relating to broker trust accounts under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	This bill would amend section 81-885.21 of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act to provide that the trust account which each real estate broker must maintain for down payments and earnest money deposits may be maintained in a “federally insured financial institution” and not just in a “bank, savings bank, building and loan association, or savings and loan association.” This change would principally apply to financial institutions such as credit unions.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31388
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB299
Title:	Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations
Status:	Jan 30, 2018 - Placed on General File with AM1665
Summary:	<p>This bill creates the Office of Supervision of Occupational Boards to oversee all occupational licensing entities within the State of Nebraska. This Office will have the authority to review and approve legislation, rules and regulations, and actions taken by licensing agencies. This Office will also have the ability to review and overturn disciplinary action taken, license issuance decisions taken, and criminal history decisions taken by a licensing agency. This bill also provides authority to the Office to assess costs to the licensing agencies, and allows the licensing agencies to increase fees to cover such assessment.</p> <p>AM1665 was filed by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on January 30, 2018. The amendment strikes all original sections and introduces entirely new language that requires that regulations be construed and applied to increase economic opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation, and be the least restrictive means of achieving the regulation's ends. It limits regulation to those govern the sale of goods and services explicitly included in the statute governing the particular occupation's scope of practice. AM1665 also allows an individual with a criminal history to petition the appropriate occupational board, prior to obtaining the necessary education for the occupation, for a determination as to whether their criminal history would disqualify them from obtaining the applicable license. In making this determination, the appropriate board will only determine that an individual's criminal history will disqualify that individual from obtaining a license if the following 3 circumstances are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The individual has a felony conviction. - The felony conviction is one that is specifically listed in the statute governing the license as disqualifying for the license. - The board concludes that the state has an important interest in not issuing the license that outweighs the individual's right to obtain it. <p>AM1665 also puts these responsibilities on the occupational agency and the legislative committee that oversees the statutory authority of that occupational agency.</p> <p>FA102 was filed to strike Sections 16-17 from AM1665. This amendment would remove any legislative committee requirements from the bill.</p> <p>AM2028 was filed to remove the qualifications and requirements for consideration of an applicant's criminal history, and adjust wording in reference to a report issued by the committee regarding proposed legislation.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31200
Notes:	FA102 and AM2028 added. A floor debate took place on February 20, 2018. During the debate it appeared that a consensus could not be reached regarding the importance of this legislation, what agencies the legislation should apply to, and where the oversight should be.

