



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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To: Senate Committee on Rules
Senator Diane Rosenbaum, Chair

Re: HB 2199 A Ballot Security 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. The League recognizes that election procedures and voter information are critical elements for an informed and participating electorate. We support HB 2199 A, which provides specific procedures and policies for securing unused ballots. Public trust in the election system is essential to fair and impartial results.

The League believes that citizens are entitled to elections where every effort is made to preserve ballot secrecy to prevent fraud. The Vote by Mail system has worked well, and the provisions for security and secrecy in the proposed legislation will enhance it.

The League encourages the committee to moved HB 2199 A forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Robin Wisdom
President

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Kappy Eaton
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