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February 24, 2026

To: [Representative Rob Nosse](#), Chair, and Members of the [House Health Care Committee](#)

Re: [SB 1598](#) – Vaccine coverage by health insurers and standing orders – **Support**

SB 1598 gives the Public Health Officer authority to require certain health benefit plans to cover recommended vaccines. The bill also allows pharmacies to operate under standing orders, improving timely access to vaccinations.

The League of Women Voters has a long history of engagement in public health policy, with a focus on equitable access and evidence-based decision-making. The League supports vaccination and immunization efforts as essential tools to prevent outbreaks and protect community health. Its advocacy emphasizes education and access rather than mandates imposed without context.

Senate Bill 1598 protects access to evidence-based preventive services by ensuring that health insurers continue covering recommended vaccines. The bill does **not** mandate that individuals receive vaccines. Instead, it ensures continuity of coverage, supports patient choice, and expands access through pharmacy standing orders.

The bill also enables Oregon to respond quickly to emerging public health threats. It keeps medical decisions between patients and their providers while reinforcing science-based care and maintaining trust in the patient-provider relationship.

We urge your Support for SB 1598.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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