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Testimony regarding LB982, February 14, 2018, Judiciary Committee

Senator Ebke and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB 982, introduced by Senator Morfeld. We believe that it is reasonable for persons 18 years of age to be able to consent to mental health services for themselves without consent of their parents or guardians. We suggest, to assure that the issue is clear, the elimination of the phrase “or older,” since the statute only applies to persons 18 years of age. Since Nebraska allows 18 year olds to vote and since many states consider 18 years to be the age when people become adults, it seems appropriate that persons of this age should be able to consent to mental health services without the consent of parents.

We believe LB982 is worthy of positive action by the Judiciary Committee to move it to General File and general debate in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

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