To: Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club
From: James P. Cavanaugh
Date: April 20, 2018
RE: Nebraska 2018 Legislative Session,

2018 Session Wrap Up

The Session
The 2018 session of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature came to a close on April 18. As this was the second year of the two-year biennial, all bills not passed automatically died. Only 469 bills were introduced in this “short” 60 day session. As it turned out, that was more than enough to consider, as the body struggled to deal with just the individual Senator, Committee and Speaker priority bills.

The Legislature had one major responsibility and that was to fund a mid-biennium budget due to low revenue receipts. The University of Nebraska pushed back stronger than ever on cuts but, in the end, revised revenue projections from the Economic Forecasting Board helped alleviate some of the pain to the University and state agencies. Gov. Ricketts and the majority Republican legislature had made it clear the last two years that any sort of tax increase was off the table.

What’s Next
The next regular session of the legislature will begin January 9, 2019.

More than 100 interim study resolutions have been offered for possible consideration between now and the end of the calendar year. Many of these will not be given time by the respective committee chair, but some will receive public hearings later this summer and in the fall. We will continue to pour through and identify all of potential interest to IIAN.

Two major initiatives are currently seeking enough signatures to appear on the November general election ballot. One would expand Medicaid and the other would offer a state income tax credit or refund on 50% of the property taxes paid toward education. The property tax measure is estimated as a $1.1 billion annual expense to the state. If either of these measures are successful, it will make for some tough decision making in the 2019 legislature. All taxes, incentives and exemptions will be on the table.

With elections this November, the make up of the legislature will change next year. Half of the legislative districts are up for consideration. Six senators are barred from running again due to term limits, two chose not to seek reelection and two others are campaigning for a different office. This could change the leadership of the body next year and most certainly will have an impact on the constitution of the committees.

As was suspected would be the case, the 2018 edition of the Nebraska Legislature was not particularly productive. Even with a 100+ bill spurt on the last two days.
Sierra Club Bills

The Sierra Club was PRO on 15 bills; was ANTI on 3 bills, and merely monitoring 32 bills. Of the 15 PRO bills 2 passed (coordinate on ground water; black footed prairie dog) and 1 was withdrawn (KXL pipeline); the other 13 died. Of the 3 ANTI bills 2 passed (access to public power info; increase speed limit) and 1 died (stop wind power). Of the 32 merely monitor bills 10 passed, 1 was withdrawn, 1 was indefinitely postponed, and the other 20 died with the end of the session.

The following bills of interest to the Sierra Club have passed and now have the Governor's signature:

**LB901**  Bostelman  M  
Require Director of Aeronautics to consult with the Military Department in certain structure permitting decisions

**LB1000E**  Briese  M  

**LB1009**  Murante  Anti
Provide a super-two rural highway classification and change maximum highway speed limits as prescribed

**LB1008E**  Bostelman  Anti w/ Committee Amendments
Increase amounts of liquidated damages for certain violations of the Game Law. LB1008 is now an Omnibus bill which incorporates AM2191 and AM2292 that killed LB822 (DNR coordinate with other agencies); as well as added LBs 713 and 761 (Oil & Gas Comm. $400 per diem), and LB820 (procedure for PRB to grant...
waiver for failure to notify PRB.


On the final, 60th day, the Legislature passed on Final Reading and sent to the Governor for his signature:

**LB449**

Chambers SC PRO

Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.

**Final Reading vote of 26 yes, 13 no, and 10 not voting.**

TODAY:
The Governor has five days, excluding Sundays and holidays, to act upon legislation passed by the Unicameral Legislature (see, Constitution Art. IV, sec. XV). On Wednesday, April 18th, the 60th day of this just completed short session, the Legislature passed 24 bills. Today, April 23rd is that fifth day. 2018 bills become law effective on July 19, 2018, three calendar months after the Legislature adjourned; unless (1) the bill included a specific operative date, or (2) the bill included an emergency clause in which case that bill becomes effective the day after it was signed by the Governor.

