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The Administration appreciates this opportunity to respond to the Department of Legislative Services' (DLS) analysis of the Board of Public Works.

The Governor's FY 2020 budget requests an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Contingent Fund. Consistent with the State Constitution, language in the FY 2020 Budget Bill outlines how the Contingent Fund can be used:

- for supplementing appropriations made in the budget for fiscal 2020 when the regular appropriations are insufficient for the operating expenses of the government beyond those that are contemplated at the time of the appropriation of the budget for this fiscal year,
- for any other contingencies that might arise within the State or other governmental agencies during the fiscal year or any other purposes provided by law, when adequate provision for such contingencies or purposes has not been made in this budget

As noted in the analysis, over the last decade the Fund has been used to support unanticipated expenditures in State agencies and costs related to implement legislation.

The recommendation by DLS effectively eliminates the second purpose for the Fund. The Administration believes that language limiting the use of a \$500,000 contingency in a \$19 billion budget is overly restrictive. We would note that unanticipated expenditures come in many forms and this level of contingency represents less than one-hundredth of one percent of the State's General Fund Budget.

The Department of Budget and Management respectfully requests the Committee not concur with the DLS recommendation to amend the language in the Contingent Fund. Thank you for your consideration. We would be happy to answer any questions.