



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

TESTIMONY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HB 3759

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I am Barbara Frandsen testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas in opposition of HB 3759. We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today. Thank you for allowing us to share the League of Women Voters of Texas position on this bill.

Our position on public education, like other League positions, is derived through a lengthy and thoughtful process involving the participation of 25 local Leagues representing more than 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state of Texas.

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports a school finance system that provides taxpayer equity and equitable distribution of funds to ensure that all Texas school children receive a high-quality education. State funding of public education is critical. The League also supports academic standards and a state curriculum that prepares students for success in college or various careers.

In order to support ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), the League seeks to prepare every student for success by addressing the knowledge and skills prioritized by the state. Exempting schools and districts from a lengthy list of mandates undercuts student success. Once exempted on a temporary basis, a precedent may be set to permanently eliminate critical mandates.

We also feel concerned for the students attending school during the exempted years (2018 – 2020). Exemptions, even temporary ones, risk damage to the success of Texas students.

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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.



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