



**To:** Chairman Wilson and Members of the Financial Institutions & Technology Committee

**From:** The Ohio Innovation and Technology Association

**Date:** 3.14.22

**Re:** Proponent Testimony for HB 230

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The ***Ohio Innovation and Technology Association (OITA)*** supports House Bill 230 and is grateful for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony.

**Background about OITA:**

The Ohio Innovation Technology Association (OITA – [www.ohioita.org](http://www.ohioita.org)) is an independent, non-profit and non-partisan statewide organization of Ohio’s technology-driven companies and industry professionals formed to help make Ohio a leader in technology development and use.

OITA members reflect the face of Ohio’s thriving technology industry, representing a diverse array of information technology and tech-enabled companies and professionals, from business, academia, non-profit and government.

**The State of Tech Policy in Government:**

Ohio, our nation and the world are all currently experiencing a period of rapid technological growth and change that has been called “the fourth industrial revolution.” New technologies offer paths to better service, meeting the needs of all citizens and improving overall government operations.

Public policy must pay attention to the tech trends, disruptions and developments that technology provides. Thoughtful public policy can help ensure a strong and safe environment that encourages these developments which bring benefits to our state and fellow citizens.

The accelerating paradigm shifts in information technology; Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cloud Computing, Virtual Reality (VR), Data Analytics (Big Data), Blockchain (Smart Contracts) and more, will create tremendous new opportunities – but also considerable consternations. We believe that the technology and applications developed by public and private sector partners, if harnessed appropriately, can help ensure that Ohio continues to deliver beneficial services and meet the challenges we face today and the new ones we will face tomorrow.

**House Bill 230 Policy Framework:**

HB 230 sets a framework for the state of Ohio to regularly examine, analyze and consider options to improve systems, software, spending, cyber security and private sector partnerships. Therefore, the OITA supports passage of HB 230.

If we can answer any questions or provide any other information, we are happy to help.

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