



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON**

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To: Representative Brad Witt, Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Re: HB 2497, Requiring Agencies to Maintain Extra Notice Lists for Rulemaking--**OPPOSE**

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League believes that broad-based participation in agency rulemaking means that any adopted rules are likely to more accurately reflect legislative intent and provide the best possible outcomes. The League shares notice of rulemaking with members and others and has supported agencies' maintenance of email notice lists so that all can be informed of agency actions.

With that in mind, we oppose HB 2497 as creating another burden on these agencies to try to figure out which rules may affect which legislative districts. This burden comes at a cost to these agencies related to staff time. These agencies have important roles to play in protection of the environment and in economic development. They are often underfunded and struggle to process permits in a timely manner. Since there is a less costly solution to this issue, we recommend this bill be rejected.

We encourage legislators to sign up for these general notices and ask that you forward this bill to the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness with a "do not pass" recommendation.

Thank you for considering our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Robin Wisdom  
President

Peggy Lynch  
Natural Resources Coordinator