



To: Revenue Committee
From: Marion Miner, Associate Director for Pro-Life & Family
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Subject: LB13 (Sales Tax Exemption & Breast Pumps) (Support)
Date: January 25, 2019

Madame Chair Linehan and Members of the Revenue Committee,

The Nebraska Catholic Conference advocates for the public policy interests of the Catholic Church and advances the Gospel of Life through engaging, educating, and empowering public officials, Catholic laity, and the general public. I would like to express our support for LB 13 on behalf of the Conference.

Many new mothers decide that breastfeeding is the best way to nourish their infant children. Since many households have two working parents, breastfeeding throughout the day can be inconvenient and sometimes difficult. Breast pumps and related products, of course, make this much easier.

Nebraska has a longstanding sales tax exemption for the purchase of food. LB 13 introduces a similar exemption for those products that help a mother make sure her child receives what she believes is the best nourishment she can give. A sales tax exemption here may not make a large difference in the amount a mother pays for these supplies, but it would send an important message that the State of Nebraska values her commitment to the unique, noble, and irreplaceable role of motherhood.

For that reason, the Nebraska Catholic Conference respectfully urges your support for this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration of our position.

Please include this letter as part of the public hearing record.