Bill:	LB322
Title:	Change the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	General updates to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act that includes a commission membership change from the requirement of a "Licensed Residential Real Property Appraiser" to a "Certified General Real Property Appraiser."
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31229
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB385
Title:	Change provisions relating to the burden of proof and who may appeal under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	In addition to any other person or entity provided for by the commission in its rules and regulations, the following persons with a relationship with the taxpayer may also execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer; (a) A person or entity with a contract executed by the taxpayer, or a legal representative, that includes the power to execute an appeal on behalf of the taxpayer; (b) A person with a power of attorney; (c) A person with a durable power of attorney; and (d) A person who is a trustee of an estate.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31354
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB426
Title:	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state officers and agencies
Status:	Feb 23, 2018 - Placed on General File with AM1957.
Summary:	Expense reimbursement provisions cleanup bill that would modify the rate of reimbursement for any meal or incident expenses for any state officer, employee or member of any commission, council, committee, or board of the State incurred during an approved travel status to be a percentage of the federal General Services Administration (GSA) per diem model as determined by and in accordance with policies established by the Director of Administrative Services. AM1957 was filed to set the operative date at January 1, 2019.
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31127
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB482
Title:	Adopt the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	<p>The purposes of the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act are to provide for the efficient procurement of goods and services by governmental units and to promote the economical, nondiscriminatory, and efficient administration and completion of construction projects funded, assisted, or awarded by a governmental unit.</p> <p>Unless otherwise required by federal law, a governmental unit shall ensure that any requests for proposals or bid specifications for a public contract or the procurement procedures for a public contract do not contain: (1) A term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders, public contractors, or subcontractors from entering into or adhering to a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under the public contract; or (2) A term that discriminates against bidders, public contractors, or subcontractors based on status as a party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into, a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under the public contract.</p> <p>Four amendments (AM1483, AM1484, AM1485, AM1486) have been filed, all related to striking sections 4 through 6 (which includes the heart of the bill). All that would remain are the definitions and a statement describing what the Government Neutrality in Contract Act shall not do.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31240
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB503
Title:	Prohibit certain provisions in collective-bargaining agreements
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	<p>The State of Nebraska is presently withholding union dues from employees in a Public Employee Union. According to this bill, this is the State performing a payroll function for the Public Employee Unions that should be a private transaction between the union member and the union. This occurs when terms of the collective bargaining agreement has a “dues check-off” clause, then the employer is required to withhold union dues from the employee paycheck. This bill removes the State of Nebraska from this role.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31698
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB551
Title:	Change qualifications for certain real property appraiser credentials
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	LB551 changes real property appraiser qualifications to those proposed by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal Foundation.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31525
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB603
Title:	Require a high-deductible plan for state employees' health insurance
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	<p>This bill requires that any contract for group health insurance entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall provide for the option of a high-deductible health plan.</p> <p>At the February 22, 2017 hearing before the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee there was an introduction, but no substantial conversation. The Committee received a neutral letter from the Department of Administrative Services.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31627
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB611
Title:	Require state agencies to provide a federal funding inventory
Status:	Jan 10, 2018 - Placed on Select File with ER91
Summary:	<p>This bill requires that any state agency receiving federal funding must provide certain information as required in LB611 to the Department of Administrative Services.</p> <p>AM655 inserts language exempting the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges from the bill.</p> <p>E&R amendment ER91 added.</p> <p>AM1716 added for cleanup.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31184
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB655
Title:	Authorize state employees to volunteer at public schools and certain nonprofit organizations
Status:	Jan 03, 2018 - Title printed. Carryover bill
Summary:	<p>LB 655 allows government employees to volunteer in public schools or with nonprofits that focus on such education without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave, or earned overtime accumulation.</p> <p>AM177 filed by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee strikes all original language in LB655 and adds new language to accomplish the same thing as LB655.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=31713
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB683
Title:	Provide a license fee exemption for service members and their spouses under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
Status:	Jan 25, 2018 - Placed on General File
Summary:	This bill would allow any applicant who is an active duty member of the armed forces or the spouse an exemption from payment of the license fees if the applicant already holds a license in another jurisdiction or was previously licensed in Nebraska within the past three years.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=33928
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB736
Title:	Change real estate agent duties with respect to certain written disclosures
Status:	Jan 10, 2018 - Notice of hearing for January 22, 2018
Summary:	LB736 provides that the real estate licensee agency disclosures in section 76-2421 are not required to be given when the property to be leased, purchased, or sold is commercial or industrial property, nor required to be given to a trust represented by another licensee, an attorney, or a licensed trust management organization or business.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34351
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB741
Title:	Change provisions relating to real property appraisers
Status:	Feb 21, 2018 - Speaker priority bill
Summary:	NRPAB USPAP Update Bill. Along with the changes required for compliance with Title XI, USAP, and the ASC Policy Statements, which include changes to date references and definitions, LB741 includes changes to lessen the burden to obtaining or maintaining a credential, such as removing the required demonstration of general knowledge of Nebraska appraiser law, simplifying the standards for evaluation of a reciprocal applicant's jurisdiction of practice, and removing the report writing update course continuing education requirement. Finally, LB741 includes minor changes to address administration of the Nebraska's Real Property Appraiser Act, and eliminates the provisions relating to the separate credential of real property associate.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=33848
Notes:	LB741 received Speaker Priority.

Bill:	LB751
Title:	Change agency duties with respect to adoption of rules and regulations
Status:	Feb 21, 2018 - Speaker priority bill
Summary:	LB751 changes agency reporting requirements to the Legislative Performance Audit Committee regarding rules and regulations not adopted within the time required pursuant to Section 84-901.01. The agency shall provide an explanation as to why the rules have not yet been adopted.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34315
Notes:	LB751 received Speaker Priority.

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Bill:	LB784
Title:	Change the Employee Classification Act to prohibit contractors with unpaid fines from contracting with the state or political subdivisions
Status:	Feb 14, 2018 - Placed on General File
Summary:	<p>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-2907 currently allows the Commissioner of Labor to assess a fine against a contractor who has violated the Employee Classification Act.</p> <p>Section 1 of LB 784 adds a subsection to § 48-2907. The new subsection prevents contractors who have been assessed a fine for violating the Employee Classification Act, but have not paid the fine, from contracting with the state or a political subdivision of the state until the fine is paid.</p> <p>Section 2 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-2911 to require the contractor to submit an affidavit attesting that the contractor is not barred from contracting with the state or political subdivision due to unpaid fines from a violation of the Employee Classification Act. This requirement would be in addition to the other attestations a contractor currently has to make.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34258
Notes:	Placed on General File.
Bill:	LB814
Title:	Provide a procedure to resolve protests of government service contract procurement decisions
Status:	Feb 14, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 21, 2018
Summary:	LB814 requires the Department of Administrative Services to adopt and promulgate rules that deems any protest of an agency procurement decision a contested case under the Administrative Procedures Act.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34398
Notes:	Hearing before the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee took place on February 21, 2018. There is no further information available.

