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To: The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

From: Office of the Attorney General

Re: SB0647 – Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding – Report (Support)

The Office of Attorney General submits this written testimony urging the Budget and Taxation Committee to favorably report SB 647, Senator King's bill to require the Department of Budget and Management to provide a report on the federal COVID-19 relief funding, to include funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, and federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 funding on or before March 15, 2021. The required report will require 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