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PAYMENTS TO CIVIL DIVISIONS

FY 2018 Budget Hearing

Testimony of

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Chairman Kasemeyer and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to respond to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) analysis of the Payments to Civil Divisions budget. The Administration appreciates DLS's thorough review.

As noted in the analysis, the Administration has proposed a contingent reduction to the Disparity Grant Program to level fund grants to the jurisdictions at the FY 2017 amount after the reduction approved by the Board of Public Works on November 2, 2016. The Administration respectfully requests the Committee's support for the provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017 effectuating this budget action.