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LB9	Hughes	Monitor	General Affairs		Committee 01/17/2025	Change provisions relating to cigarette taxes and the Tobacco Products Tax Act and provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues <i>Applies the cigarette tax to a "nicotine analog" and defines it as a substance having a chemical structure similar to nicotine or that affects the nervous system in a substantially similar way. Adjusts enforcement process if taxes are not properly paid under certain circumstances.</i>
LB27	Ballard	Support	Health and Human Services	01/22/2025	Committee 01/13/2025	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act <i>Appropriates \$1.5M from the Medicaid Excess Profit Fund to fund loan repayment for dentists who see disproportionate amounts of Medicaid patients. Dentists would be eligible for \$60,000 per year for 5 years.</i>
LB77	Bostar	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	02/10/2025	Committee 01/13/2025	Adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act <i>Requires prior authorization requirements and restrictions be made readily accessible on a website available to enrollees and health care providers. Requires an entity to provide notice of any changes to prior authorization requirements or restrictions and to update websites. Requires all adverse determinations related to prior authorization to be made by a licensed physician with appropriate training. It requires written notice to the health care provider when an adverse determination is made, including the reason for denial and citing written medical criteria. Requires that the treating physician have an opportunity to discuss the reasons for denial with the determining physician under certain circumstances. Requires that an appeal of denial be reviewed by an independent licensed physician with appropriate training. Provides that on or before November 1, 2025, DHHS shall approve a uniform prior authorization request form for prescription drugs, devices, and durable medical equipment and a uniform prior authorization request form for all other health care procedures, treatments, and services. Prohibits the requirement of prior authorization for emergency health care services, pre-hospital transportation for emergency health care, cancer care consistent with guidelines of the National Comp Cancer Network, and other services. Generally provides additional protections for patients and providers with regard to prior authorization requirements.</i>
LB83	Rountree	Support	Health and Human Services	01/30/2025	Committee 01/14/2025	Adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact <i>If adopted the interstate compact would allow a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in a different compact state to practice under a compact privilege in Nebraska subject to Nebraska law and regulations.</i>
LB119	Hardin	Monitor	Health and Human Services	01/29/2025	Committee 01/14/2025	Provide requirements for the Rural Health Opportunity Program and provide tuition waivers <i>Codifies RHOP program for University of Nebraska and directs intent to provide state appropriation to pay for the waived tuition.</i>
LB125	Hughes	Monitor	General Affairs		Committee 01/14/2025	Provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues and include alternative nicotine products under the Tobacco Products Tax Act <i>Provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues and include alternative nicotine products under the Tobacco Products Tax Act for purposes of being subject to an excise tax.</i>
LB146	lbach	Support	Appropriations		Committee 01/15/2025	State intent regarding appropriations for dental services under the Medical Assistance Act <i>12.5% Medicaid rate increase for dental services.</i>
LB147	Hansen	Oppose	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/15/2025	Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions <i>Repeals section 71-3305, which generally requires cities over 1000 in population to add fluoride to their water supply. Would instead put into statute that cities may add fluoride to their water.</i>
LB148	Hansen	Support	Health and Human Services	01/30/2025	Committee 01/15/2025	Change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act <i>Changes the requirement to take the CRDTS practical exam to passing a standardized national exam approved by the dental board. A standardized national exam is defined as one that is simulation based or manikin based clinical competency psychomotor exam that includes specific competencies. Such exams can be reviewed annually by the board and must be reviewed every three years. Clarifies language related to the jurisprudence examination. Changes the reciprocity practice standard from three years with one year immediately preceding the application for reciprocity to one year.</i>
LB170	Brandt	Monitor	Revenue		Committee 01/15/2025	Eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks <i>Eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks.</i>
LB210	Riepe	Monitor	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/16/2025	Provide for fees and assessments for participation and use of the prescription drug monitoring program and the designated health information exchange <i>Allows for charging of access fees to any prescriber or dispenser to access the prescription drug monitoring system. Allow assessment on any use or prescription drug monitoring system. Would impose a XX fee on PBMs for nontreatment use of the prescription drug monitoring system. Allows health care facilities and health insurance plans to be charged a fee as a user of the designated health information exchange. Intent is to provide a funding stream to support these two programs outside of general fund dollars.</i>

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LB285	Lonowski	Support	General Affairs		Committee 01/17/2025	Prohibit the sale of flavored vape products <i>Prohibits the sale of flavored vapor products.</i>
LB331	Hardin		Revenue		Committee 01/21/2025	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act and terminate tax provisions <i>Imposes a 7.5% consumption tax and eliminates property taxes, the inheritance tax, sales and use tax, income tax, TEEOSA, community college aid, TIF, and the Motor vehicle tax and motor vehicle fee. Cities and counties may impose an additional 1% tax. Land is not subject to the consumption tax but construction of new buildings is and realtor fees are subject to the tax. Retains the motor fuels tax and various other excise taxes, which would not have the consumption tax imposed on top of them.</i>
LB369	Hunt	Monitor	Judiciary	02/07/2025	Committee 01/21/2025	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care <i>Provides that persons 18 years and older may make health care decisions for himself or herself, other than persons in custody of DHHS pursuant to a juvenile court order. Also provides that persons under 19 years of age who are committed to the Department of Correctional Services for secure care may consent to, and make decisions regarding, such person's medical care, mental health services, and related services during the period of the person's commitment to the department without the consent, except in the case of abortion (section 71-6902).</i>
