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

Re: [HB 3073](#) – Candidate and incumbent home address privacy– **Support with comments**

HB 3073 would exempt candidate and public servant home addresses from public disclosure. Candidate filing needs to certify district jurisdictions with home addresses and both work and home telephone numbers. Home address disclosure is not necessary. The League supports this bill, calling for a blanket statute update, instead of this piece-meal approach. Please see our [Privacy and Cybersecurity Today page](#).

The League believes Oregonians expect the state to safeguard citizen privacy and confidentiality by ethically and responsibly processing, using, and sharing data in the course of conducting business. Please see our testimony, including assorted League advocacy position references:

- [HB 3111](#) (2023) Addresses only some personal information disclosure exemptions.
- [HB 4144](#) Enrolled (2022) Election worker data privacy and harassment protection. Expand harassment protection to: candidates, volunteers, lawful protesters, *and* public servants. See 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.
- [HB 3393](#) (2021) This bill would have exempted candidate home address and telephone numbers *and omitted incumbents' office emails and staff telephone numbers for campaign communications.*
- [HB 3047](#) Enrolled (2021) Makes “doxing” actionable and defines harassment.
- [SB 293](#) Enrolled (2021) Develop privacy, confidentiality, and data security recommendations.
- [SB 481](#) Enrolled (2017) addressed hundreds of disclosure exemptions. 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...

As a state, we need to address heightened information exposure risks, commit to high data protection standards and measures to limit harm. Governments around the globe are addressing information and communication policy. Oregon should review our data stewardship responsibilities, from privacy rights to public information transparency *now*.

We urge your Support for HB 3073, suggesting improvements.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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