If the Governor returns a bill to the Clerk of the Legislature without his signature (and with his objections), then the bill is vetoed; and, is subject to override by 3/5ths vote (i.e., 30 out of 49). Since the Legislature has adjourned sine die it cannot override any vetoes. Also, during the session, if the Governor holds a passed bill more than five days it becomes law without the Governor's signature. Since the Legislature has adjourned sine die the Governor can do a pocket veto by merely holding a bill for more than five days.

The Governor has returned all 24 bills to the Clerk of Legislature. Three of those 24 (LB449, LB873, LB998) were without his signature and with his objections; thus, vetoed.

**Of interest to the Sierra Club, the Governor vetoed LB 449, Senator Chamber’s Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.**

The bills the Governor vetoed were LB 873 (Urban Affairs Committee’s catch all bill on local issues), LB 998 (Senator Walz’s Create the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Program) and LB 449, Senator Chamber’s Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.

Between sessions the Legislature is still active with Interim Studies. We will be monitoring the list of Interim Studies which won't begin in earnest until late summer and early fall. Please see the final page of this report for a listing of ISRs of interest to the Sierra Club.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Nebraska Legislature.

To review the full text of bills or resolutions, please look on the Unicameral website at: http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov. Fiscal notes can also be found there.

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### BILLS OF INTEREST INTRODUCED 2018

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1/25/2018  Chambers MO186 pending
1/25/2018  Chambers MO186 failed
1/30/2018  Chambers MO192 Reconsider the Vote to Bracket filed
1/30/2018  Chambers MO192 failed
1/30/2018  Chambers FA92 lost
1/30/2018  Chambers MO193 Reconsider the Vote on FA92 filed
1/30/2018  Chambers MO193 failed
1/30/2018  Hughes MO194 Invoke Cloture filed
1/30/2018  Hughes MO194 prevailed
1/30/2018  Natural Resources AM1573 adopted
1/30/2018  Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
1/31/2018  Placed on Select File with ER103
1/31/2018  Enrollment and Review ER103 filed
2/12/2018  E&R ER103 Adopted
2/12/2018  Chambers AM1866 Filed
2/12/2018  Chambers AM1866 Lost
2/12/2018  Chambers MO209 Reconsider the vote on AM1866 Filed
2/12/2018  Chambers MO209 Failed
2/12/2018  Chambers MO184 Failed
2/12/2018  Chambers MO211 Reconsider the vote to indefinitely postpone filed
2/12/2018  Chambers MO211 failed
2/12/2018  Hughes MO210 Invoke cloture filed
2/12/2018  Hughes MO210 prevailed
2/12/2018  Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
2/14/2018  Placed on Final Reading
2/23/2018  Motion to Return to Select File Failed
2/23/2018  Chambers FA107 Filed
2/23/2018  Chambers FA107 Withdrawn
2/23/2018  Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause
2/28/2018  Signed by the Governor

LB761  Hughes  M  Change compensation provisions relating to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
11/3/2018  Bill introduced
1/8/2018  Referred to Natural Resources Committee
2/12/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/22/2018
LB761 amended into LB1008 via AM2292.

LB762  Hughes  M  Change a date for certain scrap tire recycling grants
1/3/2018  Bill introduced
1/8/2018  Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
1/17/2018  Notice of Hearing for 1/24/2018

LB763  Harr  M  Prohibit obstruction of a public power district employee
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LB822 Hughes M Change provisions relating to the Department of Natural Resources
1/4/2018 Bill Introduced
1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing for 1/18/2018
2/28/2018 Hughes AM2191 Filed
2/28/2018 Notice of Hearing for March 7, 2018 on AM2191

LB822 is, in effect, DEAD. LB822 has been replaced by AM2191. AM2191 has been amended by AM2292, which replaces LB1008.

