



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.

March 7, 2023

To: **Representative Dacia Grayber and Members of the Committee**

[House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans](#)

Re: **[HB 2490](#)** – protect cybersecurity defense from public disclosure – **Support**

The League supports HB 2490, based on our [cybersecurity positions](#), to address Oregon’s growing cybersecurity vulnerability, by protecting our defense plans, devices, and systems from public disclosure, also echoing our call to balance public records disclosure transparency and privacy. This warrants citing the League position to promote maximum protection of public health, safety, and the environment. Defending our critical infrastructures is at stake.

Cybersecurity attacks are increasing in frequency, criminal sophistication, and disruptive consequences. We support [HB 2049](#), for a Cybersecurity Center of Excellence to streamline communications for rapid emergency response. The precisely targeted attacks described in those hearings have disrupted critical government services we depend on. These can mushroom with dire consequences to our critical infrastructures. HB 2490 will help further by preventing exposure of our cyber defenses.

As monitored by our [EPAB](#), Electronic Portal Advisory Board, Oregonians expect efficient online access with streamlined networking from our state websites, which win national awards. A 2016 Department of Revenue breach was tracked to a Department of Fish and Wildlife leak from online fishing license applications. We supported [SB 1551 Enrolled](#) (2018), to improve rules for handling security breaches at financial institutions. Further protections were needed, for example [SB 792 Enrolled](#) (2021) to protect children’s data in applying for fishing licenses. Communications chains must be protected at every link to guard against extensive vulnerability.

The LWVOR has spoken repeatedly to balancing privacy and transparency in public records disclosure. For example, we supported [HB 3274 Enrolled](#) (2017), to support Small Business Advocates helping to “protect the originally intended function of the service, to provide small business help, allowing free discourse without fear of public airing of private communications describing complaints or confidential case work.”

Our policy debates will determine the future of privacy, the internet, and the future of democracy.

We urge your Support for HB 2490.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Gladstone
President LWVOR