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April 6, 2021

To: House Committee on Education
Chair, Representative Teresa Alonso Leon
Vice-Chair, Representative Courtney Neron
Vice-Chair, Representative Suzanne Weber

Re: HB 2969 - Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum - **Support**

HB 2969 directs the Oregon Department of Education to develop oral health curriculum standards and incorporate them within health curriculum standards when they are next updated and requires Oregon Health Authority to accept claims for reimbursement of costs related to care coordination surrounding school-based oral health services. This bill also advocates for Oregon’s CCOs and Public Health agencies to continue to support coordination of school-based oral health programs to ensure that students can continue to receive oral health education and care.

LWVOR Positions support policies, programs, and funding at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children. These include:

- Early screening (physical, dental, mental, and behavioral) for all children
- Early prenatal care and ongoing health care for children (physical, mental, dental)

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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