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February 14th, 2023

To: Representative Dacia Grayber

House Emergency Management, General Governance, and Veterans

Re: <u>HB 2806</u> – Update public meeting safety and cybersecurity statute – **Support** 

See League testimony for <u>HB 3274</u> enrolled (2017).

The League supports HB 2806, to add safety and cybersecurity to update statute for the privacy and safety of executive sessions. We have extensively applied our <u>Cybersecurity and Privacy</u> positions. We call for strong cybersecurity protections and effective deterrents to assure national security, economic and social stability, and personal information integrity. This applies to government, individuals, and organizations, including the private sector, and critical infrastructures.

Further, the League of Women Voters of Oregon supports transparency and efficiency in government processes. Our social policy promotes social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.

In 2017, with <u>HB 3274</u> Enrolled, we urged to protect communications privacy in the Office of Small Business Assistance. Today, for HB 2806, inserting language is a similar technical updating fix. Adding safety and cybersecurity language will maintain and protect the original function, to allow executive sessions to consider sensitive issues privately, when in the public interest.

- To consider matters relating to the safety of the governing body and of public body staff and volunteers and the security of public body facilities and meeting spaces.
- To consider matters relating to cyber security infrastructure and responses to cyber security threats.

We note media access retention and agree with the -2 amendment, not needing "rules adopted under".

We urge your Support for HB 2806. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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