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Senator Tom Brewer, Chair, and
Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Lincoln NE

RE: LB304 (Linehan) Require political subdivisions to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees

SUPPORT – *Please include this written testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB304.*

Dear Senator Brewer and Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB304, which would call for disclosure of any annual membership dues and/or fees paid to individual lobbyists or lobbying firms by political subdivisions.

The League encourages transparency in all aspects of financial disclosures as it relates to the public served. The community involved should have the right to access information regarding where monies collected for public services are being spent. This bill encourages both transparency in financial disclosures and accessibility of said information to the public it serves.

The League of Women Voters works to bring transparency in political transactions to encourage a well-informed public. We support legislation that will further promote the disclosure of financial transactions in the interest of the public served by the political subdivision and accessibility to that information.

Please advance LB304 to General File for full floor debate.

Sincerely,

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