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Governmental Affairs Legislative Report

NPPD Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2024

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2024 Session

108th Legislature, Second Session 60 working days

Key Dates:

January 10-11	First day of debate on rule changes
January 16	First day of debate on carryover bills if rule debate is ended
January 17	Last day for bill introductions
January 18	State of the State Address
January 19	Last day of debate for rule changes if needed
January 22	First day of public hearings
February 14	Deadline to request a speaker priority designation
February 15	Deadline for committee and senator priority bill designations
February 29	Last day of public hearings
March 4	First full day of floor debate
March 7	Appropriations Committee mid-biennium budge bills to General File
March 18	First day of evening floor debate if needed
April 9	Last day of evening floor debate if needed
April 18	Day 60 of the legislative session

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
January						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	HOLIDAY	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	DAY 13	DAY 14	DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	
28	29	30	31			
	RECESS	DAY 18	DAY 19			

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
February						
				1	2	3
				DAY 20	DAY 21	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	DAY 22	DAY 23	DAY 24	DAY 25	RECESS	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	DAY 26	DAY 27	DAY 28	DAY 29	RECESS	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	HOLIDAY	DAY 30	DAY 31	DAY 32	DAY 33	
25	26	27	28	29		
	RECESS	DAY 34	DAY 35	DAY 36		

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
March						
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					RECESS	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	DAY 37	DAY 38	DAY 39	DAY 40	RECESS	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	RECESS	DAY 41	DAY 42	DAY 43	DAY 44	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	DAY 45	DAY 46	DAY 47	DAY 48	RECESS	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	DAY 49	DAY 50	DAY 51	DAY 52	RECESS	

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
April						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	RECESS	DAY 53	DAY 54	DAY 55	DAY 56	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	RECESS	DAY 57	DAY 58	DAY 59	RECESS	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	DAY 60		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Federal & State Holidays
 January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 19 – Presidents' Day

Legislative Recess Days
 January 29
 February 9, 16, 26
 March 1, 8, 11, 22, 29
 April 1, 8, 12, 15, 16, 17

*The Speaker reserves the right to revise the session calendar.

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Carryover Legislation:

- 541 Carryover bills/820 introduced
- LB 61 (Brandt) Authorize leasing of dark fiber (GF)
- LB 255 (Brewer) Prohibits the use of eminent domain for wind or solar projects
- LB 399 (Brewer) Change provisions relating to private renewable energy generation
- LB 541 (Lowe) Provide for partisan election of public power directors (SF)

2024 Legislation:

- 597 New bills
- 13 New legislative resolutions including 11 constitutional amendments

Position Recommendations- Support

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 61 Brandt Priority	Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission OPPD Support	T & T 2/21/23 General File
LB 837 Lowe	Change procedures for voting or election precincts for public power districts NPA & NREA Support	Natural Resources 2/8/24 In Committee
LB 866 Bostelman	Change provisions relating to service on the Nebraska Power Review Board NPA Support	Natural Resources 1/24/24 In Committee
LB 969 DeKay	Change provisions relating to contracts and sealed bids for public power districts NPA Support	Natural Resources 2/7/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Support

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 1234 Wayne	Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy NPA Support	Appropriations 2/2/24 In Committee
LB 1277 Wayne	Change provisions relating to emergency proclamations for disasters, emergencies, and civil defense emergencies made by the Governor NPA Support	GMVA In Committee
LB 1358 McDonnell	Increase salaries of governing bodies of political subdivisions as prescribed	GMVA 2/7/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Oppose

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 399 Brewer	Change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and other electric generation facilities	Natural Resources 2/22/23 In Committee
LB 1218 Bostar	Provide for registration of certain electric vehicles, impose an excise tax & provide for regulation of certain charging stations NPA Oppose	Revenue N/A In Committee
LB 1300 Bostar (Gov)	Adopt the Pacific Conflict Stress Test Act and the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act	GMVA 2/8/24 In Committee
LB 1366 Cavanaugh J	Change provisions relating to the use of eminent domain NPA Oppose	Judiciary 2/2/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Oppose

