

PROJECT EXTRA MILE
2023 Legislative Bill Tracking

Bill #	Sponsor(s)	Description	Bill Status	Additional Information
LB50	Geist Judiciary	Change criminal justice provisions including set-asides, restitution, and parole; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force	<i>Introduced</i> 1/5/23	Permits a district court to establish a problem-solving court (ex. drug, veterans, mental health, driving under the influence, reentry, young, adult, other). Individuals may participate in such a court through a pretrial diversion program. Requires at least one type of court to operate in each judicial district by January 1, 2024.
LB91	Hansen; Aguilar, Ballard, Brandt, Brewer, Clements, Dorn, Dungan, Erdman, Holdcroft, Jacobson, Lowe, Murman, Slama, Wayne, Wishart Transportation & Telecommunications Briese, Conrad, DeKay, Ibach name added	Change motorcycle, moped, and autocycle helmet and eye protection provisions	Hearing 1/24/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an exemption from Nebraska's current helmet law for any rider over the age of 21 years while on a motorcycle or moped if that person has been certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. • Requires eye protection for operators and passengers.
LB110	McDonnell Judiciary	Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project	<i>Introduced</i> 1/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires county boards to consult sheriffs regarding selection of pre-trial programs in order to ensure compliance with conditions of offenders' release. • Expands periodic contact methods to include electronic communication. • Allows the court to establish employment requirements and a curfew as a condition of release. • Orders the state to conduct a 3-year pilot program in 2 counties for evaluation purposes.
LB137	Geist Judiciary	Provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death	<i>Introduced</i> 1/6/23	Enhances the penalty if someone under the influence of any controlled substance causes serious bodily injury to, or death of, another person.

LB150+ <i>Oppose</i>	Dover General Affairs	Change provisions relating to entertainment districts under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	<i>Introduced</i> 1/9/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes the food service requirement for alcohol consumption in the commons area of an entertainment district to allow consumption as long as at least one holder of an entertainment district (E) license is serving food. • Adds language to relax restrictions for entertainment districts located in cities of the first and second class, counties, and/or villages to allow pedestrians to cross an open street or highway while carrying open containers of alcohol as long as those pedestrians are traveling between two businesses that hold an entertainment district license.
LB253	Brewer Judiciary Hardin name added	Provide for an additional location for the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center	<i>Introduced</i> 1/10/23	Expands the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center to two locations, the current one in Grand Island and a new one in Scottsbluff.
LB258 <i>Oppose</i>	Low General Affairs	Eliminate provisions relating to near beer under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Removes ‘near beer’ from the definition of beer, which would allow children to purchase beer with less than 0.5% ABV. It could also be drunk while driving.
LB259 <i>Oppose</i>	Low General Affairs	Allow farm wineries to obtain additional retail licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Permits farm wineries to obtain an annual liquor license to sell alcoholic liquor not produced by the farm winery.
LB276+	Wishart Health & Human Services	Adopt the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Act	<i>Introduced</i> 1/10/23	Implements the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model to increase access to mental health and substance use treatment; expand capacity to address increased need; and establish innovative community partnerships with law enforcement, schools, and hospitals to improve care, reduce recidivism, and address health disparities.
LB301 <i>Support</i>	Linehan General Affairs	Change a tax on ready-to-drink cocktails under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Returns the excise tax rate for ready-to-drink cocktails (RTDs) back to \$3.75 per gallon from \$0.95.
LB328	Raybould Judiciary Conrad, Hunt, Cavanaugh M, Blood name added	Create the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons	<i>Introduced</i> 1/11/23	Requires the Attorney General (AG) to establish the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons to serve as connector between AG’s Office and local, state, tribal, and federal entities in reporting or investigating missing and murdered indigenous persons cases in Nebraska.

LB352	Wayne Judiciary	Change criminal justice provisions including offenses, sentencing, set asides, pretrial diversion, etc.	<i>Introduced</i> 1/12/23	
LB375 <i>Oppose</i>	Lowe General Affairs	Authorize certain licensees to purchase alcoholic liquor for resale from a gas station, grocery store, liquor store, or similar establishment under certain circumstances as prescribed under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	<i>Introduced</i> 1/12/23	Permits eligible craft brewery and microdistillery license holders to purchase up to five alcoholic products (single case or pack of beer, RTD cocktails, or ciders; single bottle of wine; single bottle of liquor) per week for resale and consumption from another off-sale retail location. Licensees must notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (LCC) within 24 hours after the purchase is made.
LB376	Lowe General Affairs	Change provisions relating to the importation of alcoholic liquor into the state under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Requires out of state licensed manufacturers, wholesalers, or holders of a shipping license to submit to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, along with applicable fees, forms including the name, license number, designated Nebraska wholesaler (if applicable), primary source of supply, product to be imported, and evidence of compliance with federal label requirements prior to shipping product into the state.
LB377 <i>Oppose</i>	Lowe General Affairs	Change provisions relating to special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Expands a nonprofit corporation's, whose purpose is fraternal, charitable, or public service, ability to obtain a special designated license (SDL) for up to twelve, rather than six, days in a calendar year.
LB403 <i>Oppose</i>	Vargas General Affairs	Change provisions relating to a craft brewery license under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	<i>Introduced</i> 1/12/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases how many barrels of beer craft breweries are allowed to directly sell or re-sell to off-premise sites from 250 to 5,000. Permits licensees to utilize common carriers for self-distribution.
LB404	Vargas General Affairs	Change provisions relating to agreements between wholesalers and suppliers for the distribution of beer	<i>Introduced</i> 1/12/23	Allows small beer producers to enter into contracts with wholesalers to sell their product.

LB452 <i>Oppose</i>	Murman; Brewer, Vargas General Affairs	Change provisions relating to microdistilleries under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows Nebraska microdistilleries to annually self-distribute up to 2,000 gallons of their product • The product must use at least 51% of Nebraska-grown agricultural products • The product may only be moved by employees in business-owned or leased vehicles <p>AM65 – pending – increases the self-distribution cap to 5,000 gallons per year</p>
LB512 <i>Oppose</i>	Brewer General Affairs	Change the number of locations allowed for a craft brewery or microdistillery under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Allows craft breweries and microdistilleries to have up to ten physical locations.
LB543	Lowe General Affairs	Change provisions relating to entertainment district licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	<i>Introduced</i> 1/17/23	Removes redundant language relating to entertainment districts.
LB596	Hardin General Affairs	Authorize a manufacturer or wholesaler to enter into a sponsorship or advertising agreement with certain licensees or organizations under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	Permits a manufacturer, wholesaler, or any agent of the aforementioned to enter into a sponsorship or advertising agreement with the holder of a special designated license (SDL), political subdivision, or operator of a property owned by a political subdivision to sponsor and advertise their events.
LB667	Hughes General Affairs	Authorize wholesalers to implement channel pricing under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act	Hearing 1/30/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines channel pricing as a pricing strategy that differentiates the price of a product based upon the distribution channel used to sell it. • Allows wholesalers to utilize channel pricing to sell a particular brand of alcohol in a designated size container of a mix of brands and containers to retail licensees (on and off premise consumption) at a different price than licensees who sell only for off premise consumption.

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