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February 8, 2018

To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Senator Mark Hass, Chair
Senator Brian Boquist, Vice Chair
Email: lro.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: **SB 1528**– Limits pass through tax deduction – **Comment**

In evaluating specific tax preferences, League uses the following criteria: whether the tax preference promotes equity and progressivity; and whether the revenue loss from the tax preference is justifiable.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes any tax proposal should be evaluated with regard to its effect on the entire tax structure and the tax system should recognize the individual's responsibility for government services by providing for broad sharing of the tax burden.

The pass-through business tax exemption limits Oregon's ability to invest in our schools and other essential services, and works against equity and progressivity. While LWVOR would prefer complete elimination of the Oregon pass-through tax break, we commend the effort to impose a limitation "not to exceed \$250,000" and should be limited to taxpayers with no more than \$250,000 of nonpassive income.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman Turrill".

Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina M. Vogel".

Chris Vogel
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