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2022 Oregon Legislature
Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology

Subject: HB 4155

Co-Chairs Armitage and Nathanson, Members of the Committee:

AOC advocates on matters of importance to Oregon's 36 county governments and I'm writing today in support of HB 4155. Cyber attacks against Oregon's county governments have been increasing in frequency and severity in recent years. HB 4155 provides valuable tools via local, state, and federal funding and partnership to address this challenge.

In relation to cybersecurity, Oregon's counties suffer from outdated infrastructure, lack of a qualified workforce, and insufficient cyber insurance coverage. HB 4155 provides resources to address those problems in tandem via grants for public bodies, workforce development funding, and training opportunities that will help make counties better insurance risks.

The federal government has already elected to fund cyber efforts for local governments via investments in the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act bill. It's crucial that Oregon provide the ten percent match to leverage those funds this year. Equally important is quickly establishing a fund for those dollars to land and get disbursed. Swift passage of HB 4155 would ensure that Oregon can provide aid to those who desperately need it and better position our state for more funding in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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