

2019 AAUW-NE Public Policy Final Report

Sapphire Andersen, Public Policy Chair

The 2019 Nebraska legislative session wrapped up early this year on Friday, May 31. Thank you for engaging with your legislators in support of policies that will help women and girls in Nebraska.

AAUW Nebraska identified 7 priority bills this legislative session. While 6 of those bills are still in line for debate and action next year in 2020, we do have some good news to celebrate. Our priority bill LB217 was successfully passed and signed into law. It is very seldom that a bill is passed and signed into law by the governor the very first time it is introduced.

LB217, now law, is an act to prohibit retaliation against employees for communicating about wages for the purpose of determining whether the employer is compensating any employee in a manner that provides equal pay for equal work. This is a step in the right direction as we advocate for laws and policies that will benefit Nebraska women, girls, and families.

As a reminder, the legislative session in 2020 will be a short 60-day session. The six remaining AAUW Nebraska priority bills will be considered again next year and will likely continue to be our priorities in 2020, the second year of the biennial Unicameral term.

If you have any questions about this session or how to support AAUW's public policy mission moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact andersensapphire@gmail.com. Thank you again for your support!