

SUBJECT: Providing electronic messaging and other services through data centers

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 11 ayes — Phelan, Deshotel, Guerra, Harless, Holland, Hunter, P. King, Parker, Raymond, E. Rodriguez, Springer

0 nays

2 absent — Hernandez, Smithee

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jason Winborn, AT&T)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Todd Kimbriel, Department of Information Resources)

BACKGROUND: Government Code ch. 2054, subch. L governs the provision of information resource and software-related services to governmental entities by the Department of Information Resources through statewide technology centers.

Some have called for greater specificity in what services governmental entities may purchase through the data center services program, especially relating to electronic messaging and outsourced managed services.

DIGEST: CSHB 2364 would apply state law governing the provision of information resources through statewide technology centers to electronic messaging service and outsourced managed services that were:

- obtained by a state agency using state funds;
- used by a state agency; or
- used by a participating local government.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

