



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON

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Representative Val Hoyle, Chair
Members of the House Rules Committee
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Re: **HB 2069**, Task Force on Capital Construction Budget Process—**SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League believes in good governance that requires adequate accurate information on which to base decisions. The League has followed the work of the Task Force on the Capital Construction Budget Process this past year and are encouraged by the work being done to create a current inventory of state-owned buildings and their current condition as called for in Section 1(2)(a). It is incredible that this work has not been done before, but a positive step that it IS being done and should continue to complete the work.

The League is also supportive of Section 1(2)(g), directing this Task Force to provide a state strategy for considering the cost of operating and maintaining state buildings. We know that the state (and local governments and school districts) struggles to spend dollars on maintenance when there are so many demands on our tax dollars. But we all know that deferred maintenance always costs more than ongoing maintenance. It's time to find a mechanism to recognize and budget for these ongoing costs at the time state dollars are spent on buildings when they are built or purchased.

Because of the importance of the work being done by this Task Force, **the League asks that you move this bill to the full House with a unanimous “do pass” recommendation.**

Sincerely,

Robin Wisdom
President

Peggy Lynch
Natural Resources Coordinator