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RE: House Bill 1314 – Cybersecurity Reporting

Mr. Chairman and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to briefly address you regarding this important statutory provision.

County officials, like state officials, recognize the growing concerns of cybersecurity within government. While we are all linked together somehow, state and county governments are inextricably bound through the numerous shared software systems that all ride on the state backbone.

One node on this backbone can, and has, affected other nodes. While I cannot imagine that any breach or attempted breach would not be reported without this statute, it is reasonable to make the communication crystal clear. More significantly, stating the obligation of NDIT to provide “*consultation services and other resources*” to the extent possible, is welcomed by county officials. The expertise, and depth of the staff resources, is so significant when compared to most counties – this provision is very encouraging.

County commissioners do not see this as a burdensome mandate and urge a Do Pass recommendation on House Bill 1314.