

To: House Committee on Appropriations
From: Jeff Maxon, Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), Office of Information Technology Services (OITS)
Re: Written Proponent Testimony on HB 2237
Date: February 27, 2025

Chairman Waymaster and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony regarding House Bill 2237.

House Bill 2237 provides a much-needed recruiting and retention tool for agencies that are looking for information technology and cybersecurity roles.

Information technology and cybersecurity roles are in high demand within the private sector and the public sector. The State of Kansas is competing to attract and retain skilled and qualified IT and cybersecurity professionals. The adjustment proposed to the employee award and recognition program is a much needed and beneficial tool that will allow us to continue to recruit and retain individuals in these critical roles.

I request the committee's support of the bill as it will give us an incredible tool in our effort to recruit and retain talented staff to further our ability to serve the constituents of Kansas.

Thank you,

Jeff Maxon
Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer