



**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.

July 1, 2017

To: [House Committee on Rules](#)
[Representative Jennifer Williamson](#), Chair

Re: [SB 229 A](#) Relating to Elections. – **COMMENTS**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has many positions relating to administration of Oregon elections and has followed progress of this bill. The Secretary of State and Elections Division staff sought our participation on development of this bill at several points during this session, and we have been fully compliant. We refrained from initiating an amendment or submission of a similar bill earlier this session for lack of certainty of a large, collaborative consensus in advance.

We support the intent of the bill as it stood before the -7 and subsequent amendments were filed, reflecting worthy efforts that have been updated, refined and carried over the terms of three successive Secretaries of State.

The League would prefer that any attempt to refer the Provider Tax, agreed to by a broad range of interests, not be successful. If it were successful, many thousands of Oregonians' health care would be in jeopardy. Therefore, we recognize the Legislature's responsibility to limit any damage that could occur as a result of a referral.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
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