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Senator Raymond Aguilar and Members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council  
State Capitol, Lincoln, NE

RE: LR298 (Arch) – Provide for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to appoint a committee of the Legislature to be known as the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee of the Legislature.

**SUPPORT** – *Please include this written testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LR298.*

Dear Senator Aguilar and Members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports a responsive legislative process that incorporates, among other factors, accountability, effective performance and transparency.

Therefore, the LWWNE supports LR298.

The League recognizes that legislative oversight functions are currently distributed among the various legislative divisions within the Legislative Council, including the Public Counsel/Ombudsman Office, the Legislative Audit Office, the Legislative Research Office and the Legislative Fiscal Office. To effectively determine the current structure and organization of legislative oversight functions among these various divisions, we support the creation of a special committee to review oversight functions. This committee could also study whether current oversight, as conducted by any statutorily created board or commission, would be more appropriately conducted within the legislative branch.

In addition to issuing a report with findings and recommendations to the Legislature, any report issued by the Legislative Oversight Review Special Committee should be publicly available.

The LWWNE asks the Executive Board to pass this resolution out of committee.

Sincerely,

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