



**Testimony of  
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**Concerning Proposed Bill No. 5984  
“AN ACT REDUCING LEGISLATIVE PRINTING COSTS”**

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The State Library is responsible for insuring that the historical record of the state is maintained for future generations. I participated on the *Task Force to Study Converting Legislative Documents* and I strongly encourage their recommendations be enacted in lieu of the language in the proposed bill. It is important as we move into e-government that printed copies be made available to the State Library and in some cases other libraries to insure public access and long term preservation. As was discussed in the work of the Task Force, many issues such as permanent access and authentication need to be worked out before we totally abandoned the distribution of print copies of key legislative documents. There are costs associated to going paperless. It is critical that the public access to the historical record of this legislative body not be lost in the necessary need to reduce printing costs.

Thank you for your time.