



Government Affairs Update Board Committee February 14, 2023

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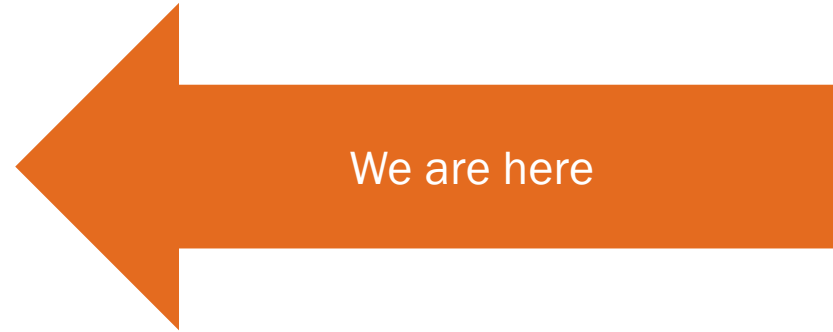
2023 Nebraska Legislative Calendar

Nebraska's 108th Legislature, First Session

- 90-day session
- January 4 – First day of session
- January 18 – Last day of bill introduction
- January 23 – Public hearings began
- January 30 – Morning and afternoon public hearings
- February 13 – Floor debate begins
- March 9 – Last day to request speaker priority bill
- March 14 – Last day for designation of committee and speaker priority
- March 15 – Announcement of speaker priority bills
- March 24 – Last day of public hearings
- March 28 – Full day of floor debate
- April 11 – June 2 – Possible late night sessions
- June 9th – Sine Die

State Legislative Process Overview

- Bill Introduction
- Committee & Hearing
- General File
- Enrollment & Review
- Select File
- Final Reading
- Governor



2023 Nebraska Legislative – Major Themes

- Rules – approved quicker than anticipated
- Budget/Revenue
 - Surplus Revenue Forecast
- Taxes
- Education/School Funding
- Corrections/Prison
- Political/Social Topics
- Economic Development

812 bills and 30 constitutional amendments introduced

- Record 885 in 1997

2023 OPPD Legislative Bills

These issues have been brought to the forefront to have OPPD take a leading role to champion. We view this process as a 2-year journey. Three senators will introduced these bills on OPPD's behalf.

- **Broadband LB61 (Brandt)**– Seek to repeal the dark fiber statutes to help expand broadband coverage across the state. This could also incorporate a repeal of the challenge of safe harbor rates under LB992.
- **Critical/essential utility workers LB267 (Brewer)** - seek to have defined as emergency personnel in declared emergencies in order to protect our communities while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety.
- **Weatherization funding LB237 (Wayne)**– seek state funding for weatherization efforts to upgrade more homes in order to lower utility bills permanently.

OPPD Priority Bills

Bill & Current Status	Summary
LB 61 Brandt	Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission
<i>Support</i>	1/9/23 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, 2/21/23 Hearing scheduled
LB 122 Bostelman	Change provisions relating to the One-Call Notification System Act
<i>Oppose</i>	Amendment in development, 1/10/23 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, 1/31/23 Hearing held
LB 237 Wayne	Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy
<i>Support</i>	1/12/23 Referred to Appropriations Committee. 3/13/23 Hearing scheduled
LB 255 Brewer	Change eminent domain and renewable energy generation provisions relating to certain power suppliers
<i>Oppose</i>	1/12/23 Referred to Natural Resources Committee
LB 267 Brewer	Adopt the Critical Infrastructure Utility Worker Protection Act
<i>Support</i>	1/12/23 Referred to Business and Labor Committee, 1/30/23 Hearing held

OPPD Priority Bills

Bill & Current Status	Summary
LB 394 Erdman	Change provisions relating to the determination of damages as a result of eminent domain
<i>Oppose</i>	1/17/23 Referred to Judiciary Committee
LB 567 Bostleman	Change provisions relating to public power and irrigation districts and electric suppliers
<i>Neutral</i>	1/19/23 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/2/23 Hearing held
LB 644 McDonnell	Change provisions relating to the use of the Site and Building Development Fund
<i>Support</i>	1/20/23 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, 1/30/23 Hearing held
LB 743 Kauth	Adopt the Investment Neutrality in Public Funds Act
<i>Oppose</i>	1/20/23 Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, 2/13/23 Hearing scheduled

OPPD Awareness

Bill & Current Status	Summary
LB 120 Bostleman	Eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a Nebraska Power Review Board study
<i>Neutral</i>	1/10/23 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/16/23 Hearing scheduled
LB 399 Brewer	Change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and other electric generation facilities
<i>Oppose</i>	1/17/23 Referred to Natural Resources Committee
LB 560 Blood	State intent to seek federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
<i>Support</i>	1/11/23 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 3/6/23 Hearing scheduled
LB 568 Bostelman	Adopt the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act
<i>Support</i>	1/19/23 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/16/23 Hearing scheduled
LB 787 Wayne	Adopt the STEEM Development Act
<i>Support</i>	1/20/23 Referred to Education Committee, 1/31/23 Hearing held