



**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HB 17 Campaign Finance – Recurring Contributions and Donations –
Requirements**

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters supports campaign finance regulations that enhance political equality for all citizens, ensure transparency, protect representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and combat corruption. Typically, we testify about campaign finance legislation that requires transparency for the general public to understand the sources and amounts of donations that candidates are receiving. This bill is different in that it requires the candidate to be more transparent with their donors and it seeks to eliminate a corrupt practice of charging donors for a recurring contribution when that may not have been their intention.

By requiring a donor to give an affirmative confirmation that they agreed to a recurring charge and by receiving a receipt for each contribution that the candidate has received from the donor, the practice of soliciting and accepting recurring donations will be much more transparent. Also, by making it easier for the donor to understand what they have agreed to and how to terminate the agreement, it gives the donor more control over their contributing.

We urge a favorable report on HB 17.