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March 11, 2021

To: House Committee on Water
Rep. Ken Helm, Chair
Rep. Mark Owens and Jeff Reardon, Vice Chairs
Members of the Committee

Re: **HB 3102-2** – Addressing Harmful Algal Blooms: Equipment and Staff – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has extensive positions on water quality and quantity. A member serves on the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Advisory Committee. Members were engaged these past few years on searching for statewide answers to the increasing harm and occurrence of algal blooms in waters of the state. We have supported legislation to address failing septic systems and supported the Dept. of Agriculture's work on nonpoint sources of pollution. We have engaged in educational programs to assist urban dwellers on their responsibility to address nonpoint pollution. Members have lost animals to the deadly effects of those blooms. It is with that background that we thank the committee for adopting the -2 amendments and moving the bill unanimously to the Ways and Means Committee, where we will continue to support the funding included in this bill.

Thank you for the hard work of the many members of the many work groups on this important issue and for the opportunity to support this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
LWVOR President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Lynch".

Peggy Lynch
LWVOR Natural Resources Coordinator