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February 14, 2021

To: House Committee on Rules
Rep. Barbara Smith Warner, Chair
Rep. Christine Drazan and Rep. Paul Holvey, Vice-Chairs
Members of the Committee

Re: **HB 2110 - Changes in fee structure for the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) – Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports our statewide land use planning program **with local implementation**. Since 1959 we have been studying and participating in the development of legislation related to land use in Oregon. Land use planning is about where people live, work, play, shop and how they get there. Since 1979 when LUBA was created, Oregonians have had access to a special court where complicated land use cases could be heard and adjudicated in a timely manner.

The League encourages our members to engage at the local level on land use issues. We are especially supportive of engagement when Comprehensive Plans and Development Codes are developed or amended. But there are times when the public believes that the local decisions are not reflective of the local Plan or Code. LUBA provides a way for adjudication related only to the law. When possible, they defer to the local government's interpretation of their Plan and Code.

HB 2110 updates LUBA's fee and deposit system. We respect that the fee increase requested from \$200 to \$300 is necessary. That fee still allows many Oregonians to access this court when needed. Changing their deposit system is simply an efficiency mechanism.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation. **We ask that you support HB 2110.**

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

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

Peggy Lynch
LWVOR Natural Resource Coordinator

Cc: Judge Melissa Ryan, LUBA Court (melissa.m.ryan@oregon.gov)