



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.

March 30, 2021

To: [House Committee On Judiciary](#)
Committee Chair, Rep. Janelle Bynum

Re: [HB 3230](#) – Universal Representation Program – **Support**

[In 2020 LWVOR and LWVUS passed](#) the following resolution at their council and convention.

'Be it resolved the League of Women Voters reaffirms our commitment to Immigration reform: laws that provide efficient, expeditious systems for immigrants to enter the United States. The League stands in solidarity with immigrants and our partners in the immigrant rights community. Congress must take immediate action to pass common sense, fair immigration policies that end the crisis at our borders, end the separation of families, ensure their health and safety, and provide a clear path to citizenship which includes the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) young people'.

In addition, in June 2020, LWV U.S. voted to support EDI (equity, diversity and inclusion) work internal to the League and across all public and private sectors and LWV Oregon provided at LWVUS convention an education caucus ['Climate Migration, Immigration and Human Rights: What You Need to Know! - LWVUS Convention 2020](#).

The League supports \$10M biennium funding for ['a universal representation program established in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The department would contract with a nonprofit organization registered in this state for at least the preceding](#) six months that addresses and executes worker relief as the organization's primary purpose to serve as the fiscal agent to award grants to organizations to provide legal and other kinds of services related to immigration legal matters.

A recent report from [NCSL on immigration](#) speaks to this and a number other immigration and refugee topics. The [2019 Legislative session HB5050 Emergency Board](#) included a similar line item at \$2M.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss HB 3230 and we urge your favorable consideration of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia Keith".

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