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Testimony Supporting House Bill No. 6388

AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTER

Senator Daily, Representative Widlitz and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 6388, AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTER.

This bill implements various program changes that are necessary to implement Governor Malloy's budget recommendation. The bill does the following:

- Transfers the Neighborhood Youth Centers and the Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership grants to the Department of Education.
- Repeals the reimbursement to municipalities for the PILOT Manufacturing, Machinery and Equipment grant. Repeals the tax exemption for commercial vehicles which will now allow municipalities to apply personal property tax to those vehicles.
- Reduces the number of Governor's Horse Guards from two to one.
- Implements mandatory direct deposit (full implementation of this change is anticipated to require agreement by the state employee unions).
- Removes the Capital City Economic Development Authority director as an employee of the Office of Policy and Management.
- Transfers information technology policy responsibility to the Office of Policy and Management.
- Abolishes the position of major in the Department of Public Safety as an unclassified position and makes the position of major a classified position. The number of majors that the Commissioner of DPS may appoint is increased from 7 to 12.
- Repeals payment to towns for the Vessel PILOT.
- Repeals the non-appropriated boating account. Approximately \$5 million in revenue will now be deposited into the General Fund. As a result of the boating account being repealed, the associated expenditures of the

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Department of Motor Vehicles will be charges to the General Fund.

- Repeals the Workers' Compensation Commission's Rehabilitation Services program.

I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony. I respectfully request the Committee support this bill and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.