



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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To: [House Committee on Rules](#)
[Representative Jennifer Williamson](#), Chair

Re: HB 3361 – Chief Data Officer, web portal, data standards – **Support**

The League of Women Voters supports transparency and efficiency in government. This bill will help Oregonians by boosting agency coordination and improving citizen access to information. Using this Open Data standard would work to proactively manage and present data online. It needs to be easier for us to find the services we need, even to discover that they exist. It needs to be easier for agencies to work together to share enterprise data. Encouraging conversations between our agency tech folks can streamline program design, budgeting decisions, and information safety.

Remember the concept of No Wrong Door? Health care intake processes are a prime opportunity for improving services and reducing cost by streamlining and coordinating data access portals. This is working smarter, not harder. Coordinating human services and judicial functions could ease stress for those who are already in difficult straights, while improving efficiency and thereby easing service budget pinches in this difficult time. We understand there have been as many as 50 disparate background check processes that could be coordinated—imagine the savings possible by coordinating to reduce overlaps.

Sharing a state technical standards manual and using open data standards, can help to protect our citizens and agencies by safeguarding online information and maintaining privacy. Developing and managing a data portfolio inventory, knowing what we've got, can help us protect these assets while improving transparency.

As with all bills overseen in this League portfolio during this session, we have an eye to the budget shortfall. In discussing potential fiscal impacts with the OSCIO, we learned that many of these responsibilities could be accommodated within existing resources—particularly, those related to establishing the Open Data program and policy development. This bill would codify the establishment of this work, allowing ongoing policy and technical standards development as resource availability allows.

We urge support of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
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