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Category	Document	Primary Introducer	Status	Description	SuggestedL WVNE Position
Good Government (GG)					
GG	LB111	Larson	Bracketed till June 5th	Require Identification to vote	Oppose
GG	LB121	Schumacher	Held in committee at end of first Session	Requires voter identification and secret-ballot envelopes	Oppose voter ID part; Monitor the rest
GG	LB140	Davis	Held in committee at end of first Session	Provide for primary elections for partisan count offices without party affiliation in counties with less than 10,000 population	Support
GG	LB166	Crawford	Floor debate on January 14, 2016	Change filing and enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Political accountability and Disclosure Act	Support
GG	LB202	Davis	Held in committee at end of first Session	Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections	Support
GG	LB383	Hansen	Held in committee at end of first Session	Permit registered voters moving within NE without re-registering to vote provisionally	Support
GG	LB491	Morfeld	Held in committee at end of first Session	Provide for election day voter registration pilot project	Support
GG	LB580	Murante	Speaker Priority bill	Adopt the Redistricting Act	Monitor
GG	LB686	Chambers	Speaker Priority bill	Provide for the publication and distribution of the Constitution of NE	Support
GG	LB687	Bloomfield	Notice of hearing 2/4/16	Provide procedure for recall of state elected officials	Monitor
GG	LB912	Smith	Hearing 2/10/16	Change requirements for presentation of identification for purposes of voting	Oppose
GG	LB1068	Haar	Notice of hearing 2/23/16	Requires approval by the Public Service Commission before electric utilities can raise rates	Support
GG	LB1107	Garrett	Hearing 2/24/16	Create the Nebraska Election System Initiative	Support
GG	LR7CA	Schumacher	Placed on Select File end of first session	Constitutional amendment to limit service of members of the Legislature to two 6-year terms	Oppose
GG	LR379CA	Bloomfield	Referred to comm Hearing 2/4/16	Provide procedure for recall of state elected officials	Monitor
GG	LR35	Ebke	Recommitted to Committee	Resolution to petition Congress to call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States	Oppose
GG	LR403	Hansen	Reported to Legislature for further Consideration	Creation of Election Technology Committee	Support
Health Care/Health Insurance (HC/HI)					
HC/HI	LB29	McCoy	Held in Committee at end of first session	Change provisions relating to school health inspections	Oppose
HC/HI	LB77	Nordquist	Held in General File at end of first session	Require a Medicaid state plan amendment for family planning services and state intent relating to appropriations for the Every Woman Matters program	Support

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HC/HI	LB114	McCoy	Senor McCoy Priority Bill	Redefine ambulatory surgical center and health clinic under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act	Oppose
HC/HI	LB147	Crawford	Janury 11 - Placed on General File	Change provisions relating to assets limitations for public assistance	Monitor
HC/HI	LB148	Crawford	Held in Committee at end of first session	Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care	Support
HC/HI	LB187	Kintner	Held in Committee at end of first session	Require the Dept. of HHS and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion	Oppose
HC/HI	LB333	Gloor	Held in Committee at end of first session	Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act	Monitor
HC/HI	LB411	Cook	Held in Committee at end of first session	Change provisions re Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Support
HC/HI	LB690	Morfeld	February 11 - Placed on General File	Change provisions re eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Support
HC/HI	LB696	Howard	Hearing February 10, 2016	Provide for Medicaid state plan waiver to provide coverage for treatment of opioid abuse	Support
HC/HI	LB697	Howard	Notice of Hearing - March 3, 2016	Provide for Medicaid state plan amendment application regarding functional family therapy	Support
HC/HI	LB782	Schumacher	Hearing February 18, 2016	Provide for Medicaid state plan amendment regarding coverage for family planning services	Support
HC/HI	LB850	Crawford	Hearing February 1, 2016	Adopt the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Act	Support
