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### S. 12 (Santee Cooper Joint Project Authorization)

The League of Women Voters supports this bill that would allow permit Santee Cooper to enter into joint projects with investor-owned utilities. This is a sensible provision that should serve the public interest.

We appreciate that the bill does not intrude on the authority and responsibilities of the Public Service Commission (PSC) to evaluate and permit individual projects through their well-defined quasi-judicial regulatory processes. Santee Cooper and its investor-owned partners must still make their case to the PSC for any joint undertaking.

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