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March 31, 2021

Co-Chair Senator Riley
Co-Chair Representative Nathanson
Members of the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology

Re: SB 293

Co-Chair Riley, Co-Chair Nathanson and Members of the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology:

I am writing on behalf of the Technology Association of Oregon (TAO) to express our support for SB 293, which directs the office of the State Chief Information Officer to develop recommendations related to elevating consideration of privacy, confidentiality and data security measures in state government enterprise and shared information technology services, and to submit recommendations in a report to certain interim committees of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022.

Cyber security and data privacy are topics of critical importance to TAO's members and are essential to the health of any state's economy. To be sure, data privacy and security are foundational to the establishment and maintenance of trust in any institution that develops and/or utilizes technologies by which services are delivered to customers or constituents.

In 2017, TAO worked with the office of the State Chief Information Officer and the Governor's Office to pass SB 90, which called for, among other things, the unification of IT security within the executive branch under the authority of the State CIO, as well as efforts to improve security measures within State government. The office of the State Chief Information Officer has expressed interest in pursuing a "cloud-first" strategy, which is something that will ensure greater security of the State's data.

Moreover, TAO member companies and local tech professionals within our network regularly engage with Oregon's Chief Data Officer on data initiatives around the state, including most recently in the development of a Data Strategy for Oregon. In February the Chief Data Officer presented an overview of the Strategy to a group of local government and private sector data experts from TAO's network. The group was unanimous in recognizing the work put into the development of the Strategy by the Chief Data Officer and her team as "impressive".

On the topic of privacy in particular, we encourage the Office of the CIO to coordinate with the Oregon Attorney General's office on the development of data privacy recommendations. For the past few years TAO has worked closely with the Oregon Attorney General's office on data privacy legislation ranging from Internet-of-Things (IoT) technology to contact tracing to a more



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comprehensive consumer data privacy policy framework for Oregon. As more government data is made available to the public, it will be important to align with the Attorney General on privacy standards that will govern the collection, sharing and use of people's data in Oregon, more generally.

For all of these reasons, we write in support of SB 293 and of the recent efforts of the office of the State CIO pertaining to data privacy, security and confidentiality. We look forward to continuing to work with the members of the office of the State CIO on these important initiatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Skip Newberry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Skip Newberry
President & CEO, Technology Association of Oregon