



## Eugene Water & Electric Board

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### EWEB SUPPORTS HB 2490 – Protecting Cybersecurity Defense from Public Disclosure

Dear Chair Manning and Members of the Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs:

The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) is a customer-owned not-for-profit municipal utility serving 96,000 customers in Eugene and the McKenzie River Valley.

HB 2490 will allow sensitive material pertaining to cybersecurity to be exempt from public records disclosure.

Cybersecurity is a serious and evolving security challenge for the Utility Sector and is critical for protecting systems, networks and programs from digital attacks. Cyberattacks pose a persistent threat and can cause severe physical and economic harm. Hackers can disrupt operations through ransomware attacks or by exploiting vulnerabilities aimed at accessing, changing, or destroying sensitive information or interrupting business processes. Limiting access to malicious actors who may use information about systems security measures is critical to keep critical infrastructure and systems secure.

HB 2490 would help ensure that sensitive cybersecurity information in the electric sector will be protected from falling into the wrong hands. We urge your support for this legislation that would help protect critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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