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TO: Legislative Finance Committee

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RE: Executive Order 09-2016 Implementing the State Information Technology Convergence Plan

On May 24, 2016, Governor Bullock issued executive order 09-2016 requiring Executive Branch agencies, with the exception of elected official agencies, to:

- Migrate their information technology assets to the enterprise structure
- Utilize enterprise systems, including but not limited to enterprise content management, directory services, email, telecommunications, and state data centers

The enterprise infrastructure referred to in the order is the enterprise information technology systems that are housed in the state owned data centers as well as telecommunications systems and other enterprise systems under the purview of the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD). The order requires the State Information Technology Services Division to implement an information technology convergence plan resulting in full use of the shared enterprise infrastructure by December 31, 2017. The order restricts purchases of servers, storage, and cloud services to SITSD and provides that SITSD is in charge of the deployment of these assets. Exemptions to ordering these items can be granted by the Budget Director and State Chief Information Officer.

According to a FAQ sheet provided by SITSD the estimated savings of this convergence total \$1.5 million annually and \$4.5 million in cost avoidance over the 2019 biennium.

Other items included in the FAQ sheet include:

- No planned IT staffing changes in either the affected state agencies or SITSD
- Modification of existing agency procurement delegation agreements will be made to provide guidance and clarity regarding state agency limits on purchasing servers, storage assets, and cloud services
- Server software procurement is the sole responsibility of SITSD
- State agencies are required to use enterprise solutions if they exist
- Servers and storage hardware located in Helena Executive Branch agencies will be migrated to the shared infrastructure while remote servers will be reviewed to determine if shared usage is an option
- Some agency servers and storage assets will be transferred to SITSD if they are considered usable with credits provided for usable transferred assets