



March 15, 2022

The Honorable Steve Wilson
Chairman, Senate Financial Institutions and Technology Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Wilson:

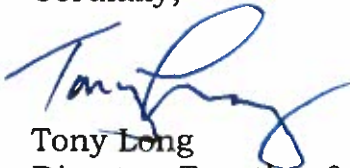
I am writing this letter to indicate the Ohio Chamber's support for House Bill 230. HB 230 outlines several changes and improvements to the state of Ohio's information technology (IT) systems and services. Included in the changes is a requirement for a roadmap to migrate the state's IT systems to the State of Ohio Computer Center and then to the state's cloud providers managed by the Office of Information Technology. Another change would require the Director of Administrative Services (DAS) to maintain a list of state-owned application software and associated hardware. This should allow DAS to identify information silos that exist throughout the state of Ohio's IT systems. This should lead to opportunities to improve services and cut costs. Additionally, a new Biannual Advisory Committee on State Information Technology will track the state's spending on IT systems and services, receive recommendations to the IT systems from feedback received from county and state users of the systems, and report any possible enhancements to the state's IT systems and services. These measures will improve services, create efficiencies, and lower the cost of delivering services to the taxpayers of Ohio.

HB 230 also outlines the creation of a Cybersecurity and Fraud Advisory Board. This board will develop recommendations for best practices, methods to enhance or improve cybersecurity with respect to the IT systems and service used across state agencies. This new focus on cybersecurity threats will provide confidence that the state of Ohio is protecting sensitive data and hardening the defenses used to provide new levels of protection as new threats are identified.

Overall, a bill that seeks to identify the full inventory of state IT systems and services, adds new reporting on cybersecurity, creates new opportunities for enhanced and efficient services and develops best practices recommendations for adoption by the state of Ohio, is a bill that will in turn save Ohioan's money, improve communication between state agencies and guard and protect data stored and used by governmental agencies.

The Ohio Chamber supports HB 230 and the goals set forth in the bill. It will bring better services to users of governmental services, lower the cost of providing those services, enhance cybersecurity and allow the state of Ohio to adopt industry best practices. These goals will improve the business climate of Ohio and provide better governmental services for the citizens of Ohio.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Long", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Tony Long
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Ohio Chamber of Commerce