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Co-chair Riley, Co-chair Nathanson and Members of the
Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Hewlett Packard Enterprise to express our support for SB 90A, which would create a Cyber Security Center of Excellence and consolidates Information Security (IS) functions under the State Chief Information Officer (CIO). The Center of Excellence would allow for the development of a single statewide cyber security strategy that is designed to address the ever-changing threat landscape. This merging of security functions would dramatically improve the state's ability to respond effectively to information security incidents, share information among private and public partners, develop security skills within the workforce, and be a force for good against the cyber threats facing the state and its constituents.

The traditional approach to cyber security, which lays much of the IS functions on various Information Technology (IT) departments and organizations, limits the effectiveness of a security strategy. Centralizing resources, as prescribed by Senate Bill 90A, would ensure that there is a team dedicated to the IT security functions and would bring Oregon into line with accepted best practices for state governments seeking to address cyber security threats.

At HPE we believe that the right approach is to "build" security into the very fabric of a digital ecosystem. This

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not only includes process and technologies, but also people. A center that can help facilitate the average worker's or citizens' cyber-readiness can help move the needle with respect to improving the security posture for the State of Oregon. The Center will provide a centralized resource to engage various workforce teams across the state with education, training, and assistance with Cyber Security.

For all of these reasons, we strongly support the passage of SB 90A. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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