



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

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.

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

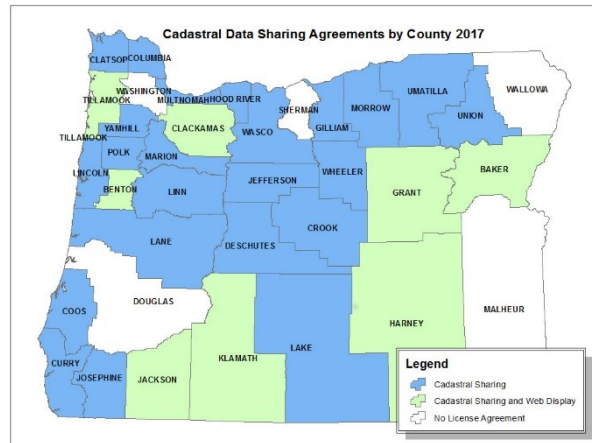
Re: [HB 2696](#) Specific Voters’ Pamphlet coverage expansion. – **Support with comments**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports state Voters’ Pamphlets, in compliance with statute. This bill would allow community college district bonding measures to be included in state voters’ pamphlets if counties do not print and distribute voters’ pamphlets. Our Voter Education position supports providing voters with accurate information to make reasoned, informed choices. Our Fiscal Responsibility position supports responsible administration. One of our founding principles is:

The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, and **coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.**


We value Oregon’s proactive legacy, including expectations that we accurately represent voting districts on ballots. We have the technology to process and provide voting information directly from the state Elections Division. We support efficiently sharing data between Oregon government agencies.

In League [VOTEResources](#) work to present customized ballots information, we use GIS districting information. We have found incomplete information for some Special Districts, particularly Community Colleges. In light of recent [SB 2906](#) passage, establishing the Oregon Geographic Information Council within office of State Chief Information Officer, we call for improved data sharing between Oregon’s various governments. Note that some counties do not share necessary data to apply the actions called for in this bill.



Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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