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

LB 525 (Wishart) Provides duties and requirements for transitional housing facilities and change powers of the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System.

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. In order to achieve such a system, the League advocates for the use of community-based alternatives to incarceration and institutional programs aimed at reintegrating the offender into the community. LWNNE supports LB 525 as a sound requirement for transitional living facilities.

LB525 provides that transitional living facilities must abide by local zoning and occupancy standards and provide a phone number for a manager or supervisor who is available 24 hours a day. Transitional living facilities are an important part of those programs and should provide a safe and responsive environment for individuals. LB525 will help provide that environment.

We urge the Legislature to support LB525

Sincerely,

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