LB380	Fredrickson	Monitor	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/21/2025	Establish requirements for Department of Health and Human Services' contractors providing medical assistance services <i>Prohibits Managed Care Organizations from reducing department posted Medicaid rates. Also prohibits imposing quantitative treatment limitations, or financial restrictions, limitations, or requirements, on the provision of mental health or substance use disorder services that are more restrictive than the predominant restrictions, limitations, or requirements imposed on substantially all benefit coverage for other conditions; and imposing quantitative of financial limitations on the provision of services. Also requires them to maintain an adequate provider network for mental health and substance abuse disorders. Requires the application of criteria in accordance with recognized standards of care. Not rescind or modify an authorization for mental health or substance abuse disorder after the provider renders service pursuant to a determination of medical necessity. Requires DHHS to (1) establish a monthly electronic communication system with all health care providers in the medical assistance program relating to any amendment or other change in the contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations; (2) Define network adequacy; and (3) annually post criteria used by the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care to assess network adequacy and each managed care organization's compliance on the DHHS website.</i>
LB381	Fredrickson	Support	Health and Human Services		Committee 01/21/2025	Change requirements relating to program integrity audits under the Medical Assistance Act <i>Directs DHHS to establish clear written justification to providers for commencing an audit. Must review claims within 1 year (current law is 4) and states claims cannot be adjusted one year from the date of payment unless in the case of fraud. Must not schedule onsite audits without 10 days advance notice and try to obtain mutually agreed upon time and date. Allow 90 days for requested documentation. Expands details that will be included in written notification and explanation of an adverse determination. Would exclude from scope of review a claim that is not a primary insurance claim. States contracts for auditing services based on contingent fees cannot be greater than 12.5% of amounts recovered not amounts identified. States the contractor shall not recoup an overpayment until all appeals have been exhausted.</i>
LB436			Health and Human Services		Committee 01/23/2025	Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act <i>For proposed scope of practice changes the bill replaces the citizen technical review committee with review by the profession's regulatory board. The bill also rewrites the statutory criteria to be used to review the changes and offer recommendations.</i>
LB532	Kauth		Business and Labor		Committee 01/24/2025	Require employers to use E-Verify, prohibit knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien, and provide for discipline against employers' licenses <i>Requires employers to verify the employment authorization of each new employee using the E-Verify system within the timeframe stipulated by federal law. If the Commissioner of Labor determines non-compliance, the employer will be notified and has fifteen working days to contest the citation or penalty. Upon a final determination of violation, the commissioner will notify relevant licensing agencies to: First Violation: Place the employer's license on probation for one year, requiring compliance reports. Repeat Violation: Suspend the employer's license for ten to thirty days, as determined by the commissioner. The bill states employers are prohibited from knowingly employing unauthorized aliens. Violations may result in penalties, including probation or suspension of licenses. Employers found in violation may be subject to civil penalties, including fines, as determined by the Department of Labor. Employee is defined as An individual performing labor or services in Nebraska under an employment relationship. Employer is defined as A person engaged in an industry with twenty-five or more employees for each working day in twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding year. This excludes governmental agencies and entities hiring bona fide independent contractors.</i>
LB553	Riepe		Health and Human Services		Committee 01/24/2025	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act <i>Allows dietitian nutritionists to receive loan repayments from the program. Does not add any new funding to the program.</i>
LB554	Riepe		Health and Human Services		Committee 01/24/2025	Create the Nebraska Health Professions Commission <i>Tasks commission to serve as a factfinding body to investigate proposals for credentialing health professions or changing scope of practice regulations. Sets review standards based on current statutory criteria. Recommendations shall be sent to the HHS committee of the legislature. Commission consists of members representing colleges of medicine, the chief medical officer, the chairperson of the Board of Health, and up to seven additional members, no more than two of which may be from the same regulated profession. Appropriates \$300,000 annually to support this effort.</i>

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LB639	Clouse	Support	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	03/10/2025	Committee 01/24/2025	Require dental plan carriers to meet a minimum dental loss ratio and provide a report <i>Requires dental plans to spend 85% of their premiums on dental care.</i>
LB688	Lonowski		General Affairs		Committee 01/24/2025	Prohibit advertising of electronic nicotine delivery systems <i>Would make it unlawful for any person to advertise any electronic nicotine delivery system in the State of Nebraska.</i>
LB712	Hughes		Revenue		Committee 01/24/2025	Change the tax on sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems <i>Removes the distinction based on what the system contains and imposes a uniform tax on any electronic nicotine delivery system of 40% (instead of 10%) of the purchase price paid by the first owner or the price at which the first owner who made, manufactured or fabricated the system sells the item to others.</i>
LR10CA	Hardin	Oppose	Revenue		Committee 01/15/2025	Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items <i>Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items.</i>
LR11CA	Hardin	Oppose	Revenue		Committee 01/15/2025	Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes <i>Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes.</i>