



# Nebraska SIERRA CLUB

**To:** Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club  
**From:** James P. Cavanaugh  
**Date:** May 26, 2017  
**RE:** Nebraska 2017 Legislative Session, Week Ending May 26, 2017

## SESSION IN REVIEW

**The Legislature adjourned sine die on May 23, 2017 on Day 86 of the scheduled 90-day session.**

This 2017 session was relatively short (86 of 90 days) and unproductive (26% of bills passed vs. the usual 33%) by historical standards.

There were 17 new lawmakers this session, as first-year senators filled more than one-third of the Legislature's 49 seats. Roughly 70% of this year's senators have two years of experience or less, due mostly to Nebraska's term limits. Thirty-two registered Republicans, 15 Democrats, one independent, and one Libertarian composed the officially non-partisan Legislature this session.

The freshman class of largely conservative members set the tone early on by sweeping the Speaker's office and all but one of the coveted committee chairmanships. Committees are often referred to as "the other house" in Nebraska's Unicameral, so the leadership of these committees is highly sought after and influential.

The need to pass an \$8.8 billion two-year budget hung over the session from the first day to the last. Revenue forecast estimates and actual receipts continued to be revised downward, making the pressure on the Appropriations Committee to craft a budget even harder. The body eventually passed on to the governor a budget with 1% average annual growth. The Governor line-item vetoed \$56.5 million in additional spending. The Legislature did not override any vetoes.

Of the 667 bills introduced this session, the Governor approved 170. There were 107 priority bills and 71 of them passed. One priority bill (LB75) passed the Legislature but was vetoed by the Governor. A copy of the final worksheet is [attached](#).

Sierra Club took a position in support of 18 bills this session and in opposition to three.

Of the bills supported by Sierra Club, three were approved by the Governor.

-LB97 (*Crawford* Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act) adopts the Riverfront Development District Act to authorize cities to create riverfront development districts to effectively fund, manage, promote, and develop riverfronts within city limits.

-LB339 (*Friesen* Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation) creates the Nebraska Department of

Transportation, which consists of the Department of Aeronautics and the Department of Roads.

-LB584 (*Friesen* Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds along roads) amends the duty of landowners to mow roadside vegetation.

LB39 (*Harr* Prohibit the sale and trade of ivory) advanced from the Judiciary Committee and has been placed on General File.

Nine bills supported by Sierra Club remain in committee:

-LB218 (*Groene* Provide for installation of ground water pumps by public entities)

-LB392 (*Larson* Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act)

-LB412 (*Bolz* Provide duties for the state investment officer relating to investment in energy-related companies or funds)

-LB448 (*Chambers* Eliminate provisions relating to the hunting of mountain lions)

-LB449 (*Chambers* Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act)

-LB499 (*Brewer* Provide for voluntary registration and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Nebraska Apiary Act as prescribed)

-LB504 (*Brewer* Provide for a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects and for a task force study as prescribed)

-LB610 (*Kolowski* Adopt the Community Solar Energy Economic Development Act)

-LB646 (*Pansing Brooks* Provide for an extreme weather preparedness task force and strategic action plan)

Five bills supported by Sierra Club have been indefinitely postponed:

-LB87 (*Blood* Redefine a qualified facility and authorize local distribution utilities to waive certain requirements relating to net metering)

-LB352 (*Vargas* Adopt the Wind, Solar, and Fuel Cell Business Financing Act)

-LB429 (*Wishart* Provide for virtual net metering)

-LB488 (*Groene* Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act)

-LB626 (*Larson* Adopt the Shared Community Solar Act)

Of the bills opposed by Sierra Club, none passed. Two of the bills have been indefinitely postponed: LB657 (*Wishart* Adopt the Retail Electricity Transparency Act) and LB660 (*Wayne* Adopt the Nebraska Retail Electricity Choice Act and remove a restriction on the sale or delivery of retail electricity by a private electric supplier). LB494 (*Briese* Provide for withholding public records relating to energy infrastructure) advanced from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, but remains on General File.

