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February 22, 2017

To: Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee
Senator Jacki Winters, Co-Chair
Representative Duane Stark, Co-Chair

Re: HB 5042 Oregon Youth Authority – **Support**

The League has a position on Juvenile Justice that supports services for juvenile offenders in the least restrictive environment and/or treatment-oriented secure custody.

The League supports the Youth Reformation System in the Oregon Youth Authority Agency and the use of analytics to determine the best placement within OYA services and placements. The League commends OYA for its work with county juvenile departments and the integration of the county and state systems.

An effective juvenile system with treatment and skill building can prevent further state expenses in the adult correctional system. Investments in juvenile services are cost effective. LWVOR recommends continued funding for remodels and treatment services within the juvenile correctional facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

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Karen Nibler
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