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- TO: The Honorable June Robinson, Senate Ways & Means Committee The Honorable Lynda Wilson, Senate Ways & Means Committee The Honorable Timm Ormsby, House Appropriations Committee The Honorable Chris Corry, House Appropriations Committee
- **FROM**: William S. Kehoe, Director and State Chief Information Officer Washington Technology Solutions

SUBJECT: Additional Information Technology Projects Subject to Section 701 Oversight

Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech) is submitting this memo in compliance with Section 701(11) of the 2024 supplemental operating budgets:

"The office of the state chief information officer, in consultation with the office of financial management, may identify additional projects to be subject to this section, including projects that are not separately identified within an agency budget. The office of the state chief information officer must report on December 1 each calendar year any additional projects to be subjected to this section that were identified in the previous 12-month period to the legislative fiscal committees."

During this reporting period, between December 1, 2023, and November 30, 2024, WaTech, in consultation with the Office of Financial Management, subjected one project to Section 701 of the operating budget:

Department of Transportation, Washington State Ferries' (WSF) Dispatch Replacement project is funded through the WA State Ferries Capital Program (program code W). The objective of the project is to replace dispatching features in the current Automated Operation Scheduling System (AOSS) with modern cloud-based software as a service solution. This is a complex implementation with several system integrations resulting in significant changes to the Ferries division operations. The project was initially planned to complete by June 2025 but has experienced delays during the planning phase and is now expected to be completed by January 2028.

For more information, please contact Diana Martin, Assistant Director, Strategy & Management Division at 360-252-9838 or via email at <u>diana.martin@watech.wa.gov</u>.

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