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TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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CONFERENCE ROOM 211

S.B. 2734, S.D. 1

RELATING TO EMPLOYEE'S DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY FORM.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2734, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) strongly supports this bill and offers the following comments for your consideration.

The current statute requires the Employee's Designation of Beneficiary Form to be written and notarized and filed with the comptroller. This requirement has resulted in thousands of forms being maintained in a central location at DAGS. Maintaining the forms, which includes alphabetically filing forms from new employees, filing updated forms from current employees, and purging forms of employees no longer employed, is manual and extremely labor intensive. By having the forms kept in the employing department, this form as well as other payroll and personnel forms would routinely be discarded when no longer required.

The State is in the process of implementing a new payroll system which may be able to maintain beneficiary information entered by the employee. This bill also makes amendments to eliminate the requirement that the form be written and notarized which will allow the new system to maintain the beneficiary information in an electronic format.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.