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INTERIM SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS FY 2016-17 AND FY 2017-18

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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WATER COOLING LOOP PROJECT SHIFT FUNDING FROM FY 2017-18 TO FY 2016-17

FY 2016-17	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
TOTAL	\$210,000	\$210,000
FTE	0.0	0.0
General Fund	0	0
Cash Funds	210,000	210,000
Federal Funds	0	0

FY 2017-18	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
TOTAL	(\$210,000)	(\$210,000)
FTE	0.0	0.0
General Fund	0	0
Cash Funds	(210,000)	(210,000)
Federal Funds	0	0

Does JBC staff believe the request satisfies the interim supplemental criteria of Section 24-75-111, C.R.S.? [The Controller may authorize an overexpenditure of the existing appropriation if it: (1) Is approved in whole or in part by the JBC; (2) Is necessary due to unforeseen circumstances arising while the General Assembly is not in session; (3) Is approved by the Office of State Planning and Budgeting (except for State, Law, Treasury, Judicial, and Legislative Departments); (4) Is approved by the Capital Development Committee, if a capital request; (5) Is consistent with all statutory provisions applicable to the program, function or purpose for which the overexpenditure is made; and (6) Does not exceed the unencumbered balance of the fund from which the overexpenditure is to be made.] **YES**

Does JBC staff believe the request meets the Joint Budget Committee's supplemental criteria? [An emergency or act of God; a technical error in calculating the original appropriation; data that was not available when the original appropriation was made; or an unforeseen contingency.] **YES**

Explanation: JBC staff and the Department agree that this request is the result of technical error in calculating the original appropriation.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST: The Department requests an increase of \$210,000 cash funds in FY 2016-17 and a corresponding reduction of \$210,000 cash funds in FY 2017-18 to account for a technical error in the original appropriation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Committee approve the Department request.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The Department of State (Department) currently has one water loop system that allows the server cooling systems to run at optimal temperatures. When this system fails the servers are shutdown to prevent overheating. This water cooling loop system has gone down numerous times in the past, including twice in the past year. Any time the system shuts down to prevent overheating, there is also a threat of damage to critical IT infrastructure.

The Statewide Colorado Registration and Election (SCORE) system, which manages the statewide voter registration database, is one of the systems that shuts down when the water cooling loop system fails. One of the cooling loop failures in the past year occurred during a period of heavy

elections activity. Other agencies directly impacted by SCORE outages include the Departments of Revenue, Public Health and Environment, Personnel and Corrections, and all 64 Colorado counties.

With S.B. 17-254 (Long Bill), the Committee approved funding for a redundant water cooling loop system. However, due to a staff technical error, the \$210,000 in cash fund appropriations to the Department's IT Services Division were made in FY 2017-18, rather than the current fiscal year (FY 2016-17). The error was not identified by staff from JBC or the Department until after the Conference Committee Report for the Long Bill had been approved.

On May 1, 2017, the Department entered into a contract with a vendor to create a redundant (backup) water cooling loop system. The vendor expects to complete the work on this backup system by June 30, 2017.

As shown in the table above, the Department seeks adjustments to two of its FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 appropriations for the IT Services Division. In FY 2016-17, the Department seeks an increase of \$104,932 in spending authority for the IT Services: Personal Services appropriation and an increase of \$105,068 for the IT Services: Operating Expenses appropriation. For FY 2017-18, the Department proposes corresponding reductions to the spending authority for these two appropriations. All expenditures for the redundant water cooling loop system will be paid from the Department of State Cash Fund.

JBC staff recommends the Committee approve the Department request.