

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HJM 4005

As Reported by House Committee On:
Consumer Protection & Business

Brief Description: Affirming Washington's commitment to the Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights.

Sponsors: Representatives Reeves, Ryu, Morgan, Shavers and Walen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Consumer Protection & Business: 1/19/24, 1/24/24, 1/26/24 [DP].

Brief Summary of Joint Memorial

- Affirms Washington's commitment to examining and implementing the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's "Blueprint for an Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Walen, Chair; Reeves, Vice Chair; Chapman, Donaghy, Hackney, Ryu and Santos.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Volz.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 3 members: Representatives Robertson, Ranking Minority Member; McClintock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Connors.

Staff: Megan Mulvihill (786-7304).

Background:

In 2022 the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy identified five principles

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to guide the design, use, and deployment of automated systems to protect the American public in the age of artificial intelligence (AI). The five principles are listed below.

- *Safe and Effective Systems*: You should be protected from unsafe and ineffective systems.
- *Algorithmic Discrimination Protections*: You should not face discrimination by algorithms and systems should be used and designed in an equitable way.
- *Data Privacy*: You should be protected from abusive data practices via built-in protections and you should have agency over how data about you is used.
- *Notice and Explanation*: You should know that an automated system is being used and understand how and why it contributes to outcomes that impact you.
- *Human Alternatives, Consideration, and Fallback*: You should be able to opt out, where appropriate, and have access to a person who can quickly consider and remedy problems you encounter.

The framework is meant to apply to automated systems that have the potential to meaningfully impact the American public's rights, opportunities, or access to critical resources or services.

Summary of Bill:

The Legislature affirms Washington's commitment to examining and implementing the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) It is an exciting time in technology, and many recognize the valid concerns and potential innovation and progress to which AI contributes. There are a lot of opinions on how AI should be regulated. The work the federal government has done regarding AI is appreciated, and Washington wants to recognize that. The best approach would be harmonizing AI standards at the federal level rather than a patchwork of conflicting state laws. This is a declaration that the state agrees that a blueprint for an AI bill of rights is necessary, and these five principles should be used as a starting point for the conversation and more work needs to be done to examine these issues.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Kristine Reeves, prime sponsor; Kelly Fukai,

Washington Technology Industry Association; and Crystal Leatherman, Washington Retail Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: Robert Battles, Association of Washington Business; and Susanna Jones.