

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 7053 — Public Records/United States Census Bureau

by Oversight, Transparency and Administration Subcommittee and Rep. McClure (SB 1078 by Senator Perry)

The bill creates a public records exemption that makes confidential and exempt address information required during the census to be kept confidential by the federal Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA). LUCA requires the following information to be kept confidential: United States Census Bureau address information, including maps showing structure location points; agency records that verify addresses; and agency records that identify address errors and omissions.

Without the exemption, agencies would be denied participation in the program, which could result in a negative fiscal impact for the state.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will repeal October 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews and reenacts the exemption by that date.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-0