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Federal employees, executives, Congress, and experts have complained about the state of federal Human Capital (HC) systems and its capacity to meet the needs of agencies and employees, as well as those who desire to enter federal service.

The Transforming the Governance of Federal Human Capital Management report is a result of an extensive effort on the part of multiple experts to provide actionable recommendations to the Executive and Legislative Branches. Its intent is to guide quick and systematic action to dramatically improve federal Human Capital Management (HCM) governance and functions across government.

This report makes three recommendations accompanied with sixteen major actions designed as a comprehensive approach to reforming government-wide HCM governance and functions.

Congress and the Administration must act now and implement a set of legislative and administrative recommendations that begins with the passage of a Human Capital Reform Act. This is necessary to have the capacity to enact much needed HCM systems reforms.
The Transforming The Governance of Federal Human Capital Management report recommends that the Administration and Congress work together to develop and pass the Human Capital Reform Act.

The Human Capital Reform Act should include the following:

1. Restructure OPM into four primary functional areas within 1 year.
2. Rename OPM and define a new mission.
3. Establish a term appointed director position and four deputy director positions.
4. Require a profiling of government-wide HCM costs.
5. Establish a Human Capital Business Board.
6. Require a transformation plan within 6 months of enactment including the development of an HCM Scorecard tool.
7. Move certain HCM authorities to agencies and OPM.
8. Direct the moving or sunsetting of certain programs.
9. Require the development of a technology development and investment plan.
10. Fund the development of the Employee Digital Record through the Technology Modernization Act.
11. Change the structure and effectiveness of the Chief Human Capital Officer Council.
12. Require a review of and recommended changes to the OMB Deputy Director for Management role and a review and recommendations of a more unified cross-government HCM budget and performance management structure.
13. Require and fund the development and implementation of a Human Capital professionals certification program.
14. Create a government-wide recruitment and branding program.

The current federal Human Capital Management (HCM) system is incapable of meeting the current and future needs of government. There is a strong and well documented consensus that the HCM system is failing and is not structured to meet current and 21st century requirements.

The Transforming The Governance of Federal Human Capital Management report references the expertise of Chief Human Capital Officers, and a convening a group of HCM thought leaders from academia, unions, state governments, corporations, non-profits, and former federal senior leaders.

These experts concluded that quick fixes will not solve these issues. The necessary transformation will be possible only by first building the capacity for change. This includes putting the leadership, expertise, and functions in place first in order to enable the design and implementation of process, systems, regulations, and program change.

Creating capacity to enable effective change is the logical and necessary step to ensure efficient, effective, and credible HCM across the federal government.

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