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Cc: Quirk, Corey; Wilke, Jamie; Danford, Thomas
Subject: SB2021 - ND Information Technology and SB2003 NDUS Confusion

Hi Ron,

New developing funding concern here. It looks like Senator Davison has removed from SB2021 the NDIT bill **\$5,146,200** that was to cover the increased costs for the Palo Alto Security Solutions software contract that would be charged to the NDUS and potentially the campuses. This was included in our Core Technology Services budget request as approved by the SBHE and submitted to OMB, however, NDIT had indicated that they would include this cost increase in their budget and so we indicated to your committee that we could remove this request from the NDUS budget.

Senator Davison has indicated that he believes this \$5,146,200 should be included in the SB2003.

Would you and your committee consider adding this into your proposed amendment for SB2003?

Narrative provided within OMB Budget System:

- NDIT informed CTS the cost to continue to provide the NDUS with NDIT Security Solutions an additional \$5,146,200 per biennium. The additional costs are related to Cortex XDR Pro endpoints (increase \$2,104,800), 100TB Cortex Data Lake (increase \$1,577,400), and additional firewall licensing charges (increase \$1,464,000).
- Affects all NDUS's 11 institutions, NDUSO, CTS.
- Not funding our current detection and response solution can leave NDUS vulnerable to sophisticated cyberattacks and increase the time it takes to detect and respond to threats. Additionally, it can lead to higher operational costs and a greater risk of data breaches

Let me know if you would like to discuss.

Thank you,

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