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TO: The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
Chair, Appropriations Committee

FROM: Office of the Attorney General

RE: (Crossover) SB0647 – Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding – Report (**Support**)

The Office of Attorney General submits this written testimony urging the Appropriations Committee to favorably report SB 647. Senate Bill 647 requires the Department of Budget and Management to: (1) provide a report on the federal COVID-19 relief funding, (2) include funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and (3) detail any other enacted federal legislation that provides funding for COVID-19 related response or relief on or before March 15, 2021. The report requires disaggregated data on the allocation of such funding.

Senate Bill 647 is a good-faith effort to provide transparency and accountability with respect to the allocation of COVID-19 relief funding. If enacted, it will serve to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge a favorable report on SB 647.

cc: Committee Members