

**Testimony on HB 2087 on Limiting the Review of Certain Rules and Regulations
by the Director of the Budget
To
The Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

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HB 2087 pertains to limiting the review of certain rules and regulations by the director of the budget. **The Department supports the provisions contained in the bill.** The provisions of the bill would be effective upon publication in the statute book.

HB 2087 would essentially limit the budget director's review of certain regulations to those meeting the minimum threshold of \$3,000,000 impact. The bill also amends the regulatory review process order with the Department of Administration (DOA) at the beginning, followed by the Attorney General's Office (AG) and then the Division of Budget (DOB). This proposal would result in significant personnel time savings. Currently, the regulations start at the DOB and then are transmitted to the DOA. If there are required changes to language in the already DOB approved regulations, the regulations must go back to the DOB for further review and then to the DOA. Once DOA has approved, then the AG reviews the language. Further changes to the language result in starting the approval process again, resulting in multiple reviews by both the DOB and the DOA. By changing the order the review process, maximum efficiency is achieved and the underlying purpose of the review process is still met, thereby resulting in savings to budgets and personnel time.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify and requests favorable consideration of the bill.