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**Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Joseph Giulietti
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Proposed S.B. 920 - AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers the following testimony in support of SB 920 An Act Concerning Public Private Partnerships.

The Public-Private Partnership (P3) language which passed in 2011 was seen as an opportunity for the State to work with private entities to pursue state projects. Since 2011, the State has been unsuccessful in taking advantage of such agreements due to restrictive requirements, including inflexible payment terms. The bill amends the current P3 statutes to enhance the State's ability to utilize P3 agreements in designing, developing, financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining projects.

The bill broadens the definition of the types of projects eligible for a P3, eliminates the requirement that the State portion of a P3 not exceed 25% of the cost of the project, and allows availability payments, which can be an attractive financing and project payment mechanism for projects which, for reasons related to policy, public perception and/or profitability are not feasible for advisable under a user-fee based concession.

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