



The Senate

State of Iowa

Eighty-eighth General Assembly
STATEHOUSE
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Sen. Amy Sinclair
Chair, Government Oversight Committee
Iowa Capitol

Dear Sen. Sinclair:

We are writing to urgently request a meeting of the Senate's Government Oversight to look into a decision by the Reynolds Administration to implement Workday, a cloud-based software, for payroll, budgeting and human resources management duties throughout state departments and agencies.

Because of the pending confirming vote for Annette Dunn as Chief Information Officer in the Office of the Chief Information Officer, we are requesting an Oversight meeting as soon as possible.

As you know, the Cedar Rapids Gazette posted an investigative story over the weekend that revealed information that should be troubling to any Iowa taxpayer. This includes the Administration skirting the state's competitive bidding process, committing taxpayers to nearly \$50 million with no oversight or appropriation by the Legislature, and the involvement of the Governor's former Chief of Staff.

As a result, we are requesting a Government Oversight Committee meeting that will look into a variety of topics, including but not limited to:

- Who made the final decision about not following the state's competitive bidding laws when purchasing Workday? What other contracts has the State of Iowa utilized a for-profit procurement organization to skirt the state's normal competitive bidding law?
- What is the source of funds paying for the new software?
- If Workday has been implemented anywhere else in Iowa state government or public universities, are there cost-benefit analyses of the new system compared to previous systems?
- If Workday has been implemented anywhere else in the United States, are there any cost-benefit analyses of the new system compared to previous systems?
- What public records are available regarding any communications between Jake Ketzner, the Governor's former Chief of State and current lobbyist for Workday, and officials in the Governor's office, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and Department of Administrative Services?

Sincerely,

Sen. Tony Bisignano

Sen. Claire Celsi