LB901 Bostelman M Require Director of Aeronautics to consult with the Military Department in certain structure permitting decisions
1/8/18 Date of Introduction
1/9/18 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Cmte
1/10/18 Notice of Hearing for 1/22/18
2/20/18 T&T AM1726 Filed
2/20/18 Placed on General File with AM1726
2/21/18 Speaker Priority Bill
3/15/18 Trans&Telecom AM1726 Adopted
3/15/18 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
3/20/18 ER135 Filed
3/20/18 Placed on Select File with ER135
4/11/18 Passed Final Read 47-0-2
4/11/18 President/Speaker signed
4/17/18 Signe by Governor

LB908 Baker M Provide a disposal exception for tires used in a building system and eliminate obsolete provisions under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act
1/8/2018 Bill introduced
1/9/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
2/6/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/15/2018

LB944 Speaker Scheer APPR “Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations”

Please note inverse order of dates on this bill.

Apr 04, 2018 Approved by Governor on April 04, 2018
Apr 03, 2018 Presented to Governor on April 03, 2018
Apr 03, 2018 President/Speaker signed
Apr 03, 2018 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 38-6-5
Apr 03, 2018 Dispensing of reading at large approved
Apr 03, 2018 Chambers MO306 withdrawn
Apr 03, 2018 Morfeld MO309 withdrawn
Apr 03, 2018 Morfeld MO309 Recommit to Appropriations Committee filed
Mar 28, 2018 Placed on Final Reading with ST50
Mar 28, 2018 Chambers FA142 filed
Mar 28, 2018  Chambers MO306 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed
Mar 28, 2018  Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
Mar 28, 2018  Stinner MO307 prevailed
Mar 28, 2018  Stinner MO307 Invoke cloture filed
Mar 28, 2018  Scheer AM2750 adopted
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Mar 23, 2018  Stinner MO295 failed
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Mar 23, 2018  Pansing Brooks AM2346 pending
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Mar 23, 2018  Wishart AM2514 withdrawn
Mar 21, 2018  Stinner MO279 failed
Mar 21, 2018  Stinner MO279 Invoke cloture filed
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Mar 21, 2018  Krist AM2289 adopted
Mar 21, 2018  Stinner AM2464 adopted
Mar 21, 2018  Enrollment and Review ER129 adopted
Mar 20, 2018  Speaker Major Proposal
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**LB945** Speaker Scheer APPR “Create funds and authorize, change, provide, and eliminate fund transfer provisions”

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- 3/9/18 Placed on General File with AM1700
- 3/9/18 Appropriations AM1700 Filed
- 3/9/18 Krist AM2288 Filed
- 3/13/18 Appropriations AM1700 Adopted
- 3/13/18 Krist AM2288 Adopted
- 3/13/18 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
- 3/14/18 Enrollment and Review ER128 Filed
- **3/14/18 Placed on Select File with ER128**
- 3/20/18 Stinner AM2463 Filed
- 3/21/18 Stinner AM2463 Adopted
- 3/21/18 Advanced to E&R for Engrossment
- 3/21/18 ER128 Adopted
- **3/21/18 Placed on Final Reading**
- 4/3/18 Presented to Governor on April 03, 2018
- 4/3/18 President/Speaker signed
4/3/18  Dispensing of reading at large approved
4/3/18  Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 41-4-4
4/4/18  Approved by Governor on April 04, 2018

LB946  Speaker Scheer APPR “Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund”
1/10/18  Date of Introduction
1/11/18  Referred to Appropriations Committee
1/11/18  Notice of Hearing for 1/22/18
3/9/18  Appropriations AM1701 Filed
3/9/18  Placed on General File with AM1701
3/12/18  Chambers AM2368 Filed
3/13/18  Appropriations AM1701 Adopted
3/13/18  Chambers AM2368 Withdrawn
3/13/18  Chambers MO254 Bracket until 4/18/18 Filed and Failed
3/13/18  Chambers MO255 Reconsider the vote to bracket Filed and Failed
3/13/18  Chambers MO257 Indefinitely Filed and Failed
3/13/18  Chambers MO258 Reconsider the vote to indefinitely postpone Filed and Failed
3/13/18  E&R ER127 Filed
3/13/18  Placed on Select file with ER127
3/21/18  Advanced to E&R for Engrossment
3/21/18  ER127 adopted
3/21/18  Placed on Final Reading
4/3/18  Presented to Governor on April 03, 2018
4/3/18  President/Speaker signed
4/3/18  Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 40-5-4
4/4/18  Approved by Governor on April 04, 2018

