



Submitted Testimony of Commissioner Josh Geballe

**Joint Committee on Public Safety & Security
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The Department of Administrative Services is pleased to offer its written comments on **Senate Bill 235, "An Act Establishing a Cybersecurity Task Force," Senate Bill 236, "An Act Concerning Access to Diaper Changing Stations in Public and Commercial Buildings"** and **Senate Bill 262, "An Act Requiring a Study of the Use of Combustible Gas Detectors."**

Senate Bill 235, An Act Establishing a Cybersecurity Task Force

DAS supports all efforts to address cybersecurity. Protecting internet-connected systems and networks from digital attacks is one of the most important challenges facing government in the technology era. As the state's central information technology organization for the executive branch, DAS through its Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology (BEST) is working diligently to develop and implement safeguards to protect the state's investment in digital government. We are also working in conjunction with DESPP's state cybersecurity committee to address the issues raised in this proposal. We agree that coordination and cooperation among local, state and federal government, and the private sector will allow a more comprehensive review of best practices and innovations to address this critical issue.

Senate Bill 236, An Act Concerning Access to Diaper Changing Stations in Public and Commercial Buildings

DAS listened to the proponents of this proposal last session and understood the need. As a result, we are including language in the new code to address all of the issues raised in this year's legislation. Below is the language we are including in the new code, which should be published for public comment this month.

State Building Code Amendments related to baby changing facilities:

(Add) BABY CHANGING FACILITIES. A table or other device suitable for changing the diaper of a child age 3 or under.

(Amd) 1109.2.1.2 Family or assisted-use toilet rooms. Family or assisted-use toilet rooms shall include only one water closet and only one lavatory and baby

changing facilities. A family or assisted-use bathing room in accordance with Section 1109.2.1.3 shall be considered to be a family or assisted-use toilet room.

(Add) 2902.1.2.1 Baby changing facilities. Where multiple single-user toilet rooms or bathing rooms are clustered at a single location, at least one room at each cluster shall contain baby changing facilities and shall be identified as containing such facilities.

(Amd) 2902.3.7 Baby changing facilities. Where separate facilities are provided for each sex, baby changing facilities shall be provided for use by each sex.

Senate Bill 262, An Act Requiring a Study of the Use of Combustible Gas Detectors

As always, the Department is pleased to discuss concepts to be included in the codes, including the feasibility of requiring combustible gas detectors in newly constructed buildings.

The State Building Inspector and State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with the Codes and Standards committee, a 21 member volunteer committee from across the design, construction and code industry, run a public and open process to develop the state's building and fire codes. Within this process, proposals for changes and additions to the code are accepted from anyone wishing to promote an idea with the committee. Each proposal is thoughtfully reviewed by the agency and committee and proponents are given an opportunity to meet with the committee to discuss their proposals in detail. The development cycle for the next building and fire code is planned to begin next year. We would be happy to discuss this concept with the proponents as part of this process.