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**AFP-Nebraska supports Sen. Bill Avery's LB 148**  
**- Nebraska Taxpayers Should Not Pay for Government Lobbyists –**

LINCOLN – Americans for Prosperity-Nebraska strongly supports LB 148, introduced by Sen. Bill Avery of Lincoln. LB 148 would prohibit public school districts and educational service units from using state aid to fund lobbying services. During difficult budget times, with Nebraska state aid to education facing significant scrutiny, it is irresponsible to allow tax dollars meant for children in the classroom to be spent on lobbyists in Lincoln.

Nebraska taxpayers should not be paying to lobby their own state government. According to Sen. Avery's office, there have been as many as 16 lobbyists paid for by school districts or educational service units across Nebraska. Funds for those 16 lobbyists would be better spent on students and teachers.

AFP-Nebraska supports LB 148 as a tool to protect the quality of education in Nebraska by ensuring state aid for education actually arrives in the classroom, while at the same time reducing the influence of lobbyists in state government.

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