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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026
3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIDEOCONFERENCE
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 122 / SR 114**

REQUESTING EACH STATE AGENCY TO PROVIDE THE AFFECTED PERSON WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BEFORE TAKING ANY FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION THAT MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTS A PROTECTED LIBERTY OR PROPERTY INTEREST.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 122 / SR 114 requesting each state agency to provide the affected person with written notice of certain information before taking any final administrative action that materially and adversely affects a protected liberty or property interest. The Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Department) respectfully offers comments

The Department believes that there are already sufficient protections and policies in place to protect liberties and property interests and that adding additional reports and procedures will unduly burden agencies with increased bureaucratic paperwork and reduce timeliness of actions. The Department is also concerned that operating budgets are not appropriate funding mechanism for costs associated with court or appellate decisions and settlements.

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