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To: [Chair Courtney Neron](#), Vice Chairs [Hudson](#) and [Wright](#), and Representatives [Cramer](#),
[McIntire](#), [Nguyen](#), and [Valderama](#), [House Committee on Education](#)

Re: [HB 4082](#) – Summer Learning for 2024 and Beyond – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports HB 4082 which requires ODE to provide \$50 million for a summer learning grant program and to form a work group to implement support for afterschool and summer programs in future years. HB 4082 is consistent with the LWVUS 2018 Children at Risk position which states:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that early intervention and prevention measures are effective in helping children reach their full potential. The League supports policies and programs at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children.

Many children do not have adequate supervision and enrichment during summer months and are at risk of falling behind in school work. The League particularly appreciates that the bill addresses issues aligning with [research](#) documenting summer school programs that increase achievement, including:

- Using a variety of learning strategies that align with academic content standards
- Using culturally and linguistically responsive approaches
- Providing a minimum of 80 total hours for each session of the program
- Engaging families as partners
- Providing professional development
- Removing barriers to student participation
- Evaluations by a third party

Further, parents who are employed need to have adequate child care to ensure their ability to participate in the state's economy.

We ask that you support HB 4082 with the funding requested and approve the formation of the work group to implement support for afterschool and summer programs in future years.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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