



*The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 99-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.*

April 16, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
Senator Fred Girod and Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chairs  
Members of the Committee

Email: [jwmcc.exhibits@oregonlegislature](mailto:jwmcc.exhibits@oregonlegislature)

Re: **HB 5005** – Bond Authorization Bill,  
DEQ Request for Environmental Data Management System Project – **Support**

The League of Women Voters has strong positions on both water quality and quantity, as well as air quality, solid waste and hazardous waste—perhaps every program that DEQ oversees. LWVUS was active in encouraging passage of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and continues to advocate to protect that foundational work. We also advocate for federal funding to implement that legislation, an issue of grave concern today. In Oregon, members have studied these issues, recognizing the value of having clean air, clean water and land for public health for today and generations to come.

**We support multi-agency work to be efficient in accomplishing the missions of our natural resource agencies.** The Environmental Data Management System Project is one of those efficiencies. We appreciate that the legislature's Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology is actively following this project. We provided testimony in support at that March 19 meeting. We believe their review will result in a recommendation of support for this project. In the hearing on the DEQ budget, we provided the following:

**Agency Management (POP 140):** We are pleased that the agency has moved toward Stage Gate 3 and the software being considered is an off-the-shelf product already being used by 24 other states in order to update their electronic data management system. **Data-driven policy decisions will provide the best outcomes and help focus limited state dollars on the programs that will help us meet the goal of abundant clean water and clean air for all in the future.** We understand that this system will, in some way, connect with other agency data systems and/or provide data accessible to other agencies that may help with other agency permitting responsibilities. It is important that the information is accessible to all, including the general public.

We encourage your support for this important project. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this funding request.

Handwritten signature of Norman Turrill in black ink.

Norman Turrill  
LWVOR President

Handwritten signature of Peggy Lynch in black ink.

Peggy Lynch  
LWVOR Natural Resources Coordinator

Cc: Richard Whitman, Director, Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Office Committee Coordinator