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To: [Chair Pham](#), [Vice Chair Anderson](#), and Members of the
[Senate Committee On Housing and Development](#)

Re: [SB 973](#) – Requires landlords of publicly supported housing to provide notices when
affordable housing will expire – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that **one of the goals of social policy in the United States should be to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families and that the most-effective social programs are those designed to prevent or reduce poverty.** Because of our position, the League appreciates this bill and what it intends to accomplish:

- [SB 973](#) will protect residents of publicly-supported housing by requiring notices from landlords when affordability restrictions are ending. This applies to tenants who are living in subsidized units, applicants, and new tenants.
- For existing tenants, the bill would extend the notice requirements from 20 to 30 months. It will require landlords to warn tenants that their housing will no longer be affordable.
- For applicants and new tenants who are entering into a new rental agreement, landlords of publicly-supported housing must provide written notice of when the affordability period will end, prior to charging a screening fee or entering into a new rental application.
- The Housing and Community Services Department would be required to adopt rules by December 1, 2025, to define the provisions of notices, and post them on their website in five of the commonly spoken languages in Oregon.

These tenant protections are critical to give low-income Oregonians additional time to find stable housing they can afford.

We recommend passage of [SB 973](#) and appreciate the opportunity to comment on this bill.
Thank you for your service.

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