

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/HB 7057 — Public Meetings/Cybersecurity

by State Affairs Committee; State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Reps. Giallombardo, Fischer, and others (CS/CS/SB 1694 by Appropriations Committee; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Hutson)

The bill provides a general public record exemption for the following information held by an agency before, on, or after July 1, 2022:

- Coverage limits and deductible or self-insurance amounts of insurance or other risk mitigation coverages acquired for the protection of IT systems, operational technology systems, or data of an agency.
- Information relating to critical infrastructure.
- Network schematics, hardware and software configurations, or encryption information or information that identifies detection, investigation, or response practices for suspected or confirmed cybersecurity incidents.

CS/HB 7057 also creates a public meeting exemption for any portion of a meeting that would reveal the confidential and exempt information; however, any portion of an exempt meeting must be recorded and transcribed. The recording and transcript are confidential and exempt from public record requirements.

The bill provides for release of the confidential and exempt information in certain instances and authorizes agencies to report information about cybersecurity incidents in an aggregate format.

The bill repeals duplicative public record exemptions for state agencies and supervisors of elections.

The bill provides for repeal of the exemptions on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on the same date that HB 7055 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in this legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0