



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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March 14, 2017

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Representative Brian Clem, Chair
Representatives Susan McLain and Sherrie Sprenger, Vice Chairs
Members of the Committee

Re: HB 2893, New Requirement on UGB Evaluations Related to Soil Classes – **OPPOSE**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon first studied land use in 1959 and has been active since in supporting our statewide land use planning program with local implementation. We recently participated in the rulemaking that has provided a more simplified method for expanding urban growth boundaries. Discussion and compromise occurred that set guidance for selection of lands for inclusion into our cities. Urban reserves are meant to be the next extension for UGB expansion and should also reflect that rulemaking. Any discussion of changes in how lands are selected should be done during a thorough evaluation of how this change would affect lands throughout Oregon. **We ask that you not send this out of Committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Peggy Lynch
LWVOR Natural Resources Coordinator