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Elections Cybersecurity & OCVR Update

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Mission Statement

"Protecting the work of the Oregon Secretary of State's office and the people it serves through strong cybersecurity."

Oregon Elections Platform and Cybersecurity

Oregon Centralized Voter Registration System (OCVR)

Oregon Motor Voter System (OMV)

Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting (ORESTAR)

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State and County Cybersecurity

The Secretary of State's office provides
county-level support in the following ways:

Funding Navigation	**Resource Coordination**	**Peer-to-Peer Collaboration**
We connect jurisdictions to available grants and funding.	We help local officials identify trusted cybersecurity resources.	We convene election officials and their IT counterparts to share information.

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High Level - SOS Elections Environment
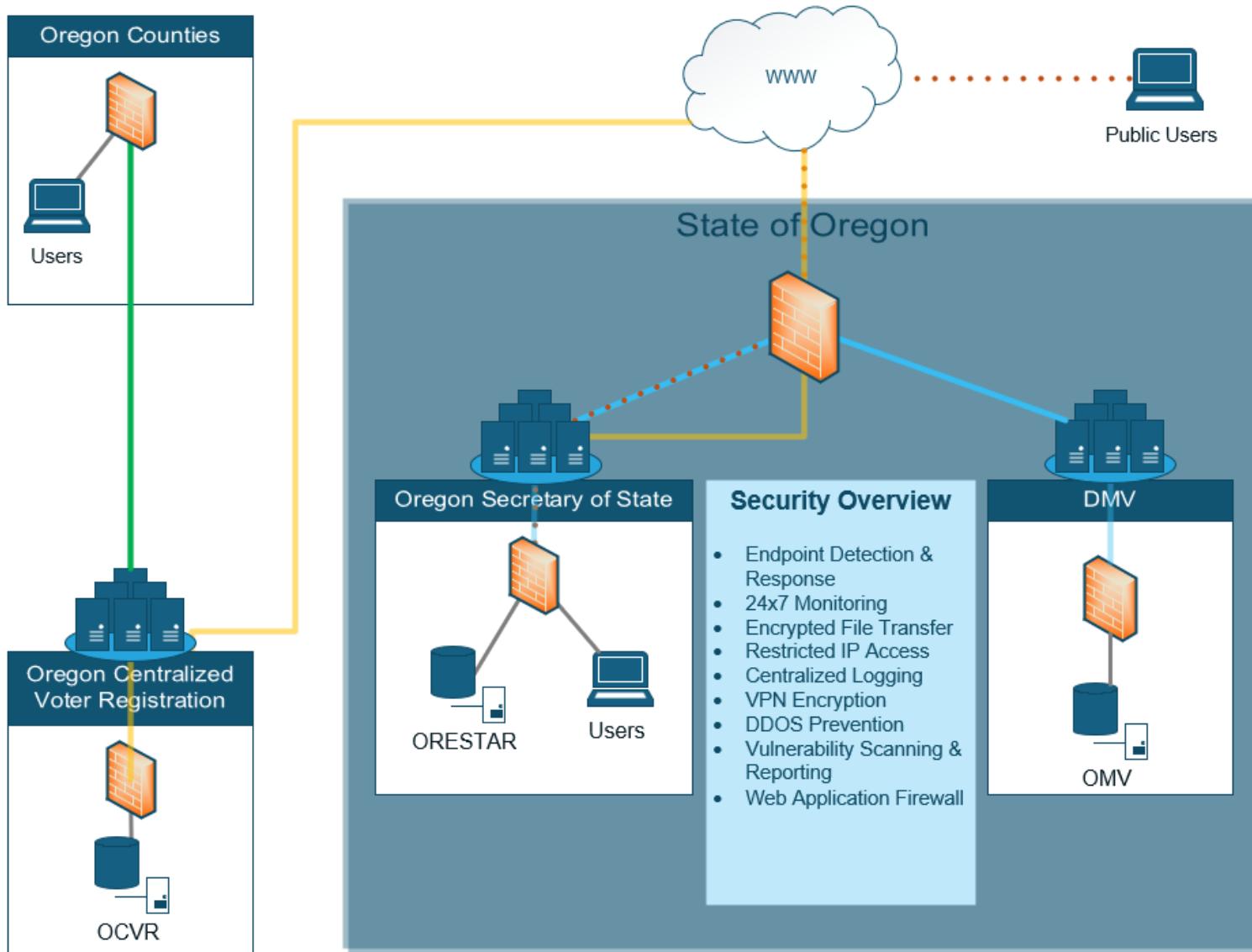
Top Risks in Cybersecurity 2026

- Threat Environment and GeoPolitical Risks

- AI – Offensive and Defensive Uses

- Legacy Systems and Technical Debt

- Workforce and Talent Scarcity

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2026 Accomplishments

Workforce is more secure

- Implemented tools to help individuals be secure.
- Deployed MFA and other physical improvements.
- Increased required training on security.

Technology is more secure

- Expanded mobile and hardware policies.
- Updated plans and procedures.
- Applied access limitations and monitoring.

Resilient security processes

- Improved reporting and dashboarding.
- Expanded device monitoring.
- Maintained updated documentation and procedures.

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Cybersecurity Strategy For 2026

Federal Shifts from Cybersecurity Support

- A third of employees from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have either resigned or been laid off.

- No cost services offered by the Center for Internet Security have either been eliminated or reduced significantly.

- The Election Infrastructure Sharing and Analysis Center has faced budget cuts.

State-level Election System Security

- Continuing utilization of CIS Controls to improve cybersecurity posture.

- Expanding zero trust network access (ZTNA) deployment.

- Formalizing our Cybersecurity Program with policies and procedures.

- Implementing full static code analysis in CI/CD pipeline.

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Request 1: Stabilize Oregon Centralized Voter Registration (OCVR)

Ask: $2,000,000 General Fund (equipment & software upgrades)

Maintains a secure, available, statewide voter registration backbone as election security threats increase.

- OCVR is Oregon's single, centralized voter registration database used statewide.

- System is hosted on legacy infrastructure that is increasingly costly and difficult to maintain.

- Federal HAVA resources are being spent down.

- SOS expects remaining balance to be exhausted, requiring transition to GF support.

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Request 2: Support Local Election Infrastructure

- Provide stable and predictable funding streams for cybersecurity and system upgrades.

- Strengthen shared state services.

- Support workforce development.

- Encourage standardized security baselines.

- Support intergovernmental coordination.

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Questions?

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