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S.B. 830, S.D. 1

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES TECHNOLOGY

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit

comments on S.B. 830, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports this bill

and has amendments to recommend. On page 3, lines 2-4, "provided further that the use of the

fund shall be authorized by the legislature prior to the expenditure", should be deleted.

At the time budgets are submitted to the Legislature, exact and complete details on

hardware, software, network, and peripheral systems required are not known. Expenditure levels

can be reasonably estimated but not the acquisition-ready details. Requiring that such

acquisitions be authorized by the Legislature will be ineffective. Acquisitions to accomplish the

current departmental IT need will need to be delayed until the next Legislature Session in order

to be authorized by the Legislature prior to expenditure.

There is sufficient protection that the expenditures will be appropriate by the provision on page 2, line 21 to page 3 line 2, "the purposes for which any funds deposited into the shared services technology special fund may be used shall within the appropriate duties and responsibilities of the department of accounting and general services for information and technology services;" as well as, requiring, on page 3 lines 5-16, a complete accounting of the fund and its expenditures.

On page 3 lines 11-12, the term "generating revenue" should be replaced with "receiving monies". The fund does not generate revenue, it simply receives monies from participating departments.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.