

## 2018 02 24 Update from Sapphire Andersen, AAUW-NE Public Policy Chair

### **ACTION ALERT—Tell Legislators: Oppose Voucher Scheme LB295**

Two of AAUW Nebraska's legislative priorities have been prioritized by Nebraska legislators.

**LB295** creates the Opportunity Scholarship Act which is a voucher scheme in the form of a tax credit for wealthy individuals and corporations that donate money to fund scholarships at private schools. This scheme will drain needed funding from our Nebraska public schools. The cost to Nebraska starts at \$2 million (first fiscal year) and will grow up to \$10 million or more over time. **AAUW-NE opposes LB 295. Bill was prioritized by Senator Linehan.** See the LB295 Talking Points.

**LR1CA** was also prioritized for this legislative session. Check the attached Legislative Priorities Update, page 3, for our rationale for opposing LR1CA. **AAUW-NE opposes LR1CA. Resolution was prioritized by Senator Larson.**

Because LB295 and LR1CA have been prioritized, they may come up for first-round debate as early as Monday, February 26, or anytime thereafter. It is important we register our opposition.

**TAKE ACTION**—Contact your senator and urge them to oppose LB295 and LR1CA as soon as possible.

Below are easy opportunities you can use to take action against **LB 295**, courtesy of our partners at the Nebraska State Education Association.

#### **Email your Senator Against LB 295:**

<http://cqrcengage.com/neane/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=430936>

#### **Sign the Petition Against LB 295:**

<http://cqrcengage.com/neane/app/sign-petition?1&engagementId=439394>

#### **Join and Share our Coalition on Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/notinnebraska/](http://www.facebook.com/notinnebraska/)

Be sure to check the "Update of Priorities" document attachment for the most current information about each of our fifteen legislative priorities.

Thank you.