



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

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To: [Representative Fahey, Chair](#)
[House Rules Committee](#)

Re: [HB 3111](#)– Municipal retiree information disclosure exemption – **Support with Comments**

The League of Women Voter of Oregon supports HB 3111 protections, with comments. It exempts some personal information of some Oregonians from public records disclosure. HB 3111, requested by the League of Oregon Cities, amends ORS 192.355, expanding to include municipalities by adding:

“Employee and retiree address, telephone number and other nonfinancial membership records and employee financial records maintained by the Public Employees Retirement System pursuant to ORS chapters 238 and 238A or by another retirement system operated by a public body.”

As [we advocated](#) for SB 293 Enrolled (2021), we urge for less piecemeal privacy protection.

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 be responsible stewards of personal information. We call for developing an information and communication technology policy addressing the future of privacy protection in Oregon.

And [we advocated](#) in HB 4144 Enrolled (2022) for elections workers, calling for standardizing privacy categories. HB 4144 only considers HOME ADDRESS privacy. 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 publicly city and state, and no longer reveals the residential street addresses.

[We advocated](#) in SB 481 Enrolled (2017), to address hundreds of disclosure exemptions. Together: *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 them...*

We urge your Support for the steps in HB 3111. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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