



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON

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To: House Committee on Rules
Representative Chris Garrett, Chair

Re: HB 2018 (and HB 3028), Independent Expenditures Filing SUPPORT

The League of Women Votes of Oregon is a non-partisan, grass roots political organization that encourages informed citizen participation in government. It is important that voters have access as to who is supporting or opposing candidates and measures. HB 2018 will provide that information via ORSTAR, the Secretary of State's electronic reporting system.

The League supports HB 2018 because it provides transparency in the elections process. It also offers a timely and convenient way to be informed about many election issues. We encourage legislation that (1) improves methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know; (2) that combats corruption and undue influence; (3) that enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office; and (4) that promotes citizen participation in the political process.

HB 2018 meets those criteria, and the League urges you to move it forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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