



## Testimony Before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

March 3, 2010

### **IN OPPOSITION to SB 239, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF DAY CARE SUBSIDIES TO UNEMPLOYED WORKERS**

This bill would extend benefits under the Care 4 Kids (C4K) program to individuals who are unemployed and eligible for unemployment benefits. The C4K program currently allows an individual who is receiving a child care subsidy and who reports a job loss to continue receiving the child care subsidy through the end of the month following termination of employment. This often allows eligibility for up to 2 additional months. This bill proposes to extend eligibility to individuals who are not employed for an indefinite amount of time. This proposal will have a significant fiscal impact. The average payment per family is \$614 per month. Based on current funding levels, implementation of this bill will result in new applicants who find employment being denied access to the program. Because there is not adequate funding to support such a proposal, the department does not support this bill.