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To: [Representative Nancy Nathanson](#) and [Senator Aaron Woods](#), Co-Chairs,

[Joint Committee On Information Management and Technology](#)

Re: [HB3592](#) – Oregon Commission on Artificial Intelligence – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports HB 3592 based on our positions for cybersecurity and government efficiency, for flexible regulatory structures that can quickly adapt to social and scientific realities and technical and economic policy challenges. We support HB 3592 to:

- Establish the Oregon Commission on Artificial Intelligence to serve as a central resource to monitor the use of artificial intelligence technologies and systems in this state and report on long-term policy implications.
- Direct the State Chief Information Officer to hire a Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer to assist the commission in carrying out the commission's duties.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming every sector of our economy and society, from healthcare and education to agriculture and manufacturing. While the potential benefits of this technology are far-reaching, there are significant ethical, legal, and social considerations that must be evaluated and addressed. The public sector must take a leadership role in guiding this transformation to ensure AI technologies are developed and deployed in ways that protect and advance the interests of all Oregonians.

HB 3592 positions Oregon to be a leader in responsible AI governance by:

- **Creating a central, accountable body** to monitor AI's impacts on Oregonians, particularly vulnerable communities.
- **Mandating a comprehensive review** of AI's effects on privacy, workforce, civil rights, and ethical standards.
- **Encouraging innovation and workforce development**, so Oregon can lead responsibly in the AI-augmented economy.
- **Prioritizing transparency, equity, and public input** in AI policymaking — vital values for building public trust.

Critically, HB 3592 ensures broad representation through a diverse membership—reflecting business, labor, education, civil rights, ethics, privacy, and tribal perspectives. This multi-stakeholder approach is essential to developing policies that maximize benefits while mitigating risks.

By charging the commission with conducting thorough reviews of AI systems and providing annual reports to the Legislature, HB 3592 creates an essential feedback mechanism that will help Oregon remain responsive to rapidly evolving AI technologies. AI risk management is a key component of responsible development and use of AI systems. Responsible AI practices can help align the decisions about AI system design, development, and uses with intended aim and values.¹

By establishing a Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, HB 3592 also ensures that there will be dedicated leadership to provide expertise and coordination across agencies.

States are expanding the use of AI across agencies to improve efficiency, decision-making and the delivery of government services, with a strong focus on governance, ethical practices and interagency collaboration.² By creating the commission now, Oregon can proactively shape how AI technologies are developed and deployed in our state, rather than reacting to problems after they emerge. This commission would position Oregon as a leader in responsible AI, creating economic opportunities while safeguarding the public interest.

We strongly urge your support for HB 3592. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation and for your commitment to Oregon's future.



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1. National Institute of Standards and Technology, <https://airc.nist.gov/airmf-resources/airmf/0-ai-rmf-1-0/>.
2. National Conference for State Legislators, <https://www.ncsl.org/technology-and-communication/artificial-intelligence-in-government-the-federal-and-state-landscape>.