LB1000E  Briese  M  Require a bond election under the Public Facilities Construction and Finance Act
1/16/2018  bill introduced
1/18/2018  Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Cmte
1/25/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/1/2018
2/23/2018  GMVA AM1717 Filed
2/23/2018  Placed on General File with AM1717
3/27/18  GMVA AM1717 Adopted
3/27/18  Advanced to E&R Initial
4/3/18  Placed on Select File with ER161
4/3/18  Enrollment and Review ER161 filed
4/4/18  Enrollment and Review ER161 adopted
4/4/18  Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
4/6/18  Placed on Final Reading
4/11/18  Passed on final Read w/Emergency Clause 46-0-3
4/11/18  Signed by President speaker
4/17/18  Signed by Governor. Effective immediately.
LB1008E  Bostelman  Anti w/ Committee Amendments  Increase amounts of liquidated damages for certain violations of the Game Law

1/16/2018  Bill introduced
1/18/2018  Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
2/6/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/14/2018
2/20/2018  Natural Resources Priority Bill
3/8/2018  Natural Resources AM2292 Filed
3/8/2018  Placed on General File with AM2292

Mar 22, 2018  Wayne AM2557 filed
Mar 22, 2018  Wayne MO285 Refer bill to Reference Committee for rereferencing filed
Mar 22, 2018  Brewer AM2609 filed
Mar 22, 2018  Larson motion to overrule Chair failed
Mar 22, 2018  Chair ruled Natural Resources AM2564 is properly before the Legislature and complied with appropriate committee procedures

Mar 22, 2018  Larson point of order
Mar 22, 2018  Natural Resources AM2564 pending
Mar 22, 2018  Chambers MO286 withdrawn
Mar 22, 2018  Chambers MO286 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed
Mar 22, 2018  Larson motion to overrule Chair failed
Mar 22, 2018  Chair ruled Larson MO284 was not a priority motion
Mar 22, 2018  Larson point of order 96
Mar 22, 2018  Chair ruled Larson MO284 was out of order
Mar 22, 2018  Larson MO284 pending
Mar 22, 2018  Larson MO284 Recommit to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee filed

Mar 22, 2018  Natural Resources AM2564 pending
Mar 22, 2018  Natural Resources AM2596 filed
Mar 22, 2018  Natural Resources AM2564 filed
Mar 22, 2018  Natural Resources AM2292 divided
Mar 26, 2018  Brewer AM2538 filed
Mar 26, 2018  Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
Mar 26, 2018  Natural Resources AM2292 adopted
Mar 26, 2018  Hughes MO298 prevailed
Mar 26, 2018  Hughes MO298 Invoke cloture filed
Mar 26, 2018  Brewer AM2609 lost
Mar 26, 2018  Brewer AM2609 pending
Mar 26, 2018  Brewer AM2609 pending
Mar 26, 2018  Natural Resources AM2564 pending
Mar 27, 2018  Enrollment and Review ER146 filed
Mar 27, 2018  Placed on Select File with ER146
Mar 28, 2018  Larson FA140 filed
Mar 28, 2018  Larson MO304 Recommit to Natural Resources Committee filed
Mar 28, 2018  Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
Mar 28, 2018  Wayne AM2656 lost
Mar 28, 2018  Wayne AM2656 filed
Mar 28, 2018  Brewer AM2538 withdrawn
Mar 28, 2018  Wayne AM2557 withdrawn
Mar 28, 2018  Wayne MO285 withdrawn
Mar 28, 2018  Enrollment and Review ER146 adopted
Apr 03, 2018  Placed on Final Reading
Apr 06, 2018  Larson MO304 withdrawn
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Apr 06, 2018  Larson FA140 withdrawn
Apr 06, 2018  Dispensing of reading at large approved
Apr 06, 2018  Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 42-4-3
Apr 06, 2018  President/Speaker signed
Apr 11, 2018  Signed by Governor. Effective immediately.

