



**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.

June 5, 2017

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

Re: [HB 2873 A](#) -Requires county elections to send tax or GO Bond ballot materials to ORESTAR –
Support

The League of Women Voters Voter Education position supports providing voters with accurate information to make reasoned, informed choices. Our Fiscal Responsibility position supports responsible administration. Quoting one of our founding principles:

“efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, and **coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.**”


This bill would coordinate centralized city bonding ballot measure listing, to be submitted from counties, on behalf of their cities, for listing on ORESTAR.

Our [VOTEResources](#) information works to present ballot measure information online for all ballot measures in Oregon, for standard primary and general elections. For the fall 2016 election, we covered over 350 measures for various districts. We have indexed them by measure number, by topics, and by county and city where applicable. This bill could assist ballot measure analysis. Currently, we research, analyze and publicize state ballot measures listed on ORESTAR, including:

- Background study with historic perspective
- Financial impact of passage, including impact of a yes or no vote
- Statements from supporters and opponents

Measures filed for special local elections elude our notice at the state League level. Passage of this measure could allow us to help publicize bonding issues. The state Elections Division has the technology to process and provide voting information directly. This proposed legislation has no measurable fiscal impact. We support efficiently sharing data between Oregon government agencies and urge your support.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.


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