

HB0033 (OPPOSE) Commercial Law - Consumer Protection - Biometric Data Privacy

Dear Committee Members:

In this day and age of rapidly evolving technologies, I understand the need to try and stay ahead. But this is also the day and age of public-private partnerships rapidly being put into place, not necessarily to protect the consumer. In fact, certain consumers are being targeted, tracked and surveilled by public and private entities. Not that long ago, people who submitted their DNA to 23andMe later found out that their info is owned by Google, who is in partnership with a hostile administration and possibly even hostile foreign governments. Even if a consumer can pursue civil action if there is a violation, will there be any real consequences, or a slap on the wrist? These powerful and wealthy companies and governments will just find another way to continue in their nefarious practices. We need to see a BI-PARTISAN bill that is thoroughly debated in the legislature before supporting anything like this. Sadly I have little faith that anything good will come of this bill, and therefore I oppose it.

Thank you.

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