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## 2025 Legislative Session Summary

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## **Bills approved by the Governor:**

**LB 36** (Brandt) Provide for notification of certain regulations and permits to controlling entities by counties, cities, and villages under the Wellhead Protection Area Act; Natural Resources Committee priority bill; Eight bill package which included provisions of LB 595 in support of the Nebraska Mesonet system; Approved by the Governor, estimated effective on September 2, 2025 (pursuant to Article III-27 of the Nebraska Constitution)

**LB 43** (DeKay) Updates language from LB 1370 (2024) to define “electric-related” components and allows a one-time certification for distribution utilities and expands the requirement from new construction to now include maintenance and future upgrades to the infrastructure; Approved by the Governor and effective on February 25, 2025

**LB 105** (Hughes) Change procedures for voting or election precincts for public power districts; allows public power districts to split voting precincts when determining board member voting districts; introduced on behalf of NREA; Approved by the Governor and effective on April 7, 2025

**LB 317** (Brandt) Merges the Departments of Natural Resources with the Department of Environment and Energy and changes the name to the Department of Water, Energy and Environment; Approved by the Governor and effective May 6, 2025

**LB 396** (DeKay) Change provisions relating to the form and filing of public power district budgets and audits with the Nebraska Power Review Board – Removes the requirement by Public Power Districts to submit an annual budget report to PRB; NPPD priority bill; Approved by the Governor, estimated effective on September 2, 2025 (pursuant to Article III-27 of the Nebraska Constitution)

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## **Bills approved by the Governor (continued):**

**LB 526** (Jacobson) Provides powers and duties for public power districts related to cryptocurrency mining operations; Specifically, public power suppliers may impose requirements for infrastructure upgrades; requires that new cryptocurrency operators one megawatt or larger notify their power supplier; requires that power providers publish on their website the number of cryptocurrency operations and annual energy usage; requires that cryptocurrency operators are on an interruptible rate; Approved by the Governor and effective October 1, 2025

**LB 660** (Andersen) Provides that to the extent practicable, political subdivisions must only purchase drones or UAVs which are cleared by the State Division of Aeronautics under the Secure Drone Purchasing Act; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee package; Includes NERC CIP exemption; Approved by the Governor with various effective dates

## **Bills which failed to advance:**

**LB 468** (Clements) Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, change certain fee and tax provisions, and eliminate a sales tax exemption relating to data centers; also doubles nameplate capacity tax; Cloture motion Failed on Select File (31-11-5-2)

# Interim Studies

[LR 159](#) (Brandt) Interim study to examine how the nameplate capacity tax affects the development, operation, and long-term viability of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located in Nebraska; Referred to Natural Resources Committee

[LR 225](#) (Dungan) Interim study to examine the need and implementation of a Green Amendment and the implications of adopting LR 22CA, 2025; Referred to Natural Resources Committee

[LR 234](#) (Storm) Interim study to examine the impact of the net-zero plans and goals of public power utilities; Referred to Natural Resources Committee

[LR 250](#) (Andersen) Interim study to examine whether power companies should be exempt from the Secure Drone Purchasing Act; Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

[LR 260](#) (Dover) Interim study to determine the return on investment per kilowatt hour for businesses that chose to locate and set up their businesses in Nebraska; Referred to Revenue Committee

# 2026 Legislative Session

## Carryover Bills from 2025:

**LB 349** (Prokop) In 70-1001.01 - Adds a definition for “electric energy storage resource” and amends the definition of an electric supplier to include “any legal entity, **public or private**, supplying, producing, **storing**, or distributing...”; amends the definition of a privately developed renewable energy generation facility to include “**an electric energy storage resource**”; provides a method for “**electric energy storage resources**” to gain approval at the Power Review Board

**LB 413** (Clouse) Change provisions relating to the setting of rates by certain power districts; ~~Rates and charges may be differentiated based on load size, load factor, firm and nonfirm service, technology risks, length of service commitment, and other objective criteria.; fair, reasonable, and non not unduly discriminatory...~~

**LB 489** (Brandt) Prohibits the operation, maintenance, construction, or acquiring of transmission lines or related facilities within the state by an entity that is not a public power or other governmental entity providing electric service in the State of Nebraska

**LB 503** (Bosn) Allows the designation of American energy friendly counties and changes provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and the nameplate capacity tax

**LB 546** (Rountree) Allows the Governor to declare an emergency when requested by a political subdivision that supplies electricity, natural gas, water or sewer service



# Questions

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