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February 6, 2020

To: Senate Committee on Human Services

Chair, Senator Sara Gelser

Vice-Chair, Senator Dallas Heard

Re: <u>SB 1566</u> - Section that extends eligibility for Oregon Promise to certain Oregon foster children who attain

their highest level of education while in out-of-state placement - Support

The League supports greatly increased educational opportunity through compensatory programs for disadvantaged groups

LWVOR has supported Oregon Promise and supports the extension to youth in placement in out-of-state foster care when the person otherwise meets the requirements for Oregon Promise. Foster youth face many barriers, we commend inclusion of those in out-of-state foster care when completing their highest level of education within Oregon Promise eligibility guidelines.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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