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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Representatives Jonathan Warrey, Mike Nathe, Anna S. Novak, Todd Porter, Mary Schneider  
Senators Kyle Davison, Jose L. Castaneda, Janne Myrdal, Dean Rummel, Mike Wobbema  
Mr. Tony Clark  
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**FROM:** Senator David Hogue, Chairman, Legislative Management

**RE:** Creation of Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Committee

I am establishing a Legislative Management interim Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Committee. The membership of the committee will consist of members of the House and Senate, as well as citizen members whose expertise will be valuable to the committee. Thank you for agreeing to be a part of this committee.

The purpose of the committee is to develop legislative expertise with respect to artificial intelligence and data centers by:

- Gathering information related to federal laws and the laws of other states with respect to regulation of artificial intelligence.
- Reviewing attempts at the federal level to preempt state regulation of artificial intelligence.
- Considering statutory protections for children against artificial intelligence harm.
- Considering statutory prohibition of external artificial intelligence designed to or showing signs of exceeding human control.
- Reviewing the development of data centers and the drivers of data center investment and siting.
- Considering the economic and other relevant state and local interests in siting of data centers, including the impact relating to water and electric consumption.

Despite the short window of opportunity to conduct this important study, the committee should proceed in the manner of other interim committees and work with the Legislative Council staff to prepare a report and any bill drafts necessary to implement any recommendations of the committee and submit the bill drafts to the Legislative Management in November.