

MEMORANDUM



TO: Sen Prozanski, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Lori Sattenspiel, Oregon School Boards Association
SUBJ: SB 187
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The Oregon School Boards Association would like to add our support for SB 187, the Oregon Student Information Protection Act. The bill is a positive next step to protect student information.

SB 187 is modeled after the California law, The Student Online Privacy and Information Protection Act (SOPIPA) passed in late 2014, with considerable industry and stakeholder input.

The bill provides added protections for school districts entering into contracts as well as guidance for vendors to ensure data collected is used appropriately. The bill will enhance the protection of students personal information when using various types of educational software and devices within the school setting.

As new technologies continue to emerge it is imperative that student privacy is protected. OSBA provides resources to school districts including policies which are drafted to comply with changing laws. The guiding policies will help school districts ensure the continued protection of student and staff privacy.

OSBA would not support any changes to the A engrossed bill; specifically related to the “affirmative consent” discussions that stakeholders and industry have had.

The classroom should be left free of potential misappropriation of student information - continue to foster the innovation and learning in the classroom, without the potential misuse of a students sensitive data.

Thank you.