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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Appropriations Committee
FROM: Rep. Lawrence R. Klemin
SUBJECT: HB 1397 – Supreme Court Building
DATE: February 15, 2023

HB 1397 Highlights – 300Year Building.

- Alternatives
 - A -- Renovate Liberty Memorial Building (LMB) and construct addition for new Supreme Court Building; or
 - B -- Construct a new building on the grounds of the Capitol.
- Appropriation of \$55 million from SIIF fund to OMB
- OMB to procure architect and engineering services for design.
- Supreme Court oversight committee to approve design at a public meeting of the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission
- Oversight Committee:
 - Chief Justice
 - Representative appointed by House Majority Leader
 - Senator appointed by Senate Majority Leader
 - Member appointed by Governor.
 - Two Members appointed by Chief Justice
- Supreme Court to provide administrative and support services.
- Oversight Committee must approve design by majority vote before construction can begin.
- Chief Justice must approve design of courtroom, work areas and offices.
- Oversight Committee to select project manager.
- One-time funding

Current Judiciary space = 28,654 sqft. Space vacated by Supreme Court in the Judicial Wing would then be available for use by the Legislature and other agencies. See drawing of current space attached to Holewa testimony in LAWS,

Space Need Analysis by JLG Architects 2014 -- 53,392 sqft. See Analysis in LAWS

Redesign of LMB by JLG Architects 2014 -- See drawing in LAWS.

Cost estimate by John Boyle, Director of Facilities Management and includes architect and engineering fees, furniture, fixtures, equipment, remodeling of LMB, construction of addition, underground parking.

Construction cost – Alternative A -- \$550/square foot blended rate for LMB -- \$350/sqft for renovation of 40,000 square and \$700/sqft for 60,000 square feet addition on south side of LMB

Renovation of 40,000 sqft for courtroom, court chambers, law library, self-help center, and civic education center.

Addition of 60,000 sqft for court administrative offices, clerk of court, legal staff, law clerks, Board of Law Examiners office, underground parking

Construction cost – Alternative B -- New building – 78,571 sqft @ \$700/sqft = \$55,000,000

See testimony of Sally Holewa, Supreme Court Administrator, on LAWS for HB 1397, which includes the documents described in this Memorandum.