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To: [Representative Thuy Tran](#), Chair, [House Committee on Emergency Management](#),
[General Government, and Veterans](#)

Re: [HB 3450](#) – Energy Storage Transition Planning – **Comment**

LWVOR has strong positions on air quality, land use, water quality, protecting our coastal resources, public health, and climate change. LWVOR believes that all levels of government share the responsibility of coordinating, implementing and funding an effective program to mitigate Oregon’s earthquake and tsunami hazards. Priority must be given to mitigation that protects human life and safeguards critical life-support systems. When siting critical facilities, seismic factors such as severe ground shaking, liquefaction, massive landslide potential, and subsidence should be considered. LWVOR has been working on seismic issues since 1995. In 2022, LWVOR endorsed [SB 1567](#) as an initial step towards statewide energy infrastructure resilience and geographic diversity.

LWVOR agrees with the urgent need for a transition plan for the storage of bulk oils and liquid fuels held in the CEI Hub. The bill needs amendments to clarify both the objectives of such a plan and the process used to achieve those objectives. For instance, it would help to identify what is meant by “resilience of the energy sector”.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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