



March 20, 2015

Honorable Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

Regarding: Support of SB 369 and opposition to HB 2647

Dear Senator Prozanski,

On behalf of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, I would like to express our support of **SB 369** (UFADAA: Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets) and our opposition to **HB 2647** (PEAC: Privacy Enactment for After Death Choices).

In Oregon, as in other states, fiduciaries have always had the legal responsibility to organize and allocate assets. Doing so with good stewardship requires these fiduciaries to interact with private information. More and more frequently, this private information – much of it financial – is stored or contained electronically. Despite the need for fiduciaries to attain this essential information, it can be a remarkably difficult and time-consuming process.

Both SB 369 and HB 2647 offer potential solutions to this problem. The difference, though, is that SB369 offers Oregonians the *choice* to designate who can attain needed information and under what circumstances, whereas HB 2647 creates a confusing and costly probate process that blatantly disregards citizens' rights to privacy.

Please contemplate these bills carefully and support the bill that protects the choice, dignity and independence of Oregonians, *not* the bill that sacrifices individual rights in order to maintain the interests of wealthy online corporations. Please support SB 369.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Strand  
Chair, Governor's Commission on Senior Services