

Senate Resolution 754

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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging state agencies to utilize consulting services in connection with information
2 technology projects and contracts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, successful use of information technology is vital to the operations of modern
4 state government; and

5 WHEREAS, substantial state resources funded from taxpayer dollars must be invested in
6 state information technology projects, and such investments can have a large positive or
7 negative effect for the state, depending on their successes and failures; and

8 WHEREAS, appropriate measures should be taken to ensure the greatest possible benefit
9 from the state's information technology resources and investments.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 All state departments, agencies, and authorities are strongly encouraged to seek and engage
13 the services of an independent consulting firm to act as a third-party monitor to
14 independently verify and validate any information technology project having a total value
15 of \$1 million or more, in order to protect the interests of the state and ensure that large scale
16 project vendors are fulfilling all of their contractual obligations.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 It is recommended that the state utilize the services of an independent consulting firm to
19 assist in preparing requests for proposals and provide procurement project management
20 assistance for any information technology contract totaling \$1 million or more to be entered
21 into by any state department, agency, or authority.

