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Testimony in support of HB 3464 on privacy of data
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House Committee on Rules

Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs McLane and Rayfield and Representatives Barreto, Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, Nosse, and Smith Warner:

The Oregon Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Black Affairs, Hispanic Affairs and Commission for Women support HB 3464 that will clarify and define state procedures for safeguarding the privacy of its person-specific data while meeting all state and federal requirements. We believe that the proper stewardship of data maintained by the state regarding its students, clients, and all its residents is the foundation of trusted, effective government, schools and programs. HB 3464 provides a missing piece of clarity for all administrators and all residents during a time of growing fear around safety from exposure to deportation is eroding trust and use of vital services including health and education.

The Advocacy Commissions are deeply aware of the need to safeguard data pertaining to the lives and situations of its residents across the state. Many extended families in urban and rural areas have members who are afraid to access the services they need for fear of exposing themselves or their children to action by ICE. HB 3464 provides all governmental bodies with clear guidelines that safeguard personal data while complying with all state and federal laws.

We applaud the leaders in the House and Senate, the Governor and the Attorney General for taking immediate steps this session to address this situation. Thank you for your positive consideration of HB 3464.

Sincerely,

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