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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Tim Banaszak ²
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DATE: June 8, 2020

SUBJECT: FY2021 Microsoft Enterprise Software Renewal Agreement

In 2018, Legislative Council approved the first installment of the State of Alaska's three-year contract with Software House International. This contract provides Microsoft products, including Windows 10, Windows server operating systems, and the Office software suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Skype for Business, OneNote, Publisher, and Access database).

This agreement also provides licensing to operate critical infrastructure and systems, including Windows 10 PC/OS, Windows Server, SQL databases including BASIS, network storage (N drives), SharePoint, and web servers, including www.akleg.gov and the Intranet. Part of the contract includes secure email, archiving, and protected OneDrive file sharing, software licensing, and collaboration for mobile devices. The agreement also provides video and audio conferencing between legislative employees using the Microsoft Teams application. Finally, it includes software assurance which safeguards the applications, operating systems, and databases by providing the most current security updates and software versioning.

This third renewal, which begins July 1, 2020, provides the benefits of reduced-volume pricing, enhanced technical support, regular software upgrades, and training for technical and non-technical staff.

The Legislature's portion of the agreement for FY2021 is \$144,402.52, which is budgeted under the Administrative Services allocation and requires Legislative Council's approval. If this request were not approved, the Legislature would no longer have access to email, Microsoft Office software and leave critical infrastructure systems exposed to internet exploits.

MOTION:

I move that the Legislative Council authorizes the Microsoft FY21 licensing payment to SHI for \$144,402.52.