



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON

## 2017-2019 LWVOR Program Planning

### EXISTING PROGRAMS

When discussing program, members must consider existing programs and whether to retain, drop, update or restudy them.

Following are some definitions that may help as League members discuss existing programs.

**RETAIN:** means keep position as is; no change.

**DROP:** means to remove the position completely from our list. All further advocacy will be discontinued. It may not again be incorporated into the program without a new study.

**UPDATE:** means to study the position topic for informational purposes only, with no intention to update the position, only to update the knowledge base for the members.

**RESTUDY:** means to undertake a review of the position in order to potentially change it.

### CREATING DIVERSITY WHILE PROPOSING NEW STUDIES

When proposing new studies, please keep the following things in mind:

1. What are issues of statewide importance that are most critical in your community?
2. How could League of Women Voters of Oregon, along with your local League, have greater visibility and credibility?
3. What issues of statewide importance will stir the imagination of your members and attract potential members?
4. What studies of educational/advocacy projects would help your League to link with individuals and organizations representing different viewpoints, ages, racial or ethnic identities, or other diverse groups that are underrepresented in the League?
5. Why should LWVOR focus its time and resources on this study or project?

Also consider that:

1. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters.
2. The issue should add balance to the League program and have good appeal for our members.
3. League of Women Voters' volunteer time and financial resources must be available.
4. If the issue is already covered in LWVUS positions, is it necessary to study it on a state level?

Following are some definitions that may help as League members discuss new program.

**TITLE:** A statement of the content of a program item. It may include a League position. All program items imply League action when a position is reached whether or not the wording so specifies. Once adopted, the title cannot be changed by the state Board or Council.

**SCOPE:** A statement defining the limits and direction of a study item. It may include a timetable and may be modified by the state Board or Council. It is binding on the committee, which must try to meet its directives as far as possible.

**OUTLOOK FOR WORK:** A statement prepared by the committee which describes the activities to be carried out in the course of the study. While the Outlook for Work may be approved by the Convention delegates, the committee may modify it if, during the course of study, more or less work or time becomes necessary.

**POSITION:** A statement of the body of opinion of members expressed during the member agreement process. It may be incorporated into the program item as a basis for action. Once dropped, it may not again be incorporated into the program without a new study.

Forms and any new study proposal should be submitted to the LWVOR office by **February 5, 2017**, three months before Convention. The Board will then consider proposals for recommendation during its February 10 meeting.

## 2017-2019 LWVOR Program Planning: Existing Program

League: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(in case we have questions about the responses on this form)

No. of members participating: \_\_\_\_\_

To see all LWVOR positions, as well as the history of action that has taken place using those positions, go to <http://www.lwvor.org/take-action/our-positions/> or refer to your printed copy of [Issues for Action 2016-2017](#).

<b>LWVOR Positions</b>	<b>Retain</b>	<b>Drop</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Restudy*</b>
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>				
Citizen Participation and Access				
Constitutional Provisions				
Economic Development Revenue Bonds				
Election Laws				
Election Methods				
Emergency Board				
Fiscal Policy				
Initiative, Referendum, and Recall				
Oregon State Courts				
Redistricting				
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>				
Air Quality				
Coastal and Offshore Management				
<b>ENERGY:</b>				
Conservation				-
Nuclear				

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Land Use				
Parks				
Seismic Risks				
WATER:				
Policy – Quality and Quantity				
Resources—Columbia Basin				
SOCIAL POLICY				
Adult Corrections				
Child Care				
Children at Risk				
Education—Postsecondary				
Farmworker Issues				
HEALTH POLICY:				
Adult Mental Health				
Mental Health Services for Children and Youth				
Homeless Youth				
Juvenile Justice				

\*Please explain any positions that you want to restudy. Why do you feel it's necessary? What do you hope to gain?

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## 2017-2019 LWVOR Program Planning: Proposing New Studies

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(in case we have questions about the responses on this form)

No. of members participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any new studies that you want to adopt. Include for each the TITLE, SCOPE, and OUTLOOK FOR WORK.

Explain your reasoning for proposing each study by referring to the questions on page one.