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## **Oregon Senate Votes to Join 27 Other States, Federal Government in Banning TikTok from Government-Owned Devices**

*Other products controlled by hostile foreign governments may also be banned*

**SALEM, Ore** - The Oregon Senate just unanimously passed [HB 3127](#), which aligns Oregon with the federal government and 27 other states in prohibiting the installation and download of products controlled by hostile foreign governments on state owned cell phones and computers, including popular video app TikTok.

“I believe in prioritizing the safety and security of individuals, especially when it comes to their online presence,” said **Senator Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville), who chief sponsored the legislation**. “Banning TikTok and other apps controlled by hostile foreign governments on state devices is a necessary step to protect the privacy of users and safeguard national security. TikTok’s ownership and data collection practices raise concerns about the potential misuse of personal information and the compromise of sensitive data. We must protect Oregonians’ personal information and sensitive government data from exploitation and other potential threats posed by foreign entities.”

The State Chief Information Officer will adopt rules and processes for assessing whether corporate entities pose or do not pose a threat to national security and may designate additional apps or software to be banned on state devices.

HB 3127 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, HB 3127 now moves to the Governor’s desk for consideration.

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