

**NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION**  
**2019 Legislative Session**  
**Week 18 Report**

**General Legislative Update**

On Tuesday, the Legislature debated the Revenue Committee's proposal to reduce property taxes. The legislation (LB 289) would have allowed a reduction in property taxes by increasing state aid to schools. The funds needed for increasing school aid would be generated by raising the sales tax rate, increasing the cigarette tax, and removing several sales tax exemptions. Several urban senators mounted a filibuster. After three hours of debate and no end to the filibuster in sight, the Speaker moved on to the next bill on the agenda. For a good report on the debate, see this article from the *Unicameral Update*: "[Property tax relief through increased school funding debated](#)." Ag groups are poised to take the issue of property tax relief to Nebraska voters in 2020 if the Legislature does not act. Whether the Legislature takes another shot this session remains to be seen. "[It's back to the drawing table for Nebraska property tax proposal](#)."

Wednesday, the Legislature debated the budget package proposed by the Appropriations Committee. The budget was advanced with remarkable ease. The only significant change in the Committee's proposal was an amendment by Revenue Committee Chairwoman Lou Ann Linehan, which increased funding for the State's Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the level recommended by the Governor. The Linehan amendment added \$25 million to the \$26 million proposed by the Appropriations Committee in funding for the fund designed to offer property tax relief through an income tax credit. The increase in property tax relief under the Linehan amendment came from reduced funding (of \$25 million) to the State's Cash Reserve Fund (rainy-day fund). Appropriations Committee Chairman John Stinner said the Linehan amendment was short-sighted and not financially responsible.

For more on the Legislature's budget debate and vote, see:

- "[Budget package clears first round](#)"
- "[Lawmakers pick property tax credits over rainy-day fund, give first-round approval to \\$9.3 billion budget](#)"

Second round of debate will be on Tuesday.

The week concluded with first-round advancement of 27 bills on the [Legislature's Consent Calendar](#), a means for fast-tracking legislation that is not controversial and advanced from committee without opposition. All bills were advanced by lunchtime Friday without much in the way of debate. Consent Calendar bills have been highlighted on the tracking chart for your reference.

Nebraska Travel Association							
Bill No.	Description	Sponsor(s)	Committee	Client Position	Hearing Date	Current Status	Notes
<a href="#">LB41</a>	Change provisions relating to transfers and uses of certain gaming taxes	Hilkemann	General Affairs		19.02.04 RM 1510 1:30 PM	General File w/AM244	Albrecht Name Added; Hunt Name Added; General Affairs AM244 Filed
<a href="#">LB46</a>	Eliminate provisions relating to the hunting of mountain lions	Chambers	Natural Resources		19.02.21 RM 1525 1:30 PM		
<a href="#">LB57</a>	Prohibit regulation of short-term rentals and provide for taxation agreements	Morfeld	Urban Affairs	Support	19.01.29 RM 1510 1:30 PM	Passed on Final Reading 46-0-3 Approved by Gov 19.03.07	Nick testified in Support at Jan. 29 hearing; Wayne Explanation of Vote: would have voted Aye
<a href="#">LB75</a>	Change terms of members of the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board	Williams	General Affairs		19.01.28 RM 1510 1:30 PM	Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4 Approved by Gov 19.03.07	Wayne Explanation of Vote
<a href="#">LB97</a>	Change provisions relating to highway funding	Wayne	Revenue		19.03.27 RM 1524 1:30 PM		
<a href="#">LB100</a>	State intent relating to an appropriation to the Nebraska State Historical Society	Wayne	Appropriations		19.03.01 RM 1003 1:30 PM		
<a href="#">LB105</a>	Designate corn as the state vegetable	Linehan	Executive		19.02.11 Executive Board 12:00 PM		
<a href="#">LB126</a>	Provide for special landowner deer hunting permits as prescribed	Hughes	Natural Resources		19.01.23 RM 1525 1:30 PM	General File w/AM757	Natural Resources AM757 Filed
<a href="#">LB127</a>	Redefine immediate family for purposes of limited permits for hunting	Hughes	Natural Resources		19.01.23 RM 1525 1:30 PM	Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4; Approved By	Natural Resources AM184 Filed; AM184 Adopted

