



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

June 13, 2013

To: Joint Ways and Means SubCommittee on General Government
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
Representative Greg Smith, Co-Chair

Re: HB 3523A Independent Expenditures, Filing Deadlines SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots political organization that encourages informed citizen participation in government. We support legislation which provides transparency and accountability in the financing of Oregon elections. We believe in the public's right to know who is contributing to candidates and measures and how much is being given and expended. We have supported electronic filing of these reports since its inception.

HB 3523A would require the filing of independent expenditures to Oregon campaigns. We believe providing that campaign information to voters in an effective and efficient manner is an important improvement in campaign transparency. We also support the lowering of the amount that triggers a report to \$750 from \$1000. We also commend the change that includes the aggregate amounts. We are less supportive of the pushing back of reporting days just prior to an election from seven to 14.

The League does recommend moving the bill forward in the interests of better reporting of independent expenditures. We appreciate this opportunity to comment.

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Robin Wisdom
President

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Kappy Eaton
Governance Coordinator