



**Testimony of Becky Straus, Legislative Director  
In Support of HB 2429  
House Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency  
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Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB 2429, a bill that would require public bodies to develop and implement policies for securely removing personal information from digital or electronic storage devices before disposing of the device. The bill also would require businesses to post notice to customers that their use of digital electronic storage devices may result in storage of their personal information.

This bill is a great first step in addressing the tension between rapidly advancing technology and increasingly outdated privacy laws. We support the bill and commend the proponents for their attention to this issue.

In recent years we have taken steps to build relationships with experts in Oregon's tech community, as we recognize that between the theoretical and the practical there is a lot we can learn from each other. In the context of this bill, I have spoken with some of these contacts and it is my understanding that securely deleting private data from disposed-of devices is certainly a standard industry practice. It is a welcome expansion to ensure that public bodies are employing this practice, as well.

Guidelines for a wide variety of data types, mobile phones, etc., do exist from the National Institute of Standards and Technology.<sup>1</sup> I would be pleased to work with the proponents or with appropriate public entity representatives to help facilitate the development of these policies by connecting policymakers to industry experts, should this Legislature decide to pass the bill.

Thank you again for your consideration of this issue and for the opportunity to provide comments. Please feel free to be in touch at any time with questions.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-88/NISTSP800-88\\_with-errata.pdf](http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-88/NISTSP800-88_with-errata.pdf)