



TO: Health & Human Services Committee  
FROM: Marion Miner, Associate Director of Pro-Life & Family Policy  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
DATE: February 5, 2026  
RE: LB773 (Prenatal Plus) (Support)

The Nebraska Catholic Conference advocates for the public policy interests of the Catholic Church through engaging, educating, and empowering public officials, Catholic laity, and the general public.

Catholic social teaching, in accord with Sacred Scripture, affirms the “preferential option for the poor”—that “the poor, the marginalized and in all cases those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern.”<sup>1</sup> The preferential option for the poor has a “special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity”<sup>2</sup> and applies not only to our individual actions but to our broader social and political responsibilities.

Mothers of preborn and newborn babies who are without adequate family and social support ought to be of special concern and must be a special focus for a society attempting to realize a culture of life. This is the basis of the Conference’s continuing support of Nebraska’s existing “Prenatal Plus Program” and for LB773.

Prenatal Plus gives additional help to those mothers who are eligible to receive care under Medicaid and need special support for a healthy pregnancy and childbirth. Factors such as inadequate or poor nutrition and untreated physical or mental health disorders are addressable and directly related to the long-term health of a mother and her preborn or newborn child.

A program that incentivizes the identification and treatment of those issues for low-income mothers is worthy of support. We support the Prenatal Plus program, the elimination of the program’s sunset date to make it permanent, and the expansion of the program to cover moms and babies up to sixty days postpartum. We respectfully request that the committee advance LB773 to General File.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 182.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*