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Chairman Ebke and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB 526, introduced by Senator Morfeld, regarding debtors' rights, garnishment, attachment and other debt collection procedures.

The League believes that alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. (Position adopted in 2012)

Imposing a sentence on someone because of a bad debt harkens back to the days of Debtors' Prisons, where prisoners languished until someone could pay their debt, often a difficult if not impossible process for relatives or friends. LB 526 gives today's debtor time and, it is hoped, resources to take care of business with the debt holder.

The League urges you to advance LB 526 to General File.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Senator Adam Morfeld