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## November 6, 2024

The Honorable Senator Rob Wagner, Co-Chair The Honorable Representative Julie Fahey, Co-Chair Interim Joint Emergency Board 900 Court Street NE H-178 State Capitol Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Wagner and Speaker Fahey:

## **Nature of the Request**

ODE requests that the JLCIMT committee accept the update/report on the State School Fund (SSF) replacement system project. ODE will be sending a supplemental update prior to the December 2024 EBoard as we are awaiting our Stage Gate One approval from DAS EIS and expect a response within 10 days.

## **Agency Action**

The report gives an update since the 2024 short session. The agency has worked extensively with DAS EIS Project Portfolio Performance and updated the Business Case and Charter. ODE sent the updated Business Case and Charter to DAS EIS and hopes to obtain Stage Gate One endorsement for an internal build of a modernized SSF system by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **Action Requested**

ODE requests that the committee accept this SSF replacement system update/report as submitted due to the required budget note in HB5014, (2023).

Respectfully,

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