



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON**

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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Representative Brian Clem, Chair  
Members of the Committee  
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Re: HB 2259 – Extend Water Right Transactions Fees – SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League supported HB 3369 (2009). In particular, we supported an updated fee schedule to create a better cost share for processing a number of water-related actions. However, because the League believes that regulated public policy actions should require the public share in the cost of such regulations, we support HB 2259 that continues to provide for that 50/50 cost share.

Timely processing of water right transactions is important for both the private sector and the public. Assuring stable funding for these actions is critical to both our economy and as protection of the public's water.

We ask that you pass HB 2259 out of committee with a “do pass” recommendation to the full House. Thanks for considering our request.

Sincerely,

  
Robin Wisdom  
President

  
Peggy Lynch  
Natural Resources Coordinator

cc: Phil Ward, Director, Water Resources Department  
Richard M. Whitman, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisor

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