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“Why now is the time to act on US state AI legislation”

Senator Woods joins multi-state call for common sense safety measures in response to the growth of artificial intelligence

WILSONVILLE, OR – In an [open letter published today](#), **Senator Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville)** joined more than 60 state legislators from around the country in calling for the passage of common sense safety measures in response to the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI). The letter cites the need to address public concerns about everything from “deepfake harms, unfairness and misinformation to the potential impact on critical infrastructure and loss of control as well as large consumption of electricity and water.”

“AI offers us incredible opportunities – from innovations in health care to wildfire detection – but, like every new technology, it comes with new, more complicated risks that cannot be ignored. We need to safeguard people’s lives and livelihoods as AI becomes a bigger and bigger part of everyday life,” said Senator Woods.

“In 2025, I plan to work with my colleagues to establish a centralized group responsible for monitoring AI and making recommendations about how we can better protect the people of Oregon, while using this technology to innovate and make everyday life easier.”

The bi-partisan group of legislators who signed on to the letter include 62 lawmakers total from 32 states including: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia

and Wisconsin have all co-authored the op-ed. The article was published in the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

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