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February 2, 2022

To: Senate Energy and Environment Committee

Senator Kate Lieber, Chair

Re: SB 1520–Modifications to Bottle Bill- Support

The League of Women Voters of Oregon bases these comments on our positions regarding climate change, air quality, water quality, land use, and agriculture. In particular, we have supported changes to the Bottle Bill in the past including expanding the types of beverages covered.

The League definitely supports the inclusion of wine in cans in the Bottle Bill. We realize that because of complicated specifications on what can be put in mixed recycling bins, much of what could be recycled ends up in landfills. It is definitely better to have as many containers as possible go to locations specially designed to process them.

We also recognize that nonprofit organizations can turn in bottles and cans in exchange for direct refunds to their organizations and therefore they will benefit from having a broader range of eligible containers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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