



The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) is a 103-year-old grassroots, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government for the common good across rural/urban and party divides. We promote respectful civil discourse. The League advocates on policy issues and never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. LWVOR Legislative Action is always based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. Please subscribe to our legislative newsletter at <https://www.lwvor.org/legislative-report>.

2023 LEGISLATIVE ACTION TEAM SESSION PRIORITIES

We continue to protect democracy and our representative government. Our priority emphasis is on housing, health, safety, and providing safety net services to the most vulnerable. It is important to assure all workers have a safe environment with adequate pay to allow Oregon to also generate adequate revenue for essential services. Continued work on the climate emergency, on Oregon's water needs, and addressing homelessness and other underserved communities is integral to Oregon's future.

- **PROTECT DEMOCRACY** by supporting campaign finance reform statutes to implement the M 107 constitutional amendment. Advocate for an independent citizen redistricting commission as in IP 13 or 14. Expand automatic voter registration and fund up-to-date, efficient and secure election software that can support alternative voting methods.
- **SUPPORT STRATEGIES TO ASSURE HOUSING FOR ALL** by increasing investments in rental assistance, new affordable rental, and home ownership homes, permanent supportive housing, preserve existing affordable housing, and homeless shelters, navigation centers, and Project Turnkey operations.
- **ADVOCATE FOR ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE REFORMS** by preserving adequate Medicaid funding to build on Oregon's innovation to cover all kids and vulnerable adults. Focus on services for seniors, people with disabilities, and foster youth. Expand accessibility to behavioral health services focused on addiction and mental health treatment.
- **PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES** by seeking effective strategies to achieve a fairer and more equitable criminal justice system and to successfully implement gun safety laws and violence prevention programs.
- **ASSURE ADEQUATE REVENUE** for essential services while promoting equitable and progressive tax policy. Access federal funds for infrastructure and other Oregonians' needs.
- **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 STATEWIDE PLACE-BASED WATER PLANNING** to assure all Oregonians, aquatic creatures, agricultural economy and other businesses have abundant clean water in the future.

CONTACT LWVOR: Becky Gladstone, LWVOR President; Alice Bartelt, LWVOR Legislative Action Chair; Call our office at 503.581.5722; Or directly contact these portfolio chairs:

CLIMATE EMERGENCY, Claudia Keith, ca.keith@comcast.net

Volunteers include: Nancy Rosenberger, Shirley Weathers, Kathy Moyd, and Josie Koehne

Advocates year round for a variety of agency rules, policies and budgets that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. (returning to < 350 CO2 PPM and < 1.5 Degree Celsius warming by 2100). LWVOR supports the Our Children's Trust/Crag Environmental Law Center state and federal lawsuits and we oppose expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure.

GOVERNANCE, PROTECTING DEMOCRACY, Norman Turrill, nturrill@mac.com

Volunteers include: Cybersecurity and E- Portal Advisory Board rep: Becky Gladstone; Redistricting: Chris Cobey; Voting Methods: Barbara Klein; Election Issues: Tom Messenger

Governance issues including ethics, efficiency, citizen participation and access, public access law, and contemporary privacy and technology issues. Election policies include laws and administrative rules, campaign finance, redistricting, and alternative voting methods.

HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH CARE, HOUSING, IMMIGRATION

Many volunteers work in this area. Contact them specifically to collaborate: Housing: Nancy Donovan and Debbie Aiona (nancy.donovan@icloud.com); Criminal Justice Reform and Gun Safety: Marge Easley (marge.easley@frontier.com); Behavioral Health and related Public Safety issues: Karen Nibler (niblerk@comcast.net); Health Care: Christa Danielson, MD (chrdan@comcast.net); Women's Issues and Death Penalty Repeal: Alice Bartelt (alicebartelt@comcast.net); Immigration, Refugees, and other Basic Rights: Claudia Keith (ca.keith@comcast.net).

The broad Social Policy area includes: housing, adult corrections, judiciary, juvenile justice, public safety, gun safety, violence preventions, health care, mental health, immigration and refugees, foster care, social services, and women's issues. Actively lobbies for anti-poverty programs to help low income and at-risk people move toward financial stability.

NATURAL RESOURCES, Peggy Lynch, peggylynchor@gmail.com

Volunteers include: Air Quality, Climate Change & Clean Energy: Kathy Moyd; Columbia River Treaty: Phillip Thor Coastal Issues, Christine Moffitt; Drinking-Water Advisory Committee Representative: Amelia Nestler; Hanford Cleanup Board Representative/Nuclear Waste: Marylou Schnoes; Northwest Energy Coalition Representative: Robin Tokmakian; Radioactive Waste: Shirley Weathers; Land Use/Housing, Water and Natural Resource Agency Budgets: Peggy Lynch

Works year-round on improving air quality, combating climate change, 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 budgets related to Oregon's 14 natural resource agencies.

EDUCATION, Anne Nesse, annenessevolunteerlwvor@gmail.com

Follows student success, early learning, career technical programs (CTE), PK-12 and higher education. We advocate minimizing barriers impacting education for children at risk or historically underserved and underachieving youth. We advocate for best mental health practices for teachers and students in an ever- changing environment.

ACCESS, Paula Krane, kranep@peak.org

We work and advocate to make sure that the public/citizens have access to the process (at all levels).