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April 5, 2019

To: Senate Committee Environment and Natural Resources
Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair

Re: **SB 928** – Climate Authority – **Support**

The League of Women Voters Climate Change Position: *“The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels—local, state, regional, national, and global.”*

From the LWV Principals: *“Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria: Competent personnel with clear responsibilities, Coordination among agencies and levels of government, Adequate financing, Effective enforcement and Well defined channels for citizen input and review principles.”*

Given the challenges related to Climate Change mitigation and adaptation policy administration including the tactical and strategic nature of the challenge, **the League of Women Voters of Oregon supports the creation of a Climate Authority agency which is accountable** to the public for effective and efficient management of Climate/Carbon policy across all 100+ State of Oregon agencies. **Coordination across agencies with applicable oversight and accountability is key. We ask that you move this bill forward so this new agency can be ready to help implement climate policy in 2019.**

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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