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Re: HB75 – Voter fraud prevention

Thank you for considering this brief written comment in opposition to HB75.

The League of Women Voters supports secure voter registration and election systems and, within that, the widest possible participation of qualified electors in the selection of officials to conduct their government. LWV also supports efficient government operations, consistent with that familiar admonition, “If it isn’t broken, don’t fix it.”

HB75 proposes a new requirement of Wyoming voters that seems to achieve no improved security but that potentially hinders voters who predate the current registration ID requirement or who don’t have an acceptable ID at the time of voting. We know our registration practices are robust. Registration requires an ID, and our election officials vet those applications to make sure the applicants are eligible. In addition, local and state election officials say there is no evidence of pervasive voter impersonation that would be remedied by showing an ID at the polls.

Aside from the potential suppression, this proposal would support the false narrative that our elections currently are insecure and the results are unreliable.

On the other hand, LWV has a couple of suggestions to support secure, accessible elections: online registration and post-election risk limiting audits to provide confidence that the votes were counted correctly.

Please, let’s turn our efforts to assuring Wyoming elections and polls are open, transparent, secure and accessible to every qualified elector.