



**House Bill 5289**

**AAC the Nighttime Lighting of State-Owned Buildings at Certain Times for the Protection of Birds**

**Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services**

**Joint Committee on Environment**

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Good morning Senator Cohen, Representative Gresko, Senator Miner, Representative Harding and distinguished members of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit informational testimony on House Bill 5289.

DAS supports **House Bill 5289**, but encourages the 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 as a whole, making the state's ability to enforce the lighting requirements negligible.

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.