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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

Re: **SB 221** – Establishes DOGAMI Subaccount for E-Permitting System Fee Collections -
SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon 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 221 creates a new Subaccount for the surcharge collected to fund their new 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. This bill assures that the monies collected will be stored in an account for paying for the expenses of this new system.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
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Peggy Lynch
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