



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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To: Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senator Jeff Kruse, Vice Chair
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From: League of Women Voters of Oregon

Re: SB 232 - Support

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a non-partisan, political organization which encourages and educates citizens to participate in government. The League believes that comprehensive transitional programs are essential for successful completion of rehabilitation for each inmate released or paroled from a correctional facility.

This bill gives the Department of Corrections the statutory authority to apply for grants from federal or other agencies for the purpose of providing reentry support services to offenders released to community supervision. These support services are critical for the successful readjustment of offenders to community living and avoidance of further law violations and/or return to incarceration.

The League supports Community Corrections programs that provide for housing, job training, physical and mental health treatment, and maintenance of substance abuse free lifestyles. Family support and parenting training are other needed services for the successful return to the community and avoidance of future law violations by family members.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Robin Wisdom
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