

BILL: **Senate Bill 818** - Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures

COMMITTEE: Senate Energy, Education and Environment

DATE: March 7, 2024

POSITION: Letter of Information

Upon review of Senate Bill 818 – Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures, the Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments.

The bill will require each unit of State government, including DGS, to annually report an inventory of data as identified by the Department of Information Technology; an inventory of systems that employ artificial intelligence; and other reporting requirements.

DGS supports the provisions of the bill that establish and implement the competitive proof of concept procurement method. This is a formal procurement method that may be used to solicit proposals for the conduct of a proof of concept prior to full implementation. A proof of concept is the feasibility study performed before committing to a project or idea.

DGS would also be required to report annually to the Board of Public Works on these proof of concept procurements and, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, adopt policies and procedures for the development and implementation of the proof of concept procurements.

Implementation of the competitive proof of concept procurement method and complying with the associated reporting will require additional policy, training, and procurement and administrative resources resulting in a fiscal and operational annual impact to DGS, as detailed in our fiscal impact statement and spreadsheet.

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