

House Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee

February 25th, 2025

Bill: 2nd substitute HB 444 – Data Privacy Amendments

Sponsor: Representative Jefferson Moss

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill modifies provisions related to governmental data privacy and privacy oversight.

Discussion: Representative Moss presented the 2nd substitute, which was adopted by the Committee. He stated that efforts have been ongoing to improve data privacy processes. The sponsor explained that this Bill builds on previous government data privacy measures, serving as the next step in enhancing protections. The Bill revises requirements for privacy annotations and privacy notices, including those on government websites. It updates provisions related to data breach notifications and modifies the responsibilities of the State Privacy Auditor. Additionally, the Bill amends enforcement provisions related to privacy requirements.

Chris Bromwell, Chief Privacy Officer, explained that the Bill addresses gaps and conflicts in existing Code by fulfilling commitments made during last year's Legislative Session. A key component of the Bill is repealing the Government Internet Information Privacy Act of 2024 and incorporating its provisions into the Government Data Privacy Act for better integration with existing data structures. Mr. Bromwell emphasized that the Bill balances transparency and privacy, ensuring that individuals are aware when personal data being collected may be made public. He also noted that the Bill clarifies roles by defining operational responsibilities and appropriate job titles within government data privacy management.

The State Privacy Officer spoke in favor of the Bill, highlighting its efficiency improvements. A member of the Utah Privacy Commission who works as the IT Technology Executive for Wasatch County and the Utah League of Cities and Towns expressed support for 2nd substitute HB 444.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

Outcome: 2nd substitute HB 444 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.