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Testimony regarding LB 866, February 14, 2018, Health and Human Services Committee

Senator Riepe and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB866, introduced by Senator Crawford. This bill assures that public hearings will be held—and public testimony provided—to the Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee prior to the submission of any application for or extension or elimination on any waiver related to services provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. It also provides for appropriate public notices of such hearings. Finally, it requires that the Department of HHS be represented by the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care or the chief executive officer of the Department.

This legislation is critical to citizen participation in governmental decisions—a position that the Nebraska Unicameral surely supports.

We urge the Health and Human Services Committee to act favorably on this bill and send it to General File. We strongly support the passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

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