

HB 2141 -- ANTI-SURVEILLANCE AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION ACT

SPONSOR: Baker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Innovation and Technology by a vote of 5 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill establishes "The Anti-Surveillance and Foreign Intervention Act". The bill prohibits any elected or appointed member or employee of any state entity from using or downloading any social media application that is owned by the Chinese Government or a company that shares user data with the Chinese government on any state-owned electronic device.

This bill is the same as HB 919 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill protects the State's data from the Chinese government. Several other states have already passed similar legislation protecting against foreign surveillance.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Baker; and Michael Geary, State Armor Action.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.