

April 12, 2019

The Honorable Rena Moran, Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
449 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairwoman Moran,

On behalf of the Department of Administration (Admin), I am writing to commend the work done by Chairman Nelson on House File 1952, the Omnibus State Government Finance Bill, to fund essential operations of state government. By fully funding Governor Walz's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration, you are making investments that directly impact the livelihood of Minnesotans, reimagining how and where the state does work, as well as maintaining cherished public infrastructure.

HF1952 will allow the Department of Administration to ensure that the State Capitol and other public spaces on the Capitol Complex are well maintained, provide relief to the state parking fund, and cover a portion of projected compensation, health insurance, rent, and IT costs. The bill also funds what the future of work will look like for state government with the completion of a comprehensive real estate strategic plan for locating state agencies and support of agency space consolidation and relocation.

The bill makes strategic investments in ensuring that state dollars have the most impact by leveraging federal dollars for the Procurement Technical Assistance Center which assists businesses to build the capacity to effectively compete for and earn local, state, and federal contracts. It also addresses Minnesota's economic and health disparities through greater equity in public grant awards and management.

Finally, Admin appreciates the inclusion of our technical policy changes. These good governance updates will better reflect our current work and correct obsolete statutes.

Again, thank you for your consideration and inclusion of the Governor's budget recommendations. We look forward to working with you through the conference committee process.

Sincerely,



Alice Roberts-Davis
Commissioner

Cc: Representative Melissa Hortman, Speaker of the House
Representative Michael Nelson, Chairman, House State Government Finance Division