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**Testimony to the Senate Ways and Means Committee on HB2650
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I would like to thank you for your time today. My name is Anthony Schlinsog and I serve as the Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO). As the Executive Branch CITO, I provide oversight and management of the information systems for the executive branch. Additionally, I oversee the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS). I am submitting this testimony in support of the passage of HB2650 by this Committee.

OITS was recently formed as an outcome of the Governor's Executive Order 11-46, which consolidated the information technology staff and operations of the Executive Branch agencies under the auspices of the Executive Branch CITO. What was formerly known as the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) is now simply the central office of the much larger OITS organization that has staff in all the executive branch agencies. While agency CIOs now report directly to me, from an operational standpoint, they still receive their day-to-day assignments and instructions from the leadership of the agency where they reside.

The ultimate goal of this IT consolidation initiative is to improve IT service to all the agencies, reduce cost, and increase service efficiencies using a cooperative approach with regards to our IT procurement, infrastructure, staff, and backend processes.

With the remainder of this testimony, I would like to provide an outline of the changes included in HB2650. The primary purpose of this bill is to change the name of what was formerly the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) to the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS). The bill also includes several alterations to align with the intent of the Governor's Executive Order 11-46 and support our consolidation initiatives and cost-cutting agenda. The bill also includes a few other technical changes made by the Revisor's office (for example, re: Kansas, Inc.) While most of the changes are one-to-one name replacements, there are several alterations that I'd specifically like to call out:

1. Adding Rules and Regulations Authority related to rate setting by OITS

Location in Amendment: New Section 1 (Starts on Page 1, line 12)

Purpose: Adds this authority to executive chief information technology officer. KSA 75-4703 referred to Secretary of Administration's rules and regs authority in granting ability to establish DISC rates. When the name changes to OITS under the authority of the executive chief information technology officer, this amendment gives that position the authority needed to accomplish that function.

2. **General Procurement Negotiating Committee (PNC)**
Location in Amendment: KSA 75-37,102. Starts on Page 7, line 23. Changes start on line 32.
Purpose: This change is necessary to ensure that a statewide IT perspective is always included on any procurement that involves information technology and related services.
3. **Principal Name Change, Elimination of DISC Director**
Location in Amendment: KSA 75-4701. Starts on Page 8, line 19.
This change is reflected throughout the amendment. Also changes all DISC Director references to the executive chief information technology officer.
4. **Telecom Authority**
Location in Amendment: KSA 75-4709. Starts on page 13, line 13.
Purpose: Executive order 11-46 envisions all information technology authority consolidated under the executive chief information technology officer. This statute provides that same authority over telecommunications and is consistent with the way telecommunications planning and provisioning has occurred in the past.
5. **Telecom Procurement Negotiating Committee**
Location in Amendment: KSA 75-4713. Starts on page 14, line 33.
Purpose: Embeds the e-CITO's authority related to telecom into the PNC process as it relates to telecom procurements (this statute used primarily for statewide services).
6. **ITEC Membership Composition and Leadership Change**
Location in Amendment: KSA 75-7202. Starts on page 16, line 39
Membership Change Purpose: Changes membership on the Information Technology Executive Council to facilitate more membership from groups with direct stakes in decisions from cities and counties.
Leadership Change Purpose (page 17, line 20): Moves leadership to the 3 CITO's on a rotating annual basis.

These changes will allow the Office of Information Technology Services to better focus our efforts on our IT consolidation initiatives while treating all agencies equally and fairly, including those systems owned by the Department of Administration, without giving preferential treatment or cross-subsidization of Department of Administration systems at the expense of other rates bases.

With that, I will stand for questions...