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Transportation, and Environmental Subcommittee

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Environment Subcommittee

HEARING DATE: February 1, 2021

POSITION: Response to Department of Legislative Services
Budget Analysis

General Response of the Office of People's Counsel (OPC)

The Department of Legislative Services concurs with the Governor's allowance. OPC appreciates the careful review by Tonya Zimmerman, DLS budget analyst, and agrees with the DLS recommendation.

OPC Additional Comments on Vacancies

The DLS analysis notes that OPC had four vacancies as of December 31, 2020. One of those four vacancies was the position of People's Counsel, which was filled on January 1, 2021, by the appointment of the Acting People's Counsel. As the analysis notes, OPC has completed interviews for two of the vacancies and has recently reposted the final vacancy.