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February 5, 2018

To: [House Committee on Early Childhood and Family Supports](#)

Representative John Lively, Chair

Email: hecfs.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: [HB 4066](#) – Early Childhood Equity Innovation Fund to culturally specific early learning, early childhood and parent support programs – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that the early years of a child's life are crucial in building the foundation for educational attainment and greatly impact success or failure in later life. Early intervention and prevention measures are effective in helping children reach their full potential. The League supports policies, programs, and funding at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children.

LWVOR supports HB 4066 Early Childhood Equity Innovation Fund to culturally specific early learning, early childhood and parent support programs in this state. To receive a grant under this section, a program must: provide outreach, support and resources to children and families of ethnicities that are not currently served, or that are underserved, by existing programs in this state, including children and families who are of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent; and demonstrate a proven ability to provide outreach, support and resources to children and families. A biennial evaluation of programs that receive grants under this section shall include measurement of outcomes that align with current research regarding positive child and family indicators, including family stability and early childhood school readiness.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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