

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-26

ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROCUREMENT STANDARDS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT.

TO MY AUTHORITY AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OREGON, I
FIND THAT:

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence technologies are developing at an extraordinary pace and are increasingly capable of performing tasks that affect individuals, communities, businesses, workers, and governments; and

WHEREAS, the development and deployment of increasingly capable artificial intelligence systems also present potential risks to privacy, cybersecurity, public safety, civil rights, economic security, workforce demand, and the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the rapid development of frontier artificial intelligence models is outpacing the development of comprehensive oversight, evaluation, and accountability structures necessary to ensure that these technologies are developed and deployed responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has an important role to play in establishing clear and effective national standards for the safety and security of frontier artificial intelligence systems, including through independent evaluation, oversight, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has put up no barriers to the rapid, unregulated growth of artificial intelligence in the United States, and demonstrates a lack of leadership or understanding of the impacts that this technology is having across the country and in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Congress should, within its authority, conduct hearings and oversight concerning the safety and security of increasingly capable artificial intelligence systems and consider appropriate federal standards and safeguards; and

WHEREAS, states have the responsibility to protect the safety, security, privacy, rights, and economic interests of its residents and businesses while supporting responsible innovation and the appropriate use of emerging technologies; and



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WHEREAS, Oregon has previously taken action to establish responsible artificial intelligence practices in state government, including through Executive Order 23-26, which established the State Government Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council and resulted in recommendations for the awareness, education, and use of artificial intelligence in state government consistent with Oregon's policies, goals, and values; and

WHEREAS, independent review, testing, auditing, verification, and other forms of third-party assessment are proven tools for promoting safety, reliability, and accountability across complex and consequential industries; and

WHEREAS, independent evaluation can provide government and the public with additional information about the capabilities, limitations, risks, and safety practices associated with increasingly capable artificial intelligence systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon should use its purchasing and contracting authority to encourage responsible and accountable development and deployment of artificial intelligence technologies; and

WHEREAS, Oregon can benefit from the expertise of artificial intelligence auditors, independent verification organizations, academic institutions, private-sector developers and operators, other states, consumer protection and labour organizations, civil society, and relevant federal, state, local, national, and international organizations in developing such standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED

- It is the policy of the State of Oregon that, in the interest of the safety and security of the people of Oregon, while supporting innovation and the responsible use of artificial intelligence, the State shall seek to purchase, contract for, or otherwise utilize frontier artificial intelligence models that have received independent, third-party review for artificial intelligence safety, consistent with applicable state and federal law.
- The State Chief Information Officer shall, within 90 days of the date of this Executive Order, develop and submit to the Governor a proposal for implementing the policy established in this Executive Order. The proposal shall address, at a minimum:



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- A definition of “frontier artificial intelligence model” appropriate for application to state government procurement and use;
- Development of standards or criteria for determining whether an artificial intelligence model has received adequate independent, third-party review for artificial intelligence safety;
- Evaluation of the viability of a “kill switch” requirement as one of the standards for frontier artificial intelligence models;
- Development of appropriate methods for evaluating the independence, qualifications, scope, methodology, and transparency of third-party reviewers;
- Processes for incorporating artificial intelligence safety reviews into state procurement, contracting, and technology-use practices;
- Appropriate exceptions or alternative requirements when an applicable third-party review is unavailable, including circumstances involving emerging technologies, specialized applications, or state or public safety needs;
- Procedures for ongoing monitoring and reevaluation as artificial intelligence models, capabilities, risks, and independent review standards evolve;
- Recommendations for transparency and accountability concerning the State’s procurement and use of frontier artificial intelligence models; and
- Any statutory, administrative, budgetary, or policy changes necessary to implement the proposal.
- Upon approval and direction by the Governor, the State Chief Information Officer shall coordinate with state agencies to implement the approved policy, consistent with applicable state and federal law. State agencies shall cooperate with requests and provide information reasonably necessary to respond to this order.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until terminated by the Governor. The Governor shall reassess the necessity of this Executive Order every three months and shall retain, modify, or supplement it as circumstances warrant.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 23rd day of September, 2026.



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Tina Kotek
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SECRETARY OF STATE