

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HB 752 State Board of Elections - Procurement Oversight

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters supports action to assure an election system that is representative, feasible to implement and increases voter participation, as well as equitable, accessible, **fiscally responsible**, accountable and enforceable. In addition, governmental bodies must protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible.

We support HB 752 because it would require the Administrator of the State Board of Elections (SBE) to disclose all proposed contracts to the SBE Board-- including draft Requests for Proposal (RFPs). The Board would debate and vote on contracts over \$200,000 prior to their submission to the Board of Public Works.

We urge a favorable report on HB 752.