

HANDOUT A

Legislative Bill One-Liners from the 2025 Nebraska Unicameral Legislative Session

LB13: Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment relating to child care

Introducer: M. Cavanaugh, co-sign by Hallstrom and Conrad

Status: M. Cavanaugh priority bill, placed on select file

LB22: Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidence-based nurse home-visitation services

Introducer: Dungan, co-signed by Conrad

Status: Approved by Governor on April 9, 2025

LB41: Change provisions relating to blood tests for pregnant women

Introducer: Riepe, co-sign by M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Raybould, Quick

Status: Approved by Governor on April 9, 2025

LB 48: Establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program

Introducer: McKinney

Status: Signed by Governor on June 4, 2025

LB65: Exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court costs and fees and change provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code

Introducer: DeBoer, co-sign by Conrad

Status: Introduction

LB80: Adopt the Protection Orders Act, require reporting of child abuse and neglect involving military families, provide for domestic violence victims to change rental agreements and request the changing of locks, and change provisions related to landlords and tenants

Introducer: Hallstrom, co-signed by Bosn, DeKay, Clements, Ballard

Status: Approved by Governor on May 20, 2025

LB 89: Adopt the Stand with Women Act

Introducer: Kauth, co-sign by Andersen, Clements, Clouse, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Ibach, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKeon, Murman, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen and Meyer

Status: Introduced at the request of the Governor and was signed into law on June 4, 2025

LB104: Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act

Introducer: Raybould, co-signed by Conrad

Status: Amended into LB22 via AM348

LB141: Require reporting of child abuse and neglect involving military families to military authorities and military family advocacy programs

Introducer: Rountree, co-signed by Raybould

Status: Amended into LB880 via AM801 and approved by Governor on May 20, 2025

LB149: Eliminate the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade

Introducer: Hansen

Status: Referred to Education Committee

LB 150: Adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act, provide for a pilot program related to mental health, prohibit discrimination based on military or veteran status, and chance and eliminate provisions relating to garnishment, liens, post-release supervision, sexual abuse by school workers, criminal mischief, discovery in criminal cases, habitual sentencing enhancements, veterans justice programs, paternity proceedings, handgun purchase requirements, correctional system overcrowding emergencies, the Division of Parole Services, the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act, and the Sex Offender Commitment Act

Introducer: Bosn

Status: Judiciary priority bill. signed by Governor on June 4, 2025

LB153: Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage

Introducer: Guereca, co-signed by Raybould

Status: Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB189: Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act

Introducer: M. Cavanaugh

Status: Referred to Business and Labor Committee

LB 192: Change and eliminate provisions regarding eligibility for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and eliminate requirements for an evaluation and a report

Introducer: Quick, co-signed by J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Dungan, Fredrickson, Spivey, Raybould, and Conrad

Status: J. Cavanaugh priority bill, signed by Governor on June 2, 2025

LB 217: Require suicide awareness and prevention training for employees of child-placing agencies and child welfare workers

Introducer: Fredrickson

Status: Speaker priority bill, signed by Governor on June 4, 2025

LB224: Require paid maternity leave for state employees

Introducer: Guereca

Status: Guereca priority bill, placed on General File

LB257: Change licensure and scope of practice provisions regarding marriage and family therapy and occupational therapy and licensure requirements under the Child Care Licensing Act

Introducer: Quick, co-signed by Conrad

Status: Quick priority bill, approved by Governor on May 20, 2025

LB258: Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act

Introducer: Raybould, co-signed by Murman

Status: Failed on Final Reading 31-17-1

LB 264: Provide, change, and eliminate transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and various other funds and change, terminate, and eliminate various statutory programs

Introducer: Speaker Arch at the request of the Governor

Status: Introduced by Speaker Arch at the request of the Governor and was signed into law on May 21, 2025

LB306: Change provisions relating to admission to elementary and secondary schools, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act, and the Door to College Scholarship Act and require a database of financial information regarding school districts and reporting regarding funding from foreign adversarial sources

Introducer: Education Committee

Status: Approved by Governor on June 4, 2025

LB339: Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report regarding the federal Child Care Subsidy program

Introducer: Hallstrom

Status: Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB363: Adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act

Introducer: Ibach

Status: Referred to Business and Labor Committee

LB 376: Change and eliminate programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, eliminate various reporting requirements, and change and eliminate powers and duties of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Director of Motor Vehicles

Introducer: Health and Human Services Committee, co-signed by Hardin, Ballard, Hansen, and Meyer

Status: Signed by the Governor on June 4, 2025

LB380: Change provisions regarding program integrity, ground emergency medical transport, and mental health and substance use disorder services under the Medical Assistance Act and provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Introducer: Fredrickson

Status: Fredrickson priority bill, approved by Governor on May 30, 2025

LB383: Adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act, rename the Child Pornography Prevention Act, and prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography

Introducer: Storer, at the request of the Governor, co-signed by Ballard, Bosn, Clouse, Dover, Hardin, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, Lippincott, Meyer, Prokop, Murman

Status: Storer priority bill, approved by Governor on May 20, 2025

LB415: Change provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and the Conveyance Safety Act and provide for offset of debt owed due to the overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law against gambling winnings under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act and against future benefits under the Employment Security Law

