TO: the Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor

RE: HB 2938

As a member of AAUW of Oregon, I wish to encourage you to act positively on HB 2938, establishing the Age Discrimination Task Force. As we have seen too clearly over the last decade, age discrimination is prevalent and particularly so for women regardless of job field. As we continue to live longer, it is important to recognize that our experience can enrich the workplace and grow a stronger next generation of leaders. Identifying the unfortunate consequences for age discrimination in the workplace provides a path to fuller employment by productive workers, especially women.

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