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**Concerning
Raised Senate Bill 1154
AAC The Reporting of Claims Information to the Comptroller and
Additional Duties of the Comptroller**

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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, Senator Kelly and Representative Coutu, and members of the Committee, my name is Thomas Woodruff. I am the Director of the Healthcare Policy & Benefits Service Division of the Office of the State Comptroller and I am here today to testify on behalf of Comptroller Kevin Lembo.

Position

The Office of the State Comptroller supports Section 2 of Raised Senate Bill 1154.

For compelling public policy reasons including transparency of health care cost information and achievement of cost savings, this proposed statutory amendment does the following:

- authorizes the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to
 - create a forum in which entities can consider entering into cooperative agreements such as multipayer advance care practices and accountable care organizations; and
 - provide direction, supervision and control over cooperative agreements that result;
- for purposes of establishing the applicability of state action doctrine, clearly articulates this action as state policy; and