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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB3341
RELATING TO REUSABLES**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure will impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
3 personnel priorities.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department respectfully provides comments on SB3341, which
5 establishes the "Upcycled Mobile Dishwashing System Pilot Program" within the Department
6 and provides two full-time positions in support of the pilot program.

7 The Department supports opportunities to increase reuse and decrease waste generation, however,
8 the Department is unclear as to what an "upcycled mobile dishwashing system" or "circular
9 reuse dishwashing system" entails or what the ultimate purpose of the system or program would
10 be. Based on the intent and purpose of the upcycled mobile dishwashing system, the Department
11 may or may not be the appropriate agency to facilitate such a program. Without a general
12 understanding of the intent of the program, the Department is further unable to identify what
13 impacts implementation of such a program would have on Departmental priorities. In addition, it
14 is unclear as to what or how the Department is to establish a "committee-appointed consultant
15 position" who will work with the Department to manage and implement the proposed pilot
16 program or what a "developer to design a reuseable certification program" requires. Establishing
17 positions is a state personnel action that must follow human resource requirements, policies and
18 guidance.

1 The lack of a clear understanding about multiple aspects of SB3341 prevents the Department
2 from either supporting or opposing the proposed bill. The Department would welcome future
3 discussions on the topic of the bill to determine the appropriateness of the Department's
4 involvement.

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6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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8 **Offered Amendments:** None