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To: Co-Chairs, [Senator Chuck Riley](#) and [Representative Nancy Nathanson](#)
[Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology](#)

Re: [SB 293](#) – Develop recommendations for privacy, confidentiality, and data security – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes Oregonians expect the State of Oregon to safeguard citizen privacy and confidentiality by ethically and responsibly processing, using, and sharing citizen data in the course of conducting state business. We encourage you to look at our [Cybersecurity position](#) adopted this year, from our 2020 [Privacy and Cybersecurity Today](#) study member consensus.

LWVOR supports SB 293 which proposes preparing recommendations to review and elevate consideration of “privacy, confidentiality and data security measures in state government enterprise and shared information technology services”, including consideration of establishing a state privacy officer.

As a state, we need to address the heightened risk of personal information exposure by 21st-century technologies, and commit to high standards for personal information use, meaningful information protection, and appropriate measures to limit potential harms. Anticipating that governments at all levels around the globe will soon be addressing information and communication technology policy, the time is right for Oregon to review and strengthen its data responsibilities, from privacy rights to public information transparency.

All of our interactions with the state, from buying fishing licenses, to paying taxes, to voter registration, to requesting public records, among many others, need to be carefully assessed, balancing the needs for privacy and transparency. The League wants to see coordination between all agencies and divisions, for example to show awareness of the Attorney General’s Consumer Privacy Task Force and the Public Records Advisory Council.

We support this important step for Oregon to assess the state government’s current capacity to be responsible stewards of personal information and develop an information and communication technology policy addressing the future of privacy protection in Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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