



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a 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.

February 2, 2023

To: Committee Chair, Representative Dexter and Members of the Committee  
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Re: **HB 2983** Appropriates moneys to support manufactured dwellings and manufactured dwelling parks - **SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) believes that persons who are unable to work or whose earnings are inadequate or for whom jobs are not available have the right to an income and/or services to meet their basic needs for food, shelter and access to health care. The League's U.S. Housing positions also support this important bill.

HB 2983 appropriates moneys to the Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to support manufactured dwellings and manufactured dwelling parks. LWVOR has been supporting legislation to improve access to affordable housing for Oregonians for many years. Manufactured dwellings and parks are a critical part of maintaining and expanding our affordable housing stock. We submitted testimony on **HB 4064** (2022) supporting manufactured dwellings.

HB 2983 and expected amendments propose funding for:

1. Ongoing park preservation
2. New park development by non-profits, coops, and housing authorities
3. Construction financing for new parks to be owned by non-profits, cooperatives, and housing authorities
4. DLCD developing model manufactured home park codes and cottage cluster efficiency measures

We understand that the Manufactured Housing Work Group, chaired by Representative Marsh, is crafting a related policy bill to clarify earlier legislation concerning the issues above, as well as much needed clarification concerning the rights and responsibilities of park owners and tenants in the construction and ownership of site improvements through written agreements. We look forward to submitting testimony on these important policy matters as well.

These issues are related to the bill as we see them now. Based on our basic needs position cited above, we urge your support for HB 2983.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

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Rebecca Gladstone  
President LWVOR

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Penny York  
Manufactured Housing Portfolio