



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
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To: Joint Committee on Public Safety  
Senator Floyd Prozanski, Co-Chair  
Senator Jackie Winters, Co-Chair  
Representative Chris Garrett, Co-Chair  
Representative Andy Olson, Co-Chair  
Committee Members

From: Robin Wisdom, LWVOR President  
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Re: HB 3194 – relating to crime and sentencing - Support

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League has a position on Adult Corrections that supports alternatives to incarceration where possible, such as employment and educational programs, and treatment centers for mental illness and substance abuse. The League strongly supports community-based programs and transitional programs for inmates paroled from a correctional facility.

The League believes judges should be responsible for determining the length of sentences and supports the range of sentences in Assault II, Robbery II and Sex Abuse I. The range allows judges to take into consideration the history of the offender and the factors in the offense. Lower sentences in these cases will provide a savings for the Department of Corrections, which could provide more funds for community corrections programs.

The League also supports the judicial review for juveniles sentenced in the Adult system in order to evaluate their progress in Oregon Youth Authority programs. Juveniles can be released on parole in the community and continue to be supervised. Sending a juvenile who has been successful in OYA to an adult facility is counterproductive.

The League supports the Community Corrections Incentive Grants for counties who reduce the number of offenders sent to Department of Corrections facilities. The grants can be used for local programs, housing, education or workforce training. Jail operations could be funded for additional sanctions and sentences served in local facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.