LB1008 is now an Omnibus bill which incorporates AM2191 and AM2292 to LB822, as well as LB713, LB761, LB820.

LB1009  Murante  Anti  Provide a super-two rural highway classification and change maximum highway speed limits as prescribed
1/16/2018  Bill introduced
1/18/2018  Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
1/26/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/6/2018
2/20/2018  Hughes Priority Bill
2/28/2018  T&T AM1737 Filed
2/28/2018  Placed on General File with AM1731
3/7/2018  Smith AM2254 Filed
3/21/18  T&T AM1737 Adopted
3/21/18  Smith AM2254 Adopted
3/21/18  Advanced to E&R Initial
3/23/18  E&R ER138 Filed
3/23/18  Placed on Select File
3/28/18  ER138 Adopted
3/28/18  Advanced to E&R for Engrossment
4/3/18  Placed on Final Reading
4/11/18  Passed on Final Read 44-1-4
4/11/18  President/Speaker Signed
4/17/18  Signed by Governor

LB1017  Krist  Pro  Change and eliminate pipeline siting provisions and eminent domain provisions
1/16/2018  Bill introduced
1/18/2018  Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
1/19/2018  Krist MO178 Withdraw Bill filed
1/24/2018  Krist MO178 prevails
1/24/2018  BILL WITHDRAWN

LB1019  Clements  M  Change boundaries of Nebraska planning and development regions
1/16/2018  Bill introduced
1/18/2018  Referred to Gov’t, Military and Vets Affairs Cmte
1/26/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/2/2018
2/23/2018  Placed on General File

LB1025  Wayne  M  Create the Building Codes Advisory Committee and change building code provisions
1/16/2018  Bill introduced
1/18/2018  Referred to Gov’t, Military, Vets Affairs Cmte
1/30/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/13/2018
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LB1123  Groene  M  Provide for streamflow augmentation projects and retention of water rights as prescribed
1/18/2018  Bill introduced
1/22/2018  Referred to natural Resources Cmte
1/25/2018  Brewer and McDonnell added
1/26/2018  Erdman added
1/31/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/7/2018
2/20/2018  Bill Indefinitely Postponed

LB1124  Groene  M  Provide notice and hearing requirements for public entities relating to land acquisition and ground water pump installations
1/18/2018  Bill introduced
1/22/2018  Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
1/31/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/7/2018

LB1133  Wayne  M  Adopt the Industrial Hemp Act, provide an exemption under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and eliminate a provision relating to industrial hemp research
1/18/2018  Bill introduced
1/22/2018  Referred to Agricultural Committee
1/25/2018  Notice of Hearing 2/6/2018
1/26/2018  Ebke added
2/7/2018  Krist added

LR293CA  Wishart  M  Constitutional amendment providing a right to use or consume medical cannabis subject to laws, rules, and regulations
1/18/2018  Bill introduced
1/22/2018  Referred to judiciary Committee
1/25/2018  Notice of Hearing for 2/8/2018
1/25/2018  McCollister added
2/28/2018  Judiciary Amendment AM2077 Filed
2/28/2018  Placed on General file with AM2077

2017 BILLS OF INTEREST
Carried over to the 2018 Session

LB23  Scheer  Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds
Sierra Club Position: Monitor
1/5/2017  Introduced
1/9/2017  Referred to Appropriations Committee
1/10/2017  Hearing scheduled for January 17, 2017
1/3/2018  Titled printed. Carryover bill
LB55  Schumacher  Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds
1/5/2017  Introduced
1/9/2017  Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
1/23/2017  Hearing scheduled for January 30, 2017
1/3/2018  Title printed. Carryover bill

