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TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON SENATE BILL NO. 2844, S.D. 1

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RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF EXCESS REVENUES

Senate Bill No. 2844, S.D. 1, reauthorizes \$10 million in general fund revenues to

be deposited into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (EBRF). The measure is

being proposed to remedy the 2015 Legislature's intended means to comply with the

constitutional mandate to provide a tax refund or credit or make a deposit into a reserve

fund. The 2015 Legislature authorized a \$10 million general fund appropriation to be

deposited to the EBRF; however, it was not effectuated due to a processing error.

The Department of Budget and Finance strongly supports this Administration bill.



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