



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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March 14, 2017

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Representative Brian Clem, Chair
Representatives Susan McLain and Sherrie Sprenger, Vice Chairs
Members of the Committee

Re: HB 2894, Permits Cities to Modify Analysis of Proposed UGB Expansion Lands – **OPPOSE**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon first studied land use in 1959 and has been active since in supporting our statewide land use planning program with local implementation. We recently participated in the rulemaking that has provided a more simplified method for expanding urban growth boundaries. Discussion and compromise occurred that set guidance for selection of lands for inclusion into our cities. This work was recently completed and provides guidance that allows for multiple considerations in selecting expansion lands. Changing the selection process by this legislation would diminish the two-year work done by multiple stakeholders. **We ask that you not send this out of Committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Peggy Lynch
LWVOR Natural Resources Coordinator