

House Joint Resolution 2
"Interim Study Investigating State/Local Government Electronic Records Management"
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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, for the record my name is Ron Baldwin. I'm the Chief Information Officer for the State.

I rise in support of HJR2.

Dick Clark, former State Chief Information Officer (CIO) addressed the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government in 2012, especially as it relates to the complexity of the issue and the costs of establishing a records management system. Our office recommended a study bill to the committee.

The challenge of managing the records of the State has been with us for a number of years but is now becoming a daunting task as we deploy technology at faster and faster rates. The reasons for the challenges we face are obvious--the widespread use of computer systems to run agency operations, widespread use of email to communicate with staff and citizens, and websites that continually expand to serve both internal and external purposes. It's fair to describe it as an explosion of information and our efforts to manage the information has not kept pace with our efforts to create information.

It's fair to say that information technology has been part of the problem but it undoubtedly will be part of the solution. Our office welcomes the opportunity to take a careful look at this important issue and start State government on a path to improved records management.

I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.