



The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 99-year-old grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Vote YES on House Bill 861

The League of Women Voters consistently supports improving voting access, from Oregon's automatic voter registration to our vote by mail. We now add support for pre-paid ballot envelopes, to improve voter turnout.

This bill could improve voter turnout, including these populations:

- **Young voters.** Many are unfamiliar with stamps and don't use them.
- **Low-income voters.** The \$0.55 stamp(s) may lose out in family budgets.
- **Rural voters.** Ballot drop boxes may be hours away, compared to urban areas.

We upgraded our position to **support**, based on revised cost estimates. About 60% of Oregon's ballots go into drop boxes, a much lower cost than "for all registered voters for every election" in the Governor's budget. Also, the Oregon Elections Division is negotiating with USPS for an automated, more efficient, and less expensive postage rate.

Please Vote YES on House Bill 861. Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman Turrill".

Norman Turrill
LWVOR President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

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