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To: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Office of the Attorney General

Re: SB0361 – Public-Private Partnerships – Process and Oversight (Support)

The Office of Attorney General submits this written testimony urging the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to favorably report SB 361, Senator Rosapepe's bill to establish the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board to oversee public-private partnerships ("P3s") with values exceeding \$500,000,000. The bill also expands P3 agreement requirements and prohibits the use of noncompete clauses in P3 agreements for roads or bridges that would inhibit any transit or road maintenance projects.

We generally support legislation that is aimed at preventing waste fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars. Senate Bill 361 is designed to do just that and, consequently, deserves to be enacted.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge a favorable report on SB 361.

cc: Committee Members