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Budget and Taxation Committee

Re: SB 904 / HB792 – Sales and Use Tax- Tax-free Periods- University and College Textbooks

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

I would like to offer for your consideration Senate Bill 904. This bill will allow our students at our colleges and universities to have to tax free periods each year in which to purchase textbooks. As we know, textbook costs can be rather significant for our college students. This bill is a simple way for them to be able to keep their college costs down by allowing for a tax-free purchase period in August and February. The bill will apply to both to our colleges and universities. I think it is a great way to help our students and promote a broader spectrum of our constituency being able to attend college by removing one of the financial barriers that they may face, and I ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Senator Johnny Ray Salling