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TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1356, HD 1

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS OPERATING BUDGET

April 5, 2019

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1356, HD 1. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Office of Elections operating budget for the 2020 election voting contract and 2021 reapportionment, including four temporary positions.

Reapportionment Budget

We are submitting a supplemental budget request of \$927,200 in fiscal year 2020-2021 to support a project office for the Reapportionment Commission. The Reapportionment Commission will convene beginning in January 2021 following the 2020 Census to apportion U.S. congressional, state senate, and state representative districts. The chief election officer serves as the secretary to the commission and provides technical services. The following table is a breakdown of the biennium budget for the Reapportionment Commission.

	2019-20	2020-21
<i>Reapportionment Commission</i>		
GIS Consultant Contract	0	800,000
Temporary Positions (4)	0	120,000
Operating Expenses	0	7,200
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$927,200</u>

We are requesting \$800,000 to secure a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) consultant contract to provide census data, draw district lines, and create maps to conduct the reapportionment. These funds will pay for the contract cost over the two fiscal years in which the reapportionment will be conducted. Additionally, we are requesting \$120,000 for four full-time personnel. This includes a project manager, administrative assistant, GIS analyst, and a secretary. The remaining \$7,200 is budgeted for operating costs such as office supplies and equipment. We will be requesting \$347,200 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for personnel, public hearings, and publishing of the plan.

AGS 879 2019-2020 Operating Budget

The Office of Elections is requesting an adjustment to our base operating budget to account for the costs of conducting the elections. Since our elections are scheduled in even-numbered years, our operating budget varies between fiscal years of the biennium. The total adjustment for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$789,598, which will be used for the voting system contract.

	Base	Adjusted
<i>Personal Services</i>		
Permanent Staff Salaries	1,060,781	1,060,781
<i>Other Current Expenses</i>		
Operating Expenses	133,875	133,875
2020 Election Expenses	1,140,361	1,140,361
Vote Counting System	818,902	1,608,500
State General Funds Total	3,153,919	3,943,517
Federal Funds	99,694	99,694
Total	<u>\$3,253,613</u>	<u>\$4,043,211</u>

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