

TESTIMONY FOR SB0504
Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System
(Data Privacy Act)

Position: FAVORABLE

The federal government is reaching into our lives and collecting our data in ways that we can't even keep up with. Our data is siloed for a reason, and those entrusted with it must be able to reject improper or harmful requests. This bill gives them the legal authority to do so.

Specifically, for deportation purposes they are trying to locate people (whether they have any criminal history or not) by buying consumer data, accessing public and other digital records. This is an overreach that must stop.

This bill establishes clear guardrails for businesses and state agencies that handle personal data. It prevents them from providing information for immigration-enforcement purposes unless a judicial warrant is issued.

I urge you to vote Favorable on SB0504 and support its passage through the General Assembly.

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