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Chairman Waymaster and Members of the Committee, thank you for your attention to HB2548, a bill that updates provisions of the Joint Information Technology Committee and state cybersecurity provisions.

As a member of JCIT and the current chairman, it has frustrated me over the years that the legislature has little oversight on IT projects before they are started. We get updates on a quarterly basis of current projects, but unless it's a hot topic, like the Labor's modernization plans, we just don't see the projects before the RFP or vendor selection. I have watched over the years at how Joint Buildings Committee has influenced projects, they have been able to review, ask questions, and influence the project. Right now there are over \$283 Million in active projects, \$82 million just approved, and over \$84 million in projects in the planning stages. As members of JCIT, we started asking questions and looked at the possibilities in our interim meetings. Over those meetings and discussions HB2548 was created. It was a joint bi-partisan endeavor, between the House, Senate, Republicans, Democrats, Legislature, and Administration.

The bill will give JCIT members a window to review certain projects that fall under the guidelines of risk set forth by the bill or policies of ITEC, Information Technology Executive Council. This window will be before any RFP and during the planning stages. It further gives the members the ability to ask for a formal meeting of JCIT to look at the project if questions or concerns arise by 2 or more members. These steps were patterned from the Joint Building Committee statutes, it will give oversight, but will not needlessly slow down projects, unless there are grave concerns. After the IT project is underway, the same quarterly oversight will be in place to watch and review the projects until completion.

The bill further changes some out-of-date references to how the different CITO's report to JCIT and updates our cybersecurity statutes to strengthen our state government against cyberattacks.

This bill is a good step in making sure that the Legislature has more oversight in IT projects that we are being asked to commit taxpayer dollars to fund.

Thank you for your time and I stand for questions.

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

Rep. Kyle Hoffman