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RE: LB904 (DeBoer) – Change duties of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding childcare reimbursement rates

SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hansen and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB904, which moves to codify childcare reimbursement rates from the 50th percentile to the 75th percentile of market rate while maintaining DHHS options to reimburse, at a higher rate, childcare programs either nationally accredited or participating and advancing in a quality improvement system.

This effort to reimburse based both on market rates and on quality care can help ensure that children in Nebraska have safe environments with a stable, trained workforce. It also helps to build a better childcare industry in Nebraska, which in turn can support a larger workforce pool.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports policies and programs at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development and ensure the safety of all children. We appreciate Senator DeBoer for introducing LB904.

Please advance LB904 to General File.

Thank you,

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