

Legislature

Train bill takes a ride through Legislature

Commuter train one step closer to being a Lincoln-Omaha reality

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State senators advanced a bill Tuesday that could lead to a commuter train between Lincoln and Omaha.

LB829 would create the 11-member Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council, which would study the need, cost and feasibility of a commuter train between Nebraska's two largest cities and the plausibility of such a train running statewide.

Senators voted 25-0 to move the bill to the second of three rounds of debate. Omaha Sen. Shelley Kiel, the bill's chief sponsor, said such a train

could save money, create jobs and provide an environmentally friendly transportation option.

In addition, she said, Nebraska could receive federal dollars — as several other states do — to support the rail system.

"I think it's time Nebraska received some of this rail development money," she said.

Wahoo Sen. Curt Bromm said the bill asks for no state money yet. Part of the council's job would be to cooperate with the state Department of Roads in collecting and spending available grants, donations and federal money.

The council would have to report

its findings by 2002, he said. But if the council completes the report earlier, the Legislature can take action sooner.

No one spoke in opposition to the bill, but Table Rock Sen. Floyd Vrtiska asked if the state might have to support two systems — roads that would still be torn up by truck traffic and the new train tracks.

"You're not going to take the trucks off (the highway)," he said.

But Kiel said the train could help keep regular commuter traffic down, relieving congestion that costs billions in lost fuel and time every year.

Omaha Sen. John Hilgert said the feasibility study should go forward. Questions such as cost, what materials to use and where the track would be located need to be answered, he said.

"This is an interesting way to solve a real problem," he said.

SAA sends seniors into real world with a bash

From staff reports

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Alumni Association is sponsoring the 1999 Senior Sendoff today at the Wick Alumni Center.

The event, which will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., will feature music and dancing in the garden next to the center with Craig Estudillo, the voice of the Lincoln Stars, as the disc jockey.

A barbecue buffet dinner will run

from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and students will have the opportunity to visit with alumni from each of the University of Nebraska campuses.

The event is open to all seniors, ages 21 and older, who will graduate in May, August or December 1999. Seniors must show proper identification to receive alcoholic beverages.

Graduating seniors under 21 should contact the alumni association for a graduation gift.

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Law & Order

Man exposes himself

Lincoln police arrested a man for indecent exposure Monday for the second time this month.

Officer Kathy Finnell said the 59-year-old Lincoln man was arrested about 9:10 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 1301 W. Bond Circle, after exposing himself to a cleaning employee.

The woman was cleaning a room across the hall from the man, Finnell said, when he opened his door naked. The employee told the man to go back to his room and put his clothes on, she said, and then reported the incident.

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