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Chairman McGinn and to the rest of the Senate Ways & Means committee--

I support the HB2359, the Cyber Security Act. Our state requires better processes, technology and approaches to keep our state resources safe from a constant cybersecurity threat. The House Government Security & Technology committee have been briefed multiple times, in and out of executive sessions, on the breaches, audits and need across Kansas state agencies. While I feel the bill does not go far enough to fully protect our critical pieces of information, I do feel like it's a logical and effective first step.

The bill as passed out of the House performs the following:

- Defines what is personal information across agencies—this is needed to maintain a consistent common lexicon of what data is in particular need of being secure,
- Creates the Security Agency under the Chief Information Officer as well as the CSO, Chief Security Officer. Roles are defined, mainly in a proficiency and advisory capacity to other Agencies.
- It makes Administrative Agency heads responsible for their own security and any breaches—this basically pulls cybersecurity responsibility out of the IT function. This is often imperative to cybersecurity success.
- Finally authority is given for background checks for those handling secure info to prevent those who have committed fraud from embedding themselves in the State agencies, as well as, via a House floor amendment, authorizes agencies to provide remediation to those whose private info is breached.

I do consider this "Cyber Security Lite" but in the light of where the Administrative branch is within their timeline, building out a broader Cyber Security agency with more authority, with budget, doesn't seem prudent at this point, but should be strongly considered next session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Rep Jeff Pittman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and 'P'.