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Rep. Chotzen Moves to Protect Right to Privacy with New Data Protection Bill

SALEM, Ore. - Rep. Willy Chotzen (D-Southeast Portland) introduced a bill with bipartisan and bicameral support to strengthen Oregon’s commitment to data privacy. The Oregon Location Privacy Law, HB 3899, builds on Oregon’s current privacy laws by:

- Prohibiting the sale of precise location data
- Strengthening data minimization requirements
- Closing technical loopholes to better safeguard consumer privacy

“Oregonians should be able to go about their daily lives without their precise location being secretly tracked and sold to the highest bidder,” said **Rep. Willy Chotzen (D-Southeast Portland)**. “I’m hearing from constituents that they want and need data protections. We must ensure Oregon remains at the forefront of defending our civil rights and liberties in the digital age.”

As of February 2025, [20 states](#) have passed comprehensive data privacy laws in response to growing concerns over the sale and exploitation of personal data. From [state legislatures](#) to the Federal Trade Commission and the office of U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, lawmakers across the country are raising the alarm about the rapid monetization and brokering of individuals’ most intimate movements.

In addition to violating privacy, these sales pose safety and security risks. A [recent investigation](#) revealed that Datastream Group, a Florida-based data broker, was selling highly sensitive location data that could track U.S. military and intelligence personnel overseas.

“This is not a partisan issue—it’s about protecting our basic rights. Oregonians deserve the freedom from worry that their location is being auctioned off,” said **Rep. Alek Skarlatos (R-Winston)**.

The House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection will hold a public hearing on HB 3899 in the coming weeks.

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