



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 97-year-old grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

April 19, 2017

To: [Senate Committee on Rules](#)
[Senator Ginny Burdick](#), Chair

Re: SB 225-1 Personal responsibility for Treasurer of Petition Committee or PAC – **Support**

The League of Women Voters supports accountability and transparency in government and elections processes. We support this bill with the proposed -1 amendment. This would hold treasurers of petition and political action committees accountable as a default, yet provide the option to designate liability to another elector for any civil penalty imposed. We particularly note the statement of organization report filing requirement:

“SECTION 2. ORS 260.042 is amended to read:

“260.042. (1)

“(d) The name and address of any other political committee of which two or more committee directors are also directors of the committee filing the statement.

We support citizen participation in governance. Treasurers for campaign committees, PACs, or petition committees may be volunteers. We are wary of discouraging grassroots participation for fear of personal liability. Our experience has been that our state Elections Division is very supportive for treasurers, to help prevent inadvertent errors. The focus for this bill as amended would improve accountability and transparency. We urge your support.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
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