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**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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Good Morning Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Miner, Representative France and members of the Appropriations Committee. I am Jordan A. Scheff, Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to testify on **[H.B. No. 5036](#) AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.**

I am here today to discuss the projected deficiency of \$1.29 million in the Employment Opportunities and Day Services account identified in this bill.

Since this shortfall was included in the bill, DDS has identified a few additional lapses and we now project ending the year with an overall lapse. DDS has determined that we will have a total of \$12.5 million in lapses across various accounts. These lapses will offset the deficiency identified in this bill, as well as additional funding requirements associated with the implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act HCBS reinvestment plan. In order to address the shortfalls, we will be requesting a Finance Advisory Committee action to transfer \$10.27 million from the Personal Services and Behavioral Services Program accounts to the Employment Opportunities and Day Services account.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify today. I will be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time.