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April 24, 2019

To: **Joint Committee On Student Success**
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Co-Vice Chair Representative Greg Smith
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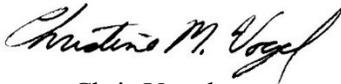
Re: **HB 3427** (-10 policy, -15 tax) – Student Success – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has Positions in tax policy and child well-being that address the provisions of this bill.

- LWVOR believes any tax proposal should be evaluated with regard to its effect on the entire tax structure. The League supports a tax system that is based on ability to pay, but that applies a benefits-received principle wherever reasonable and that recognizes the role of social expediency.
- LWVOR supports policies, programs, and funding at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being, encourage the full development, and ensure the safety of all children. We believe that the early years of a child’s life are crucial in building the foundation for educational attainment and greatly impact success or failure in later life. LWV is fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

LWVOR submitted earlier testimony on HB 2019/HB 3527 on [policy amendments](#) and [tax amendments](#). We appreciate that the co-chairs, staff, and committee members have considered some of our earlier comments as reflected in the current -10. We continue to commend the efforts of the Joint Committee on Student Success. We realize that it is difficult to craft legislation to comprehensively address the huge task you have been charged to address. Your charge was to focus on Early Learning and K-12, not PERS, not post-secondary education—those issues are being addressed elsewhere this session separate from Student Success. Your work to create a designated funding source and to create a policy framework to strengthen Student Success in Oregon will benefit students, families and communities throughout Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

			
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