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2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

We continue to protect democracy and our representative government. Our priority emphasis is on education, housing, health, safety, community resilience, environmental protection, and safety net services for the most vulnerable. It is important that Oregon generates adequate revenue for essential services.

- **ASSURE ADEQUATE REVENUE** for all levels of government to provide essential services while promoting equitable and progressive tax policy. Access federal funds for infrastructure and other Oregonians' needs.
- **PROTECT DEMOCRACY** by expanding automatic voter registration and funding up-to-date, efficient and secure election software that can support alternative voting methods. Protecting elections against artificial intelligence mis-, dis-, and mal-information. Ensuring cybersecurity.
- **SUPPORT NATURAL RESOURCES** agency budgets that address water, land use and wildfire from border to border. Support policies that protect and enhance Oregon's natural bounty on land, sea and air.
- **ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY** by supporting 2017-2021 Carbon/Climate Executive Orders, net zero greenhouse gas emissions before 2050 while ensuring environmental justice with a just transition for workers and impacted communities.
- **SUPPORT HOUSING STRATEGIES THAT INCREASE INVESTMENTS** in rental assistance, new affordable rentals, home ownership, and permanent supportive housing. Goals include preserving existing affordable housing; adding homeless shelters, staffing navigation centers; and providing state support for infrastructure and for pre-development expenses for affordable housing projects.
- **SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/ADDRESS ADDICTION:** Expand accessibility to behavioral health services focused on addiction and treatment.
- **PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY.** Seek strategies to achieve a fairer and more equitable criminal justice system, to enact effective gun policy laws, and to successfully implement violence prevention and reduction programs.
- **SUPPORT ADEQUATE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.** Include funding for early childhood, child care, after school and summer care, as well as higher education. Advocate for coordination and transparency in funding.

LWVOR ADVOCACY - Issues & Advocates

Our volunteers continue to monitor and work on all these issues. We mentor and add new volunteers with more issues, too. Contact our office at 503-581-5722 or lwvor@lwvor.org and to reach out directly to us:

Advocacy Chair & LWVOR 2nd Vice President:

Jean Pierce

Access Coordinator: Paula Krane

Climate Emergency Coordinator: Claudia Keith

Governance Coordinator: Norman Turrill

Natural Resources Coordinator: Peggy Lynch

Social Policy Coordinator: Jean Pierce

Past President: Becky Gladstone

ACCESS

Ensure the public have access so that they can participate in the legislative process.

- Paula Krane

GOVERNANCE

Support ethics, efficiency, public records law, and contemporary privacy and technology issues. Our focus on election policies includes laws and administrative rules, campaign finance, redistricting, and alternative voting methods.

- **Campaign Finance Reform:** Norman Turrill
- **Cybersecurity Privacy, Election Issues, Electronic Portal Advisory Board:** Becky Gladstone
- **Election Systems:** Barbara Klein
- **Redistricting:** Norman Turrill, Chris Cobey
- **Voting Rights of Incarcerated People:** Marge Easley

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Using the best available climate science to ensure future generations' stable climate systems (return to < 350 CO2 PPM and < 1.5 Degree Celsius warming by 2100). LWVOR supports Our Children's Trust/Crag Environmental Law Center federal lawsuits. We oppose fossil fuel infrastructure expansion.

- **Efficient and Resilient Buildings:** Bill Glassmire
- **Environmental Rights Amendment:** Claudia Keith
- **Natural Climate Solution - Forestry:** Josie Koehne
- **Oregon Health Authority and Environmental Justice:** Nancy Rosenberger
- **Transportation:** Claudia Keith
- **Ways and Means Budget, Lawsuits, Green/Public**
- **Banking, Divestment/ESG:** Claudia Keith
- **Emergency Management:** Rebecca Gladstone
- **Critical Energy Infrastructure CEI:** Laura Roger & Nikki Mandell

NATURAL RESOURCES

Improve air quality, combat climate change, and support coastal management, clean energy, proper disposal of hazardous materials and solid waste, conservation, land use, parks, clean and abundant water supply for all, wetlands protection and other resource preservation, and Oregon's 14 natural resource agency budgets.

- **Agriculture/Goal 3 Land Use:** Sandra Bishop
- **Coastal Issues:** Christine Moffitt, Peggy Lynch
- **Columbia River Treaty:** Philip Thor
- **Emergency Management:** Rebecca Gladstone, Lily Yao
- **Forestry:** Josie Koehne
- **Elliott State Research Forest:** Peggy Lynch
- **Northwest Energy Coalition:** Robin Tokmakian
- **Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Advisory Committee:** Sandra Bishop
- **Water:** Peggy Lynch
- **Wildfire:** Carolyn Mayers
- **Ways and Means Natural Resource Budgets/Revenue:** Peggy Lynch

SOCIAL POLICY

Support housing, adult corrections, judiciary, juvenile justice, public safety, gun safety, violence prevention, health care, mental health, immigration and refugees, foster care, social services, gender-related concerns, age discrimination, and reproductive health. LWVOR actively lobbies for anti-poverty programs to help low income and those at-risk move toward financial stability.

- **After-School Care and Children's Service:** Katie Riley
- **Behavioral Health:** Karen Nibler, Stephanie Aller
- **Education:** Jean Pierce
- **Equal Rights for All:** Jean Pierce, Kyra Aguon
- **Gun Safety and Gun Issues, Rights for Incarcerated People:** Marge Easley
- **Hate and Bias Crimes:** Claudia Keith, Rebecca Gladstone
- **Higher Education:** Jean Pierce
- **Immigration/Refugee/Asylum:** Claudia Keith
- **Health Care:** Christa Danielsen
- **M110 Public Safety, Justice Issues:** Karen Nibler
- **School-Based Health Centers:** Chloe Acosta, Anai Beng
- **Housing:** Debbie Aiona, Nancy Donovan
- **Gender-Related Concerns, Reproductive Health, Age Discrimination:** Trish Garner