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Feb 1, 2023

To: Chair Kayse Jama, Vice Chair Dick Anderson and Members of the Committee
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Email: shdev.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: **SB 534** Oregon Facilities Authority Infrastructure Funding – SUPPORT

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has a number of positions on housing, including “*Government at all levels must make available sufficient funds for housing-assistance programs. Housing should be designed to meet human needs and should be built with amenities that will encourage economic integration within apartment buildings as well as neighborhoods. Publicly assisted housing should be included in viable, balanced communities, with provision for quality public services and facilities, including schools, transportation, recreation, etc., that will encourage integration and stability. Government, industry and labor should encourage innovative building techniques to reduce the cost of housing production.*”

It is with these positions and our engagement these past years on land use and housing in Oregon that we are pleased to support SB 534 that would fund financing requests for infrastructure and limited predevelopment costs for housing that will remain affordable over 30 years. Many cities in Oregon have vacant lots that require infrastructure and there is much vacant raw land in Urban Growth Boundaries that need to be converted to “serviced buildable lots”.

We ask that you “do pass” this bill and forward it to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for funding this 2023 session. Thank you for considering this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Lynch".

Peggy Lynch
Natural Resources Coordinator