Introducer: Ballard

Status: Approved by Governor on June 4, 2025

LB442: Establish a state child care subsidy program

Introducer: Spivey

Status: Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

LB492: Change juvenile court jurisdiction relating to habitual truancy and provisions relating to compulsory school attendance

Introducer: Conrad

Status: Referred to Judiciary Committee

LB 530: Change provisions relating to motor vehicle homicide, motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child, tampering with an electronic tampering device, controlled substances, adult juvenile probation, detention of juveniles, motorists passing stopped vehicles or vulnerable road users, and speed limits

Introducer: Kauth, co-signed by Sanders

Status: Signed by the Governor on June 4, 2025

LB552: Prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions from having a diversity, equity, and inclusion office and taking certain actions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion

Introducer: Lippincott

Status: referred to Education Committee

LB556: Change jurisdiction of juvenile courts and adult criminal courts and change provisions relating to detention and hearings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code

Introducer: Riepe, at the request of the Governor, co-signed by Sorrentino, Wordekemper

Status: Riepe priority bill, amended into LB530 via AM1238

LB698: Change provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act

Introducer: Strommen

Status: Amended into LB415 via AM545, Approved by Governor on June 4, 2025

HANDOUT B

Glossary of Social Network Analysis Terms

2-local: the number of unique nodes that can be reached within two steps from a given node, including direct neighbors and neighbors of neighbors. Shows the extend of a node's "local neighborhood". Nodes with higher 2-local reach quickly access a larger part of the network, capturing indirect influence

2-step: very similar, often referring to the number of nodes at distance of two. It demonstrates a node's broader sphere of immediate influence, beyond just direct ties.

2stepbet (2 step betweenness): measures the frequency with which a node appears on shortest paths of length two (between pairs two steps apart). This captures the significance of nodes in mediating relationships and facilitating exchanges among immediate and next-nearest neighbors. It is useful in identifying "local brokers" or connectors in smaller clusters.

Actor: any individual, organization, or entity that can form relationships with others within a network. Actors are represented as nodes or vertices in network diagrams.¹

ARD (average reciprocal distance): the average of the reciprocals of the shortest distance from one node to all others: $ARD_i = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{d(i,j)}$, where $d(i,j)$ is the shortest path. Higher ARD scores suggest the node is "closer" on average to the rest of the network, like closeness centrality, but penalizes for unreachable nodes and often used in disconnected networks.

Betweenness: quantifies the number of times a node acts as a bridge along the shortest path between two other nodes. It identifies actors that control information or resource flow through the network. High betweenness nodes act as "bridges", brokers, or gatekeepers who can control or facilitate the flow of information and resources. They're critical for network cohesion and can influence collaboration or bottlenecks.

Centrality: set of metrics used to identify the most important or influential nodes within a network. It quantifies how central or well-connected an actor is, often using measures such as degree, betweenness, and closeness centrality.²

Closeness: measures how close a node is to all other nodes in the network, calculated as the reciprocal sum of the shortest path distances from that node to all others. Higher closeness centrality means the node can reach others more quickly on average, highlighting individuals that efficiently disseminate information or exert influence throughout the network.

¹ [Social networks analysis | EBSCO Research Starters](#)

² Forehlich, D., Langler, M. "The Sage Encyclopedia of Research Design." Sage.
<https://doi.org/10.4135/9781071812082.n77>

Degree: measures the number of director connections (edges) an actor (node) has to other actors in the network. In directed networks, this can be further divided into in-degree (incoming ties) and out-degree (outgoing ties). Nodes with higher degree centrality are more “popular” or directly connected; these are individuals or organizations with the most relationships or direct influence in the network.³

Density: ratio of actual connections present in a network to the total possible connections among all actors. It reflects how interconnected the network is, with higher density indicating more ties among actors.⁴

Eigenvector: Measures a node’s influence based on both the quantity and quality of its connections (such as links to influential nodes). A high eigenvector centrality suggests broad influence, both directly and indirectly; these nodes are connected to other important or well-connected nodes, not just highly connected themselves.

Kcoreness (K-core number): the k-core of a node is the largest value k such that the node belongs to a subgraph where all nodes have at least k connections within it. Nodes with highest k-coreness are deeply embedded in the network’s core structure, indicating robust participation in strongly cohesive groups or ‘cores’. These nodes are less likely to be peripheral and more likely to be in tightly interconnected communities.

Layout with Node Repulsion: Graph layout algorithm based on physical simulation that determines node positions by simulating attraction and repulsion forces between nodes. It minimizes overlap and crossing edges, making it easier to understand the underlying structure of the graph.

Modularity: assesses the strength of division of a network into modules or communities. High modularity means the network has distinct clusters of nodes that are densely connected within themselves but sparsely connected to other clusters.

Social Network Analysis: methodological approach for studying the relationships and structures within social networks, focusing on the patterns of ties among actors rather than their individual attributes. SNA uses mathematical and graphical tools to analyze these connections and reveal insights into social structure, influence, and information flow.

Structural Holes: gaps between different parts of a network where there are few or no connections. Actors who bridge these holes can access diverse information and control the flow between otherwise disconnected groups, often gaining a strategic advantage.

³ [Degree Centrality](#)

⁴ [Using Network Density to Evaluate and Optimize Collaboration Intensity - Visible Network Labs](#)