HC/HI	LB911	Bolz	Hearing February 8, 2016	State intent relating to fund transfers for behavioral health systems of care	Support
HC/HI	LB923	Stinner	Hearing February 8, 2016	Appropriate funds for federally qualified health centers	Monitor
HC/HI	LB931	Bolz	Hearing February 8, 2016	Provide for financial incentives for certain assisted living facilities to provide housing assistance to certain low-income adults	Support
HC/HI	LB1032	McCollister	Committee Priority bill	Adopt the Transitional Health Insurance Program and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services	Support
Natural Resources/Environmental Issues					
NR/EI	LB176	Schilz	Passed on Final reading - Approved by Governor February 11, 2016	Change the competitive Livestock Markets Act	Monitor
NR/EI	LB337	Harr	Held in Committee at end of first session	Rename and change tor Low-Income home Energy Conservation Act	Support
NR/EI	LB423	Nordquist	Held in Select file at end of first session	Change a renewable energy tax credit	Support
NR/EI	LB473	Chambers	Held in Committee at end of first session	Eliminate the power of eminent domain for major pipelines	Support
NR/EI	LB512	Stinner	Held in Committee at end of first session	Provide powers and duties to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regarding certain wastewater and charge an assessment for certain costs	Monitor
NR/EI	LB802	Haar	Hearing on February 3, 2016	Create the Health and Climate Resiliency task Force to develop a strategic plan for Nebraska which addresses the negative impacts of climate change	Support

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NR/EI	LB824	McCollister	Committee Priority Bill	Exempt privately developed renewable energy generation facilities from regulation as prescribed	Monitor
NR/EI	LB1070	Haar	Indefinitely Posponed 2/25/16	Change powers and duties of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to require liability insurance of \$1M and restrict permits as prescribed regarding fracking wastewater	Support
NR/EI	LB1082	Stinner	Senator Stinner Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to the NE Oil and Gas Conservation Comm	Support
Public Education (PE)					
PE	LB 26	Krist	Held in Committee at end of first session	Adopt Choice for the Advancement of NE Children in Education Act	Oppose
PE	LB144	Davis	Held in Committee at end of first session	Reduce levy authority of Community colleges and increase state aid to community colleges	Support
PE	LB435	Cook	Held in Committee at end of first session	Adopt the Time to Teach and Time to Learn Act	Support
PE	LB438	Morfeld	Held in Committee at end of first session	Change distribution of sales and use tax revenue	Support
PE	LB523	Sullivan	Held in Committee at end of first session	Change income tax rates and state intent relating to funding public education	Support
PE	LB530	Sullivan	Held in Committee at end of first session	Provide a duty for the student achievement coordinator	Support
PE	LB565	Kuehn	Held in Committee at end of first session	State intent relating to appropriations for education and training in high-need fields	Support
PE	LB617	Larson	Held in Committee at end of first session	Adopt the Working to Improve Schools Act	Oppose
PE	LB773	Stiner	Held in Education Committee	An Act relating to early childhood, to create the Early Childhood Workforce Development Workforce task Force	Monitor
PE	LB959	Sullivan	Priority Bill	To provide goal of property tax relief. Provides controlled growth for education to align with the financial circumstance of the state's taxpayers by reducing growth in property tax burdens and enhancing local accountability	Oppose
PE	LB800	Bolz	Held in Appropriations Committee	A bill for an Act relating to appropriation; to appropriate funds to the State Dept, from General fund to the State Dept of Education for purpose of implementing job-driven training and education components of the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	Monitor
PE	LB868	Krist	Held in Education Committee	Requires successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation to pass a test on 100 basic facts of U.S. history and civics.	Monitor
PE	LB882	Schier	Held in Education Committee	Changes provisions relating to school budgeting. Changes will place cap on school district growth	Monitor
PE	LB885	Davis	Held in Judiciary Committee	Provid student journalists to exercise freedom of speech and press in NE State of Community	Monitor
