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TO: The Honorable Christine Rolfes, Senate Ways & Means Committee
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    The Honorable Timm Ormsby, House Appropriations Committee
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SUBJECT: Suspended and Terminated Information Technology Projects

Per Section 701(11) and Section 701(9) of the 2021-23 operating and transportation budgets, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is submitting this report of information technology (IT) projects under OCIO oversight that were suspended or terminated between June 1 and Dec. 1, 2021.

Two IT project were suspended during this reporting period.

1. The Human Rights Commission (HUM) Case Management Database project was suspended by the agency on September 2, 2021. The executive director at the time announced her retirement anticipated in February 2022. Given the magnitude and complexity of this business and technical modernization effort, the decision was made to place all project activities on hold until the new executive director is in place and prepared to reinstate the project.

2. The Washington Health Benefit Exchange (HBE) Delayed DDI project (a.k.a. Healthplanfinder Enhancements) was suspended by the agency on November 15, 2021 due to the need to focus on other higher priority initiatives including the implementation of legislative mandates. HBE is planning to reengage with the OCIO and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) early in 2022, submit a technology budget and investment plan in May 2022 and resume activities in July 2022.

The OCIO considers a suspended project ready to resume when it has a current technology budget and an approved, amended information technology investment plan.

No projects subject to Section 701 were terminated.

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