



Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2026
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, General Manager 
RE: Executive Subcommittee February 12th Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met virtually on Thursday, February 12, 2026, to again discuss proposed bills and constitutional amendments introduced by the Legislature. Subcommittee members attending included Tom Green, Lisa Lewis, Christine Lamberty, David Landis, and John Yoakum. Bob Andersen was absent. Others present were Corey Wasserburger, David Potter, Chris Barber, and Kristen Hassebrook. Vice-chair Green called the meeting to order at 12:03.

Bills and Constitutional Amendments introduced by the 2026 Legislature [Action] – Potter introduced Kristen Hassebrook with Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook. Kristen updated the subcommittee on the status of the NRD list of proposed bills and constitutional amendments. Some of these are carry over from the last session and some are new ones, all of which have potential interest to Lower Platte South NRD. Kristen stated that she has been working with staff on testimony and contacting the senators. A letter of support was submitted on LP823. Dave Potter testified at the Appropriations Committee hearings on LB1072 and G&PC budget. Emails were also sent to some of the senators by staff. The District will be submitting a letter of support on LR298CA. Potter stated that the list of bills and constitutional amendments identified had positions taken by the District and by NARD. The intent was to take a final position on those bills and constitutional amendments for the District based on the information we have. Those bills identified, discussed, and positioned are included in the LPSNRD Issue Related Bills table (attached).

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Yoakum, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve district positions on those legislative bills and constitutional amendments identified by Mueller Robak Schaefer Hruza & Hassebrook.

There being no further business, Green adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:32 p.m.

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Nebraska's 109th Legislature (2025 & 2026)
(NRD Issue Related Bills)

BILL	INTRODUCER	DESCRIPTION	COMM.	HEARING	ACTION	POSITION		GENERAL FILE	SELECT FILE	FINAL READING	GOVERNOR SIGN
						NRD	NARD				
2026 BILLS (OF INTEREST)											
759	Brandt	Change provisions relating to water wells, the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, the Perkins County Canal Project Act, and the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund **Natural Resources Priority Bill**	JU	1/21/2026		M	S				
761	Brandt	Create a fund and change provisions relating to water well fees, use of funds, and powers and duties of the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment	NR	1/21/2026		M	S				
770	DeKay	Authorize fees for the collection of certain taxes of reclamation districts and county agricultural societies and change the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax	RV	1/21/2026		M	M				
772	M. Cavanaugh	Eliminate provisions allowing certain transfers of funds	AP	2/2/2026		M	M				
794	DeKay	Change powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and eliminate provisions relating to the Healthy Soils Task Force and obsolete fund transfers	AG	1/20/2026		M	M	1/22/2026 1/27/2026	1/30/2026 2/9/2026	2/9/2026	
807	Ibach	Change the administration of the Noxious Weed Control Act from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment and change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and the Water Resources Cash Fund	AG	1/27/2026		S	S	1/29/2026 2/4/2026	2/10/2026		
814	Brandt	Change provisions relating to the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land	RV	1/28/2026		M	See Policy Statement 2025-1				
823	Wordekemper	Change provisions relating to burning permits and the statewide open burning ban	NR	1/22/2026		S	S	2/3/2026			
827	DeKay	Provide for natural resources districts to create soil and water programs	NR	1/28/2026		M	S	2/3/2026	Amended into LB794 by AM2019		
897	Lonowski	Change a penalty and provide a fee for violating the open burning ban	JU	2/11/2026		M					
898	Lonowski	Change which political subdivisions may use virtual conferencing for meetings under the Open Meetings Act and change related requirements	GM	2/5/2026		M	S				
925	Andersen	Adopt the Safe Parks and Public Spaces Act	JU	2/18/2026		O					
935	Bosn	Provide for the award of costs and attorney's fees in certain actions involving political subdivisions	JU	2/18/2026		S	S				
947	Ag. Committee	Change fees under the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act and the Pesticide Act, change provisions relating to the Weeds of the Great Plains book, and change, eliminate, and terminate certain funds	AG	1/27/2026		M	S				
948	Ag. Committee	Rename and change provisions of the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act, eliminate the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Resources Act, terminate a fund, and eliminate provisions relating to certain associations and societies	AG	1/27/2026		M					

