



Joint Committee on Appropriations

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March 29, 2019

Dr. M. Greg DeSautel, Secretary
Department of Social Services
Kneip Building
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Statewide Resource Information System

Dear Secretary DeSautel,

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2019 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on March 29, 2019.

While the guidance does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The 2019 South Dakota Legislature, through the FY2020 General Appropriations Act (Senate Bill 191), approved a base funding increase of \$375,000 in general funds for a statewide resource information system. It is the intent of the JCA that an annual report be provided at the December JCA meeting detailing the following items supported through this funding:

- Outcomes, goals, and/or identified metrics;
- Number of calls/emails/texts received;
- Purpose of or type of calls/emails/texts received; and
- Counties/localities supported.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Senator John Wiik
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management