Senators introduced 126 interim study resolutions this session. A list of all interim studies introduced is attached.

Interim Studies of Interest include:

LR4 (*Blood*) Interim study to explore if the development of a more comprehensive water quality study is needed

LR125 (*Hughes*) Interim study to examine public power in Nebraska

LR211 (*Wayne*) Interim study to examine giving consumers a choice among electricity supply options and greater information concerning their service and billing options

LR239 (*Kolowski*) Interim study to examine issues related to solar energy development in Nebraska

LR243 (Wayne) Interim study to examine issues related to eminent domain and property rights

LR245 (Brewer) Interim study to examine issues raised by LB504, 2017, related to placing a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects

### BILLS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

LB412 (Bolz – Provide duties for the state investment officer relating to investment in energy-related companies or funds) was heard in the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee on February 21, 2017. LB412 remains in committee. Indications are that the state investment officer will provide a report containing the information required in LB412. **Support**

LB533 (Vargas – Require liability insurance for and restrict locations of underground enhanced recovery injection wells and wastewater disposal wells) was indefinitely postponed on March 7, 2017. This effectively kills LB533 for 2017. **Support**

The following bills of interest have been prioritized:

- LB97 Crawford Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act **Support**– Approved by the Governor on May 9th  
**Prioritized by Speaker Scheer**
- LB98 Friesen Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts **Monitor**– On General File; Failed to invoke cloture May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Prioritized by Speaker Scheer**
- LB339 Friesen Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation **Support**– Approved by the Governor on April 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Prioritized by Transportation and Telecommunications Committee**
- LB340 Murante Transfer powers and duties from Division of Veterans' Homes of Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Veterans' Affairs **Monitor**–Approved by the Governor on April 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Prioritized by Senator Brewer**
- LB535 Hughes Provide an exception for filing a statement with the register of deeds when recording an oil, gas, or mineral lease **Monitor**– Approved by the Governor on April 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Prioritized by Senator Hughes**

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The latest issue of the Unicameral Update can be found at: <http://update.legislature.ne.gov/>.

To review the full text of bills, please look on the Unicameral website at: <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov>. Fiscal notes can also be found there.

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2017 BILLS OF INTEREST

LB1	Exec. Board	Repeal obsolete provisions under the Ethanol Development Act
	1/5/2017	Introduced
	1/9/2017	Placed on General File
	1/19/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
	1/20/2017	Placed on Select File
	2/23/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
	2/24/2017	Placed on Final Reading
	3/3/2017	Motion to return to Select File withdrawn
	3/3/2017	Chambers FA30 filed
	3/3/2017	Chambers FA30 withdrawn
	<b>3/3/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading, 46-0-3</b>
	3/3/2017	President/Speaker signed
	3/3/2017	Presented to Governor on March 3, 2017
	<b>3/8/2017</b>	<b>Approved by Governor on March 7, 2017</b>
LB22	Scheer	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
	1/5/2017	Introduced
	1/9/2017	Referred to Appropriations Committee
	1/10/2017	Hearing scheduled for January 17, 2017
	1/27/2017	Placed on General File with AM13
	1/27/2017	Appropriations AM13 filed
	1/31/2017	Krist AM104 filed
	1/31/2017	Krist AM104 withdrawn
	1/31/2017	Krist AM104 refiled
	2/1/2017	Krist MO27 Recommit to Appropriations Committee filed
	2/1/2017	Chambers MO28 Bracket until April 1, 2017 filed
	2/1/2017	Chambers MO28 failed
	2/1/2017	Krist AM135 filed
	2/1/2017	Chambers MO29 Reconsider the vote to bracket filed
	2/2/2017	Chambers MO29 withdrawn
	2/2/2017	Krist AM151 filed
	2/2/2017	Chambers MO30 Bracket until April 1, 2017 filed
	2/2/2017	Chambers MO30 failed
	2/3/2017	Krist MO27 withdrawn
	2/3/2017	Krist AM135 withdrawn
	2/3/2017	Appropriations AM13 adopted
	2/3/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
	2/6/2017	Placed on Select File with ER4
	2/6/2017	Enrollment and Review ER4 filed
	2/8/2017	Enrollment and Review ER4 adopted
	2/8/2017	Chambers MO32 Indefinitely postpone filed
	2/8/2017	Chambers MO32 failed
	2/8/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
	2/9/2017	Placed on Final Reading
	2/9/2017	Krist AM235 filed

