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March 21, 2023

To: Co-Chairs, Rep Nancy Nathanson and Sen Aaron Woods, and Committee members
[Joint Committee On Information Management and Technology](#)

Re: [SB 1073](#) – establishes Oregon Chief Privacy Officer and duties – **Support**

SB 1073 would establish a data privacy program supported by the office and duties of a Chief Privacy Officer (CPO), in the Governor’s budget POP 128. The CPO would coordinate with Cybersecurity Services, Data Governance and Transparency, and external stakeholders. The League supports SB 1073 based on our [privacy and cybersecurity](#) and efficiency in government positions. The Governor’s budget echoes our study in citing the absence of comprehensive federal privacy regulations, a “patchwork of judicial decisions, state law, and narrowly-scoped and specialized Federal statutes.”

The League lauds coordinated legislative progress for cybersecurity and privacy. We’ve noted legislative siloing that could be more efficient by looking from a wider perspective. We call for passage of SB 1073, in coordination with these other session bills we support:

- [HB 2049](#) – Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, workforce development ([League testimony](#))
- [HB 2052](#) – the Oregon Data Broker registry ([League testimony](#))
- [HB 2490](#) – protect cybersecurity defenses ([League testimony](#))
- [HB 2806](#) – update public meeting safety and cybersecurity statute ([League testimony](#))
- [SB 619](#) – protect consumers personal data ([League testimony](#))

The Secretary of State’s November 2020 audit report, [The State Does Not Have A Privacy Program to Manage Enterprise Data Privacy Risk](#), highlights:

- We lack a statewide official to manage data privacy risk. The CPO would establish a Data Officers’ community, a lateral communication the LWVOR strongly supports. We call for coordination with the Cyber Center of Excellence.
- State agencies need clear guidance to respond to data security breaches. The office would develop breach protocols and templates.
- The Chief Data Officer is making progress but needs to task an individual with assessing Oregonians’ risks to their personal data collected by the state.

The Governor’s budget provides for the CPO as a resource for public and local government education on privacy issues, providing materials and forums. The League would be happy to partner in support.

We urge your support for SB 1073. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
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