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**SB 1059, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Commission on Enhancing  
Agency Outcomes**  
**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**Public Hearing Testimony**  
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Good morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang, and members of the Government Administration and Election Committee (GAE). My name is Representative Craig Miner, and on behalf of the House Republican caucus, I'd like to thank the committee for providing me this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1059, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON ENHANCING AGENCY OUTCOMES.

In January, Legislative Republicans came together to announce what we feel are fundamental "Common Sense Principles" that our government should abide by; especially during these trying times. One such Principle we believe pertains to SB 1059 is that, "you should have all the government you need, but only the government you need."

With each passing legislative session, our government has become more expensive, and some would argue less interested in providing timely and effective action to its citizens. While we support any discussion which results in government efficiency and consolidation, such as those identified in Section 1 and Sections 24-248, we are hoping that the GAE Committee will consider going further in this bill. Legislative Republicans have submitted SB 457 and HB 5753, which would make further reductions to staff and reduce costs to Connecticut citizens.

We support Section 307 of this bill as it directs state agencies to move in a direction of more efficient processes that have proven very efficient in the private sector, in terms of controlling costs and on the time delaying of goods and services. Our own legislative initiative HB 5738, which is also before the GAE Committee, also speaks to this important task.

Sections 249-257 of the bill requires electronic direct deposit of state employee wages, state pension payments, and workers compensation. In addition, Sections 280-281 requires that the state pay any vendor that receives more than 100 payments per year to do so by direct deposit. This has been a cost saving and environmentally friendly effort that we have and continue to support, evidenced by HB 5724 and by our testimony today.

Sections 252-255 would require the implementation of a statewide time and attendance system. It would also require each state agency to maintain such a system that is compatible amongst agencies, further reducing the dependency on duplication of processes. Our own HB 5726 would pursue the development of the same goals.

And lastly, the Legislative Republicans have long felt that procedures, such as reverse auctions confined in Section 296, holds promise and hope for the state and the municipalities as they/we struggle to provide the services our residents need within a budget they can afford. Reverse auctions like those anticipated in this section and HB 5728, we believe have proven already to be effective when used.

I think we can all agree that as public servants we should be doing all we can to create an efficient government. We again want to thank the committee for their pursuit of these important initiatives. We remain ready to work, with each of you, as the bill moves forward in this session.

Sincerely,

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