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Title of Bill: SB 2731 RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a task force to review the school impact fees law and recommend any necessary amendments. Appropriates funds for the administrative and operating expenses of the task force.

Department's Position:

While DOE appreciates the interest identified in SB 2731, the school impact fee program has been functional and operating since January 2011. We suggest that conditions have not changed drastically such that a multi-year task force is necessary. We would be concerned that such a task force might inadvertently result in delaying the growth and progress of the program.

In addition, the DOE would be administratively challenged to support a Task Force through the 2019 Legislative Session, as the program currently operates, albeit with extreme efficiency, with just one full time DOE staff member.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.