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964	Bostar	Adopt the Nebraska Public Property Disclosure Act	GM	2/5/2026		M	O				
1019	Dorn	Provide immunity from prosecution for trespass for county assessors	GM			M					
1028	Juarez	Provide requirements for nutrient management plans and the application of livestock waste or litter	GM			M	O				
1048	Arch at request of Governor	Change and eliminate reporting requirements for certain government agencies and preparation of the state executive budget and eliminate the Small Business Advisory Council, the Suggestion Award Board, and the state employee suggestion system	GM	2/6/2026		M	S				
1049	Ibach	Require the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare economic impact reports for regulatory actions	EX	2/12/2026		M	M				
1071	Arch	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027	AP	2/2/2026		O	See Policy Statement 2025-1				
1072	Arch	Provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to fees, funds, fund transfers, agency powers and duties, and various statutory programs	AP	2/2/2026		O	See Policy Statement 2025-1				
1081	Meyer, G.	Require state agencies and political subdivisions to purchase flags made in the United States	GM			M	S				
1096	Bostar at request of Governor	Adopt the Preventing Lethal Agricultural and National Threats Act and the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act, authorize the withholding of records relating to critical water infrastructure, and provide civil and criminal penalties	JU	2/5/2026		M	M				
1130	Jacobson	Adopt the Community Improvement District Act	UR	2/3/2026		M	M				
1136	Dugan	Require political subdivisions to identify authorized recipients of tort claims filed under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	JU	2/19/2026		M	O				
1145	Lonowski	Change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act	GM	2/5/2026		O	S				
1179	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature, the Transportation Committee of the Legislature, and the Telecommunications and Technology Committee of the Legislature	EX	2/12/2026		M	O				
1183	Lippincott	Change provisions relating to valuation of property	RV	2/5/2026		M	See Policy Statement 2025-1				
1188	DeKay	Update a federal reference in the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act and prohibit ownership of real estate in adversary nations by the state and any political subdivision thereof	AG	2/10/2026		M					
1204	Clouse	Adopt the Nameplate Capacity Tax Facility Standards Act and change provisions relating to property tax exemptions and the nameplate capacity tax	NR	2/12/2026		M					

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1215	McKinney	Adopt the Political Subdivision Contracting Transparency Act	GM			M	O				
1219	Brandt	Limit the amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political subdivision	RV	2/5/2026		O	See Policy Statement 2025-1				
1256	Cavanaugh, J.	Redefine a term under the Emergency Management Act	GM			S	S				
2025 CARRY OVER BILLS (OF INTEREST)											
86	Dorn	Appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources	AP	3/18/2025		S	S				
145	Ibach	Require the Director of Agriculture to administer a grant program relating to noxious weeds and restate intent regarding appropriations for vegetation management	AG	1/28/2025		S	S				
147	Hansen	Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions	HH	3/12/2025		M	M				
163	Spivey	Create the Office of Climate Action	NR	1/30/2025		M	M				
242	Riepe	Change the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Act and change provisions relating to budget limitations, municipal occupation taxes, and property tax statements	RV	3/5/2025		M	M	Amended into LB647 by AM994			
309	Hughes	Adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act	NR	2/12/2025		M	M	Amended into LB36 by AM635			
334	Hughes	Provide for confidentiality of certain candidate filing form information for judges filing for retention	GM	2/28/2025		M		Amended into LB166 by AM612			
384	Storer	Require a majority of the elected members of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act	RV	2/13/2025		M	M	3/20/2025 1/20/2026	1/26/2026 1/27/2026	1/30/2026 2/5/2026	2/9/2026
393	Clements	Eliminate obsolete transfers relating to the cash Reserve Fund	AP	3/12/2025		M	M				
403	Spivey	Create the Office of Grants and provide duties	GM	2/13/2025		M	M				
424	Andersen	Limit increases in property tax bills	RV	2/27/2025		M w/ Policy Stmt. 2025-1	M w/ Policy Stmt. 2025-1				
484	Quick	Redefine agricultural land and horticultural land for property tax assessment	RV	3/20/2025		M					
525	Jacobson at request of Gov.	Adopt the Agricultural Data Privacy Act	BC	2/3/2025 2/17/2026		O w/ Policy Stmt. 2025-3	O w/ Policy Stmt. 2025-3				
546	Roundtree	Change provisions relating to proclamations for disasters, emergencies, and civil defense emergencies made by the Governor	GM	3/12/2025		S	S				
565	Quick	Provide and change requirements relating to agency guidance documents	GM	2/12/2025		M	M				
575	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits	RV	2/20/2025		O w/ Policy Stmt. 2025-1	O w/ Policy Stmt. 2025-1				

