

To: House Committee on Legislative Modernization
From: Jeff Maxon, Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO)
Re: Written Proponent Testimony of HB 2574
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Chairman Turner and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill 2574.

HB 2574 continues the work of HB 2842 from 2024. HB 2842 ultimately turned into House Substitute for Senate Bill 291 (SB 291) and was signed into law. SB 291 continued to build upon our efforts to improve cybersecurity in Kansas. SB 291 started a needed conversation around maturing the states cybersecurity posture. However, there are some adjustments that were needed to further enhance cybersecurity efforts. HB 2574 makes those needed adjustments.

HB 2574 key adjustments include:

- Removes the sunset clause that was placed into SB 291.
- Restructures the makeup of ITEC while keeping its executive branch focus
- Refines the cybersecurity maturity assessment and accountability process while introducing tools to ensure that agencies are making meaningful progress to remediate cyber risk
- Mandates the alignment to a recognized cybersecurity framework while giving the Chief Information Security Officer flexibility to adapt to the changing threat landscape

SB 291 also required a comprehensive assessment of IT and cybersecurity within the executive branch. This report was required to be submitted to Senate Ways and Means, House Legislative Modernization, and the Joint Committee on Information Technology. OITS submitted the report as required on January 15th. Some of the recommendations from that report, to further enhance cybersecurity, are captured and addressed with the language in HB 2574.

We welcome the continued dialogue and collaboration in efforts to strengthen and improve the state's cybersecurity posture. The collaboration has resulted in meaningful improvements and progress. In addition, it continues to demonstrate that cybersecurity is a priority for both the administration and legislature.

OITS is a proponent of HB 2574 and the intended outcomes.

I am happy to provide any additional information to the Committee.

Thank you,

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