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Oregon House District 48

SB 1516 - ALPR

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Elmer and Pham, members of the Committee,

For the record I'm State Representative Lamar Wise, representing House District 48 – from Kelly Butte to Powell Butte, Barton to Carver, a diverse district in SE Portland and North Clackamas.

I represent immigrant families, working people, renters, and students who are not just watching what is happening at the federal level, they are experiencing it. They are living with increasingly aggressive and opaque federal immigration enforcement tactics. They are navigating fear created by federal agencies testing and crossing constitutional boundaries. And they are asking whether Oregon will stand as a firewall against that overreach, or quietly enable it.

These increasingly lawless and unconstitutional actions by ICE and other agencies are made possible by the use of emerging technology from massive private companies that enable the Federal government or law enforcement from other states to target not just the people who call Oregon home, but people accessing abortion services or using their First Amendment right to criticize the government. That's why I prioritized joining the Automatic License Plate Readers Workgroup on behalf of families in my district.

I proposed nine key policies in the workgroup discussion which would allow for the use of ALPRs for legitimate law enforcement purposes while preventing the misuse of this powerful tool against Oregonians. Unfortunately SB 1516 A as amended, still leaves real vulnerabilities.

Second, encryption and enforceability remain a concern. The -15 amendment is critically important because it strengthens the encryption requirement and clarifies expectations for vendors. This is not a technical footnote, it is the difference between a law with teeth and a law that can be easily evaded.

If we require end-to-end encryption, but allow the term to remain vague, vendors can comply in name while undermining the spirit of the law. The -15 amendment reinforces that Oregon expects real data security standards and real accountability. Vendors have lobbied aggressively to weaken these standards. That alone should tell us how important they are. When companies that profit from surveillance resist clarity and enforceability, it is our responsibility as lawmakers to hold firm.

We cannot write laws that rely on corporate goodwill. We must write laws that are clear, enforceable, and protective of constitutional rights.

If Oregon is going to authorize this powerful surveillance technology, we must do it in a way that reflects our values: transparency, enforceability, and real protection from government overreach.

For those reasons, I strongly support the adoption of the -15 amendment as an essential step toward making this bill workable and protective of Oregonians' rights.

Thank you for your time and I urge your support.