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The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin opposes 2025 WI AB602 and SB600

WI 2025 AB 602/SB 600 represent a regressive tax structure that benefits some rather than all school children in WI, and will increase inequity in funding, opportunity and access by supporting private voucher schools. These bills would further compound the current constitutional violation of funding two separate, unequal school/education systems in WI, and stand directly in opposition to LWVWI positions on education.

The LWVWI strives to promote educational equity and access to educational opportunities for each child through non-discriminatory policies and an equitable state aids formula while retaining substantial program and personnel responsibilities in the local district. Additionally, an educational aids formula which primarily equalizes funds raised at similar taxing rates and, secondarily, equalizes spending per student. Finally, LWVWI supports a system of financing which ensures that a child's opportunity for a good education is not limited by the fiscal ability of the local district and that the state will assume a significant amount of educational financing.

Additionally, the U.S. House tax plan cuts charitable giving tax incentives for donors to most nonprofit groups while roughly tripling the incentive available to donors to groups that fund private K-12 school vouchers. The LWVWI does not support a private school voucher system. Because state income taxes largely piggyback on federal law, the bill would also potentially reduce state tax revenue by \$459 million over the next 10 years as currently drafted, or by \$1.1 billion over the next 10 years if it is extended beyond its four-year expiration date.

<https://itep.org/house-tax-bill-enlists-the-wealthy-to-spread-private-school-vouchers/>

There would also be a disproportionate impact on public school funding, negatively impacting students who would not have equal access to these additional private resources. For these reasons, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin oppose 2025 AB 602/SB 600.