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To: Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Senator Kathleen Taylor and Representative Jeff Reardon, Co-Chairs
Members of the Committee

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Re: **HB 5027 – Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Budget – Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon first studied land use in 1959 and has been active since in supporting our statewide land use planning program with local implementation. We believe that Goal 1 requires open access to the land use process and that all citizens have a stake in the development of their communities. **As we plan our cities and counties, we are deciding where we will all live, work, shop, play and how we'll get there.**

The League believes that this department is critical to the health and wellbeing of Oregonians. Planning determines what kind of infrastructure communities will need. It helps assure our natural areas are protected, addresses natural hazards and that we have not only economically vital agricultural and forest lands, but lands for other industrial uses. See [Slide 11](#) of the Department's presentation.

We support Policy Option Package (POP) 101 linked to [HB 2075](#) that will provide grant funding to communities to address, in part, Key Performance Measures 2, 3 and 5. The League provided [testimony](#) in the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use in support of this program. With this POP, the funding will be secured and a staffer will be available to help small local jurisdictions to apply for these grants and follow up with the work. While we are not yet at final support, we are working with others on [HB 2228](#) to find additional ways to address the capacity needs of local jurisdictions on housing issues so there is a clear partnership between Housing and Community Services, DLCD and local jurisdictions.

We also support POP 102 to accept and allocate the Federal Funds to update [Oregon's Climate Change Adaptation Framework](#), a 2010 document that the League was engaged in. The League believes that addressing climate change not only by reducing greenhouse gases, but also adapting to our inevitable changing future is critical to all of Oregon. It is why we have filed amici briefs on behalf of Our Children's Trust in both the Oregon and U.S. lawsuits. This POP provides a staff lead to convene a broad range of federal, state and local agencies and other experts to develop new solutions to addressing climate risks.

We support POP 103 to help our local communities address a variety of natural disasters. With Other Funds and Federal Funds, DLCD can provide grants to assist in local planning. Should we see a comprehensive statewide revenue package come from the 2019 Legislature, we would encourage reinstating the \$500,000 in General Funds originally requested.

This small agency is so critical to **where we will all live, work, shop, play and how we'll get there** that we hope this Committee is generous in your budget allocations.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.



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