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Proponent for HB2574

Chairman Turner, Vice Chairwoman Esau and Committee members,

I appear before you today on behalf of the work done by the Joint Information Technology Committee this fall and as the Chairman of that committee this last year to express support for HB2574, which will make permanent many provisions of SB291 passed in the 2024 Session and amend other provisions in that bill.

SB291 was a bold start in strengthening our state technology services, specifically cybersecurity. The law started the process of moving cybersecurity responsibilities under OITC, set standards, and made sure all branches and statewide offices have the people in place to protect our statewide system. The law also directed a study on the possible consolidation of more IT services in the future. Under SB291 many of these sections of the law will sunset on July 1, 2026 if we do not act this session. The idea of the sunset was to give more time to flesh out any needed changes.

That is where HB2574 comes in. This bill amends several sections that our committee felt needed to continue and let some sections sunset that were no longer needed. HB2574 main provisions are:

- *Establish a Judicial Technology Oversight Committee to create security standards like ITEC does for the Executive Branch.

- *Amends the duties of all CISOs to abide by the NIST 2.0 standard and develop maturity levels for all agencies, based on the best practice for that agency and report those levels to the legislature.

- *Moves away from requiring audits by the United States Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, since they do not do audits and sets up a new auditing framework.

- *Adds the 4 members of the legislature that serve on ITEC as voting members, as well as the Executive CISO, and removes the Information Network of Kansas (INK) as a voting member.

- *Directs the Legislative CITO to appoint a Legislative CISO, the same as the statewide offices, simplifying the organization in the Legislative branch.

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*Requires that prior to acquiring any cybersecurity-related product, service or platform that may materially affect state systems, data or cybersecurity risks, all executive agencies must consult with the executive CISO.

*Amends the provisions and sequence of making sure that agencies are following set standards and sets up possible monetary penalties by the legislature if deemed appropriate.

JCIT worked extensively on this bill and wanted to get the bill introduced, but at our last meeting, a couple of changes were expressed, and I felt they needed to be introduced to you.

*First, create a more formal Legislative Technology Oversight Committee, much like the Judicial branch.

*Second, move away from naming NIST 2.0 as the standard and putting in statute more generic language, ie: Develop a cybersecurity program for the department that complies with based on a national government standard on technology and cybersecurity framework.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address your committee today on HB2574 and I am happy to stand for questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hoffman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rep. Kyle D. Hoffman