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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 291, 292, AND 293

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Room 225 and Videoconference

RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on these bills. Senate Bill Nos. 291 through 293 amends sections within Chapter 37, HRS, including Sections 37-70(a) and 37-75, HRS, by adding language requiring the program memoranda and variance report to align with the Executive Biennium Budget and Executive Supplemental Budget, as applicable, accurately reflect the current structure of State government and address the current and future needs of the State.

B&F believes these measures are not necessary, as it is already current practice for the referenced budget-related documents to align with the budget to the extent possible. We note, however, that the State's fiscal resources cannot extend to address all needs. There will be instances where fiscal realities do not permit the Executive Biennium Budget and Executive Supplemental Budget to align fully to the stated current and future needs of the State.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.