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To: [Rep. Pam Marsh](#), Chair, and [Rep. Tom Andersen](#) and [Rep. Vikki Breese Iverson](#), Vice Chairs
[House Committee on Housing and Homelessness](#)

Re: [HB 3939 – Grants to Cities for Infrastructure – Support with Comments](#)

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports HB 3939 with the [-1 amendment](#) to help local governments with funding for infrastructure for housing, using a set of criteria similar to that which was provided under [HB 4134](#) (2024). The bill would provide money for infrastructure projects that focus on supporting housing units for Oregonians—many in smaller cities across Oregon where the ability to raise monies for these projects is limited.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports our statewide land use planning program with local implementation. Since 1959 we have been studying and participating in the development of legislation related to land use in Oregon. **Land use planning is about where people live, work, shop, play and how they get there.** Goal 10 specifically addresses Housing and Goal 11 Public Facilities and Services, both of which are applicable to this legislation.

We hope the new Housing Production and Accountability Office will assist these smaller cities in going through the planning and application process so that they might move forward in seeing housing for their residents. In our smaller communities, help is needed with grant writing so that they can access funds and update, improve and/or expand their facilities to meet current environmental requirements as well as any increased capacity needs.

We urge your **Support for HB 3939** and that you weigh the requests along with [HB 3031 A](#), a bill that would provide Business Oregon with infrastructure funding for housing units 80% and lower AMI. We ask that Ways and Means consider these bills together in determining the amount of funding available this session. Each bill focuses on different parts of Oregon's housing needs with slightly different criteria for expending the funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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