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April 15, 2019

To: House Committee on Natural Resources
Representative Brad Witt, Chair
Members of the Committee
Email: hnr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: **SB 753** – Oregon Ocean Science Trust – **SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes responsible and responsive government management of the public's coastal and nearshore natural resources shall be based upon a complete environmental assessment, cumulative impact analysis, and baseline data specific to Oregon.

Since our testimony on behalf of the creation of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust in 2013, nothing has transpired in the world around us as dramatically as climate change, rising ocean temperatures and the devastating impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia on Oregon's fishing industry. Our coastal cities bear the brunt of this brutal change in ways that are long term and life changing. The establishment of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust was a good first step in coming to terms with and understanding the science of coastal and nearshore management. But in order to do the science the Trust must be able to obtain funds from outside sources that will further its strategic priorities.

We urge your support of SB753.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Peggy Joyce
LWVOR Coastal Portfolio