

EMPOWERING ALASKA'S FUTURE THROUGH IT
ADVANCEMENTS

SB 201: Office of Information Technology

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Alaska's IT Landscape

- In the 1970's/80s, Article 2 of Section AS 44.21 added “automatic data processing” requirements to DoA resulting in the creation of the Division of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS).
- AO 284 by Governor Walker in 2017 merged ETS into a new Office of Information Technology (OIT).
- AO 314 by Governor Dunleavy in 2020 improved data sharing capabilities across agencies.
- In 2019/2020 the AAPEX program was launched by DOA in an effort to consolidate and improve IT and back-office functions
- A January press release described Alaska's transition of “over 700 applications to the cloud without disrupting services to Alaskans”

Why We Need to Focus on IT

- At the time of past legislative or AO action related to IT systems, technology was not where it is today and is quickly evolving. We can't rely solely on AO's and budget changes.
- Alaska has had numerous issues including SNAP backlogs and professional licensing wait times, in which IT systems have been a contributing factor.
- All organizations struggle with technology and legacy apps
- SB 201 defines OIT in statute and creates an Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO) for IT projects within OIT.
- Centralized oversight will improve investment decision making, consistency, integration, and optimization.

What is an EPMO?

- An EPMO, or Enterprise Project Management Office, serves as the strategic hub for managing IT projects across an organization.
- It serves as “mission control” for the state CIO, providing a comprehensive view of technology investments and projects.
- The EPMO operates at a strategic level, ensuring alignment between IT projects and organizational objectives.
- It offers project guidance, governance, standardized processes, and best practices to optimize project portfolio management.
- Ultimately, the EPMO plays a crucial role in driving successful project outcomes and advancing the organization's mission in the digital age.

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