

LWVNE PRIORITY BILLS 2010
Adopted as Amended, February 6, 2010

Health Care

- LB 693 Price Allows interstate agreements to authorize out-of-state insurers to offer sickness and accident insurance in Nebraska.
League position: Support Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
Hearing: February 1
- LB 790 Nordquist Requires NHHS to maintain a list of employers which employed ten or more employees who received Medicaid assistance, and requires an annual report. (The “Wal Mart” bill)
League position: Neutral Health and Human Services Committee
Hearing: January 21
LB 790 Indefinitely Postponed
- LB 902 Howard Provide for an information form for assisted-living (AL) facilities
League position: Neutral Health and Human Services Committee
Hearing: January 28
- LB 903 Howard Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish criteria to evaluate the adequacy of Alzheimer’s special care units
League position: Neutral Health and Human Services Committee
Hearing: January 28
- LB 904 Howard Provide for enhanced assisted-living certificates for certain assisted-living (AL) facilities to allow residents to age in place. This minimizes the need for residents to move within or from the facility to accommodate their changing needs and preferences.
League position: Neutral Health and Human Services Committee
Hearing: January 28
- LB 1106 Nordquist Provides for Medicaid payment for services rendered by school-based health clinics.
League position: Support Health and Human Services Committee
Hearing: February 3

Elections

- LB 714 Avery Requires disclaimers on political ads by independent committees to include the name of the committee treasurer
League position: Support Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: January 21 In Committee
- LB 777 McCoy Changes provisions relating to Presidential elections, providing for “winner take all.”
League position: Oppose Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 24

- LB 794 White Change early voting provisions to comply with new federal mandates covering voter registration and absentee voting for military and overseas citizens
League position: Support Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: January 27
- LB 850 Avery Require public post-secondary schools to provide information about early voting to students.
League position: Support Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: January 27
- LB 875 Giese Provides for voter registration on the Secretary of State's website.
League position: Support Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: January 27
- LB 1015 Haar Places Nebraska in the Interstate Compact agreement for Presidential elections.
League position: Neutral Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 10

Education

- LB 235 Adams Solar and Wind Energy Leases on School Lands would provide the Board of Educational Lands and Funds with the power to issue leases relating to solar and wind energy. LB 235 will produce additional income for K-12 public education.
League position: Support Passed and Presented to Governor for Approval, 2-5-10
- LB 741 Avery Exclude lobbying expenses as a general fund operating expenditure for purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
League position: Neutral Education Committee Hearing: January 25
- LB 898 Haar Provides for the protection of lawful First Amendment rights for public school students.
League position: Support Education Committee Hearing: January 26
- LB 966 Pahls The Classroom Educational Expenditure Act, requires school districts to spend at least 65 percent of their revenue on direct classroom instruction.
League position: Support Education Committee Hearing: February 16
- LB 1001 Janssen Prohibits children who are undocumented from receiving in-state tuition at public post-secondary schools.
League position: Oppose Education Committee Hearing: February 1
- LB 1028 Loudon The Charter Schools Act, requires local public school districts to fund charter schools with 100% of the average cost-per-pupil in the public school district times the number of enrolled in the charter school. Also requires public school districts to reimburse charter schools for transportation services.
League position: Oppose Education Committee Hearing: February 23

Natural Resources

- LB 960 Stuthman Change provisions relating to net metering to allow Nebraska to compete with neighboring states in generating electricity to better meet the needs of individual farms, ranches, businesses and industries
League position: Support Natural Resources Committee
Hearing: January 29
- LB 1010 Pankonin Provide procedures and limitations on the use of eminent domain by natural resources districts for recreational trails
League position: Support Natural Resources Committee Hearing: February 11
- LB 1011 Pankonin Limit the eminent domain power of natural resources districts to exclude certain recreational trails
League position: Support Natural Resources Committee Hearing: February 11
- LB 1019 Haar Provide for trails dispute boards to decide disputes between county boards and natural resources districts concerning recreational trails
League position: Support Natural Resources Committee Hearing: February 11
- LB 1025 Avery Change provisions relating to stays on new water appropriations
League position: Support Natural Resources Committee
- LB 1048 Natural Resources Committee Provides for approval and taxation of certain power generating facilities using wind as a fuel source.
League position: Support Natural Resources Committee Hearing: February 4
- LB 1096 Haar High Performance Schools Initiative Act allows school districts to do an energy audit of their buildings and apply for federal funds to make buildings more energy efficient.
League position: Support Education Committee Hearing: February 16
- LB 1098 Mello Authorizes creation of sustainable energy financing districts by municipalities
League position: Support Urban Affairs Committee Hearing: February 9
- LB 1100 Mello Allows operation of low-speed vehicles on highways as prescribed
League position: Neutral Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice

