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Testimony in favor of SB 1511A
Jnt Committee Ways & Means SubCommittee On Human Services
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Dear Co-Chairs Sen. Bates and Rep. Nathanson and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning SB 1511A which requires schools to provide for radon testing in ground level classrooms, mitigation, and reporting to OHA on test results.

The members of the Oregon Commission for Women strongly support passage of this legislation. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, and overall is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. We have too much riding on the health and wellbeing of our children and the teachers who spend large portions of their lives in the classroom to not take steps to safeguard them.

This legislation makes good sense for assuring a healthy environment in Oregon schools. Thank you for your support of SB 1511A.

Respectfully submitted,

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