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February 18, 2025

To: **Chair Nancy Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters
and Members of the House Committee on Revenue**

Re: **HB 2010 A – Extend Access to Healthcare - Support**

HB 2010A extends the assessment on earnings from health plan premiums, the assessment on payments by the Oregon Health Authority, the assessment on hospitals, and the Oregon reinsurance program to help cover the state portion of the Oregon Health Plan.

The League of Women Voters believes that every resident should have access to affordable quality healthcare. Over the past 20 years LWV has lobbied for health care solutions including the Affordable Care Act.

HB 2010A continues funding the state portion of Medicaid which covers approximately one third of the population of Oregon and one half of the children. This funding has been in place over the last five years.

The Oregon Health Plan covers approximately \$7.2 billion of the \$34.7 billion total spent in healthcare in region, which is around 1/5 of the total health care dollars spent. The scope of this funding includes all of the usual healthcare insurance coverage but also includes long term care, which is often covered by Medicaid. OHP covers a very vulnerable population.

If we lose even part of this funding we risk destabilizing hospitals, losing long term care facilities, destroying access to health care, especially in rural areas, and will likely lose lives.

We urge your support for HB 2010A.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Bentson".

Lisa Bentson
President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christa Danielson".

Christa Danielson
Healthcare Portfolio