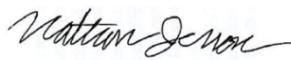


delicate balance with finite resources of putting together these capital investment bills and the essential needs the state faces in capital projects and physical infrastructure. While IT infrastructure isn't considered "physical infrastructure" in a technical sense, we would argue that when it comes to state and federally mandated programs it is the essence of *human infrastructure*. Aside from the "infrastructure" merits, legislators should also consider the weight these systems have on the family members, neighbors, and constituents that sit waiting for these antiquated systems to do their job.

We understand the seriousness of this consideration and discussion and appreciate both Chair Hansen and Rep. Frederick for their foresight in envisioning alternative approaches to funding these obligations and critical infrastructure. Moreover, we appreciate the Legislature's general support of modernization issues this session, particularly given the gravity of recent federal changes combined with historic levies this past fall that have all counties seriously concerned about the sustainability of these systems long-term.



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