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(Fixed some more typos from my prior submission; replace if possible.)

Congress used to extend the copyright of Mickey Mouse so often that little Mickey Mouse Copyright Protection Acts would keep it out of the public domain forever if nobody caught on.

The dash-6 amendment sets an absurd deadline of five years in the future: 2031. Reject it.

It's essentially the Phil Knight Political Bribery Protection Act.

We need the limits enforced as soon as possible. Based on current law.

Minor changes to Orestar can support 2024 HB4024 using the existing multi-million dollar budget allocated for it.

If we are to swallow this, why would anybody not believe that in 2030 that future legislature will ask for half a billion dollars more to change an existing website?

In 2024 it was about 5 million, which seems like plenty to make minor changes.

In 2026, now we are told 25 million (more!) is needed with zero breakdown of the budget.

So in 2031, since it's 100% more years, following this 5x factor every 2 years inflation rate (over 4 years, 5x to the power of $(4y/2y)=25x$ factor), why would the request not be 625 million dollars? On top of the 30 million, that's about 655 million needed in total.

Stop kicking the can down the road. All the good government groups are being ignored and this last minute amendment on behalf of political insiders happy with no limits is getting rushed. If you must make a limited number of amendments to clarify, do that and make it carry the original 2027 effective date.

The 80+ page amendment is also quite massive and mostly moves words around, as legislative counsel loves to do.

I notice there is already public employee union support simultaneous with the draft

being published, with no detailed explanation of why they support the changes being proposed. Obviously they were involved with the drafting. Now they are going to look very bad when news articles come out about this behavior. Remember what happened last time this was tried? The faster this committee kills the delay, the less the public blowback will be.