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Oregon Senate Bill 1551
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Oregon House Business and Labor Committee

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the member companies of TechNet, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 1551. TechNet represents over 70 of the nation's leading companies in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance.

The bill being heard today differs significantly from all of the other state breach and data security laws in ways that would have significant negative effects.

The bill is drafted in a way that requires breach notice by not only the entity with the relationship with the Oregon resident, but also a potentially long list of service providers that "possesses or has access to" the personal data all to provide notice of a single breach. They would have to notify state residents, the Attorney General's Office and the credit card processor, even for breaches that had nothing to do with payment card data. This would be hugely confusing to consumers.

This confusion and misguided regulation would divert resources away from the real and very difficult task of keeping up with changing cybersecurity threats because of risk of huge class action lawsuits for non-compliance with extensive and confusing outlier requirements that this bill would create.

For these reasons, TechNet urges you to oppose SB 1551.