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579	Cavanaugh, M	Prohibit charging a fee for public records requests by members of the Legislature	EX	2/18/2025		M	M				
596	Sanders	Change requirements for legal publications and notices required by law	GM	3/13/2025		S	S				
607	Bostar	Adopt the Environmental Stewardship of Batteries Act, the Extended Producer Responsibility Data Collection Act, and the Minimum Recycled Content Act, and change provisions relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, the Environmental Protection Act, and the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund	NR	2/27/2025		M	M				
638	Ibach	Change provisions of the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act	AG	2/25/2025		S w/ Comp. for Admin.	S w/ Comp. for Admin.				
673	Raybould	Change provisions relating to the Perkins County Canal Project and provide for a transfer from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund	AP	3/18/2025		O	O				
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683	Raybould	Change provisions relating to duties of county assessors regarding notification of real property assessments and eliminate and change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act	RV	3/20/2025		M	M				
695	Dover	Require the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District to construct a dam and provide flood control measures	NR	3/5/2025		O	O				
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS (OF INTEREST)											
LR12CA	Kauth	Constitutional amendment to impose a limit on ad valorem taxes for real property, provide a new method of valuing real property for tax purposes, provide certain exceptions and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions	RV	2/28/2025		O	O				
LR16CA	Urban Affairs Committee	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions	GM	2/27/2025		S	S				
LR18CA	Government Committee	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions	GM	2/27/2025		S	S	3/11/2025 Failed to advance to Select			
LR22CA	Dugan	Constitutional amendment to provide the right to a clean and healthy natural environment to the state and political subdivisions as trustees of the natural resources of Nebraska	NR	12/30/2026		S	O				
LR27CA	Hunt	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms	EX	2/27/2025		S	S				
LR292CA	Andersen	Constitutional amendment to provide a new method of valuing real property for property tax purposes, provide a limit on property tax increases, provide certain exceptions, provide requirements for declared emergencies, provide for emergency bond levies, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions **Andersen Priority Resolution**	RV	2/12/2026		M	O				

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LR298CA	Brandt	Constitutional amendment to create requirements for the use of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund	NR			S	S				
LR317CA	Brandt	Constitutional amendment to limit the annual growth in the amount of property taxes levied by political subdivisions	RV	2/5/2026		O	O				

NARD Policy Statement 2025-1 - We will work with the Legislature and Governor Pillen on reasonable property tax reform measures. We support reforms that reduce property tax reliance and provide adequate funding for both rural and urban areas. We oppose restrictions on local budgets that harm the ability of local governments: 1) To implement programs and projects to meet federal and state mandated programs; 2) Make local annual adjustments to meet the needs of the local citizens; 3) Adequately fund both rural and urban needs; and 4) Provide local funding for efficient natural resources programs that protect water quality, water quantity, soil, property and the economy.

NARD Policy Statement 2025-2 - We support the elimination of the licensed professional engineer requirement for Chief Water Officer and merging of the water quality and quantity responsibilities under the directive of the Chief Water Officer.

NARD Policy Statement 2025-3 - We support with an amendment to exclude NRD data request for water quality and quantity management.

Key

Committee		Action		Position	
AG	Agriculture	A	Advanced	O	Oppose
AP	Appropriations	AA	Advanced w/Amendments	NP	No Position
BC	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	IPPD	Indefinitely Postponed	S	Support
BL	Business and Labor	WD	Withdrawn	M	Monitor
ED	Education				
EX	Executive Board				
GA	General Affairs				
GM	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs				
HH	Health and Human Services				
JU	Judiciary				
NR	Natural Resources				
RE	Retirement				
RV	Revenue				
TR	Transportation and Telecommunications				
UR	Urban Affairs				

**** Legislative districts within LPSNRD are indicated by the Senator's name in red****