



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 11, 2025

To: [Senator Chris Gorsek](#) and [Representative Greg Smith](#), Co-Chairs

[Joint Subcommittee On General Government](#)

Re: [HB 5017](#) – Oregon State Library, Agency Budget – **Support**

The League supports HB 5017, the agency budget bill for the Oregon State Library. We believe that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know.

The Oregon State Library lists partnerships with 39 organizations, the League of Women Voters being one of them. We have been partners for many years, supplying information about Oregon elections. The State Talking Books Library helps us provide voting information that is accessible to the Library's registered clients.

We appreciate the effective networking represented in this budget, saving redundant agency services and costs. This budget represents significant reductions but we are pleased to see the intention to improve proactive outreach to Talking Books users. Library patrons need to know these materials are available.

We urge your Support for HB 5017.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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