



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

HB 2332 – Revisions to Membership of the Information Technology Executive Council

March 13, 2018

OPPOSITION

Madam Chair McGinn and Members of the Committee:

I am Nolan Jones and I serve as the general manager of the Kansas Information Consortium (KIC), the online network manager for the State of Kansas' official website portal, the Information Network of Kansas. KIC is a subsidiary NIC, Inc., which is headquartered in Olathe, Kansas. I apologize to the committee for being unable to attend your hearing today, as I am traveling out of state, but I do appreciate your consideration of our remarks.

Kansas has been a leader in e-government, starting with the creation of the Information Network of Kansas in 1990. KIC has been the state's partner in that endeavor as the network manager since they successfully responded to the State's RFP for a manager in 1991.

Specifically, to HB 2332, legislative history will tell you this started out as a civil procedure bill relating to electronic discovery in 2017. The House Committee on Government, Technology and Security created a substitute bill and made significant changes to the membership of the Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC) before advancing the bill to the House floor. The principle reason for the change in membership stated in the Supplemental Note was to help the Council "increase attendance and effectiveness." The Network Manager of the Information Network of Kansas is one of the positions deleted from ITEC.

We would respectfully ask that the Network Manager be added back to ITEC, as we believe the Network Manager brings value to the matters of interest brought before the Council, given its more than 25-year history as the state's online information manager as well as their ability to leverage information, technology and experience from NIC, Inc., which provides government services for more than 6,000 federal, state, and local government agencies.

On behalf of the Kansas Information Consortium, we appreciate your consideration of our suggested amendment to HB 2332.

Thank you.

Nolan Jones
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