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<a href="#">LB128</a>	Provide for Wildlife Conservation Plates	Hughes	Transport & Telecom		19.02.05 Warner Chamber 1:30 PM		
<a href="#">LB187</a>	Change the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act	Lindstrom	Revenue	<b>Support</b>	19.02.22 RM 1524 1:30 PM		Wishart Name Added; Ask Lindstrom about adding ETJ
<a href="#">LB225</a>	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society	Quick	Appropriations		19.03.01 RM 1003 1:30 PM		Dorn Name Added
<a href="#">LB236</a>	Change access to sales and use tax information with respect to the Nebraska Advantage Transformational Tourism and Redevelopment Act	Crawford	Revenue		19.02.22 RM 1524 1:30 PM	General File	This bill does not affect the Act in a way that would have an effect on the travel and tourism industry
<a href="#">LB287</a>	Change and provide duties for the Game and Parks Commission and change provisions relating to stamps, permits, fees, and hunter orange display requirements as prescribed	Quick	Natural Resources		19.01.24 RM 1525 1:30 PM	General File	Natural Resources AM386 Filed
<a href="#">LB301</a>	Transfer duties under the Boiler Inspection Act, the Nebraska Amusement Ride Act, and the Conveyance Safety Act from the Department of Labor to the State Fire Marshal	Lowe - Gov Request	Business & Labor	Monitor	19.01.28 RM 1524 1:30 PM	Passed on Final Reading w/Emergency Clause 44-0-5 Approved by Gov 19.03.07	Lathrop AM257 Filed; AM257 Withdrawn; Lathrop AM299 Filed and Adopted; Lowe AM165 Filed and Adopted; Wayne Explanation of Vote
<a href="#">LB310</a>	Change procedures for tax credits under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act	Vargas	Revenue		19.02.13 RM 1524 1:30 PM	General File w/AM739	Revenue AM739 Filed

<a href="#">LB314</a>	Adopt the Remote Seller Sales Tax Collection Act and change revenue and taxation provisions	Briese	Revenue	<b>Oppose</b>	19.02.14 RM 1524 1:30 PM		Brandt Name Added; Wine/beer; Halloran Name Added; Letter of opposition distributed to committee members
<a href="#">LB378</a>	Change helmet provisions for autocycles, motorcycles, and mopeds	B. Hansen	Transport & Telecom		19.02.12 Warner Chamber 1:30 PM		Linehan Name Added; Morfeld Name Added; Hilkemann AM1662, AM1663, AM1664, AM1659, and AM1665 Filed
<a href="#">LB383</a>	Provide for an annual adjustment to the minimum wage	Quick	Business & Labor		19.02.11 RM 1524 1:30 PM		
<a href="#">LB385</a>	Change election provisions for the board of trustees of the Nebraska State Historical Society	Erdman	Govt, Military & VA		19.02.13 RM 1507 1:30 PM	General File	
<a href="#">LB401</a>	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact	Quick	Transport & Telecom		19.03.05 Warner Chamber 1:30 PM		
LB447	Provide for an exception to the State Personnel System for certain employees of the Nebraska State Historical Society	McDonnell	Govt, Military & VA		19.02.13 RM 1507 1:30 PM	General File	Gov AM548 Filed; AM548 Adopted; Consent Calendar
<a href="#">LB497</a>	Adopt the School District Property Tax Authority Act and change revenue and taxation provisions	Friesen	Revenue	Oppose	19.02.14 RM 1524 1:30 PM		Kolterman Name Added; Letter of opposition distributed to committee members
<a href="#">LB507</a>	Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate sales tax exemptions	Briese	Revenue	Oppose	19.03.01 RM 1524 1:30 PM		
<a href="#">LB508</a>	Impose sales and use taxes on certain services, eliminate sales tax exemptions, and use the increased revenue for property tax credits	Briese	Revenue	Oppose	19.03.01 RM 1524 1:30 PM		

<a href="#">LB564</a>	Change the Civic and Community Center Financing Act	Bolz	Urban Affairs		19.03.05 RM 1510 1:30 PM	General File w/AM1276	Urban Affairs AM1276 Filed; AM1276 Adopted; Consent Calendar
<a href="#">LB584</a>	Change farm winery provisions and provide for a promotional special designated license	Hilgers	General Affairs		19.02.11 RM 1510 1:30 PM	General File w/AM903	Slama Name Added; General Affairs AM903 Filed
<a href="#">LB624</a>	Change terms of members of the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board	Williams	General Affairs		19.02.04 RM 1510 1:30 PM	Passed on Final Reading 45-0-4 Approved by Gov 19.03.12	ER34 Filed; ER34 Adopted
<a href="#">LB637</a>	Authorize sales of tourism promotional products by the Nebraska Tourism Commission	Stinner	Govt, Military & VA	Support	19.03.01 RM 1507 1:30 PM	Passed on Final Reading w/Emergency Clause 49-0-0; Approved By Gov 19.04.24	Gov AM238 Filed (adds E clause); Speaker Priority Bill; AM238 Adopted; ER64 Adopted
<a href="#">LB682</a>	Provide for taxing spirits as proof gallons	Vargas	General Affairs		19.03.25 RM 1510 1:30 PM		