

March 6, 2019 Update: Oppose LB670 – Adopt the Opportunity Scholarship Act and Provide Tax Credits. This bill creates a scholarship program for students wanting to attend private schools in the state of Nebraska. It also creates an income tax credit for individuals, corporations, estates, etc. that contribute to qualifying organizations that grant scholarships for private schools. It is designed to encourage contributions to private schools and allow funding for low-income families to enroll children in private schools.

National AAUW's 2017-19 Public Policy Priorities states, "opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools."

**The Revenue Committee will hear this bill tomorrow, March 7, 2019.** It's very important AAUW-NE members register strong opposition to it so the bill does not get out of committee. This bill would take scare state money away from public schools, and Nebraska ranks 48<sup>th</sup> among the states in state aid to public schools. LB670 is Senator Lou Ann Linehan's priority bill and she is Revenue Committee Chair.

Thank you.