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March 2, 2023

To: Representative Jason Kropf, Chair
[House Committee on Judiciary](#)

Re: [HB 2327](#) - Juvenile crime preventive services – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon offers our strong support for HB 2327 and the -1 amendment, based on our juvenile justice position affirming the critical importance of juvenile crime prevention in our society. We believe that prevention programs must start as early as possible; involve family, peers, schools, and the community; and be responsive to the varying needs of individuals and families.

HB 2327 allows county juvenile departments to provide much-needed preventive services to those under 12 years of age that go beyond what is currently available through the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Education. We are pleased to see that mention is made of preventive services that are age-appropriate and take into account trauma history, physical and mental health care needs, and educational and skill deficits.

We support the list of preventive services that will be provided, including a range of therapy options, trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate services not covered by health insurance, assessment tools, educational supports, and family navigation and support services.

It is stipulated in the -1 amendment that an appropriation from the General Fund will be made to the Youth Development Division to carry out the provisions of the bill. It is hoped that this appropriation will be supplemented by federal grants dedicated to violence prevention efforts, although the long-term goal should be adequate, stable funding for juvenile preventive services.

We urge passage of HB 2327, and we thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
LWVOR President

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Marge Easley
LWVOR Action Committee