LB98  Friesen  Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts.
Sierra Club Position: Monitor
1/5/2017  Introduced
1/9/2017  Referred to Revenue Committee
1/25/2017  Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017
3/13/2017  Speaker priority bill
3/15/2017  Placed on General File
3/29/2017  Groene AM486 filed
3/30/2017  Groene AM486 lost
3/30/2017  Groene MO67 Bracket until June 2, 2017 filed
3/30/2017  Groene MO67 failed
3/30/2017  Erdman AM819 filed
3/30/2017  Kuehn AM823 filed
5/2/2017  Friesen MO113 Invoke cloture filed
5/2/2017  Friesen MO113 failed
1/3/2018  Title printed. Carryover bill
2/12/2018  Stinner Priority Bill
3/7/2018  Friesen MO249 failed
3/7/2018  Friesen MO249 Invoke cloture filed
3/7/2018  Erdman MO248 pending
3/7/2018  Erdman MO248 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed
3/7/2018  Erdman AM819 pending

LB218  Groene  Provide for installation of ground water pumps by public entities
Sierra Club Position: Support
1/10/2017  Introduced
1/12/2017  Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017  Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017
2/24/2017  McDonnell name added
1/3/2018  Title printed. Carryover bill
1/3/2018  Brewer name added

LB390  Albrecht  Change provisions relating to flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds
1/13/2017  Introduced
1/17/2017  Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017  Hearing scheduled for February 1, 2017
1/3/2018  Title printed. Carryover bill
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<td>Change boundaries and number of public service commissioner districts and provide for the appointment and election of new commissioners as prescribed</td>
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4/10/18 ER179 Adopted
4/10/18 Hughes MO345 Recommit to Ag Comte Filed and Withdrawn
4/10/18 E&R for Engrossment
4/10/18 Placed on Final Reading

**LB452** Lindstrom Impose sales tax on services and change income tax rates and personal exemption amounts

*Sierra Club Position: Monitor*

- 1/17/2017 Introduced
- 1/19/2017 Referred to Revenue Committee
- 1/24/2017 Linehan name added
- 2/7/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017
- 1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB494** Briese Provide for withholding public records relating to energy infrastructure

*Sierra Club Position: Oppose*

- 1/17/2017 Introduced
- 1/19/2017 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
- 1/25/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017
- 2/7/2017 Brewer name added
- 3/15/2017 Placed on General File with AM555
- 3/15/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs AM555 filed
- 1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB499** Brewer Provide for voluntary registration and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Nebraska Apiary Act as prescribed

*Sierra Club Position: Support*

- 1/18/2017 Introduced
- 1/20/2017 Referred to Agriculture Committee
- 1/27/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017
- 1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB504** Brewer Provide for a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects and for a task force study as prescribed

*Sierra Club Position: Support*

- 1/18/2017 Introduced
- 1/20/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee
- 1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for March 1, 2017
- 1/24/2017 Groene name added
- 2/8/2017 Hearing time changed from 1:30 PM to 9:15 AM
- 1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB563** McCollister Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate certain sales tax exemptions

*Sierra Club Position: Monitor*
1/18/2017    Introduced
1/20/2017    Referred to Revenue Committee
2/14/2017    Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017
1/3/2018    Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB610 Kolowski**    Adopt the Community Solar Energy Economic Development Act

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/18/2017    Introduced
1/20/2017    Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017    Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017
1/3/2018    Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB646 Pansing-Brooks**    Provide for an extreme weather preparedness task force and strategic action plan

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/18/2017    Introduced
1/20/2017    Referred to Executive Board
1/27/2017    Hearing scheduled for February 6, 2017
1/3/2018    Title printed. Carryover bill

**LR4 Blood**    Interim study to explore if the development of a more comprehensive water quality study is needed

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/5/2017    Introduced
1/5/2017    Referred to Executive Board
1/19/2017    Vargas name added
5/15/2017    Referred to Natural Resources Committee

**LR46 Larson**    Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to develop a climate action plan

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

2/22/2017    Introduced
2/22/2017    Laid over
2/22/2017    Speaker's announcement
2/23/2017    Referred to Executive Board
3/8/2017    Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2017
1/3/2018    Title printed. Carryover bill
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