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JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<u>May 14, 2015</u>
<u>Room 144-S—Statehouse</u>

Members Present

Representative Brett Hildabrand, Chairperson
Senator Mike Petersen, Vice-chairperson
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Garrett Love
Senator Jeff Melcher
Representative Keith Esau
Representative Brandon Whipple
Representative John Wilson

Members Absent

Representative J. R. Claeys
Senator Tom Holland

Staff Present

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Natalie Nelson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Katrin Osterhaus, Principal Auditor, Legislative Post Audit
Justin Stowe, Deputy Post Auditor and Audit Manager, Legislative Post Audit
Alex Gard, IT Security, Legislative Post Audit

Others Attending

See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairperson Hildabrand.

Representative Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes for February 18, 2015. Seconded by Representative Esau. *The motion carried*.

Chairperson Hildabrand welcomed Katrin Osterhaus, Principal Auditor for Legislative Post Audit (LPA); Ms. Osterhaus reviewed the status of Information Technology (IT) security for Kansas agencies (Attachment 1). In tracing the state's history of IT security, she noted, although security functions were initiated in 2003, it was not until 2010 that serious security audit initiatives were developed. In 2014 LPA, by creating a three-year compliance/control cycle, developed a more thorough assessment process for each agency. As a result of this process, several security limitations were identified:

- The state lacks an enterprise-level approach to IT security, resulting in a patch-work pattern for protecting sensitive data.

- Further, salaries vary from agency to agency, a variance occasioning competition for qualified security personnel.

- Referring to smaller agencies, she commented they sometimes have difficulty meeting Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC) standards.

Answering a question regarding salaries, Ms. Osterhaus replied she has no current comparison between state and private IT security salaries, but salaries within the state range from $53,000 to $120,000. Responding to other questions, she replied, of the 100 state agencies, 75 have sensitive information that could be vulnerable to hackers. Regarding recent audits, the Kansas Board of Regents has been audited for IT security, but none of the state universities have been audited.

After discussing possible interim committee meetings, a motion was made by Representative Whipple and seconded by Representative Esau to request from the Legislative Coordinating Council five interim meeting days. *The motion passed unanimously*.

In order to discuss the security of information systems of certain public agencies, the following motion was made by the Chairperson and seconded by Representative Esau:

> *I move that the open meeting of the Joint Committee on Information Technology in Room 144-S of the Statehouse be recessed for a closed, executive meeting to commence immediately in Room 144-S of the Statehouse pursuant to subsection (b)(13) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-4319 for a discussion of the security of the information systems with Katrin Osterhaus, Principal Auditor, Legislative Post Audit; Justin Stowe, Deputy Post Auditor and Audit Manager, Legislative Post Audit; Alex Gard, IT Security, Legislative Post Audit; Jim Miller, Legislative CITO; Ron Kauman, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; and Jason Dickson, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, which subject is under consideration by the Joint Committee on Information Technology, because open discussion would jeopardize the security of the information systems, that the Joint Committee on Information Technology resume the open meeting in Room 144-S of the Statehouse at 12:50 p.m., and that this motion, if adopted, be recorded in the minutes*

of the Joint Committee on Information Technology and be maintained as
a part of the permanent records of the committee.

The committee went into executive session at 12:30PM and came back at 12:50 PM. Since the committee still had remaining questions, the committee then made another motion to go back into executive session until 1:00 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in the Statehouse in room 144-S at noon.

Prepared by Gary Deeter
Edited by Aaron Klaassen

Approved by the Committee on:

_____May 19, 2015_____
(Date)