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February 4, 2025

 To:
 Rep. Grayber, Chair

 House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Re: <u>HB 2570</u> – Pertains to PII confidentiality for working with OSHA inspections – **SUPPORT**

HB 2570 makes new (non)disclosure law for the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The Director would keep PII (personally identifiable information) confidential for employees providing information for working with OSHA investigations or inspections.

Ensuring personal identification privacy could be imperative for critical investigation or inspection communication. The League supports HB 2570 based on our privacy positions. Employees' privacy and procedures conducted should protect confidentiality and help assuage concerns of retribution. We should prevent harmful uses of personal information by all information processors who collect, store, analyze, transfer, sell, etc., with respect for individuals' rights and dignity.

Exceptions would include having gotten disclosure consent, or if disclosure is deemed necessary by provisions of the Oregon Safe Employment Act, OSEA SB 44 Enrolled (1973).

From "Celebrating 50 years of Oregon Occupational Health and Safety":

Under an agreement signed with the federal government decades ago, Oregon is certified to run its own workplace safety and health program. That certification gives Oregon OSHA the flexibility to tailor its program and services to the unique needs of workers and employers in the state while fulfilling its obligations to federal OSHA.

We urge your Support for HB 2570. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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