



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a 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.

February 7, 2023

To: [Representative Maxine Dexter, Chair](#)

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Re: [HB 2889](#) – Oregon Housing Needs Analysis in OHCS – Support

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has long been a supporter of our statewide land use planning program with local implementation, engaging our members as far back as 1959, while continuing to update our positions, engaging in legislation and rulemaking to reflect those positions, and continuing to focus on where we ALL live, work, shop and play and how we get there. We believe persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate, or for whom jobs are not available have the right to an income and/or services to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, and access to health care. One of our members served on the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) Housing Capacity Workgroup and we were active participants in HB 2001 and HB 2003 rulemaking, the foundation of OHNA's work.

The League wholeheartedly supports HB 2889, locating the OHNA in Oregon Housing and Community Services and its goal of bringing comprehensive reforms to our land use planning systems to pave the way to increase housing production and enhance flexibility in housing choice and location. It is essential that local communities, with state guidance, address disparities in housing outcomes and focus on buildable lots in designated cities. It further will be necessary to address infrastructure needs and make state funding available to offset System Development Charges for development that will house Oregonians earning less than 60 percent AMI, with a priority placed on units affordable to extremely low- and very low-income households.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We urge your support for HB 2889.

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