

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 101-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.

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To: <u>Rep. Barbara Smith Warner</u>, Chair, House Rules Committee

Submit: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Testimony/HRULES

Re: <u>HB 2323</u> – Communicating false election information – **Support** 

This bill addresses intentionally communicating false information relating to election dates, registration deadlines and methods, timing and location of ballot drops, and voter qualifications and registration status. From its beginning 101 years ago, the League of Women Voters has consistently supported and continues to support a citizen's right to vote, to vote without unnecessary barriers and to be knowledgeable about the voting process, candidates and ballot measures. Part of that is a clear understanding of the election dates, voter qualifications and registration process, and where and when you can turn in your ballot.

At least 8 other states have implemented legislation similar to this bill.

Any effort to attempt voter suppression by providing false information to voters must be made illegal.

Therefore, the LWVOR supports HB 2323.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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