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The Honorable Bill Dodd
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RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 313

Dear Senator Dodd,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 313, the measure you authored that would establish the Office of Artificial Intelligence within the Department of Technology. The bill would also empower the office to guide the design, use, and deployment of automated systems by a state agency to ensure that all artificial intelligence (AI) systems are designed and deployed in a manner that is consistent with state and federal laws and regulations regarding privacy and civil liberties and that minimizes bias and promotes equitable outcomes for all Californians.

In its 2018 report, *Artificial Intelligence: A Roadmap for California*, the Commission recommended the State appoint an AI special advisor that would create a strategic plan to incorporate AI within state government and oversee the safe and transparent deployment of AI. The Commission also emphasized the need for an AI policymaking agenda that would protect core values – autonomy, responsibility, privacy, transparency, and accountability.

SB 313 would advance the goals of the Commission's recommendations. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports this bill. If I, the Commission, or our staff can provide any further assistance as this proposal moves through the legislative process, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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