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 1370 Bostelman	Provide requirements for retirement of a dispatchable electric generation facility by an electric supplier NPA Oppose	Natural Resources 2/1/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Neutral

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 541 Lowe (PB)	Provide for nomination and election of public power district and public power and irrigation district directors on the partisan ballot	GMVA 3/15/23 Select File
LB 956 Bostar	Provide requirements for light-mitigating technology on certain wind turbines	Natural Resources 2/7/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 828 Blood	Change provisions of the Nebraska Apiary Act and provide for the Pollinator Task Force, the Nebraska Apiary Registry, and immunity for certain damages relating to bees	Agriculture 1/30/24 In Committee
LB 831 Blood	Change provisions of the Noxious Weed Control Act and provide for control of restricted plants	Agriculture 1/30/24 In Committee
LB 859 Linehan	Change conflict of interest provisions for certain political subdivision officers	GMVA 2/14/24 In Committee
LB 1018 Holdcroft	Provide that positions of public employment shall not require a postsecondary degree and require equal consideration for non-degree-holders' wages and benefits	GMVA 2/2/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 1031 Bostelman	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, dark fiber leases, and broadband telecommunications services	T & T 1/22/24 In Committee
LB 1112 Clements	Provide restrictions and requirements relating to permits for communications infrastructure placed on poles or towers	T & T 2/12/24 In Committee
LB 1119 Dungan	Provide restrictions on regulation by homeowner's associations and similar associations of solar energy and wind energy devices and provide for a civil cause of action	Judiciary 1/25/24 In Committee
LB 1140 Erdman	Prohibit geologic transport or storage of carbon dioxide and eliminate the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act	Natural Resources N/A Withdrawn

Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 1174 Hansen	Change provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads	GMVA 2/2/24 In Committee
LB 1199 Moser	Repeal provisions relating to certain administrative fees imposed by the Department of Natural Resources	Natural Resources 2/1/24 In Committee
LB 1203 Cavanaugh, J	Regulate artificial intelligence in media and political advertisement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	GMVA N/A In Committee
LB 1213 Walz	Require employers to provide twenty hours of paid leave per year for school-related activities	Business & Labor 2/5/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 1260 Jacobson	Provide authority for public power and irrigation district directors to take action on certain agreements in which they have an interest NPA Support	Natural Resources 2/7/24 In Committee
LB 1263 Wishart	Provide scholarships to students enrolled in trade programs	Education 1/30/24 In Committee
LB 1275 Brewer	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services (Statewide Radio Network)	Appropriations 2/5/24 In Committee
LB 1302 Lippincott	Adopt the Cybersecurity Preparedness Act	GMVA 2/8/24 In Committee

Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 1319 Linehan	Eliminate a sales and use tax exemption relating to data centers	Revenue 2/1/24 In Committee
LB 1335 Moser	Change provisions of and provide duties and exemptions from the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act	Natural Resources 2/21/24 In Committee
LB 1342 Wayne	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for electricity and natural gas	Revenue N/A In Committee
LB 1357 McDonnell	Prohibit camping on certain property owned by political subdivisions	Judiciary N/A In Committee

Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 1378 Dover	State legislative intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services as prescribed and change provisions relating to certain funds (Statewide Radio Communications)	Appropriations 2/5/24 In Committee
LB 1417 Brewer (Gov)	Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, authorities, and departments and change and eliminate funds	GMVA N/A In Committee
LR281CA	Constitutional amendment to provide for biennial legislative sessions beginning in 2027	Executive Board 2/28/24 In Committee
LR287CA Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to compensate political subdivisions for any locally imposed revenue source that is reduced or eliminated by the Legislature	GMVA 2/15/24 In Committee



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Questions

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