Vote YES on House Bill 861

The League of Women Voters consistently supports improving voting access, from Oregon’s automatic voter registration to our vote by mail. We now add support for pre-paid ballot envelopes, to improve voter turnout.

This bill could improve voter turnout, including these populations:

- **Young voters.** Many are unfamiliar with stamps and don’t use them.
- **Low-income voters.** The $0.55 stamp(s) may lose out in family budgets.
- **Rural voters.** Ballot drop boxes may be hours away, compared to urban areas.

We upgraded our position to **support**, based on revised cost estimates. About 60% of Oregon’s ballots go into drop boxes, a much lower cost than “for all registered voters for every election” in the Governor’s budget. Also, the Oregon Elections Division is negotiating with USPS for an automated, more efficient, and less expensive postage rate.

Please Vote YES on House Bill 861. Thank you,

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