Long Range IT Program

Purpose - Information technology budget requests are extracted from the executive budget and presented separately in this section to comply with 17-7-123(1), MCA. Each major information technology related decision package in excess of $500,000 or $100,000 and 25 percent of the IT base expenditures of a given agency for the biennium is presented in the following.

Information technology funding requests are presented in two bills in the executive budget. House Bill 2 typically includes fund requests for operations and maintenance and may represent an ongoing cost of state government.

New investments in information technology assets are generally appropriated as long-range capital projects in House Bill 10. These projects are investments in state service infrastructure and appropriate to be funded in a long-range program**.** The consolidation of major IT projects is intended to achieve several goals. First, IT projects are complex and require significant and time-intensive planning, design and management efforts, and by designating the projects as "capital projects," the appropriation continues until completion of the project as statutorily authorized in 2-17-560, MCA. Second centralized project oversight is expected to enhance project management and foster stronger partnerships between agencies and the state CIO. Finally, having major projects in one piece of legislation is anticipated to provide the legislature with a broad vision of the state IT program and related investments.

Executive Recommendation –
- **Volume 10 of the Governor's 2023 biennium Executive Budget** contains the long range projects with more information on each project.
- HB 10 contains the projects recommended by the executive budget for funding in the amount of $57,969,307. Table **F-14** below shows the requested amount for the IT projects.

DEPT	Project Description	LRITP	SSR	FSR	Total
	F-14				
	Long Range IT Projects				
DLI	STAARS Version Upgrade		$ 5,000,000		$ 5,000,000
DLI	UI Benefits System Replacement			$45,000,000	$45,000,000
MDT	Federal Billing System			$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000
DOA	Cybersecurily Enhancements	$ 4,969,307			$ 4,969,307
DOA GSD	HVAC Systems Network and Monitoring		$ 500,000		$ 500,000
Total		$ 4,969,307	$ 5,500,000	$47,500,000	**$57,969,307**