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I'm writing in support of SB 1090, which takes an essential step toward modernizing Oregon's outdated state agency IT systems. This bill is a smart investment in security, efficiency, and better service delivery for Oregonians.

Upgrading legacy systems isn't just a tech issue—it's a public access and equity issue. When our state agencies rely on broken or outdated technology, it slows down service and shuts people out, especially in rural and underserved communities.

That's why I'm also urging lawmakers and the Department of Administrative Services to prioritize equity in how these modernization funds are distributed. Smaller agencies or those without big tech teams should still have a fair shot at this support.

I'd love to see:

Equity assessments included in how funds are prioritized;
Support for agencies that may need help applying or planning tech upgrades;
Transparency in who's making decisions and how.

SB 1090 has the potential to be transformative, and I hope we implement it in a way that brings all Oregonians along—not just those with the most resources.