

**SB 1271**

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 1271

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RELATING TO THE PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE EXPENDITURE CEILING AND  
THE AWARDING OF GRANTS

Senate Bill No. 1271 allows the Director of Finance the option of providing public notice of the State growth rate and expenditure ceiling and the status of unreleased grants by posting the information on the Department of Budget and Finance's website.

We **support** this Administration measure.

Currently, the required information is reported by publishing it in daily or weekly publications whose combined circulation is statewide (i.e., newspapers on each island). Posting the information on the Department of Budget and Finance's website would save the cost of publishing the information (approximately \$6,000) and the staff time to arrange for the publication. In addition, this would allow the public to view the information more easily and for a longer period of time. This measure will increase the flexibility and options available to reporting the information to the general public.