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**HEARING DATE:** January 19, 2022

**BILL:** SB0201

**TITLE:** State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Property Appraisal Aids and Record Retention (Microfilm to Digital Act of 2022)

**SDAT POSITION:** SUPPORT

SB0201 is legislation that resulted from a review of the Department’s procedures in an attempt to eliminate outdated and obsolete protocols.

This bill would permit the Department to store documents in electronic format. Currently, the Department is required to retain records in microfilm.

This bill would allow the Department to provide document requests to citizens faster and assist with the Department’s modernization efforts.

**For these reasons, SDAT supports SB0201 and urges a favorable report.**