

DRAFT FOR COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION 10/29

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES

1. SUPPORT criminal justice reform, address rising jail costs, and mitigate the fiscal impact to county jails as of result of LB605-Mello, 104th.
2. SUPPORT the elimination of unfunded/underfunded mandates on Counties by the State; examples: eliminate the responsibility of counties to pay for state office space(s) [proposed LB61-Bolz, 104th; LB427-Groene, 104th; LB567-Bolz, 105th].
3. SUPPORT counties to share proportionally in the automotive sales tax revenue collected by County Treasurers [proposed LB391-Crawford, 104th; LB531-Harr, 105th]
4. SUPPORT a legislative initiative to revise the ‘Revenue and Taxation’ sections §§77-201 through 77-212, or appropriate section, to revise the “Greenbelt designation” exemption provisions to more clearly define what types of property should qualify for ‘Greenbelt’ and to narrow the definition of ‘Greenbelt’ [proposed LB1104-Friesen, 105th].
5. SUPPORT a legislative effort to revise §71-919, or the appropriate section, to allow qualified mental health practitioners/professionals the ability to initiate an emergency protective custody action allowed under law, where there is probable cause to believe that a person is mentally ill and dangerous [proposed LB964-McDonnell, 105th].
6. SUPPORT a legislative effort to allow for the transport across state lines of mentally ill individuals held under an emergency protective custody action, in order to deliver/return the individual to their home county of residence for medical treatment and/or into law enforcement custody [proposed LB680-Krist, 105th].

1. SUPPORT raising the \$1.25/ton landfill fee provided to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) for solid waste-related grant programs. The fee should be at the appropriate amount to provide funds for household hazardous waste facilities and solid waste education/outreach; also, provide a mechanism that would "rebate" or return an appropriate amount to Douglas County for the Under the Sink's (UTS) operational expenses that would replace the grant funding process that is currently used.
2. SUPPORT legislation for the PaintCare program. This program is an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program in which paint manufacturers bear the cost of collecting and handling used paint. Having this available in Nebraska then would provide relief from having to handle the large amounts of latex paint that are received at Under the Sink facilities (or like entities). This would reduce the operational expense of collecting, handling, and disposing of the latex paint. PaintCare began in Oregon as a three-year pilot program in 2009. As of today, Nine (9) states have passed legislation authorizing the PaintCare program.
3. SUPPORT legislation creating state-managed, centralized license plate distribution by mail to residents across counties.
4. SUPPORT the elimination of a Civil Service Commission; provide uniformity to counties through the repeal of Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-2503 through 23-2516., eliminate the requirement that any county having a population of four hundred thousand inhabitants or more have a Civil Service Commission.