



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.

February 17, 2025

To: [Senator Jama](#), Chair, [Senate Committee On Rules](#)

Re: [SB 224](#) – Keep from posting campaign committee addresses on the SoS website – **Support**

The League supports SB 224, agreeing that we should not publicly post campaign staff home addresses, based on our [privacy and cybersecurity](#) positions, which balance privacy and transparency. We have supported numerous similar bills in the last few years, all enrolled, listed below, reflecting increasing concern for threats and privacy protection.

This bill calls for the Secretary of State not to make addresses public for candidates, committee directors, treasurers, and individuals authorized to file statements or correspond with the Secretary on behalf of committees.

A current practice review is in order. Contact information is intended to assure efficient processing and access to campaign information. We do not see justification for revealing residential addresses for those working on campaigns. This is the currently required list:

- **Residential addresses** to process candidate filing, even if a non-disclosure order is on file. Per the State Candidate Manual, candidates may request that their residential addresses not be published, by using SEL 180, a Residence Address Exemption Request. **Do not use your residence address for publicly disclosable mailing address.**
- **Correspondence mailing address**, where they wish to get mail.
- **Contact information:** at least one email address and one phone (for normal business hours), a fax and website, if applicable.

The League believes Oregonians should be able to rely on the state to safeguard our privacy and confidentiality. [SB 481 Enrolled](#) (2017) was landmark legislation which addressed hundreds of disclosure exemptions. [League testimony](#). Since then, we have called for reviews:

STANDARDIZE PRIVACY CATEGORIES. This personal information should be protected:

- Home address, personal email address, personal phone number, and social security number
- Employer's contact information
- Family member contact information
- Children's photographs and identification of the school(s) children attend

EXPAND WHO IS PROTECTED

Review *ORS 244.020*, and consider protecting these from harassment: candidates, lawful protesters, public officials, volunteers, advisors, consultants or assistants serving at the request or direction of the state; those nominated, elected or appointed although not yet occupying the position; and Jurors.

COLLABORATE LOOKING FORWARD

We are concerned about legislating data protections in silos. The League has supported successful bills listed below, to protect personal information for:

- Candidates, incumbent and public servants
- Municipal retirees
- Election workers, specifically citing harassment
- Those needing protection from doxxing

The time is right for Oregon to strengthen our awareness of privacy rights, to redefine punitive consequences, and prioritize protection. Please see our related testimony links.

We urge your Support for SB 224.

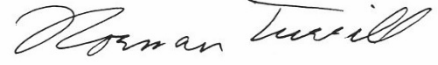
Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.



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Please see the LWVOR Privacy and Cybersecurity page:

<https://www.lwvor.org/studies-1/privacy-and-cybersecurity-2020>

Protect candidate, incumbent and public servant home addresses.

[HB 3073](#) (2023) Enrolled, [League Testimony](#):

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/48919>

Protect municipal retirees, assorted information.

[HB 3111](#) (2023) Enrolled, [League testimony](#):

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/45097>

Protect election worker home addresses, citing harassment.

[HB 4144](#) (2022) Enrolled, [League testimony](#):

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/38892>

Anti-doxxing, follow up, ORESTAR listings could include city and state and not further residential address info.

[HB 3047](#) (2021) Enrolled, [League testimony](#):

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/29665>

Elevate privacy, confidentiality, and data security measures.

The League called for coordination between all agencies and divisions, the Attorney General's Consumer Privacy Task Force and the Public Records Advisory Council, to develop policy addressing the future of privacy protection in Oregon.

[SB 293](#) (2021) Enrolled. [League testimony](#):

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/22429>

Public records access policy.

[SB 481](#) Enrolled (2017) [League testimony](#):

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2017R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/110569>