



**House Bill 5050
An Act Modernizing the Symbol of Access for Persons with Disabilities**

Testimony of Commissioner Melody A. Currey

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The Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") offers the following comments on House Bill 5050, An Act Modernizing the Symbol of Access for Person with Disabilities.

DAS supports all efforts to be more inclusive of all people in the State of Connecticut. Modernizing this symbol allows for persons with disabilities to change any preconceived notions that may be reinforced by the current symbol. As written, the law does not have any financial impact to the state as it only requires the use of the newly designed symbol on new signs and notices. It does not require the replacement of signage containing the current symbol until that signage is deemed beyond use.