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April 29, 2019

To: House Committee on Rules
Representative Paul Holvey, Chair
Members of the Committee

Email: hrules.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: **HCR 33** – Urges Development of Water Vision for Oregon – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that water is a resource that should be managed for the benefit of the public and as sustainable habitat for all life forms. The League supports Oregon state policies and statutes that promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and management of ground and surface water and the improvement of water quality.

House Concurrent Resolution 33 provides guidance to the Governor, state agencies and others to work with legislators, tribal governments, water stakeholders and other interested parties these next two years to **develop a plan, after having a conversation with Oregonians**, around water quality and water quantity and to use Oregon's [Integrated Water Resources Strategy](#) as a starting point for this conversation. It's time to address the goal of "abundant clean water for all" by considering a water investment package for natural and built infrastructure required to address Oregon's water needs over the long term—especially in the face of our changing climate.

We urge you to forward this legislation to your fellow legislators with a strong "do pass" recommendation. Then we urge legislative leadership and the Governor to begin to set up a process to implement this Resolution.

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 "Peggy Lynch".

Peggy Lynch
LWVOR Natural Resources Coordinator

cc: Sens. Johnson and Steiner Hayward and Rep. Rayfield, Co-Chairs of Ways and Means
President Peter Courtney, Senate President
Speaker Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House
Jason Miner, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Director