

AAUW-NE Bill Watch Update and Action Alert  
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An update of progress made by our 2017 Legislative Priorities was done today and is available on our website at <http://aauw-ne.aauw.net>. To follow the progress of any one or more of our priorities, you are encouraged to log on to [www.Nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.Nebraskalegislature.gov). Look for “Search Current Bills” in the upper right portion of the home page. Entering a bill (LB) number or resolution (LR) number will retrieve the bill or resolution’s text, fiscal note, statement of intent, votes, transcript, and more. You can also search current laws using the keyword search found below the bill search.

If you’re not sure who your senator is, go to the “Senators” link on the home page and click on “Find your senator” and follow the prompts to identify who your representative is. Go to “Senators Web Pages” to click on a “Print Friendly List of Current Senators—Sorted by both Last Name and District” for correct contact information.

In referring to the spreadsheet describing our 17 legislative priorities, the main thing to note is that a number of bills we have taken a position on are coming up for committee hearings very soon. Others are out of committee and have been placed on General File for first round reading. For these reasons, it’s important you contact your senator to identify yourself as an AAUW Nebraska member and encourage them to support the position we have on that particular bill. The position will either be “support” or “oppose”. Please note the following on the spreadsheet:

Good Government (GG) section: **LB290**—Hearing scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. **Support**

Health Care/Health Insurance (HC/HI): **LB120**—Hearing scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>. **Support**  
**LB441**—Hearing scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. **Support**

Crime and Punishment (CP): **LB280** is on General File (first round reading). **Support**  
**LB289** is on General File. **Support**

Public Education (PE): **LB427** is on General File. **Support**  
**LB630**—Hearing scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. **Oppose**

Social and Economic Justice (SEJ): **LB173** is on General File. **Support**

Contact with your senator during critical phases in the legislative process is extremely important. The more times they hear from us the better in terms of being successful for women, girls and families in our state. Thanks to all of you for being in touch with your senators. A special thank you goes to those members and guests who participated in legislative day February 22<sup>nd</sup>. For those members who brought guests, please don’t hesitate to share this message and today’s updated spreadsheet of priorities with them. Please encourage them to contact their senators in support of our positions as well.