Bill:	LB859
Title:	Change records relating to employee deaths which may be withheld from the public
Status:	Feb 23, 2018 - Placed on General File
Summary:	LB859 Relating to the cause or circumstances surrounding the death of an employee arising from or related to his or her employment if an investigation is concluded. A family member of the deceased employee is not required access when making a request for access to or copies of informant identification, or citizens making complaints, or other information that may compromise an ongoing investigation.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34096
Notes:	Placed on General File.
Bill:	LB883
Title:	Provide for appointment of independent counsel to prosecute crimes by state officials or employees and change powers and duties of the Attorney General
Status:	Jan 16, 2018 - Notice of hearing for January 31, 2018
Summary:	LB883 allows the Attorney General to appoint an independent counsel to prosecute crimes by state officials or employees if the Attorney General has an actual or perceived personal or ethical conflict in the prosecution of an alleged crime.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34080
Notes:	No update.
Bill:	LB905
Title:	Change the burden of proof for certain protests of real property valuations
Status:	Jan 10, 2018 - Notice of hearing for January 19, 2018
Summary:	LB905 defines that the burden is on the County Board of Equalization to show that the assessed value is equitable and in accordance with the law for any protest.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=33898
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB944
Title:	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations
Status:	Jan 22, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 05, 2018
Summary:	<p>The bill makes adjustments to appropriations and reappropriations for state operations, aid and construction programs, provides for transfers, and modifies intent language and earmarks accompanying appropriations approved by the 105th Legislature, First Session, for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and the next fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.</p> <p>AM2274, AM1699, and AM2289 Filed. None of the amendments affect the Board's appropriations.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34302
Notes:	
Bill:	LB948
Title:	Change provisions relating to rules and regulations.
Status:	Feb 23, 2018 - Placed on General File with AM1931
Summary:	<p>Bill to clarify requirements for certain agencies to promulgate rules and regulations. Section 71-2221 of the Real Property Appraiser Act appears in Section 24 on page 15 of this bill. The only change is that "pursuant to section 77-1301.01" is stricken. On page 17 line 12.</p> <p>AM1931 clarifies the responsibilities of the Secretary of State pertaining to rules and regulations promulgated by the agency.</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34135
Notes:	Hearing before the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee took place on February 15, 2018. Placed on General File.
Bill:	LB1072
Title:	Change a preference in awarding public contracts and eliminate reciprocal preference provisions
Status:	Feb 08, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 15, 2018
Summary:	<p>LB1072 provides that preference shall be given to purchasing Nebraska products and goods and services from a resident bidder over a nonresident bidder if the bid submitted by the resident bidder is comparable in price to a bid submitted by a nonresident bidder and otherwise meets the required specifications. LB1072 also strikes the language, "a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference over a nonresident bidder from a state which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state."</p>
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34723
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB1075
Title:	Impose a fee on transfers of real estate
Status:	Feb 13, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 22, 2018
Summary:	LB1075 imposes a fee on the grantor executing a deed as defined in section 76-203 upon the transfer of a beneficial interest in or legal title to real estate. The fee shall be equal to one percent of the value of the real estate.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34733
Notes:	Hearing before the Revenue Committee took place on February 22, 2018. There is no further information available.

Bill:	LB1096
Title:	Change provisions relating to state vehicles and workers' compensation claims, tort claims, and other claims against the state
Status:	Jan 26, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 26, 2018
Summary:	LB1096 removes the State Claims Board and moves all such duties to the State Risk Manager and Attorney General.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34352
Notes:	No update.

Bill:	LB1128
Title:	Prohibit counties, local governments, and certain state entities from spending legislative appropriations under certain conditions
Status:	Jan 26, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 26, 2018
Summary:	LB 1128 will prevent government entities from spending funds appropriated by the legislature if that government entity has accepted funds from a nongovernmental source, including but not limited to, grant funds, donations, and gifts.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34792
Notes:	No update.

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Bill:	LB1129
Title:	Prohibit state employees from certain political activities
Status:	Feb 14, 2018 - Notice of hearing for February 22, 2018
Summary:	LB 1129 prohibits state employees from participating in political or campaign activities while in their official capacity, and prevent state employees from using government resources of any kind for participation in political or campaign activities.
Legislature Information and Status:	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=34429
Notes:	Hearing before the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee took place on February 21, 2018. There is no further information available.