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To: [Representative Kropf](#), Chair, [House Committee On Judiciary](#)

Re: [SB 1121 A](#) – A new crime of disclosing public data – **Support**

The League supports SB 1121 A to protect private data by creating new provisions for disclosure as a crime. We refer you to the League of Women Voters of Oregon [Cybersecurity position](#) resulting from our [2020 Privacy and Cybersecurity](#) study:

- Prevent harmful uses of personal information by all information processors who collect, store, analyze, transfer, sell, etc.
- Expand the legal definition of “harm” to include physical, monetary, reputational, intangible, future, or other substantial injuries and to provide individuals the right to legal remedy.

We have commented on privacy protection issues addressed in statute in segregated silos. We approve, as we urged in HB 4144 (2022) Enrolled, ([our testimony](#)) for expanding to a more standardized, inclusive listing of personal information, with categories of those protected, updating harassment and other definitions, and the collaboration reflected here in the bill’s supporting votes.

For HB 3047 A Enrolled (2021) [our testimony](#) supported making “doxing” actionable in civil court proceedings, for recompense for the plaintiff and possible restraining orders. Our position to “apply strong cybersecurity protections with effective deterrents to assure information integrity” addresses this bill’s creation of a crime to allow for punitive action with specified disclosure of private data.

The bill adds specified association with public, noncommercial, educational press which provides information and programming. The amendment further defines and clarifies “noncommercial”. The extensive statute listing of entities handling personal data does not exempt nonprofits, unlike similar legislation enacted in most other states. This addition fits with [League support](#) for data broker issues, HB 4017 A (2022), our position: expand personal information privacy definition to address rapidly changing information and communication technologies, accelerated networking between businesses, and automated collection and dissemination of data, which together subvert personally identifiable information, de-identification, re-identification, and data anonymization.

Enhancing these personal privacy protections should be considered necessary, not redundant, with rapidly evolving technology and as federal protections may change or be revoked.

We urge your Support for SB 1121 A. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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