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To: [Representative Smith Warner, Chair](#)
[House Committee on Rules](#)

Re: [HB 4144](#) –election worker data privacy and harassment protection – **Support with comments**

The League of Women Voters believes voting is a fundamental citizen right, including protection from harassment and intimidation. This bill would exempt elections workers home addresses from public records disclosure. With short session intention in mind, we recommend passing HB 4144, for the 2022 elections. Consider these amendments now if possible, then collaborate for the 2023 session.

STANDARDIZE PRIVACY CATEGORIES

Candidate filing requires a home address to verify in-district status, noted in [League testimony](#) for the anti-doxing bill, [HB 3047 Enrolled](#) (2021). Now ORESTAR lists city and state, not street addresses.

“Personal information” should include:

- Home address, personal email address, personal phone number or social security number
- Employer’s contact information
- Family member contact information
- Children’s photographs and Identification of the school children attend.

[SB 481 Enrolled](#) (2017) addressed hundreds of disclosure exemptions. From [League testimony](#): *Privacy protection and disclosure are central conflicting interests. Statute should be adaptable to pertain to emails, texts, social media, etc. Our 50-year-old Freedom of Information Act did not foresee these...*

EXPAND WHO IS PROTECTED

Consider protecting anyone subject to harassment, candidates, lawful protesters, public servants, and volunteers. Include "Public servant", in ORS 244.020: A public official, advisor, consultant or assistant at the request or direction of the state, person nominated, elected or appointed although not yet occupying the position; and Jurors.

UPDATE THE HARASSMENT DEFINITION

We recommend incorporating harassment features from [HB 3047 Enrolled](#) (2021), Section I (1) (c).

COLLABORATE LOOKING FORWARD

The League supports justifying personal data collection, use, exposure, and retention. We are concerned about legislating data privacy in silos. Collaboration would make more effective legislation. The time is right for Oregon to review and strengthen its cybersecurity responsibilities, for privacy rights and public information transparency, to defining punitive consequences, and overall cyber awareness and prioritizing protection.

We urge your support for HB 4144. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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