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**TO:** House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
**FROM:** Department of Information Technology  
**RE:** House Bill 1079 - Office of Regulatory Management and State Government Authorizations  
**DATE:** March 11, 2026  
**POSITION:** Letter of Concern

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The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair  
House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
145 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Wells,

The Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) respectfully submits this letter of concern regarding House Bill 1079 - Office of Regulatory Management and State Government Authorizations.

DoIT supports efforts to improve government efficiency and to modernize the experience for individuals and businesses interacting with State agencies. However, as currently drafted, HB 1079 raises several operational and fiscal concerns that warrant further consideration.

The bill appears to position DoIT as the primary technical implementation partner for what would effectively become a statewide modernization of regulatory workflows. This would represent a significant new operational responsibility for the Department. Providing a centralized way to allow applicants to apply online, submit payments electronically, and edit pending applications across agencies would require building or integrating a unified platform capable of supporting a wide range of regulatory programs currently administered by multiple State entities.

Implementing such a system would be a complex, multi-year effort. Many agencies currently manage their own permitting and authorization systems, each with different technical architectures, data structures, and business processes. Achieving the level of integration envisioned in the bill would likely require either extensive integration with these systems or the modernization and replacement of several legacy platforms.

Delivering on this vision would require a substantial expansion of capacity within the Maryland Digital Service (MDDS). Preliminary estimates suggest that supporting this work could require approximately 30 to 40 additional technical staff, including engineers, product managers, designers, and platform specialists. This level of staffing would carry an estimated fiscal impact of at least \$11 million annually, which should be carefully considered in the bill's fiscal and operational planning.



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Additionally, the bill appears to assume that regulatory structure itself is the primary barrier to digitizing permitting processes. While this may be true in certain cross-jurisdictional contexts, such as construction permitting or business formation, our experience indicates that the more immediate challenges at the agency level often relate to data standardization, process alignment, technology modernization and system fragmentation, rather than the regulatory framework alone. Without addressing these underlying challenges, regulatory reforms may have limited impact

For these reasons, DoIT respectfully raises concerns regarding the scope, implementation responsibilities, and resource implications associated with HB 1079. The Department would welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee and bill sponsors to explore approaches that support modernization goals while aligning with existing technology infrastructure, agency capabilities, and available resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Katie Savage  
Secretary  
Department of Information Technology