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Letter of Intent Regarding the Unutilized FTE for Data Manager Position

Dear Director Almond,

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2020 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on May 27, 2020.

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.

During the 2020 Legislative session, the SDRS proposed decreasing a position in member services and creating a new data manager position. This request was not included in the agency request or governor's recommended budget. SDRS presented the new data manager position to the SDRS workgroup and the workgroup concluded the data manager position had not been carefully thought through, nor a plan developed for the position on the rationale for the need, duties, or pay.

Therefore, the JCA requests SDRS present a plan to include the duties, pay, and rationale on the need for the position to the JCA before hiring or creating the data manager position.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Representative Chris Karr
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Senator John Wiik
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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