PE	LB889	Mello	Held in Education Committee	The School Readiness Tax Act would create a series of tiered tax credits relating to early childhood education. Proposed 4 categories of credits	Monitor

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PE	LB1074	Kolowski	Held in Appropriations Committee	Appropriate funds to the State Dept of ed to the expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Fund to support Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO's) in Nebraska high need rural and urban communities.	Monitor
Social/Economic Justice (SEJ) CHILDREN/FAMILY/JUVENILE					
SEJ	LB485	Stinner	Held in Committee at end of First Session	State intent relating to appropriations for child welfare	Monitor
SEJ	LB493	Nordquist	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act	Support
SEJ	LB675	Krist	Hearing - January 20, 2016	Change provisions relating to placement and detention of juveniles	Support
SEJ	LB709	Howard	Hearing - January 20, 2016	Provide for an alternative to detention for juveniles	Support
SEJ	LB746	Campbell	Campbell Priority Bill. Placed on Select File 2/2	Adopt the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, change provisions for guardians ad litem and services for children, and create the Normalcy Task Force	Support
SEJ	LB866	Bolz	Placed on General File 2/22/16	Transition to Adult Living Success Program Act	Support
SEJ	LB893	Pansing-Brooks	Hearing - January 22, 2016	Modify jurisdiction of juvenile courts and change provisions relating to temporary custody and disposition of juveniles	Support
SEJ	LB894	Pansing-Brooks	Judiciary Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel in juvenile cases. Immediaate appoinrmtne of Counsel	Support
SEJ	LB939	Mello	Hearing February 19, 2016	Adopt the Nebraska early Childhood Advantage Act	Support
SEJ	LB954	Krist	Placed on Final Reading 2/25/16	Change provisions relating to access to records for and investigations by the Inspector General of the Nebraska Child Welfare	Support
SEJ	LB975	Kolterman	Kolterman Priority Bill - AM2308 filed 2/25/16	Adopt the Child Welfare Services Preservation Act	Oppose
CRIM/COURTS/CO RRECTIONS					
SEJ	LB843	Pansing-Brooks	Pansing-Brooks Priorit bill	Change provisions relating to prostitution, Victims for trafficking can not be charged with prostitution	Support
SEJ	LB845	Pansing-Brooks	Hearing - January 20, 2016	Provide requirements relating to confinement of juveniles and provide a duty for the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Support
SEJ	LB861	Schumacher	Hearing - February 4, 2016	Provide for court review of inmate restrictive housing placement as prescribed	Support
SEJ	LB919	Williams	Williams Priority Bill - Placed on General File with AM2171 - 2/18/16	Change provisions relating to the problem solving court programs	Oppose
SEJ	LB1000	Mello	Speaker Priority Bill	Require certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies on the use of body-worn camera, provide that recordings from such cameras are not public records, & prohibit certain conduct involving such recordings. Creates a State commission for review of recordings	Support

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SEJ	LB1055	Chambers	Referred to Judiciary, Hearing 2/24/16	Open grand jury proceedings to the public as prescribed and change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers while in custody	Support
SEJ	LR398CA	Bloomfield	Referred to Judiciary, Hearing 3/2/16	Allows for election of judges and eliminates merit plan	Strongly Oppose
DISABILITIES					
SEJ	LB983	Harr	Placed on General File 2/17/16	Change definition of disability under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	Support
FIREARMS					
SEJ	LB184	Ebke	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Change prohibited locations to carry a concealed handgun	Oppose
SEJ	LB225	Schnoor	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Change provisions regarding unlawful possession of firearm at school	Oppose
SEJ	LB289	Ebke	General File - Call for Cloture Failed 1/27/16	Prohibit certain regulations of firearms, ammunition, & firearm accessories by	Oppose
SEJ	LB839	Chambers	Indefinitel Postponed 2/24/16	Require background checks and other requirements for persons purchasing certain types of tactical gear	Support
SEJ	LB971	Gloor	Notice of Hearing - March 3, 2016	Change provisions relating to restoration of seized firearms	Support
