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To: Chair <u>Rep. Courtney Neron</u>, Vice-Chair <u>Rep. April Dobson</u>,

Vice-Chair Rep. Emily McIntire, and Members of the Committee

Re: <u>HB 3365</u> – Directs the State Board of Education to include an interdisciplinary approach

to sustainability and climate change across all subjects - SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of the United States supports public education that provides a basic understanding of the environment and the social, economic, and environmental costs and benefits of environmental protection, pollution control, and conservation.

HB 3365 includes: increasing the literacy/understanding of ecological, societal and cultural aspects of climate change, it will equip students with knowledge, tools and skills to address mental health challenges and examines disproportionate impacts on historically marginalized populations all over the state.

<u>OEA endorses</u> this legislation, and <u>five states have already passed</u> this kind of important legislation. It's critical that <u>age-appropriate public education</u> that addresses climate mitigation and adaptation is available state-wide, starting with "all curriculum reviews and revisions of academic content standards occurring on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act".

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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