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### Testimony in Support of HB 5894 Government Administration and Elections Committee February 22, 2013

Chairmen Musto and Jutila, Ranking Members McLachlan and Hwang, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, the House Republican Caucus appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 5894: *An Act Concerning Delaying the Establishment of the Departments of Housing and on Aging.*

This bill proposes to delay the establishment of the Department of Housing and the Department on Aging. In 2012, legislation was passed that established the Departments of Housing and on Aging as full state agencies with their own Commissioners and staff. This expansion of government was done at a time when the state was already struggling to pay for its existing size.

Our caucus firmly believes the needs of our citizens can be met within existing resources and under the existing government structure. If anything, government should be looking to further downsize and become more efficient.

This bill would save money and resources by keeping the functions of these departments within the state agencies that are currently providing these services.

I respectfully ask the committee to give thorough consideration of this proposal as a way to foster government efficiency. Thank you.