



Senate Bill 2

AN ACT CONCERNING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

General Law Committee

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Senator Maroney, Representative Lemar, Senator Cicarella, Representative Rutigliano, and distinguished members of the General Law Committee. The Department of Administrative Services is pleased to share the following points concerning **Senate Bill 2: An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence**.

Artificial Intelligence is a dynamic and emerging field that offers both opportunities for improvement and a need for caution. Aligning our state with emerging national and global standards will both protect resident privacy and allow us to benefit from emerging solutions.

Section 22 of Senate Bill 2 requires that state agencies prepare reports on potential uses of AI technologies based on information collected from various groups, including employees, academia, collective bargaining units, and other experts. Agencies would share these reports with DAS, which would approve or deny pilot projects. Then, DAS would provide the legislature with a report summarizing the agencies' work and providing recommendations on the next legislative steps.

These additional requirements would create an administrative burden on DAS and other state agencies, as we already have existing technology activities and reporting requirements in place.

In response to PA 23-16 and subsequent policies that followed, DAS routinely engages with our sister agencies regarding AI technologies. For example, DAS manages an AI intake process where the agency's requests to use AI are evaluated for risks. Agencies can also use the AI Establishment Lab, a virtual environment that protects state data, allowing agencies to get practitioners' assistance before committing to full solutions. The AI solutions in the state are reported here: [Executive Branch Artificial Intelligence System Inventory | Connecticut Data](#).

DAS also leads, in conjunction with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), a cross-agency AI Working Group. The purpose of this Working Group is to increase the knowledge of state personnel on the topic of AI, including how AI is being used in the state, and to have those personnel take that knowledge back to their respective agencies. There are two subcommittees of the Working Group: one that considers high-risk potential use cases and makes recommendations, and another that evaluates potential AI policy updates and changes.

Finally, DAS partners with InnovateUS to deliver public sector-specific training to all executive branch state employees. This innovative partnership is done at no up-front or ongoing cost to the state and was introduced in November 2024.

We support the focus on data quality efforts within state agencies as it applies to the use of AI that is outlined in Senate Bill 1249. Quality data is critical in state efforts to utilize AI safely, accurately and transparently.

DAS looks forward to continuing to work with the proponents of the bill and the Committee on these considerations and the executive branch's AI policy.