

April 3, 2017

Senator Larry Tidemann
Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Representative David Anderson
Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

**Quarterly Report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations:
Progress of New Software System**

Implementation of New Software

Senate Bill 48 of the 2016 Legislative Session appropriated \$150,000 in general funds to the Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) Division of Unemployment Insurance (UI) for upgrading software systems to allow employers to submit required reports and make contributions to the unemployment compensation fund using their choice of multiple internet browsers of the latest version.

The mechanism for employers to report out-of-state wages when filing their quarterly contribution reports has been tested to ensure the tax calculation is correct. (Employers are allowed a credit for any employee's wages reported to another state.) The in-house load test to validate performance of back-end processing payloads to improve throughput was successful. These improvements were put into production mid-March.

An input file conversion utility tool is being tested and will be made available to users once testing has been completed. This tool was available in the old reporting application and allowed users to convert their input file to the file format required in the application.

BIT is still working on the real-time dashboard which will allow staff to monitor performance and assist in the investigation of any operating system/browser errors.

Overall, the project is approximately 95 percent complete.

Sincerely,



Marcia Hultman
Cabinet Secretary