LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 100-year-old 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 6, 2020

- To: <u>Senate Committee on Human Services</u> Chair, Senator Sara Gelser Vice-Chair, Senator Dallas Heard
- Re: <u>SB 1566</u> Section that extends eligibility for Oregon Promise to certain Oregon foster children who attain their highest level of education while in out-of-state placement **Support**

The League supports greatly increased educational opportunity through compensatory programs for disadvantaged groups

LWVOR has supported Oregon Promise and supports the extension to youth in placement in out-of-state foster care when the person otherwise meets the requirements for Oregon Promise. Foster youth face many barriers, we commend inclusion of those in out-of-state foster care when completing their highest level of education within Oregon Promise eligibility guidelines.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

Anderson, Prozanski, Roblan, Taylor, Wagner,

Rebun L. Hadstone Antine M. Voger

Cc: Senator Gelser, Manning Jr, Senator Beyer, Burdick, Dembrow, Frederick, Monnes

Babarfelling

Barbara Sellers-Young LWVOR Higher Education Portfolio

Rebecca Gladstone LWVOR President

Chris Vogel LWVOR Education Coordinator