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To: Rep. Jason Kropf, Chair  
Rep. Willy Chotzen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Kim Wallan, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Kari Hathorn, Crook County District Attorney

Re: HB 2299 - Support

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Kari Hathorn and I am the Crook County District Attorney. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2299.

Advances in technology have created a gap in the law. Unfortunately, this had led to the inability to prosecute when people utilize artificial intelligence (AI) to create and disseminate nude images of people without their consent. Recently, I received a report in which an adult male in his 40s, created and distributed an AI deep fake nude of a 15-year-old child. The male had previously dated the child's mother and had been a parent figure to her. The male created the AI generated nude from a photo taken from social media in which the child was fully clothed. The photo was distributed to other adult men as well as male juveniles who attended school with the victim.

Unfortunately, because the image was AI generated, neither law enforcement, nor the prosecutor's office was able to take action. Technology continues to advance at a faster pace than the law. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kari Hathorn  
District Attorney