

**SB 2548**

**Late Testimony**

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RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 2548, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) does not support this bill because we believe it is not necessary, and would require costs to implement and maintain for which there are no funds.

DAGS, through its Information and Communication Services Division (ICSD), has been making significant progress on improving the State's IT governance, structure and services since 2007 when we hired a new ICSD Administrator and Assistant Administrator, both having extensive private sector IT experience. We are currently working with other departments on consolidating the management of various IT functions, especially in the areas of shared services, procurement, and enterprise

architecture. We believe there are efficiencies when certain functions are performed on a consolidated basis.

Please note that one way to manage functions on a consolidated basis is to consolidate the funding of IT functions, as well as the approval of expenditures out of that consolidated funding account. DAGS introduced S.B. 830, "Shared Services Technology Special Fund" and its companion H.B. 1012 last year. DAGS recommends that creation of a Shared Services Technology Special Fund, and placing it under the control of the DAGS will go a long way towards achieving the objectives of S.B. 2548, H.D.1.

This bill's stated objectives can be achieved by splitting the assignment of the CIO's responsibilities between the director of DAGS for Executive Branch policy matters and the Administrator of the ICSD division for implementation and operation, or alternately assigning all of the CIO's responsibilities to the Administrator of the ICSD division. The CIO's in the 50 states are Cabinet positions in some cases and report to a Cabinet level position in others. The main requirement is that the CIO needs the authority to set and implement strategy, standards, and policy.

We appreciate your interest in improving IT for the State and will be happy to keep you apprised of the progress we make as we work towards improving governance, our IT structure and services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.