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Good morning Chairs Slossberg and Morin, Ranking Members McLachlan and Hwang, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

I would like to thank the Committee for hearing HB 5984, *AN ACT REDUCING LEGISLATIVE PRINTING COSTS*, a bill introduced by State Senator Beth Bye and myself.

Our caucus has been looking at a number of ways to reduce costs and move toward a more "e-government" approach. As you know, the legislature also commissioned a few taskforces that met over the interim to study and report on ways to streamline government costs and find efficiencies. I think especially in this current economic environment, it is imperative that we look at those recommendations and any others that will reduce costs and eliminate waste wherever possible.

I know that even before the session started, we, as a legislature began to address the issue of printing costs by reducing the number of copies of bills, bill books, file copies, etc. I would also like to commend this Committee for taking part in this "e-government" effort by requesting that testimony be sent in electronic form, thereby cutting down on the costs of making copies.

As you all know, many of the legislative materials we need to review and access are already widely available online and we should be taking advantage of all e-government services in existence in order to prevent waste.

I hope that the bill Senator Bye and I put forward will help continue the discussion of streamlining government with this Committee and legislative leadership so we can move towards a more paperless and efficient government.

Thank you.