- 2/13/2017 Krist AM151 withdrawn  
2/13/2017 Krist AM104 withdrawn  
2/13/2017 Krist motion to return to Select File failed  
2/13/2017 Krist AM235 withdrawn  
2/13/2017 Chambers MO33 Reconsider the vote to return to Select File filed  
2/13/2017 Chambers MO33 failed  
2/13/2017 Chambers MO34 Bracket until February 27, 2017 filed  
2/13/2017 Chambers MO34 failed  
2/13/2017 Stinner MO35 Invoke cloture filed  
2/13/2017 Stinner MO35 prevailed  
2/13/2017 Dispensing of reading at large approved  
**2/13/2017 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 42-3-4**  
2/13/2017 President/Speaker signed  
2/13/2017 Presented to Governor  
2/15/2017 Riepe explanation of vote  
**2/15/2017 Approved by Governor on February 15, 2017**
- LB23 Scheer Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds  
**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**  
1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to Appropriations Committee  
1/10/2017 Hearing scheduled for January 17, 2017
- LB39 Harr Prohibit the sale and trade of ivory  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to Judiciary Committee  
1/20/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017  
2/14/2017 Placed on General File with AM133  
2/14/2017 Judiciary AM133 filed
- LB55 Schumacher Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds  
1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
1/23/2017 Hearing scheduled for January 30, 2017  
5/23/2017 Provisions/portions of LB55 amended into LB584 by AM181
- LB87 Blood Redefine a qualified facility and authorize local distribution utilities to waive certain requirements relating to the metering.  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017  
**3/8/2017 Indefinitely postponed**
- LB97 Crawford Adopt the Riverfront Development District Act  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to the Urban Affairs Committee  
1/23/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017

2/15/2017 Placed on General File  
 3/13/2017 Speaker priority bill  
 3/22/2017 Crawford AM659 filed  
 4/5/2017 Crawford AM659 adopted  
 4/5/2017 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial  
 4/10/2017 Placed on Select File  
 4/19/2017 Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment  
 4/21/2017 Placed on Final Reading  
**5/3/2017 Passed on Final Reading 43-0-6**  
 5/3/2017 President/Speaker signed  
 5/3/2017 Presented to the Governor  
**5/9/2017 Approved by the Governor**

LB98 Friesen Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts.

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

1/5/2017 Introduced  
 1/9/2017 Referred to Revenue Committee  
 1/25/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017  
 3/13/2017 Speaker priority bill  
 3/15/2017 Placed on General File  
 3/29/2017 Groene AM486 filed  
 3/30/2017 Groene AM486 lost  
 3/30/2017 Groene MO67 Bracket until June 2, 2017 filed  
 3/30/2017 Groene MO67 failed  
 3/30/2017 Erdman AM819 filed  
 3/30/2017 Kuehn AM823 filed  
 5/2/2017 Friesen MO113 Invoke cloture filed  
 5/2/2017 Friesen MO113 failed

LB218 Groene Provide for installation of ground water pumps by public entities

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/10/2017 Introduced  
 1/12/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
 1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017  
 2/24/2017 McDonnell name added

LB263 Trans. and Telecom. Change provisions relating to motor vehicles, the Public Service Commission, motor carriers, and the statewide one-call notification center

1/11/2017 Introduced  
 1/13/2017 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
 1/27/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 7, 2017  
 2/6/2017 Bostelman AM156 filed  
 3/9/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications Committee priority  
 3/15/2017 Placed on General File with AM538  
 3/15/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications AM538 filed  
 3/28/2017 Transportation and Telecommunications AM538 adopted  
 3/28/2017 Bostelman AM156 withdrawn  
 3/28/2017 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial  
 3/30/2017 Smith AM777 filed  
 3/31/2017 Placed on Select File with ER41

