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DoIT Role in Procurement
Senate Bill 217
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Overview:

Senate Bill 217 changes how state agencies can buy and use technology. The Department of Information Technology Secretary no longer needs to approve when state agencies want to buy or sign technology contracts. The bill updates when state agencies need the IT Secretary's approval for their IT projects before making purchases. Before approving any agency's technology projects, the IT Secretary must verify they match state's information architecture and long-term technology strategy.

The Problem:

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) currently spends a significant amount of its resources on IT contract and procurement review, approval, and oversight.

The Solution:

Amend the Department of Information Technology Act

Key Objectives:

- Removes overlapping work between executive agencies improving efficiency and saving money.
- Focus DoIT resources on planning and management executive agencies' IT projects.
- Allow DoIT to work with executive agencies earlier in IT project process. This earlier involvement helps create better plans and more accurate budgets before any purchases are made.
- Helps DoIT to better support executive agencies from the start to finish of their technology projects.

How it will work:

1. Removes requirements for DoIT Secretary to approve executive agencies IT contracts and procurements.
2. Transfers contract and procurement approval for IT contracts to General Services Department and Department of Finance Administration, which already provides contract and procurement oversight for executive agencies.
3. Eliminates an unnecessary layer of review and approval for IT purchases.
4. DoIT maintains oversight of executive agency IT projects, to ensure that IT projects are in line with the state information architecture and information technology strategy.

Expert support

“This integration is a win for state agencies, vendors, and New Mexico taxpayers. By centralizing procurement functions, we’re removing redundancies, enhancing accountability, and ensuring a smoother experience for everyone involved. This is another step toward modernizing how we do business in state government.” Anna Silva, Acting Secretary of the General Services Department