



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 97-year-old 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.

May 11, 2017

To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub Committee on Natural Resources  
Senator Lew Frederick and Representative Brad Witt, Co-Chairs

Re: **HB 2269-A** – Funding for Air Quality Regulations and Disbursal of Volkswagen Settlement funds – **SUPPORT**

Air Quality was first studied by the national League of Women Voters in the 1960s. The League of Women Voters of Oregon adopted positions on the issue in 1968. LWVOR supports regulation and reduction of pollution from stationary sources and from ambient toxic-air pollutants. We support the right of states to set more stringent standards than the federal government.

LWVOR supports the entire fee schedule submitted by DEQ. This includes the specific activity fee to fund investigation of complaints related to sources subject to the Title V federal operating permit program. We have previously supported funding to enable the public to get resolution for environmental irregularities.

LWVOR has orally supported the one-time stand up fees for the Cleaner Air Oregon regulatory overhaul to health-based standards. We are now putting this support in writing. It is important that fees listed for this bill be enacted to enable DEQ to be funded at a level the public expects to protect public health.

We supported HB1008 with written testimony dated March 7, 2017, and continue to support the diesel portion of this bill.

We look forward to Oregon's improved ability to protect citizens from the detrimental health effects of air pollution.

**LWVOR strongly supports and strongly urges you to pass HB 2269-A.**

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

Handwritten signature of Norman Turrill in cursive.

Norman Turrill  
LWVOR President

Handwritten signature of Marilyn Koenitzer in cursive.

Marilyn Koenitzer  
LWVOR Natural Resources Air Quality Portfolio