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To: [Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability](#)
[Senator Chuck Riley](#)

Re: [SB 1559](#): Whistleblower procedures and protections – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes in government accountability for all state departments and agencies. Employees of these agencies are those closest to its operations. Therefore, if there is an improper activity observed, an employee who wants to report an impropriety must be protected from abuse or retribution from his or her immediate supervisors. This bill provides these protections by allowing anonymous reports. It also requires the DOJ to develop a mandatory agency training program and each agency or department to develop a manual consistent with Bureau of Labor and Industries' rules. The Bureau of Labor and Industries is to study whistleblowing activities and make recommendations. This seems the right approach and the proper entities to undertake codifying uniform statewide whistleblower procedures and protections.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
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