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Sen. Laura Ebke and Committee Members  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
Room 1113

**Re: 560 Change Inmate Housing and Inmate Discipline Provisions (Schumacher)**

Dear Senator Ebke and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB560. “The League of Women Voters supports a correction system which provides for realistic and humane treatment of the accused and sentenced offender both juvenile and adult...”

“Specifically, the League supports a system which insures the preservation of civil and human rights of pre-trial detained and which insures basic human rights of sentenced offenders.”

LB560 assures more humane treatment of prison inmates. It permits court review of restrictive (segregated) housing after 90 days and prohibits vulnerable populations from restricted housing. However, it also protects the rest of the prison population by providing for the prison administration to “adopt and promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act regarding restrictive housing to address risks for inmates who are members of vulnerable populations. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the department from developing secure mental health housing to serve the needs of inmates with serious mental illnesses in such a way that provides for meaningful access to social interaction, exercise, environmental stimulation, and therapeutic programming.”

We urge your committee to act favorably on this bill and send it to General File.

Sincerely,

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