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April 29, 2019

To: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair

Re: **HB 2250 A** – Oregon Environmental Protection Act – **SUPPORT**

Our testimony in support of HB 2250 A is consistent with the national League’s position, “Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment” with a focus on demanding pollution prevention, as well as positions on justice and public safety for all people. Since the 1950’s, the League of Women Voters has been at the forefront of national efforts to protect air, land and water resources.

HB 2250 A requires the Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority to regularly assess final changes to federal environmental law to determine whether the changes are significantly less protective of public health, the environment, or natural resources than baseline federal standards. Baseline federal standards mean standards and requirements in effect as of January 19, 2017 for the Federal Clean Air Act, the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports this Legislation to ensure any major changes to federal environmental law is reviewed by Oregon applicable state agencies. It is imperative that Oregon ensures public health, protection of the environment, and natural resources regulations are equal to or better than the January 2017 federal baseline. Oregon needs to continue its historical environmental legacy, our leadership in the area of environmental stewardship, and justice for all people.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation, and we urge you to support HB 2250 A.

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