

SB477

Opponent

Written Only Testimony

February 13, 2023

Chairman Petersen and members of the committee,

The potential for data breaches to personal information is a concern, especially considering recent breaches in our Judicial branch and what may have occurred in our KS DOL. The legislative post audit committee produced less than glowing reports regarding Information Systems and Security Controls across State Agencies, School Districts and Election Security. Yet you want citizens to believe this system will be secure? As Technology advances so do the methods of hacking and identity theft and with the report results noted above, I question the state's ability to stay ahead of these issues.

Digital ID's also create a potential for misuse or overreach with respect to surveillance or monitoring citizens' activities. We are currently experiencing more and more restrictions of our freedoms and what appears to be overreach/misuse of power by multiple federal agencies. I am concerned digital ID's will further enhance this intrusion on our freedoms. The language in this bill around the use of the data is vague and needs to be clearly defined to prevent misuse.

If Digital ID is implemented, it will eventually become a requirement. Will the taxpayers provide cell phones or some other digital device for every individual who currently has no method of accessing a digital ID? Believe it or not, there are still people out there who do not have cell phones, or if they do, they are not smart phones with internet access. What about the elderly population, or those with disabilities who are incapable of operating a digital device? Another group of people who may have issues accessing digital ID's is the homeless. Yes, this bill makes Digital ID an option, but if it is implemented, it won't remain an option for long.

I oppose SB477 due to the concerns mentioned above and I encourage the committee to vote against it's passage.

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