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Senator Steve Lathrop,
Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee
State Capitol,
Lincoln NE

LB 444 (Hansen) Change provisions relating to credit against jail terms

Support

Dear Senator Lathrop and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports a correctional system which provides for realistic and humane treatment of the accused and sentenced offender both juvenile and adult, as well as for the protection of the community. To achieve such a system, the League advocates for fair and just sentencing guidelines. We support LB 444 as a means to that goal.

LB 444 matches good time credits for jail inmates with those of state prison inmates. It allows jail inmates to earn credit on the first 14 days served on a jail sentence allowing those serving jail sentences to receive day-for-day credit towards their sentences. And it allows judges to apply unused jail credits, an authority they already have when imposing state prison sentences.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports standardizing sentencing for jail inmates and allowing those that serve jail sentences to receive day-for-day credit towards their sentences to help promote fair and just sentencing. It also encourages overall reduction of time incarcerated, a human and economic savings for Nebraskans.

We urge the Legislature to support LB 444 and send it to the floor for full debate.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gonzales,
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