



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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March 24, 2017

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
Representative Ken Helm, Chair
Representatives Mark Johnson and Karin Power, Vice Chairs

Re: **HB 2236** – Enabling Legislation to Update Air Quality Regulations - **SUPPORT**

Air Quality was first studied by the national League of Women Voters in the 1960s. The League of Women Voters of Oregon adopted positions on the issue in 1968. LWVOR supports regulation and reduction of pollution from stationary sources and from ambient toxic-air pollutants. We support the right of states to set more stringent standards than the federal government.

LWVOR strongly supports the concept of Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO) to enact new regulations for air quality based on health. We support the CAO process underway and will soon give testimony on the proposed framework of the new DEQ regulations. We look forward to Oregon's improved ability to protect citizens from the detrimental health effects of air pollution. To that end, we strongly support the language in HB 2236 that will validate the process that has been underway for a year. We expect that the recommendation in the study will propel Oregon to a higher level among other states into the cutting edge of health-protective yet fair legislation.

LWVOR strongly supports and strongly urges you to pass HB 2236.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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LWVOR Natural Resources Air Quality Portfolio