

Bill Watch Update, 2017 AAUW-NE Legislative Priorities
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An update of our 2017 Legislative Priorities is available on the AAUW-NE state website. Changes regarding the latest developments are noted in the progress of seven of our priority bills/resolutions. They include the following:

Good Government (GG): **LR1CA** is now Senator Murante's priority resolution which means it is very likely it will be debated on the floor of the legislature this session. AAUW-NE is opposed to LR1CA.

Health Care/Health Insurance (HC/HI): **LB441**, Senator Morfeld's bill. We support LB441.

Crime and Punishment (CP): **LB289**, Senator Pansing Brooks' bill that is now a Judiciary Committee priority bill on Select File for second round debate. We support LB289.

Public Education (PE): **LB427**, Senator Vargas' bill that we support. It is Senator Vargas' priority bill. **LB428**, also sponsored by Senator Vargas, is now on General File for first round debate. We support LB428.

Social and Economic Justice (SEJ): **LB173**, Senator Morfeld's bill is now Senator Bolz' priority bill. It remains on General File for first round debate. We support LB173. Another SEJ bill is **LB211** sponsored by Senator Hansen. It is on General File and is a bill we support.

Suggested Action: Members are encouraged to contact Senators Bolz and Vargas to thank them for prioritizing LB173 (Senator Bolz) and LB427 (Senator Vargas). Please reiterate our position of support for each of these bills and wish them Good Luck during the upcoming rounds of debate on the floor. Please contact your own senator to urge them to vote in support of these two bills.

Send a thank you to members of the Judiciary Committee expressing appreciation for prioritizing LB289. Committee members include Senators Ebke (Chair), Pansing Brooks (Vice Chair), Baker, Chambers, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, and Morfeld. Also please contact your own senator and urge them to vote for LB289.

Contact Senator Murante to express opposition to LR1CA using the talking points in the "Description" column on page 2 of the 2017 updated legislative priorities that appears on the website. Contact your own senator to urge them to oppose this unnecessary measure.

Thank you for taking an active role in the legislative process. We can make a difference.