



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 8, 2024

To: [Chair Rep. Lisa Reynolds](#),

[House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services](#)

Re: [HB 4085](#) – Directs DHS to give grants to help noncitizens get lawful immigration status – **Support**

[In 2020 LWVOR and LWVUS passed](#) this resolution at the LWVOR Council and LWVUS Convention:

“Be it resolved the League of Women Voters reaffirms our commitment to Immigration reform: laws that provide efficient, expeditious systems for immigrants to enter the United States. The League stands in solidarity with immigrants and our partners in the immigrant rights community. Congress must take immediate action to pass common sense, fair immigration policies that end the crisis at our borders, end the separation of families, ensure their health and safety, and provide a clear path to citizenship which includes the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) young people.”

The League supports using funding, provided to DHS approved providers or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, for financial legal assistance to non-citizens to update their immigration status. We appreciate the candidate eligibility criteria detailed in this bill. Related, it is also important to the League that DHS has used all applicable Federal funding including unused ARPA.

We urge your Support for HB 4085.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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

Rebecca Gladstone
Co-President LWVOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia Keith".

Claudia Keith
Immigration Portfolio