



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.

November 3, 2024

To: Administrator Stapleton and Oregon OSHA, [Department of Consumer and Business Services - Oregon OSHA](#)

Re: Proposed Comprehensive Amendments to Agricultural Labor Housing and Related Facilities – Comments

The LWV Oregon stands on the fundamental position of the League of Women Voters: “Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans.” LWVOR has particularly expressed concern for the rights of agricultural workers for many years because those rights are treated as inferior to other workers under a number of laws including labor and housing laws and because these workers are often immigrants, and possibly undocumented workers. Particularly, [LWVOR believes the state must work for the humane and respectful, safe and decent housing, sanitary working and living conditions.](#)

The League supports increased state funding for farmworker housing, including support, with other funds, for planning, development costs, rural infrastructure, startup costs, operating subsidies, emergency housing, and training and assistance for sponsoring organizations. We look forward to supporting 2025 Legislation and related funding on this topic.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this rulemaking.

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