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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2406

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RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS.

The Department of Budget and Finance (the "Department") offers the following comments on Senate Bill No. 2406 which defines the term "public interest" with regard to the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) to make it clear that the benefit provided to society as a whole must extend beyond the mere creation of jobs.

The Department would like to inform the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the bill be approved, the Legislature would still decide what is in the public interest, even if newly defined, and the Legislature's authorizations for SPRB would be presumed to be valid.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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