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To: Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod and Members of the Committee  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Email: [snr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:snr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov)

Re: [SB 220](#) – Surcharge to Fund E-Permitting System for DOGAMI - **SUPPORT**

**The League of Women Voters has a comprehensive position adopted in 1995 on Hazards, providing us with the opportunity to advocate for the Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). We more recently [studied](#) Hard Rock Mining and adopted more positions upon which to advocate.**

**On February 16, we provided [testimony](#) on [SB 5510](#), DOGAMI’s budget request, POP 101, to implement a paperless permitting program.** In 2021, we were interested in seeing this agency work with the Dept. of Environmental Quality on a shared e-permitting system. Since it was decided that DOGAMI would continue to move forward as a separate agency, **it is important for this system to be funded. SB 220 creates a surcharge that will fund this e-permitting system.** We assume that the program, once up and running, will continue to be self-supporting by fees to users of the system.

With that in mind, we support [SB 220](#). We also support [SB 221](#) and [SB 222](#) to assure the system, once active, can collect those fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone  
President LWVOR

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Peggy Lynch  
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