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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB262
RELATING TO VACCINES.**

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1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure to assure
2 sufficient resources to sustain and enhance the State's vaccination goals. With regard to
3 COVID-19 vaccines, critical factors continue to evolve and change over time, such as levels of
4 federal support, medical and public health guidance, mutations of the virus, vaccine supply, and
5 the beliefs and behaviors of community members. As a result, it is not possible at this time to
6 provide an accurate estimate of how much more funds will be necessary to achieve the Recovery
7 and New Normal impact levels in the State's Reopening Strategy.

8 The department looks forward to this ongoing conversation with the Legislature and other key
9 stakeholders.

10 If the scope of this measure covers routine childhood and adult vaccinations, for example for
11 influenza, additional information can be forwarded.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

13 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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