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OF TEXAS**

**TESTIMONY  
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**House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee  
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I am Chris Frandsen, testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in support of House Bill 625 regarding the regular psychological examination of peace officers by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports this proposed legislation because it would assist in monitoring the psychological fitness for duty of a peace officer who is issued a peace officer license after the effective date of this bill.

The psychological fitness of our peace officers is essential to enable them to address the challenging situations met in the course of their duties of preserving the safety of our citizens. Such required evaluations every 24 months for new peace officers are just as valuable as the current requirement that peace officers must meet annual weapons proficiency standards.

For peace officers, as for all persons who may have behavioral health conditions, the League of Women Voters of Texas supports the right to have access to services designed to help them maintain an optimal level of functioning.

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The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) is a nonpartisan citizens' organization that has fought since 1919 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives. It represents more than 5000 members and supporters throughout Texas.

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. The member-driven organization of women and men encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy of positions based on extensive issue study and consensus.