



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON**

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To: Senate Committee on Rules  
Senator Diane Rosenbaum , Chair

Re: HB 2988 and HB 3175A Voter Registration SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a non-partisan grass roots, political organization that supports and encourages informed citizen participation in government. As a proponent of voting rights, the League supports efforts to enlarge the voting population of eligible citizens as proposed in the proposal bills before you – HB 2988 and HB 3175 A.

The League supports:

- A registration process which is accessible, well-publicized, and easily understood as well as easy to implement and administer;
- Mail-in registration forms which are widely available;
- Oregon implementation of the National Voting Rights Act which, includes registration process training and the designation of additional registration sites.

Each of the proposed bills addresses important registration issues. HB 2988 allows a 16 year old to register, and it is important to encourage young citizens to become involved with learning about representative government and their role in it. HB 3175 A makes it easier for students to promote voter registration and encourage voter participation.

The League urges your careful consideration of these important proposals and a vote for support.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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