

Agenda Item 7. Report of Legislative Committee and Recommendations

The Legislative Committee will meet via phone to discuss proposed legislation regarding the Trust on Thursday, January 30, 2020. There were 482 Bills that were introduced this session. The minutes will be provided at the board meeting. Enclosed for your references are the Legislative bills introduced that could impact the Trust and will be discussed by the committee. The board should accept or modify the committee recommendation(s).

Possible Action: motion to accept the report/minutes and approve or modify and approve the committee recommendation.

Board Authority:

To establish committees:

Neb Rev Stat 81-15.173 Board: powers and duties. The board shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties: (5) Establish ad hoc advisory boards and subcommittees.

Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 1C. Legislative Committee. Membership: Once citizen board member from each Congressional District and two agency directors. One such agency director shall be designated as committee liaison to the Governor. Duties: The Legislative Committee develops policy guidelines for Board approval to direct staff action on legislation that addresses the operation of the Trust and carries out any responsibility, duty or authority delegated to it by the board.

Bills of Interest to the Nebraska Environmental Trust 2020

There were 482 new bills introduced this session and 10 proposed Constitutional Amendments

LB 104 (introduced last year): Change Distribution of Lottery Educational Funds. Introduced by Senator Linehan. In Education Committee

LB 283 (introduced last year): Provide for UNL to Complete Climate Change Study. Introduced by Senator Pansing Brooks. In Executive Board

LB 729 (introduced last year): Adopt the Soil Health and Productivity Incentive Act. Introduced by Senator Walz. In Agriculture Committee

LB 798: Anonymity of Lottery Winners. Introduced by Senator Brandt In General Affairs (hearing 1-27-20)

LB802: State a Legislative Finding and Declaration Relating to the Right to Use Ground Water. Introduced by Senator Hughes. In Natural Resources Committee (hearing 1-22-20)

LB 827: Change transfers from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund. Introduced by Senator Hilkemann. In Appropriations Committee

LB 829: NGPC required to pay taxes on properties purchased before 1977. Introduced by Senator Erdman. In Revenue Committee

LB 855: Eliminate confirmation by the Legislature of Niobrara Council members. Introduced by Senator Moser. In Natural Resources Committee (hearing 1-29-20)

LB 861: Prohibit County, Municipalities or Agencies from Prohibiting Containers (plastic bags). Introduced by Senator Hughes. In Natural Resources Committee

LB863: Limit Ownership of Land by NGPC. NGPC can't increase land holdings after September 1, 2020. Introduced by Senator Hughes. In Natural Resources Committee (hearing 1-30-20)

LB904: Water Sustainability Fund. Request additional General Funds to the Water Sustainability Fund and provide \$900,000/year to UNL Daugherty Water for Food Institute. Introduced by Senator Bolz. **Withdrawn 1-15-20**

LB 905: Impose a 5 Cent Fee for Single-Use Checkout Plastic Bags, Fee to NDEE. Introduced by Senator DeBoer. In Revenue Committee (hearing 1-30-20)

LB920: Change distribution of Lottery Funds for Education. Introduced by Senator Groene. In Education Committee (hearing 1-21-20)

LB 971: Allow Sports Betting. Introduced by Senator Wayne. In General Affairs Committee

LB 980: Change Lottery and Raffle Act to Benefit Non-Profit Groups Raffles. Introduced by Senator Brandt. In General Affairs Committee (hearing 1-27-20)

LB 990: Adopt the Games of Skill Act, Proceeds to Reduce School District Property Tax Levies. Introduced by Senator Wayne. In General Affairs Committee

LB 998: Change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. Introduced by Senator Murman. In Education Committee (hearing 1-27-20)

LB 1000: Fantasy Proceeds to Early Childhood Care. Introduced by Senator Blood **Withdrawn 1-22-2020**

LB 1009: Transfer \$175,000 (2020) and \$425,000 (2021) from Water Sustainability Fund to DNR's Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund for irrigation tunnel repairs. Introduced by Senator Scheer. In Appropriations Committee (hearing 1-29-20)

LB 1026: Appropriate \$2.5M for Next Two Years to UNL Daughtery Water For Food Institute. Introduced by Senator Bolz. In Appropriations Committee

LB 1175: Impose a 10% Tax on Skill Games (mechanical amusement devises). Introduced by Senator Briese. In Revenue Committee

LB 1205: Adopt the Renewable Energy Standards Act. Introduced by Senator McCollister. In Natural Resources Committee.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 285 CA

Introduced by Brewer

Used to address prison overcrowding as the Legislature may direct and any remaining money shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund
Withdrawn 1-21-20

LR294: Review various climate-related findings and acknowledge an anthropogenic climate and ecological crisis. Introduced by Senator Kolowski. In Natural Resources Committee