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Dear Senator,

The League of Women Voters supports LB 158 to ensure representation by counsel for any juvenile appearing in court, using an “opt out” alternative to the former practice in statute.

Specifically, the League supports:

“The principle that juveniles be heard in juvenile court and held in facilities specifically designed for juvenile offenders.”

It follows that automatic appointment of counsel adds to the protection of the juvenile, parent or guardian’s rights for a fair hearing.

The League encourages you to advance LB 158 to General File.

Sincerely,

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