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Senator Lou Ann Linehan, Chair
and Members of the Revenue Committee

LB1237 (Brewer) Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and the Nebraska Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act

OPPOSE

Dear Chair Linehan and Members of the Revenue Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska firmly believes public dollars must have public oversight to ensure that they are used transparently, accountably, and according to all state and federal laws.

Therefore, as we have with several similar bills over the past few years, we do not support the diversion of public dollars to private and parochial schools through scholarship tax credits.

Nebraska has a responsibility to provide adequate funding in public schools and yet, based on the most recent reliable data, our state currently ranks 49th in the nation for state support of K-12 public schools.

LB1237 would further deplete the general funds available to adequately, consistently, and sustainably fund critical programs and services that benefit all Nebraskans – including our public schools.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska urges the Revenue Committee to not advance LB1237.

Respectfully,

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