



# Representative Ivy Spohnholz

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**Date:** July 19, 2022

**To:** Sen. Natasha von Imhof  
Chair, Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

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**From:** Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

**Subject:** Renaming Information Technology Systems Audit Request

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At the November 9, 2021, committee meeting, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approved a request for an Information Technology (IT) Systems review with the following language:

REPRESENTATIVE TUCK moved that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approve the information technology systems audit request as presented by Representative Spohnholz, to facilitate a review of the State of Alaska's information technology systems, particularly the public-facing systems, those that contain Alaskans' personal information and those necessary to pay grantees or contractors of the State of Alaska. He stated the objective would be to identify all state IT systems and rank the systems in terms of significance and risk. A comprehensive security review of the most significant systems most at risk for infiltration should be conducted. The review should identify what is needed to prevent future security breaches including resources, policies and procedures, staff training, expertise, or infrastructure. Additionally, the review should analyze the State of Alaska's IT security training policies and procedures aimed at reducing the effectiveness of phishing schemes whereby an employee may inadvertently allow incursion of the security system. A further objective would be to get recommendations from the Division of Legislative Audit or suggestions for future follow-up audits. He stated that due to its sensitive nature, neither the audit nor discussions about the audit would be made available to the public.

After further consideration and discussion with the Auditor, I request the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee approve the renaming of the IT Systems *review* to an IT Systems *Audit* to give the auditor the ability to access to all the necessary documentation and staff for an effective audit.

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