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To: House Committee on Education
Chair, Representative Margaret Doherty

Re: [HB 2587](#) modifies 40-40-20 to meet student educational goals – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that governments, at all levels, have a responsibility to oversee and coordinate a comprehensive network of services to maximize student's readiness to be successful in school while optimizing available resources. The LWV believes that it is the responsibility of government to provide equality of opportunity for education for all persons regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability. We support basic education and occupational education.

This bill strengthens the opportunity for high school students to pursue technical, academic, artistic or other pursuits so that all students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma, or any other credential equivalent to a high school diploma. It also recognizes that CTE, rather than a college degree, is an appropriate achievement for many Oregon high school graduates who have completed apprenticeship programs registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council. The bill's language modifies the 40-40-20 goals to recognize the strengths and aspirations of students to pursue livable wage jobs and will help address the concern that: "[The percentages of students not graduating on time disproportionately comprise students with disabilities, students of color, students navigating poverty, and male students.](#)"

LWVOR anticipates that this bill will open conversations about how to help EVERY student succeed.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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