



Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on SB 1587. For the record, my name is Jordan Cummings and I am the Legal Director of Innovation Law Lab, an Oregon-based nonprofit that leverages the power of the legal system, technology, and advocacy to support our state's immigrant and refugee populations. In Oregon we believe in fairness and dignity for all; this includes making sure our information is kept confidential and private.

Data brokers collect, aggregate, and sell information from all of our digital footprints. Over the past few years, we have seen well-documented instances of federal immigration enforcement paying data brokers for this sensitive personal data - data that such enforcement bodies would otherwise need a judicial warrant to obtain.

Some brokers gather information directly from Oregon public bodies, historically from the DMV as just one example. SB 1587 and the -4 amendment would ensure that a public body who might disclose personally identifiable information to a broker receives written assurances that this third party will not further disclose it for the purposes of the enforcement of immigration law. This bill regulates our own state government's ability to turn over data, not the data brokers or the federal government.

Preventing the sale of Oregonian's data for the purposes of federal immigration enforcement is a value aligned with our Sanctuary Promise Act. As a state, we have the power to not participate in ICE enforcement, and that's what the -4 amendments help accomplish. We should choose to exercise that power at this unique historical moment. This bill will protect immigrant Oregonians during this critical time by closing a significant and dangerous loophole.

Thank you for your consideration, and we urge your support of SB 1587 with the -4 amendments.

Sincerely,
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