



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON**

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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Education  
Representative Betty Komp, Co-Chair  
Senator Rod Monroe, Co-Chair  
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Re: [HB 5016](#) Oregon Department of Education

The League of Women Voters is a 95 year old grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League of Women Voters believes that the first five years of a child's life are crucial in building the foundation for educational attainment and greatly impact success or failure in later life. The League of Women Voters believes that early intervention and prevention measures are effective in helping children reach their full potential. The League supports policies and programs at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development and ensure the safety of all children.

The Governor's Recommended Budget, GRB, and the Co-Chairs' Budget both recognize the importance of K-12, implementing full day Kindergarten statewide, and providing some increased level of spending for Early Learning and Youth Development. We concur with Deputy Ron Saxon's testimony that spending on "Age 3 to Grade Three" would be a priority.

The League commends the Oregon Education Investment Board, OEIB, and the Early Learning Council, ELC, for their commitment to open meetings. We commend the Early Learning Division, ELD, and the Hubs for their willingness to share their roll-out process with us. We shall continue to follow the process, recognizing it will take time for recent changes in the delivery of services to mature.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Robin Wisdom  
President LWVOR

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