



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
Representative Jessica Vega Pederson
Members of the Committee
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Re: HB 3470 - Climate Stability and Justice Act 2015 - SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots nonpartisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. Since the 1950's, the League has been at the forefront of national efforts to protect air, land and water resources. The League's position to "Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment" with a focus on demanding pollution prevention.

Our testimony in support of HB 3470 is consistent with the League's national position and focus on Climate Change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. From LWV national president Dec. 2012, " I'm going to be blunt: People are dying because of climate change. Our families, our communities and our planet are all threatened by it...to lead us through the greatest environmental challenge of our generation." "Climate change is not a hoax. More drought and floods and hurricanes and wildfires are not a joke. They're a threat to our children's future. And we can do something about it."

The declaration on Page 1, lines 21-25 provide clear reasons for passage of this bill: "Global warming and ocean acidification will have detrimental effects on some of this state's most important industries, including agriculture, forestry, commercial fishing, recreation and tourism. Global warming will also strain the electricity and domestic water supplies that are necessary for economic stability and the most basic levels of human well-being and survival."

Our members are actively working all across the country to address greenhouse gas reduction and reduce the effects of climate change. Fossil fuel reduction is part of that effort. The pollution from fossil fuels not only increase greenhouse gas emissions, but the pollution from their usage across the Pacific returns to Oregon via air currents and adds to CO2 PPM (now over 402 PPM), 14.2% higher than what is deemed required for a stable, eco-friendly climate.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon strongly recommends the passage of HB 3470.

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