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To: [Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chair](#)  
[Members of the House Committee on Revenue](#)

Re: [HB 2958](#) – Earned Income Tax Credit – Support

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports HB 2958 that would renew and strengthen the state’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The League believes persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate, or for whom jobs are not available have the right to an income and/or services sufficient to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, and access to health care.

This tax policy currently provides critical support for Oregonians struggling to make ends meet. Costs for food, housing, child care, transportation, health care, and other essentials continue to grow, placing a significant strain on household budgets. By strengthening the state EITC, individuals and families will receive help keeping up with those growing costs. If passed, HB 2958 will increase to 25 percent the EITC for families with children under three years of age. Other families with children will receive 20 percent of the federal credit. It further extends the benefit to all childless working adults over age 18. Currently, individuals under age 25 are not eligible. The credit would be paid quarterly, rather than annually, making budgeting easier. It also would be protected from garnishment.

The 2024 State of the State’s Housing [Report](#) describes in stark detail the impact housing costs have on Oregon families and individuals. More than 50 percent of renters and a third of homeowners are cost burdened (p. 6). When adjusted for population size, Oregon ranks first in the nation for unsheltered homelessness among families with children (p. 8). Strengthening the EITC is not the entire solution, but putting more money in people’s pockets will help avoid the trauma, instability, and costs to society and affected individuals that come from losing one’s home, deferring medical care, or missing meals.

We recommend passage of HB 2958 and appreciate the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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