



House Bill 5251

**AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN CONSULTANT
REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

Government Oversight Committee

February 24, 2026

Senator Gadkar-Wilcox, Representative Dathan, Senator Sampson, Representative Carney, and distinguished members of the Government Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on **House Bill 5251: An Act Concerning Reporting on Implementation of Certain Consultant Report Recommendations**. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has concerns about the proposed legislation, which would add additional reporting requirements to the department.

The proposal would require all state agencies to submit a report on any consulting services they have procured at a cost of \$100,000 or more that produced a study or recommendations for future actions by the agency. Agencies are required to include in such report whether the agency has already implemented any of the recommendations or whether the agency intends to implement any of the recommendations in the future (and, if so, by what date).

For some studies that fall under this proposal, DAS is acting as an agent for another agency, and therefore, we cannot predict what future action that agency will take. As DAS procures consulting services for our agency and for those of our sister agencies, the volume of reports that would have to be compiled and submitted would be an additional administrative burden on our staff, and one that would be a challenge without additional resources.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and share our thoughts with the Committee.