

**Testimony of Kirsten LC Figueroa, Commissioner
Department of Administrative and Financial Services**

**Before the Joint Standing Committees on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs
and Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**“An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the
Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and
Changing Certain Provisions of the law Necessary to the Proper Operations
of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023”**

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Good afternoon, Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. I am Kirsten Figueroa, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I am here today to testify in support of LD 206, the fiscal year 2023 supplemental budget bill.

There is one initiative for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on **page A-1** of the document in the **Adult Use Cannabis Public Health & Safety & Municipal Opt-in Fund (Z263)**. This fund receives 12% of the cannabis excise tax revenue and 12% of sales tax revenue from the sales of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products. This initiative increases allocation to align with revenue as recommended in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee. Funds in this program can be used for public health, safety awareness, education, and enhanced law enforcement training programs supporting the adult use of cannabis. Additionally, the funds may be used to provide reimbursement to a municipality for qualifying expenses incurred as a result of the municipality's opting to permit the operation of some or all adult use cannabis establishments within the municipality.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.