

Written Testimony UNFAVORABLE For HB 1323 – Algorithmic Decision Systems
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HB 1323 makes no mention of transparency to We The People or even to the decision makers using the system. Transparency of the algorithms and step by step of the interim results to arrive at the final results is the only way one can ensure the fairness and accuracy of machine learning systems. I am a software engineer and have worked with algorithms for over 30 years, and 3 of those years learning and dealing with machine learning systems. These systems can be powerful. But these systems learn based on previous experience and on inputs and weights provided by the programmer. If the previous experience trends towards unfairness or if the weights provided trend towards unfairness then so shall the algorithms and the results. I oppose this type of system in the first place and definitely oppose it without any transparency or oversight by We The People. I request the committee give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,
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OPPOSE HB 1323 – Algorithmic Decision Systems