- LB 800 Ashford Defines specifically what constitutes an “administrative sanction in juvenile probation cases. Also allows for civil citations for minor juvenile infractions.
League position: Neutral Judiciary Committee Hearing: January 27
- LB 923 Ashford Requires notice in plain language to a juvenile participating in pre-trial diversion or

mediation or charged with a misdemeanor or charged under the juvenile code as 1, 2, 3b or 4, that the juvenile may petition the court to seal the juvenile's records. Also requires notice in plain language as to what sealing the juvenile's records means.

League position: Support Judiciary Committee Hearing: January 27

LB 936 Flood Authorizes the juvenile court to provide specific non-probation based services. (Much the same as LB 800)

League position: Support Judiciary Committee Hearing: February 11

LB 971 Campbell Requires NDHHS to provide a child-centered transition plan for all children entering or in the system who are 16 years old or older. Also requires HHS to notify all relatives within 15 days of a child's removal from home, informing them how to participate. Also permits children to file petitions to receive "sibling time."

League position: Support Judiciary Committee

Social and Economic Justice

LB 370 Conrad Require a Medicaid waiver application for Family Planning Services League carry over bill from 2009 that has AAUW and BPW support

League position: Support Health and Human Services Committee

LB 431 McGill Change Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act provisions Carry over bill from 2009 that has AAUW and BPW support

League position: Neutral Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee

LB 918 Hadley Redefine certain terms and provide certain tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act

League position: Neutral Revenue Committee Hearing: January 29

LB 968 McGill Redefine abuse for certain domestic violence situations

League position: Support Judiciary Committee Hearing: February 5

LB 1014 Haar Increase Teacher Compensation—establishes the Teacher Compensation Assistance Fund using revenues generated from wind and solar leases on school lands

League position: Support Education Committee Hearing: February 8

LB 1042 Fulton Change provisions relating to findings and orders of the Commission of Industrial Relations

League position: Oppose Business and Labor Committee

LB 1071 Adams Tuition Reimbursement for Current Teachers—gives the State Board of Education broader authority to approve graduate programs eligible for tuition reimbursement. By doing so, it builds on the success of the 2009 Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program.

League position: Support Education Committee Hearing: February 8

Government

- LR 278 CA Nordquist Sets the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer and Attorney General in the Nebraska Constitution.
League position: Oppose Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 5
- LR 279 CA Avery Changes the number of signatures required on initiative and referendum petitions.
League position: Neutral Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 17
- LR 284 CA Utter Abolishes the office of State Treasurer.
League position: Neutral Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 5
- LR 300 CA Nelson Constitutional amendment to change signature requirements for initiative petitions
League position: Oppose Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 17
- LR 301 CA Price Constitutional amendment to change initiative and referendum petition signature requirements
League position: Support Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
Hearing: February 17

Corrections

- LB 913 Council Criminal Offender Employment Act –attempts to remove barriers to ex-offender employment by prohibiting regulatory boards from inquiring about matters of criminal conviction on initial applications for licenses, permits, certificates or other authority to engage in an occupation. After the application is accepted, regulatory boards may consider the criminal conviction but may not use it as an automatic rejection of the license, permit, or certificate.
League position: Support Business and Labor Committee
Hearing: January 25

Death Penalty

- LB 1105 Council Requires an official audit of the direct and indirect costs of a state sanctioned death penalty versus life in prison without parole.
League position: Support Judiciary Committee