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TESTIMONY BY LAUREL A. JOHNSTON
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1726

**February 22, 2018
1:30 p.m.
Room 308**

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

This measure is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure, or a similar one, as an arbitration hearing for Bargaining Unit 14 has already been held and an arbitration award is expected to be issued prior to the end of the legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.