3/31/2017	Enrollment and Review ER41 filed
3/31/2017	Bolz AM670 filed
4/4/2017	Wayne AM909
4/4/2017	Friesen AM867 filed
4/10/2017	Enrollment and Review ER41 adopted
4/10/2017	Smith AM777 adopted
4/10/2017	Wayne AM967 filed
4/11/2017	Bolz AM670 adopted
4/11/2017	Wayne AM909 withdrawn
4/11/2017	Wayne AM967 lost
4/11/2017	Friesen AM867 adopted
4/11/2017	Chambers MO75 Indefinitely postpone filed
4/11/2017	Chambers MO75 withdrawn
4/11/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
4/18/2017	Placed on Final Reading with ST16
<b>4/24/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 49-0-0</b>
4/24/2017	President/Speaker signed
4/24/2017	Presented to Governor
<b>5/2/2017</b>	<b>Approved by the Governor April 27, 2017</b>

LB331 Scheer            Create funds, provide for transfers, and change provisions governing funds

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

1/12/2017	Introduced
1/17/2017	Referred to Appropriations Committee
2/10/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 21, 2017
3/7/2017	Sinner AM494 filed
3/7/2017	Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2017
4/21/2017	Placed on General File with AM594
4/21/2017	Appropriations AM594 filed
4/24/2017	Friesen AM1156 filed
4/25/2017	Kuehn AM1205 filed
4/27/2017	Speaker Major Proposal
5/2/2017	Friesen AM1156 withdrawn
5/2/2017	Kuehn AM1205 adopted
5/2/2017	Chambers MO114 Reconsider the vote on AM1205 filed
5/2/2017	Chambers MO114 withdrawn
5/2/2017	Appropriations AM594 adopted
5/2/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
5/3/2017	Enrollment and Review ER85 filed
5/4/2017	Enrollment and Review ER85 adopted
5/4/2017	Stinner AM494 withdrawn
5/4/2017	Stinner AM1285 filed
5/4/2017	Stinner AM1285 adopted
5/4/2017	Stinner AM1278 filed
5/4/2017	Stinner AM1278 adopted
5/4/2017	Erdman MO120 Bracket until June 2, 2017 filed
5/4/2017	Erdman MO120 withdrawn
5/4/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
5/4/2017	Placed on Final Reading with ST31
5/9/2017	Failed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 31-12-6

5/9/2017	Stinner MO126 Reconsider the vote on the final passage with the emergency clause attached filed
5/9/2017	Stinner MO126 prevailed
<b>5/9/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 36-12-1</b>
5/9/2017	President/Speaker signed
5/9/2017	Presented to the Governor
<b>5/15/2017</b>	<b>Approved by the Governor with line-item veto</b>
5/23/2017	Provisions/portions of LB522 amended into LB331 by AM594
LB339 Friesen	Merge the Department of Aeronautics into the Department of Roads and rename as the Department of Transportation
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/12/2017	Introduced
1/17/2017	Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
1/23/2017	Hearing scheduled for January 30, 2017
3/3/2017	Placed on General File with AM314
3/3/2017	Transportation and Telecommunications AM314 filed
3/9/2017	Transportation and Telecommunications priority bill
3/28/2017	Transportation and Telecommunications AM314 adopted
3/28/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
3/28/2017	Krist AM770 filed
3/29/2017	Placed on Select File with ER30
3/29/2017	Enrollment and Review ER30 filed
4/3/2017	Enrollment and Review ER30 adopted
4/3/2017	Krist AM770 adopted
4/3/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
4/10/2017	Placed on Final Reading with ST7
<b>4/24/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 47-0-2</b>
4/24/2017	President/Speaker signed
4/24/2017	Presented to Governor
<b>5/2/2017</b>	<b>Approved by Governor on April 27, 2017</b>
LB340 Murante	Transfer powers and duties from Division of Veterans' Homes of Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Veterans' Affairs
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
1/12/2017	Introduced
1/17/2017	Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
1/31/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017
3/1/2017	Brewer name added
3/6/2017	Brewer priority bill
3/8/2017	Briese name added
3/15/2017	Placed on General File
3/17/2017	Murante AM287 filed
3/23/2017	Murante AM287 adopted
3/23/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
3/28/2017	Placed on Select File with ER25
3/28/2017	Enrollment and Review ER25 filed
4/3/2017	Enrollment and Review ER25 adopted
4/3/2017	Murante AM799 filed
4/3/2017	Murante AM799 adopted



