There are many ways to advocate for the issues we care about at the Nebraska Legislature. This document is set up to help you identify which opportunities are most effective depending at what stage the Legislative Bill you care about is sitting at.

To find out more about your bill and how far along it has made it in the legislative process, look up your bill by its bill number at:[**https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/**](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/)

**Pre Session**

**Shopping a Bill:** (The issue I care about has not been introduced as a bill yet)

* Ask your senator to introduce a bill related to an issue you’re seeing in your community
	+ You can do this by calling, emailing, or requesting a meeting

**During Session**

**Bill Introduction:** (A bill I care about is introduced in the NE Legislature)

* Call or Email the bill introducer. You can…
	+ Thank them for working on the issue. This helps them know people are paying attention and can help sway them to choose that bill as their priority this session. This gives your bill better chances for success.
* Call or Email your senator. You can…
	+ Ask them to cosponsor the bill
	+ Share your story about why the bill matters to you personally

**Committee Hearing:** (A bill I care about is assigned to a committee for a hearing)

* Testify on your bill in person
	+ Feel free to refer to our [Tips for Testifying at a State Legislative Hearing Flyer](https://www.canva.com/design/DAFy8DdVEGc/jkYcq_KRntxG-sn_VAMiFw/view?utm_content=DAFy8DdVEGc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor) to prepare yourself!
* Submit an online comment
* Call or Email the members of the committee. You can…
	+ Share your story about why the bill matters to you personally and why they need to support it.
	+ Ask them to vote the bill out of committee
	+ [Find out who is on your bill’s committee](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/committees/roster.pdf)
	+ [You can look up the senators’ emails by visiting this listing](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php). Click on a senator’s name to find their email on their personal page.
* Call or Email your senator. Even if they are not on the right committee you can…
	+ Ask them to cosponsor the bill
	+ Share your story about why the bill matters to you personally

**General File, Select File, Final Reading**: (The stages where your bill is up for a vote by the entire legislative body)

* Call or Email your senator. You can also thank senators who voted to support your bill.
	+ Ask them to vote for or against the bill
	+ Share your story about why the bill matters to you personally
	+ [You can look up the senators’ emails by visiting this listing](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php). Click on a senator’s name to find their email on their personal page.

**At the Governor’s Desk:**

* Call or Email the Governor’s office.
	+ Ask them to sign or veto the bill
	+ Share your story about why the bill matters to you personally

*\*\*\*If the Governor vetoes a bill you care about, you can contact your state senators and ask them to vote to support a veto override.*