



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

House Bill 6607

**An Act Concerning the Nighttime Lighting of State-Owned Buildings at Certain Times
for the Protection of Birds**

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

Committee on Environment

February 15, 2023

Good morning, Senator Lopes, Representative Gresko, Senator Harding, Representative Callahan, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit informational testimony on House Bill 6607.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) supports **House Bill 6607**, but encourages removal of buildings leased by the state from its requirements. Most of the state's leased buildings are multi-tenanted – in other words, some of the tenants are controlled by the state, and others are not. As a result, DAS has minimal control over these buildings, making the state's ability to enforce the lighting requirements negligible.

In meeting with stakeholders, it was concluded that control over leased properties may be difficult in this instance.

I urge the Committee to support this bill but encourage the removal of buildings leased by the state from its requirements.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We look forward to working with the Committee to address this issue.