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March 14, 2024

The Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley
Chairperson, House Committee on State Government and Elections
Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill No. 7845 – Relating to State Affairs and Government – Department of Administration – Human Services FTE Accountability Portal

Dear Chairman Shanley,

Thank you for providing the Division of Human Resources and the Division of Enterprise Technology and Strategy Services (Divisions) within the Department of Administration (Department) the opportunity to submit comments in response to House Bill No. 7845, which proposes the creation of a new human services full-time equivalent (FTE) data portal.

Currently, there is significant work being done by the Department and its executive branch agency partners to launch a comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform. The upcoming ERP platform will allow for all state departments of government to provide the proposed FTE information and other data more quickly and efficiently upon request; at present, this type of reporting is a highly manual process that requires reconciliation of various data sources. The development of an interim, standalone portal that reflects only a narrow band of FTE data would be redundant and resource intensive.

The Divisions are happy to work with all members of the Assembly to further engage in discussions about the opportunities that will come with the launch of our new ERP. We are also happy to discuss any personnel data requests. The Divisions appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns with the Committee. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact our offices at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Wilson".

Jennifer Wilson
Executive Director
Division of Human Resources

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cc: The Honorable Representative David Morales
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections
Steve Sepe, Clerk
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House