

Madam Chair Smith Warner,
Vice-Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Holvey and committee members,

Oregonians for Fair Elections opposes HB3291 as was stated in the public hearing today,

After today's hearing it occurred to me that HB3291 would most likely violate HIPPA laws. Just in review of a basic statute leads me to believe we cannot access a client or patients most basic information without their consent.

Also ethically, people are very vulnerable when someone has access to their basic data in a financial, tax, public health i.e. COVID testing/vaccines, or medical/mental situation. They can feel threatened by someone with whom they feel is politically motivated, or asks for the their political affiliation. They may believe the person accessing their basic information, can get to more data, regardless of the limited amount of information that is actually given.

HB 3291 may be well motivated to get more people registered to vote, but we should be cautious for the legal implications of these sensitive information areas. We need to protect our citizens from these threats and prudently protect the states liability.

Best Regards,
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