Bill Analysis and Tracking System (BATS) improves access to data and bill analysis during Legislative Sessions

As the application support provider for Washington State government, Enterprise Services (DES) manages systems that support accounting, budgeting, payroll, contracts, human resources and asset management activities. DES also supports several systems that exchange data between state agencies, the Governor’s Office, and the Legislature during the annual legislative sessions. The implementation of BATS replaced two of those systems for the 2014 legislative session—Legislative Monitoring (LegMon) and Legislative Tracking (LegTrack). These systems were costly to operate, difficult to maintain, and used old technology. BATS was developed in tight collaboration with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) using a modern, scalable architecture that can be used for other business processes.

Feedback from happy customers:

“I’m sitting in the strategic advancement forum at WSP hearing reports from all divisions. Government relations just said that they found the new bill tracking system helpful to them. Kudos.” –Glenn Briskin

“First, let me start off by saying I love BATS! It has made my job of managing the Department’s legislative process smooth and effective... The list of filtering options is phenomenal! As the Administrator, I’m able to drill down to see where the analysis is stalled or where I can jump in and help move it along. So awesome!” –Christine Butler, DSHS

“With only having an hour of training, I found the system to be fairly easy to use. [Staff] were fabulous to work with and very helpful!” –Unknown, received through survey