



House Bill 5405

**AN ACT CONCERNING CRANE OWNERS, CRANE OPERATORS AND
HOISTING EQUIPMENT OPERATORS**

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

Public Safety and Security Committee

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Senator Gaston, Representative Boyd, Senator Cicarella, Representative Howard, and distinguished Public Safety and Security Committee members. I am Michelle Gilman, Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **House Bill 5405: An Act Concerning Crane Owners, Crane Operators and Hoisting Equipment Operators**. For background, DAS, through the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), provides regulatory oversight of the state demolition and crane safety codes, including licensing of operators and contractors and inspection of crane installations and use.

DAS supports the concept of **House Bill 5405**, which aims to strengthen public safety and promote accountability in the state's crane and hoisting operations. The bill will also provide DAS with additional tools to verify operator credentials, enter worksites to ensure compliance, and issue stop work orders when unsafe or negligent conditions are identified. We appreciate the additional tools this bill provides the department to ensure the safety of workers and the community at large.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. DAS anticipates that the requirements outlined in the proposal can be met within existing resources. We are happy to continue discussions and collaboration with the committee and the bill's proponents to resolve any technical concerns in the draft language and any other areas that need further discussion.