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May 13, 2025

To: Chair [Senator Deb Patterson](#), Vice Chair [Cedric Hayden](#),

And Members of the [Senate Health Care Committee](#)

Re: [HB 3134 A](#) – Relating to Prior Authorization – **Support**

HB 3134 A would require additional reporting about prior authorization to the Department of Consumer and Business Services from insurers offering a health benefit plan and requires the insurer to make this data public. The League of Women Voters of Oregon has been working to help ensure equitable and efficient health care for many years. Specifically, the League has a long [history of providing testimony](#) to support the Affordable Care Act, which included provisions opposing prior authorization.

Prior authorization impacts healthcare services in the following ways:

- Prior authorization [has been shown](#) to delay care, cause administrative burden and, in some cases, override clinical judgement.
- One in three doctors have seen prior authorization lead to [serious adverse events](#).

Lessening the prior authorization burden [has shown improvements](#) in preventive care, maternity care and birth outcomes, along with improved mental health access.

We urge your support for HB 3134 A. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Lisa Bentson
President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christa Danielson".

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