



2022 Legislative Update

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2022 Legislative Session

60 Day Session (January 5 through April 20)

- Property Tax/ Sale Tax
- New Prison
- Abortion
- Guns

592 bills introduced this session
104 Bills of Interest flagged by the NHA



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2022 Legislative Session ARPA Funding

\$1.04 Billion

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress on March 11, 2021, creating various support programs for businesses, residents and local government.

The funds are subject to allocation by the Legislature and Governor.

Also \$775 Million in forecasted for state tax revenue in the next two years.



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2022 Legislative Session ARPA Funding

Responding to a Public Health Emergency

- Public Health Responses for those impacted by the pandemic, including the general public;
- Responses to negative economic impacts experienced as a result of the pandemic; and
- Additional services, either as public health response or response to negative economic impacts, for disproportionately impacted communities.

Replacing Public Sector Revenue

Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Infrastructure, including Water, Sewer, and Broadband



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2022 Legislative Session Senators Leaving

Senator Curt Friesen

Senator Tim Gragert

Senator Mike Groene (RESIGNED)

Senator Matt Hansen

Senator Robert Hilkemann

Senator Dan Hughes

Senator Mark Kolterman

Senator Steve Lathrop

Senator Brett Lindstrom

Senator John McCollister

Senator Adam Morfeld

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks

Senator John Stinner

Senator Matt Williams

Primary: May 10, 2022

General: November 8, 2022



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2022 Legislative Session Senator Mike Jacobson

District 42

Sworn in on February 23, 2022

Lives in North Platte

Founder/Principal Shareholder of NebraskaLand Bank

Chair of the North Platte Redevelopment Authority

Chair of the North Platte Airport Authority

Great Plains Health Board of Directors



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HHS Committee

- **Chair: John Arch Papillion**
- Senator Machaela Cavanaugh Omaha
- Senator Jen Day Gretna
- Senator Ben Hansen Blair
- Senator Dave Murman Glenvil
- Senator Lynn Walz Fremont
- Senator Matt Williams Gothenburg



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Appropriations Committee

- **Chair: John Stinner Scottsbluff**
- Senator Robert Clements Elmwood
- Senator Myron Dorn Adams
- Senator Steve Erdman Bayard
- Senator Robert Hilkemann Omaha
- Senator Mark Kolterman Seward
- Senator Mike McDonnell Omaha
- Senator Tony Vargas Omaha
- Senator Anna Wishart Lincoln



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2022 Legislative Session ARPA NHA Priorities

LB1055 - Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for premium pay to front-line nurses

LB1091 - Adopt the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds

Appropriate funding for an increase in Medicaid provider rates for hospitals



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2022 Legislative Session ARPA NHA Priorities

LB1044 - Adopt the Care Team Innovation Grant Pilot Project Act and state intent regarding federal funds

LB1085 - Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for career and technical educational student organization

Appropriate \$500,000 for Office of Public Guardian

Appropriate \$5 million for simulation training for rural hospitals and EMS



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- LB697 - Provide for licensure of rural emergency hospital services (Select File)
- LB767 - Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act (Final Reading)
- LB906 - Require employers to provide for vaccine exemptions and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services (Signed into Law)
- LB943 - Prohibit certain provisions in a health plan in relation to clinician-administered drugs (General File)



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2022 Legislative Session Appropriation Bills SUPPORT

- University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex
- EMS
- Behavioral Health Services
- Medicaid Nursing Facility Rates
- Student Loan Repayment Program for Rural Providers
- Rural Workforce Housing
- Local Public Health Departments
- Internships for Expanding and Retaining Nebraska's Workforce



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2022 Legislative Session

OPPOSE

- LB784 - Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption for hospitals (Dead)
- LR264CA - Constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes (General File-Erdman Priority)
- LB1264 - Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, sales and use taxes, and income taxes



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Advocacy WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Legislators make decisions based on their core beliefs, on their knowledge of an issue, on input from experts, on personal counsel, and on feedback from their constituents.
- Communicate with your lawmakers. Lawmakers and their staff want to hear from you because you are a constituent. You are an expert that represents an organization that is vital to the well-being of thousands of people in their district.



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Advocacy

- Personal visits and meetings with senators
- Phone calls
- Letters and emails
- VOTE



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