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February 7, 2023

To: Chair Rep. Neron, Vice-Chair Rep. Hudson, Vice-Chair Rep. Wright, and Committee Members
Rep. Cramer, Rep. McIntire, Rep. Nguyen, and Rep. Valderrama, [House Education Committee](#)

Re: [HB 4078](#) – ODE standardized, electronic statewide student data evaluation – **Support**

HB 4078 directs ODE to implement a standardized and electronic method to evaluate student data for all school districts in the State. The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all levels of government share the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education. LWVOR also has strong positions for efficiency in government and protecting privacy of individuals' personal information. Based on these positions the LWVOR recommends creating a statewide uniform and electronic school record-keeping method for several important reasons:

1. As a State we need to acknowledge student educational progress in Oregon accurately and design this data collection to be private, but shareable electronically. This will assist all levels of education towards improvements we can make for the most productive and efficient education of our students.
2. Under the current method of record-keeping, students who move to different school districts, or those with individual educational plans, have difficulties in the successful transferring of their data.
3. This Bill states that it will strive to give school districts the ability to maximize Medicaid billing, an important funding tool for school districts, and therefore indirectly for all public school students' education.
4. This Bill states that the results of this standardized method of record-keeping will strive to minimize the reporting burdens of school districts.

We urge your Support for HB 4078.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
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