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February 4, 2021

To: House Committee on Housing

Rep. Julie Fahey, Chair

Reps. Winsvey Campos and Lily Morgan, Vice Chairs

Members of the Committee

Re: **HB 2778** – Redefines "historic home" from 1945 to 1974 – **Oppose** 

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports our statewide land use planning program and engages in both housing policies as well as land use. Our members support housing in places where services can be provided.

We engaged with Rep. Lininger as she presented **HB 3012** (2017) to be sure that there were reasonable sideboards while respecting those who were trying to protect our truly historic homes from destruction as you can see from the text of current law. Homes built after 1945 through 1974 are not "historic homes". We believe that this amendment to current law does not reflect the agreements and work done to protect very special truly historic homes. **We ask that you oppose this bill.** 

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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