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February 10, 2020

To: [House Judiciary](#)  
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Chair  
Representative Janelle Bynum, Vice-Chair  
Representative Sherrie Sprenger, Vice-Chair

Re: [HB 4040](#) – Family Treatment Court – Support

The League has positions on the Oregon Judiciary which support the continued development of family courts and treatment courts to resolve societal problems. The courts may require a parent of a child in the custody of the juvenile court to enter into a treatment program for a substance use disorder. The courts make referrals to social service agencies and substance use treatment programs. The court monitors compliance with treatment programs and adjusts the plan accordingly.

The League believes that enrollment in treatment programs and close supervision may result in the improvement of the parent's ability to provide a healthy family home and emotional stability for these children. We look forward to the outcome data from this program.

The coordination between the Judicial Department, Public Defense Services, and Department of Human Services in this program is appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone  
LWVOR President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Nibler".

Karen Nibler  
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