

# Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska, writes to support consideration of LB 853.

Financial exploitation is not limited to Nebraskans who are aging; Nebraskans with disabilities can fall prey to financial exploitation, too. As the Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska, addressing/preventing the financial exploitation of people with disabilities is a priority area for our agency. Banks and their staff are at the front-line of defense and could play a critical role identifying and preventing the financial exploitation of Nebraskans with disabilities and other vulnerable people. LB 853 would help protect people with disabilities from financial exploitation by allowing banks to be proactive when they learn, or have substantial suspicion of, financial exploitation.

Disability Rights Nebraska recommends advancing LB 853; at a minimum, given the unique nature of this session, the legislature should give robust discussion of the proposal components in a subsequent session.

If there are further questions or comment, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience: [brad@drne.org](mailto:brad@drne.org) or 402-474-3183.

Sincerely,

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