



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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To: Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Members of the Committee
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Re: SB 86 – Firearms Training Facilities: OPPOSE

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots nonpartisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We are strongly opposed to SB 86 due to our positions on land use and gun safety.

First, the League has a long history of supporting our statewide land use planning program. We believe that SB 86 is a “one-off” exception and is an end run around the land use processes that have been carefully put in place.

Secondly, the League believes that the conservation of Oregon’s valuable farm and forest lands are basic to Goals 3 and 4 of Oregon’s statewide planning system. SB 86 adds to the already long list of non-farm uses allowed on these resource lands, which are vital to the state’s economy. We believe there is no pressing need for firearms training facilities to be located on land designated as exclusive farm use, forest, or mixed farm and forest.

Lastly, the League is concerned that passage of SB 86 will cause a proliferation of these indoor and outdoor facilities in rural areas and be a safety concern for area residents. We question the ability of many counties, in this time of shrinking budgets for county law enforcement, to adequately monitor and enforce compliance with firearms regulations.

For all of these reasons the League urges a no vote on SB 86.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robin Wisdom in black ink.

Robin Wisdom
President

Handwritten signature of Marge Easley in black ink.

Marge Easley
Action Committee Member