



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

February 20, 2024

To: [Chair Julie Fahey](#), Vice Chairs [Hellfrich](#) and [Kropf](#), and Representatives [Nosse](#),
[Scharf](#), [Valderrama](#), and [Wallan](#), [House Committee on Rules](#)

Re: [HB 4026-1](#) – Overriding Referendum Process for Urban Growth Boundary – **Oppose**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon opposes the proposed -1 amendment to HB 4026 which would retroactively negate referendum petitions to **any** local government determinations under ORS 197.626. This position is consistent with the LWVOR 1980 position on initiative positions which states:

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports the Oregon petition referendum process as provided in the Oregon Constitution.

This amendment would take away voters' rights to the referendum process. Furthermore, changing the constitutional referendum process and making the amendment retroactive are likely to be unconstitutional and invite a lawsuit.

We ask that you oppose the -1 amendment to HB 4026.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
President LWVOR

Handwritten signature of Norman Turrill in black ink.

Norman Turrill
Governance Coordinator

Cc: [Senator Suzanne Weber](#)
[Representative Brian Stout](#)