

**Information Technology Committee**  
**June 18, 2014**

Good morning Chairman Weisz and members of the Interim Information Technology committee. For the record, my name is Pam Sharp with the Office of Management and Budget.

At your last meeting, a representative of UmmelGroup presented their report on the IT Hardware Relocation/Consolidation Study and their findings to this committee. I believe each one of you received a copy of that report. I have been asked to report on any proposed legislation to implement the recommendations of the hardware relocation and consolidation study.

This study included four agencies: the Attorney General's Office, the Public Service Commission, the Water Commission and the Industrial Commission's Department Mineral Resources. Two of these agencies - the Attorney General's Office and the Public Service Commission are run by elected officials while the other two agencies are directed by commissions – the Industrial Commission and the State Water Commission.

OMB and the Governor's Office believes the question of whether to require an IT consolidation of these four agencies is a policy decision, not a budget decision, that should be discussed and made by the entire legislature. Therefore, OMB and the Governor's Office will not be proposing any legislative changes regarding IT consolidation and will not be including consolidation recommendations in the executive budget.

I have asked ITD to work with the Public Service Commission, the State Water Commission and the Department of Mineral Resources to determine what the costs of consolidation would be so those numbers would be available to the legislature if the legislature chooses IT consolidation for these agencies.

We believe the most important aspect of all state agencies' information technology is security. ITD's data center remains available to all four agencies in the study should they desire server space with more physical security including redundancy, cooling, and fire protection while maintaining control of their own servers.