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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 1478, S.D. 1, Relating to Offensive Cybersecurity.

Purpose: Establishes an offensive cybersecurity program within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to analyze and evaluate cybersecurity threats and increase cybersecurity awareness and education. Establishes a goal for all state and county agencies to identify and address vulnerabilities having a benchmark score exceeding 3.9 on the Common Vulnerability Scoring System by January 1, 2026. Makes appropriations and authorizes the establishment of positions. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports this bill. We would benefit from having a specialized and centralized program with whom the Judiciary can work with to analyze and assess risks. The growing state of cyber threats and speed at which cyber criminals target government entities require dedicated resources with that specialized focus that would be redundant if each department had to dedicate their own resources for that purpose. It is much more efficient for the Judiciary to coordinate with such a specialized office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.