SEJ	LB1090	Hansen	Notice of Hearing - March 3, 2016	Require notification of law enforcement by the Nebraska State Patrol of denials of handgun certificates as prescribed	Support
HOUSING/CONST RUCTION					
SEJ	LB951	Harr	Hearing - February 10, 2016	Adopt the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act	Support
HUMAN SERVICES					
SEJ	LB647	Nordquist	Held in Judiciary Committee	Prohibit discrimination re child placement	Support
SEJ	LB648	Howard	Held in Judiciary Committee	Provide for adoption by two adult persons	Support
SEJ	LB701	Mello	Placed on General File with AM1923	Eliminate a termination date relating to a self-sufficiency contract	Support
SEJ	LB767	Garrett	Notice of Hearing - March 2, 2016	Prohibit dismemberment abortion as prescribed & provide for civil & criminal penalties. Could apply to early abortions	Oppose
SEJ	LB966	Kintner	Hearing - February 19, 2016	Adopt the Refugee Resettlement Agency Indemnification Act	Strongly Oppose
SEJ	LB990	Davis	Notice of Hearing - March 2, 2016	Adopt the Fetal Dignity Protection Act	Oppose
SEJ	LB1081	Campbell	Howard Priority Bill	Change provisions relating to eligibility for public assistance. Allows people to earn more and still be eligible	Support
LABOR LAWS					
SEJ	LB83	Cook	Cook Priority Bill - Placed on General File	Provide certain protections for employees relating to wage disclosure	Support
SEJ	LB165	Lindstrom	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Change income tax provisions relating to Social Security benefits	Monitor
SEJ	LB288	Ebke	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages	Oppose
SEJ	LB556	Kolowski	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Waive workers' compensation as exclusive remedy if employer is willfully negligent	Support

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SEJ	LB586	Morfeld	Morfeld Priority Bill	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation & gender identity	Support
SEJ	LB611	Kintner	Held in Committee at end of First Session	Require private employers to use E-Verify	Oppose
SEJ	LB885	Davis	Hearing - February 25, 2016	Provides First Amendment protections to university student journalists	Support
SEJ	LB928	Mello	Hearing - February 1, 2016	Change provisions relating to discriminatory wage practices based on sex	Support
SEJ	LB969	Larson	Hearing - February 1, 2016	Requires mayoral and city council approval before a library/library board can take any action regarding any library employee, director, administration or personnel	Oppose
SEJ	LB1089	Hansen	Hearing - February 1, 2016	Change minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities to 50% of minimum wage.	Support
SEJ	LB1095	Kintner	Hearing - February 25, 2016	Require employer identification numbers and the use of the federal immigration verification system	Oppose
SEJ	LB1110	Mello	Business and Labor Priority Bill	Adopt the Nebraska Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act	Support
MISCELLANEOUS					
SEJ	LB688	Bloomfeld	Hearing - February 23, 2016	Require all examinations and test of applicants under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act to be in English	Oppose
SEJ	LB892	Kintner	Hearing - February 11, 2016	Change provisions relating to intimidation by telephone call	Support
SEJ	LB898	Fox	Placed on Select File 2/18/16	Exempt persons solely engaged in natural hair braiding from credentialing requirements under the Uniform Credentialing Act	Monitor
SEJ	LB936	Ebke	Hearing - February 17, 2016	Change inheritance tax rates and exemption amounts	Oppose
SEJ	LB940	Johnson	Hearing - February 4, 2016	Adopt Tax Stabilization Act	Oppose
SEJ	LB947	Mello	Hanson Priority Bill	State intent re professional or commercial Licenses for certain aliens	Support
SEJ	LB953	Kolterman	Hearing - February 3, 2016	Provide protection for qualified adults from financial exploitation	Support
SEJ	LB1036	Campbell	Hearing - February 9, 2016	Change provisions of the Credit services Organization Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, & the Nebraska Installment Loan Act	Support
SEJ	LB1102	Davis	Hearing February 5, 2016 Referred to Executive Board	Authorize legislative performance audits of tax-increment financing	Support
SEJ	LB1104	Larson	State Tribal Relations Priority Bill - Hearing 2/18/16	Provide for tax incentives, intent provisions, and revenue-sharing agreements relating to native Americans	Monitor