

2025 LWVOR Program Planning: Proposing New Studies

The Program Planning Process

There are four options for position recommendations:

- Suggest a new topic for study
- Suggest a review of a current position for a possible update
- Suggest an amendment to an existing position, to be adopted by concurrence
- Suggest concurrence with a local position

Positions may be developed through a new study and consensus, or through concurrence with existing local League positions. Do you see gaps that merit new positions? What is the most effective way to develop a position? Through study and consensus, or concurrence with the position of another League?

PROPOSE NEW STUDIES AND INCREASE INCLUSION

When developing proposals for new studies, please address the following criteria. State Board will use these criteria to review proposals.

1. What issues of statewide importance are critical and timely?
2. How does the proposed study increase the visibility and credibility of the League of Women Voters of Oregon?
3. What issues of statewide importance will stir the imagination of your members and attract potential members?
4. What studies for education/advocacy projects would help the League link to individuals and organizations representing different viewpoints, ages, racial or ethnic identities, or other diverse groups that are underrepresented in the League?
5. Why should LWVOR invest time and resources in the study or project? What is the League's unique contribution and impact?

Additional criteria:

1. The proposed issue must fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters.
2. Explain how the proposed issue contributes to League program and appeals to member interests.
3. League of Women Voters' financial resources and volunteer time must be available; it's recommended that the core study team and skills be identified in the proposal.
4. If the issue is already covered in LWVUS positions, explain why it is necessary to study it at the state level.
5. What is focus of the study and what are its policy implications? Is government action needed or possible?

Recommended resources:

[LWVOR Positions](#)

[LWVOR studies and archives](#)

[LWVUS Positions](#)

[LWVUS Clearinghouse](#)



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Please submit completed proposals to the LWVOR office three months before Convention.

League: _____ Date: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

(in case we have questions about the responses on this form)

No. of members participating: _____

Describe any new studies that you recommend for consideration.

Written proposals should address the following elements:

Proposed program description and rationale

STUDY TITLE AND POLICY AIM

Descriptive title stating proposal content. Describe proposal's LWV policy aim and its significance; it may refer to a League position.

[PLEASE NOTE: Any proposed study that leads to position adoption is intended as a basis for League policy action. Once adopted, the title cannot be changed by the state Board or Council.]

STUDY SCOPE: Describe the purpose and goals of the study, what issues it will cover, the current policy context, and what type of results the study expects to bring to consensus. Include expected length of time needed for study completion].

[Note that any timetable may be modified by the state Board or Council and is binding on the study committee, which must try to meet the Board's directives as far as possible.

WORK PLAN: Describe the activities to be carried out in the course of the study, including methods for collecting and analyzing data and information, possible information sources, and expert resources.

[Note the Outlook for Work [or WORK PLAN] may be approved by Convention delegates as submitted, or the review committee may modify it if, during the course of study, more or less work or time becomes necessary.

INTERESTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: please list interested members willing to serve on the study committee and team leader.

RATIONALE: Please explain your reasoning for proposing a study, and address any criteria not discussed in the proposal.