

Neutral Written Testimony
SB 418
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Madame Chairman and members of the committee—thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify on SB 418.

SB 418 would allow the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) to meet on a monthly schedule, rather than the current quarterly schedule.

As the Executive Branch CITO, I am required to provide updates to JCIT about the status of each of the IT projects that are underway at any given time. Because this committee meets every three months, there can be a long lag time between members of JCIT hearing about status updates on certain projects. Also, in a practical sense, there is a large amount of detail and content that members of JCIT must digest at each of these meetings in order to provide effective oversight of IT projects.

The members of JCIT have expressed to me that they would like to have more regular updates, and more robust discussion around IT projects. SB 418 would accomplish this goal by allowing members formal opportunities to receive updates and to ask questions about projects more regularly.

Looking ahead, engagement with the legislature will be critical to the success of IT projects now and in the future.

Thank you again for allowing me to provide written testimony on SB 418.