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**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON SENATE BILL NO. 102

**March 21, 2017**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Room 308**

RELATING TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING POLICY STUDY

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The Department of Budget and Finance supports Senate Bill No. 102, Relating to the Federal Funding Policy Study.

Our Office of Federal Awards Management (FAM) has made great progress in creating and maintaining essential information about federal fund awards within state government. Given the present uncertainty relative to availability of existing and/or additional federal funds, we will be using our Federal Funds Information System (FFIS) and network to more closely monitor federal budget development and negotiations.

Should the legislature wish to increase the capacity of this office, we welcome your additional support, particularly given the additional demands for information and analysis that will be required as part of the execution of our FY18 budget and development of our FY19 supplemental budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.