	4/3/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
	4/10/2017	Placed on Final Reading
	<b>4/24/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 49-0-0</b>
	4/24/2017	President/Speaker signed
	4/24/2017	Presented to Governor
	<b>4/25/2017</b>	<b>Approved by Governor</b>
LB352	Vargas	Adopt the Wind, Solar, and Fuel Cell Business Financing Act
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
	1/12/2017	Introduced
	1/17/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
	1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for March 2, 2017
	<b>3/8/2017</b>	<b>Indefinitely postponed</b>
LB390	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds
	1/13/2017	Introduced
	1/17/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
	1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 1, 2017
LB392	Larson	Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
	1/13/2017	Introduced
	1/17/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
	1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 9, 2017
LB410	Smith	Change boundaries and number of public service commissioner districts and provide for the appointment and election of new commissioners as prescribed
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
	1/13/2017	Introduced
	1/17/2017	Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
	2/2/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017
LB412	Bolz	Provide duties for the state investment officer relating to investment in energy-related companies or funds
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
	1/13/2017	Introduced
	1/17/2017	Referred to Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee
	1/20/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 21, 2017
LB429	Wishart	Provide for virtual net metering
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
	1/13/2017	Introduced
	1/17/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
	1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017
	<b>3/8/2017</b>	<b>Indefinitely postponed</b>
LB448	Chambers	Eliminate provisions relating to the hunting of mountain lions
		<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
	1/17/2017	Introduced

- 1/19/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 23, 2017
- LB449 Chambers Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Agriculture Committee  
1/27/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017  
3/13/2017 Placed on General File with AM536  
3/13/2017 Agriculture AM536 filed
- LB452 Lindstrom Impose sales tax on services and change income tax rates and personal exemptions amounts  
**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**  
1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Revenue Committee  
1/24/2017 Linehan name added  
2/7/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017
- LB483 Hilgers Provide a rules of procedure exemption for the Public Service Commission  
  
1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
2/2/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 21, 2017  
3/1/2017 Placed on General File  
5/17/2017 Motion to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone filed  
5/23/2017 Motion to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone prevailed  
**5/23/2017 Indefinitely postponed**  
5/23/2017 Provisions/portions of LB483 amended into LB263 by AM538
- LB488 Groene Adopt the Water Conservation Grant Act  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017  
2/24/2017 McDonnell name added  
**3/8/2017 Indefinitely postponed**
- LB494 Briese Provide for withholding public records relating to energy infrastructure  
**Sierra Club Position: Oppose**  
1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee  
1/25/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017  
2/7/2017 Brewer name added  
3/15/2017 Placed on General File with AM555  
3/15/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs AM555 filed
- LB499 Brewer Provide for voluntary registration and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Nebraska Apiary Act as prescribed  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/18/2017 Introduced

