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AN ACT RAISING THE THRESHOLD FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 6906, An Act Raising the Threshold for State Construction Contracts Requiring the Approval of the Department of Administrative Services and Competitive Bidding.

The core sections of the bill would increase the construction cost threshold from $500,000 to $1,000,000 for an executive branch agency to manage their own project with the approval of the Department of Administrative Services. The increase will more accurately reflect the current costs of construction as this threshold has not been modified since 1987. The bill also adds another layer of oversight for certain projects by requiring sign off from notice to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in addition to the approval by the Department of Administrative Services. In short, the bill will allow state agencies to manage more building projects on their own resulting in a more expedient and streamlined process for them and the State.

We may submit amendment language to clarify aspects of the bill that may not be necessary for its main purpose as described above.

I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony. I respectfully request that the Committee support this bill.