

VOTE EXPLANATION ON SB 614A

April 18, 2023

My “No” vote today on SB 614A was based on the wording of Section 1, Subsection 2 (lines 12-13 of the bill), which exempts law enforcement from constraints described in Section 1 in lines 6-8 of the bill, if

“...the information was collected and maintained **for any other lawful purpose, including but not limited to,** activities carried out in accordance with ORS 133.741.”

My examination of material related to the bill leaves me with the concern that this wording, particularly the phrase I’ve highlighted above, is more vague and arguably broader than the intent of the bill, as I understand it, requires. Because it expands the exemption to an important civil liberties protection, I believe this subsection should be re-written to narrow and clarify its scope.

My hope is that SB 614A will be amended accordingly in the House of Representatives, and that I have the opportunity to support the amended version on concurrence.

Thank you,
Sen. Jeff Golden