

Governmental Affairs Council

February 20, 2020

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Governmental Affairs Council Calendar

- Weekly (Thursdays)
 - 7:50-8:45 a.m.-committee meeting
 - Conference Call w/ Speaker Jim Scheer beginning 1/30/2020
 - 8:45-9:15 a.m. – Meeting for the Executive Council (as needed)

Minutes 2/20/2020

Present: Scott Williams, Denise Wilkinson, Georgette Sweeney, Ingrid Gansebom, Jennifer Adams, Tom Nathan, Lee Klein, Jana Hellbusch, Angie Stenger, Traci Jeffrey, Bob Dudley, Nick Gebhardt, Bev Ferguson, Tracy Kruse, and Roger Nadrachal.

Round Table Discussion Review for Bills:

- Scott Williams read the confidentiality statement to those in attendance.
- Governor Pete Ricketts conducted the video conference this morning.
- Jennifer Adams- Discussed the new federal budget, Dept of Energy-PMAs- (Power Marketing Administrations). Next week on the agenda- [LB974](#) will be discussed.
- Ingrid Gansebom-[LB897](#), [LB1100](#) (hearing), waiting to hear from appropriations.
- Scott Williams- [LB942](#), [LB943](#) A letter of support was written and sent. [LB846 Change provisions relating to compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act](#)-stuck in committee.
- Tracy Kruse-Thanked Governor Ricketts for supporting [LB1008](#).
- Lee Klein- Thanked Governor Ricketts for supporting the 2nd Amendment rights.
- Bob Dudley asked Governor Ricketts about [LB1015 Provide for year-round daylight- saving time-hearing](#).
- Roger Nadrachal- [LB773 Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund](#). A letter of support was requested. A motion to write a letter of support was requested and a second motion was made by Jana Hellbusch. Roger is also going to research with the City of Norfolk on [LB794 Adopt the Missing Middle Housing Act and provide zoning regulation requirements for certain cities](#). He let Denise know by Monday, February 24, 2020 if it needs to be added to the spreadsheet.
- It was suggested that a letter of support of [LB720](#) be written to Senator Kolterman and cc'd to all the Senators.
- Governor Ricketts expressed the importance of the passing of [LB974](#), prioritized it. There some tweaks to work out based on feedback. Every school district participates and control spending. Swap out property tax money for state money.
- Northeast NE Day in Lincoln February 26, 2020. Looking for sponsors for the event. \$500 and it will be billed through Columbus.

Due to Senators Scheer's schedule, he has asked the video conference start at 8 am and will continue until 8:15-8:20. Governmental Affairs will begin at 7:50 each Thursday morning.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:37 am. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:50 am at the Chamber.