1/20/2017	Referred to Agriculture Committee
1/27/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017
LB504 Brewer	Provide for a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects and for a task force study as prescribed
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for March 1, 2017
1/24/2017	Groene name added
2/8/2017	Hearing time changed from 1:30 PM to 9:15 AM
LB533 Vargas	Require liability insurance for and restrict locations of underground enhanced recovery injection wells and wastewater disposal wells
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for March 2, 2017
<b>3/8/2017</b>	<b>Indefinitely postponed</b>
LB535 Hughes	Provide an exception for filing a statement with the register of deeds when recording an oil, gas, or mineral lease
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Revenue Committee
2/7/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017
3/8/2017	Hughes priority bill
3/15/2017	Placed on General File with AM203
3/15/2017	Revenue AM203
3/29/2017	Harr AM795 filed
3/30/2017	Revenue AM203 adopted
3/30/2017	Harr AM795 adopted
3/30/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
4/3/2017	Placed on Select File with ER42
4/3/2017	Enrollment and Review ER42 filed
4/10/2017	Enrollment and Review ER42 adopted
4/10/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
4/11/2017	Placed on Final Reading
<b>4/24/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading 49-0-0</b>
4/24/2017	President/Speaker signed
4/24/2017	Presented to Governor
<b>5/2/2017</b>	<b>Approved by Governor on April 27, 2017</b>
5/23/2017	Provisions/portions of LB38 amended into LB535 by AM795
LB547 Watermeier	State legislative findings and change provisions relating to eminent domain and review by the Nebraska Power Review Board
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for March 1, 2017
2/8/2017	Hearing time changed from 1:30 PM to 9:15 AM

2/15/2017	March 1, 2017 hearing cancelled
2/15/2017	Hearing rescheduled for February 23, 2017
<b>3/8/2017</b>	<b>Indefinitely postponed</b>
LB563 McCollister	Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate certain sales tax exemptions
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Revenue Committee
2/14/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017
LB584 Friesen	Change provisions relating to mowing of weeds along roads
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
1/23/2017	Hearing scheduled for January 30, 2017
2/10/2017	Placed on General File with AM181
2/10/2017	Transportation and Telecommunications AM181 filed
4/20/2017	Transportation and Telecommunications AM181 adopted
4/20/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
4/24/2017	Placed on Select File with ER74
4/24/2017	Enrollment and Review ER74 filed
5/2/2017	Enrollment and Review ER74 adopted
5/2/2017	Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment
5/3/2017	Placed on Final Reading
<b>5/8/2017</b>	<b>Passed on Final Reading 48-0-1</b>
5/8/2017	President/Speaker signed
5/9/2017	Presented to Governor on May 8, 2017
<b>5/15/2017</b>	<b>Approved by Governor on May 12, 2017</b>
5/23/2017	Provisions/portions of LB55 amended into LB584 by AM181
LB610 Kolowski	Adopt the Community Solar Energy Economic Development Act
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017
LB626 Larson	Adopt the Shared Community Solar Act
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Natural Resources Committee
1/24/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 9, 2017
<b>3/8/2017</b>	<b>Indefinitely postponed</b>
LB646 Pansing-Brooks	Provide for an extreme weather preparedness task force and strategic action plan
	<b>Sierra Club Position: Support</b>
1/18/2017	Introduced
1/20/2017	Referred to Executive Board
1/27/2017	Hearing scheduled for February 6, 2017

- LB657 Wayne      Adopt the Retail Electricity Transparency Act  
**Sierra Club Position: Oppose**  
1/18/2017      Introduced  
1/20/2017      Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017      Hearing scheduled for February 16, 2017  
**3/8/2017      Indefinitely postponed**
- LB660 Wayne      Adopt the Nebraska Retail Electricity Choice Act and remove a restriction  
on the sale or delivery of retail electricity by a private electric supplier  
**Sierra Club Position: Oppose**  
1/18/2017      Introduced  
1/20/2017      Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017      Hearing scheduled for February 16, 2017  
**3/8/2017      Indefinitely postponed**
- LR4      Blood      Interim study to explore if the development of a more comprehensive  
water quality study is needed  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/5/2017      Introduced  
1/5/2017      Referred to Executive Board  
1/19/2017      Vargas name added  
5/15/2017      Referred to Natural Resources Committee
- LR46      Larson      Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special  
committee to develop a climate action plan  
**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**  
2/22/2017      Introduced  
2/22/2017      Laid over  
2/22/2017      Speaker's announcement  
2/23/2017      Referred to Executive Board  
3/8/2017      Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2017