



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: Sen. Lieber, Chair, and Members of the Committee
[Senate Rules](#)

Re: [SB 166](#) – Voting rights, harassment, privacy, and cybersecurity – **Support with comments**

The League of Women Voters believes voting is a fundamental democratic right, to be protected from harassment, intimidation, and cyber-attacks, both direct and through disinformation. This bill clarifies protecting ballot secrecy, election workers, the right to vote, and cybersecurity plans. We support protecting the right to vote and for our [privacy and cybersecurity positions](#). Our elections are critical infrastructure and merit the League’s priority rating. We urge expanding these protections by amendment.

Voters need to understand disinformation, or deliberate deception. Actual ballot choices are not disclosed, are not among the extensive information currently shared legally. This would be codified into statute.

This bill boosts consequences to aggravated harassment for offending substances which shall not be thrown at elections workers. The 2022 parking lot graffiti and threatening note, [intimidation exhibits](#), remain as misdemeanors. We call for improving efficiency by combining piece-meal approaches. This bill could protect elections workers, those running for office, and other public servants subject to related harassment.

We are concerned about legislating data privacy in silos. We support [HB 3073](#) to exempt candidate and public servant home addresses from public disclosure. Candidate filing verifies district jurisdictions with home addresses. Please see [our testimony](#) listing six relevant bills important for protecting elections workers, from harassment to doxing. Public home address disclosure is not necessary.

SB 166 overlooks protecting voters from harassment and intimidation, [reported last fall](#), OPB. This bill could avert some concerns for the 2024 presidential election by extending this legal recourse to protect voters from reported harassment.

We support adopting and funding cybersecurity best practices recommended federally by CISA and DHS or NIST. This relates to our support for [SB 2049](#), a comprehensive cybersecurity bill, noted as one of the most important bills this session, touching every area. We all know the seriousness, if we don’t pay attention. The call for election cybersecurity plans protected from disclosure is consistent with [HB 2490](#), calling for cybersecurity plan protection, which we also support, [our testimony](#).

We urge your support for SB 166 and recommend improvements. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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