

September 30, 2025

To: Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee

From: Rep. Kathleen James (Chair, House Energy and Digital Infrastructure Committee)

Re: 2025 session (HEDI legislation and testimony on digital infrastructure)

LEGISLATION

H.458 (Act 48): Signed by Governor Scott on 6.5.2025

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.458>

Intent: For the Agency of Digital Services to provide the General Assembly and the public with more transparency about the scope, budget, and overall status of certain information technology projects being managed by the Agency. This act requires the Agency to include more details about information technology projects it manages in its [annual reporting](#) as well as on its [publicly available website](#) in the form of a current projects inventory.

TESTIMONY

For details and testimony, see [HEDI committee page](#)

2.5.2025

- > Department of Motor Vehicles: Andrew Collier, Commissioner (IT overview and modernization)
- > Deputy Auditor Tim Ashe: Report: *Selected IT Projects Had Cost Increases, Schedule Delays and Poorly Defined Measures* ([read here](#))

2.6.2025

- > Department for Children and Families: Various representatives from Child Development Division Information System and Child Welfare Information System (IT overview and modernization)
- > Department of Corrections: Nicholas Deml, Commissioner (IT overview and modernization)

2.11.2025

- > Vermont Legislature: Kevin Moore (IT overview)

2.13.2025

- > Begin discussion and mark-up on draft committee bill on ADS > H.458

2.19.2025

H.458: Committee discussion, feedback from ADS and auditor, JFO consultant

2.25.2025

- > Department of Labor: Michael Harrington, Commissioner (IT overview and modernization)

3.11.2025

- > Secretary of State: IT overview and modernization (business services, campaign finance, lobbyist information, election management)
- > Vermont Judiciary: IT overview

3.14.2025

> Agency of Education: Secretary Zoie Saunders (eFinance: school finance and personnel data)

4.2.2025

> State of Vermont IT funding: [comprehensive briefing memo](#) from JFO (Emily Byrne, James Duffy, Lisa Gauvin)

> How do other states plan and fund IT? Sean McSpaden, Principal Legislative IT Analyst, Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office ([testimony](#)) + Doug Robinson, Executive Director, National Association of Chief Information Officers ([testimony](#))

4.17.2025

> State of Vermont IT funding: Waldo Jaquith, Government Delivery Manager, US Digital Response ([testimony](#))

4.29.2025

> Secretary of State: Deputy Secretary Lauren Hibbert (data management and sharing policies)

4.30.2025

> Department of Motor Vehicles: Commissioner Andrew Collier (data management and sharing policies)

5.1.2025

> Vermont League of Cities and Towns: Municipal data management and sharing policies

5.6.2025

> Artificial Intelligence: Policy and use in state government (Agency of Digital Services)

5.7.2026

> State of Vermont IT cybersecurity: [Overview](#) (John Toney, Chief Information Security Officer, ADS)

5.8.2026

> Judiciary IT cybersecurity: Teri Corsones

> Legislative IT cybersecurity: Kevin Moore ([testimony](#))

5.13.2025

> Electric grid cybersecurity: DPS and Velco, Vermont Electric, GMP, Burlington Electric

5.14.2025

> Executive session: Cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and information warfare briefing ([Norwich University Applied Research Institutes](#))

5.15.2025

> AI: Emerging Trends and State Policies (Chelsea Canada, NCSL)

> H.458: Joint hearing with Senate Institutions on state data sharing and sales

5.21.2025

> Federal AI policy: Proposed 10-year ban on state-level legislation (Barrie Tabin, NCSL)