



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF OREGON**

From the desk of Rep. Courtney Neron

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 99-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.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon Urge a YES Vote on HB 2020, the Oregon Climate Action Program

This legislation establishes the Climate Policy Office within the Department of Administrative Services and directs the office to adopt an “Oregon Climate Action Program”.

Major OUTCOMES:

- * Energy economy that caps and permanently reduces all greenhouse gas emissions,
- * Uses natural and working lands to sequester CO₂,
- * Builds climate resiliency,
- * Provides statewide a just transition process which also addresses impacted communities, and
- * Has a clear focus on the ‘best available science’.

The League supports this Oregon Climate Policy which responsibly addresses many of the critical issues reflected in the May 2019 LWVOR Climate Emergency Declaration Resolution and the LWV Climate Change position that recognizes the urgency of addressing increasing greenhouse gases to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius for the health of our planet and all those living on this earth. -In Oregon we are seeing floods and droughts, increasing wildfires and the effects of hotter summers on our elderly.

Climate change has a disproportionate effect on impacted communities, such as indigenous tribes, rural communities, coastal communities, workers, low-income households and people of color, who typically have fewer resources for adapting to climate change and are therefore the most vulnerable to displacement, adverse health effects, job loss, property damage and other effects of climate change; and

The League resolution was unanimously supported by LWVOR convention delegates representing 15 statewide local Leagues on May 19, 2019 in Ashland, Oregon, and directed our advocacy on behalf of climate legislation.

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