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Joint Technology Committee

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January 13, 2022

Representative Julie McCluskie
Chair, Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Representative McCluskie,

On January 10, 2022, the Joint Technology Committee (JTC) met to review FY 2021-22 information technology (IT) supplemental budget requests from the Governor's Office and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). The JTC also reviewed one FY 2022-23 IT operating budget request from the CDHS that was referred to the committee by the Joint Budget Committee pursuant to Joint Rule 45 (a)(3)(B). The JTC recommends fully funding these three requests, as submitted and as outlined below. JTC staff analysis of each request can be found here: <https://leg.colorado.gov/content/jitcjitc2022acommcurrent>.

FY 2021-22 Department of Early Childhood Data Systems Supplemental Request

The JTC recommends fully funding the FY 2021-22 IT Capital supplemental budget request from the Governor's Office, on behalf of the new Department of Early Childhood, for \$3.5 million Capital Construction Funds to expand current system functionalities to support the launch of the new Universal Preschool Program.

FY 2021-22 Department of Human Services County Infrastructure Upgrades Supplemental Request

The JTC recommends fully funding the FY 2021-22 IT Capital supplemental budget request from the CDHS for \$950,690 Capital Construction Funds for the replacement of routers and switches for county human service departments.

FY 2022-23 Department of Human Services R-03 County Trails Refresh and Support Operating Request

The JTC fully supports the FY 2022-23 R-03 operating budget request from the CDHS for \$1.8 million General Fund ongoing to create a separate line item in the Long Bill for county child welfare IT needs, including computers for county caseworkers.

As this new line item for IT needs is developed, the JTC encourages the JBC and the CDHS to consider broadening the scope of the line item beyond Trails specifically to encompass all county human services IT support needs, including computer support, routers and switches covered in the above supplemental request, and other county IT needs that are currently spread throughout the budget or are not receiving adequate funding.

If you have any questions or concerns about the JTC's recommendations, please call Luisa Altmann, Legislative Council Staff, at 303-866-3518.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bridges", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Senator Jeff Bridges, Chair

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