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TESTIMONY BY SETH S. COLBY, Ph.D.
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR
ON
HOUSE BILL NOS. 2272 AND 2273

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9:30 a.m.
Room 309 and Videoconference

MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST
ITEMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration proposals, or similar bills, as collective bargaining (CB) negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills may be necessary if an agreement is reached or arbitration award is issued requiring an appropriation prior to the end of the legislative session.

These measures appropriate and authorize appropriations for CB cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for Fiscal Biennium 2025-27.

The bargaining units (BU) addressed in the bills are as follows: House Bill (H.B.) No. 2272, BU 11, and H.B. No. 2273, BU 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.