



February 17, 2016

Chair Barker and Members of the House Judiciary Committee  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SB 1554**

Dear Representative Barker:

The Technology Association of Oregon (TAO) is a leader in the technology industry and broader business community. With an expanding network that extends beyond Oregon and SW Washington and includes over 400 tech and tech-enabled companies, TAO advocates for economic development programs that accelerate business growth and advocacy efforts that seek to improve the region's competitiveness.

TAO respectfully asks the House Judiciary to pass SB 1554, which is based on the national model language of the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (RUFADAA). The Oregon Legislature should provide statutory guidance for how a person's digital assets should be processed when they die. The legislation should honor the person's explicit and implied privacy choices regarding their privacy afterlife, while balancing the need for privacy for whom the deceased digitally communicated with. It is also important that the statute model existing federal law, rather than create a patchwork system that contradicts federal law. SB 1554 strikes the right balance by modeling the RUFADAA.

TAO understands and appreciates the importance of having a defined system for how to handle the digital assets of the deceased. The national model language as reflected in SB 1554, strikes the proper balance of ensuring the privacy of people with whom the deceased corresponded, that fiduciaries are able to appropriately manage a person's estate and that the industry is able to effectively comply with existing federal laws such as the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA). For those reasons we urge the committee to pass SB 1554.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Newberry", written in a cursive style.

Warren "Skip" Newberry, TAO President